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 Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Officials Call for Broader, Updated Look At Safeguarding Altamont Raptors

Alameda County zoning officials are calling for a broader view that would help to determine how Altamont bird deaths from wind turbine towers will be evaluated and how new solutions can be recommended. The call came from Larry Gosselin and Jon Harvey, members of the three-person East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA), which met Dec. 19 in Pleas-

anton. The BZA conducted a public hearing on a draft EIR for a proposal by Sand Hill Wind Inc. to replace 79 conventional turbines with 40 newly designed "shrouded" wind turbines. Draft EIR comments closed Dec. 23. The applicant did not speak at the meeting. However, Peter Pawlowski, director of business development for Ogin, which created the

shrouded turbines, said that the firm's product will help reduce raptor deaths in the Altamont. Ogin's brand-new turbine design is based on principles used in the design of a jet-propulsion engine, but applied differently. The shroud comprises a dual-circle arrangement around the perimeter of the three-bladed mechanism. The design can double

the speed of the wind that blows into the blades, increasing power efficiency. That efficiency allows Ogin to build smaller towers than can deliver as many or more kilowatts than the competition. The towers are lower than 200 feet. By comparison, new conventional three-bladed towers currently installed in the Altamont are more than 400 feet tall. Be-

cause the towers are smaller, their blade sweep is smaller, which is important in saving birds. Ogin has installed one tower in Boston and one in southern California. The firm looks at the Altamont as an opportunity to obtain good statistical data in a much-studied area, said Pawlowski. A report on goals pro-

(See RAPTORS, page 5)

Man Found Dead in Dublin Puts Spotlight on Homeless Services

The death of a homeless man found in Dublin early on Dec. 7 puts a local focus on the plight of homeless people who are unable to find shelter on cold nights in the Valley. Cause of the death has not been determined. However, in three other deaths of men found outdoors in San Jose and one in a Saratoga garage, the cause was attributed to hypothermia, which is the body's inability to stay warm enough to survive.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti told The Independent that whether the cause is determined to be from exposure to the cold, or cold was a contributing factor, or there was a different cause altogether, Sbranti said, "It's a tragedy."

Sbranti said that the city knows the number of homeless in Dublin is low. The city tries to inform them of services. Police officers on patrol have information about shelter, and they check on people known to be homeless who stay in a certain area.

The city won't take any initiative to provide an emergency shelter, but if churches were interested in joining together on their own, as has been done in Livermore, it could be something allowed by the city, said Sbranti.

Livermore is the location of long-term shelters, including services for battered women and mothers with children. There is only one day-to-day emergency shelter, the Livermore Homeless Refuge.

The Refuge is open only to Valley homeless, who must show some sort of identification. People formerly came from as far away as Manteca, San Jose and Oakland, but they did not follow the rules, said Bob McKenzie, who coordinates of the Refuge, with his wife, Donna.

"Our feeling was that most of them burned their bridges behind them. We were a new bridge (to them). They were disruptive drinkers and druggers. We don't want any part of that," said McKenzie.

The Refuge has a capacity of 30 people Mondays through Fridays. The venue rotates every three weeks between three churches.

Participating Mondays through Fridays are Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave.; Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 460 N. Livermore Ave.; and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St.

On Saturdays and Sundays, First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., (entrance on 4th Street) is host. It has capacity for 25 people.

The shelter is open between Nov. 1 and April 30 on nights when there is a 20 percent chance of rain, or the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees.

To learn the status of whether the Refuge will be open, people should call its hotline at 925-292-0265. There is also a web page, (See SERVICES, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Junction Avenue K-8 School to take action to help those in need.

Junction Students Lend a Helping Hand

By Carol Graham
 On November 2nd, a low-pressure system in the south Pacific began being monitored international-

ly. Not until six days later would the world learn what a menace it was to become. Moving westward, the system gained momentum

and a name: Haiyan, the Chinese word for petrel, a tube-nosed sea bird. (One species, the storm petrel, is so named because of the

belief that the birds' presence signals a coming storm.) On November 8th, before the sun had risen, Typhoon (See HELPING, page 12)

Layoff Verdict Favors LLNL

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has won the age discrimination phase of a lawsuit alleging that 130 Laboratory employees were laid off improperly in 2008.

In a verdict rendered last week in Alameda County Superior Court, a jury found that Laboratory managers had acted in good faith and followed their own policies and the law with regard to the ages of the laid off employees.

At least temporarily, the verdict creates a split decision in a complex lawsuit that was filed in 2009, coming as it does seven months after another jury awarded \$2.7 million to the same plaintiffs on the grounds that the layoffs violated their employment contracts.

Presiding Judge Robert Freedman of Alameda County Superior Court scheduled a hearing February (See VERDICT, page 4)

A Look Back at the First Six Months of 2013

During the first six months of 2013, Pleasanton elected a new city council member to fill the seat vacated when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor. Groups stepped up to try to stop co-

verting land in the Tesla area to off-road use. Livermore residents objected to future developments they said would remove open space, replace small businesses, and create traffic problems

and school overcrowding. **JANUARY 2013** Pleasanton Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum announced that she would seek election in May to the

Pleasanton City Council. The council seat opened when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor. Pleasanton ordinance requires an election to fill the seat. Narum served as treasurer for

Thorne's mayoral campaign. Nate Miley was sworn in as the Alameda County District 4 Supervisor. District 4 includes Pleasanton. (See 2013 ROUNDUP, page 2)

Dublin, Army to Partner On Military Museum

Dublin and the Army will create a military heritage center at the new main gate of Camp Parks off Dougherty Road at Mariposa Lane.

The City Council voted unanimously at its meeting Dec. 17 to enter the partnership. Money has been set aside in the city budget to hire a consultant, who will develop a collections policy

for the materials that Dublin retains on permanent loan from the Army.

The consultant also will determine opportunities for exhibiting the collection on a temporary, virtual and permanent basis. The study is expected to be finished by fall 2014.

The museum will occupy (See MUSEUM, page 2)

Changes in Ordinance Will Help Fill Wireless Coverage Gaps

The Pleasanton City Council approved changes in a citywide ordinance governing wireless carriers with the goal of improving cellular voice and data coverage throughout the city by expanding wireless carriers' ability to locate new facilities.

The problem is gaps in coverage.

The unanimous vote supported staff recommendations, with one exception.

Staff suggested retaining a 300 foot buffer around certain facilities and a 200 foot buffer from existing homes if a facility were on a water tank. The council disagreed and reduced the buffer area to 200 feet everywhere.

The motion was made by Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who stated, "Three hundred feet is an arbitrary number."

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked what standards were (See WIRELESS, page 4)

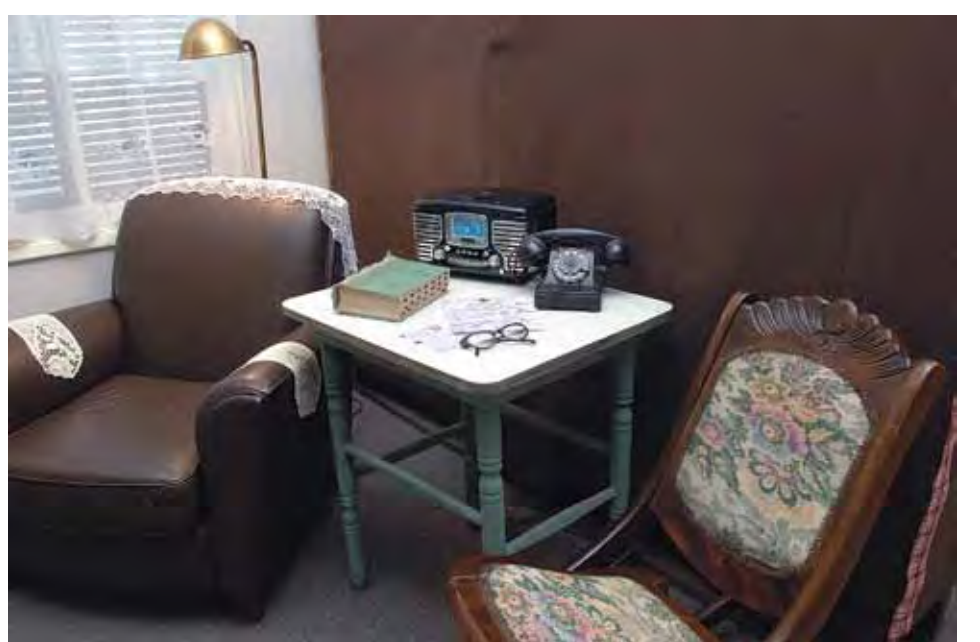


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Exhibit offers a look back in time.

Not Quite Home for the Holidays

By Carol Graham
 Seventy years ago, in 1943, Camp Parks celebrated its first Christmas.

The world was at war - the most widespread war in history, with more than 100 million people from over 30

countries serving in military units.

"To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected," said President Franklin D. Roosevelt. "This generation of Americans has a rendez-

vous with destiny."

Sprawling the length of what is now Dublin, Camp Parks had been commissioned in January, 1943. It was named after Rear Admiral Charles W. Parks (See EXHIBIT, page 2)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Kelly knows where the grass is greener, and the six-year-old Lhasa Apso-mix longs to run through it. This well-manicured pooch will easily cultivate your affection. Bring Kelly onto your turf today. Visit her at Valley Humane Society (VHS), Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday from 11 am - 2 pm, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

MUSEUM

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2400 square feet at the Camp Parks Visitors Center, where there will be parking available in a shared lot. There will be enough room for storage of the collection's items as well as their display.

The Army has granted Dublin a permanent loan of the materials associated with Camp Parks. The collection includes such items as a sailor's hammock, a "guard shack," a bed and night stand from the Camp Shoemaker hospital and photos, clippings and notebooks.

Camp Shoemaker was one of the installations at Camp Parks during World War II.

Dublin's official historian, Georgeanne Vonheeder Leopold, said that she is ecstatic about the prospect. The city had been planning to host the collection at a facility to be built in the future community park in Dublin Crossing, which is on land obtained from Camp Parks. However, the location at Camp Parks "is perfect," said Vonheeder Leopold. It will enable base visitors to see the collection, too.

Councilmembers said they were grateful to the Camp Parks commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Gerdes, for all of his help in making the partnership become a reality.

Councilmember Kevin Hart, who was stationed at Camp Parks at one time, called it a "fantastic opportunity." He added, "We have to get going on this."

Councilmember David Haubert said, "It is almost too good to be true. The base gives us the building. It perfectly fits our needs. We don't have to buy it from them." Dublin will have a place to store and display the collection of local military history. "Kudos to Commander Gerdes."

On another item, the council voted to opt out of phase 2 of StopWaste.org's mandatory recycling program. The city opted out of phase 1 earlier this year. The county StopWaste.org requirement would have

cities separate their recyclable and compostable materials from their garbage. Phase 1 applied to everyone, except multifamily units and certain businesses. Phase 2 would include them.

Staff recommended opting out, because the requirement could adversely affect trash collection rates already in place with the city's hauler. Further, Dublin has been using a "carrot" approach by encouraging businesses to recycle. The city's diversion rate for recyclables has been 75 percent, said staff.

Former Mayor Janet Lockhart, who had not planned to speak, told the council that she heard a lot about partnerships with the county when the councilmembers were paying tribute to city manager Joni Pattillo earlier in the meeting. Opting out sends the county the wrong message, she said.

Determining not to participate takes Dublin out of the discussion, but staying in it would give Dublin a chance to show leadership in StopWaste.org. Dublin could lead the organization in dealing with the strain that the policy can put on businesses, she said.

Vice-mayor Don Biddle, who is Dublin's representative to StopWaste.org, said that Dublin's rate structure is different from other cities. "In this case, it's appropriate to hold up on phase 2, because of it," said Biddle.

On the other hand, the council might discuss participation in Phase 1 in the spring, after talks with the trash hauler and the community, said Biddle.

"I understand that some things we want to be first on all the time, but because of the rate impact that it would have on businesses, this is the proper approach," said Biddle.

Pleasanton, Hayward, and six other jurisdictions besides Dublin have opted out on Phase 2, said a staff report.

2013 ROUNDUP

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It was Miley's fourth four year term.

Scott Haggerty was sworn in to serve his fifth four-year term on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley administered the oath of office in Dublin. Haggerty was unopposed in his reelection to a fifth term in June 2012, which became effective on January 1. Haggerty represents District 1 that includes the communities of Fremont, Livermore, Dublin and unincorporated areas of eastern Alameda County.

Alameda County Supervisors delayed a decision over a proposal to alter Measure D to double the permitted roof area over an outdoor horse facility. The delay was to allow time for county counsel to meet with a Sierra Club attorney over the issue. The supervisors initiated a process early in 2011 to double the Floor to Area Ratio (FAR) for outdoor horse arenas from .01 percent to .02 percent. Staff called the proposed change a technical one. Dick Schneider, co-author of Measure D, disagreed stating that the change is a substantive one, and therefore is required to go to the ballot for voter approval. He argued that if the county acted on its philosophy concerning a so-called technical change, other people would claim other changes as technical changes.

At the end of the first third of the Bankhead Theater's LVPAC Presents new 2012-13 season, the series of national and international performances was off to an exceptionally strong start. Of the 15 shows presented, more than half were sell-outs. Overall, the season, which began on September



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Bruce Campbell prepared to harvest produce grown at Fertile GroundWork's Garden of Grace. The garden, behind Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore, provides fresh organic produce to Open Heart Kitchen and other local food pantries. The garden also provides a variety of classes and hands-on learning activities and an opportunity for the community to volunteer and serve.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

An art show, "California: Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Life," featuring works of (from left to right) Mathew Nylander, William Hackett, and Engela Olivier-Wilson was displayed at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. While each piece was an individual work of art, they all worked together to create an environment. The pieces ran the gamut from photo realism to impressionistic paintings to abstract sculptures.

EXHIBIT

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who received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" during the first World War.

Camp Parks was originally home to the Navy Seabees - members of the United States Navy Construction Battalions (CBs or "Seabees"). Their work included building bases, bulldozing and paving roadways, and constructing airstrips and myriad other necessary military projects around the world.

"Keep Calm and Merry On: Holidays on the Homefront" is a free exhibit currently at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums highlighting the bittersweet holidays during wartime when goods were scarce but morale remained high. The exhibit features artifacts from Camp Parks, Camp Shoemaker and U.S. Naval Hospital Shoemaker, which was situated on what is now Emerald Glen Park. Together, the three bases were called Fleet City.

Fleet City was a home away from home for tens of thousands of Navy sailors, Marines, WAVES (Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service) and sometimes, their families.

While the war's main participants were in a state of "total war," putting their entire economic, industrial and scientific capabilities

behind their war efforts, distinctions between civilian and military resources were erased.

Even so, Christmas was recognized as a time when everyone, even if not especially service members, needed a little magic.

Many of Camp Park's service members were used to white Christmases, but the lack of snow in sunny California proved no great hindrance. With typical Seabee ingenuity - plus access to heavy trucks, lumber and white paint - they constructed an enormous, snow-covered Christmas tree, one that was featured on many holiday postcards.

A special "Christmas Frolics" stage show was presented in Camp Park's Main Theater at night, while free movies played daily at the base's two theaters. Religious services, including counseling, were offered with the base's single chapel originally housing all denominations before it was joined by other chapels. Christmas festivities included the Seabee's families, with visits and presents from Santa Claus. Families of Seabees returning from deployment were allowed to move to Camp Parks for 30 days. While it was assumed that the servicemen would redeploy quickly, that didn't always happen and many families stayed in the area.

Of special significance was, "A package of cigarettes and a cigar was given to each individual attending noon chow on Christmas Day."

The exhibit's name, "Keep Calm and Merry On," is a reference to "Keep Calm and Carry On," a saying on a 1939 British motivational poster intended to raise the public's morale in the aftermath of anticipated mass air attacks on major cities. The poster had only limited distribution with no public display, but was rediscovered in 2000 and has been widely displayed on a number of popular items including t-shirts, coffee mugs and iPhone cases.

The exhibit will run through January 12th. The ten-acre Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, located at 6600 Donlon Way, features the historic Kolb House and outbuildings, the 1856 Murray Schoolhouse (which houses a permanent exhibit on Dublin's history, including an informative and entertaining short film), the 1859 St. Raymond Church, and the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery. The picnic area and park are open to the public during daylight hours. The museums are open Wednesday through Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. They will be closed on New Year's Eve and Day.

1st recorded attendance at 84% of capacity through December 31, the highest level since the theater opened in 2007. Audiences have come from across the Bay Area

and beyond.

Tenants of two office parks housing small businesses in the South Livermore area were notified of plans to change the zoning

to allow for residential development on the Sunset Office Plaza and Livermore Financial Center. The Sunset Office Plaza, comprised of

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ten buildings on 14 acres, totaling 78,750 square feet, is sited at the corner of Holmes St. and Concannon Blvd. The 2.2-acre Livermore Financial Center is located on Catalina Court. Tenants responding by noting that the plan would seem to eliminate virtually all office space for the small businesses that are currently in residence on the south end of Livermore.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) approved an allocation of \$8.6 million in AB 1171 funds BART can use towards the completion of environmental documentation for an extension to Livermore. The proposed

project involves a 4.8 mile extension of the BART line from the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station within the I-580 Corridor Freeway alignment to a station in the vicinity of the I-580/Isabel Avenue Interchange.

Sandia's Chief Technology Officer Steve Rottler was named vice president of Sandia's California laboratory effective Feb. 1. He replaced Rick Stulen, who retired after 36 years at Sandia National Laboratories. In his new role, Rottler will lead Sandia's Energy, Climate, and Infrastructure Security Strategic Management Unit.

Dublin was one of only

three cities in Alameda County to receive an "A" on an American Lung Association (ALA) report card grading cities' efforts to control tobacco use. Livermore and Pleasanton each received a "D." The letter grades were taken from point scores that weighted the cities' overall performances in three categories: regulation of smoke-free outdoor air, requirements for landlords to create and permanently maintain non-smoking housing units, and ordinances that would reduce the sales of tobacco products.

A report prepared for Congress in December stated that the National Ignition Campaign (NIC) did not



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Revelers were decked out in bright colors for the New Orleans Bash held at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin's 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration featured a variety of activities. Green pancakes were served up at the annual Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast. At the breakfast (top photo), a young boy attempts to put a hat on his father. The festivities included a parade, Irish entertainment, craft and commercial vendors, a festival food court, carnival rides, an Irish Tea Cottage and the Shamrock 5K Fun Run.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Warm Clothing Sought

For those living on the street it is particularly hard to escape the frigid temperatures. The drop in the weather often results in death for many homeless individuals.

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking donations of new and clean gently used gloves, scarfs, hats, and coats for men, women, and children to distribute to the homeless residing in the Tri-Valley Area. Please drop off your donation at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore by 5pm on Monday, January 13, 2014.

The Homeless Winter Outreach Event will take place from 1pm-4pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Tri-Valley Haven Food Pantry located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore.

Last year, Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry served over 5,500 individuals, representing over 1,800 households throughout Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton.

Now in its fourth decade of service, Tri-Valley Haven provides vital shelter and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. For more information about the Haven please visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 449-5842.

Rangeland Summit

Karen Sweet, a member of the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition and a Livermore rancher, invited people interested in doing so to attend a rangeland summit.

The 9th Rangeland Summit will be January 21-22, 2014 in Oakdale. This is the largest rangeland conference in California. It gathers ranchers, academics, agency and organizational folks to discuss rangeland science, issues and ranching with the goal to enhance and conserve these important private rangelands and the industry that stewards them.

A rancher from Montana will discuss the Matador Ranch Grass Bank, and a

rancher from Colorado will share how the Mountain Plover changed his ranching operation. A tour, which is limited to first come, first served will continue the discussion from the first day with how three local ranches have faced the conversion issue and the opportunities and challenges the changing landscape has brought.

Registration for the summit can be completed at <http://ucanr.edu/2014summit>

DSRSD Elects Officers

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors has elected Georgan M. Vonheeder-Leopold as president and Edward R. Duarte as vice president for 2014. The five-member board also includes Directors Dawn L. Benson, Richard M. Halket, and D.L. (Pat) Howard.

Water Committee members Howard and Vonheeder-Leopold will serve as delegates to the board of the DSRSD-EBMUD Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) JPA, which produces and distributes recycled water for commercial irrigation through the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program. Howard and Vonheeder-Leopold also will liaise with Zone 7 Water Agency, the district's wholesale water supplier.

Wastewater Committee members Halket and Howard will serve as delegates to the board of the Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) JPA, which is comprised of DSRSD and the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. LAVWMA pipelines convey treated wastewater from the member agencies' treatment plants to a deep water outfall in the San Francisco Bay. Wastewater committee members also will liaise with the City of Pleasanton. DSRSD contracts with Pleasanton to treat that city's wastewater. External Affairs Committee members Benson and Duarte will liaise with the cities of Dublin, San Ramon, and Livermore; and as needed with school districts in Dublin, San Ramon, Pleasanton, and Livermore.

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<http://www.livermorehomelessrefuge.org/>, which indicates whether the Refuge will be open that night. The shelter was open 152 out of 180 days last year. "We had a run in December, January and February," said McKenzie.

A dinner is served at night, and a light breakfast in the morning, after people wake up at 6 a.m. People using the facility must show valid identification. They must also abide by the rules of courtesy and good behavior, as well as be drug-free

and sober.

Men and women are kept apart at the shelter. Typically on a night with 30 guests, five of them are women, said McKenzie.

Two volunteers are always on hand, splitting their time on shifts that cover the Refuge hours, from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. McKenzie said that he needs 56 volunteers to cover each week. Currently, the Refuge could use four or five people to help fill in scheduling holes that might develop.

McKenzie said that

Livermore police sometimes stop at places where homeless people congregate, and tell them about the night's location of the shelter, and may even give them a ride there.

Pleasanton city staff member Pam Deaton said that most homeless in the city are just passing through. It's rare to find someone to refer to the Livermore refuge. However, when police do identify someone, they can issue a taxi voucher or a paid bus ticket to get them to Livermore.

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EDITORIALS

Thanks Bob

Bob Baltzer, who died recently at the age of 85, is remembered as an advocate, a mentor and a friend.

He began speaking out on issues in 1994 in opposition to ValleyCare's proposed merger with the John Muir Medical Center.

That effort was followed by years of battles to preserve the environment. He was instrumental in the creation and preservation of Livermore's and Alameda County's urban growth boundaries, as well as establishment of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

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 was appreciated for the way he handled controversial issues in a calm, yet determined manner, presenting compelling, logical arguments in support of his views.

There was much more to Bob. For example, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who disagreed with him from time to time, counted him as a personal friend.

While he will be greatly missed as an individual, one has only to look around to enjoy the open space, vineyards, and scenic views to be reminded of what he accomplished.

Long Overdue

Senator Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) announced the formation of a new legislative caucus focused on poverty and inequality in California.

The stated mission of the Ending Poverty and Inequality in California (EPIC) Caucus is to reduce the number of people living in poverty and to increase economic opportunity for all Californians.

The 2011 Census reports that 16.3 percent of Californians live at or below the federal poverty level. This number jumps to 23.5 percent of Californians when one expands the federal poverty level formula to include basic needs, such as clothing, shelter, utilities and government programs designed to assist low income families.

One-third of the 6 million impoverished Californians are children. Nearly one out of four children in the state is currently living in a poverty-stricken household. The impact of childhood poverty can last a lifetime; children who grow up in poverty are three times as likely to live in poverty as adults.

DeSaulnier stated, "As more Californians struggle to remain in the middle class, our entire economy is hindered. This caucus is our commitment to tackle the causes of poverty and inequality in California in a bi-cameral, data driven manner."

It is an effort that is long overdue.

WIRELESS

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used to select the 300 foot buffer area. He pointed out that radio frequency impacts have been "debunked."

The buffer was set in 1998 when a group of stakeholders provided suggestions, which the council adopted.

Thorne commented, "It appears we are giving ourselves the right to grant exceptions to laws we can't enforce anyway."

No one spoke against the proposed changes.

In 2012, the city surveyed local businesses to better understand the needs of the business community. Results from that survey showed that local businesses felt strongly that the city was deficient in its telecommunications infrastructure, particularly cellular and broadband service.

Residents have voiced concerns regarding the lack of cellular coverage (voice and data).

The city's current wireless ordinance creates large areas where wireless facilities are prohibited. For example, without regard to aesthetics, the current ordinance prohibits facilities in or within 300 feet of all of the following: the property lines of undeveloped, approved, or existing residences in residential or agricultural or PUD zoning districts with a residential or agricultural zoning designation; existing or approved public or private schools and childcare centers; existing or approved senior care/assisted living facilities and nursing homes; and neighborhood parks, community parks, or regional parks, as designated in the general plan.

Julie Harryman, assistant city attorney, told the council that as a result, carriers have difficulty meeting the needs of businesses and residents because the city's current ordinance is overly restrictive. The 300 foot buffer results in gaps in coverage.

Harryman explained to the council that federal law does not allow the city to regulate locations based on the effect of radio frequency. The city cannot favor one carrier over another, nor can it prevent a wireless carrier

from closing a significant gap in service coverage. However, the city can consider aesthetics in siting.

She pointed out that the city's current regulations may have resulted in more facilities than necessary as carriers try to close coverage gaps; exposed the city to lawsuits if a carrier cannot close a gap; and produced unattractive changes to architecture of a building in an effort to conceal a facility.

The new ordinance prioritizes sites where carriers can locate facilities. First, carriers must locate a new facility in the Commercial, Office, Industrial, or Mixed Use zoning districts. If a carrier can show that it is not feasible to locate in one of those districts, it must then locate in the Agricultural, Public, or Public and Institutional zoning districts. The proposed ordinance maintains "buffer zones" around certain uses for those facilities that are camouflaged instead of concealed. Camouflaged facilities "must be located a minimum of 300' away from the following: existing dwelling units, but not accessory structures; senior care or nursing homes and assisted living facilities; public or private schools for children (including nursery schools); and neighborhood parks, community parks, or regional parks.

The third priority would be to locate facilities along Iron Horse Trail between Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue. Finally, new facilities are prohibited in all other zoning designations with one exception. New facilities will be permitted on parcels containing a City water tank or on an adjacent parcel) so long as certain requirements are met. Facilities must be located within 200 feet of a City water tank and at least 200 feet away from any existing dwelling unit.

Harryman stated that opening up water tank sites as possible locations for carriers has many benefits. First, it may provide a means for a carrier to close a significant gap in coverage in sections of town that do not contain any of the allowed zoning districts. Second, as

a landlord, the city would receive lease revenue from the carrier. Third, as the landlord, the city has an additional means of control regarding the aesthetics of the proposed facility, as well as any proposed modifications or expansions of the facility.

If none of the sites listed in the new ordinance allows a carrier to close a coverage gap, the city can grant an exception to any requirement in the ordinance, if the applicant can show that strict compliance with the code would violate federal or state law.

An e-mail sent out by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce stated, "To the city's credit, staff has been working to rectify the problem: Pleasanton's antiquated cellular and broadband ordinance. Interestingly, it's not just the business community that's frustrated with poor cell service, but families trying to connect with each other on a daily basis from such locales as the library, schools and sports fields. It's also problematic for those who abandoned home land lines and are exclusively mobile."

Barbara Leslie, director of external affairs for AT&T, stated that the company has significant gaps in coverage in Pleasanton. She provided statistics that show that mobile data use has grown 30,000 percent since 2006. People are removing land lines at the rate of 700 a month. California is the highest consumer of data and wireless technology.

Thorne stated that by not encouraging the location of wireless facilities, the city may put its business park at a disadvantage. He suggested that the city encourage contractors to provide more access to wireless technology.

Councilmember Karla Brown said that she doesn't want to be able to see towers. She said in conducting research, she is pleased with the examples of how towers can be concealed.

Councilmember Kathy Narum added, "I'm ready to go into the 21st century and have my phone work everywhere in the city, which it currently does not."

Pleasanton Installs new Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signal

The City of Pleasanton is upgrading the traffic signal at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Parkside Drive/South Valley Trails to include a new type of signal called a Flashing Yellow Arrow. The primary purpose is to improve pedestrian safety.

The existing signal heads, which are standard three section signal heads (red, yellow and green ball), were replaced on December 19th with new four section heads that will have a red arrow, yellow arrow, flashing yellow arrow and green arrow. The new style four-section signal functions in a similar fashion as the three section signal, but instead of the circular green indication, a flashing yellow arrow provides a direct message to drivers to cautiously enter the intersection when making a left turn.

With this new style head the red left turn arrow can be illuminated to restrict left turn movements while pedestrians are crossing (this option is not available with the standard 3 section permissive left turn signals). The signal will allow left turns to enter the intersection when pedestrians are not present under the "flashing yellow arrow" which is the same as the "left turn yield on green ball" operation that currently exists at this location. The signal will also have the ability to display a solid green arrow that will provide a protected left turn to improve the efficiency of the signal during the times of the day when this intersection experiences heavy left turn traffic volumes.

For more information and a more detailed description of the signal operation please visit the City of Pleasanton web site at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/traffic/index.html>.

VERDICT

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ary 5 to discuss how the various complaints and claims might proceed in the future.

The original lawsuit followed the layoff of 440 employees in May 2008, just months after a for-profit consortium took over management of the Laboratory with promises of improving efficiency.

Of those laid off, 130 filed formal complaints with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing the following year.

A lawsuit on behalf of the 130 then alleged both age discrimination and breach of contract. Judge Freedman split the suit into two phases and chose to try five of the laid off employees as a first step.

Last May's \$2.7 million breach of contract verdict in favor of the five generated much publicity, but the practical significance was not clear since the age discrimination portion of the suit had not yet been heard and Freedman had not decided the fates of the cases of 125 more plaintiffs.

The award has not been disbursed and may not be pending the final outcome of the case, which could take years, according to some observers.

In response to last week's age discrimination verdict, the Laboratory said in a statement that it was "gratified" by the jury's finding. It acknowledged that the case is complex and far from resolved.

Gary Gwilliam, attorney for the plaintiffs, said he is not at all discouraged by the age discrimination verdict and will proceed early in 2014 with a proposal for a court judgment stipulating that the plaintiffs have proved their case and instructing that the awards be paid out.

"The facts for the two phases of the case (breach of contract and age discrimination) are the same," he said. "The testimony was basically the same.

"We only needed to win one of the cases to get a judgment for the plaintiffs."

MAILBOX

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Costly Bomb Scott Yundt Staff Attorney Tri-Valley CAREs

Livermore Lab has been pushing Congress to move forward with the development of a dangerous new nuclear warhead. Most of the research and development would take place in Livermore.

This project, estimated to cost upwards of \$14 billion, would mix elements from several existing nuclear weapons. Some components would come from the Navy's submarine-based W88, some from the Air Force's silo-based W8, and some from other weapon designs.

This "mash up" of 3 or more different warheads would create an untested "Frankenbomb" with new military capabilities, thereby violating our nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty obliga-

tions and encouraging other nations to undertake similar new weapons programs.

Because the Navy and others have objected to the "inter-operable" warhead's costs as well as the radical nature of the proposed new design, the Obama administration could, and should, impose a 5-year delay on the program to study alternatives.

The Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs has brought important information to light about this new warhead and continues to challenge this dangerous and costly program. The group serves as an important check on the Lab's otherwise unfettered nuclear ambitions. Check out their work at www.trivalleycares.org.

Tesla Park Abel Garcia Livermore

All of us have read about the controversy over the issue of global warming that erupted in the press several years ago. Although most scientists were convinced that global warming was real, skeptics raised significant issues because the historical evidence, including substantial quantities of data, did not unambiguously support the scientists' claims.

The people who support opening publicly-owned Tesla Park to Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) usage claim

that their OHV activities will not damage the significant natural, cultural and historic assets in the park, and that policies and regulations already in place to protect such assets are adequate to deal with any possible damage that may be incurred by future OHV activities in the park. They claim that they will be "responsible" OHV users.

Does the historical evidence of OHV usage in natural areas support the argument? I claim that it does not. One only has to drive by Carnegie Park on Tesla Road outside of Livermore to see the extensive damage to the natural environment caused by OHV usage in that park. Many other areas throughout the country that allow OHV usage have also been effectively turned into ugly eyesores - rutted moonscapes devoid of much if not all native plants and animals. The argument that existing policies and regulations will protect the natural and cultural publicly owned assets within the park fails the historical evidence test.

The difference between the claims for OHV usage on public lands and global warming is that there is no evidence whatsoever supporting the arguments made by those supporting OHV usage in Tesla Park. On the contrary, there is overwhelming evidence that OHV usage always causes significant destruction of the natural environment and frequently also results in significant damage to historic and cultural resources.

This would lead a rational person to believe that there should be no controversy, and that the position of the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHM-VR) Division of California State Parks in the face of widespread unambiguous evidence in Carnegie State

Vehicle Recreation Area (CSVRA), also known as Carnegie Park, and in many other places would be to not allow the establishment of the proposed new OHV park.

But simple logic is apparently not sufficient. OHM-VR seems to be determined to open Tesla Park to OHV usage. Only a public outcry in opposition is likely to change the current situation. I urge every reader of this letter to contact their State senators and congressmen and voice their opposition to the creation of the Tesla OHV Park.

Short-Sighted Andreas Berg Livermore

In regard to your article (and accompanying editorial) of 19 December, on the intention of the BART Board to drop a proposal to study a downtown alignment of the planned future extension to Livermore, I feel I have to make some comments, especially regarding the continued claim that a downtown extension is a "non-starter" for the people of Livermore.

I appreciate that Mayor Marchand's claim to this effect is a consequence of the political pressure he encountered after the City Council initially approved a downtown extension, but that does not change the fact that the people of Livermore as a whole have in fact never properly weighed in on this issue . . . rather a proportion of the population (less than 10%) demanded this change, and the Mayor and City Council caved.

I and many others in fact completely disagree with the idea of forever aligning BART along the highway, where it does far less good connecting Livermore to the broader Bay Area and vice versa. A downtown alignment fits a future vision of

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posed by Sand Hill leaves golden eagle deaths at 100 percent of the baseline -- in other words, no change. By comparison, Sand Hill proposes 30 percent of the baseline for the American Kestrel, 25 percent for the burrowing owl, and 50 percent for the red-tailed hawk.

At the public hearing, Juan Pablo Galván, land use planner for Save Mount Diablo, read short excerpts from an 11-page letter commenting on the EIR.

Galván said that the applicant's proposed standards say that the firm won't proceed with further repowering beyond the 40 turbines. However, unless the targets are met for avian deaths and documented by the county in those 40, there is no explicit assurance that "absolutely no" wind turbine construction on the remaining properties will be blocked until there is conformity to those goals, he said.

If the 40 turbines in the first phase turn out not to yield important reductions in bird deaths, especially for golden eagles, the county should reduce the numbers of turbines allowed for Ogin in the remainder of the Altamont. He suggested an 80 percent reduction from the 320 or so old turbines, instead of the approximately 1:1 ratio now in the wings for Sand Hill.

Gosselin and Harvey said that they are concerned about having enough data to judge the merits of the application and of future applications.

Gosselin said that information is becoming outdated from previous surveys of the Altamont, which is about a decade old. A draft of an update by Shawn Smallwood, a member of the Scientific Review Committee, has provided the county with scientific information about the Altamont birds.

Gosselin emphasized the tentative nature of Smallwood's draft, and wondered whether it alone could serve as a base for establishment of new protocols in placing turbines. Harvey and board member Jim Goff also said that a one-year study is not enough information to establish a base to use to make good decisions.

Gosselin talked about obtaining enough information for a fresher, wider look at better ways, including new technology, to save Altamont birds. He talked about radar that now can detect the patterns of birds flying toward windmills. There are also braking mechanisms that can stop the blades when the birds fly near.

It might be possible for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and private industry to become involved in the knowledge pool concerning technology that can help save birds, said Gosselin.

As a start toward more information, the county could sponsor public forums independently of the BZA to solicit comments about problems that they see in the Altamont, and how they might be solved, said Gosselin.

The workshops could bring the BZA new insights into the current Sand Hill application, and its future potential requests for 300 more shrouded machines to replace about 320 old-style towers.

"I don't see it (workshops) as slowing down the decision-making process, but as meeting our obligation. We need more information concerning better monitoring," said Gosselin.

The 300 replacement towers that Sand Hill talks about eventually adding would produce up to 30 megawatts (MW) of power, and bring the whole repowering to 34 MW. A megawatt equals 1 million watts.

Gosselin said it's doubtful that a broader vision for BZA would have much impact on Sand Hill, since its permits were approved a decade ago. The only issue now before the BZA is the repowering application for the 40 turbines, and the conditions to be attached those turbines.

Staff said that there is some flexibility on changing regulation of the Sand Hill conditional use permit, but not much. The county could add an addendum, or a supplemental EIR to the current EIR, but it is doubtful that much wider scope could be included in the EIR.

Gosselin said it is im-

portant for BZA to continue to set policy in a forward-looking way, even if there were not much impact on renewals of existing permits.

The county needs to improve the methods it uses to impose mitigations, said Gosselin. "I am not saying what the direction should be, but information is available. It should be an option for consideration. We are looking at decisions that go well into the future," said Gosselin.

Without a deep, new look at the subject, "we'll get locked into a trap. We'll see a glacial progression of mitigation strategies that are enacted from decisions of this board over the next three months. I don't want to be locked in. I don't think the public wants to be locked in either," said Gosselin.

Pleasanton Council Delays Decision on Historic Preservation Changes

The Pleasanton City Council delayed the discussion and a decision on proposed changes in regulations targeting historic preservation.

Mayor Jerry Thorne explained that due to the holidays, many people who wanted to comment were unable to attend last week's session.

The staff discussed the proposed changes and a public hearing was held. The matter was then continued to a meeting in January.

A historic preservation task force has been working since 2011 on a review of the current downtown historic preservation policies, guidelines, and processes. All of the proposed changes are limited to the Downtown Specific Plan area. They would not be applicable to properties zoned commercial, including homes sited on land zoned commercial.

One of the proposed changes is a description of what constitutes a historic structure. The current ordinance sets a date of 1960 as the cut-off. The proposed

Valley is Home to Biggest Golden Eagle Numbers

Results for raptors in the annual Christmas Bird Count in Eastern Alameda County on Dec. 20 show 25 golden eagles in the bird population.

The East County area shows the highest number of nesting golden eagles in North America, said Rich Cimino, Ohlone Audubon Society conservation chair, who coordinated 90 volunteers for the count.

Other survey results show six bald eagles, 97 American kestrels and 200 red-tailed hawks. Those species and the golden eagles are protected by county requirements designed to reduce their numbers of deaths in

the Altamont Pass Wind Resources Area (APWRA).

Other findings included 33 red-shouldered hawks, nine ferruginous hawks, and 431 turkey vultures.

Comparisons to last year's numbers were not available yet. However, Cimino said that volume was down from last year. Some 150 species were observed, the same as last year. Findings have not been tabulated yet for ducks and songbirds.

The East County count began over concerns about the many bird deaths caused by the wind turbines in the Altamont, said Cimino.

If an Audubon Christmas

Count had been established 35 years ago, a database would have been available that indicated the "global importance of the Altamont for resident and annually migrating eagles, hawks, owls and a nearly a hundred species of songbirds, which travel through the maze of spinning wind turbines, maybe the APWRA would not exist today."

The East County Christmas count was the fourth annual one locally. Nationally Audubon is holding its 114th Christmas count between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. Local affiliates choose which day to conduct the count.

change would designate homes built before 1942 that are determined to be eligible for the California Registry. Staff would use the Pleasanton Downtown Historic Contest Statement in making the determination.

A second change looked at the definition of demolition. Brian Dolan, director of community development, told the council that the task force was interested in allowing improvements in homes and updates to accommodate modern living.

Demolition of a residential building for purposes of historic preservation would be defined as the removal of the front facade or the most visible facade from the street, including changes to the roof and roof line. The front or most visible facade would include the forward most ten feet of the structure. If there were problems, such as dry rot and termites, the structure could be stabilized as long as materials and composition match the look of the original. Doors and windows could be replaced using the same criteria.

The size, style and mass-

ing of homes built on current properties was addressed. New homes would be required to utilize one of the architectural styles found in Downtown dating before 1942 such as Victorian, Craftsman, Mission Revival, etc.

The task force recommended conducting a study of homes and create a list of which homes were considered historic.

Floor area ratio (FAR) determines the size and mass of a home that can be built on a lot. Currently, zoning allows a FAR of 40 percent. The proposed change would require an average FAR based on the average size of lots within 150 feet plus 25 percent. Dolan noted that there were complaints that this method would result in down-zoning, because some people could end up with a smaller home. He said that the intent of the change is to provide predictability.

Garages would be encouraged to be placed in the back of a property. Allowances would be made for the width and depth of a lot.

Demolition by neglect

would be expanded to include residential structures in the Downtown Specific Plan area. Currently, the definition applies to commercial properties. Demolition by neglect occurs when an owner, with malicious intent, lets a building deteriorate until it becomes a structural hazard and then turns around and asserts the building's advanced state of deterioration as a reason to demolish it.

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked why the date 1942 was selected.

Dolan explained that most building stopped during the war. Styles changed after the war. "The task force felt that architecture prior to the war was what the community valued and wanted saved."

Members of the public raised concerns about demolition, the proposed FAR change, and the process in general. Others were pleased with the proposed changes.

A homeowner on St. Marys Street pointed out that as homes age, things happen. Adding regulations

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2013 ROUNDUP

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School's basketball team lost an overtime thriller to College Park-Pleasant Hill in the Division II NorCal championship game. College Park scored the game winning basket with just seconds remaining in overtime. For Dublin, JoJo McGlaston (pictured) scored 35 points and collected 14 rebounds.

Luther King, Jr. (MLK). Legacy Awards were presented to three individuals whose lives of service reflect the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award winners were Lynette Butsada, Mark Duncanson and Joan Seppala.

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The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which operates two charter schools in Livermore, decided not to appeal to the state for a second chance to win approval of the right to establish a K-8 Portola Academy in Livermore. The Livermore and Alameda County school boards had voted against the application unanimously, in both the first and second attempts for approval. The boards both said that there did not appear to be any community demand for the new school. In explaining their decision, TVLC representatives stated that the appeal process was draining money and energy away from staff.

Potential zoning changes drew opposition in Livermore from would-be neighbors. The proposals were made by the Sunset Development Company and Acacia Capital Corp. A plan being considered by Sunset Development Company would replace offices with housing on two sites. Acacia Capital Corp. proposed adding four new three-story buildings to the 240-unit Ironwood apartment complex at Charlotte Way and East Avenue. Sunset Development Company held a neighborhood meeting to discuss the proposed conversion of two properties. Concerns raised included the impact on enrollment at Sunset Elementary and traffic on Concannon Boulevard. Residents living near the Ironwood Apartments have been vocal in their opposition. One issue related to the loss of open space. The project, as proposed would have eliminated an unofficial "park" on the land that has been used by area residents. Other issues were increased traffic and crime in the neighborhood and potential overcrowding of Arroyo Seco Elementary School. Residents argued that the increased traffic would create a safety issue for children who walk to and from the school.

Local officials celebrated the opening of a Livermore to Pleasanton 2 mile long arroyo trail alongside the West Jack London Boulevard extension that ties Isabel Avenue to El Charro Road. Zone 7 owns the section of Arroyo Las Positas where the trail is located. The area is used for flood protection purposes.

The Pleasanton School Board approved a plan for

short-term and long-term building needs. It would meet growth projections, renew older campuses, and create new interior spaces to accommodate more flexible approaches to classroom education. The total cost estimated in today's dollars was \$506 million. The district staff and the board will use the plan as a guide. The plan is divided into four levels. The first level deals with maintenance, safety and the integrity of buildings. The second level considers low-cost, high-impact projects. Level 3 would build medium-cost, short-range projects. The highest cost projects are at Level 4, a period 6 to 10 years out.

Five potential candidates took out papers to run for the vacant Pleasanton City Council seat. Those taking out papers were Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum, Olivia Sanwong, an at-large member of the Economic Vitality Committee; David Miller, Tea Party member; Mark Hamilton, and Warren Dumanski. Narum, Miller, Sanwong and Hamilton filed their papers. Dumanski let the city clerk know that he did not plan to return his papers. The seat became vacant when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor last November. The city council set the by-mail only voting for May 7.

The Pleasanton City Council voted to amend the city's general plan to comply with the updated Livermore Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUC). Under the ALUC, no new housing or intensification of existing housing would be permitted within the airport protection area. Livermore requested an exemption for the area around the proposed Isabel BART station.

Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) held its annual meeting to highlight both accomplishments of the past year and goals for the coming year, honor retiring board member Lynn Seppala, and enjoy local wines while listening to winemaker Mark Clarin speak about the region's terroir. FOV, in association with the Tri-Valley Conservancy and other environmental groups, is working towards preserving the Doolan Canyon and Tesla Park open spaces.

The Livermore Police Department swore in seven new police officers. The Livermore Police Department had re-established the Drug and Gang Task Force, a Special Operations Unit. The addition of the seven officers helps to replace previous vacant positions, as well as those that were needed to staff the special unit.

Pleasanton announced plans to celebrate the 20th year anniversary of its Senior Center with a gala weekend



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Junction Avenue K-8 School students, Claire Abele (left) and Julia Cable, show the difference between the design for their windmill and one in current use. The two 13-year-olds worked together for months to create their project "Saving Raptors One Windmill at a Time," winning the middle school Grand Prize in Engineering at the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair (ACSEF).

filled with special activities surrounding the theme Celebrating the Past and Embracing the Future. Since opening in March of 1993, the Center has served as a resource for the community, offering a wide array of valued classes, programs and services for mature adults. It also houses the Pleasanton Paratransit and RADD programs (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) and the offices of the independent nonprofit Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

It was announced that Livermore would host stage 7 of the 2013 Amgen Tour of California. The start was set at Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore. The stage 7 would finish at the summit parking lot on Mount Diablo.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association installed its 2013-2015 Board of Directors. Members include: Jennifer Fazio, Steven Kent & La Rochelle Wineries (President); Lanny Replogle, Fenestra Winery (Vice President); Amy Hoopes, Went Family Estates (Secretary); Jim Perry, Eagle Ridge Vineyard (Treasurer); Kathy Liske el Sol Winery (AMAC Chair); Gina Cardera, Garre Vineyard & Winery (Past President); Catherine Cheda, Hawthorne Suites; Mark Clarin, Picazo Vineyards; John Concannon, Concannon Vineyard; Harry Galles, Galles Vineyard; William Martin, Safeway; Heather McGrail, McGrail Vineyards & Winery; and Rhonda Wood, Wood Family Vineyards.

Abe Gupta was chosen as the new Dublin City Councilmember, replacing Eric Swallow, who resigned his seat to begin service in Congress on Jan. 3. Gupta took over the seat immediately after his appointment. The vote for Gupta was 3-1, with Councilmember Kevin Hart voting "no." Hart stated, "I was very impressed with Abe's presentation and application. I want to see someone who brings something else to the council." The council heard from 10 applicants, then voted in a first round, in which members each voted for two choices. Gupta was on the ballots of all four councilmembers.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) filed suit against the California Department of Finance in Sacramento Superior Court. The suit sought to compel the state to recognize pre-existing legal agreements between the non-profit arts organization, the City of Livermore, and the Livermore Redevelopment Agency; and to authorize the payment of approximately \$122 million in future tax increment funds to help finance LVPAC's Regional Theater project.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton American Little League launched the 2013 season with an Opening Day Jamboree on Sat., March 2. Following the ceremonies, it was time to play ball.

The Department of Finance, charged with winding down redevelopment agencies across the state, had ruled that the project is not a recognized obligation, even though the Livermore Successor Agency's Oversight Board had repeatedly advised otherwise. According to Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director, "With all its administrative remedies exhausted, LVPAC had no choice but to turn to the courts."

Financially, last year was a good one for Pleasanton business and government. The current year promises to be even better, according to Mayor Jerry Thorne during his annual State of the City speech to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Thorne cited a list of job-growth accomplishments in the city, led by an expansion of Workforce, a software company co-founded by David Duffield, who co-founded PeopleSoft, and then lost it to Larry Ellison and Oracle. University of San Francisco moved its campus from San Ramon to Pleasanton. Local startups have been growing. A sign of Pleasanton's prosperity is its annual average household income of \$127,000, one of the highest in the United States. The national average is \$61,000 and at the state level, \$65,000.

The Pleasanton City Council approved zoning to allow for homeless shelters and supportive housing to locate in the city as required by state law under SB 2. The council vote was unanimous, but not a happy one for some. Mayor Jerry Thorne commented, "This is just another nail in the coffin of local control." Approved by the council was an overlay district in two commercial areas where homeless shelters would be allowed as a permitted use. A conditional use permit would not be required. The second change related to supportive and transitional housing, which calls for homes where less than six residents are located to be treated the same as regular housing. A facility

with more than six people living in it, would be a permitted use in the multifamily residential district. No special approval would be required, nor would the city need to be notified.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory developed several cost-cutting contingencies that could start March 10 if "sequestration" took place at the federal level. The Laboratory planned to impose a 10 percent salary reduction for all employees and contractors, a mandatory day off every other Friday, and reductions in certain administrative expenses such as procurements, travel and training. Sandia Laboratory in Livermore expected no salary cuts or mandatory days off, although hiring plans for the rest of 2013 could be affected.

Castlewood Country Club agreed to a new three-year union contract with its workers through Unite Here Local 2850. Management locked out workers in February 2010, and agreed to let them back in October 2012. The biggest sticking point after the old contract expired was the contribution to health care insurance made by management. Under the agreement, workers will pay \$225 per month for health coverage, whether single or for a family, during the first two years, then \$150 in the last year.

An East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) committee has decided to eliminate the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Park new Pleasanton. The existing slides, which were installed by park founder Glenn Kierstead when it opened in 1981, will be removed. Many Pleasanton residents were hoping that someone could revive the slides.

Nine out of ten businesses responding to a survey believed Pleasanton to be an excellent or good place to do business. Businesses cited Pleasanton's central location, which provides access to regional markets. Businesses said they feel supported by the community. Infrastructure and ser-

vices received good ratings with the exception of telecommunications and public transportation systems, which received a ranking below "good." The other low rating came in entertainment opportunities.

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Elephant ivory and materials related to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) are smuggled across porous international boundaries, often as far from border patrols and official trade routes as the smugglers can get. Both are used for nefarious purposes, with profits from elephant ivory supporting terrorism and unrest across Africa. The National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) International Nonproliferation Export Control Program includes a program called Counter-Trafficking System Development. As part of this NNSA program, two border analysis experts from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Bob Greenwalt and Wilthea Hibbard, spent a week in Kenya late last year training officers of the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in methods to harden their borders. The primary threat is poachers killing elephants and smuggling the ivory to fund terrorism.

Thomas Spirgi was selected as the next chief executive officer for i-GATE (Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence) in Livermore. He replaced Rob White. i-GATE operates a 501(c) 3 non-profit technology commercialization center (NEST), an Academic Alliance, and a non-profit facility development corporation.

Director of Library Services Susan Gallinger announced her retirement after a 43-year career in library services, 28 of which she spent with the City of Livermore. Under Susan's watch, the Springtown Branch Library was opened at its current location in 1986. Susan began what has become the

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SPORTS NOTES



Amador Valley High School defeated Livermore High 3 to 1 in an EBAL varisty girls soccer match.

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Amador Judo

Competition judo players from the Amador Judo Team in Livermore, competed recently at the prestigious San Francisco City College Judo Tournament in San Francisco. Competing against judo players from all over California and placing in the top three from Amador were the following:

First place: Logan Atchinson, Livermore, 14-16 white belt; Elijah Maravilla, Livermore, 11-12 white belt; Andre Valley, Livermore, 7-8 white belt; Kristen Wong, Livermore, 13-14 yellow belt.

Second place: Fabiola Valle, Livermore, 13-14 yellow belt.

Third place: Grant Atchinson, Livermore, 11-12-13 white belt; Alexa Firestone, 7-8 white belt; Charlyze Maravilla, 7-8 white belt.

LGSA Registration

LGSA Registration: Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18, no experience necessary. Visit www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information or to register online. Register by December 31 to avoid a late fee.

LGSA Evaluations

LGSA Evaluations: LGSA player evaluations will take place on January 11 at Joe Michell. All players in age groups 8U through 14U must attend an evaluation. Players must be registered prior to January 11, on-site player registration will not be available at evaluations. Visit www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

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 volun-



Pictured from Amador Judo in Livermore is Kristen Wong, who captured first place in her division.

tary/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.

Girls Softball

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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.

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.trivalleytriclub.com

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students opened their Mylar Market at Granada High School. The store was founded by Granada's transition students - post-secondary special education students aged 18 to 22 who are focused on building marketable skills. Students learned every aspect of getting a business off the ground from researching price points and unit costs to targeting markets, projecting sales, securing a license, providing customer service and operating a cash register.

Livermore Library Summer Reading Program. She directed the development and opening of the Main Library at the City's Civic Center.

The East Pleasanton Task Force got its first look at development scenarios for the 1000 acres on the eastern border of the city. About 400 acres are considered developable. Proposed numbers of units ranged from 1200 to 2000. The task force expressed concern about the number of units and proposed densities. Two types of land uses unique to the city are included in all three of the alternatives. The first, "campus office," was described as a large-scale, single-tenant, administrative or medical technology office development planned in a campus-like setting. The second is referred to as "destination use." This might include commercial or public facilities that are specifically suited for a lakefront site, such as a restaurant, retreat, conference center, or interpretative center.

The 1st Appellate Court sided with Pleasanton in the appeal filed by Jennifer and Frederic Lin over the Oak Grove development. The appeal, filed in March 2011, claimed breach of contract. The Lins originally sued the city for the right to build 51 houses on 600 acres they own in the southeast hills of

Pleasanton. The city council had approved two ordinances for the Oak Grove development. One was a planned unit development (PUD); the second a development agreement. Each ordinance contained a "poison pill" provision stating that if either were overturned by a referendum, the other was also void. The lawsuit was filed after Pleasanton voters backed a referendum overturning the approval of the PUD in 2010. The ruling issued in March 2013 by Judge Martin Jenkins upheld the Superior Court decision that dismissed the lawsuit. Jenkins also awarded the city costs on appeal. The original suit was dismissed by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers. In her decision, Judge Rogers wrote that the plain terms of both ordinances indicate that both ordinances would be set aside in the event of a successful referendum of one. Once the referendum occurred, the condition that would invalidate the ordinance came to pass and no contractual duty was created.

Hundreds of people turned out for a look at the future home of the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) high school. LVCP, which opened in 2011, is currently housed

at the former Portola Elementary School site on Portola Avenue. The new site is located on Independence Drive, across from Cornerstone Fellowship and Costco. LVCP will occupy about half of the 80,000 square foot facility.

The board of Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch determined that Tri-Valley Haven would take over operation of the Buenas Vidas Thrift Store. After serving youths since the 1970s, Buenas Vidas was ending its service, and disposing of its assets.

The dedication of the Fire Station One Memorial Garden was hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298. The garden, located at 3560 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, was dedicated to U.S. Army Specialist Jameson Lindskog, a military medic and Pleasanton resident who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011. The site was selected by SPC Lindskog's family to recognize the connection between his role as a combat medic and the fire department's responsibility to provide emergency medical assistance to the community. SPC Lindskog also grew up within one mile of Fire Sta-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Crowds gathered in downtown Livermore to watch the start of Stage 7 of the Amgen Tour of California. The stage, hosted by the City of Livermore, finished at the top of Mt. Diablo.

tion One.

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An alliance of organizations began working together to convince the State Parks Department to change its plans for Tesla Park. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) plans to convert the 3,400 acres into a second vehicular recreation area. The land is adjacent to the existing 1600-acre Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (CSVHR). Celeste Garamendi leads the Livermore-area group, Friends of Tesla Park, that has the goal to keep off-road vehicles out of the unspoiled, state-owned Tesla site. The supporters want to permanently protect the acreage by establishing it as a non-motorized low impact historic and natural resource park and preserve. On the other side of the issue are off-roaders who ride their dirt bikes and ATVs (all terrain vehicles) at Carnegie and would like to see more places where they can use their vehicles. The state is in the process of a general plan update and environmental review of the proposal to create a vehicular recreation area on the Tesla site.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved use of \$22,000 from the Buckley Trust Fund to finance the purchase and installation of a video security system for Ravenswood Historic Site. The system

monitors activity at the site in an effort to prevent vandalism.

Two students at Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore scientists found an award-winning way to combine their love of engineering with saving the lives of birds. The two 13-year-olds worked together for months to create their project "Saving Raptors One Windmill at a Time," which won the middle school Grand Prize in Engineering at the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair (ACSEF). The ACSEF provides a forum for stimulating student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously to ban the use of polystyrene foam (PS6) containers to package food starting July 1, 2013. The ordinance requires food vendors, including restaurants, delis, supermarkets, cafeterias, street vendors and other food outlets, to provide their customers with containers that are either recyclable or compostable. The new rules do not impact the use of the containers for raw foods, such as trays for raw meats in supermarkets and food prepackaged outside of Pleasanton, such as Cup

Livermore Outlaws 13U Baseball

The Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club is currently holding team tryouts for the Spring 2014 travel team season.

Practices and evaluations are now beginning in Livermore. The Outlaws are in their fourth year of operations and the coaching staff has over 40 years of combined baseball coaching experience. All competitive players from the Tri-Valley area are welcome to attend an open practice. Please contact the Outlaws to get more details or schedule an evaluation at Outlawstravelball@yahoo.com

Golf Graduate

Cody Ballou of Livermore joined 63 fellow students from the Golf Academy of America (GAA) in Orlando to earn an associate degree in Golf Complex Operations and Management during graduation ceremonies on December 13.

"These students put in a lot of hard work and all of them are now well prepared to step into golf career opportunities anywhere in the country," said Brad Turner, campus director of the Orlando Golf Academy of America. The 16-month program balances classroom studies, practical experience and a comprehensive understanding of both the game and the business of golf.

For more information about Golf Academy of America, go to www.GolfAcademy.edu, or call (800) 342-7342.

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Pleasanton residents tried their skills at chalk painting during the first "Big Draw" in the downtown. The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council has announced plans to hold the second "Big Draw" on May 10, 2014.

of Noodles. Food vendors would have until January 1, 2014 to replace PS6 containers.

Zone 7 Water Agency directors voted to transform a rocky, barren stretch of the Arroyo Mocho near Isabel Avenue and Stanley boulevard. The site is to be planted with trees. The project was the first for Zone 7 that will transform a more typically urban flood control channel, with its concrete barriers, into a more natural creek setting.

Pleasanton declined to join a proposed countywide energy council, electing instead to pursue an effort to create an energy council comprised of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Staff had recommended that Pleasanton not join the JPA. Issues included formation of a new regional agency that would create policy; the probability that due to the weighted voting, Pleasanton would receive a lesser amount of funding; focus would be on the other side of the hills, minimizing Tri-Valley needs; and there is the potential to duplicate efforts of other agencies. Stopwaste.org approved the formation of a joint powers authority (JPA) for the energy council. Mayor Jerry Thorne commented, "It feels a little like empire building. It is wise to step back and see what happens. I like the idea of the Tri-Valley effort."

The City of Livermore agreed to work in partnership with WattzOn and Chevron Energy Solutions to move its Capacity Project forward. The Capacity Project consists of two major initiatives. One goal is to help residents and small businesses save money. The second builds a workforce to meet future employment needs. WattzOn combines advanced technology, behavioral science and data and analytics to provide innovative energy management solutions. WattzOn began working with the Livermore High School Green Engineering Academy, where interns are taught to identify no cost energy savings.

Granada High School baseball coach Steve Richards opted to combine the cross-town rivals varsity game with an event to honor area veterans to inspire the young players. Veterans were invited to attend the

LHS - GHS varsity baseball game on April 24 as a "big thank you to all of them."

An Alameda County Supervisors Planning and Transportation Committee delayed a recommendation to approve a rural solar energy policy. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore, Dublin, and part of Sunol, and Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton and the canyonlands in Castro Valley, make up the committee. They disagreed on the what the policy should include. Haggerty said that he could not support any of the three options offered by staff. One would ban solar farms from all farmland designated by the state as important. Another would allow solar installations on important farmland, provided there were mitigation. There would be a 1000-acre cap on important farmland. The third option would allow solar on important farmland with no cap.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti announced that he will seek the 16th District Assembly seat in 2014. The incumbent, Joan Buchanan, will be termed out in 2014. Buchanan and Sbranti are both Democrats.

The Board of Directors of the Alameda County Fair Association announced the selection of Jerome Hoban as the Alameda County Fair's new Chief Executive Officer. Jerome Hoban, who worked at the Orange County Fair in management, replaced Rick Pickering who left the Alameda County Fair in December 2012 to accept the General Manager position at the California State Fair.

The Pleasanton Unified School District was offered a funding match by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) to help meet a goal of reducing next year's first-grade classes from 30 to 25 students. Total cost for class size reduction (CSR) for the district's first-graders was \$325,000. Under PPIE's proposal, the district would have to provide \$117,000 from its general fund. The remainder, \$208,000, would come from PPIE. PPIE raised \$330,000 to fund programs at the elementary school level. It had committed \$200,000 to district literacy coaches and counselors, leaving \$130,000. An



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Jason Ross tossed out the first pitch to the Granada High School baseball team. Cristian Valle threw the first pitch to Livermore. Granada hosted the Livermore Veterans Appreciation Baseball Game, an event that combined the cross-town rivals' varsity baseball game with Livermore High with ceremonies honoring local veterans. Activities included the dedication of a flagpole and plaque near Granada's baseball diamond, a presentation by the US Marine Corps Color Guard, and a fly-over by three military planes. At the heart of the event were two Livermore veterans who had sustained severe injuries in the line of duty: Staff Sergeant Jason Ross of the US Marine Corps and Sergeant Cristian Valle of the US Army.

additional amount of money was raised recently, bringing the total to \$208,000, which could go toward CSR.

Global thought leaders, entrepreneurs, authors, artists, innovators and local educators were invited to present their ideas on the theme, "Creating our Future: Innovate + Educate" at TEDxLivermore in June at Las Positas College. TEDxLivermore was supported by Rebellion Lab (Oakland), Valley Montessori School, Las Positas College, Innovation Tri-Valley, Yámana Science & Technology and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Waste Management of Alameda County and the East Bay Clean Cities Coalition held a grand opening for the Altamont Landfill's Closed-Loop Bio-Methane Fueling Station. A system installed at the Altamont Landfill collects gas given off by decomposing trash and converts it into fuel that powers garbage collection trucks carrying tons of garbage each day between the Davis Street Transfer Station in San Leandro and the landfill in Livermore. Each day, the facility produces 13,000 gallons of locally-made clean-burning natural gas vehicle fuel.

A road is not a structure. That was one of three decisions by the Pleasanton City Council in regard to the implementation of Measure PP. The ridge protection initiative was approved by voters in 2008. Since then, the staff has been working towards providing information on what would be permitted under the measure, which restricts structures from being placed on 25% slope or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridge-line. Developments of fewer than 10 units are exempt. The council's decision that a road is not a structure, reversed an earlier vote. In addition, to declaring that a road is not a structure, the council rejected the idea of creating an inventory of

impacted properties, and determined that measurement of the 100 ft. setback should be at the pad elevation. All of the votes followed staff recommendation. The second reading of the proposed changes has been delayed indefinitely, due to pending threat of litigation by supporters of Measure PP.

The Alameda County Labor Council and the Democratic Party of Alameda County endorsed Olivia Sanwong for the open seat on the Pleasanton City council. The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) endorsed Kathy Narum.

MAY 2013

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees contemplated a change in strategy in their legal effort to force the University of California to return them to its health care programs. The UC Livermore Retirees Group explored the possibility of changing its lawsuit to a class action. It was thought that a class action suit could force the University to "pay more attention" to retiree claims because of the potential for large damages, according to the leader of the Retirees Group, Joe Requa. Requa supposed that the class might include all LLNL retirees who had once qualified for UC health care.

In a shake-up at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, L. Jeffrey (Jeff) Atherton was named director of the National Ignition Facility (NIF). He replaced Ed Moses, who remained the principal associate director for the NIF & Photon Science Directorate. To accommodate and prioritize the demand for NIF shots and to ensure "only the best science is done," Lab Director Parney Albright and Moses implemented several processes in NIF governance. These include: Formal interactions with various working groups and councils involved in HED stockpile



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Alameda County Fair was in full swing at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The annual event features a carnival and midway, horse racing, arts and crafts displays, animals and many activities for all ages.

stewardship and weapons science, national security, inertial confinement fusion and basic science programs, as each plans use of NIF; formation of subject matter expert working groups in targets, diagnostics and operations; and proactive work of several NIF planning groups and the NIF User Office.

The Amador Valley High School competition civics team won second place again in the national We the People competition held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. It was the fifth time an Amador team took second place in the contest. The school won the top trophy in 1995. Brian Ladd and Mairi Wohlgenuth coached the Amador team.

Kathy Narum was chosen by voters to fill the vacant Pleasanton City Council seat. With all of the votes counted, Narum had collected 4,586 votes to 3,109 for the second place finisher David Miller. Olivia Sanwong finished third with 1,977 votes and Mark Hamilton last with 1,861 votes. Just over 27 percent of registered voters turned in ballots in the by-mail only election. Narum took the same path to the council as Mayor Jerry Thorne and one of the councilmembers elected last November, Jerry Pentin. All three served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission.

The Valley's Assembly-member, Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo), criticized Gov. Jerry Brown's backing of the idea to build two 35-mile long tunnels as a solution to improving the Delta environment and trying to obtain more water for districts, including Zone 7 Water Agency. Buchanan said the plan is incomplete concerning its cost estimate. Another objection was the plan's inability to accomplish its stated goals of improving the Delta for endangered species and delivering water for the customers of state and federal water projects.

A request to double the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) allowed by Measure D on agriculturally zoned property was denied by the Alameda County Board of Supervi-

sors. County Measure D, approved by voters in 2000, limited the ratio to 0.01 percent of the total parcel area. Raising the FAR would have allowed the owner of a Castro Valley riding academy to put more roof area over riders. Opponents of the change, such as Measure D co-author Dick Schneider, said that only a countywide vote could amend Measure D.

The Allan Hancock College Board of Trustees offered Kevin G. Walthers, Ph.D. the position of superintendent /president. Walthers was the current president of Las Positas College. According to a news release, during his tenure at Las Positas College, Walthers was recognized for building college relationships with the community, creating innovative fund-raising programs, leading midterm accreditation requirements and building a strong and diverse administrative team. He also guided the college through the most difficult budget crisis in its history, with a satisfactory outcome.

Pleasanton dipped into its reserves to pay off bonds used to finance the construction of the Callippe Preserve Golf Course and infrastructure. City Director of Finance Emily Wagner noted that she and the city manager, Nelson Fialho, determined there was idle cash available to pay off the debt. The move saved the city \$10 million.

Dublin's need for capital improvements to accommodate the city's growth was projected to create a deficit in the city's reserve fund over the next four or five years. The city council looked at ideas to raise revenue such as promoting more business for Dublin, with the resulting boosts to property tax and sales tax revenues. Also considered was exploring the creation of an economic development corporation in a private-public partnership similar to the Valley's i-GATE.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) was selected to participate in the Equal Opportunity Schools (OES)

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AP/IB Equity & Excellence Project. The program is part of the Google Global Impact Award Project. Equal Opportunity Schools partner with school, district, county, state, and national leaders around the country to close race and income enrollment and success gaps in challenging high school courses and advanced classes. The goal is to improve student engagement, achievement, college readiness and success. Granada and Livermore High Schools were two of only 79 high schools from across the U.S. that were selected to participate in the most rigorous study to date on the impact of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) on college completion for Latino, African American, and low-income students.

An Alameda County jury awarded five former employees of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory a total of \$2.7 million in compensation for estimated losses suffered when they were laid off in 2008, allegedly in violation of an employment contract. The company that operates, Lawrence Livermore National Security, issued a statement saying that it "respectfully disagreed" with the jury's verdict and the \$2.7 million award. Apart from the uncertainty of outcomes, payouts from the breach-of-contract awards may be postponed until the age discrimination cases are decided. These cases could take years, given the potential for drawn-out trials and appeals.

The Pleasanton Unified School District put plenty of STEAM into its presentation to community and business leaders who were invited to an education summit at Amador Valley High School. Nearly 100 attended. In recent years, school districts were focused on classes called STEM, referring to the initials for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Pleasanton added an A — the Arts — to show equal status with the sciences.

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make it difficult to make any improvements. For example, windows leak and need to be replaced. The ordinance would make that costly if styles and materials have to be matched.

Gerald Hodnefield, a member of the task force, owns a home built around the Civil War. For the most part, he said, he agreed with the recommendations. However, from a builder's perspective, it will be difficult to remove and replace unusable parts and make a structure look the same. He didn't like the FAR as proposed.

Others also objected to changing the FAR.

Peter MacDonald, a land use lawyer, said that what is needed are smart regulations that encourage investment in the downtown. He argued that the FAR was ridiculously complicated as each lot in the downtown currently has a different FAR. He said the proposed FAR change should be removed.

Jon Harvey noted that the task force recommendations are an end-of-life use. It is important to be able to replace them with energy efficient products that have an old look. As for the FAR, "There are already too many controls on the size of a house on a lot." He wanted to see examples of homes built before 1942 to see what the task force was talking about.

David Stark, speaking for Bay East Realtors, said

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory offered a voluntary separation program for up to 600 employees. The National Nuclear Security Administration approved the Self-Select Voluntary Separation Program (SSVSP), which was available to all career employees. The program will offer one week of "consideration pay," or base salary per year of continuous service, up to 26 weeks. The SSVSP was offered as a means to address budget challenges in fiscal year 2014.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) awarded \$1.7 million to a partnership between Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Cool Earth Solar Inc. (CES) to conduct a community-scale renewable energy integration demonstration project at the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC). The project will test and demonstrate a model for how communities can generate solar energy. It will create a way to forecast solar generation and develop energy management tools to adapt to that forecast. In 2012, CES also signed an agreement with Sandia National Laboratories that could make solar energy more affordable and accessible. Sandia researchers will help pilot, characterize and validate CES's inflated, photovoltaic (CPV) technology. The company's equipment will be located on a five-acre site known as the Clean Energy Demonstration Field on the LVOC.

The Pleasanton school board approved class size reduction for the first grade. Starting in August, there would be 25 students per class instead of 30. The district used \$112,000 from its reserved funds and \$213,000 provided by Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE) to enable the change.

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) staff led members of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on a tour of its

future Doolan Canyon park. EBRPD's goal was to show off a gem of a future park, and to familiarize LAFCO members with a key need: access, currently available through Doolan Canyon Road. LAFCO deals with services to new areas of development, including infrastructure. Doolan Canyon is situated between Livermore and Dublin. The area south of the park became controversial when Pacific Union proposed a 1900-unit senior community there. The land is outside of the planning sphere of influence of both Livermore and Dublin. Livermore was assigned the sphere of influence before county voters passed Measure D, but lost it afterward. Currently, the county makes

decisions regarding the area, which is outside the urban growth boundary of both the county and Livermore. If development were to take place, it would occur as part of Dublin. Both Livermore and Dublin applied to LAFCO for sphere of influence designation in 2010. LAFCO told the cities to conduct talks and work out a solution within 90 days. That deadline passed.

Crowds gathered in downtown Livermore to watch the start of Stage 7 of the Amgen Tour of California. The stage started in Livermore and ended at the summit of Mt. Diablo. As part of the event in downtown Livermore, a Breakaway Mile walk was held. Taking part were 150 com-

munity members including cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and advocates.

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Horizons Program was celebrated on May 22, 2013. Horizons, a division of the Livermore Police Department, provides effective, proven, caring and affordable services and programs to meet the mental health needs of youth and families in Livermore and the Tri-Valley area.

Researchers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and New York University agreed to take on some of the pressing problems in major urban centers, such as transportation and clean air. Those were some of the subjects of a new memorandum of un-

derstanding (MOU) signed by LLNL and New York University on behalf of the Brooklyn-based Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP). To better understand the performance of urban systems, and to predict their performance will require modeling and simulation at the scale and speed of the Lab's high performance computing resources.

The Simon Property Group moved forward with plans to add 192,000 sq. ft. of retail space to the Premium Outlets in Livermore. It was anticipated that the new area will open in the fall of 2014. It would consist of between 50 and 80 stores depending on which stores sign leases and how large

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SHORT NOTES

Literacy Tutors Needed

Become a literacy tutor. Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. New volunteer training will be held Sat., Jan. 11 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides: you bring the energy and creativity.

Students come to Pleasanton from all over the world. Most have basic English skills and many have studied English in their home country.

Tutors should be at least 18 years old and fluent in American English; able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester.

Please call or e-mail to register for the Project Read training.

For more information, e-mail PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov, or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Interim Fire Chief

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has appointed David Rocha as Interim Alameda County Fire Chief, effective January 1, 2014.

Rocha has served as Deputy Fire Chief since 2006, most recently under Fire Chief Demetrius Shaffer who announced his early retirement effective December 31, 2013, just two weeks ago.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dave Rocha as the Interim Fire Chief," said Keith Carson, President of the Board of Supervisors and Fire District Board. "He will provide

stability and strong leadership to the department during this time of transition."

Rocha joined the Alameda County Fire Department in 1995 after eight years with the San Leandro Fire Department. In seven years as Deputy Fire Chief, he has been responsible for the Fire department's administrative services including the budget during challenging financial times. He also has been closely involved in consolidation efforts geared at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery of fire services.

Edward Jones News

For the 19th time, the financial-services firm Edward Jones ranked No. 1 in the WealthManagement.com/REP magazine annual survey of the nation's six largest financial services firms, according to the following Edward Jones financial advisors in the Livermore area.

David W. Yates, Edwards Jones in Dublin, located at 6601 Dublin Blvd., Suite P. Jeffrey R. Bohn, Edwards Jones in Pleasanton, located at 5980 Stoneridge Drive. Linda Kime, Edwards Jones in Livermore, located at 2300 First Street, Suite 232. Rene T. Snyder, Edwards Jones in Livermore, located at 1762 First Street.

REP magazine randomly selects financial advisors nationwide and asks them to rank their firms in various categories. Edward Jones' overall score was 9.5 out of 10 possible points. The firm scored top marks across the board, earning near perfect scores in overall ethics (9.8) and

public image (9.7), according to WealthManagement.com.

New County Registrar

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appointed Tim Dupuis as the Director of Information Technology and Registrar of Voters effective December 22, 2013.

Tim served as Alameda County's Chief Technology Officer since 2000 and was appointed as the Interim ITD Director and Registrar of Voters in December 2012. Dupuis is credited with developing the County's first iPhone/iPad and Android applications and for establishing a smart phone-friendly web portal on Alameda County's award-winning website, acgov.org.

He also worked closely on two key projects for the Registrar of Voters: automating the Registrar's Roster Index process, which reduced processing time from two weeks to two days; and developing a Chain of Custody application to track all equipment moving between the Registrar's Office and the many polling places set up around the County during elections. Both projects won awards from the National Association of Counties.

Dupuis replaces Dave Macdonald who retired in 2012 after serving as the County's Director of Information Technology since 1985 and assuming the joint role of Registrar of Voters in 2006.

Historic Park Docents

Forest Home Farms Historic

Park will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. to learn about the volunteer opportunities at the park.

This orientation will introduce those interested in volunteering to several programs at the farm. Training will be provided.

• Farm Life Field Trip Docents introduce 3rd grade students to the agricultural history of the San Ramon Valley. There are four different areas to choose from: leading tours, engaging students in hands-on activities from the days before electricity, doing gardening chores in the organic garden, and presenting a canning demonstration.

• Farm Tour Docents lead "All About the Farm" tours when Forest Home Farms Historic Park is open to the public the 2nd Saturday of each month for "Fun on the Farm" and present after school programs for community groups such as daycare centers and Scouts on weekday afternoons.

• Glass House Museum Docents are trained to lead a variety of tours, provide educational programs and participate in historic preservation at this fully restored, Italianate style Victorian home which was built in 1877.

For more information or to RSVP for this meeting please contact Sharon Peterson at (925) 973-3282 or speterson@sanramon.ca.gov. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon.

OBITUARIES

Nyla Mae (Sutter) Bennett

Nyla Bennett, 84, a native Californian, passed away on December 11, 2013, with her family by her side in Liver-



more, California. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Henry (Hank).

She was born April 7, 1929 and raised in Oakland, where she graduated from Fremont High School. She met her husband, Hank, when they both worked for Travelers Insurance in San Francisco. They were married on August 7, 1948 and resided in San Francisco. After the birth of their first child, Hank and Nyla moved to Oakland. With three more children, the family purchased a new home in Hayward in 1957. They lived in their Hayward home until retiring to Truckee in 1995.

Her interests included gardening, sewing and

knitting. As a resident of Heritage Estates, Nyla was always knitting and sewing for others and sold her crafts at the annual holiday boutique. During her final years, Nyla made many friends and enjoyed the many activities offered such as themed dinners, bingo, and the weekly excursions to museums, musical and theatrical performances and casinos. She fulfilled one of her travel wishes when she and her friend, Pearl, traveled to Boston and the surrounding areas to experience fall colors.

Nyla is survived by her five children: Gail (Tony Delicino), Karen (Joe Hume), Jim (Kaye), Richard (Sue), and Bruce. She also leaves behind her grandchildren: Kelly, Susie, Brandi (Marcus), Sandra, Ryan (Chelsea), Joe, Eric, Phil, Christina, Nick, Alex, and Erica; great grandchildren: Danielle, Hannah, Tiffany, Braxton, Maysen, Hayden, Nathan, Madisyn, and Finn; and one great great granddaughter, Kayleigh. She is also survived by many cousins.

A memorial/celebration

of Nyla's life is planned for Saturday, December 28, at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Estates, 900 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Donations may be sent in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas M. Loggins, Jr.

Resident of Livermore

Tom was born on April 9, 1928 in Wellington, Texas and passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at the age of 85. Tom was one of seven children born to Thomas and Nellie Loggins.

Tom was a veteran of the Korean War. It was through his friendship with his Army buddy Bruno Chiavini, that he met his wife Yolly (Bruno's sister). In the early years, Tom worked for P.G. & E. in construction. He later attended Laney College in Oakland, studying Machine Technology, and served his Machinist apprenticeship at Dorr Oliver in Oakland, later working at a machine shop in Oakland. In 1963, Tom took a job as a Machinist at what was known at the time as Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Livermore,

where he worked until his retirement in 1988.

Tom was an avid fisherman and enjoyed many camping and fishing trips with his family and friends. He thoroughly enjoyed gardening and produced many vegetable and fruit crops which he generously shared. Tom was a wonderful man, who will be tremendously missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tom, in 2007. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Yolly, his daughter Julie (Don) and grandson Keith (of Pleasanton), daughter-in-law Susan and granddaughters Meredith and Michelle (of Livermore) and grandson Jeff (Marcia) (of Santa Clara).

A visitation was held on Monday, Dec. 23, 2013 at 11AM, followed by Funeral Service at 12PM at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. Burial followed the service St. Michael Cemetery with military honors.

Contributions in Tom's memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Obituary/ Memorial Policies

Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Mayor John Marchand unveiled the flag that will fly over City Hall and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on Livermorium Day. The unveiling took place during the dedication of Livermorium Plaza at Mill Square Park, 116 South Livermore Avenue. On hand were scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who collaborated with a team from the Flerov Institute in Dubna, Russia. The collaboration resulted in the creation of two new heavy elements, 114 and 116, now listed on the periodic chart. Marchand declared May 30 as Livermorium Day in the city.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School students Katie Buote (left) and Kate Goldstein took time from their studies to play with the visiting dogs. The Valley Humane Society brought a dozen or so Canine Comfort Teams to the Pleasanton school's campus quad during finals, June 12 to 14. Alex Riley, co-chair of the wellness committee of the Parent Teacher Students Association (PTSA) at Amador, came up with the idea. She explained that she read that petting a dog can help relieve stress.

a space is needed by each. The center is located on 42 acres of land at the southeast corner of El Charro Road and Interstate 580, where the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin meet.

A dedication ceremony for the Livermore Heritage Guild's new traveling museum, the Livermore HistoryMobile, took place. Livermore Mayor John Marchand declared the day HistoryMQobile Day with a proclamation presented to project leader Nancy Mulligan and Guild president Jeff Kaskey. Other honorees included donors and Guild volunteers whose efforts over the past 2 years created the educational/historical vehicle.

JUNE 2013

City CarShare, Toyota and Hacienda Business Park combined to provide Hacienda Business Park employ-

ees with a fleet of 15 electric vehicles that can be rented on an hourly basis. The results of the program will be studied by UC Berkeley for its impact as an environmentally sustainable program, said James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Park Owners Association. All cars would be booked in advance through CityCarShare via phone, computer web page, or smart phone app. Renters must be members of CityCarShare, which is an 11-year-old non-profit organization based in San Francisco.

Pleasanton school trustees made it clear to city representatives that a site for an elementary school for the East Side should be reserved in view of the housing numbers projected by city planners. The district would need time to review developers' plans as they unfold to better estimate what the district

will need in order to provide a school, they said.

The draft Bay Area Plan was not a big hit with the Livermore City Council. The plan, created in an ef-

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Alameda County Is Attracting New Residents

Alameda County's position at the forefront of California population growth tells a story about the dynamics in the County that likely will attract new residents here for years to come, an expert on the East Bay economy said recently.

"The jobs are here; the housing is more affordable here and we have the best weather in the Bay Area," said Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and Board Chairman of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) in Oakland. "For years we've been saying that Alameda County is the best place to live, work and do business. Now the numbers are making the case for us."

A report issued this week by the California Department of Finance said the state added 332,000 people between July 1, 2012 and July 1 of this year, a growth rate of 0.9 percent that is the highest since 2003-04, before the recession. According to the report, Alameda County not only topped all other counties in terms of total population increase, but also its 15,000 new arrivals from other states and countries led the rest of California in terms of net migration.

Darien Louie, Executive Director of East Bay EDA, said these numbers point to a fast-growing technology sector that is drawing workers to Alameda County from around the globe. Louie said other factors give the County an edge in appealing to people who have decided to relocate to the Bay Area and must decide where to make their home.

Louie cited reasons behind the population growth:

- Lower commercial property costs that are attracting a diverse array of businesses, including several notable nonprofits that have purchased their own

office spaces in Oakland - an option not available in other Bay Area locations.

- An influx of foreign workers, many of them highly educated, who are drawn by the area's emerging hi-tech industries. Workers from Southeast Asia and other warmer climes also find Alameda County's warm weather more appealing than communities within the coastal fog belt.

- The diverse population that has always made Alameda County attractive to immigrants. "In Alameda County you are going to find people who speak your native language, and you're going to find those assets such as the cultural centers and the stores that sell items unique to your home country," Louie said.

The cities in Alameda County with the largest population gains were Fremont, Dublin, Oakland and Hayward. The availability of housing that is more affordable in these communities - some of it in the form of new transit-friendly, multi-unit developments - seems to be a big factor in their population surges, said Chris Bazar, Director of the Alameda County Community Development Agency.

Alameda County's relative affordability is also spurring growth in another area that is often overlooked: the arrival of older Bay Area residents who choose to move here from other nearby communities, Louie said.

"They're retired; the kids have grown up and moved on; and they find the house they bought in San Francisco for \$100,000 is now worth more than a \$1 million," she said. "So they cash out, and they move over here where they can purchase their home free and clear and still have some money left over. Even if they miss the people from the old neighborhood, they're still just a short BART ride away."

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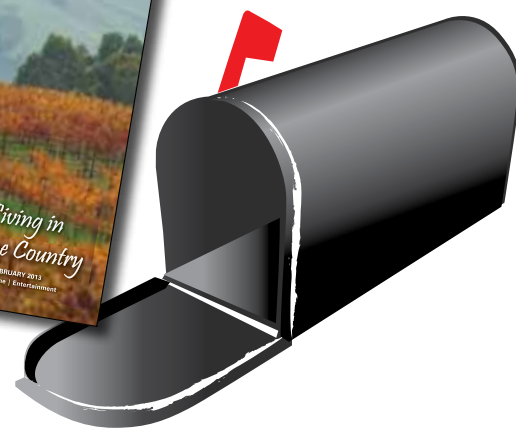
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The following person(s) doing business as: Cookie Express, 2483 Bess Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annette Jo Mifsud, 2483 Bess Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. 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.

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 Cuyle, 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.

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.

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. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/4/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Randon Q. Roland, Sr. VP/COO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 14, 2013. Expires November 14, 2018.

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.

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.

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/: Wassim Suliman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 22, 2013. Expires November 22, 2018.

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485579

The following person(s) doing business as: CrossFit NVD, 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485586-7

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485645

The following person(s) doing business as: THE QUAD, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CAT G Enterprises, LLC, 5860 W. Las Positas Blvd #7, 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/: Channing Azzolino, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 5, 2013. Expires December 5, 2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485678

The following person(s) doing business as: Grafco Mini Mart, 1309 Portola Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Harbans Singh, 352 Greenpark Way, San Jose, CA

95136. 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/: Harbans Singh. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 6, 2013. Expires December 6, 2018.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

1.NOTICE. The ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, acting by and through its ZONE 7 WATER AGENCY ("District") hereby gives notice that it will accept Bids for construction of the following public work:

DISTRICT PROJECT NUMBER 234-14 Mocho 4 Well Repair Project

2.BID SUBMISSION. District will receive sealed Bids no later than **2:00 p.m. on January 06, 2014**. District's representative will call out the designated time in the Zone 7 office lobby, stating that the period for accepting Bids is closed. The Bid opening will be in accordance with procedures set forth in Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders).

3.CONTACT INFORMATION.

Mailing address: Zone 7 Water Agency 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551

Project Manager: John Koltz, Senior Civil Engineer

Telephone: (925) 454-5067 or (925) 454-5000 Fax: (925) 454-5726 E-mail: jkoltz@zone7water.com

4.DESCRPTION OF THE WORK.

This project is to have a well drilling contractor for the **Removal/Replacement of a 600 HP, 5.8 mgd well pump and up to approximately 460 feet of pump column at the Mocho 4 well.** The Work for the Well Repair typically consists of:

- 1) Removal of the roof section above the pump-house, removal of the motor, motor base, discharge head, pump column, pump, suction pipe, and other appurtenances, 2) video recording of the well casing and screens, 3) review/diagnosis of the pump 4) installation of the new well pump and portions of new pump column and retainers with existing pump column, and 5) well cleaning, disinfection, and regulated disposal of discharge to the local creek.

Bidding Documents contain the full description of the Work. The Engineer's estimate for this Contract is \$105,000 - \$145,000.

5.CONTRACT TIME.

Work for Mocho Well 4 shall be finally completed within 35 Days from the date when Contract Time commences to run.

6.REQUIRED CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE(S).

Each bidder is required to have a current California Class-57-Well Drilling Contractor license to bid this Contract. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract. Removal, handling, and/or disposal of hazardous materials may by law require hazardous substance removal certification by the Contractor's State License Board.

7.PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.

The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

8.VOLUNTARY PRE-BID SITE VISIT.

District will conduct a Voluntary Pre-Bid Site Visit at **10:00 a.m. on December 30, 2013** at Zone 7 Water Agency, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551. Any Bidder wishing to investigate subsurface conditions at the Site must schedule such a visit with the District in accordance with Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders).

9.SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES.

District will permit successful Bidder to substitute securities for retention monies withheld to ensure performance of Contract, as set forth in Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention), in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300. By this reference, Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention) is incorporated in full in this Document 00100.

10.PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS.

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ding Documents at the District's offices. Bidders may obtain copies of Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$35 per set. Bidders may contact the District's main phone number at (925) 454-5000 to order Bidding Documents. District will accept cash (exact amount only), checks, or money orders payable to the "Zone 7 Water Agency." Bidding Documents need not be returned to District.

11.BID PREPARATION COST.

Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

12.RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

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The Independent Legal No. 3584. Published December 19, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485705

The following person(s) doing business as: Crav N Corn, 5334 Starflower Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JVV Family Foods LLC, 5334 Starflower Way, Livermore, CA 94551.

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/: Jennifer M. Vergen - Owner/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 9, 2013. Expires December 9, 2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 485382

The following person(s) doing business as: A Beautiful Gathering, 1826 Broadmoor St., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amanda Bea Gagliardi, 1826 Broadmoor St., Livermore, CA 94551.

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2013 ROUNDUP

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fort to coordinate land use and transportation planning through 2040 in the nine Bay Area counties, was based on the goal to reduce greenhouse gases by encouraging people to live, work and play in the same city. MTC and ABAG led the effort to create the plan that built on existing general plans within the area as well as growth forecasts in housing, jobs and population. For Livermore, the plan projected 13,250 new jobs and 9,600 new homes, which does not match the city's current general plan, which calls for 50,000 new jobs and 8,000 new homes. Councilmember Bob Woerner pointed out that Livermore is on the edge of the planning area. "The plan ig-

nores traffic coming over the Altamont. It assumes there is no traffic. That strikes me as ridiculous." He suggested that staff ask that the plan be more realistic. He used the word "absurd" in describing assumptions used to create the plan.

A total of 399 employees opted to participate in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's voluntary separation program. Up to 600 employees would have been allowed to take part. With the exit of 399 employees, the Lab's work force dropped from 6200 to 5800.

Nearly eight years after it first opened its doors at a temporary site, and two weeks shy of the ending of this school year, the Livermore Valley Charter School

(LVCS) began teaching at its permanent Livermore location at 3252 Constitution Drive on June 3rd.

Residents of North Livermore continued to lobby the city council in an effort to sidetrack the proposed Garaventa Hills development. The proposed subdivision would be located on 31 acres north of Altamont Creek Elementary School. Members of Save the Hill have been speaking at city council meetings during the segment where members of the public are invited to address issues they feel are important. Group members told the council that the proposed 76-unit single family subdivision would result in negative traffic impacts, create a safety issue at a nearby elementary school, and destroy habitat required



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

It was an action-packed weekend in Livermore as the city's western heritage was celebrated in June. Pictured is an equestrian drill team, which provided entertainment during the annual Livermore Rodeo.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation held its 5th annual Hook and Ladder Run at Wente Vineyards. Funds raised from the run go to support injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation, and other local charities.

HELPING

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Haiyan crashed through the Philippines, with ten-minute sustained winds of 145 mph, and one-minute blasts reaching 195 mph. Entire groves of trees snapped like matchsticks. Roofs blew off houses. Houses blew off supports.

Typhoon Haiyan, called Yolanda in the Philippines, has been reported as one of the strongest tropical cyclones in recorded history. More than 6,000 people lost their lives; tens of thousands were injured; millions became homeless.

But 7,038 miles away, a group of 7th and 8th grade Livermore students decided to do what they could to help.

"We saw the news about the big disaster. We've made it our mission to make sure that we help these people," said Aasylei, a Junction Avenue K-8 School student. "We've raised money by collecting pennies in a box. You could put in whatever you can to help the people of the Philippines - a dollar, five-dollar bills, dimes, quarters."

"Anything!" said another student.

"Everything," said another.

The middle school students are in Carol Myllenbeck's English and Social Studies classes. "They have been giving unselfishly, and many of them come from families that struggle to make ends meet," said Myllenbeck, a Livermore resident of 26 years who's taught at Junction for seven of her 15 years with the district.

"I started the drive because I knew we had Filipino students who were affected, and because this was a small way the students could help people of the world," said Myllenbeck. "A side reason was because pennies to me are annoying. I thought if we all pooled our pennies they could add up to something useful!"

The fundraiser gained traction when Myllenbeck learned that the Red Cross would match donations dollar for dollar - or, penny for penny.

"The weekend after the

typhoon happened, I brought in the box and named it Pennies for the Philippines, suggesting both an alliteration and the idea that by donating our meager pennies together, we could make a difference in the lives of people in need."

"We got the money from our beloved household shelters," said student Victor, eliciting laughter from his fellow young philanthropists. "We also grabbed any spare change we could find in our cars and our couches."

Although Junction has a 4% Filipino population represented by 31 students, the students made it clear that they simply recognized a human need and rose to meet it.

"I donated because it's a good cause, and they need the money right now more than we do," said William.

"I felt that it was important to help another nation out," added Aasylei. "Even though they're not Americans, they're still human beings. They deserve to have a shelter; they deserve to have a place to call home, just like we do. And, if we can help them, that makes all the difference."

Including the Red Cross's fund-matching, the students raised \$200 to help Typhoon Haiyan survivors. Many of the students added that they like to help people in other ways as well. "Whenever we go to Target, we put money in the red (Salvation Army) tin," said Chandler. "Victor, John and I go with our Scout Troop #931, to collect food before Thanksgiving," said William. "We make cookies for a homeless shelter," said Haley, adding that her mom helped distribute sleeping bags that Granada High School students collected for the homeless.

"The key point to all of this is that Junction has a high population of families that are struggling themselves," said Junction Leadership Advisor Jan Bennett, noting that several other classes similarly held fundraisers to help those in need. "But these students chose to dig deep into their pockets to help those with a greater need. It has warmed our hearts that our students have proven the holiday season is less about opening their presents and more about opening their hearts."

by special species.

Caltrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission began construction on a project on Interstate 580 designed to help reduce traffic congestion. The project includes a new carpool lane on westbound Interstate 580 between Greenville Road in Livermore and San Ramon/Foothill Road in Dublin/Pleasanton; a new lane on eastbound Interstate 580 between Isabel Avenue and First Street in Livermore that will make it easier for drivers to enter and exit the freeway; widening the existing roadway and bridges; repaving the freeway; and constructing retaining walls. The \$157 million project is funded primarily by Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved bond.

The 2013-2014 operating and capital improvement plan budgets were approved by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board of directors. The budget provides the first pay increases for staff in five years, with a 3 percent cost-of-living increase for full-time staff and one-step merit-based increases for part-time staff. Full-time employees will pay an additional 1 percent of pension costs.

A ceremony was held to dedicate Livermorium Plaza at Mill Square Park, 116 South Livermore Avenue. Livermore Mayor John Marchand was joined for the dedication by scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who collaborated with a team from the Flerov Institute

in Dubna, Russia. The collaboration resulted in the creation of two new heavy elements, 114 and 116, now listed on the periodic chart.

The Pleasanton City Council offered input on six different specific plan options for East Pleasanton. Options for housing in the six plans ranged from 1000 units in option 1 to 2,279 homes in option 6. A task force came up with the concepts for a specific plan for development on 1125 acres on the eastside of the city. About 400 acres is considered to be developable, with 100 acres located outside the urban growth boundary. Seven hundred acres are part of the lake area, which will be controlled by the Zone 7 Water District once mining

operations are completed. One issue to be determined at a future time was whether Pleasanton would take to the voters the need to move the urban growth boundary to accommodate growth. All six options include retail, commercial and industrial zoning. A school site has been included at the request of the Pleasanton Unified School District. Housing numbers in the various options were: #1, 1000 units, half of them single family; #2, 1426 units, 355 single family; #3, 1710 units, 486 single family; #4, 1283 units, 641 single family; #5, 1756 units, 1053 single family; and #6, 2279 units, 1477 single family. Councilmembers leaned towards options 4, 5 or 6.

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December People

December People Rock the Firehouse for a Good Cause

By Carol Graham

After she introduced December People, rightly referring to band members as “rock royalty,” Jane Onojafe moved to the wings where she had a clear view of the audience.

“I could see faces just light up after the first minute or two of music, when they ‘got it,’” said Onojafe. “After that, it felt like a big holiday party! These are five top musicians who have sold millions of records in the other bands they perform with. Since this is a unique concept, most audience members probably didn’t know exactly what to expect.”

The audience quickly got on board. Because what December People does is perform well-known classic

Christmas carols mashed with well-known classic rock songs. Think White Christmas woven into Billy Idol’s White Wedding. Or All I Want For Christmas is My T-t-t-two Front Teeth overlaying George Thorogood’s Bad to the Bone. Or Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer superimposed over AC/DC’s Thunderstruck.

“We are a rockin’ holiday show, real players from well-known bands,” said founder and frontman Robert Berry. “We put on a show that is easy to sing along with because you already know each holiday song. But you ‘get the joke’ when you discover who we perform it like.”

In the hands of less gifted musicians, the concept could have missed its mark. But

the five members of December People are among the best musicians in the business. With Berry (The Greg Kihn Band, 3, Ambrosia) at the helm, the seasonal Bay Area supergroup features Gary Pihl (Boston, The Sammy Hagar Band) on guitar and vocals, Dave Medd (The Tubes) on keyboard and vocals, Mike Vanderhule (Y & T) on drums, and Jack Foster (The Jack Foster Band) on guitar and vocals. Together, they have so much talent and magnetism - and so much fun onstage - that it’s impossible not to be hooked.

For the first time, December People played Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center for two sold-out performances on December 13th and 14th.

“The mood they generated was so positive and fun while delivering high-caliber rock ‘n roll,” said Onojafe, the Firehouse’s public relations coordinator. “We had a number of people who came to the Friday show buy tickets and come back on Saturday night!”

One of the key reasons the five musicians come together to perform as December People during the holidays is to help stock local food banks. Concertgoers are asked to bring canned or non-perishable foods to donate at each venue. For the Firehouse concert, donations will go to the Tri-Valley’s Open Heart Kitchen.

“We are truly grateful for the compassionate kind-

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Special Consensus

The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with an Attitude at the Firehouse

Grammy nominated for Best Bluegrass Album in 2012, The Special Consensus comes to Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday, January 11, for one 8:00 p.m. show. Opening for Special C is California bluegrass duo Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman.

For those not familiar with The Special Consensus, the band is a four-person acoustic group with a repertoire that features traditional bluegrass standards, original compositions by band members and other professional songwriters, and songs from other musical genres performed in the bluegrass format.

Known for their vocals, incredible musicianship, and boundless energy, Special C has released 16 recordings to date, with their latest album, "Scratch Gravel Road," having garnered a coveted Grammy Award nomination.

The Special Consensus has appeared on numerous National Public Radio programs and cable television

shows, including The Nashville Network, and have been featured on the cover of the renowned bluegrass publication Bluegrass Unlimited three times.

The group began performing in the Midwest somewhere around spring of 1975, released their first album in 1979, and began touring on a national and then international basis. Recent jaunts include United Kingdom, Canada, Europe, and South America. In 1993 the group branched out and began performing their first of many concerts with symphony orchestra.

Greg Cahill is the band's leader and banjo player, and has many bluegrass honors and credits to his name, including having served as President/Board Chair of IBMA and the Nashville-based Foundation for Bluegrass Music. He was awarded the prestigious IBMA Distinguished Achievement Award in 2011. The other members of the band include mandolin player Rick Faris of Topeka, KS, guitarist

Dustin Benson and bass player Dan Eubanks, both of Nashville.

Opening the show for Special C is California based duo of singer/songwriter Melody Walker and picker extraordinaire Jacob Groopman. Known for their unique style of self-branded 'Americali,' the team make music "that brings together elements of folk and pop, old time music and Southern rock, with undertones of samba and Afrobeat," according to Walker.

The duo has toured the US extensively, and also performs in the progressive bluegrass band Front Country. In October 2013 Walker and Groopman released their first album as a duo, produced by Grammy winning bluegrass/roots music legend Laurie Lewis, and titled "We Made It Home."

Tickets are \$12, \$17, \$22. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling the 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Free lot parking is available.

DECEMBER PEOPLE

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ness of these musicians," said Open Heart Kitchen's executive director Linda McKeever. "They displayed the true Christmas spirit. Fulfilling the human spirit's need for music and art is advanced to an even higher joy when it's combined with providing an opportunity for the community to help fill the basic human physical need for food."

The band performed 19 of the 40 songs they have recorded on CDs which feature carols performed in the styles of Led Zeppelin, Journey, The Who, ZZ Top, Queen, the Beach Boys, U2 and Elton John. Asked whether there have been any songs that didn't quite work, Berry replied, "Oh, yes. Trying to do Silver Bells like the Stones was awful."

It's hard to believe Berry can't work his magic with any song, so seamless and riveting are his arrangements. Berry gathered his top choices for band members with similar creative vision several years ago. Yet he was surprised at an early rehearsal when it was revealed that Dave Medd, the talented keyboardist of The Tubes (She's a Beauty, Talk to Ya Later, and White Punks on Dope), didn't know one of the world's most popular Christmas songs.

"When I showed him a part in the middle of a song where he had to play Jingle Bells, he didn't know it," said Berry. "He'd been raised a Jehovah's Witness. He wasn't raised with Christmas songs in the house. But he moved on from that long ago and he's all about celebrating Christmas now - even wearing a Santa suit during one song."

Following their shows, the musicians join the audience in the lobby to take photos and sign CDs.

"We were amazed by the concert on several levels," said audience member John Hernan. "The writing of the



Robert Berry - band founder



David Medd

lyrics is very witty. They blend classic rock songs - big hits - with Christmas songs, then add changes that are very clever and sound great. The band was tight, all pro, and the venue was perfect. The lights and fog effects were much more than we expected. It added a great vibe to the music."

Although Hernan said the show was all-around great, there was one special moment for him. "Gary Pihl is a lead guitar player for the rock band Boston. A surprise guest in the audience was Boston's new lead singer David Victor. He went up, sang with the band, and the crowd loved it!"

"We have friends all over the country so you never know who might show up," added Berry. "Greg Kihn was a guest last year in San

Jose. DJ John Michael sat in on marching drum with a 20-member choir in Monterey."

With the holiday season winding down, the musicians will soon be returning to play with Greg Kihn, Y & T, Boston and The Tubes. Fans will have to wait till the next holiday season to see another December People show - and hear what new songs Berry has added (a Tubes song is in the works).

"The band was so generous with their time and so willing to chat with everyone and take pictures after the shows," said Onojafe. "Their hearts really are all about the food drive - spotlighting the need and helping to do something about it."

For more information, visit www.classicrockchristmas.com, or www.firehousearts.org.

Heartfelt Folk Harmonies of the Wailin' Jennys to Warm the Bankhead Theater in January

Called “the darlings of the North American roots music arena” by the Toronto Star, the Wailin' Jennys bring their mix of Americana, pop and traditional folk music to the Bankhead Theater in early January.

Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse's three distinct voices combine in harmonies to create music on the folk-roots scene.

At concerts throughout North America and Europe, the Wailin' Jennys have performed across multiple genres, from traditional folk to alternative country, pop and rock.

Tickets to hear the Wailin' Jennys' at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, January 11, 2014 range from \$36 to \$55 for adults and \$15 for students.

What started as a happy accident of singer-songwriters uniting for a one-time-only performance at a tiny guitar shop in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has evolved into one of the most beloved of international folk acts.

Already established musicians in their native Canada, the three original Jennys, Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Cara Luft initially came together in 2002 for what was to be a single concert event. Their melodious blend of voices and intuitive harmonies worked so well, they ended up recording an album, “40 Days,” which debuted the following year. The 13-track release earned immediate critical acclaim and went on to win a Juno Award, Canada's top music honor, for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year.



The Wailin' Jennys

The Wailin' Jennys were soon touring widely and appearing regularly on the radio show “A Prairie Home Companion.” Their second album “Firecracker” won further praise for their vibrant harmonies and intricate acoustic sound and was honored with the Folk Alliance Award for Contemporary Release of the Year.

While the group has evolved with Heather Masse joining Mehta and Moody in 2008, the Wailin' Jennys seamless three-part harmonies have only grown deeper and richer over the years.

Their 2011 album “Bright Morning Stars” reached new creative heights, mixing in fresh and innovative sounds to

create a perfect mix of contemporary and classic folk styles.

Although known primarily for their acoustic folk music, each of the Wailin' Jennys brings a wide range of musical backgrounds and talents to the group. A classically-trained soprano and pianist, Ruth Moody is praised for her versatile vocals on traditional and Celtic music, and ably adds the guitar, accordion, banjo and bodhrán.

Mezzo Nicky Mehta plays the guitar, harmonica, drums and ukulele, and grew up surrounded by classical music, training as a dancer before making music her focus.

Alto Heather Masse, a jazz voice graduate of the New England Conserva-

tory of Music who excels at contemporary bluegrass, plays the upright bass and has performed with fiddle player Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing.

While touring and performing with the Wailin' Jennys, all three have also released their own solo albums. Each Jenny has a distinct and individual style of musical expression, but together they deliver an irresistible mix of contemporary folk and roots music with the dynamic and irresistible vocal power of three.

Over the years, the Bankhead Theater has welcomed a number of exceptional bluegrass, Americana and folk musicians, from The Punch Brothers in the venue's opening season, to the Red Clay Ramblers and Rhonda Vincent earlier this year.

Following the Wailin' Jennys at the Bankhead Theater in 2014 will be the Gibson Brothers, considered the best brother duet in bluegrass today, and the three-part harmonies of Red Molly, who return with bluegrass and traditional roots music just in time for the 96th Annual Livermore Rodeo. Tickets to see the Wailin' Jennys on January 11th, the Gibson Brothers on March 21st, or Red Molly on June 13th, as well as all remaining events in the current LVPAC Presents season are available now through the Bankhead Theater box office.

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East Meets West Art and Poetry Exhibit at Livermore Library

The 8th annual East Meets West exhibit, integrating visual and literary arts, opens Jan. 2 in the Civic Center Gallery at the main Livermore Library.

The show, which runs through Jan. 24, is curated by Livermore artist Lily Xu, and features photographs by Walter Davies, folded paper sculptures by Goran Konjevod, poetry by Charan Sue Wollard, Susan Wilson and Kay Speaks, as well as Xu's paintings.

In addition, the musical arts will be incorporated into the show's opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 4, 12:30-4 p.m. Galina Corkery of Galina's Music Studio and her student Timothy Guan will play piano. Cellist Even Tsai will also perform.

The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The show and reception are free and open to the public.

Xu, a fourth-generation award-winning artist, was trained in the classical Chinese style, which she now combines with a contemporary Western flair.

Her paintings have ap-

peared in numerous shows and have been published in magazines, collections and newspapers, including Austin American-Statesman, Austin Woman, The Independent, Pleasanton Gazette, Tri-Valley Times, Las Positas Anthology 2011 and 2012, *Where a Painter Meets a Poet* and *Where a Painter Meets Poets*.

Xu's work graces private and corporate collection across the United States and abroad, including the Austin Children's Museum, the Asian Study Center of the University of Texas, the Austin American Cultural Center, The Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas, the Austin Public Libraries and the Pleasanton Public Library.

Xu is a member of both the Livermore Art Association and the Pleasanton Art League. For more information about the artist and her work, please contact her at lily.xu@comcast.net

Davies is a well-known photographer whose work has appeared in numerous shows in California and

New Mexico. He has taken classes and workshops with such well-regarded photographers as John Sexton, Jay Dussard, Bruce Barnbaum, Ray McSavane and Carol Rose Brown.

His work is housed in public and private collections throughout the West and Southwest, and may be viewed at www.daviesgallery.com and LAA Gallery, 2155 Third Street, Livermore.

Konjevod was born in Croatia. He studied mathematics and computer science in Zagreb and Pittsburgh, and spent 10 years as professor of Computer Science at Arizona State University before moving to the Bay Area in 2010.

Konjevod's folded sculptures have been featured in galleries and museums since 2008.

In most of his works, he uses the tension created in a sheet of paper by folding a sequence of pleats to create curvature and three-dimensional forms. Sometimes he can envision the final shape before he starts folding,

but often the result comes through experimentation and improvisation.

He also uses his paper forms as models for cast metal sculpture. His work can be viewed at <http://organicorigami.com>

Wollard's poems have appeared in publications including the Carquinez Review, *The Gathering* and *Crow Talk*. Her book, *In My Other Life*, a collection of original poems and paintings, was released in 2010 by Richer Resources Publishing. Her work has won numerous awards, including Grand Prize at the 2004 Poets' Dinner.

She studied with Santa Cruz poet Ellen Bass for two years, and has participated in workshops with Stephen Dunn, Tony Hoagland, Marie Howe, Frank X. Gaspar and other distinguished poets. She is a former poet laureate of Livermore and was recently named to the city's Commission for the Arts.

She also serves on the board of directors of the Ina Coolbrith Poetry Circle and manages the site www.livermorelit.com.

[livermorelit.com](http://www.livermorelit.com).

Wilson is a trained Medicine Woman practitioner, teacher and award-winning writer, poet and playwright.

Her writing has been published in several anthologies, literary magazines and local newspapers, including *Gems of Wisdom-A Book of Elder Poetry and Prose*, *Bread of Life Anthology*, *Las Positas Anthology*, *Culture.net*, *Bitter Root*, *Rising Sap*: University of Kentucky, *August Candlelight*: University of Kentucky and *Pleasanton Weekly*. She won the Lydia Wood Award for poetry in 2004, 2006 and 2012; and for prose in 2008 and 2012. In 1997, she was awarded the Stanford University Medical Center Poetry Award for Language.

For more information, check her website at www.medicinedreamingwoman.com

Speaks' poetry often reflects her Chinese and Irish ethnicity, as well as her interest in family history research and photography.

Her work has been featured in the 2013 East Meets West, *When an Artist Meets Poets*, and at various down-

town businesses. She won honorable mention in the 2013 Benicia Love Poetry Contest and served as a high school poetry judge for the second annual City of Alameda all schools poetry contest.

Speaks has lectured and shown her work at the Pleasanton Museum on Main, the Livermore Heritage Guild, the Tulare County Genealogical & Historical Society, and the Alameda County Fair.

A member of the Livermore Valley Camera Club, her photography has also been displayed at the Livermore library and the Alameda County Fair.

Tsai was born in Taiwan, where she began her musical training at an early age. She graduated from Kwang-Jen Music High School, received a B.A. in Music from Washington State University, and earned double Master's degrees in Music and Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Her cello teachers included Su-Tsu Tzeng; Christopher von Baeyer; Laurian

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Laufman, winner of 1976 Villa-Lobos International Cello Competition; and Dr. Franck Bernède.

Tsai has presented solo recitals in the National Concert Hall, Taipei, and toured throughout Taiwan. She also served as principal cellist in various orchestras including Illini Symphony and Voice of Spring Orchestra, Taiwan, and made a concert tour of Taiwan, China and Italy.

Tsai was founder of the Jaytee Chamber Orchestra and won awards for her research on Integrated Music Curriculum. She also arranges folk and classical music, and has served as conductor of several youth orchestras.

For more information about Tsai, check her website at www.schwanviolins.com

Corkery studied music in her native Russia and moved to the Bay Area in 2003.

She opened her music studio in Livermore, where she teaches voice and piano to students of all ages and levels of proficiency, and is a member of The National Guild of Piano Teachers Association.

Her students have received top scores in the NGPT certification program.

She recently performed "All Night Vigil" by Sergei Rachmaninoff with the San Francisco Choral Society. She and her students perform studio recitals as well as at the Heritage Estates.

More information about Corkery can be found on her website, galinasmusic-studio.com

Guan, 14, began studying music at age 7. He attends Granada High School and takes piano lessons with Corkey.

Several local businesses are sponsoring the show and reception. They are: Bartsch Law, SchwAn Violins, Way Up Art & Frame, Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, Empire Buffet Restaurant, Willow Tree Restaurant and Peking Restaurant.

Made-to-Order Fairytales: Creatures of Impulse at Library

The City of Pleasanton's award-winning and nationally recognized Creatures of Impulse Teen Improv Troupe is coming to the Pleasanton Library in January with five short programs of Made-to-Order Fairytales. In five completely different 30 minute programs, Creatures of Impulse will take suggestions from children to create improvised, interactive fairytales. The suggested age range for the audience is 5 to 10 years old.

The programs are free to the public. No tickets are required. Performances are Friday, January 3, 2014, 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 11:45-12:15 p.m.; Saturday, January 25, 2014, 2:00-2:30 p.m., 3:00-3:30 p.m., and 4:00-4:30 p.m. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Library has free parking in their lot.

Creatures of Impulse members will take verbal and physical suggestions from children to create fifteen to twenty minute improvised fairytales. The young performers in Creatures of Impulse will ask children to make up names of characters and make faces that these characters would make. Children will also be prompted to shout out some agreed upon lines when certain characters' names are mentioned throughout the performances.

Two seasons ago, Creatures of Impulse member Sabrina Finke (then a freshman in high school) presented the idea of improvised fairytales to children at a brainstorming meeting. The idea was tabled until summer 2013 when Creatures of Impulse was asked to perform in Samantha Samuel's Kabaret for Kids, a children's variety show presented at the Firehouse Arts Center for young audiences. Creatures of Impulse Director Mark



Creatures of Impulse - 2014.

Duncanson saw this as a perfect time to debut Sabrina's fairytale format to young audiences.

Sabrina has turned out to be quite an improv format developer: this fall Creatures of Impulse debuted one of her original improv ideas, "Acapocalypse," an improvised post-apocalyptic a capella musical (wow) at the Un-Scripted Theater Company on Union Square in San Francisco.

Though the casts rotate between each of the performance dates, audiences can expect to see Creatures of Impulse's newest members Katie Sullivan-14, Chloe Reddy-14, Zaya Kolia-16, Morgan Werder-16, in addition to veteran members Olivia Scrivner-16, sole Livermore member and senior Trevor March-17, and fairytale format developer Sabrina Finke-15.

Mark Duncanson, COI

Director and himself a seasoned improv professional, says, "As a youth worker and the Director of Creature of Impulse, I hope not only to teach performance skills, but to teach my students how they can create something as a team. Creatures of Impulse's style of improv is all about experimenting with genres, "workshopping" different ideas and showing the audience we are excited to involve them with the creative process.

Duncanson went on to discuss the significance of the current Made-to-Order Fairytales project. "Over the past four seasons Creatures of Impulse's style has organically grown to include our teen performers learning to teach improv to their peers and younger youth and Made to Order Fairytales is a perfect youth-to-youth learning opportunity for the performers and the child



Olivia Scrivner and Sabrina Finke rehearse techniques.

audiences. I hope children learn a little about improv, a bit about the fairytale genre,

and a lot about different ways to use their imagination."

Dublin Rotary Helps Those in Need this Holiday Season



Members of the Dublin Rotary deliver food to Valley High School for 20 families in need, as part of its annual giving campaign.

This year the Rotary Club of Dublin donated a total of \$5,400 to worthy causes and families in need in the Dublin area.

Working with the Dublin School District, CityServe and the Children's Emergency Food Bank, the Dublin Rotarians identified and adopted 29 families in need for the holidays. Twenty of those families were from Valley High School. The Rotary Club of Dublin was able to donate \$100 Safeway gift certificates to 12 Valley High families. Another 8 families were adopted for the entire holiday season.

Along with the Safeway gift certificates, presents were purchased and wrapped for each family member. Ad-

ditionally, \$50 Safeway gift certificates were donated to the families of 9 elementary and middle school students in the school district. Each family also received two bags of groceries from the Children's Emergency Food Bank of Dublin. All totaled, Rotarians allocated \$4,200 to those families helping to make their holidays a little more special.

"Foremost in our effort was the club member's desire to make a positive difference in the lives of Dublin families," said club president, Janine Thalblum. "We wanted to help the families of children in the Dublin School District who are going through hard times.

The holidays can be difficult when you can't even put food on the table or have a warm jacket to wear to school."

Additionally, Dublin Rotary allocated \$500 to the Calico of Alameda County, \$500 to the Tri-Valley Open Heart Kitchen and \$300 to the Dublin High School Interact Club who is working on a project to send solar ovens to families in need in Afghanistan.

Calico is the only agency in Alameda County working with children who have physically or sexually abused while the Open Heart Kitchen serves food 7 days a week to hungry families in the Tri-Valley Area.

Sandia Employees Kick Off Livermore's First Habitat for Humanity Renovation Project

Habitat for Humanity typically builds houses. However, a Habitat event last month tore one down.

A team of Sandia National Laboratories volunteers led by engineering services manager Larry Carrillo kicked off a new Habitat for Humanity project that will partially demolish and rebuild a dilapidated 60-year-old house in Livermore. Once completed, Habitat will offer the house to a veteran. "I couldn't be happier about this project," said Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

"We are planning five more home renovation projects with Habitat similar to this one. I was heartened by the local residents who came to help, and particularly grateful for the number of volunteers who came from Sandia. This is going to have

a very positive impact on the Livermore community."

Marchand and U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.) joined Carrillo and many Sandia employees and former employees in the demolition work.

"I appreciate the opportunity to join Habitat for Humanity, Sandia employees and the Livermore community to help a worthy veteran and his or her family find a home in the East Bay," said Swalwell. "Our veterans served us, and now it's our turn to serve them."

As part of a holistic approach to neighborhood revitalization, Habitat for Humanity targets homes – typically foreclosures – in blighted neighborhoods.

"It's less expensive and faster to rebuild an existing home, plus there is an abundance of these properties,"

explained Daryl Lee, corporate development officer for Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.

Carrillo, a long-time Habitat volunteer, provided the impetus for the project. After leading Sandia teams for Habitat Build-a-Thon events in 2009 and 2010, he talked to Lee about creating a Habitat project in Livermore.

"I wanted a project in Livermore where Sandia employees can volunteer and help the local community," Carrillo said. "I consider myself very fortunate, and volunteering with Habitat is a way to give back."

The idea gained steam in the spring of 2013 when Lee, Sandia Community Relations officer Stephanie Beasley and Carrillo brought together Sandia, the city of Livermore and Habitat for



A crew of Sandia volunteers cheers after safely collapsing the outdoor patio roof of a Habitat home that they would soon rebuild. (Photo by Catherine Dawson)

Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley.

With the city's help, Habitat identifies and purchases properties, rebuilds

the homes and eventually sells them to families with limited incomes. Lee said Habitat plans to rebuild two more houses in Livermore

next year.

The Habitat event started with a safety briefing. Then the volunteers split into

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A local Girl Scout Troop in Livermore (#33248) dropped off gifts at Shepherd's Gate on December 16th. The girls created crafts to sell at a local Holiday Bazaar, which allowed them to raise enough money to purchase gifts for a family in support of their "Adopt a Family" program. Pictured from left to right are Marisa Mayfield, Katie Darling, Alyson Machi, Delaney Richards, Alexis Nava, and Jazmin Garza; missing from photo Maddie Allum.

Up, Up and Away

Looking up in the sky on a recent Saturday in December, a large red balloon may have been visible. The balloon and a camera were tethered to a long nylon rope. At the other end of the rope were students from Junction Avenue K-8 School aerially mapping the land below.

Junction School students in the Livermore Rotary Club's READY Education Program were learning the techniques of how to do aerial photographic mapping of landscapes below.

Pat Coyle, a retired scientist, demonstrated and involved students in how to set up, launch and gather pictures using an inexpensive camera and then how to safely retrieve the balloon.

The weather was perfect. The wind was blowing slightly and the sky was clear and blue. After flying the balloon and camera for some time, the students re-



Students watch as balloon soars.

trieved the balloon and camera and returned to Junction School where the pictures on the camera were displayed on a big screen. Students

got to see themselves and the surrounding fields and structures as the camera soared skyward.

Students discussed how aerial photography can be of value especially in areas that are hard to access like rainforests, oil pipelines, and disaster areas.

The READY Education Program, in its fourth year, has been offered to students at Junction Avenue School to encourage them to keep trying and dreaming. Some of the original students are now freshmen in high school and come back at times to mentor other students.

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indoor and outdoor teams. The indoor team removed drywall, doors, fixtures, insulation and trim. The outdoor team cleared debris and overgrown vegetation from the backyard and removed an outdoor patio cover.

"Knowing that we were improving a house for a veteran and helping to improve the neighborhood was immensely satisfying," said Julie Fruetel, one of the Sandia volunteers. "It was great to see Rep. Swalwell and Mayor Marchand there in the morning getting just as dirty as the rest of us."

Work on the house will continue into spring, with various businesses and community groups sponsoring workdays. Sandia will have a second workday on Saturday, Jan. 11.

38th Year Scouts Will Recycle Christmas Trees

Youth groups representing the Livermore Boy Scouts of America, Troop #924 have announced plans for their 38th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling event, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 4th, 2014.

For about the price of a Starbucks cup of coffee, (\$5 for residential and \$10 for commercial/tall trees, sorry no flocked/sprayed trees), Boy Scouts representing Troop 924 will pick up a tree at the curbside of a home or business for disposal and recycling. Residents and/or businesses interested in this program can make a reservation and pay online at <http://www.scoutgreen.org/> or by calling 925-373-7821. Reservations for pickup must be made by January 2nd 2014.

Here are some fun facts about Christmas Trees as reported by www.earth911.com

website.

There are approximately 30-35 million real Christmas trees sold in North America every year.

Eighty-five percent of artificial trees are manufactured in China.

For every real Christmas tree harvested, up to three seedlings are planted in its place the following spring.

There are about 500,000 acres in production for growing Christmas trees. Each acre provides the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.

It can take 15 years to grow a tree of average retail sale height (6 feet), but the average growing time is seven years.

The top Christmas tree production states are Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Washington.

Christmas Trees are a renewable resource. Today, approximately 98 percent of real Christmas trees are grown on farms throughout all 50 states and Canada. Real trees are a renewable, recyclable resource, and real trees are planted to be harvested just as corn and pumpkins are cultivated for a harvest. Young trees in their rapid growth years have a high rate of photosynthesis and thus produce more oxygen than older trees. This year, more than 60 million new seedlings were planted by Christmas tree farmers all over North America.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, "real Christmas trees are biodegradable, which means they can be easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes."

Recycled Christmas trees today provide wildlife and fish habitat, compost and mulch for planting new trees, and reducing waste in our landfills.

Please reserve online at <http://www.scoutgreen.org/> or call 925-373-7821, by January 2nd.

Eat Tri-Valley Restaurant Month Begins in January

In celebration of the Tri-Valley's distinctive and diverse eateries, Visit Tri-Valley is again conducting Eat Tri-Valley Restaurant Month January 1-31/ The event, formerly Restaurant Week, is a part of the larger California Restaurant Month initiative—featuring 30 destinations statewide—produced by Visit California and designed to drive post-holiday travel to the Golden State.

This year, each of the five communities will be celebrated throughout the entire month of January, allowing for guests to enjoy as many restaurants as possible.

A list of participating restaurants will be available on visittrivalley.com/eat.

ART & 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.

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

Photography by Ian Danielson, 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.

"**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.

Pollock-style action painting on canvas at Bothwell Arts Center, Jan. 21, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org.

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.

"**Multiply by Six Million: Portraits**



Fun-Tangles workshop, which incorporates pen and ink drawing in repetitive patterns with colored media to enhance the design, is offered.

and Stories of Holocaust Survivors, an exhibition showcasing photographer Evvy Eisen's 15-year-long project to create portraits of Holocaust survivors living in California and to collect their personal histories. Museum on Main, Jan. 8-Feb. 28. 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 or call (925)462-2776.

East Meets West Art and Poetry Exhibit at Livermore Library, opens Jan. 2. Runs through Jan. 24.



Transparent Umbrellas by Melanie Lacki is just one of the paintings at the Harrington gallery during Just Add Water & Black on White.

Curated by Livermore artist Lily Xu, and features photographs by Walter Davies, folded paper sculptures by Goran Konjevod, poetry by Charan Sue Wollard, Susan Wilson and Kay Speaks, as well as Xu's paintings. Musical arts will be incorporated into the show's opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 4, 12:30-4 p.m. Galina Corkery of Galina's Music Studio and her student Timothy Guan will play piano. Cellist Even Tsai will also perform. The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The show and reception are free and open to the public.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 13. Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artists: George Allen Durkee, landscapes in oil. No admission charge. www.livermoreartassociation.org and www.pal-art.com.

Classes at the Figurehead Gallery: Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 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 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



Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents "The Drowsy Chaperone" Jan. 18-Feb. 1 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

is d'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.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

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.

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 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 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 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. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Nature Photography Hike along the Callippe Preserve Trail on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by Community Services Department of the City of Pleasanton. Participants must be 18 and older. Learn more and

register at www.pleasantonfun.com

Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond", Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 9:30 a.m., Mon., Jan. 6th for five weeks and also 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 7th for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore 925-443-3388. View Maryann's artwork at www.maryannkot.com

New Art Workshop: Fun-Tangles. Instructor Maryann Kot. One day Workshop - Sat., Jan. 18th 10 am to 3 pm. Fee \$45. Fun-Tangles incorporates pen and ink drawing in repetitive patterns with colored media to enhance the design. Workshop will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore 925-443-3388.

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.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: 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 or 215-2656.

Las Positas Vineyards, Saturday, December 28 from 2-5pm come celebrate the holidays with some live music by acoustic guitarist Jim Ashley. Newly released Casimira dessert wines served in a chocolate port cup, perfect for any holiday occasion. www.laspositasvineyards.com, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore; (925) 449-9463

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.

New Year's Eve Party. Tues., Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Master slide guitarist Roy

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Mike Montemerlo will discuss the Google Self-Driving Car Project during a talk as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 28 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

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 or 373-6800.

Happy Birthday, Elvis! The Firehouse Arts Center celebrates Elvis Presley's Birthday Weekend with The Early Elvis Tribute Show featuring returning hit group Jim Anderson & The Rebels. Saturday, January 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, January 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12; senior \$22; group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Ricky Nelson Remembered: Live at Firehouse Arts Center. Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, Ricky's twin sons and multi-platinum recording artists in their own right, in concert at the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, January 10, at 8:00 p.m. Featuring hit songs like "Hello Mary Lou," "Poor Little Fool," "Travelin' Man," "I'm Walkin'," "I Gotta Feeling," "Teenage Idol," "Garden Party" and many more, RNR showcases his life with never-before-seen interviews from artists he influenced, including Paul McCartney and Chris Isaak. Reserved seating tickets are \$40-\$50; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with an attitude! 2012 Grammy-nominated acoustic bluegrass band returns to the Firehouse. Four-man bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals, and boundless energy. Opening act: duo of singer/songwriter Melody Walker and picker extraordinaire Jacob Groopman with their unique

"Americali," Americana with a California twist. Tickets \$12, \$17, \$22; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Wailin' Jennys, folk harmonies. Sat., Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 or 931-4848.

International Guitar Night, Wed., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

ON THE STAGE

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

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 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 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 or 373-6800.

Made-to-Order Fairytales:

Creatures of Impulse, the City of Pleasanton's award winning teen improv troupe, and the Pleasanton Public Library present 5 completely different interactive programs for children ages 5-10. **Creatures of Impulse** will take suggestions from children to create fifteen to twenty minute improvised fairytales.

Programs: Friday, January 3, 2014, 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 11:45-12:15 p.m.; Saturday, January 25, 2012, 2:00-2:30 p.m., 3:00-3:30 p.m., and 4:00-4:30 p.m. All programs are free, and no tickets required. Free parking. Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Colin Quinn, 'Unconstitutional', Jan. 17, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 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



The 2014 Ed Kinney season kicks off with a visit from humorist and author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, also known as Mark Twain at 7 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 14. Pat Kaunert, portrays Twain.

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.

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 different acts: Broadway Tribute, Salsa Fever, Urban Funk, and a piece dedicated to the children. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

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 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 regard-

ing the *We're Talkin' Books! Club. Poetry at Ravenswood*, Jan. 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured poets will be Sam Pierstorff and C.O. McCauley. The guest poets will read at 2 p.m. followed by an open mic after a short break. Admission is \$5. Light refreshments served. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Look for the sign. For information, contact Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com or 925-323-0884.

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.

Livermore Reads Together Kick-off Event, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. afternoon with Laurie R. King, author of *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*. Chosen as one of the 100 Favorite Mysteries of the 20th Century, *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* presents Mary Russell, a fifteen-year-old American orphan, who meets Sherlock Holmes in 1915 in Sussex Downs. Holmes, who spends his quiet days studying beekeeping and dabbling in detective work, takes the spirited Russell on as an apprentice. In her, Holmes finds his perfect partner in detection. www.cityoflivermore.net or 373-5500.

Mike Montemerlo, Rae Dorrough 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 or 373-6800.

Broadway Chorus to Perform Audience Favorites

Broadway Chorus will stage a new show, "Broadway Chorus Sings Your Favorites!" on Friday, January 10th, Saturday, January 11th at 8 pm and Sunday, the 12th at 2 pm, 2014 at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton.

The chorus will be performing music selected by its audience.

The show goes on at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

For tickets, call the TVRT box office at 925-462-2121 or go to TVRT's Broadway Chorus Tickets at www.trivalleyrep.org



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Milestones

Ken Moody Selected as Science Fellow

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Ken Moody has been awarded the distinction of fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Election as a fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers to recognize distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. This year, AAAS awarded 388 members with this honor.

Moody, a chief scientist for radiochemistry at Lawrence Livermore, was one of the 40 fellows elected in the chemistry category.

Moody, a 27-year Lab employee, joined the Heavy Element Group in 1985 and has been a critical member of the team that discovered six new elements — 113 through 118.

In addition, he has added more than 40 new isotopes

to the chart of nuclides. Trained under Glenn Seaborg, Moody has dedicated his career to the scientific advancement of radio- and nuclear chemistry for the scientific and programmatic communities.

Moody is one of the creators of the discipline of nuclear forensics, and applications of radiochemistry to national security and law enforcement problems.

Moody's dive into heavy element work has been a lifelong quest to tackle the uncharted "Island of Stability." Chemists have long predicted the existence of an "Island of Stability" at the outer bounds of the periodic table, where super-heavy elements live for milliseconds, minutes or even years amid a sea of oddly short-lived nuclei.

He worked in the underground nuclear testing program at the Laboratory until

the test ban in 1992. After the test ban, he tapped into nuclear forensic analysis. At the same time, he was pursuing new superheavy elements.

In superheavy element work, Moody came into his own with the Livermore group. He soon started collaborating with a similar group in Dubna, Russia. In 2009, he earned the The American Chemical Society Division of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology's Glenn T. Seaborg award for his work in heavy elements and nuclear forensics.

His awards are numerous: The first prize of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna; R&D 100 award for "The Gamma Watermark" technology; Popular Science "Best of What's New" Award for element 114; Glenn T. Seaborg Award for Nuclear Chemistry of the American Chemi-

cal Society for discovering five elements and more than 30 isotopes and developing nuclear forensics; 2010 Gordon Battelle Prize for Scientific Discovery for the discovery of element 117 along with collaborators from LLNL and ORNL

In 2012, Moody was named a Lawrence Livermore Distinguished Member of Technical Staff (DMTS) for his extraordinary scientific and technical contributions to the Laboratory and its missions as acknowledged by his professional peers and the larger community.

New AAAS fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Fellows Forum during the 2014 AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Call Goes Out for Livermorium Artwork

On May 30, 2012, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) officially approved Livermorium as the name for the 116th element on the Periodic Table of Elements. The name was chosen to honor Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) contributions to heavy and super-heavy element research. The City of Livermore is one of only two cities in the United States and 11 cities in the world to have an element named in their honor.

The City of Livermore is now issuing a Call for Artists/Request for Quali-

cations (RFQ) to complete a major public art project commemorating the discovery of Livermorium. The chosen piece will include interactive elements that will invite the public to learn more about Livermorium and the related science around its discovery.

The Call for Artists/RFQ is an open call to all artists or artist teams residing in the United States and is due on January 27, 2014. The applying artist or artist teams must have experience completing at least two original, outdoor public art projects that were designed for a certain site and demonstrate

the capacity to successfully complete all aspects of its design, construction and installation.

The selected artwork will be placed at the plaza in Mills Square Park. Mill Square Park is located in a prominent area of the City's downtown and cultural arts district at the corner of First Street and South Livermore Avenue. The piece will act as a major focal point in the overall planned renovation of the park and should be of a design and composition that will allow it to maintain its integrity over time in an outdoor setting.

The initial identification of an artist to create this work will be made by a panel of community stakeholders who will make a recommendation to the City Council in July 2014. The selection process is described in further detail at the city web site listed below.

For more information on the Call for Artists/Request for Qualifications, please visit the City of Livermore's Arts webpage at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/arts/default.asp> or call Jean Prasher at 925-960-4586.

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(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. 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.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Michael's Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

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.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, January 8, Wednesday, at 7 PM. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. A Peaceful War Protest will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 22 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

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 Luskin 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.

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch of AAUW will have Mary Knox, a Deputy District Attorney for Contra Costa County speak about Homicides, Drugs and Gangs on Thursday, January 30 at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Rd. Diablo at 11 AM. A three course lunch will be served. The public is invited. Mail checks in the amount of \$29 to DAW-AAUW, PO Box 996, Alamo, CA, 94507. For more information email daw.aauw@gmail.com.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Dec. 28, 39 miles to summit of Mt. Hamilton and Lick Observatory, meet 10 a.m. at corner of Alum Rock Ave. and Mt. Hamilton Rd., Richard Hedges, 447-6197. Jan. 29, 30 miles from Shannon Center to Sunol, Niles Canyon and Palomares Rd., meet 10 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Jan. 1, 25 miles ride to the summit of Mt. Diablo, meet 9 a.m. at Danville Railroad Museum, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Early dinner in San Ramon, Dec. 31, 3 p.m., RSVP to Janet by Dec. 28 at 443-3317. Mexican Train event, Jan. 2, noon, RSVP by Dec. 27 to Ruby, 462-9636. General meeting in Livermore, Jan. 7, 11 a.m., RSVP by Jan. 4 to Pat, 606-0407. Lunch in Pleasanton, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 5 to Barbara, 426-8876. Birthday lunch in San Ramon, Jan. 12, 1 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 6 to Marsha, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Jan. 16, 5 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 14 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, Jan. 18, 1 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 11 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, Jan. 19, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 19 to David, 833-7647. Lunch in San Ramon, Jan. 25, RSVP by Jan. 22 to Bette, 510-357-7873.

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 fundraising 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 for more information. All Birthright services are free and confidential.

Depression and Bipolar Support 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/ 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 Lindbergh Ave.,

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Livermore, 6 p.m. to midnight. All you can eat crab or chicken, pasta, salad, bread. Raffle prizes. Tickets \$40, at www.smccyo.org. Additional information at njfromindy@yahoo.com or 216-2519.

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. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/holiday

Joséfa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact jhchapter@yahoo.com or 784-1935.

Bereaved Mothers' Network of the 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 P.M. 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 katiestrube@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

Overeaters Anonymous. All are welcome. No weigh-ins, free will donations for rent. Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925) 447-1676

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. All services are free.

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkway, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tues-

day 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 All 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

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, email 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 for the location of the next meeting.

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

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by

the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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 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.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or 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). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or 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.calvarylivermore.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; worships 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/ 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.

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 Scola 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 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 1411 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. 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 pnjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 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: Dec. 29th: "Into the Silence: Sally Kempton and Myrtle Fillmore." 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.

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 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

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 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. 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 Hayer 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 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 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.

Burning Bowl Ceremony - Sunday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. at the church location, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. Give to the sacred flame that which we are ready to release and let go of. In addition, we will write letters to God that set our intentions for 2014. The sealed letters will be held in prayer at Unity of Tri-Valley and then returned next October. Everyone is welcome. www.trivalleyunity.com (925) 829-2733.

New Year's Blessing, Lynnewood United Methodist Church invites the community to a time of cross-cultural New Year's blessing in the tradition of India, January 1, 2014, from 2:00-3:00 pm. This event will offer participants a private prayer time with Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, the lead pastor at the church, followed by Indian refreshments and conversation with church members. In India, Christians begin the New Year with prayer, and they receive a promise card with scripture for assurance of God's love in the coming year. The New Year's Blessing is an event for people of all ethnicities. Lynnewood UMC seeks to be a multi-cultural congregation, welcoming all people. The church is located at 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, across from the aquatic center. For more information, please visit the website at www.lynnewood.org or call 925 846-0221.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday January 4th at 1:00 PM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkway, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer


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Milestones Community

Dublin City Manager Retires After 25 Year Career

Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo has officially retired after a long and distinguished 25-year career in local government.

Pattillo spent the last five and a half years as Dublin's City Manager, successfully leading the organization through one of the worst economic recessions on record; stabilizing the organization and positioning the City for future growth and prosperity. During her tenure as City Manager, Pattillo worked with the City Council to enhance and improve community engagement and outreach, including the development of a new website and tools to better connect citizens and businesses with the City, a new Annual Report on the City's fiscal condition, as well as a 10-year Strategic Plan and current capital improvement projects.

The creation of Community Strategy Forums that helped to inform the City Council and staff about the financial priorities of the Dublin community were

part of Pattillo's leadership vision, as was her development of the City's first two-year budget process to provide fiscal stabilization during a turbulent economic time. Pattillo has also been instrumental in the development of several new park projects, including Fallon Sports Park, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, four neighborhood parks, and continued the development of Emerald Glen Park, with the design phase of the Aquatic Center.

"It has been my pleasure to work with Joni over the last several years, and I know that we are a better community because of her service to our residents and businesses," said Mayor Tim Sbranti. "She guided us through some very difficult budget conversations, but I believe that our actions to appoint her in 2008 have led to the successes we have achieved today. Joni has been a visionary leader who has put Dublin on the right path, and I think all Dublin residents should be thankful

for her service to our great community."

Pattillo was also a key player in the redevelopment of the former Arroyo Vista site, a Federal public housing project. Pattillo spent more than seven years on a new plan and funding stream to build the region's first mixed income community, Emerald Vista. Pattillo also led the City to its first-ever designation in 2011 as an "All-America City" by the National Civic League for its efforts relating to affordable housing, preserving the City's history, and the School of Imagination.

Pattillo joined the City of Dublin in 2002 as the Assistant City Manager. In that role, she established the City's first leadership academy for residents, now called Inside Dublin.

The program has graduated more than 150 community members, many of which have gone on to serve the community in a variety of roles, including City Commissions and the City Council.



Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti presents City Manager Joni Pattillo with her retirement gift from the City, the Dublin Clock. Community members and former councilmembers attended Pattillo's official retirement celebration on December 19 at City Hall. Pattillo's last day in the office was December 20. Chris Foss, the current Assistant City Manager has been selected as Dublin's new City Manager by the Dublin City Council. During the event, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented Pattillo with a citation from the board of supervisors honoring her work at the Dec. 17 Dublin City Council meeting. Haggerty, a Dublin resident, said that Pattillo's departure was sad for him. "I've enjoyed working with you a lot." When city-county issues came up, "you were the first one to jump in and say, 'Let me fix that.' You're the ultimate city manager. You truly are," said Haggerty.

Hope Hospice Welcomes New Chaplain

The Rev. Moana Meadow has joined The Hope Hospice spiritual care team as chaplain. She works with Hope Hospice's two other chaplains in assisting patients and their families with spiritual issues regarding life and death and helping to promote their well-being, comfort and dignity throughout the dying process.

"I approach each patient and family as unique individuals, without assumptions," says Meadow. She explains how she focuses on the integration of her patients' beliefs and experiences with what is happening in their bodies. "If we have pain or fear or sadness, there are many ways to ease and heal that, including prayer, speaking from the heart with those we love, massage or movement, and medication or other solutions."

Meadow earned a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and was ordained as an interfaith minister by the Chaplaincy Institute in Berkeley. She completed her residency at John Muir Medical Center, Concord; and served as an intern with Pathways Hospice, Oakland/San Francisco and with Pacific Health Ministry, Hawaii. Prior to coming to Hope Hospice, she worked as the spiritual care coordinator at AseraCare Hospice in Concord.

"I look forward to collaborating with Hope Hospice's nurses, physicians, social workers, musicians, acupuncturists and healing touch providers to bring peace and comfort to our patients and their families," adds Meadow.

Pleasanton Chamber Taking Nominations for Community Service Awards

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its 51st Annual Community Service Awards. Community members are encouraged to nominate businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Pleasanton community for five awards: Business Philanthropy, Excellence

in Business, Excellence in Service, Distinguished Individual and Green Service.

The awards will be presented at the Community Service Awards Event in March at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. The Community Service Awards began in 1963 to recognize good people doing great things in the community and since then hundreds of re-

ipients have been honored.

Anyone may submit nominations for these awards. The efforts of these businesses, organizations and individuals make a real difference in the quality of life for everyone in Pleasanton. Nomination forms and information regarding the criteria for each award category are available on the Pleasanton Chamber web-

site, www.pleasanton.org.

Nominations are due January 17, 2014 and may be submitted via email to susie@pleasanton.org, faxed to 925.846.9697 or mailed/delivered to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Avenue, Pleasanton, CA, 94566. For more information, view Community Service Awards page online.

The Pleasanton Chamber

presented six Community Service Awards in 2013: Business Philanthropy Award: 1st United Services Credit Union; Excellence in Business Award: Simpson Strong-Tie; Excellence in Service Award: Volunteers in Police Service; Distinguished Individual Service Award: Debi Covello and Green Business Award: The Clorox Company and Café Main.