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Barry Russell

## College President Named

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has named Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., to the position of president. He becomes the sixth President of Las Positas College in Livermore.

District Chancellor Jannett Jackson said, "With Dr. Russell's background and wealth of experience, Las Positas College will continue to grow academically and become even better as we serve the citizens of the Tri-Valley region. We look forward to working with Dr. Russell and having him join the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District team."

Prior to joining Las Positas College, Russell served as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in Sacramento. He had been focusing on growing the capacity of the state's 112 community colleges in the areas of academic planning, academic support programs, program approval, and the review of degrees and certificates.

Russell earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 where his alma mater honored him as a 2012 Distinguished Graduate of the Community College Leadership Program.

Russell replaces Kevin Walthers, who announced his resignation in November 2012. He had served as president of LPC since August 2011. Walthers became the president of Allan Hancock College on July 8.



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# Confirmation Reported Of Shortlived Element Created By Livermore and Russian Scientists

By Jeff Garberson

German and Swedish scientists have reported creating element 115, lending credence to a report by a joint team from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Flerov Laboratory in Dubna, Russia, that they made the first discovery of the element a decade ago.

The U.S.-Russian team reported creating four atoms of 115 in Dubna in 2003. At

the time, their report did not meet the criteria required to gain official recognition for discovery of the element or allow them to give it a name.

The agency that grants that recognition is the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. While research continued in several countries, the postulated element was temporarily dubbed ununpentium from the Latin and Greek roots for

one, one and five. Reflecting that name, its chemical symbol is Uup.

In 2003, the Livermore-Dubna team created element 115 by smashing calcium-48 nuclei into americium-243 on the U400 cyclotron at the Flerov site north of Moscow. This year, the German and Swedish researchers created some 40 atoms of 115 with the same approach but using different accelerators, giving

credence to the older claim.

In experiments a decade apart, the various teams have reported detecting element 115 in different forms, or isotopes. The most durable lasted about two tenths of a second before decaying into lighter atoms.

It is extremely difficult to detect and perform physical and chemical analysis of such a small number of short lived atoms. Histori-

cally, new element claims are looked on skeptically pending independent confirmation.

Nevertheless, the U.S. and Russian teams that claimed the achievement 10 years ago have considerable credibility. Livermore researchers have been recognized for helping to synthesize elements 113, 114, 116, 117 and 118. Element

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The City of Dublin's 30th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place last Thursday at the Dublin Civic Center. Taking part in the festivities were the Dublin Unified School District Children's Choir (top photo) under the direction of Irene Fong. For more photos, see page 10.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

## Dublin Approves Center Anchored by Whole Foods

The Dublin City Council gave unanimous approval to Regency Centers' plan for The Village at Dublin. The plans feature a Whole Foods, Nordstrom Rack, other stores, and restaurants.

The council voted at its meeting Dec. 3. It included approval of the General Plan Amendment, rezoning, and an EIR. The site will accommodate 152,000 square feet of commercial space. The land is located on the southwest corner of Dublin Boulevard and Hacienda

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## Community Activist Dies

Bob Baltzer, who died last week at the age of 85, became a familiar figure in causes aimed at preserving the environment. He was also outspoken in his support for construction of the Bankhead Theater and a regional theater in downtown Livermore, as well as a BART extension to Livermore.

He regularly commented on issues at Livermore City Council meetings, and Alameda County Board of Supervisors sessions.

As chairman of Friends of

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## LVPAC Executive Director Resigns

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) announced Tuesday that Ted Giatas has resigned for personal reasons as executive director, effective immediately.

In the interim, the LVPAC Board has appointed Ed Estrada as acting theater manager. Estrada is currently

the production manager for the Bankhead Theater and intimately familiar with the theater facilities, resident companies and Bankhead productions.

The LVPAC board is well along in developing a plan to ensure the continuation of the diverse and high quality programming that the

Bankhead Theater provides the community. As part of the plan, the board has initiated a search for an interim executive director.

Since its opening in 2007, more than 400,000 people, including 100,000 students have attended more than 1000 performances and public events, generating

over \$8.5 million in ticket sales with over \$5.4 million returned to the local user groups.

The Bankhead Theater has been part of the tremendous growth in the downtown, with many new restaurants and businesses opening.

## LLNL Work Is Reflected In Two More Nobel Prizes

For the third and fourth times, work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory can be recognized at least indirectly in the awarding of a Nobel Prize.

The Laboratory's Forensic Science Center is one of two U.S. laboratories whose capabilities help form the

technical strength of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this week.

There are 21 laboratories around the world qualified to conduct the Organization's work. The other U.S. lab

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## Livermore Makes Changes to Affordable Housing Ordinance

Two decisions were made Monday that impact affordable housing in Livermore.

The city council updated its affordable housing policy and rezoned two sites for high density development.

The rezonings were required by the state as part of the city's goals to fulfill its housing element provisions to designate sites for a minimum of 966 units for low and very low income households.

A minimum density of

30 units per acre was established by the State in 2004 as a default density for jurisdictions such as Livermore to accommodate housing for very low- and extremely low-income households.

A site on Vasco Road was designated as urban high 5 residential for 22 to 30 dwellings per acre. It is adjacent to future development in the Brisa Road area.

Property on Bennett Drive, owned by the city,

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Students of Adam Randall (left) hold up the toys and gifts they made to give to children currently in UCSF's Benioff Children's Hospital.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Learning about the Rainforests Inspires Vintage Hills Students to Help Save Them

By Carol Graham

The students in room 28 found one rainforest plant particularly riveting.

"The pitcher plant has an attractive smell that attracts insects," said Ella. "The

insects go in and slip down, then the plant eats them."

Classmate Emma added, "First, a fly could be attracted by the smell, then a spider could go after the fly. Then the pitcher plant would

have a bigger meal."

At Vintage Hills Elementary School in Pleasanton, not only did 3rd-grade students recently learn about the fascinating plants and

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### PET OF THE WEEK

You know who's been nice? Maddie! This sweet grey tabby just wants Santa to bring her a new home this Christmas. The good news is, four-year-old Maddie is at the top of our list to find a Home for the Holidays. Come visit her, for goodness' sake! Located at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, Valley Humane Society (VHS) is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 11 am - 2 pm. For more information please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Photo - Valley Humane Society/J. Xia

# ELEMENTS

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116 is officially recognized internationally and named livermorium; 114 is similarly recognized and named flerovium.

Decades ago, Livermore's parent laboratory in Berkeley was the acknowl-

edged leader in new element creation. It is credited with 14 new elements. Livermore's entry into the field began with the first thermonuclear weapon test in the Pacific in 1952. In work that was secret at the time,

researchers from Berkeley and Livermore identified the previously unknown elements 99 and 100 in testing debris. After declassification and confirmation, the elements were named einsteinium and fermium,

respectively.

The seemingly solemn world of new element research can sometimes produce unexpected humor, as happened in the late 1940s when a dispute arose over the Berkeley laboratory's claim that it had created element 97. Researchers there wanted to call the new element berkelium with the chemical symbol Bk. However, as a distasteful controversy continued, they proposed changing the symbol to Bm. The international community failed to be swayed by the humor. Once the finding was confirmed, the symbol remained Bk.

The Livermore Laboratory's heavy-elements collaboration with the Russians began in 1989. Livermore researchers have traveled there many times since then. The Flerov laboratory focuses on basic research. Dubna is an open city, so visas and visits are much less challenging to arrange than at Russian defense laboratories like Livermore's counterpart

nuclear weapons laboratory in Snezhinsk (formerly Cheliabinsk-70.)

Whether the Livermore-Flerov group will be recognized as the discoverers of 115, with naming rights, is uncertain. However, it might be difficult for the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry to choose another group that used the 2003 Livermore-Flerov approach 10 years later.

If they are judged to be the discoverers, the Livermore and Flerov teams would work together to develop a name, according to a Livermore Laboratory spokesperson.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The official kick-off of the holiday season in downtown Livermore included a romp in the snow at Lizzie Fountain (top photo) and entertainment provided by the ABC Choir. In the evening, residents were treated to a parade and the lighting of the city's Christmas tree.



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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Arrest for Drugs

Livermore Police Department's Special Operations Unit were conducting surveillance on Nov. 27 in preparation for the service of a search warrant for the residence and occupants of 2347 Seventh Street, Livermore. During the surveillance, officers witnessed a male juvenile age 16 years exit the residence and sell heroin to two individuals inside a vehicle parked in front of the house. Officers immediately served the search warrant and detained all involved individuals.

As a result of the search warrant, officers recovered heroin, marijuana and evidence of drug sales. LPD officers arrested two male juveniles and Jonathan Urdahl (all Livermore residents). The two juveniles were booked into Juvenile Hall and Jonathan Urdahl was booked into the Santa Rita County Jail.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has filed charges of transportation of a narcotic, sale of a narcotic, possession of narcotic and possession of marijuana for sale.

The residence has generated over a dozen calls for service which include arrests for sales of drugs, possession of marijuana and heroin, weapons violations, and gang related incidents.

## Dublin Conducting Survey

The City of Dublin invites members of the community to participate in an online survey to provide their opinions about the city in which they live. The Community Survey has been developed to obtain feedback as part of the City's Branding and Marketing project currently underway. The Survey is available through January 9, 2014.

In the past year, the Dublin City Council identified a need to develop a comprehensive branding and marketing plan for the community. More than a slogan or a logo, an effective brand focuses on a cohesive message and consistent feel that expresses the unique identity of Dublin, both to members of the Dublin community and to people located outside of Dublin.

"The goal of this effort is to develop an identity for the community that is consistent and realistic when it comes to how our residents and businesses feel about Dublin," said Linda Smith, the City's Economic Development Director. "We want the community to speak with a common voice and

purpose when promoting Dublin as a community in which to live, a destination to visit, or a place to start or grow a business. This branding and marketing effort will give us the tools to achieve that."

The City has partnered with North Star Destination Strategies to complete the Branding and Marketing project. Work is already underway to develop the City's brand identity. Beginning in November 2013, a variety of research began, which included interviews, focus groups, and information gathering. The next step in the process is to obtain feedback about the community in the Community Survey. The brand will likely be unveiled in Summer 2014.

The survey can be found on the city's website [www.dublin.ca.gov](http://www.dublin.ca.gov)

## Golf Instructor Arrested

Detectives from the Livermore Police Department arrested Andrew Michael Nisbet, last Saturday on a variety of sexual abuse charges involving minors. He is a Livermore resident.

The investigation so far has revealed that the sexual abuse occurred in Livermore between 2009 and 2012. Nisbet was employed at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore as the PGA Golf Pro from 2006 to present as a coach for children. While employed at the Las Positas Golf Course, it is suspected that Nisbet sexually assaulted multiple male children between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. Nisbet was a highly regarded Junior Golf Coach who coached many children in junior golf tournaments throughout the State of California, as well as nationally. LPD detectives discovered that Nisbet coached children in Michigan, North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed 65 counts of sexual abuse charges. Since Nisbet's arrest, an additional victim has been located.

LPD Detectives informed Las Positas Golf Course of Nisbet's arrest. Las Positas Golf Course terminated Nisbet's employment immediately.

The investigation into the sexual abuse is ongoing. LPD encourages parents to speak with their children if they had contact with Nisbet. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 294-7531. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

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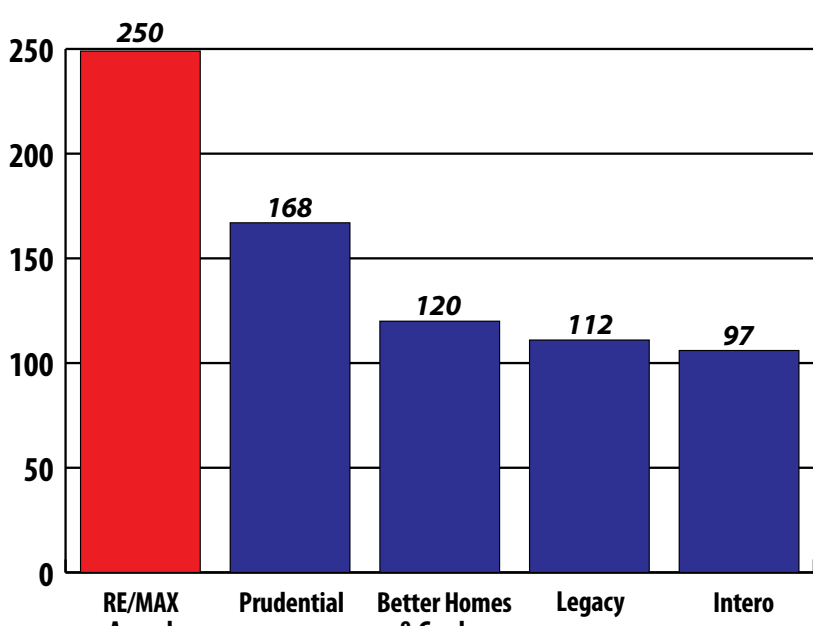
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# EDITORIAL

## More Balanced Study Body

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) operates a charter K-8 and a high school in Livermore.

There has been criticism in the community that the charter school has "cherry picked" a certain level of students. They say that the charter schools lag behind the public schools in taking their fair share of minorities, notably Latinos, and English Language Learners. A small share of economically challenged families are enrolled.

The statistical analysis of various subgroups tested in Livermore supports that viewpoint. Public schools enroll 29 percent Latino or Hispanic students, 52 percent white, 13 percent English Language Learners, and 30 percent disadvantaged students. Students with disabilities were at 15 percent.

The charter schools totals were 10 percent Hispanic or Latino, 68 percent white, 3 percent English Language Learners, 7 percent disadvantaged, and 8 percent with disabilities.

The charter school began about 10 years ago when the Livermore school district closed two magnet schools, Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho. They were magnet schools, and in effect, the only ones with open enrollment at that time. Parents got together and established an elementary level charter school.

The TVLC management points out that the imbalance at the beginning was the result of students from the two schools filling the slots at the charter school.

There is currently a waiting list of parents wanting to enroll their children. A lottery system is now used to select new students who come in at the kindergarten level.

The bottom line is that TVLC is a publicly funded school and should be educating a greater number of students who are traditionally underserved. Livermore is a diverse community. Its public schools should reflect that diversity.

Instead of coming up with reasons why it is not happening, TVLC should be working with the community to find ways to make it happen.

# Pleasanton Signs MOU with i-GATE

The Pleasanton City Council last week approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that formalizes the city's involvement in the i-GATE Innovation Hub.

i-GATE is located in Livermore. In 2012, i-GATE staff conducted visits with each of its partner cities to determine level of satisfaction with i-GATE's strategy, operations, and communication. Two key conclusions emerged during the meetings. Staff from each of the partner cities would welcome the opportunity to engage more with the emerging community of startups residing at the i-GATE facility. Second, a virtual, non-resident support offering needs to be developed for startups that wish to stay in their home cities instead of locating at i-GATE.

Pleasanton will contribute \$25,000 to i-GATE in calendar year 2014. The approved MOU includes a provision for the development of greater interaction and access between the cities and the resident startups. Among those interactions are work space for city staff as designated by the City Manager to conduct office hours at the i-GATE facility, demonstration sessions, and startup tours that showcase space for companies within the partner city.

The intent of a dedicated workspace is to provide a physical space where partner city staff could work alongside resident startups to build rapport and gain a deeper understanding of the needs, growth plans, and stages of development of each of the resident companies.

On a quarterly or biannual

basis, i-GATE will arrange an informal demonstration session, during which i-GATE resident startups will present their products, business plans, and anticipated future facility needs to partner cities. These events could be followed by social mixers to help build community between i-GATE startups and partner cities.

In addition, i-GATE acknowledges that each city within the i-GATE framework offers a unique set of assets requiring some specialization. To address this, the MOU outlines additional activities that are specific to Pleasanton. They include the following: foster connections between entrepreneurs and investors; support for activities/events that cultivate Pleasanton's strong technology industry clusters (medical device manufacturing, bio-medical research, information technology, and computer engineering); assist in City efforts to attract and retain the workforce required for jobs in technology industry sectors; promote Pleasanton-related innovation success stories through i-GATE channels; and participate as members on the Venture Advisory Board.

The original purpose of the i-GATE Innovation Hub

was to leverage the emerging partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and Sandia National Laboratories to foster technology development and support the growth of innovative businesses across the region.

According to a Pleasanton staff report, over the past two years, i-GATE staff and stakeholders have come to recognize the difficulty of aligning startup activity with lab capabilities, and as a result have focused i-GATE efforts on supporting innovative technology startups irrespective of any potential association with the Lab or Sandia.

Such realigned activities have included industry sector focused events held in the Tri-Valley cities such as New Trends in Life Sciences hosted by Life Technologies in Pleasanton and Start Up Weekend in Dublin; collaboration with The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (MANEX) and California Network for Manufacturing Innovation (CNMI) on advanced manufacturing forums; development of a Venture Advisory Board to foster startup companies; and use of the i-GATE facility as a makerspace for

Robot Garden. i-GATE staff will continue to facilitate collaborations between the startup community and the two labs.

The i-GATE facility is currently housing six resident and two non-resident startup partners, of which one is collaborating with the labs through technology licensing.

The MOU included provisions for i-GATE to foster collaboration across the region while also allowing partner cities to compete on equal footing to recruit i-GATE startups that have become too developed to remain in i-GATE's facility.

This Virtual Innovation Network will be comprised of mentors, investors, research institutions, service providers, and facilities that can accelerate the development of early stage technology companies. Creating this network of resources which are critical for early stage tech startups will enable i-GATE to serve a large number of companies by acting as an intermediary and connector. By establishing this network as virtual, startups from partner cities will not need to leave those cities in order to benefit from a partnership with i-GATE.

## AFFORDABLE

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was rezoned at urban high 5-B for 30 to 38 units per acre. The two zonings together average out to 30 units per acre.

The downtown site is located along the north side of Railroad Avenue and Stanley Boulevard between P Street and Murrieta Boulevard. It is currently developed with shopping centers, senior apartments and a residential care facility.

Senior Planner Susan Frost pointed out that the city is required to rezone for the housing. It is not required to build the housing.

During the public hearing, John Stein pointed out that if housing were built on the downtown site, that would remove community service and commercial uses such as Trader Joe's, Dollar Stores, a jewelry store and many restaurants.

It was noted that those uses will continue as non-conforming.

In the other action, the council changed the in lieu fee and reinstated the inclusionary housing provisions that had been suspended during the recent economic downturn.

The changes would apply only to ownership units, not rental units with the exception of those developed in what are known as neighborhood plan areas. The Brisa area was cited as a neighborhood plan area.

The council returned the affordable housing program to its previous form, requiring a residential subdivision to include 15 percent of the total units as affordable for projects over 10 units. If a developer chose not to build

the units on site, they could be constructed off site. Other options would be to dedicate land for the purpose or pay an affordable housing in lieu fee.

The fee would be calculated on a per-square-foot basis instead of a per-unit basis. The current in-lieu affordable housing fee is \$23,300 per unit. Dividing that amount by a typical 2,000 square foot house would result in an affordable housing fee of \$11.65 per square foot. The change is described as a more equitable method of assessing the fee in relationship to the impact of the market-rate unit on the demand for affordable housing.

A nexus study was conducted to support the fee. The underlying nexus concept is that newly constructed units represent new households in Livermore. These households represent new income in Livermore that will consume goods and services, either through purchases of goods and services or use of government services. New consumption translates to jobs; a portion of the jobs are at lower compensation levels; low compensation jobs relate to lower income households that cannot afford market-rate housing in Livermore and therefore need affordable housing.

The changes go into effect on February 28, 2014. Applications determined to be complete before the effective date would not be subject to the amended ordinance.

Jeff Schroeder, Pondero-

sa Homes, asked the council to delay its decision to allow for further discussion. He said the development community isn't sure it is out of the woods yet. He argued that it is artificial restraints on development that prevent the construction of affordable homes.

Schroeder added that changes would result in payment of \$35,000 in additional fees for a 3000 square foot home. He said there needs to be a society-wide discussion as to who is responsible for providing affordable housing. Developers should not be saddled with all of the responsibility.

Another viewpoint was presented by Daniel Adams from MidPen Housing Corporation, developers of affordable housing. He pointed out that there have been drastic cuts in federal funding. The loss of redevelopment funds has removed a permanent resource for affordable housing. The result is reliance on local programs, such as inclusionary housing requirements and the in lieu fee to provide the housing.

Councilmember Doug Horner supported inclusionary housing, stating that it provided for a more diverse, integrated and stronger community.

Councilmember Stewart Gary suggested establishing a task force to determine what other incentives might be used to provide affordable housing. One question to answer would be how to spend the money we collect.

Councilmember Bob Woerner agreed that larger issues need to be studied.

## ELEMENTS

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Drive, across the street from Hacienda Crossings.

The Whole Foods store will occupy 40,000 square feet, which is one-third larger than the chain's store in San Ramon. Plans are to provide a large, outdoor area where people can congregate and eat Whole Foods' cooked food, said Pete Knoedler of Regency Centers.

Whole Foods will help the center attract "best in class" restaurants, with the emphasis on local entities, not chains, added Knoedler.

The center will include parking for 828 vehicles and 50 bicycles, with racks and lockers. There will be a pedestrian-friendly connection to The Green on Park Place, a future development south of The Village. There will be a link to Sybase and other offices across Dublin Boulevard on the north.

Councilmembers sounded pleased with the architectural sketches presented. In the past, they have talked about the importance of the Hacienda Drive gateway to the city, and building attractive buildings there.

Councilmember Abe Gupta said, "The center is not just good looking, but has good quality tenants."

Councilmembers David Haubert and Kevin Hart said they liked the layout of the center and were happy about the tenants. "This is both a local and a regional draw," declared Hart.

Vice-mayor Don Biddle and Mayor Tim Sbranti said the community has been looking forward to the center for a long time. "This is an exciting day for Dublin," stated Sbranti.

### SUMMERHILL STUDY OK'D ON A 3-2 VOTE

The council also voted 3-2 to direct the staff to study a general plan amendment asked by Summerhill Homes for 23 acres of land north of Central Parkway. The 23 acres are part of an 80-acre piece divided into four parcels.

The vote was on whether to initiate a study that would look at fiscal and environmental impacts and the relationship with adjacent neighborhoods.

The residences would be located on parcels 3 and 4. There would be none on parcel 2, which is especially im-

portant, because the general plan calls for commercial development there.

At Hart's suggestion, the staff's check-back to the council in a few months will also show a plan for parcel 2. All councilmembers said they were cognizant of the fact commercial is important. However, Gupta and Haubert voted against authorizing the study at this time, because parcel 2 is not part of it.

Hart added a condition to require the developer to provide the council with information about parcel 2 when the staff reports on the study's progress. But that was not enough to convince Gupta and Haubert to change their minds.

Gupta said that the council has a history of approving every plan it studied. He implied it's important to have all the plan now, because of that trend.

Hart said that unless the developer reveals a proposal for parcel 2, he won't vote to continue the GPA study beyond the check-back point. He told Summerhill vice president in charge of development Wendi Baker, who was at the audience podium, "I'm going to put you on the hot seat."

Gupta's comments to Baker included such observations as, "Maybe houses make sense on parcels 3 and 4, but maybe we'll never get commercial out there (on parcel 2). Why not give us a plan for the whole area?"

Baker said, "It does take time to attract commercial. Right now we don't have the tenants to build a land plan." However, she is trying to gain momentum. Putting in the improvements for residential on parcels 3 and 4 will help, she said.

Asked by Gupta to name what benefits the plan for parcels 3 and 4 will bring to the city, Baker said the sidewalk and bike lane connectivity between neighborhoods, and reduction of residential building heights from homes in the 3 to 5 story range to 2 stories instead, a reduction of the residences' density from an allowed 500 units to 161. "That would result in a significant reduction in traffic there," said Baker.

Summerhill also would be paying \$2.7 million in

park fees.

Sbranti said if the council were to wait longer, it would be delaying the connectivity improvements. Further, it's unlikely that the northerly parcel 2 would have much chance to attract commercial, since it is farther away from I-580.

Biddle said he has voted against converting commercial to residential plans, but "I think this has the best potential for decent residential development."

Audience speakers split between backers and opponents of launching the study. The supporters wanted the neighborhood connectivity, and were glad to see the reduction in building heights from as much as five stories, down to two stories.

Opponents wanted to see the parcel 2 plan prior to the launch of the study. One of them, former Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand, said that in her time on the council, only one GPA study failed to become an approved development.

### NO MORATORIUM ON FREEWAY SIGNS

The council also looked at Sbranti's request to see whether the city should put a moratorium on approving freeway-facing signs. After the council discussed it, Sbranti withdrew the suggestion. His intention in proposing the moratorium was to halt new signs that might conflict with the city's branding campaign, which is being prepared by a consultant.

The visual impact from the two freeways and BART is important in the public's perception of the city, said Sbranti. However, he said he is willing to wait until the study comes to the council in six or eight months, and then make a decision about whether the city needs changes in its sign policy.

"The look and feel of Dublin is distinctly different from our neighbors. There is nothing wrong with that. In fact it's a visible sign that shows how business-friendly we are. We allow signs that no one else around us allows. Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon, Danville -- nothing else is close to what we've allowed on 580 and 680," said Sbranti.

In other business, the council reelected Biddle to his second one-year term as vice mayor. Sbranti said that "he has done an outstanding job. I think he has made (it to) more events than any of us."

The council also welcomed Lt. Col. Christopher Gerdes, the commander at Camp Parks. Hart said, "Gerdes will take the lead, and develop partnering between the city and Camp Parks."

## NOBEL

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is the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, a U.S. Army facility in Maryland.

Work by a Laboratory team also contributed to research at the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, where discovery of the Higgs boson produced a physics Nobel this year.

According to an internal Laboratory article, the team contributed to a trigger system that enables a detector to capture particles and other physics events. It also spearheaded the development of software to reconstruct realistic physics objects out of raw data.

In 2007, work at the Laboratory helped the Intergovernmental Program on Climate Change produce a report that won the Nobel Prize for its analysis of the threat of global warming.

In 1988, physicist Robert Laughlin won the Nobel Prize for his contributions to solving a physics puzzle related to the collective behavior of a two-dimensional system of electrons that condense into a liquid state in the presence of certain magnetic fields.

Laughlin did much of the work leading up to an explanation of the phenomenon,

called the fractional quantum Hall effect, while he was at Livermore, although the Laboratory was not credited in the Nobel citation or the publicity that followed.

The group awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, is based in The Hague, Netherlands. The Organization's work is being recognized because of its continuing effort to carry out the provisions of the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention, which bans the creation, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

The Nobel award "is very special and satisfying to our entire team at LLNL," said Armando Alcaraz, a chemist who for the past 13 years has led LLNL's work for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. "We would like to think that in a small way we have helped contribute to preventing the proliferation of chemical weapons in the world."

The technical part of the Laboratory's contribution is made through the Forensic Science Center. Brad Hart, head of the Center, said, "For an international organi-

zation like this to succeed, it is necessary to have cutting-edge technology and expertise that provide confidence in the verification process."

The Livermore Forensic Science Center is accredited to accept samples and analyze them for the possible presence of chemical weapons agents under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

To maintain accreditation, LLNL and other labs around the world must undergo challenging chemical sample proficiency tests and maintain a three-year rolling average of at least two "A" grades and one "B."

In many of the proficiency tests, the laboratories are given unknown reportable compounds that do not appear in any chemical databases.

LLNL's Forensic Science Center was selected in 2000 by the State Department to be a U.S. facility to seek OPCW certification. According to LLNL literature, it was picked because of the Laboratory's advanced environmental controls and physical security as well as its capabilities in detecting and analyzing traces levels of unknown materials.

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Nishanth Narayan

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## Microsoft Chooses Harvest Park Students as App Winners

Two eighth grade students at Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton can lay claim to the fact they are now inventors.

In the tradition of inventors, they might even be able to work out patent rights or some other such compensation with Microsoft, sponsor of the national contest in which their phone app won them the title of Global Champions of the World Series of Innovation.

There is no guarantee that Microsoft will come calling with an offer, but the potential is there, said Shreyas Krishnaswamy, who won with his team partner Nishanth Narayan. Both are 13.

The boys won the People's Choice side of the voting. Another school team champion was chosen first by contest judges.

The pair's teacher, Don Murphy, said that students in class were active in casting their votes, at the contest limit of one per 24-hour period, to help them win.

Microsoft sponsors the design contest, because the firm wants to reach down into the middle school market to see what people that age want in apps, said Murphy. "They don't have 12 or 13 year olds working there," he said.

In winning the contest, Shreyas and Nishanth are eligible to be contacted by Microsoft, and given assistance in developing the product to the point where it could be brought to market. However, it's all up to Microsoft as to whether they are interested in the app, said Murphy.

The two students call their app "The Missing 118." The name refers to all 118 elements on the science Chart of the Elements.

The app challenges a user by asking him or her to create a substance from elements. For example, to create water, only two of three choices offered are valid. The user makes a choice, then checks to see if there is an error. If anything other than hydrogen and oxygen are chosen on that question, then the answer is wrong.

Murphy said that the contest, which included 30 teams in his two classes of 70 students, showed the trend in science education and the move to core curriculum in creating their apps.

The students cooperated in small teams. One student might be good at writing a presentation about how the app would be used. Another student might excel at a logo design. Communication skills were emphasized. Good writing, including a clear explanation of the app's operation and its intended market, is linked to the entrepreneurship aspect of the contest.

The app is intended for beginners in chemistry, but also is good for experienced chemistry students who want to brush up on what they know.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi expressed the district's pride in the two contest winners. She stated, "We are extremely proud of Shreyas and Nishanth for being innovative, working together and communicating the value of their design to others globally."

"These are all skills that will be required of these students as they attend college and join the workforce. I would also like to applaud Mr. Murphy and Harvest Park for creating a learning environment that encourages and supports this kind of innovation and creativity," added Ahmadi.

## Award to Former Lab Laser Director

John Emmett, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory physicist who created the world's most advanced high power laser program and led it for 14 years, was named winner of the 2014 Antonio C. Bonanno Award of the Accredited Gemologists Association.

The award recognizes work done by Emmett to explain the physics and chemistry of valuable gems like ruby and sapphire and to develop methods for removing gem flaws. He undertook this work after he left the

Laboratory in 1989.

The award citation also cites his efforts to educate gem specialists in the science underlying gem quality and variability.

Emmett was hired in 1972 after Lawrence Livermore decided to create a major program based on the young but exceptionally promising technology of lasers. He was considered to be a highly capable and strong-willed leader who recruited top talent from industry and academia to build a program that soon led

the nation in many respects. The National Ignition Facility, today the world's most powerful laser, is an outgrowth of that program.

The Accredited Gemologists Association citation calls Emmett "a world authority on the physics and chemistry of corundum," the hard mineral whose transparent forms are sapphire and ruby.

Even more than his expertise in removing gem flaws, according to the Association, Emmett contributed to the industry by "(training)

gemologists in modern scientific methods . . . to move beyond theory to experimentation."

He did this largely at his own cost, "donating his time and home lab." Learning the process of experimentation "has revolutionized the science of gemology" so that the industry "now (has) a better understanding of the causes of color not just in corundum, but in gemstones across the board."

The award will be presented at an Association's conference in Tucson on February 5.

## Fire Marshal Scott Deaver Retiring

Fire Marshal Scott Deaver's last workday with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department will be Friday, December 20, 2013. There will be a last roll call for Chief Deaver at 11:30 a.m. near the two bells in front of Fire Headquarters. LFPD employees will line up and send Scott off into his retirement and say our good-byes.

Deaver began his fire protection service with a nationwide fire and life safety consulting firm based out of Chicago. After serving the West Coast office, he joined the Pleasanton Fire Department in 1988 as a Fire Inspector headquartered at Station 1 in down-

town Pleasanton. Scott was promoted to Assistant Fire Marshal following the merger with the Livermore Fire Department, formulating the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in 1996. On July 26, 2008, Scott was promoted to Fire Marshal following a successful "acting" Fire Marshal assignment.

Chief Deaver significantly changed the local fire safety ordinance taking a performance minded approach to fire law and code compliance using his past experiences in application of intent of the code, field experience, and the extensive resources and relationships developed throughout his

career. He served as Vice President and President of the Pleasanton City Employee Association prior to inclusion in Local 1974. Scott holds an Associate's Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology and a Bachelor's Degree in Management. Scott has held memberships in Northern California Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, and California Association of Code Enforcement and was active in the Alameda County Arson Task Force.

Scott says he is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Stacy, adult



Scott Deaver

children Jordan, Eric and 11 year old Weston. Immediate plans include participation in the building of their retirement home in South Dakota and remaining a die-hard fan of the San Francisco Giants and San Francisco 49ers.

## Schools Take Part in The Hour of Code Event

Three schools in Livermore are taking part in The Hour of Code this week, Dec. 9-15 - Jackson Elementary and Livermore and Granada High Schools.

The Hour of Code is a massive campaign from Code.org to recruit 10 million students to try one hour of computer science during Computer Science Education Week.

During the event, students play and experiment with computer science. Tutorials feature lectures from Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates, and artwork from the popular games Angry Birds and Plants vs. Zombies.

According to a press re-

lease, every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. Basic programming activities help nurture creativity and problem solving skills. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any future career path.

Statistic show that computer programming jobs are growing 3 times faster than students entering the field. Yet fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. Ninety percent of K-12 schools in the United States don't teach it at all.

Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the College Board, Bill Gates, Mark

Zuckerberg, and over 100 others, are uniting to back the Hour of Code campaign. The Computing in the Core Coalition and Code.org are organizing CSEdWeek 2013. The annual CSEd-Week celebrates the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906).

The Hour of Code is just the first step. Code.org is unveiling professional development for teachers, and 20 more hours of curriculum children can do in the classroom or after school.

At Granada, students can visit code.org or Ms. Carol Kinnard's website kinnard-web.com to learn more.

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## It's A Sleigh o' Cabernet Christmas Party At The Pour House, Sunday, Dec. 15

by Laura Ness

Bill and Sandy Thomson of Harris Tesla Vineyards out on Tesla Road, have long been fans of good wine and a good party. They also love everything about Christmas, and are hosting a "Cabernet Christmas" this Sunday, December 15, from 3pm til 6pm at The Winemaker's Pour House in downtown Livermore.

They'll be pouring a vertical of 06, 07, 08 and 09, all 100% Cabernets, all from their estate fruit. Pour House owner, Julie Racine, will be selecting some cheeses to enjoy with the tasting, all for just \$10. The wines will be on sale as a vertical four-pack for \$90. Or, you can mix and match your favorites. Bottles will be just \$25 each, normally \$30, for single purchases. You'll be as delighted with the impressive packaging as you will be with the wines themselves.

Says Bill Thomson, who many may know as William S. Thomson, Esq., from his law practice here in Livermore, says the only difference between these wines is the weather.

"It's the same vines, grapes picked pretty much at the same brix, the same winemaker, the same barrels, the same yeast: the same everything. The only difference between them is Mother Nature. This vertical lineup is probably the best way for people to taste the weather."

You can taste the relatively modest warmth in the 2006, which has delightful bottle age on it, the somewhat earthier tightness of the 2007, the very hale and hearty fruit-forwardness of the 2008, and the generous, concentrated fruit, along with bold spice and lengthy finish of the 2009. They're all interesting and compelling in their own right, and very fun to taste in sequence, or out of sequence: your choice.

Enjoy live music by local band, MusicLore, as you sip some of Livermore's best weather, preserved in bottle, for your drinking pleasure.

### LIVERMORE WINES

It's never easy to narrow down a top 10 or top 12 or even a top 100 wine list, but it's an intriguing test of taste memory to reach back into the recesses of a year's worth of brilliant wine experiences and haul out those wines that like the pea under the Princess's mattress, make a last-

ing impression. Usually, it's the wines that are somewhat flashy or distinctive in their expression either of varietal accuracy, or a winemaker's blending talent: sometimes both. For me, impressive wines might be extremely elegant and delicate in the mouth, something that might not do well in a wine competition, but a wine that sings a different tune, unencumbered by the distraction of a comparative tasting.

Among the very best of Livermore for 2013:

3 Steves 2012 Sauvignon Blanc - a Best of Show at the Livermore Uncorked! competition, put on by the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

3 Steves 2010 Three Cabs Blend - Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Pfeffer combine to make a mighty impressive combo, kinda like the three Steves themselves.

Concannon 2011 Assemblage Blanc - Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc dance together like Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire in this compelling and lovely wine. Ideal for gatherings: it will please most white wine fans.

Cuda Ridge 2011 Cabernet Franc - Larry really nailed this one, too, with its intriguing cedar and lavender notes.

La Rochelle 2012 Pinot Meunier - a brilliant holiday-perfect wine that hits all the gorgeous notes of Pinot Noir you love, with an accent on the baking spice components, delivering a wine that simply soars with graceful acidity.

Nottingham 2010 Supremacy - A masterfully-crafted Bordeaux blend that will stand the test of time. A perfect gift for that big blend lover on your list.

Nottingham 2010 Casa da Vinas Long Row Cabernet - Julio grows it, Collin makes it and the two are good together, like Rogers and Hammerstein.

Occasio 2012 Rose of Pinot Noir - lithe, lovely and as delicious as a summer day.

Occasio 2010 Telos - a stunning new red blend of Livermore heritage varietals. From the Greek, it means "purpose" or "goal," and John Kinney's not giving up 'til he reaches it.

Ruby Hill 2011 "Cielo Viola" Blend - means "vio-

let heaven" and it's Zin and Petite Sirah as only Chris Graves can marry them.

Steven Kent 2010 Linage - simply gorgeous! A Bordeaux blend that fires on all cylinders like a well-tuned Jaguar, elegant, silky smooth and growling with power to burn.

Wente Vineyards 2012 Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc - really quite a lovely wine, and a screwtop, to boot. This will please about anyone who likes SB.

Wente Vineyards 2011 Charles Wetmore Cabernet - Pretty nice stuff from old Margaux stock, with good Cab character, depth and flavors.

Occasio's New Releases: Just in time for The Holidays

Just in time for the Holidays, Occasio has released the latest vintages of their award winning Cabernet, Zinfandel, and Chardonnay, along with their new blend, TELOS.

Occasio's commitment to preserving the best varietals from the historic vineyards of Livermore Valley is evident in every sip. You can practically taste the history.

## Special Needs Non Profit Produces Greeting Cards

Sunflower Hill, a local non-profit seeking to create an intentional community for individuals with special needs, has launched its first micro-business featuring artwork of its members. The Sunflower Hill greetings cards feature twelve unique drawings and paintings of sunflowers - all captured and imagined by individuals with autism, down syndrome and other developmental delays.

"We felt this was a great first micro-business to launch," said Lynn Monica, a Sunflower Hill board member who served as the project manager. "These cards depict the spirit of our organization. Each card and flower design is unique, just as our children are."

The cards are packaged in sets of 12 and are available for \$20 on the Sunflower Hill website ([www.sunflowerhill.org](http://www.sunflowerhill.org)) or via mail at P.O. Box 11436, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

"Sunflower Hill is a volunteer run organization so all proceeds go directly to our vision of a special needs community," said Monica. "We think they make perfect holiday gifts!"

Thanks to a grant from the Livermore Valley Rotary Club, Sunflower Hill will be launching its second micro-business in early Spring 2014. The Rotary Club funded a garden project which will allow Sunflower Hill members the opportunity to grow and sell sunflower plants, flowers and seeds.

Sunflower Hill seeks to change the paradigm of both institutional and home living options for individuals with special needs by creating an intentional community that supports a sustainable, warm and productive quality of life.

## New Livermore Ice Rink Is Pulling in Skaters



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ice Hockey is just one of the activities available at the new ice rink.

Tri-Valley Ice, the second indoor ice rink in the Valley, has been growing in business, according to Bran McDougall, one of the principals in the new firm.

The facility's doors were opened in October. A grand opening is planned for January. The rink is located at 6611 Preston Ave., Suite D, near Interstate 580 in Livermore.

Ice hockey teams have

been practicing there, and people have been using the public skating time. Currently the public skates on Fridays and Saturdays, but it will be every day, throughout the day, during the week of Christmas and the following week.

Nonprofits such as parent groups have the opportunity to conduct fund-raising events during the public skating times, said McDougall.

The new facility offers classes on how to skate and an introduction to hockey, with another 8-week course scheduled to be launched in the middle of January.

Tri-Valley also plans to host youth hockey jamborees in January and March, with skaters coming from clubs throughout Northern California.

On the adult hockey level, there are 13 teams using the ice in the evenings Mondays through Thursdays. A few clubs already were organized, and others signed up at the rink. There may be enough soon to begin a 14th team, said McDougall.

Since the ice area sizes are not as big as NHL regulation rinks, the adult teams play 3-on-3 hockey.

The rink is flexible about booking times, when ice is available. "We can be open at any time, for a group that wants to rent a surface. It could be in the middle of the night," said McDougall.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Taking Racing to a New Level

By Carol Graham

When Flavia Oliveira began cycling at age 25, she discovered that the sport offered more than just a physical challenge.

"Every Saturday for the first two months, I kept getting dropped," said the lifelong athlete about being unable to keep up with the top cyclists on group rides. "I thought, 'Man, if I don't get to the front, I won't ever know what happens up there.' Something was going on that I couldn't see yet. It was intriguing. The mind inquires. Finally I built up the endurance to be up there, and I could see all this action going on: repeated attacks, people countering them, others bringing it back - it's such a fun game to play."

Just seven years later, Oliveira's drive and talent allowed her to be one of 140 top international female cyclists who competed at the 2013 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Road World Championships in Florence, Italy, held September 22 - 29.

"Only 46 women finished the race and Flavia was 23rd," said husband and fellow cyclist Nathan Parks. "I couldn't be more proud of her. She deserves every bit of her success and more. She has had to overcome obstacles that could have completely overwhelmed her."

Oliveira, 32, was born and raised in Rio, Brazil. At three and a half, she was taken by her mother to get polio vaccinations along with her two toddler brothers. Only Flavia came out unscathed; the youngest boy soon died from side effects, while the middle brother would lose both legs after gangrene set in.

"Because of this, my brother and I started swimming competitively," said Oliveira. "I developed a lot of discipline because of how we coped with everything when we were kids - by just throwing ourselves into sports. You didn't focus on the bad; you focused on overcoming challenges, and on turning something bad into something good."



At 16, Oliveira came to the U.S. as an exchange student, living with a host family in Kerman, Calif., located 15 miles outside Fresno.

"I had attended a bilingual school in Brazil, but I'd learned British English, so you can imagine how funny that was when I moved to a small town," she said. "I'd say, 'How do you do?' and people were like, 'What's up, dude?' I'm thinking, who is dude? But it was fun and I made lots of friends."

She also added soccer, track and tennis to her athletic pursuits and was offered a scholarship to Fresno State University, where she earned a Liberal Arts associates degree before moving to Monterey. "There's something about being close to the ocean that brings me close to home," she said.

It was there that she discovered cycling because, she said, "I didn't golf or dive."

What fascinated Oliveira about competitive cycling is, "It's not just about physical strength. The rider must understand what's happening in the race. In order to succeed you have to be able to solve the puzzle of the race, and then have the strength to carry out your solution. It's stunning when it all comes together."

Now a Livermore resident and personal trainer at 24 Hour Fitness, Oliveira trains on Saturday rides around the Tri-Valley. "Our group rides are called the House of Pain. It sounds awful, right? But it's super fun. There are three different levels: light, medium, and 'drop the hammer' where we're just out there to rip each other's



Flavia Oliveira is shown at the World's (top photo at left) and racing at Laguna Seca (right).

legs off," she said of the 65-mile rides that wind through Livermore, Walnut Creek, Mount Diablo and Morgan Territory.

"The terrain in Livermore and the Tri-Valley is excellent for cyclists. It's ideal training ground. There are so many beautiful roads to climb," said Oliveira. "Also, the cycling community is very big here. It's easy to find friendly groups to join no matter what your ability."

In order to keep up her energy for these three-hour rides, Oliveira eats well the night before - usually sweet potatoes, chicken and vegetables. During the ride, she consumes about 100 calories every half hour, usually in the form of a GU Energy Gel - her official sponsor. "There's a peanut butter one that's so good, and a chocolate mint that's my little treat on the bike."

The UCI Road World Championships are located in a different city or region each year, returning to Italy

this year for the first time since 2008. Guidelines restrict the number of racers each nation can send to the world championships; Oliveira was one of only three cyclists entered for Brazil. The championships are one of three grand tours (usually including the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia) that form the Triple Crown of Cycling.

"My end goal is the 2016 Olympics in Rio - my home town!" said Oliveira. "As for the present, everything contributes to the end goal. I go into the winter heavily involved in strength training workouts. My 2014 trade team is Swedish, so I will be making some trips overseas for team presentation and training camps. Before I know it, it will be time to race again!"

"I didn't get to see Flavia in Italy this year," added Parks, "but I've got my fingers crossed that I'll be booking a flight to Rio in 2016."



Pleasanton Rage White '00 enters its U-13 NorCal State Cup Quarterfinal as the #1 seed in its bracket of 16 teams. Photo courtesy of Patty Diaz.



Livermore Fusion '00 Girls Gold stormed onto the coast in Pacifica and Half Moon Bay clenching the U13 Girls Championship at the Coppa d'Oro Soccer Tournament hosted by Juventus SC on December 7th and 8th. Fusion was undefeated for all 4 games including 3 shut outs with a 4-0 vs. Juventus SC Razzo, 6-0 vs. San Carlos United SC Explosion Blue and 1-0 vs. Peninsula SC Thunder 00G Blue. The final vs. Pacifica United SC Barracudas ended in a 1-1 draw during regulation and continued into a second period of overtime culminating with a deciding goal made by Kennedy Griffith for Fusion SC. Props to goalie Lindsay Harnish for her triple clean sheet and for Emily March and Lilly Fehrmann, each with a hat trick game in pool play. Additional tournament goals fired in by Lauren Moore and Katherine Lewis plus more from March, Fehrmann and Griffith. Iron wall of defense made possible by Samantha Kwan, Cassidy Bates and Kalea Bartolotto and solid mid and front field control and placement by Abby Fraser, Sophia Mylius, Josie Berg, Destiny Arriola and Abby Harnish. The Fusion '00 Girls Gold Team, coached by professionals Frank Vitale and Ben Graham, is one to watch, with 3 underdog victories in this tournament against teams ranked much higher. The Team and Head Pro Coach Frank Vitale are pictured with the Championship Trophy and Medals.



Fusion Soccer Club just moved its office to downtown Livermore at the corner of Fourth and L Streets. In honor of this milestone, Fusion SC sponsored the Holiday Sights and Sound Parade and entered a float full of recreation, select and premier players. Fusion SC, formerly known as LYSL, has been Livermore's youth soccer league since 1976 and currently serves over 2,500 children each year. The soccer club was represented by vehicles driven by its members. The vehicles flanked a huge pickup truck towing an 18 foot trailer. The truck and trailer was packed with dozens Livermore Fusion SC's players dressed in full uniform, singing holiday songs and reciting the Fusion cheer. Board members handed out Fusion balloons, and Fusion Frosty made an appearance shaking hands with kids along the route.

### Pleasanton Rage U13

Two shutouts at Dublin's Fallon Sports Field this weekend sealed the top spot for Pleasanton Rage White U-13 in its 16-team bracket of the NorCal State Cup Seeding Round. Rage White is scheduled to play eighth seed Marin Breakwater in the NorCal State Cup Quarterfinals on Dec. 16.

In Saturday's game against the Argentina Fresno Soccer Club U-13 squad, Rage scored its first of four goals in just under two minutes when a free kick by Gabriella Smith was headed by Taylor Metz into the net. The Fresno team was aggressive in keeping the ball in the Rage defensive half, but couldn't convert their shots to goals. Additional shots taken by Rage players Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf and Emma Monsen helped pressure the Argentina team. In the second half, Rage took control of the game with a goal by Isabella Clark off an assist by Lucia Castaneda. Nine minutes later, Brooke Delaney shielded a Fresno defensive player, enabling Smith to take a clear shot and score. Hunter Faria earned Rage's final goal with a long range shot in the 77th minute. Final score: 4-0.

On Sunday, Rage took on the Atwater Competitive Nighthawks in a defensive battle that featured several dramatic saves on the goal line by Rage defender Julianna Pereira. Defensive teammates Ariyana Walling, Sarah McKeever, and Monsen kept the highly physical Atwater offense from retaliating successfully. Rage's Lauren Londono and Jessica Stubbs took shots at the Atwater goal, which were denied by a strong Atwater defensive line. By half-time, neither team had put its mark on the scoreboard. A half-time talk by Coach Amanda Luxford and Technical Director Philippe Blin inspired the Rage players, who returned to the field with renewed determination. In a display of athleticism, Rage's Clark broke away down the right flank and sent in a cross which rebounded back to her, enabling her to take a shot and score the games' first goal in the 37th minute. In a free kick opportunity six minutes later, Smith kicked the ball in a perfect arch, out of reach of the Atwater goalie into the top of the net, but the referee blew his whistle before the ball entered the goal. Although the retaken free kick attempt didn't hit its

target, this spurred Rage's Allison DeFazio and Ashley Lopez to turn up the heat. Six minutes before the final whistle, Smith fired off a high and lofty corner kick, and well positioned Rage defender Walling took advantage by earning Rage's second and final goal of the game. Final score: 2-0.

### Cyclone Wrestling

The Cyclone wrestling club from Livermore sent 6 wrestlers to compete at last Sunday's Tournament of Champions qualifying event at Benicia High.

7th grader Brandon Archer recorded 1 pin and finished in 2nd place. 7th grader William Eads lost a tough match in the semifinals, but came back to finish in 3rd place. In two of his victories, he showed great heart by overcoming 4 point deficits in the third period both times. 8th grader Coben Turk recorded 1 pin and took 4th place, finishing the day with 3 victories.

In the girls division, fellow 7th grader Zakiya Clark and Mya Waechler each took 3rd place.

Also competing and having one of the most exciting matches of the day was 7th grader Ethan Montesinos. Down 7 points in the third round, he scored a reversal and 2 sets of nearfall to tie the score at 11. He came up short 11-13.

The club will be competing this weekend in Stockton at Bear Creek High School, and in Oakdale at Oakdale High School.

### Track and Field

Athenian Athletics Track Club invites athletes ages 7-18 to participate in fall and winter practice sessions to prepare for the 2013-2014 Track and Field season as well as training for the upcoming Winter season series of competitions at Cal Berkeley and Los Gatos High School.

Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Club participants will have the option of competing for either (or both) AAU and USATF Track and Field events. For practice time and location, please visit facebook page, and group under Athenian Athletics. Any questions please feel free to contact Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356 or e-mail atheniantrack@hotmail.com.

### Lacrosse in Livermore

Learn to play the fastest game on two feet. Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2014 season is still open but spots on teams are filling fast. Boy's rules teams are forming for players born between September 1, 1998 and August 31, 2006. Boy's rules team are open to both boys and girls. The season runs early-January through May. For more information and to register on-line go to [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org).

### Girls Softball

LGSA Registration: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. The last walk-in registration night is Tuesday, December 17th from 6-9pm at Joe Mitchell School. New players must bring a birth certificate copy. Register by December 31st to avoid a late fee. Visit [www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org) for more information.

### Thunder Sox Tryouts

Thunder Sox Baseball Club is holding spring team tryouts for 13 and 14U on Sunday Dec. 15th from 1:30pm to 3:00pm at Cal High, 9870 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon. Contact Coach Longsdale to pre-register for tryouts (510) 909-6718 or email

TsoxBaseball@gmail.com. For information, go to [www.TsoxBaseball.com](http://www.TsoxBaseball.com)

### Livermore Half Marathon

The new Livermore Half Marathon will run on March 29, 2014, according to event producer Project Sport.

Runners will pass through our downtown, into the vineyards and finish on First Street.

Local leaders have been working with Project Sport to conceptualize a springtime event mixing fitness with entertainment. The result will be the 13.1 mile run followed by a downtown festival of local wineries, craft beer, artisan chefs, specialty boutique shopping and live music.

Registration for the Livermore Half Marathon is underway. Pre-registration will continue at \$69 through January 3. Entry will approach its full price of \$89 as race day nears. Register at [runlivermore.com](http://runlivermore.com).

### Triathlon Club

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will hold its 2014 Kick Off Meeting on Wednesday, January 15.

It will be held at TriNow Fitness in Dublin starting at 7 p.m. New, current and continuing members are invited to attend. Meet the coaches and sponsors.

A free race entry will be among the prizes given away (must be present to win).

For information, go to [www.trivalleytriathlon.com](http://www.trivalleytriathlon.com)

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The annual Holiday Parade in downtown Pleasanton featured a variety of festive entries ranging from floats filled with children to prancing horses. Teh Balloon Platoon was there, along with marching bands. Following the parade, the annual tree lighting ceremony took place in front of the Museum on Main.



## Covered California Info Session at the Library

Learn about Covered California, the new online marketplace to purchase quality health insurance during a program to be presented at the Pleasanton Library.

Axis Community Health will offer information on how an individual may be eligible to receive financial assistance to pay for health insurance plans, or for free coverage through Medi-Cal.

This program is free to the public. It is set for Monday, December 16, 7 pm, in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room. No registration is required. For more information, please call the Pleasanton Library at 925/931-3400, ext. 4.

Axis Community Health is recognized by Covered California as Certified Enrollment Entity. The organization has eight Certified Enrollment Counselors who have undergone training to help individuals navigate the new system.

Axis Community Health provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. A non-profit organization founded in 1972, we provide services for 14,000 local residents.

In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 115,000 visits to one of our five locations. For information about Axis services, call 925-462-1755 or visit us at [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

## SHORT NOTES

### Meteors and Cookies

Geminids Meteor Shower program will be offered on Fri., Dec. 13 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glenn Florey at 8 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park Wetmore Road entrance.

Bundle up and come to the park for this special Friday night viewing of the peak of Geminids meteor shower. This program will venture into the darker parts of the park for the show. Bring blankets or chairs, as the majority of time will be spent in one spot looking up at the sky. The program will last until 11 p.m. or when the fogs rolls in. Canceled if raining.

There will be a X-mas Cookie X-change on Sun., Dec. 15. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at the reservable picnic area in Sycamore Grove Park. Christmas cookies have a

rich history as part of Christmas celebrations around the world. Join this program to learn about the origins of this tradition and different types eaten around the world. Bring three dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to exchange with other participants and the recipe to share. Hot chocolate and tea will be provided. Please call for reservations and directions if you need them at 925-960-2400. A \$3 donation per person is requested.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Bird Count

Two programs will be part of the 2013 Audubon Christmas Bird Count in December.

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is likely the largest, longest-running citizen science activity in the world.

One will be held on Sat., Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Alviso Adobe Park in Pleasanton. The program is open to ages 5 to 11. Learn more and register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com).

The second will take place on Friday, Dec. 20 in Livermore.

Join Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Ranger Patti Cole for the fifth annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count. Join for a morning at Sycamore Grove Park and an afternoon in Springtown. This is a full day of counting species and individual birds, starting with owls before sunrise and ending with wetland and grassland birds in the afternoon. Volunteer for the full day or a part of the day. For more information or to sign

up, please contact Ranger Patti at [pcole@larpd.dst.ca.us](mailto:pcole@larpd.dst.ca.us).

### LARPD Registration

The new Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Parks & Play guide has been mailed to LARPD residents and is also available online at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us). The cover features participants in the District's new drop-in Pickleball held at the Robert Livermore Community Center gymnasium.

Registration for the Winter/Spring 2014 season opens at 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Participants can sign up online, by phone at 925-373-5700 and in person at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

Before the new season of fun kicks off, the Community Center will close for the two holiday

weeks of Dec. 23 through Jan. 3. During this time, the buildings and pool will be closed.

The Community Center is still available for special event rentals during the holiday season - book a party now by calling 925-373-5708. The annual Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20, 21 and 23 (third through fifth grades) and Dec. 27 to 29 (sixth through eighth grades). Teams of boys or girls can still register for \$225 a team to play a minimum of three games in a round-robin format. Call 925-373-5733 to register.

Two winter break camps will also be held during the holiday weeks - the Mad Science Secret Agent Camp for ages 6 to 11 will be held Dec. 30 to Jan. 3, and the LEGO Super Hero Masters Engineering Camp for ages 7 to 12 will be held Dec. 26 and 27. Registration for the camps is still open and can be done online, by phone or in person.

## STUDENTS

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animals of the rainforests, but Adam Randall's class decided to take things a step further. They chose to take action.

"When our teacher told us rainforests are being destroyed, we thought we should help save them," said Seanna. "We decided to hold a Rainforest Read-a-thon where our parents, friends and family would sponsor us."

Over a three-week period that coincided with the students' study of rainforests, the read-a-thon raised a whopping \$2,751.93. These funds will be donated to the Rainforest Action Network, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization that has been working to protect rainforests since 1985.

"After the class learned about some of the atrocities happening in the rainforest, they decided they wanted to help," said Randall. "They felt an immediate connection to the amazing plants and animals that live there, and didn't want to stand by while it was being destroyed."

The eight- and nine-year-olds were eager to talk about their favorite rainforest animals which included jaguars, pythons, orangutans and parrots. "My favorites are the birds in the rainforest because they do a lot of different things," said Mackenzie. "Some of them dance to get the girls."

James said he liked the howler monkeys because, "They're the loudest, and I

was born in the year of the monkey."

Holding the read-a-thon fundraiser, noted Randall, helped empower the students because it put the responsibility of raising funds in their hands. The children had to put in the time and effort to read as well as finding people who would sponsor them either per minute or per page. He added that parents were impressed with the significantly longer periods their children spent reading, while students loved the fact that what they were doing in their homes would help the plants, animals and people of rainforests around the world.

"When we keep the trees there will be homes for many animals, and we get more oxygen," said Kayvon. "Some of the plants in the rainforest give us medicine that could help so many people."

"Only 1% of medicine in the rainforest has been explored," added James. "There still could be a lot

more plants that can make medicine to help people who are really sick."

At the start of the school year, Randall read aloud to his class Peter H. Reynolds' The Dot, a book that highlights the importance of making a positive mark on the world. On September 15th, his students celebrated International Dot Day, during which children around the world pledge to make their mark by making the world a better place.

"Some of my students said they would be nice to others," said Randall. "Others promised to make a new friend. Everyone was truly inspired by the idea that they can make a difference, and realized that what they do really matters."

Of the 28 students' fundraising accomplishment, Ella said she felt, "Really, really, really, really awesome because you're saving millions of trees, animals and plants. You're so little and you think you

can't do it, but you really can change something big."

Currently Randall's students are making Christmas ornaments which will be sold to raise money for buying toys and gifts to give to children currently in UCSF's Benioff Children's Hospital.

What the children have learned about making their mark radiates out to other aspects of their lives as well. "You can start off helping around your house by doing chores," said Jesse. "If a kid is not good at something, you can encourage them to be better," said Aubrey. "We should not waste, and always recycle," said Sydney. "We shouldn't use too many paper towels, and instead use cloths," said Rica. "We could buy seeds and plant trees," said Kayvon. "We could not buy so many things from the grocery store that have palm oil," said Natalie.

"And," added Seanna, "we can always help the rainforest by spreading awareness."

## Pleasanton Young Professionals Celebrate The Season

The Pleasanton Young Professionals (PYP) will host a holiday open house to celebrate the season. Those interested in networking with emerging and established peers are invited to gather at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce located at 777 Peters Avenue on Thursday, December 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The event will feature food, drinks, and raffle prizes. All professionals ages 21 to 40 are encouraged to attend and network with local young business leaders in the community. Members and non-members are invited. Register online at <http://business.pleasanton.org>.

The PYP is part of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce launched in September 2013. The orga-

nization was created to help young professionals continue to learn and grow in their careers while empowering them to become future business and community leaders. For more information on the Pleasanton Young Professionals please visit [pleasantonyoungprofessionals.org](http://pleasantonyoungprofessionals.org) or our Facebook Page.

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# OBITUARIES



## Robert Ricker Baltzer

Bob Baltzer died December 3, 2013 at the age of 85.

He was born October 28, 1928 to Benjamin B. and Helen Baltzer in Quincy, MA, where he grew up.

After graduating from high school, he entered the Air Force at the age of 17, retiring after 16 years. His time in the service included a tour of duty in Korea during the war.

After leaving the military, he worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 25 years, from 1962 to 1987. Bob started with the Argus laser project, followed by Shiva and Nova lasers. When he retired, he served as Senior Supervisor of Electrical Engineering. While at the Lab, he supervised the filming of the original "Tron," movie which took place in the laser bay. For his efforts, he received an award from the Disney Company.

After leaving the Lab, he and his wife Pearl "Petie" spent time traveling to various locations.

His daughter Julie said of his interest, "He would have been a world champion Jeopardy player, if he had ever competed. He watched the show every night." He was a huge sports fan, rooting for the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland A's. He was a converted Red Sox fan. Julie recalls that his family rooted for the Sox while living near Boston. His mom used to take him out of school on "Ladies Day" and they would head for Fenway Park. She was admitted free and purchased a ticket for him for \$1.

He was tenacious in pursuing what he believed was right. He was not afraid to stand up and speak his mind. He was also able to see the humor in situations.

Bob was active in local politics as chairman of Friends of Livermore and member of Friends of the Vineyards and the Sierra Club. He served on the original board of directors of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, advocating for the Bankhead Theater and the proposed regional theater.

He helped update Livermore's planning document through his work on the General Plan Steering Committee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, two brothers and a sister.

He is survived by a son Greg Baltzer of Bedford, TX, and his daughter and son-in-law Julie and Joe Barnett of Tracy, CA; grandchildren Kerri Jean and Mike Mavis and his wife Michelle; and great grandchildren, Kendra, and Robert and Maddy.

At his request, no services are planned. However, an open house will be held after the new year. Details will follow. In the spring, his ashes will be placed alongside his wife's during a ceremony with military honors at the Korean War Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Bob's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

## James Wright, Sr.

"Papa" Jim passed away on Dec. 3, 2013 after a short battle with cancer.

Papa was born in Lebanon, Missouri on Nov. 16, 1942. He moved to Oakland, CA, with his family when he was about 12 years old. In 1966 his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter came true when he was hired by the Livermore Fire Department. He went on in the department to become an Battalion Chief, something he was very proud of having accomplished. Papa and his family moved to Livermore and became an instant part of the community.

He is survived by the love of his life for fifty years,



Geris. He is also survived by his children, Jim and Trina Wright, Kristina and George Freelen and the joys of his heart, his grandchildren, Rachel, Keegan and Kyle. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, John and Lillian Shebelut, many nieces, nephews, cousins and his "bonus" family Anne, Frank, Celina, Victoria, Sofia and Franco Moufarrej and many other "bonus" children and grandchildren.

Papa loved creating and making things, doing upholstery, fishing, working in his yard, reading western novels and books about the Civil War. His greatest passion was watching his grandchildren play sports and just being with family. He was always on call for whatever his grandchildren or children needed. His grandchildren's favorite line was "Papa fix." Papa was so loved by so many and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Everyone he met was his instant friend. Either flowers or donations to the American Cancer Society will be equally appreciated.

Services were held on Dec. 10, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.

## Joe Hipple

Joseph was born on Sept. 28, 1924 in Waterman, IL and passed away peacefully in Livermore on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013. He excelled in wrestling and track in high school and later at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Before finishing at Tucson, he left college to serve in the US Army during World War II.



He served on an anti-aircraft gun crew in Europe, entering Normandy 5 days after D-day. Returning to Tucson, he finished his BS in 1949, then finished a Master's degree at UC Berkeley in 1953.

He was married to Jane in 1951. The couple lived most of their married life in Lafayette in the house that Joe built. Joe taught at Pleasant Hill High School for many years, mostly teaching Chemistry and other science courses plus coaching wrestling and track. During his teaching career, he profoundly influenced countless young people. He retired from the Mt Diablo School District in 1983 and moved to Nevada City, CA, where he built a house to live in. After that project was done, he returned to the classroom as a substitute teacher at Nevada Union High School for 10 years where he continued to be a positive force in the lives of many students.

Joe was active in the American Field Service (AFS) foreign student exchange program, Boy Scouts, Sister City programs, and a variety of student clubs at the high school.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jane; his sons David (and Lisa) Hipple of Livermore, CA and Benjamin Hipple of McCall, ID; and four grandchildren.

Memorial and celebration of life service will be on January 4, 2014 at 1 PM, at Hillcrest Congregational Church, 404 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill.

Donations in memory of Joe can be made to the American Field Service at [www.afsusa.org/donate](http://www.afsusa.org/donate)

## Stan Trettenero

Stan Trettenero, 68, a 38-year resident of Livermore died suddenly on Dec 5, 2013, in Livermore.

He was raised in El Sobrante, CA where he attended DeAnze High School, graduating in 1963. After high school he worked for Ortho, Standard Oil and worked on the BART Ashby Station. He later attended Colorado School of Trades where he earned his Gunsmithing degree. He worked for Armanino Gun Shop in South San Francisco. In

1982 he joined the Lawrence Livermore National Lab as a Mechanical Technologist, retiring in 2005. He enjoyed riding his Harley, showing and driving Corvettes and vacationing in Jamaica.

He was an extraordinary man and a loving husband who always supported his family and friends. His wife, Judy, of 38-years, survives him along with his sister Sharon (Mel) Gregonis and sister-in-law Linda (Dennis) Homer. Also survived by nephews David and Mike Gregonis and Derrick Homer and their families.

Services are at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, viewing from 11am to 1pm followed by service at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers send donations to the American Cancer Society or the Heart Association.

## Cory Alexander Bartlett

Resident of Livermore  
June 23, 1987-Dec 7, 2013

Cory Alexander Bartlett went home to be with the Lord after a long hard battle with addiction. Though we wish he was still here with us, he finally won - no more pain, no more suffering and nothing but peace in the glory and presence of the Lord.

Cory loved hard and cared deeply. He had a huge heart and would give and do all he could for anyone who crossed his path. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father and mother, Don and Karen Bartlett; his brother Ryan and his wife Becca; his brother Jacob; his sister Chelsea; his grandmas Margaret Bartlett and Marilyn Elkins; Uncle John and Aunt Joann Bartlett; Uncle Richard Bartlett; Uncle Frank Bartlett; Uncle Jeff and Aunt Angela Elkins; his niece Cheyenne Bartlett and his nephew Levi Ruppert who he loved and adored.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton, CA.

The family is in the process of establishing a foundation in Cory's name to help those who struggle with addiction. In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be made to Chase Bank Account #532207169 for Cory Bartlett.

## Roy Clinton Fields

Resident of Livermore, CA  
06/29/39 - 11/26/13

Roy C. Fields passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Roy was raised in Nevada where he felt deeply

## ACTIVIST

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Livermore and a member of the Sierra Club, Baltzer was in the forefront in 2000 with the championing of Alameda County's urban growth boundary in Measure D, and subsequently the Livermore Urban Growth Boundary Initiative in 2002.

In 2005, Pardee Homes proposed a development outside the urban growth boundary called "Livermore Trails." The developer qualified a measure for the ballot to move the UGB to allow for the development. Baltzer spent many hours advocating for the defeat of the measure. It went down in a crushing 72-to-28 percent loss.

As a member of Friends of the Vineyards, he worked to protect and expand agriculture in the Valley. As part of that effort, he helped to make the South Livermore Valley Area Plan a reality.

The result of the work he accomplished, in partnership with others, is a greenbelt of parks, vineyards and open spaces slowly but steadily encircling the Livermore-Amador Valley. He believed that with a UGB, development would no longer be directed outward, but turn inward. Indeed, the downtown has flourished since the UGB was established.

He wasn't just focused on environmental issues. Baltzer believed that the performing arts theaters would add to the vibrancy of downtown Livermore, attracting shoppers and diners who would then attend performances. His support for the Bankhead Theater included both financial and verbal assistance. The East

Stairwell Gallery is named for Bob Baltzer and Family. While the theaters and the environment were ongoing interests, Baltzer began his advocacy in 1994 by speaking out in opposition to the merger of ValleyCare with the John Muir Medical Center. He felt strongly that ValleyCare should remain a community hospital. He donated money to ValleyCare.

People who knew him, spoke of his impact.

Jean King, who worked with him on a number of campaigns including the effort to defeat the Pardee development in North Livermore, recalls, "He was tireless in his efforts as a spokesperson." She described him as a great source, someone who knew all the facts. Whether you wanted to know about the county UGB measure or the South Livermore Plan, if Bob didn't know something, he would find out.

"Bob had such a great passion for preserving open space and Livermore. I really enjoyed working with him. I will definitely miss him," King added.

Joan Seppala, publisher of The Independent, stated, "Bob's courage was inspiring. He dealt with his personal health issues for years without complaints. When he believed in a cause, he was fearless in his advocacy. He was known for his no nonsense rhetoric at council meetings. Bob was also a very caring person. The community has lost one of its heroes."

Former Livermore Mayor Archer Futch commented, "There are few environmen-

tal leaders who contributed as much for so many years to make Livermore the unique place in which we live as did Bob Baltzer. With his faithful and long serving dedication, Bob was a key person in creating the City of Livermore with its abundant open space, vineyards, and beautiful scenic views that we all enjoy today."

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty remembered Bob, "I cannot say enough good things about Bob Baltzer. I thoroughly enjoyed the manner in which Bob would approach and handle controversial issues. He is responsible for many great things in Livermore and the County of Alameda. Bob will surely be missed by me as a personal friend but more importantly as someone who cared deeply for the community that he lived in and he worked diligently to protect it."

Marshall Kamena, a former



Hayward, Dublin and Mc Killeville school districts. He had a lasting and positive impact on students, teachers and administrators. In addition he contributed significantly at the local and state levels in education. He spoke of these years as some of his most proud, especially his relationship to the students, knowing them by name.

Outside of his professional life, he was passionate about golfing, flying, reading, and learning. One

of his favorite places to be was in his "PRETTY GOOD WOOD SHOP" where he restored antiques, created objects with wood, philosophized about life and greeted all who passed by with a friendly word.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, J. Russell and Velda (Brammeier) Fields and his brother, John Fields. He leaves behind his wife of 55 years Martha, his 2 children, Kimber Green (Jordan) and Eric Fields (Elise) and his 4 grandchildren, Maxfield and Reese Green and Antonia and Rowan Fields.

Private inurnment will take place in Lovelock, Nevada.

# Pioneering Lab Physicist Dies

By Jeff Garberson

Stirling Colgate, a physicist who played a prominent role in the early days of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, died at his home in White Rock, N.M., December 1.

Colgate worked at the Livermore Laboratory from 1952 to 1964. He was one of a group of scientists at Berkeley chosen to help diagnose and understand the output of the first thermonuclear tests in the Pacific. This group formed the core of the organization that became Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Friends and colleagues remembered Colgate as brilliant, energetic and colorful. John Foster, director of Lawrence Livermore from 1961 to 1965, called him his "best friend."

Although it is not widely known, Colgate was a member of the toothpaste and consumer products family, Foster said in an interview. He was endlessly curious, active and interested in the world around him. Over the years, he took part in a wide range of research projects, from analyzing nuclear explosions to trying to control thermonuclear fusion as an energy source, from learning how and why stars explode to understanding atmospheric physics.

He became a pilot and flew a small plane perilously close to thunderstorms in an effort to understand their dynamics, Foster said. His curiosity even ranged to medicine, according to colleagues who recalled his interest in finding cures for hepatitis C and nearsightedness.

The humorously relevant names of some of his later research projects suggest

the untamed intellectual energy underlying his career. SNORT was the acronym identifying an effort to find energy bursts from exploding stars called supernovae. Condom was a project to inject smoke into thunderstorms.

A New York City native, Colgate attended Los Alamos Ranch School from 1939 to 1942, when it was closed in preparation for establishing the secret research laboratory that developed the first atomic weapons and that became Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Before the school closed, he saw a young man in a porkpie hat surveying the grounds. This was Robert Oppenheimer, he recalled later -- the Berkeley physicist chosen to lead the secret wartime atom bomb effort that soon took place there.

Colgate served in the Armed Merchant Marine during the war. He earned his PhD from Cornell in 1951 and was a post doctoral fellow at Berkeley when Ernest Lawrence chose him among others to help with diagnostics for the first thermonuclear test. The diagnostic team was headed by Herb York, the Livermore Laboratory's first director.

Colgate was "a brilliant experimentalist and theorist," Foster said in an interview. He was also Foster's "best friend." The Foster and Colgate families lived a block apart on Stanford Way. Their children grew up together. Foster and Colgate built a cabin in the Sierras. They skied and shot skeet together.

After a fire in the Colgate home, Foster helped him replace the floor and repaint the house. Colgate built the neighborhood's first back-

yard swimming pool.

Outside nuclear weapons work, in a field with scientific parallels to nuclear weapons physics, Colgate helped develop an explanation for the manner in which supernovae explode. He contributed to the efforts of Richard White, Mike May and others to develop computational methods of analyzing these explosions -- methods which helped establish the foundation of the large-scale computer modeling that today is revolutionizing fields like weather forecasting, manufacturing and even medicine.

In the effort to harness thermonuclear fusion for energy purposes, his insights led to one of the Laboratory's major experiments, the superconducting levitron, according to Ken Fowler, who was associate director for that program from 1976 to 1987.

After Fowler left the Livermore Laboratory, he and Colgate worked together to apply the science learned from thermonuclear fusion research to astrophysics. In particular, Fowler cited Colgate's imaginative suggestion that gravitational and magnetic forces around massive black holes create something like a gigantic cosmological dynamo.

Colgate was a "big thinker," in Fowler's view.

Although Colgate did not rise in the managerial ranks at Livermore, he left the Laboratory to become president of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro. He remained there until 1975. He was co-founder of the Santa Fe Institute. He joined the theoretical division at Los Alamos in 1976, where he remained until his death.

mer Livermore mayor who worked with Bob on open space issues, stated, "What a terrible loss. He was a man with great determination and a big heart. He was an asset to Livermore and one of my mentors. I'll miss him terribly."

When told the news about Baltzer, Livermore Mayor John Marchand said, "Bob Baltzer was a tireless champion for many of the qualities that make Livermore a remarkable place to live. He was instrumental in the creation of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan, our Urban Growth Boundary and our scenic corridor which protects the views of our hills. His soft-spoken, engaging demeanor and quiet logic provided compelling arguments which drove the protection of Livermore's quality of life. He will be greatly missed."

Marchand closed Monday's city council meeting in honor of Baltzer.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
A choir of folks from various churches in the Valley took part in a "flash mob" on Saturday, December 7th. The choir began singing in the Old Navy store at the Hacienda Crossings shopping area, then moved to another location in the center.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Livermore Valley wineries opened their doors last weekend for the annual Holidays in the Vineyards festivities. In the photo, wine tasting took place outdoors at Retzlaff Vineyards.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
A 5K Ugly Sweater Dash at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Saturday attracted a large crowd of gaudily dressed participants. Ugly sweaters were the attire of the day. Those who finished received an Ugly Sweater Ornament Medal. Following the exercise, participants were invited to enjoy Santa, snow, vendors, food and drinks. Pictured at left is Sandi Bohner.



### Donate Food, Ride the Bus Free

Wheels annual Stuff-a-Bus holiday food drive runs through December 16. Wheels is offering free rides for donations of non-perishable food items onboard any one of the Wheels buses. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Food Pantry and Open Heart Kitchen.

"Let's gather together to help our Tri-Valley neighbors in need during this holiday season. I encourage the public to join us and "stuff a bus" with any amount of non-perishable food items. In return, Wheels will provide free bus service for your generous donation," said Chair of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Board, Jerry Thorne. Passengers simply board any Wheels bus, place the donation into the food donation bin and automatically receive a free ride. Food donation bins will be placed onboard all Wheels buses.

The wish list for donations includes canned fruits, meats and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, jelly and coffee.

Non-perishable food donations will be accepted onboard all Wheels buses and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Administrative Office located at 1362 Rutan Ct, Suite 100, Livermore, CA. Donations made to the Administrative Office will be given a free ride pass. Please check for expired food items prior to donating.

Visit us online at [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com).

### Lab Charitable Campaign Raises \$3.3 Million for Local Organizations

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees, along with Lawrence

Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), have raised \$3.3 million to give to charities within their surrounding communities.

Laboratory employees pledged \$2.3 million to the HOME Campaign (for Helping Others More Effectively) -- an annual charitable drive that benefits community/nonprofit agencies in the Tri Valley, San Joaquin Valley, Greater Bay Area and beyond. In addition, Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, which manages the Lab for the U.S. Department of Energy, announced it would donate \$1 million in matching funds.

"The generosity of LLNL employees in helping others is awe-inspiring," said Bret Knapp, acting LLNS president and director of the Laboratory. "The contributions we make to organizations through the HOME Campaign serve a variety

of charities in and around our community and truly help to improve the lives of so many."

Since 2007, the Lab's HOME Campaign has raised more than \$2 million annually through donations that go directly to agencies selected by employees.

Again this year, the LLNS Board of Governors announced LLNS, would match the first \$1 million raised in the campaign.

The funds for the match come from the fee LLNS receives to manage the Laboratory, not the Department of Energy funds for the Laboratory's operations.

This year through the campaign, Lab employees pledged donations via payroll deduction or gave onetime donations to benefit more than 600 agencies of their choice.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
The City of Dublin's 30th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony took place last Thursday at the Dublin Civic Center. The Fallon Middle School Jazz Band, led by Lee Carpenter, entertained visitors. In the top photo, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti welcomed a special visitor from the North Pole. In the lower photo, a residents view the tree following the lighting ceremony.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Ministerial Association, 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Faith Chapel Assembly of God Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/6/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Richard J. Rogers. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 6, 2013. Expires November 6, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3567. Published November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484999

The following person(s) doing business as: Affinity for Beauty and Wellness Spa, 152 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Water Over Rocks LLC, 3133 Rodeo Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Krista Bean, Owner/Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 14, 2013. Expires November 14, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3568. Published November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485067

The following person(s) doing business as: Laafort, 11501 Dublin Blvd, #200, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Laarni Theresa Ricafort, 4281 Clarinbridge Circle, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Laarni Theresa Ricafort. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 15, 2013. Expires November 15, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3569. Published November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484931

The following person(s) doing business as: Eye For Design, 755 Rose Ave, Apt #1, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crystal Marie Squier, 755 Rose Ave, Apt #1, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/24/2008. Signature of Registrants :s/: Crystal Marie Squier. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 14, 2013. Expires November 14, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3570. Published November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484332

The following person(s) doing business as: Cookie Express, 2483 Bess Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby

registered by the following owner(s): Annette Jo Mifsud, 2483 Bess Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Annette J. Mifsud. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2013. Expires October 24, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3572. Published December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485121

The following person(s) doing business as: Sweet Cakes Bake Shop, 388 Pearl Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Katrina Agamau, 388 Pearl Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 (2)Archille Cuyte, 1736 William Moss Blvd., Stockton, CA 95206. This business is conducted by Co-partners. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Katrina Agamau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 18, 2013. Expires November 18, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3573. Published December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485157

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hole Event, 388 Pearl Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katrina Agamau, 388 Pearl Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/22/2008. Signature of Registrants :s/: Katrina Agamau, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 19, 2013. Expires November 19, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3574. Published December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 484964

The following person(s) doing business as: G. H. Bass & Co., 3338 Paragon Outlets Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AM Retail Group, Inc, 7401 Boone Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485424

The following person(s) doing business as: Cheese Therapy, 1880 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Concannon Creek, LLC, 1880 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/13/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Teri Tith, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 27, 2013. Expires November 27, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3576. Published December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485279

The following person(s) doing business as: Diab & Suliman DBA Strings Italian Cafe, 2205 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Wassim Suliman, 557 W. Viento St, Mountain House, CA 95391 (2)Farouk Diab, 1107 W. March Ln, Stockton, CA 95207. This business is conducted by a General partnership. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2004. Signature of Registrants :s/: Wassim Suliman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 22, 2013. Expires November 22, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3577. Published December 12, 19, 26, 2013 January 2, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485284

The following person(s) doing business as: Diab & Suliman DBA Wienerschnitzel Vasco, 816 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Wassim Suliman, 557 W. Viento St, Mountain House, CA 95391 (2)Farouk Diab,

1107 W. March Ln, Stockton, CA 95207. This business is conducted by a General partnership. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2009. Signature of Registrants :s/: Jo Ellen Neuman, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 22, 2013. Expires November 22, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3578. Published December 12, 19, 26, 2013 January 2, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485193

The following person(s) doing business as: Advanced Acupuncture Centre, 1478 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jens Maassen, 1060 Bluebell Dr. Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on October 2007. Signature of Registrants :s/: Jens Maassen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 19, 2013. Expires November 19, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3579. Published December 12, 19, 26, 2013 January 2, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485579

The following person(s) doing business as: CrossFit NST, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): West Las Positas Associates, LLC, 7077 Koll Center Pkwy #110, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Patrick J. O'Brien, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 4, 2013. Expires December 4, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3580. Published December 12, 19, 26, 2013 January 2, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485586-7

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Intellifios, LLC (2)Intellifios, 333 Lloyd Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Intellifios, LLC, 333 Lloyd

Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2009. Signature of Registrants :s/: Jo Ellen Neuman, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 4, 2013. Expires December 4, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3581. Published December 12, 19, 26, 2013 January 2, 2014.

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# 2013 Most Active Year for Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center

With only a few more events planned for 2013, the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore is coming to the close of its busiest year since it opened in 2006 on Eighth Street in Livermore. Although the Bankhead Theater is perhaps the most visible and recognizable symbol of the arts in downtown Livermore, the nearby Bothwell Arts Center contributes equally to the city's thriving arts community.

The center has become a nurturing environment for artists, performers and cultural groups by providing them with affordable space to teach, learn, rehearse, perform and create their art. The past year has seen a 75 percent increase in visual arts classes alone, filling the calendar and making the booking of new rentals challenging. The Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, both a part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), have been key in building the city's reputation as the central hub for the arts in the Tri-Valley region.

"The greatest gift the Bothwell has to offer is making a place where art can happen," says Linda Ryan, manager of the Bothwell Arts Center. "We provide affordable space for those in the cultural arts, at whatever stage they are in. This kind of support is really important to the growth of the arts in any community. The arts have definitely grown in this area and I believe we have had a part in that," she added. While artists in the area may know the value of the Bothwell, many people in Livermore and the Tri-Valley area have not had the opportunity to be introduced to the range of arts activities offered. But that too, is changing.

Catherine Ndungu-Case of Pleasanton-based Chezi Nami can speak to how instrumental the Bothwell's support can be both in providing just the right environment and in reaching out to a wider audience. Chezi Nami, which translates to "come play with me" in Swahili, was founded three years ago to share the rich culture of Africa through dance, play and movement. When she looked for a facility to hold her largest event of the year, Ndungu-Case had difficulty finding a venue with the size and flexibility she needed at a price she could afford. The Bothwell offered the perfect space and the personal support the staff provided was invaluable, helping Chezi Nami connect with a broader demographic. Attendance at "A Taste of Kenya" on November 17, 2013 far exceeded expectations with guests able to move throughout the facility to actively participate in the displays of



Catherine Ndungu-Case (left) of Chezi Nami at the "Taste of Kenya" event held at the Bothwell. It was just one of many activities held during 2013.

African music, art and food. Ndungu-Case believes that for artists, LVPAC opens doors to the future. "Our dream is to grow and perhaps one day perform at the Bankhead," she says. "That would be well in the future, but we couldn't even envision something like that if it weren't for what the Bothwell offers today."

Offering affordable access and participation in the arts is a thread that runs through nearly every conversation about the Bothwell. With studios in both facilities, as well as space for classes, workshops, rehearsals, displays, and events, the Bothwell can support a wide range of visual artists, as well as teachers of the arts such as jazz improv workshops with Matt Finders, strings classes with Sycamore Strings, and performing arts groups such as Shakespeare's Associates and The Livermore Opera. The opera rehearses at the center, noting that because

the large "East Room" is very similar in size to the Bankhead Theater stage, performers are able to get a good feel for the space during staging rehearsals.

The center is often praised for its ability to nurture artists at different stages of their career, from those exploring new techniques, to those expanding the scope of their work. Engela Olivier-Wilson's professional art business, which includes faux finishes, murals, paintings and classes, grew to the point where she no longer had the space at home to work and welcome all her clients and students. She found that retail space required a greater investment than she could afford, but the Bothwell Arts Center could meet her needs without excessive overhead.

The Bothwell provides more intangible benefits as well. Artist Nicole Wakeman appreciates the camaraderie fostered by the monthly

"Show & Tell & Critique If You Want It" nights. She calls the supportive and open atmosphere, "a wonderful mutual admiration society," but also one where valuable suggestions are made. Multimedia artist and City of Livermore Arts Commissioner Angela Johal concurs. "The life of an artist is quite solitary," she says. "[The show and tell group] allows artists a time of intelligent conversation about art and offers a support system and a pool of new ideas that inspire and heighten the creative process."

As an arts incubator that provides space for a wealth of cultural events and educational outreach, observers say that the Bothwell Arts Center is a tremendous asset for Livermore and one that has, over time, succeeded in becoming largely self-supporting. Aware of how critical the affordable rental prices are to the arts community, Ryan focuses on keeping them low by effectively combining ongoing fundraising with revenue from classes, workshops,

studio rentals and events. She depends on major annual events such as ArtWalk each October and the Mardi Gras-themed "New Orleans Bash" every other spring to provide significant support. This December, proceeds

from the sale of See's Candies at the Main Street Designs Christmas Shop also help support the Bothwell's operations which, in turn, help to support the growing arts community.



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## Timeless Story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Comes to Life at Amador Theater



The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre presents the Broadway musical version of the family film classic *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. Based on Roald Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the musical includes the songs from the movie, plus a number of new additions.

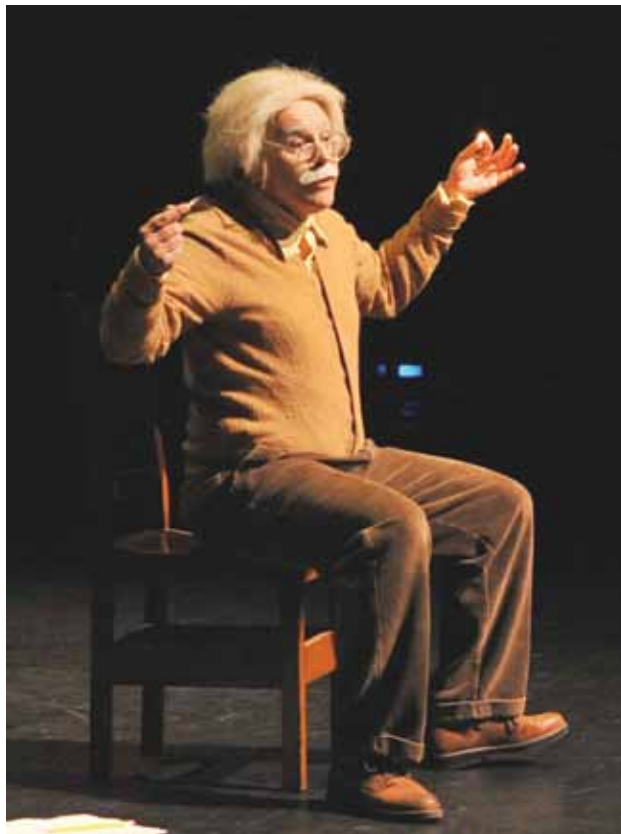
The show runs for two holiday weekends, December 13-22, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka Jr.* is the tale of world-famous candy man Willy Wonka and his quest to find a deserving heir to his Chocolate Factory. The story follows candy factory owner Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding five golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whoever comes up with those tickets will win a free tour of the factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. All of the winning children, except the title character Charlie, are spoiled brats, while the likeable young Charlie Bucket has a different motivation for wanting to win. As Charlie and his amiable Grandpa Joe

Cast members include Alec Zhang, Tyler Sullivan, Amanda Cooper, Katherine Yeh, and Anna Leary.

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# Museum on Main Announces 2104 Speakers Schedule for 'An Evening With ...'



Frank Mullen as King Henry VIII; Duffy Hudson as Albert Einstein, and Dr. Doris Dwyer as Margaret Breen.



## *Speakers Range from From Henry VIII to Einstein and Mark Twain*

Museum on Main has announced performers and speakers for the 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series *An Evening With...* at the Firehouse Arts Center beginning in January. In *An Evening With...* audiences come face to face with actors who look and sound as if they have stepped out from the pages of history books as well as speakers who are specialists in their fields.

“Attendance has grown significantly for the *An Evening with...* programs. People have discovered the

series and especially enjoy the programs where actors portray historical characters. There’s something very special about getting up close with characters from the past,” notes Director of Education and coordinator of the series, Jennifer Amiel. “This year, audiences will hear from Mark Twain, King Henry VIII, Henry Ford, and even a Donner Party Survivor, Margaret Breen.”

The 2014 schedule:  
An Evening with Mark Twain: *A Musical Journey Out West*, Tuesday,

January 14th, 7pm: The 2014 season kicks off with a musically entertaining visit from humorist and author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, also known as Mark Twain. Pat Kaunert, portraying Twain, is accompanied by musician Dave Rainwater.

An Evening with Hugh Liang: *Eyewitness to the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake & Fire*, Tuesday, February 4th, 7pm: The 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed nearly all of Chinatown. Unknown

numbers of the 14,000 Chinatown residents were killed in the fire and the rest were displaced from their homes. Chinatown resident Hugh Liang is portrayed by Charlie Chin.

An Evening with Author Steve Minnear: *Dublin & The Tri-Valley, The WWII Years*, Tuesday, March 11th, 7pm: Steve Minnear, author of the new Arcadia Publishing book on the military base and hospital activities in Camp Parks and Camp Shoemaker of Dublin during WWII. Books will be available for

purchase and signature following the program.

An Evening with Seabiscuit Historian Jani Buron, Tuesday, April 8th, 7pm: Gallop down history lane with Jani Buron, author of “*The Spirit of Seabiscuit*.” Seabiscuit spent a short time training on the race track in Pleasanton. Buron, a former Pleasanton resident, recalls her life on Ridgewood Ranch in the 1940s along with the top money-winning champion of his time, Seabiscuit, and his owners Charles S. and

Marcela Howard.

An Evening with Civil War Researcher Ernie Manzo: *Bay Area Civil War Batteries & Forts*, Tuesday, May 13th, 7pm: Civil War researcher Ernie Manzo discusses the Civil War Era batteries and forts that surrounded the San Francisco Bay Area. Most notable was the Presidio, the nerve center of a coastal defense system that included Fort Point, Alcatraz and Angel Island.

An Evening with King Henry VIII, Tuesday,

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## Livermore Library to Present Program on the Music of the Beatles

The Beatles' songs continue to stand the test of time. The group's contribution to the history of 20th century popular music remains unprecedented and unchallenged. Join Dulais Rhys as he delves into the quality, variety and longevity of Beatles music. The program, *The Beatles and Their Songs: A Musical Revolution*, will be presented on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 2pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

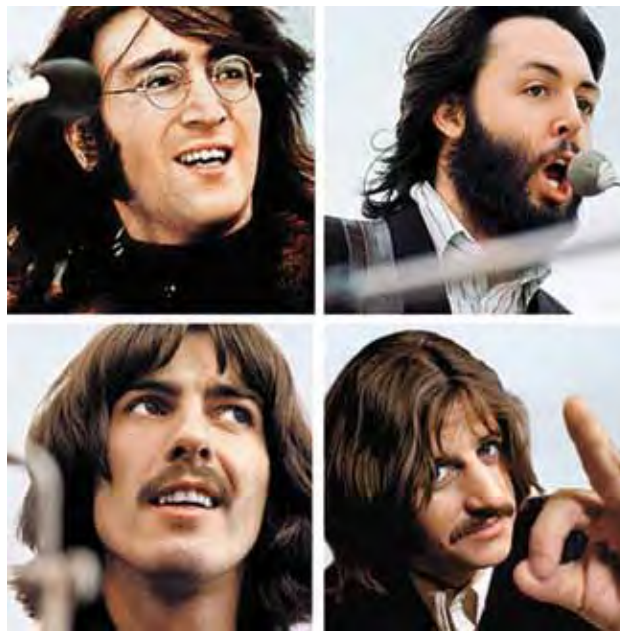
Dulais Rhys is a professional musician based in San Francisco. He holds Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in music from the University of Wales as well as several teaching diplomas. He also studied Composition, Conducting and Electronic Music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, MD. His book *To Philadelphia and Back: The Life and Music of Jo-*



Top photo is of the Beatles at the start of their career; the lower photo later in the recording career.

seph Parry was published in 2010. His presentation on *The Beatles* outlines the history of the group's formation and focuses on their songs, influences, form, stylistic development and legacy. The talk includes musical examples and audience interaction—singing along is encouraged.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).



## Winter Faire at Alviso Adobe Community Park



Alviso Adobe

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department will host a Winter Faire at Alviso Adobe Community Park for families on Saturday, December 21, 2013 in two sessions. Children ages 5 to 12 can celebrate winter and the holiday season as they make natural holiday wreaths and old-fashioned ornaments as gifts for friends and family.

Participants will decorate the park with winter treats for the animals. Light refreshments will be provided. Another highlight of the event will be pictures with Santa Claus.

The Winter Faire is one of many Family Fun events scheduled in Pleasanton throughout the year, and parents are always invited to attend at no charge. The Winter Faire is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 21, and again from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon on that same day. The cost is \$15 for Pleasanton residents and \$18 for non-residents.

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James Garner as Johnny Cash

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Garner will again recreate Johnny Cash's unique and memorable sound and style in a show of signature classics like Ring of Fire, I Walk the Line and A Boy Named Sue, as well as seasonal favorites from Cash's numerous Christmas albums from 1963

through 1991. The show has sold out each season at the Firehouse Arts Center as part of the hugely popular Cabaret Series at the Firehouse, which is presented by Esses Productions.

Steven Shore of Esses Productions notes that James Garner "is not a Johnny Cash 'impersonator.' He is very much his own performer with his own talent and his own presence. Garner also happens to be a huge Johnny Cash fan, and his tribute show is a classy and authentic production honoring the music of the legendary 'Man in Black'."

Garner and his band perform Cash's music, combining it with historical accounts and personal anecdotes about one of America's most beloved singing storytellers.

This special Christmas production will again feature Garner's band, the Tennessee Three, who recreate those iconic recordings and Cash's unique style and boom-chicka-boom arrangements.

Early ticket purchase is recommended, as all previous engagements for James Garner have been sell-outs.

Tickets: \$15, \$20 and \$25; child, senior, and group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



Nancy and Gary Harrington lead artwalk in Pleasanton.

## Final Art Walk of Season Set for Saturday

This Saturday, December 14, marks the second anniversary that Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead art enthusiasts on an art walk and talk. Frequent stops at sculptures and murals are provided to hear stories and admire each piece of Public Art. This free Southern art walk leaves from the Pleasanton City Council chambers parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, near the library, at 9:00am. Allow about 2 hours for the walk.

This Southern Pleas-

anton Saturday Art Walk includes public and private art at the library, city hall, Civic Park, Centennial Park and three business locations. This is the last of the Harrington's four-month Art Walk series. The next Art Walk series will begin in March 2014, featuring a new mural on Main Street and possibly a new sculpture.

Fourteen sculptures have been donated by the Harringtons and through Another H.A.P.P.Y. (Another

Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You). This Saturday, learn about this art partnership and how businesses, clubs, organizations, and individuals can assist in bringing more Public Art to Pleasanton. Free Pleasanton Art Walk brochures with maps showing the location of artwork will be distributed.

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## Legendary Blues Rock of Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings will Launch Annual New Year's Eve Celebration at the Bankhead Theater

Modern master of the slide guitar Roy Rogers and his band The Delta Rhythm Kings will provide an electrifying start to the annual LVPAC New Year's Eve Celebration at the Bankhead Theater. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013. It will include a complimentary champagne and dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater lobby immediately following the performance.

Over the past five years, LVPAC's combination of world-class music with a post-show reception has become a local New Year's Eve tradition. For those interested in making the celebration complete, LVPAC has collaborated with local businesses to offer a special comprehensive "Sparkling New Year's Eve Package" for two that adds a luxurious dinner before the show, overnight accommodations at a local hotel, and other amenities.

Called "one of the rare guitar heroes who values feeling over flash" by Rolling Stone magazine, Roy Rogers has thrilled audiences worldwide with his live performances and eclectic mix of modern blues, traditional Americana and roots music. A California native, Rogers grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and started playing guitar at age 12. Although introduced to a wealth of musical styles, he developed a particular passion for the Delta Blues of Robert Johnson. In the 1980s, Rogers toured with John Lee Hooker's Coast to Coast Blues Band, as

well as launched his own band, the Delta Rhythm Kings.

Rogers continually stretches the boundaries of the slide guitar, finding his own distinctive bridge between the traditional sounds of the Mississippi Delta and modern day rock and roll. With eight solo recordings and numerous collaborative albums, he has been nominated for two Grammy Awards and holds six Grammy credits for his work with John Lee Hooker and Ramblin' Jack Elliott. Rogers has been invited to appear at festivals around the world and his music has been featured in numerous film and television soundtracks.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve celebration with Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings are \$60 each and include the traditional champagne and dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater lobby immediately following the performance. The comprehensive "Sparkling New Year's Eve Package" includes a pair of tickets to the performance and post-show reception, preceded by a gourmet four-course dinner at Sanctuary Ultra Lounge across the street from the theater. Dinner includes a choice of appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert, as well as a bottle of Concannon Vineyard Merlot or Sauvignon Blanc, or two cocktails from Sanctuary's extensive list of specialty cocktails. The package also includes an overnight stay at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham (double occupancy)

with a complementary bottle of Livermore Valley wine and a hot buffet breakfast the next morning. A VIP coupon book for the nearby Livermore Premium Outlets and a wine tasting card for complimentary or discounted wine tastings at local wineries complete the package amenities. The two-person "Sparkling New Year's Eve Package," a \$434 value, is available on a limited basis for just \$299. For more information or to book the package call (925) 373-6800.

"New Year's Eve with Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings" will bring to a close a festive holiday season at the Bankhead Theater that has included Doo Wop holiday music, seasonal songs and love ballads from the WWII era, as well as exhilarating dance from classical ballet to Mexican folklorico. Leading off the Bankhead Theater's 2014 performances will be the three-part harmonies of the Wailin' Jennys, whose mix of Americana, pop and traditional folk styles have won them fans across multiple genres. They will appear for a single performance on Saturday evening, January 11th at 8:00 p.m.

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addition to Sanctuary's comfortable lounge-style dining area in the front of the restaurant, an adjacent nightclub area in back offers live music and DJ dancing after 10 p.m. New Year's Reservation is at 6:00pm. For more information call 925-373-0521 or visit [www.sanctuaryultralounge.com](http://www.sanctuaryultralounge.com)

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The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets to performances may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by calling 373-6800.



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## Livermore Lioness Club Adopts Special Needs Family For the Holidays

The Livermore Lioness Club, the nonprofit sister club of the Livermore Lions, has announced a holiday fund-raiser for the Bronikowski - Stratton family. The Bronikowski - Strattons have three boys in their home - two of whom have Autism. Tomasz Bronikowski, the oldest of three boys in their blended family, age eight, has Mosaic Fragile X with non-verbal Autism, the most severe form of Autism.

He recently rejoined his father from Oklahoma where he was not receiving the type of care or therapy he requires. Unable to feed himself or communicate his basic needs, such as bathroom use, hunger or thirst, the family is seeking help to obtain an Apple iPad and the applications that will enable Tomasz to communicate with the rest of the world. Apple I Pads run about 399.00 and the Autism applications run from .99 - 299.00.

Benjamyn Stratton is six and he has a different form of Autism known as Pervasive Developmental Disorder and ADHD. Benjamyn would benefit from a larger tablet and different applications for his therapy. Any larger tablet would work and applications for his therapy work on all brands.

Parents Tomasz Bronikowski and Heather Stratton feel the whole family would benefit from therapy, which they have been unable to access and are also seeking a support group in the Livermore area. Stratton can be reached at [intelligiblefam@gmail.com](mailto:intelligiblefam@gmail.com) if anyone has information on either local therapy or support groups.

The family's long term goal is to bring home ten year old Lucas, the oldest Bronikowski son. He currently lives with his grandparents in Poland.

The Livermore Lioness Club is asking for community help for this deserving family. Tax deductible donations can be made directly to the following locations: Bank of the West Heather Stratton Account, 2287 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550; Lioness Anita Pasch, 1160 Apache Street, Livermore, CA 94551; or Lioness Betty Harvey, 828 Olivina Ave. #1, Livermore, CA 94551,

All donations should note for the Heather Stratton Account.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

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June 10th, 7pm: Once described as one of the most charismatic rulers to sit on the English throne, King Henry VIII is known in modern times for his six marriages and his role in the separation of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. Frank Mullen, journalism teacher at the University of Nevada, portrays King Henry VIII.

An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen, Tuesday, July 8th, 7pm: Dr. Doris Dwyer takes the stage as Margaret Breen, a member of the ill-fated Donner Party. Breen joined the California wagon train of 81 pioneers who in 1846 found themselves trapped in the snow in the Sierra Nevada. Dr. Dwyer is a professor of history and humanities at Western Nevada College.

An Evening with Henry Ford, Tuesday, August 12th, 7pm: American cultural history professor Dr. Doug Mishler takes the stage as American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford. As Ford, Mishler will explore Ford's many sides including his support of welfare capitalism and his political positions during WWI and WWII.

An Evening with Architect Charles Huff, AIA: Architecture in Downtown Pleasanton, Tuesday, September 9th, 7pm: Join Pleasanton Architect Charles Huff in a presentation on the architecture of Historic Downtown Pleasanton. Huff will discuss the architecture, renovation, and restoration projects of key Pleasanton structures over the years. He will particularly address

the building at 603 Main Street, originally built in 1914 as Pleasanton's Town Hall, now home to Museum on Main.

An Evening with Albert Einstein, Tuesday, October 21st, 7pm: The season closes with Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson in a highly anticipated return performance to Pleasanton as Albert Einstein, the great scientific thinker who revolutionized physics.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Members, and \$3 Students/Teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call (925)462-2776.

## by Harry Stoll

On December 7, the tasting room for the Garagista winery Caddis opened. Winemaker Chris Sorensen, co-owns the winery with fiancée Courtney Garcia. The winery and tasting room are in the same tight space that incubated Cuda Ridge. It's located on Crane Ridge, next to Wood Family Vineyard.

For starters Sorensen is offering three wines: Chardonnay, Syrah, and a red blend. The prices range from \$26 to \$42 a bottle (less for wine club members) and are made from Livermore Valley grapes. In February, Caddis is to release a Cabernet Sauvignon, in May a Tempranillo, and a Zinfandel at a date TBD. He continues as the associate winemaker at Occasio, and is fastidious, even persnickety, as he goes about making his top shelf wines.

Sorensen is an avid fisher; Caddis is a fishing lure, modeled on the order Trichoptera. Their presence in a lake or stream indicates the water is pure. That's somehow fitting for Sorensen.

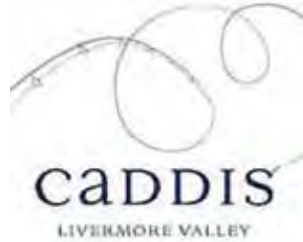
Waking up his dream was arduous: equipment to buy, a space to rent, state, federal, and local permits to obtain, and labels to design. Garcia designed the elegantly simple label that shows a bowed fishing rod with keepers for the line, then the line makes three

graceful loops with the Caddis lure on the end dap-ping and touching the top end of the 'S' of the word "CaD-DIS," (with the 'a' in lower case). It's a good look.

Sorensen says about Garcia, "She designed the label and all of our tasting sheets and has been involved in all aspects from picking to bottling."

Caddis is open for tasting by appointment once monthly and for special events. The reason for the limited hours is this is the garage for the owners of the residence on the large property. Parking for tasters is plentiful, although the walk may be a bit long for some, yet it's on level or gently sloping asphalt. The rear of the garage is taken up by the small winery. The room is too small for a forklift. He uses a barrel jack to move barrels around.

It was blustery and brrr on opening day but the tasting room was sheltered. A curtain on a rod across one side and the back can be pulled back, and a mobile wall moved to re-convert to original use. There was not a huge crowd, but visitors came steadily. At the entrance to the passageway leading to the



Garagista sat an old time press. For the opening the basket was filled with pointsettia and evergreen boughs. "That's the actual press

we use," said Sorensen.

A friendly crew of volunteers, smartly clad in CaDDIS shirts explained details about the grapes, the vineyard, the pressing, the aging, the pH, and whatever else you could possibly want to know about the wines. Here's what they said (not necessarily in this order or exact words), all of which proves to be accurate:

**2011 Caddis Chardonnay Livermore**

**Valley** (\$26, \$21 for club members). A refreshing Chardonnay with tropical aromas, please honeydew melon, fresh Kiwi fruit, and banana. You get citrus and bright fruit on the palate, with playing of herbal dill notes. This is a Chardonnay with a tremendous light toasty finish that hints of white pepper. It took to herb chicken.

**2010 Caddis Syrah Livermore Valley** (\$38, \$30 for club members).

Here ya got your bold, but not brutal, peppery Syrah. The nose knows blackberry, coffee, cinnamon, and spicy paprika. Velvet on the palate and finishes with crème brûlée for des-

sert. It asks for barbecued beef. It went like a horse and carriage and love and marriage with extra sharp cheddar from the North Coast laid on Melton's whole grain crackers.

**2010 Caddis Better Together Red Wine**

**California** (\$42, \$34 for club members) Wine-maker Chris Sorensen blended 50% syrah and 50% Cabernet to give us an Aussie style wine. You get a noseful of black cherry soda from the hangout of your youth, black electric currancy, and tobacco tamped in Grandpa's pipe. Ooo, this one's a rich Zaftig wine. It writes a love note with minerally chalk on your blackboard, Tom Thumb pulling out a plum and imports Madagascar nutmeg to finish it off. Got all that? Get all of it. This hearty one is for primed for prime rib.

Wine club members receive a 20% discount on purchases and free tastings. Winemaker Chris Sorensen brings 15 years of experience as a winemaker. He and Garcia are new to ownership of a winery but as a Garagista they should be able to drive it home. This guy is meticulous and artful, the dynamite combination for a successful endeavor. Caddis, remember the name, go to the place.

Caddis:

7878 Cedar Mountain Road, Unit B, Livermore; 925.895.6439



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Victorian Yuletide took place at Ravenswood Historic Site last Sunday. The 1890s Victorian home was decked out for the season. In the top photo Old St. Nicholas (Don Meeker) was available for children to tell him their wish lists. In the lower photo, a banjo band provided entertainment during the open house. Ravenswood, managed by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, is located on Arroyo Road.



## WILLIE WONKA

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tour the factory with the other children, all must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules or endure the consequences. Fun, fantasy and imagination abound, with wonderful life-lessons for all.

Dahl attended boarding school in England from age 13-16 where he was not considered even an adequate writer. Oddly enough, however, the Cadbury chocolate company, arguably the most famous chocolate bar manufacturer in England, would occasionally send boxes of new varieties of chocolates to the school to be tested by the pupils. Apparently Roald used to dream of inventing a new chocolate bar that would win the praise of Mr. Cadbury himself, which was the genesis of Dahl's inspiration for the wildly successful children's book he would eventually pen.

Lyrics and music for both the stage play and the Academy Award nominated film score are by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse. Memorable songs such as "Pure Imagination," "The Candy Man," "Think Positive," and "Oompa-Loompa-Doompadee-Doo" are just some of the familiar numbers in this production, which also includes several pieces written specifically for the stage version.

The huge cast, totaling 75 youth actors ages 7 to 17, is divided between two alternating groups, nicknamed the Lollipop Cast and the Gobstopper Cast. The actors are not only local Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin youth, but also come travel from San Ramon,

Danville, and Castro Valley to be in the production.

Willy Wonka Jr. marks the second production in the new collaboration between renowned Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) and the City of Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company.

BACT Wonka director Rachel Robinson explained, "Willy Wonka explores the endless possibility of an active imagination. It explores the idea that anything you dream is possible, as long as you have a strong moral compass to guide you. It is a fantastical story about candy dreams and thinking positive, but it also provides an interesting social commentary on indulgence and greed, as illustrated by the other Golden Ticket Winners - Augustus, Veruca, Violet, and Mike. Charlie, our hero, represents honesty and goodness, and ultimately succeeds on his magical journey through Wonka's factory. On top of that, I wanted to find a way to tie in the play's source material - Roald Dahl's book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'"

She continued, "Books are the ultimate gateway into the imagination, for the characters are merely words on a page until the reader opens the book and begins to paint pictures in his or her mind. Similarly, our play is just a script full of potential until the actors say the words out loud and bring the characters to life. The young actors are working hard and bringing tremendous energy to every rehearsal. Their talent and commitment are incredibly impressive, and it shows

in the work. I cannot wait to share these wonderful, multidimensional characters with our audiences."

Mark Duncanson, Civic Arts Stage Company coordinator and Senior Program Specialist with the City of Pleasanton, stated, "Once again, Civic Arts Stage Company is bringing out the kid in me. Willy Wonka is one of my childhood favorites. I can't wait to see our audiences experience Willy Wonka Junior at the Amador Theater. I was just watching the sets being loaded in and it energized me so much. I'm looking forward to taking my five-year-old son to a matinee performance."

Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; child or senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Special note: this production is presented at the Amador Theater venue, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

## Website Lists Top Holiday Light Displays

Lights of the Valley, now known as California Christmas Lights, offers the largest and most comprehensive collection of the best and brightest displays.

Listed on the site are 350 Houses (226 confirmed for 2013), in 115 Cities, in 34 Counties.

Livermore resident Alex Dourov created the website.

For information, go to [CaliforniaChristmasLights.com](http://CaliforniaChristmasLights.com)

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

**ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS**

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

**Remnants: Recent Works by California Fiber Artists.** New exhibition of eclectic and colorful two- and three-dimensional artwork created with a fusion of fiber and other materials using a wide variety of methods. 29 artists and over 60 works. November 6 through December 18 at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated.

**Landscapes, Peggy & Alan Frank**, paintings and photographs, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Nov. 13-Jan. 6.

**Artist Reception - Photography by Ian Danielson**, Sun., Dec. 15, 1 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery. Artwork will be on display in the tasting room through December. For more information call 925-456-2305. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**Holiday Boutique**, hosted by Livermore Art Association Gallery through Dec. 24th. Members of the Gallery and invited Artists and Crafters are offering fine art, gifts, and holiday decorations for sale. Join the Opening Celebration on Fri. and Sat., Dec 6th and 7th for door prizes and refreshments at the Gallery on 2155 3rd St. Livermore.

**"Where We Live,"** the beauty of the Livermore Valley, is the theme of an invitational art show at Prudential California Realty. Artists displaying work are Carolyn Ramsey, Nova Starling, Bette Goosman and John West. The show will be on display at the new office at 1983 Second Street through January 13, 2014. The public is invited to view the show during regular business hours or by appointment. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com.

**Just Add Water & Black on White**, art exhibition, Harrington Gallery,

Jan. 22-Feb. 22. Reception 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**MEETINGS/CLASSES**

**Weekend Workshop:** Figure Open Studio for Long Pose at the Figurehead Gallery: Saturday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Either Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord will be on hand to assist with the Long Pose Session. Fee: \$30. To register: <http://www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html>

**Classes at the Figurehead Gallery:** Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21 with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am -1 pm. \$30. Painting the Figure with a Limited Oil Palette, Weekend Workshop with Carolyn Lord, Sat., 1/11, 11 am-5 pm, Fee: \$150. Introduction to Figure Drawing, Level 1, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Mon., 1/20 - 3/31, 7-9 pm. (10 Lessons), No Prerequisite, Fee: \$250. Introduction to Figure Drawing, Level 2, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Mon., 1/20 - 3/31, 9-11 am (10 Lessons), Prerequisite Level 1, Fee: \$250. Intro to Perspective Drawing, Level 1, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Fri., 1/24 - 4/4, 7-9 pm (10 Lessons) No Prerequisite, Fee: \$250. Intro to Perspective Drawing, Level 2, Instructor: Carolyn Lord, Fri., 1/24 - 4/4, 9-11 am (10 Lessons) Prerequisite Level 1, Fee: \$250. Clothed Figure Drawing, Instructor: Ozell Hudson Jr., Tues., 1/14 - 2/11, 7-9 pm, (5 Lessons), Fee: \$125. Composition, Instructor: Ozell Hudson Jr., Wed., 1/15 - 2/12, 7-9 pm, (5 Lessons), Fee: \$125. Please register at [www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html](http://www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html) or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

**Show and Tell**, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at [danne\\_miller@att.net](mailto:danne_miller@att.net), or Linda Ryan at [\[formingarts.org\]\(http://formingarts.org\)  
\*\*ACC / Art Critique & Coffee\*\* meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:LRyan@Livermoreper-</a></p>
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**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

**Preschool Art classes:** Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Homeschool classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**Piano and keyboard lessons**, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League**, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your

work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

**WINERY EVENTS**

**Wine Wednesdays**, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Live music: Dec. 12, 6:30-9:30, Natalia Sings!; Dec. 13, 7-10 p.m., Tumbledown House; Dec. 14, 7-10 p.m., BoSco Duo; Dec. 17, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Dec. 18, 6-9 p.m., Jake Whitaker; Dec. 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings!; Dec. 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Andy Joe Stewart; Dec. 21, 2013 Guitar Fest LIVE singer-songwriter competition winner Chris Lebel; Dec. 26, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings!; Dec. 17, 7-10 p.m., Tommy G & Dueling Guitars!; Dec. 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Toucan Jam; Dec. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to Jan. 1, midnight, New Year's Eve Party featuring Joey T; Jan. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Natalia Sings!; Jan. 3, 7-10 p.m., Better Days; Jan. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Toucan Jam. 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656.

**"Make a Difference This Holiday Season" party kick off.** The Winemaker's Pour House would like to team up with the Livermore community to help bring warmth to those in need. The Livermore Homeless Refuge is in need of 29 sets of thermal underwear for its guests. You can help by coming in and choosing an ornament on a Holiday Tree on Dec. 11, 2013. Each ornament will contain a name and size for thermal underwear. Return the thermal underwear with the ornament on or before, Dec. 20, 2013 and receive

a \$5 gift card to be used on the next visit to the Winemaker's Pour House. Only 29 ornaments are available. A donation jar available. Live music and raffle prizes. Come on out and celebrate the season. 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656.

**MUSIC/CONCERTS**

**Blacksmith Square**, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/ on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**Happy Holidays Musical Revue**, Dec. 6-22, San Ramon Community Theater production. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Instrumental Concert**, Las Positas College orchestra and wind ensemble, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets [www.brownpapertickers.com](http://www.brownpapertickers.com) or 1-800-838-3006.

**December People: A big helping of Holiday Spirit ala Rock 'n' Roll** for the whole family! Classic rock, classic Christmas... familiar yet totally unique. This high-powered quintet performs holiday song favorites in the styles of all the top bands of our time, including Santana, The Who, Led Zeppelin, ZZ Top, U2, Queen, and Sting to name just a few. The band members put on these amazing holiday shows each year to benefit local food banks, and ask ticket holders to bring food donations to the concerts. The Firehouse shows will benefit Open Heart Kitchen. Two shows only: Friday December 13, and Saturday December 14, at 8:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$30-\$40 available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center.

**Jazz Night Concert**, Las Positas College instrumental jazz, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets [www.brownpapertickers.com](http://www.brownpapertickers.com) or 1-800-838-3006.

**The Beatles and Their Songs: A Musical Revolution**, Dec. 15, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So.

Livermore Ave. Dulais Rhys delves into the quality, variety, and the longevity of the Beatles' music. His presentation on The Beatles outlines the history of the group's formation and focuses on their songs, influences, form, stylistic development and legacy. The talk includes musical examples and audience interaction—singing along is encouraged. 925-373-5500.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band**, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Horns for the Holidays. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**A Cash Country Christmas:** Holiday tribute to the songs of Johnny Cash. A holiday-flavored production featuring James Garner and his long-time backing band The Tennessee Three. Saturday, December 21 for two shows: 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25; child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**New Year's Eve Party**, Tues., Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Master slide guitarist Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings deliver a night of contemporary blues, Americana and roots music, followed by a festive reception in the theater lobby. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Happy Birthday Elvis!** With Jim Anderson & The Rebels, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Ricky Nelson Remembered** Featuring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson. Jan. 10, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**The Special Consensus**, bluegrass, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Wailin' Jennys**, folk harmonies. Sat., Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Wyrick Chamber Players**, San Francisco Symphony family quartet, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Upright Citizens Brigade Touring**

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**Company**, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

## ON THE STAGE

**Willy Wonka Jr.** at the historic Amador Theater. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man Willy Wonka, plucky youngster Charlie, his beloved grandfather, and those crazy Oompah-Loompahs. This Broadway stage adaptation of Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory features all the colorful characters (plus a few more!) and wonderful songs from the classic family film. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre. Friday, December 13 and 20, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday December 14 and 21, 7:30 p.m.; and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays December 14, 15, 21, 22. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

**A Year with Frog and Toad**, Bay Area Children's Theatre, Dec. 21 and 22 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Grace**, Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents Staged Reading of "GRACE" by Craig Wright, a darkly comic play about the changing nature of faith and belief. The fifth DMT Bare Bones series in the 2013-2014 season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. Jan. 7, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**The Matchmaker**, Role Players Ensemble, Jan. 17-Feb. 8. Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. <http://roleplayersensemble.com/>

**The Drowsy Chaperone**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Jan. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; and Feb. 1, 2014. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**A Chorus Line**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, Jan. 24-Feb. 9 Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## COMEDY

**Big Fat Year End Comedy XXI**, 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Colin Quinn, 'Unconstitutional'**, Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## MOVIES

**Classic Films at the Pleasanton Library**, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

## DANCE

**Friday Evening Group Dance!** Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

**The Nutcracker**, Valley Dance Theater production, full-length ballet, accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Dec. 14, 15, 20, 21, 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**2013 "Handel's Messiah Ballet,"** Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. The Grand Theatre, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy \$20-\$40, Tickets at (209) 831-6858 or online [www.atthegrand.org](http://www.atthegrand.org). Presented by Anastasis Ballet Company. Classical ballet and excerpts from Messiah are paired for a holiday performance. For more information, please visit [www.anastasisballet.org](http://www.anastasisballet.org) or contact us at [info@anastasisballet.org](mailto:info@anastasisballet.org).

**Livermore School of Dance presents "Steppin' Up"** performed by the Jazz, Tap & Hip Hop Companies. 2 and 7 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Proceeds will benefit Sleep Train Foster Care children and families. The performance will have a fusion of four dif-

ferent acts: Broadway Tribute, Salsa Fever, Urban Funk, and a piece dedicated to the children. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Auditions for the Sunol Repertory Theatre** 2014 Production of "Hotel Escargot" are December 10th at the Sunol Glen School Auditorium 11601 Main St. Sunol. Rehearsals Tuesday & Thursday Evenings January and February 7-9pm. Performances are March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. Directors are Diane Tiessen & Klay Kunkel. Contact Producer Grare Davis at [raregrare@gmail.com](mailto:raregrare@gmail.com) for more information.

## CHORAL

**Cantabella Children's Chorus, Winter Concert**, Noel Nouvelet. Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 and 4:00 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Repertoire includes classical seasonal favorites sung in English, French, Latin, Spanish, Basque, Hebrew, German and Ukrainian, and less familiar ones by composers such as Eleanor Daley, Nikolai Kachanov, Javier Busto and Bardos Lajos. Audience participation. Tickets are \$7-\$20. Children 11 and under are free (limit 2 per accompanied adult). For information and tickets, go to [Cantabella.org/tickets](http://Cantabella.org/tickets).

**Valley Concert Chorale: Winter Wonderland**, two performances. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton and 3 p.m. Dec. 15, First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org)

**Broadway Chorus**, Sings Your Favorites, Jan. 10, 11, 12, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre community chorus. Tickets 462-2121.

## OPERA

**22nd Anniversary Celebration, Livermore Valley Opera**, January 25, 5 p.m. Ruby Hill Golf Club, Pleasanton. Formal concert followed by dinner and an auction. Black-tie optional. [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) or 960-9210.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and

trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**Journey to Living Bethlehem**,

Thurs.-Mon., Dec. 12-16. Adjacent to St. Michaels School, corner of Third and Church St., Livermore. 6 to 9 p.m. Repeats every 30 minutes. Free admission. More <https://www.facebook.com/LivingBethlehem> [journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com](mailto:journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com) or 510-377-9711

**Stories and speeches**, Las Positas College speech department, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Free admission. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

**Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 14, Shannon Community Center. Three seating times are available at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes with syrup, sausage, fruit and juice or coffee. Proceeds from this event directly benefit the Dublin High School Irish Guard Band. Photos with Santa will also be available. For

more information and to purchase tickets, call (925) 556-4500. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us).

**Holiday "Posada" Celebration**, presented by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association, Sunday evening, December 15th, 7 - 8 pm, at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 301 Main Street, Pleasanton. Re-enactment by Pleasanton elementary school children of Joseph and Mary's quest for lodging for their newborn child, holiday music and carols. Mexican desserts will be served. Games and treats for the kids are planned. This celebration is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Jorge at 989-6882 or Rita at 249-1885.

**An Evening with Mark Twain**, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3

students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

**Mike Montemerlo**, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 28: Google Self-Driving Car Project - A Glimpse of the Future. Mike Montemerlo is a Staff Software Engineer at Google working on self-driving cars. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical/Computer Engineering and PhD in Robotics from Carnegie Mellon University. \$30, \$15 for students 21 and under. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## VFW to Hold Holiday Dance

The VFW Holiday Dance will be held on Fri., Dec. 13 at the Veterans Hall in downtown Pleasanton.

VFW Post 6298 will host the event that features the Melotones Combo playing music from the 1930s, 40s and 50s for listening and dancing.

The festivities begin at 7 p.m. Entrance fee and drinks are \$10. Good will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will help needy veterans and their families.

Tickets and information are available at [josephlb@att.net](mailto:josephlb@att.net) or 443-2224; [bobolness2@gmail.com](mailto:bobolness2@gmail.com) or 443-2245.

The Veterans Hall is located at 301 Main Street.

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# Milestones

## Community

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Alameda County Fire Chief Announces His Retirement

Alameda County Fire Chief Demetrious Shaffer advised the Board of Supervisors that he plans to retire at the end of this year to spend time with his family.

He was appointed as County Fire Chief in December 2012 after serving as the Interim Fire Chief for 6 months. Chief Shaffer began his career as a firefighter

in Mountain View and was appointed Fire Chief for the City of Newark in 2005. He joined Alameda County when the City of Newark began contracting with the County for fire services in 2010.

The County Fire Department now serves unincorporated Alameda County as well as the cities of Dublin,

Emeryville, Newark, San Leandro, and Union City and the Lawrence Berkeley and Livermore laboratories.

Chief Shaffer has successfully led the department over the last 18 months during challenging financial times and has been integral to the consolidation efforts aimed at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery

of fire services.

Board President Keith Carson said, "The Board of Supervisors extends its sincere appreciation to Chief Shaffer for his vision, leadership and professionalism. He will be missed as a key member of the County's executive leadership team and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

### Hope Hospice Names New Associate Medical Director

Hope Hospice has appointed Jatinder Pal Singh Marwaha, MD, FACP, associate medical director. Dr. Marwaha will work with a variety of hospice team members including registered nurses, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists and

volunteers to ensure care that covers all aspects of a patient's life.

"Dr. Marwaha is very committed to the concept of palliative care and hospice," says Peter Wong, MD, Hope Hospice's chief medical officer. "He joins our other associate medical directors

Michael Abdel-Malek, MD; and Kuljeet Multani, MD, to provide symptom care to our patients and help improve their quality of life."

Board certified in internal medicine, hospice, palliative care and sleep medicine, Dr. Marwaha is currently

a hospitalist at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. He has hospital privileges there and at ValleyCare Medical Center.

Learn more about Hope Hospice services at [hope-hospice.com](http://hope-hospice.com) or contact us at (925) 829-8770.

### November Teen Poet of the Month Selected

Livermore High School student Emma Baier has been selected as the November teen poet of the month for her poem "Gratitude."

I am so grateful and so blessed  
With everything that I adore  
I remember when distressed  
The things that I am thankful for  
I'm grateful for my family  
And friends that make me smile  
Even when I gripe unhappily  
They love me all the while  
My music gets me through the day  
It meets my every mood  
I love my television  
With Sherlock and the Ood  
I'm happy for the weekend  
And the energy from sleep  
The food that keeps me going

And the company I keep  
Books open up my mind  
And I'm happy in my reverie  
I love most every genre  
From sci-fi into mystery  
Although it's somewhat basic  
I'm thankful for my health  
My home and loving pets  
And first-world country's wealth  
I am so grateful and so blessed  
With all of these and so much more  
I remember when distressed  
The things that I am thankful for

The contest is sponsored by Livermore Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn. Theme for December will be relationships. Entries are due by Dec. 25. Poem should be 30 lines or less. Send entries to [livermorepoetry@gmail.com](mailto:livermorepoetry@gmail.com)

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com). Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**Depression Support Group.** Discussion includes: What is happening to your body; how to combat the imbalance; things you can do to help yourself. Sessions will begin January, 2014, in Livermore and space is limited. Meetings run from 1-2 hours, twice a month (group will be closed after 2nd meeting). To reserve a space or for more information email [depart14@comcast.net](mailto:depart14@comcast.net).

**Holiday Boutique.** Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association annual event will be held on Dec. 14th at the Veterans Building located at the corner of South "L" and 5th Streets, Livermore. The time of the boutique is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The snack bar will be run by members of the Los Positas College Veterans First Program. All proceeds from this boutique goes to help the Veterans.

**59th annual Crab Feed,** Livermore Rotary Club, Friday, January 31, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music by the Gabe Duffin Band Tickets \$45 per person. Please call for special pricing for groups of 8 to 10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck (925) 447-4300.

**Holiday "Posada" Celebration,** presented by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association, Sunday evening, December 15th, 7 - 8 pm, at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 301 Main Street, Pleasanton. Re-enactment by Pleasanton elementary school children of Joseph and Mary's quest for lodging for their newborn child, holiday music and carols. Mexican desserts will be served. Games and treats for the kids are planned. This celebration is free and open to the community. For more information, contact Jorge at 989-6882 or Rita at 249-1885.

**Holiday Giving Tree,** lobby of the Livermore Police Department, located at 1110 S. Livermore Avenue through Friday, December 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Select a tag and purchase the item(s) on the tag. Bring the item(s) to the Police Station and place them in the large "chimney" box in the lobby with the tag attached. CPAAA volunteers will then wrap all of the collected gifts and donations deliver them to the recipients shortly before Christmas. Project of the Livermore Police Department Citizen's Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Police Department. Any questions about the Giving Tree Program can be directed to Nicole Agnon.

**Beginner internet and e-mail classes.** Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Pleasanton Library, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Lusklin at 925/931-3400 ext. 4 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

**Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes.** 7 week series teaches how to

manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer all questions about living with diabetes. Saturdays January 11 through February 22, 9:30-11:30, Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club,** meeting Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. A potluck dinner will precede the meeting. Dan Baldwin, who earned degrees in entomology and viticulture will discuss "Growing Grapes for the Home Gardener." He is a lecturer, wine tour director, and producer of San Francisco Bay Wine. A white elephant sale of slightly used Christmas items will be held. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812.

**Democratic Clubs Annual Seasonal Party & Potluck,** 6:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 14. Sponsored by several clubs, this is an opportunity to meet elected officials and candidates as well as other Democrats. IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

**Understanding Medicare Options,** Dec. 13, 1 p.m. California's Coordinated Care Initiative, presented by Kelly Harp, continuing education coordinator. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. 373-5700 for reservations.

**ClutterLess (CL),** ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. special open Speaker Meeting, December 16. Laurie Broacha, a professional Organizer who also helps with implementing a realistic strategy for future maintenance, will talk about "Creating Peaceful Places from Cluttered Spaces." Meeting 7 p.m. Regular meetings Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Catholic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org). No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA,** Happy hour in Pleasanton, Dec. 19, 5 p.m., RSVP by Dec. 17 to Marge, 828-6124. Early dinner in San Ramon, Dec. 31, 3 p.m., RSVP to Janet by Dec. 28 at 443-3317.

**Birthright of Livermore needs volunteers:** Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Service in Livermore is looking for substitute office volunteers, board members, computer tech and website assistance. A grant writer, a CPA to review the books annually & assist with tax forms, a fund-raising chairman, publicity/advertising chairman and an administrative secretary are also needed. Office is open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 pm and Th eve. 6-9 pm. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities please call John M. Kupski evenings at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 pm at Birthright office 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Those in need of services, please visit the Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887 during business hours. The 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. Please see our website at [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org) for more information. All Birthright services are free and confidential.

**Depression and Bipolar Support**

# BULLETIN BOARD

**Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton**, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at [www.dbsalliance.org/](http://www.dbsalliance.org/) pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

**Crab Feed**, benefit for St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO basketball. Sat., Jan. 25, Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindberg Ave., Livermore, 6 p.m. to midnight. All you can eat crab or chicken, pasta, salad, bread. Raffle prizes. Tickets \$40, at [www.smccyo.org](http://www.smccyo.org). Additional information at [njfromindy@yahoo.com](mailto:njfromindy@yahoo.com) or 216-2519.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace**. Since our involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan began 12 years ago, almost 7,000 American men and women have been killed, as well as hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, including children. Many of us feel that it is time to bring our troops home. Additionally, we oppose involvement in Syria except to provide humanitarian aid. Those who want peace, not war, are invited to join vigils the second Wednesday of each month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, at 7 PM. Please call (925) 462-7495 with questions.

**Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store**, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. Shepherd's Gate Holiday Food and Toy Drive 2013. For more information visit [www.shepgate.org/holiday](http://www.shepgate.org/holiday)

**Writing Club for Young Adults** led by published young adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free. No registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

**Arthritis/Chronic Pain Support Group**, Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Information, contact Barbara 503-449-3861, or email [btrey@gmail.com](mailto:btrey@gmail.com). Free will donations accepted toward room rent.

**Tri-Valley**, offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 PM, on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at [katiestрубе@comcast.net](mailto:katiestрубе@comcast.net).

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club**, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit [www.PleasantonNewcomers.com](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com)

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior

centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)**, Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: [glorios4@comcast.net](mailto:glorios4@comcast.net)

**Tri-Valley Haven** is offering a sexual assault support group for survivors of sexual assault on Fridays at 1 pm at their Livermore community building. The group will help survivors gain further knowledge and understanding of the effects of sexual assault and help them find support in a safe and confidential environment. This group aims to support each participant by creating an empowering atmosphere where participants can learn new coping skills. To sign up for the SA Group or for additional information, please call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven: 925-667-2707.

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925-443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**VFW Post 7265, Livermore**, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Please contact [PMFSG.ca@gmail.com](mailto:PMFSG.ca@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

**Free counseling on job search skills and resume writing** is now available at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Ber-

nal Ave. Sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20 minute consultation. Receive help with resume writing, find employment web sites, learn how to search for a job on the web, and get help with on-line applications. The Pleasanton Library has extensive support material available to assist job seekers. For appointments call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400. Library programs are free and open to everyone.

**Livermore Military Families**, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information please call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email [livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com](mailto:livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com).

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or [www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org)

**Congregation Beth Emek**, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations ([csjo.org](http://csjo.org)). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, meetings Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org).

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church**, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

**United Christian Church**, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday; Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermoresda.org/](http://www.livermoresda.org/) All are welcome.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**Trinity**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://www.trinitylivermore.org).

**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scala at 447-9800.

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ** at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church**, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email

[pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) for more info.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, 447-433.3 [www.trivalleychurch.org](http://www.trivalleychurch.org). Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

**Holiday Theme**, Unity of Tri-Valley: "Mystics, Master, Saints & Sages." Dec. 15th sermon will be "Visionary Seers: Sri Auribindo and Charles Fillmore." Dec. 22nd: "Trinity of Transformation: Jesus, Mary and Joseph." Dec. 29th: "Into the Silence: Sally Kempton and Myrtle Fillmore." Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24, 6 pm. Services held at 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley (just over the Pleasanton border), 10 a.m. Sundays. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. All are welcome!

**Bethel Family Christian Center**, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

**Lynwood United Methodist Church**, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am. Christmas Sunday with orchestra Dec. 22; Christmas Eve Dec. 24, 5:00pm (families), 7:30pm & 9:00pm (traditional). All welcome, Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, Pastor. [www.lynnewood.org](http://www.lynnewood.org), 925 846-0221 (across from the aquatic center, parking behind church).

**Centerpointe Church**, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org) 925-846-4436.

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

**St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church** (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat**, an informal gathering to discuss ideas, 10:45 a.m. at Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "What will happen to Jews in the United States over the next 25 years?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for December 15, January 5 and February 2 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.


**Healing journey after death of a loved one**. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. December 12 and 26, 2013, January 9 and 23, February 13 and 27, 2014. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

**Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP)**, Christmas Concert, Fri., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Information at 474-2776.

**Festival of Carols**, Centerpointe Church choir and musicians, Sunday, Dec. 8 in the worship center. Performances are at 4 and 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. Children are welcome and families are encouraged to attend and celebrate the Christmas season. 3410 Cornerstone Court. For more information, please see [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org).

**Eckankar**, "Understanding the Law of Love" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, December 15, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

**Lessons and Carols: an Evening of Choral Music and Readings**, Monday, December 16, 7:00PM St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore. Readings first used on Christmas Eve in 1880 in England; designed by the Bishop of Truro in Cornwall, England, to "keep his men out of the pubs!" All are invited to attend.



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# Milestones

## Community

### Lab Employee Named DOE Champion of the Minorities in Energy Initiative

Tony Baylis, director of the Office of Strategic Diversity Programs at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), was recently named as a Department of Energy (DOE) Champion of the Minorities in Energy Initiative by DOE Secretary Ernest Moniz during a forum at the White House.

"It was a privilege to take part in the White House forum. I am honored to have been selected as a champion for the Department of Energy's Minorities in Energy Initiative," Baylis said. "In this role, I hope to be a positive representative for DOE and LLNL in promoting this effort and in bringing awareness of STEM careers to minorities."

The White House forum on Minorities in Energy was co-hosted by the DOE, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Council for Environmental Quality and the White House Office of Public Engagement. The event schedule included guest speakers and panel discussions which covered a wide range of issues including increasing participation in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields by minorities and engaging communities in energy and climate issues.

Baylis and other senior-level leaders in industry, government, academia and nonprofits were acknowledged at the event as champions and ambassadors for

the Minorities in Energy Initiative. They were selected by the DOE because of their dedication to advancing underrepresented groups in the energy sector and to support their advancement into leadership positions.

In a memo to forum attendees, Moniz states: "The minorities in Energy Initiative will take an all-of-the-above approach to energy platforms regarding research, technology and policy driving our energy economy. Although Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans make up 24 percent of our workforce, they comprise only 9 percent of the STEM workforce. The department is committed to working with you to foster greater diversity and inclusion in the energy sector."

### Valley Humane Society Adds Two New Directors to Board

Valley Humane Society (VHS) has appointed Elisabeth Au-Yeung and Gina Piper to the board of directors.

Au-Yeung serves as vice president of marketing at Sensiba San Filippo LLP (SSF), a leading Northern California-based CPA and business consulting firm. She looks forward to working with the VHS board to leverage her more than 17 years of experience directing global and domestic marketing departments in such high-caliber companies as KPMG LLP, Deloitte Consulting, and PeopleSoft, and "contribute to this wonderful organization."

Au-Yeung and her family have lived in the Valley for

more than 10 years.

Piper is a successful realtor of more than 18 years and a Pleasanton native. She has served in multiple leadership roles, including President of the Valley Marketing Association, President of the Women's Council of Realtors, Director of the Bay East Association of Realtors, and Director of the California Association of Realtors. She currently volunteers as a member of the City of Pleasanton Economic Vitality Committee, a board member of Pleasanton Rotary North.

She is creator of the local Facebook page "Living in Pleasanton." Giving back to the community which has given her so much is

important to her.

Au-Yeung and Piper join a board of Tri-Valley professionals and animal lovers, including board chair Pamela Ott, the City of Pleasanton's Economic Development Director; treasurer Scott Paull, Senior Vice President of global supply chain and corporate operations at KLA Tencor; secretary Phillip Vermont, partner at Randick, O'Dea & Tooliatos LLP; and executive committee officer Lisa Hazlewood, Senior Manager of Human Resources at Equinix, Inc.

For more information about Valley Humane Society leadership, please visit [valleyhumane.org/aboutvhs/board-of-directors](http://valleyhumane.org/aboutvhs/board-of-directors).

## Education

### Livermore School District Trustee Named to the Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association

Anne White, long-time Livermore School District trustee, has been named to the Board of Directors of the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The delegates from Region 7, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, proposed White for this post. The Delegate Assembly, representing districts from throughout California, adopted her selection at the semi-annual meeting in San Diego. Duties of the Board of Directors include oversight of the corporation, providing strategic direction

for the future and assuring focus on the mission of CSBA.

The California School Boards Association is the professional organization of the more than five thousand trustees of local California school districts and county boards of education. CSBA is a lead advocate on all issues affecting K-12 education and California's children. School trustees are elected officials specifically concerned with our children's needs. Further, CSBA provides professional

development for both newly elected and veteran trustees through workshops, webinars and its Masters in Governance program. CSBA works for a California where "the futures of all children are driven by their aspirations, not bounded by their circumstances."

Within CSBA, White has been a member and chair of the Nominating Committee, the Legislation Committee and a member of the Education Legal Alliance steering committee. She has led Livermore teams in high-

lighting local successes to audiences at CSBA and National School Boards Association (NSBA) conferences and at the Unity Conference held by the California Latino School Boards Association in partnership with the Black Caucus of CSBA.

In Livermore, White has worked on nearly all District committees. Her current assignments include the Dual Immersion Task Force, the High School Graduation Requirement Committee and the Policy Committee.

She also attends meetings of the Tri-Valley Education Collaborative – Career Tech and represents Livermore at the Alameda County School Boards Association.

Statewide, White has been a member of Instructional Materials Advisory Panels (IMAPs) in all four core contents areas: Math, English Language Arts, History/Social Studies, and Science as well as world languages – German. IMAPs review publisher submitted materials and advise the

Curriculum Commission and the State Board of Education on their adoption. She also led a panel charged with reviewing middle school social science materials for their "Social and Legal Compliance." White served as a member of an Alameda County led Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative Steering Committee. She was awarded the "Juanita Haugen – Women Making a Difference Award, Leadership and Education" by California Women Lead.