



Find Out What's Happening
Check Out Section A
 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.

County May Expand Bag Ban to All Retailers, Restaurants

By Ron McNicoll
 The single-use plastic bag ban in Alameda County affects only certain food stores. However, the county's Waste Management Authority (WMA) is looking into expanding the ban to include all retailers and restaurants.
 WMA board members at their Dec. 16 meeting

gave direction to staff to study how much more reduction of plastic bags in the waste stream would be accomplished if the current ordinance were expanded.
 The study will also look at the impact on the increased number of businesses that would be subject to an expanded ordinance.
 Currently, 1300 business-

es in the county are affected by the ban on single-use plastic bags. They include grocery and liquor stores that sell milk, bread, soda and snack foods. (All four must be sold to make the store subject to the ordinance.) Liquor sales are also a qualifier.
 The study would look at adding 9000 more retailers

that use plastic bags, bringing the list to 10,300. If the county's 4000 restaurants were added, the ban would encompass 14,300 businesses.
 A WMA staff report shows that an unscientific, on-line poll with 61 respondents in 11 of the county's cities found that 45% of respondents support expand-

ing the bag ban to all retail, 45% oppose it, and 10% "don't care."
 When restaurants are added to "all retail," the numbers change to 40% support, 50% opposition, and 10% "don't care." Nearly three-fourths of the poll responses came from operators of restaurants and

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Drones Prohibited in Parks

With hundreds of Bay Area residents expected to have received drones as holiday gifts, the East Bay Regional Park District reminds park visitors that drones – motorized, remote-controlled aircraft are illegal in all parks and open space areas in the District.

Drones are extremely dangerous for helicopters and airplanes. Even a small drone could shatter a windshield or collide with an aircraft's propellers or fuselage, causing the aircraft to crash and potentially kill all on board. The East Bay has four busy airports – in Oakland, Hayward, Livermore and Concord – as well as several hospitals with helipads; a drone-related accident could be catastrophic.

"As more and more people get drones, they're becoming an increasing safety hazard for aviation," said East Bay Regional Park District Police Lt. Lance Brede. "It really can be a life and death situation, and we're very concerned about the public's safety as well as our own."

Drones are also disruptive for wildlife, especially

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Pleasanton Commission to Consider Signature Event

The Pleasanton Civic Art Commission will hold a workshop to discuss the potential of producing a signature festival of arts and ideas, utilizing a variety of Pleasanton venues.

The session will be held January 4 starting at 5 p.m. in the city council conference room.

Currently, Pleasanton holds a year-round season of community events, but no signature festival that features arts and culture.

The festival could incorporate and build on existing arts and cultural programming, and gradually add new elements. A key feature of such a festival could reflect the community's interest in not only the arts, but also ideas and the rich intellectual and professional resources of the community's population. Art would be combined with themes such as science, innovation, technology, history, civic engagement, and other topics of interest to the community. The City's cultural facilities, from the Firehouse and Amador to the Alviso Adobe, to the Museum on Main, to the library, could be utilized. The City's role would be that of producer, curator, marketer, and in some cases, the presenter of programming.

A variety of signature events are held in near-

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A mixture of sun and clouds painted North Livermore in golden hues.

Photo - Dough Jorgensen

Ranching's Role in Open Space To Be Discussed

The role that ranching plays in the preservation of open space will take the spotlight at the Rainy Season Gathering sponsored by the Bay Area Open Space Council (BAOSC).

The gathering will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley.
 The theme of the event focuses on "Grazing and Conservation: Cooperating

with Ranchers." The Open Space Council, a non-profit organization, includes membership of agencies devoted to conservation of open space, such as conservancies; private and public land

use planners; and park districts, including the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) and the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD).

The speakers at the event

will include EBRPD general manager Robert Doyle, California Rangeland Trust program manager Nancy Schaefer, and 5th generation

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Dublin Appeals Decision on Storm Water Standards

By Ron McNicoll
 Dublin has appealed a decision by the Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board that imposes higher,

more expensive standards on the city and 75 other cities, counties and other local entities required to have wastewater discharge permits for

storm-drain runoff.

The appeal of the regional board's Nov. 19 decision does not represent a legal challenge in a court, but

rather a formal request to the State Water Quality Control Board, the parent board of the regional board.

In a letter dated Dec.

18 to the state board, the city's assistant public works director Andrew Russell explained why the city felt the

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A LOOK BACK AT THE NEWS IN 2015

Water and land use issues were among the stories in the forefront the second four months of 2015. Recycled water became a popular way to keep landscape green; Zone 7 looked at raising water rates. In Dublin, members of the public asked the council to slow growth. Residents in Livermore opposed rezoning a business park to housing, and a development in North Livermore. Some wanted to keep the Springtown Golf Course open, while others sought to have the land more accessible through other uses. In Pleasanton, the city council voted to stop the East Pleasanton planning process. Agencies voted to oppose expansion of the Carnegie Off-road Vehicle Park.

MAY 2015
 The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District General Manager Tim Barry was installed as the California Park and Recreation Society CPRS President for 2015, leading the 11-member statewide Board of Directors and professional staff who are at the headquarters in Sacramento.
 Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory climate scientist David Bader with a DOE Secretarial Honor Award for his leadership of the Accelerated Climate Modeling for Energy (ACME) project. The Secretarial Honor Awards are the department's highest form of non-monetary employee recognition. In-

dividual and team awardees are selected by the Secretary of Energy. William Collins of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Mark Taylor of Sandia National Laboratory, California were co-winners of the award.
 The Dublin City Council decided to consider approving lower housing densities in East Dublin on residential land designated for 1656 units not yet vested. An alternative that would limit the number of permits annually did not gain any traction with the council. Mayor David Haubert and councilmembers favored reducing densities within the zoning districts already planned for the land, or possibly rezoning land to a lower density.
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Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to apply to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to designate additional areas within the city's Sphere of Influence as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) for urban greening and regional recreation. PCAs identify Bay Area open spaces that provide regionally significant agricultural, natural resource, scenic, recreational, and ecological value. North and South Livermore have been PCA's since adoption by ABAG in 2008.
 Soprano, Metropolitan Opera performer and Pleasanton resident Erie Mills was named Artistic Advisor of the Livermore Valley Opera (LVO). Mills had been actively involved with LVO

since 2009. As Artistic Advisor, she will work closely with Artistic/Music Director Alex Katsman, as well as with members of the Board of Directors.
 Alameda County received four top awards from an annual statewide awards competition for innovations the County has adopted to better serve the community. Awards received by Alameda County included the top award given in California State Association of Counties' (CSAC) 2014 Challenge Awards competition, the California Counties Innovation Award. That award went to "Dig Deep Farms & Produce," a community driven venture launched by the Alameda County Deputy

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PET OF THE WEEK

Two-year-old Pepper is nothing to sneeze at! A dashing, good-natured fellow, Pepper will spice things up a little with his playful antics and chatty style. He just wants to be where the people are! Try a little Pepper at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/Ami Stear

Lynnewood to Begin Jubilee Year with a Benefit Concert

Lynnewood United Methodist Church will kick off its 50th JUBILEE anniversary year with a concert to benefit Open Heart Kitchen, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. Songwriters and concert artists, Jim and Jean Strathdee, will provide a program of inspirational songs.

Tickets can be obtained for a suggested donation of \$10 in advance at 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, or \$15.00 at the door.

Jim and Jean Strathdee, internationally honored song writers, worship leaders and concert artists, have recorded their music widely, reflecting traditions of many lands. They sing and play guitar, piano, mandolin, harmonica, African drums, and Native American flute, and have entertained audiences in Central America, India, and Israel-Palestine, as well as in the United States and Canada.

All the proceeds from the January 24 benefit concert will go to support the mission of Open Heart Kitchen, "serving free hot meals to anyone in need." Lynnewood United Methodist Church was one of the founding faith churches when Open Heart Kitchen first opened its doors in 1995. As a non-profit organization, the total funding for Open Heart Kitchen comes from donations. Across the Tri-Valley, Open Heart Kitchen serves over 315,000 meals annually at 4 or 5 sites a day, Monday through Friday. It also provides school box lunches to 2,000 children weekly, and distributes Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be present at the concert to thank the community for its on-going financial assistance and volunteer participation.

Lynnewood UMC met in a parsonage garage at 1560 Santa Rita Road for its first worship service on July 17, 1966. After this modest beginning, the congregation moved



to Fredericksen Elementary School in Dublin, then to a chapel at Camp Parks Job Corps, and then to St. Augustine's Catholic Church at 339 Rose Avenue, Pleasanton, sharing the building with the Episcopal Church, before it acquired the present site at 4444 Black Avenue. Groundbreaking took place there on June 4, 1972. The original facilities were consecrated early in 1973. Lynnewood Church was named after the granddaughter (Lynne) of R. R. Stuart, one of the original church founders. By 1988 the congregation had grown, and it became necessary to open a new worship center, which remains at the heart of the premises.

Further development of the Lynnewood UMC site occurred during the summer of 2000. The expansion included remodeling the existing hall and adding a new education center. The remodeled facilities provide a large multi-purpose Fellowship Hall, nine classrooms, a nursery, improved restrooms, and a remodeled kitchen. The Faber Education Center is rented to the Quarry Lane School, where preschool

children receive daycare Monday through Friday. The facilities were consecrated at a service on October 1, 2000.

The church sanctuary, remodeled in 2005, seats over 250 people. It features handmade stain-glass windows allowing for ample sunlight. The church is currently renovating its landscaping and will enlarge the Fellowship Hall in the coming summer.

Lynnewood UMC has grown from a congregation of 66 charter members (January 5, 1967) to a membership of 474. Fourteen ordained clergy have served the church over the years. The congregation has grown in cultural diversity along with the Tri-Valley community. The mission of The United Methodist Church is "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." The vision statement of Lynnewood is "Dare to question, love, and serve." The church was awarded a Pleasanton Community of Character Award May 14, 2014, for its active outreach work serving many community agencies, such as Tri-Valley Haven, Habitat for Humanity, Pleasanton Gardens, AXIS, Pleasanton Community Counseling Center, and Open Heart Kitchen.

Other Jubilee events are planned for 2016, including an Epiphany Worship Celebration January 3 with regular services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., a 60s-theme event July 9, and a Jubilee Dinner October 1 with former pastors and charter members present. The Jubilee Year will culminate in a World Communion Celebration October 2 with services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and brunch following the services. The public is invited. Learn more as the year progresses at www.lynnewood.org, or call the church at 925 846-0221.

The ministers at Lynnewood UMC include Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer and Rev. Diana Bohn.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Warm spring weather drew large crowds for the annual Livermore Wine Country Festival held in the downtown. The event featured entertainment, displays, arts and crafts, wine and beer tasting, art displays, and a variety of food. Livermore Downtown Inc. staged the festivities.

Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL). Other awards included a Challenge Award to the Alameda County General Service Agency's Sustainability Team for leading efforts to implement the County's Climate Action Plan; a Merit Award to the Alameda County Assessor's Office and Information Technology Department for developing a "Canvassing App;" and a Merit Award to The Alameda County District Attorney's office for Human Exploitation & Trafficking Watch Community Initiatives.

The Livermore City Council voted to oppose the expansion of the Carnegie off highway vehicle park into the Tesla area. The vote was 3 to 2. Lauren Turner, Steven Spedowski and Bob Woener were in the majority. The majority also supported a letter asking the state to address water, sediment, and noise issues. In addition,

they wanted to see a non-motorized alternative analyzed. Councilmember Stewart Gary raised a controversy when he suggested that the supporters of the expansion use a freedom of information action to gain access to the majority's emails to look more closely at the relationship, and also to look at campaign contributions. After a search, no problems were found with the emails. He apologized for his tone at the next council meeting.

Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer won the 7th Senate District seat with nearly 55 percent of the vote against Assemblymember Susan Bonilla. The election fills the seat vacated when Mark DeSaulnier was elected to Congress. Glazer and Bonilla were the top two finishers in a March 17 primary. Only 17.79 percent of those eligible to vote in Alameda County turned in ballots. In

Contra Costa, the turnout was 24.76 percent of registered voters.

"Evenings on the Green," would be presented on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. Sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center performances would take place on Tuesdays, June 9-August 25.

The Pleasanton City Council voted 3 to 1 to place the issue of continuing to move forward with the East Pleasanton Specific Plan on the November 2015 ballot. Jerry Pentin was opposed. Arnie Olson was recused. The eastside planning began in 2012 with the appointment of a task force. Last August, the task force removed all multi-family housing and reduced the potential number of units in the preferred plan from 1759 to 1300. Issues raised by members of the public during numerous meetings included the availability of water, school overcrowding, traffic, and the need to move the urban growth boundary to accommodate growth. In addition, it was pointed out that the city does not need to zone the area for housing. It currently has enough land to meet its regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) numbers through 2022.

The U.S. Department of Energy announced that it would hold a competition to choose a contractor to operate Sandia National Laboratories starting in 2017. The Department could have decided to compete the contract sooner, but exercised its option to extend the existing contract until May

2017. Sandia is managed and operated by Sandia Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corp. Sandia facilities can be found in Livermore and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

JUNE 2015

With projected cost of up to \$618,555, the Pleasanton City Council unanimously rescinded its decision to hold an advisory vote on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan process this coming November 2015. The vote took place at the council's first meeting in June.

At the second meeting, the Pleasanton City Council voted to stop all planning and environmental work for the Eastside Pleasanton Specific Plan. The vote included removing the plan from the council's priority list for at

least two years. In addition to ending all work on the plan, the resolution included a provision to disband the Eastside Task Force, after thanking it for its work.

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Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) selected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as the inaugural recipient of the "Arts Cham-

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The City of Livermore invites applications for appointment to the following Advisory Bodies:

Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee reviews and recommends to City Council beautification projects for parks, roadsides, medians, city gateways, and standards for landscape maintenance districts. Public outreach achievements include Arbor Day and Annual Appearance Awards. Meets: 1st Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Maintenance Service Center, 3500 Robertson Park Road. Next meeting: January 6, 2016

Human Services Commission: The Human Services Commission provides a forum for discussion of community social needs, monitors the expenditure of Housing and Human Services funds, assists local agencies in procuring grants, and submits an annual report to City Council on the status of social conditions and progress toward achieving solutions to the community's human needs. Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Multi-Service Center Conference Room, 3311 Pacific Avenue. Next meeting: January 12, 2016

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission - Adult member vacancy: The Youth Advisory Commission brings together the youths and adults, and private and public sectors of the community to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare and education of Livermore's young people. Meets: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Next meeting: January 4, 2016

Livermore Housing Authority: The purpose of the Authority is to administer and oversee the 125 low-income housing units at Leahy Square. Additionally, the Authority oversees the Section Eight Certificate Program and the Voucher Program for subsidized housing. Meets: 2nd Wednesday at 5:30 pm, 3203 Leahy Way. Next meeting: January 13, 2016

Applicants to City Advisory Bodies are required to attend at least one meeting of the Advisory Body applied for prior to submitting an application and must reside within the City limits. For an application or more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925-960-4200 or visit www.cityoflivermore.net/advisorybodies.

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm, Friday, February 12, 2016 to be included in the next interview session.

Muslim, Jewish Speakers to Give Views On Afterlife

Interfaith Interconnect will present the January Religion Chat at the Muslim Community Center, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 300, Pleasanton from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The doors at the center will be open at 4:30 PM and close at 6:30 PM so that attendees can visit with each other before or after the official program if they choose to do so. This event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

Most Valley residents have not had an opportunity to visit the Muslim Community Center. All are cordially invited to attend this event and learn more about the local thriving Muslim community.

The topic will be "What is your faith's position on an afterlife?"

The speakers will be Ms. Janet Milder, who will give the Jewish perspective, and Imam Tahir Anwar, who will give the Muslim point-of-view.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission statement reads, "To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley." In order to accomplish the mission, a variety of events are held each year.

To contact the group, e-mail Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. For information, go to www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com. They are also on Facebook.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Structure Fire Reported

On December 24, 2015, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire in the 4000 block of Scenic Avenue in Livermore. They found a two story, two unit duplex home with heavy smoke and fire coming out of the front window. Fire crews extinguished the fire within the first 5 minutes of arrival. Fire damage was contained to the kitchen and living room; there was smoke and heat damage to all other rooms on the first and second floors.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department sent three Engines, one Truck, and one Chief. Assistance came from Alameda County Fire Department who sent two Engines and one Truck.

The two occupants of the home were preparing dinner when they noticed that the oil in the pan was smoking. As the female occupant approached the pan, the oil overflowed the pan and ignited. She received second degree burns to her face. The victim was treated by Paramedics Plus ambulance personnel and transported to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

DSRSD Finances in Good Shape

An independent audit of the Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD) financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 indicates the District is following its policies and procedures in making financial decisions and reporting its financial transactions according to the latest Governmental Accounting Standards Board rules.

The certified public accounting firm Badawi & Associates conducted the audit

and reported an "unmodified opinion" to the DSRSD Board of Directors. An unmodified opinion is the desired outcome of an audit.

"I'm pleased the auditor found no difficulties, no uncorrected mistakes, no disagreements with management, and no weaknesses or areas of concern regarding internal controls of the District," said Interim General Manager John Archer.

During fiscal year 2015, the District's net position increased \$13.4 million (3.7 percent) from \$363.6 million to \$377 million; the increase is principally in investments in capital assets, as the District completed several construction projects.

Operating revenues decreased \$1 million (2.3 percent) from \$45.8 million to \$44.7 million, primarily because water sales decreased due to the drought.

Capacity reserve fees increased \$16.8 million (128.4 percent), from \$13.1 million to \$29.9 million, due to continued healthy development in the District's service area. Before developers can build, they must reserve capacity in District water and wastewater systems. Consequently, developers' capacity reserve fees are paid before facilities are expanded to accommodate the added development.

Operating expenses decreased \$3.9 million (8 percent) from \$48.9 million to \$45 million primarily because DSRSD purchased less potable (drinking) water from Zone 7 Water Agency (the District's wholesale source of potable water) because of the drought.

The District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audited Basic Financial Statements are available on the District's website, www.dsrds.com.

Pleasanton Council Hears Concerns about Costco

According to published reports, Costco has signed a letter of intent to acquire 40-acre Johnson Drive site in Pleasanton from Nearon Enterprises, which bought the property after Clorox moved its research center to a new corporate campus nearby.

The land is located within the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone. The city is in the process of creating a plan that would boost economic development within the zone.

The idea that a big box store, such as Costco, would be part of the development, has drawn opposition from speakers at recent Pleasanton City Council meetings.

Among them is Bill Wheeler, president and CEO of Black Tie Transportation. At the most recent council meeting, Wheeler noted that his company is located in the middle of the proposed economic zone. He called it irresponsible on the part of the city to propose a big box store which would create an impossible traffic situation in an already high traffic area. He said that small town businesses would be affected.

Members of the Cox family, which owns several service stations, were concerned about Costco's gas service. Carey Cox noted

that the family has owned the Hopyard Shell for thirty years. "A big box retail with a large gas station and tires would devastate our business."

Carl Cox pointed out that traffic in the area would only get worse if a Costco were approved on Johnson Drive. He said there had been no study of what Pleasanton residents think of the idea. "Once approved, it can't be stopped. Costco is a good company. This is the wrong location."

Mayor Jerry Thorne pointed out that both the planning commission and city council would be holding hearings on the Economic Zone proposal. "We are a long, long way from anything with Costco."

Once the environmental impact report, is completed along with a fiscal, traffic and economic analysis, the proposal will first be heard at a workshop. Then both the city council and planning

commission would hold public hearings to consider the economic development zone.



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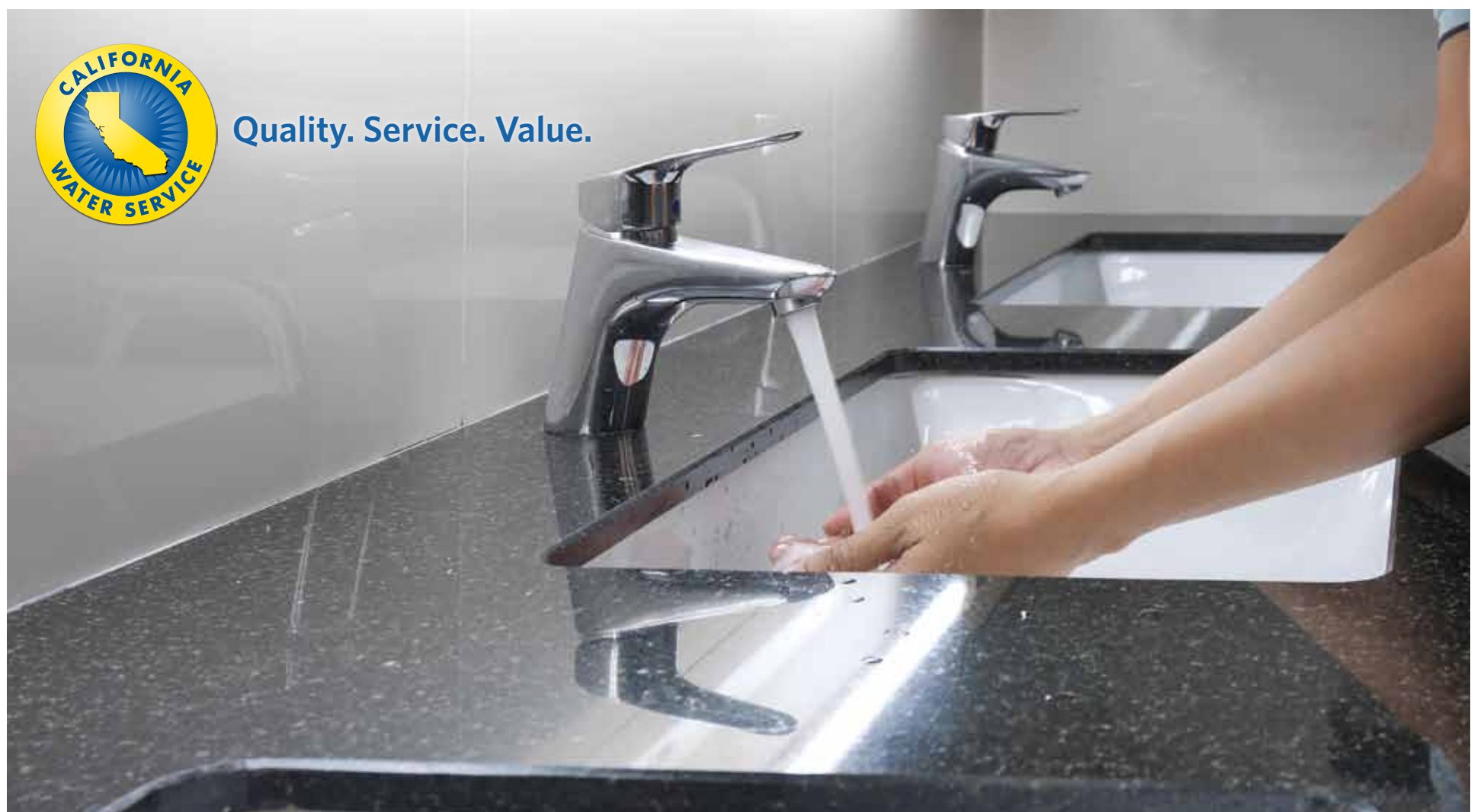
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EDITORIALS

Smoking in Pleasanton

Pleasanton took steps to control smoking in the city. In past years, the city has received a "D" from the American Lung Association for its lack of smoking regulations.

With its most recent vote, the city council approved an ordinance that requires events in the downtown to be smoke free. The council also directed city staff to come back with options to regulate smoking in multi-family housing, as well as single family neighborhoods. The city already prohibits smoking in senior housing.

Earlier in the year, the council had voted to ban smoking in parks and along trails.

Now, with the new restrictions on smoking, Pleasanton can look forward to raising its "D" rating.

Adding the Arts

Livermore Shakespeare Festival piloted a 10-week program at Joe Michell K-8 School, "So Wise So Young." The in-school education program, paid for teaching artists to the school, and delivered a 50-minute lesson once each week for 10 weeks.

The program uses puppets, acting, imagination and play-based learning to engage kinetic, auditory and tactile modalities. It was so successful that the Wente Foundation for Arts Education and the Livermore Valley Education Foundation have provided additional funding to expand the program.

What began as a one-classroom pilot program will now engage all second grade students in 37 classrooms. David Jonas, President of The Livermore Valley Education Foundation, commented, " 'So Wise So Young' is a great example of how community organizations can come together to help enrich our children's education."

Everyone deserves a round of applause for making such a program a reality.

BAG BAN

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clothing stores.

Single-use plastic bags are flimsy. People throw the bags away; they become airborne; and some wash down into gutters and storm grates, and into the Bay and ocean.

WMA wants to stop Bay pollution. A WMA report cites a 44% reduction in the number of plastic bags that went into storm grates one year after the bag ban went into effect in 2012. A survey of 69 affected stores showed that the one-year reduction in plastic bags at those locations totaled 36 million.

Some 764 million single-purpose plastic bags were distributed annually in the county before 2012. Since the ban, the number has dropped by 62%, or 473 million.

The plastic bag ban also raised people's awareness of the desirability of bag recycling. A survey of 17 affected stores showed a 69% reduction for paper and plastic bag usage at the point of sale in the first year of the ban.

If the ban were expanded to cover all retailers, there would be a 33% improve-

ment in reduction of plastic bags, says a staff estimate.

Dublin Councilmember Don Biddle, the city's representative on the WMA board, told the council at its Dec. 15 meeting that if an amendment to the existing ordinance were proposed, he would advocate for an opt-out clause. Such a clause would provide cities a way to show how they can reduce the pollution problem without expanding the bag ban.

The current bag ban affects 30 or 40 Dublin businesses, said Biddle. However, if it were expanded to all retail stores and restaurants, it could include 300 firms, he said.

Biddle pointed out that new green infrastructure storm-grate designs, which the state says must be installed by 2017, have the ability to filter out most single-use plastic bags. The structure resembles a planter box surrounded by curbing. It includes plants that would help screen out debris.

The Dublin council learned at its Nov. 3 meeting that the new, mandated structures will be expensive.

At that meeting, Dublin staff showed slides of the Union City project, which covers three blocks, and cost \$1 million. Design work and inspections added \$250,000 to the cost, according to a Dublin staff report.

City manager Christopher Foss said that the city has set aside an expected \$2.5 million for Dublin. So far, the only specific income for financing new storm drains was \$300,000 in a Community Benefits Agreement with developer Trumark for 60 residential units it will build at 7144 Regional St.

Although the state is mandating the new designs, it has not offered any plan to pay cities and counties for them.

Livermore Councilmember Laureen Turner and Pleasanton Councilmember Jerry Pentin represent their cities on the WMA board. They agree with Biddle's comment that there should be an opt-out choice, because they believe that local government should have a choice.

However, it doesn't nec-

essarily follow that Turner and Pentin will urge their city councils to bypass the county ordinance, if it were expanded. Turner said that although the choice should be there for cities, when it comes to a Livermore council vote, she thinks it's a "good idea to institute the entire ban. It has already made a huge difference in storm drains, and in the amount of bags going to landfills." She added that she can't speak for others on the council.

Pentin said that having a choice to opt out is good. "Right now, we are still defining what the expansion would be, and whether it extends to restaurants, and what type of restaurants."

Pentin said that Biddle may have a point concerning storm-grate improvement's ability to help cities clean up the bag situation. However, that would take longer, and it might not work quickly enough, he said.

"The biggest lesson (from the current bag ban) is that people find they may not need a bag at all," added Pentin.

OPEN SPACE

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Santa Clara County rancher Justin Fields.

Members of the alliance will attend free. Interested citizens are also welcome, but must pay \$30.

Doyle said that EBRPD recognizes the important role that cattle grazing plays in the preservation of open space and the ecological health of the environment.

"We have 80,000 acres in ranching. It's our primary tool for managing grasslands. Grasslands are not national forests. If you don't manage them, they turn to weeds. It results in less species, and they burn," explained Doyle.

Tall grass can enable certain predators such as snakes to snap up larvae of some endangered species. Fires occur because of a buildup of dry grass. The danger from fire is erosion, because the grasses hold run-off water. Erosion can send mud into reservoirs and stock ponds.

EBRPD grazing has also kept 80,000 acres away from residential development for open space preservation, said Doyle.

That EBRPD grazing land fits in with the BAOSC goal of protecting 2 million acres of parks and agricultural lands in the Bay Area. Currently, there are 1.4 mil-

lion acres of rangeland or park land management, said BAOSC executive director Deb Callahan.

Just having a Bay Area plan for open space and the data related to it helps agency managers find the path to more preservation, said Callahan.

"The database is a very respected tool. I received a note from the federal Fish & Wildlife Service. They were going to conduct some work on lands, and said, 'You have already started the work that we were going to do,'" said Callahan.

The Gatherings happen from time to time on various

aspects of open space, where people exchange ideas and develop contacts to work more closely.

"If we didn't exist, you would have to invent us. Agencies in government needed to have a place for meeting each other. We host a party that everyone wants to go to."

Callahan said that the Bay Area seems to be perceived by conservation-minded people in other parts of the United States as more advanced "in working together in a way they often envy. It's nice to be part of this community."

DRONES

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birds. The Park District is home to several re-bounding populations of special-status birds, including bald eagles and peregrine falcons, and protecting them is a high priority.

"Recreational drones can scare birds away from essential activities like feeding, roosting, and nesting," said Cindy Margulis, Executive Director of Golden Gate Audubon Society. "While a single drone flushing birds into flight may not seem disruptive, when this happens over and over, birds are unable to get the food and rest they need to survive."

In addition, drones can pose a safety threat and be annoying and intrusive for other park visitors.

Citations for violating the drone ordinance cost about \$300.

Motorized model airplanes are also illegal in the parks, but non-motorized remote-controlled gliders are allowed in specified areas in three parks: Coyote Hills Regional Park and Mission Peak Regional Preserve in Fremont, and Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore.

Effective Dec. 15, 2015, the Federal Aviation Administration required owners of drones to register with the agency before flying outdoors. Drones are illegal in East Bay Regional Parks regardless of whether the owner has registered.

The National Park Service, as well as dozens of state and local park districts across the country, have banned drones. Drones are banned in the California State Parks, including Mt. Diablo State Park, except with a film permit.

STORM WATER

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regional board decision was inappropriate. A 24-page attachment expands on the reasons for the appeal.

The city likes most of the conditions set forth in MRP 2.0, which is the Municipal Regional Permit, because a great deal of cooperative work went into creating it. However, Dublin does not like the way the board came up with last-minute rules, changes that Dublin says will lead to costlier, unnecessary standards.

One reason for the appeal relates to the regional board's allegedly illegal procedure. Insufficient notice was provided to the public that certain standards in the MRP might be changed. For example, in dealing with mercury and PCB discharges, the board was proposing to treat them as Numeric Effluent Limits

(NELs), instead of Numeric Action Levels (NALs). The NELS standards would lead to higher costs. The regional board did not present any good scientific reasons why the switch should be made, says Dublin.

The difference between NELs and NALs is extremely important, because a failure under NELs standards could involve a city in a third party lawsuit and the city could also face significant fines, according to Dublin representatives.

The switch came up late in the long process at the Oct. 19 meeting, one month before the board made its final decision. Dublin says, the board should have reopened the public hearing, so that permittees would have had time to comment on changes.

It was also inappropriate

for the regional board to go into closed session for one hour and 45 minutes after it closed the public hearing at the Nov. 19 meeting, states the Dublin appeal. "This precluded direct observation by, and full accountability to, members of the public, as both the spirit and the letter of the Bagley-Keene Act demand." (The act applies to state legislative bodies, and is the equivalent of the Brown Act for local government.)

Dublin also disputes that the trash-load visual assessment requirements are an accurate and reliable way to meet trash load requirements. No evidence was offered by the board in the record that said visual assessment was valid, says Dublin's appeal.

Two of the regional board members, both with municipal experience, should not have recused themselves from the discussion at the Nov. 19 meeting over what they referred to as an apparent conflict of interest.

The city is not seeking immediate relief. Dublin wants the state board to hold the petition in abeyance, until such time Dublin wants the appeal to be activated.

Dublin City Attorney John Bakker was not available for comment before The

Independent's deadline, nor were the top three administrators of the regional water board. An attorney who worked for the state water board said that she could not comment, because she has not seen the documents sent by Dublin.

EVENT

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by communities, including splatter in Dublin and the art and wine festival in Livermore.

Among ideas proposed for discussion by the commission were: an art and beer event, something with Pleasanton hops incorporated; art and film event with a youth, international, sci-fi, horror film theme; art, culture and history focusing on time periods in the city; art and music featuring jazz or guitar; art and science/tech with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) as the focus; or art and the environment, i.e. Earth Day.

Goals of such an event would be to bring new people to Pleasanton, aid in economic growth of the downtown, and create a heightened awareness of the arts in Pleasanton.

Law Enforcement Agencies Must Report Incidents of Shootings

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris issued an information bulletin to California law enforcement agencies outlining new responsibilities under state law to report incidents involving shootings or any use of force that results in serious bodily injury or death of a civilian or a peace officer.

Starting January 1, 2016, AB 71 requires all California law enforcement agencies to begin collecting data on incidents involving the shooting of a civilian by a peace officer, the shooting of a peace officer by a civilian, as well as data on inci-

dents involving use of force by a civilian/peace officer against the other that result in serious bodily injury or death. An annual report of data must be submitted to the California Department of Justice beginning January 1, 2017.

In order to make reporting less cumbersome for officers, the Department of Justice will be working with select law enforcement agencies to develop and field test a web-based data collection system that will allow law enforcement to track and submit use of force

data electronically. Once user tested and accepted, all law enforcement agencies will be able to track data internally as well as report data electronically utilizing this system. This new web-based collection system will dramatically improve the quality and efficiency

of data collection by the Department.

In 2017, use of force data collected by the Department of Justice under the new law will be published on the Attorney General's Open Justice Dashboard and Data Portal, which was launched in September 2015.

MAILBOX

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New Year's Resolution Lucas Nelson Livermore

Once again, it's time for New Year's resolutions, particularly those to improve our diet and exercise routine.

Although gun violence and traffic accidents remain the leading causes of death among young people, the most dangerous weapon for the rest of us is still our fork. Well over a million of us are killed each year by high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer,

and other chronic diseases linked to our meat-based diet.

However, times are changing. According to Gallup, 22% of American consumers are avoiding meat and 12% are avoiding dairy products. Supermarket chains, along with Target and Walmart, offer a growing selection of delicious and healthy plant-based meats and dairy products. Animal meat consumption has dropped by 8% in the past decade.

Hundreds of school, col-

lege, hospital, and corporate cafeterias have embraced Meatless Monday and vegan meals. Fast-food chains like Chipotle, Panera, Subway, Taco Bell, and White Castle, are rolling out vegan options.

Let's make this New Year's resolution about exploring the rich variety of plant-based entrees, lunch meats, cheeses, ice creams, and milks, as well as the more traditional green and yellow veggies. The internet offers tons of recipes and transition tips.

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The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council hosted The Big Draw in early May in downtown Pleasanton. Artists of all ages and skills created brightly colored chalk drawings on the sidewalk. Decorated pianos attracted both the artistically and musically inclined. Food, fun, a special display at the Harrington Gallery, and entertainment were all part of the event that celebrated the arts.

pion of the Year" Award. The newly-created award to be presented annually by LVPAC honors individuals who have made significant contributions to supporting the cultural and performing arts in the Tri-Valley.

Sandia National Laboratories researcher Christopher Klieve won a \$2.5 million, five-year Early Career Research Program award from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science for his fundamental science proposal to develop new optical diagnostic tools. The tools would be used to study interfacial combustion interactions that are major sources of pollution and vehicle inefficiency.

Parvin Ahmadi announced she would leave as superintendent of the Pleasanton Unified School District to become superintendent of the Castro Valley School District July 1. Ahmadi served Pleasanton for five years.

Newly-elected State Senator Steven M. Glazer (D-Contra Costa) was sworn in to represent Senate District 7.

Las Positas College hired Livermore resident James Giacomazzi to become the coach of the men's basketball team. He served most recently as the coach of the Cosumnes River Hawks, whom he led to 209 victories over 11 years.

After 60 years of service, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Livermore Amador Valley decided to disband. The nonpartisan political organization aimed to educate citizens and encourage participation in government.

Pleasanton launched a program that provides greater access to recycled water for irrigation purposes. The recycled water would be available at the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) plant in Pleasanton. The new program included two tiers. Tier one would allow commercial haulers to provide regular irrigation service via water truck to homes and businesses. Tier two would allow commercial haulers to deliver water to an on-site irrigation tank of 300 to 1000 gallons.

Former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti was chosen to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Eric Swalwell.

The Dublin City Council approved the general and specific plan changes that resulted in Dublin Crossing developer SunCal giving the city a \$36 million 12-acre school site. Changes eliminated a 5-acre neighborhood park. A 30-acre community park is retained. Eliminating the park and another small open space area gave SunCal more land for residential and commercial development. The city would receive \$12.8 million for community park construction, \$2.5 million for a park endowment, \$1 million for the Iron Horse Trail bridge, and \$2.8 million for surplus property belonging to Alameda County.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a letter to be sent to the California State Parks Department criticizing points in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 3300-acre expansion of the 1500-acre Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area (CSVRA) on

Tesla Road. Among references to inadequacy in the DEIR, the county staff cited the state water board's criticism of its failure to deal properly with water issues. Another was the state's failure to properly address traffic circulation, which is governed by policies in the county's own plan.

The Livermore City Council approved moving forward with an agreement with Colliers International-DZT to develop a request for proposal (RFP) and marketing agreement for a variety of uses within an area of the downtown. The city owns the old Lucky site, across from the Bankhead Theater on the other side of South Livermore Avenue, as well as the parking lot and Speedy Oil Change sites adjacent to the theater. The RFP would include the potential to include other properties if owners were willing to participate in any future development plan. Suggested uses included a luxury hotel and conference-entertainment-event center, housing, and commercial uses, along with a parking garage.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, president of the 5-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors, was elected to serve as second vice-president on the California Association of Councils of Governments by its board of directors.

Jill M. Hruby was named the next president and director of Sandia National Laboratories. She became the first woman to lead a national security laboratory. A Sandia staff member and manager for the past 32 years, Hruby most recently served as a vice president overseeing Sandia's efforts in nuclear, biological and chemical security; homeland security; counterterrorism; and energy security.

JULY 2016

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors weighed in on the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area expansion plans. The state intends to enlarge the existing Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) of 1,300 acres by adding another 3,000 acres. The expansion area is known as Tesla Park. A letter sent by the district included opposition to the use the expansion property for off-highway vehicles and support of permanent preservation of the property. The vote to send the letter was approved by a 4 to 1 vote, with Maryalice Faltings opposed. While LARPD has no official rights or land-use planning jurisdiction over the project, it raised concerns regarding damage to the environmental and historical resources located on the site. The letter suggested that the department, rather than opening large areas, focus on smaller, decentralized off-highway vehicle parks to lessen their impacts on biological features and traffic.

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) opened a second residential recycled water fill station at the City of Dublin's Public Safety Complex. DSRSD offered the free recycled water to homeowners to

help keep their landscaping alive during the drought. More than 2,000 users had signed up and 7.6 million gallons had been distributed by early July.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a final budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 that totaled \$2.7 billion for programs and services; it supports a workforce of 9,600 full-time equivalent positions. The final budget closed a funding gap of \$65.1 million without significant program reductions or staff layoffs. The funding gap was the smallest the County had faced in eight years. However, optimism about ongoing economic growth was balanced with concerns about continued high demand for safety net services and the reality that surging State revenues will result in little additional support for these programs.

The Pleasanton Unified School District School Board board voted to give teachers a 3.8 percent raise in the 2015-16 school year. The contract had been ratified by the teachers union.

Las Positas College created programs specifically catering to the skills veterans already have. The two-year Associate of Science program in Engineering Technology included a paid internship to give students the hands-on training. The program, in conjunction with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, was fully supported by LPC's Veterans Center. Students began entering the program last fall, with the first cohort beginning their internships this summer.

Las Positas College Foundation Chair Dr. Lynn Seppala announced that the 12th Annual "Best of the Best" Gala raised \$133,000 for the benefit of the campus community.

In its 2014-15 report, the Alameda County Grand Jury, found that the Zone 7 Water Agency allegedly lacked transparency and may have committed "infractions" of the Brown Act in its 4784-acre acquisition of Patterson Ranch land for use as a public watershed adjacent to state reservoir Lake Del Valle. The grand jury made no criminal allegations. One of its duties focuses on listening to citizens' complaints about governmental agencies. One such complaint was made against Zone 7. The Grand Jury report did not question the \$18.6 million price that Zone 7 paid for the land. However, the report objected to what it called the lack of a public process in discussing such issues as where in the budget the money should come from, how funding \$2.7 million of it from developer drainage fees is justified, and why it is important to acquire watershed land. The case for these should have been made publicly and open to public comment, according to the report.

No suggestion of impropriety was found in emails involving three Livermore City Councilmembers who voted to oppose the expansion of Carnegie Off-Highway Vehicle Park. During a May 18 meeting, Councilmember Stewart Gary accused the major-



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore High School Cowboy Marching Band hosted a Uniform Reveal Party where band members showed off their new uniforms and thanked those who had donated money to purchase the uniforms. The band had set a goal in 2013 to raise \$25,000 to purchase the uniforms. The band performs at athletic events, competitions and for local charities, as well as the annual holiday and rodeo parades in Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School lacrosse team advanced to the semifinals of the NCS playoffs with a 10 to 7 win over Granite Bay. They faced San Ramon Valley in the semifinals.

ity, consisting of Laureen Turner, Bob Woerner and Steve Spedowski, of having made up their minds about the issue prior to the meeting. He also said they may have colluded before the decision. He based that statement on the fact that the three councilmembers who voted to oppose the expansion plan had been listed on the website for Friends of Tesla Park as supporting preservation of the proposed 3,300-acre expansion zone. Gary suggested that supporters of the expansion use a freedom of information action to gain access to the majority's emails. The suggestion triggered three requests of the city for the emails. City Attorney Jason Alcalá said that the emails had been reviewed. Based on that review, there was nothing that suggested a Brown Act violation.

Sandia National Laboratories broke ground on a new building that would enable consolidation of "front door" activities in Livermore. The new building housing the site's Human Resources department will be the home of the training center for students and new hires. The new 20,000-square-foot facility was funded by institutional investment. The facility, located in the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC), was scheduled for completion next year.

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously to reject a bid to change permitted uses on the Sunset Office Plaza. The requested change would have allowed housing to be built on the site. The proposal by Sunset Development Company to build 42 single family homes and a small 2-story office building would have necessitated a general plan change. The 13-acre property is located at the corner of Holmes Street and Concannon Blvd. Lack of community support for the project was cited by councilmembers as influencing their decision to reject the plan.

Sandia Corp. improperly spent government funds starting in 2009 in an effort to avoid competition and extend its contract for operating Sandia National Laboratories, according to a special inquiry of the U.S. Department of Energy's Inspector General. The activities and expenditures appeared to have violated



June marked graduation ceremonies at high schools and Las Positas College. Dublin High School held graduation ceremonies on June 11 at Gaels Stadium. The Dublin High Color Guard and Band, the Dublin High Choir, bagpiper Jeff Campbell and members of the Air Force Color Guard performed during the ceremony.

federal law, federal regulations and provisions of the Sandia contract, the Inspector General said. The main branch of the Laboratory is located in Albuquerque, with about 9,000 employees. Its Livermore site reports about 1,100 employees.

The Livermore High School Alumni Association began organizing a variety of events to mark the school's 125th year in 2016.

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously to ban smoking in city parks and on trails. The ban would include parking lots adjacent to the parks and trails. The effort to institute the ban was led by the Youth Commission. Commission members noted that smoking creates health and fire hazards, as well as littering issues in the parks. The Youth Commission stated, "The goal will be to have a healthier, cleaner city and to make a statement that we want to stop people from smoking."

The City of Livermore was selected as the winner of the 2015 Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Foundations of Livability. The announcement was made by the National Research Center, Inc. (NRC). The NRC's National Citizen Survey™ (NCS) reports resident opinions and satisfaction with local government and services with a scientific, representative sample approach. Livermore's 2014 NCS results were considered to be extraordinarily positive by NRC.

Studying a possible Reverse Osmosis (RO) water project to treat recycled wastewater was endorsed by the Valley Water Policy

Roundtable. In addition, the group supported mounting a public relations campaign to promote acceptance of RO by Valley residents. The roundtable is made up of Livermore and Pleasanton city councilmembers, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and Zone 7 Water Agency directors, their staffs, and a Cal Water representative.

In an effort to enhance the use of the Alviso Adobe Park, the Pleasanton City Council approved a strategic plan for the park, complete with goals and policies. Located within the grounds is the Alviso Adobe House built in 1854. The park serves both as a historical and environmental resource. The plan was prepared after Friends of the Adobe Alviso Park suggested that the site was under-utilized and that it needed minor capital improvements and additional resources to reach its full potential. Among the goals were to preserve and enhance the park as an historical site by adding and improving elements and artifacts that support active interpretation of relevant historical eras.

AUGUST 2015

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees named Kenneth G. Cooper the new Executive Director of the Las Positas College Foundation. Cooper brought eight years experience in community college fundraising as director of advancement and executive director of the Cosumnes River College (CRC) Foundation in Sacramento.

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Speeding Up the Hydrogen Highway

Drivers are seeing more hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) on the road. However, refueling stations for those vehicles are still few and far between. This is about to change. One reason is a new testing device being validated at California refueling stations that will greatly accelerate station commissioning.

Developed by U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Sandia National Laboratories and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the Hydrogen Station Equipment Performance device,

or HyStEP, could reduce the time to commission new stations from months to just one week. HyStEP is funded by DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Fuel Cell Technologies Office as part of the Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure Research and Station Technology (H2FIRST) project.

The current practice of commissioning hydrogen refueling stations is slow because each automotive manufacturer performs its own validation tests to measure the performance of hydrogen dispensers with

respect to fueling protocol standards. Each test takes one to two weeks, so commissioning can take months.

HyStEP acts as a surrogate for vehicles, eliminating the need for each automotive manufacturer to test separately. HyStEP is equipped with modular tanks and all of the instrumentation that automotive manufacturers would use in performing their own tests.

"Industry stakeholders identified station commissioning as a challenge that the national laboratories have the resources to address," said Joe Pratt, the



Sandia National Laboratories mechanical engineer Terry Johnson, left, the project leader for the Hydrogen Station Equipment Performance (HyStEP) device, and National Renewable Energy Laboratory researcher Chris Ainscough prepare HyStEP for testing at NREL's Energy Systems Integration Lab. HyStEP will accelerate hydrogen refueling station commissioning. (Photo by Dennis Schroeder/NREL)

STEM Club Plans to Build Robot and Solar Car

By Ron McNicoll

It's cool enough to design and build a robot to fit the purpose that judges won't tell you about until the contest starts.

The one thing that might top it is to build a solar car that you drive from Texas to Minnesota.

Members of Tri-Valley STEM Outreach (TVSO) will compete against other teams for the chance to do both in contests in 2016.

TVSO is an outgrowth of a robotics club at Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP). Students in the school club wanted to spread the word about science projects, so with the help of LVCP faculty advisor Mirko Danilovic, the club obtained non-profit status. That qualifies the club to be open to membership from other schools, said Avneet Singh, a junior at LVCP.

Singh helped found the original robotics club two years ago. In its current form, there are about 40 members. Almost all of the members are LVCP students. However, one college student is a member.

The robot-building competition starts first, on Jan. 9. An estimated 3000 teams nationwide will start building their robots with the help of mentors. The teams of 10 or more high school students will have six weeks to build the robots, then advance to

regional and finals competitions. The finals will be held April 27-30 in St. Louis.

The contest, sponsored by For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST), began with 28 teams in a New Hampshire high school gym in 1992. It has grown to more than 400,000 participants.

In addition to Danilovic's mentoring, parents of some students who work in science related jobs are lending a hand, said Singh. The club has also worked hard to obtain grants that total \$6500 to offset expenses in the robot competition, including tool purchases.

Club members are currently undertaking the early work toward the solar car competition. First they are learning about design and vehicle dynamics, and then they will design the car. "We plan to achieve those (steps) by Jan. 9. After that, it's all hands on deck for the robot," said Singh.

College teams have built solar cars. However, it's rare for a high school team to have the chance. "I'm excited about it, just to be able to design and build a solar car that runs at freeway speeds, and racing it for 2000 miles," said Singh.

The race will be run in increments of 150 miles, to allow for rest stops and support from crews following the drivers. One important

engineering calculation will be to find an optimum -- and winning -- car speed that won't drain the battery too quickly.

First, the students have to build the car, and qualify for the race. Enthusiasm and knowledge won't do it all; it will take money. Corporate sponsors are the best revenue source. They sponsor teams that will employ their products. "If Panasonic provides only solar cells, you may have to build your own custom battery," said Singh.

Audrey Kurz, a junior at LVCP, writes publicity for the club. She originally joined the robotics club because members came around to classes and publicized it. Kurz was especially enthusiastic about the solar car challenge. "I knew that Stanford and other universities have been competing in building solar cars, but I never thought that I would have a chance to do so."

Club members have an ever bigger dream for 2017, said Kurz. They hope to go to Australia to compete in the world's solar car challenge. A look at this year's list in that competition shows university teams from a variety of nations, that includes such prestigious universities as Cambridge and MIT. In such company, TVSO apparently would be the only high school team.

Sandia H2FIRST project lead. Sandia and NREL contracted with Powertech Labs to build the HyStEP device.

As zero-emission vehicles, FCEVs are leading the revolution in clean energy personal transportation. California is leading the nation, with the most FCEVs on the road of any state and plans to open 35 new retail hydrogen stations by the end of 2016.

Sandia and NREL's work on H2FIRST and in enabling modern codes and standards for the design, construction and operation of hydrogen refueling stations is helping drive that momentum.

"HyStEP addresses the two primary concerns of automotive manufacturers: keeping their testing data proprietary and ensuring the performance of the hydrogen dispenser," said Sandia mechanical engineer Terry Johnson, project lead for HyStEP.

Since automotive manufacturers must trust the device's ability to provide the same results they'd achieve with their own test vehicles, manufacturers needed to be involved from the start. In addition to Sandia and NREL, the project team

included Air Liquide, Boyd Hydrogen, the California Air Resources Board and Toyota Motor Corp.

HyStEP initially will be used to accelerate commissioning of refueling stations in California. Eventually it could be used in other states as they develop hydrogen refueling networks.

HyStEP recently underwent validation testing at NREL's Energy Systems Integration Facility in Golden, Colorado. It is now undergoing pre-deployment testing at refueling stations at California State University Los Angeles and the South Coast Air Quality Management District headquarters. Early in 2016, the Air Resources Board in collaboration with other state agencies will begin using HyStEP to support the commissioning of new stations. Additional automotive manufacturers, including Daimler AG, BMW and Honda, are contributing to that effort.

HyStEP will help California meet its goal of commissioning up to 35 new refueling stations by the end of 2016, which translates to one new station every one to two weeks. The target is a hydrogen-refueling net-

work of more than 50 retail stations in this timeframe, primarily in the Los Angeles metro area, Orange County and the Bay Area.

"This test device will help speed up and streamline how we validate retail stations to meet customer demands for high performance fueling. This is essential to a successful market, as fuel cell vehicles are already being shipped to California and we expect many new customers using hydrogen stations in 2016," said Catherine Dunwoody, chief of the fuel cell program at the California Air Resources Board.

Sandia and NREL will use the data from the validation tests to further develop codes and standards for hydrogen infrastructure. In addition to his role as HyStEP lead, Johnson is also on the CSA Group committee that is developing test methods for the Society of Automotive Engineers' standard defining refueling protocols.

"HyStEP is going to be very busy in the coming year," said Johnson. "We expect this device to transform commissioning of refueling stations in a way that makes it possible to commission a new station every week or two."

SPORTS NOTES

Umpires Sought

The Livermore Pleasanton Umpires Association is seeking individuals over 18 years of age interested in umpiring softball. Looking for both fast pitch and slow pitch umpires for the upcoming 2016 season. Training and meetings will begin in January of 2016. Those interested should contact Paul deLanda at fuaumpire19@comcast.net.

Lacrosse Signup

Registration is open for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse spring season. Fall/winter tune-up sessions are under way now and included in the registration fee. Sign up at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

Phantom Tryouts

The Pleasanton Phantom 16A travel team has rescheduled tryouts for the 2016 team for Sunday, January 3 at the Foothill High School softball fields. Please register ahead of time online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org. Tryouts for pitchers and catchers is from 10:00 am-11:00 am. All players is from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. For additional information or if there are any questions contact Rob Uhl at 925-523-9437 or visit the website at www.pleasantonsoftball.org. (Tentative rain date Sunday Feb 10. Please check the website for updates)

Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for the 2016 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Register online at www.lgsa.org or email registration@lgsa.org for more information.

CYO Track and Field

Practices for the St. Michael CYO track and field team begin February 8. The team is open to all children in Livermore from grades 3 through 8 regardless of experience or ability level. Children compete in running events from 50 meters to one mile plus relays as well as throwing



Pictured are Pleasanton Seahawks (from left) Lyon Zhang, Christopher Jhong, Maxime Rooney, Christie Chong, Coach Steve Morsilli, Miranda Heckman. The Pleasanton Seahawks sent 5 swimmers to the AT&T Winter National Championships December 3- 5 in Federal Way, Washington. It is at this meet where the best in the nation compete. Christie Chong swam the 100/200 back. Miranda Heckman swam the 400 free and a best time in the 200 free (2:02.12), earning her first Olympic trial cut. Christopher Jhong swam the 200/400IM. Maxime Rooney swam the 50 free, 100 back, 4th in the 200 free, 5th in the 100 free and a best time in the 400 free. Lyon Zhang swam the 200 breast.

and jumping events. Pre-registration will take place January 12, 14, and 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Dorothy Day room at St. Charles Borromeo.

For more information, go to the team website www.smicstrack.org or email mandy.costello@hotmail.com.

New Outpatient Center Opens in Pleasanton

John Muir Health and San Ramon Regional Medical Center's new Pleasanton Outpatient Center opened last week at 5860 Owens Drive.

"At the Pleasanton Outpatient Center, the Tri-Valley community can access a wide range of medical services -- all in one convenient location," said Paul Smith, chief executive officer of the joint venture between John Muir Health and Tenet Healthcare that operates the Pleasanton Outpatient Center. "Our services are available to the entire community and we accept most insurance plans, which means even if you don't have a doctor located at our center, you can use our services like the Urgent Care, lab and imaging."

The Pleasanton Outpatient Center's design was driven by the needs of patients -- convenience, access,

cost-effective care, service and quality. Patients can also use online tools through MyJohnMuirHealth to message their John Muir Health doctor, schedule appointments, view lab results, request prescription renewals, get diagnosed and treated using eVisits, and more.

"Through our partnership with San Ramon Regional Medical Center, we're excited to provide the Tri-Valley community with expanded choices for high-quality, patient-centered care, close to home in a modern, healing environment," said Lee Huskins, president and chief administrative officer of John Muir Health's Physician Network. "Offering primary care physicians, specialists and care managers in one location enhances collaboration, knowledge sharing and care coordination, which allows us to

partner with our patients to better manage their health."

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health announced and completed their joint venture partnership in 2013. Through the partnership, John Muir Health acquired a 49 percent ownership interest in San Ramon Regional Medical Center. As part of the agreement, John Muir Health and San Ramon Regional Medical Center are jointly developing outpatient services, such as the Pleasanton Outpatient Center, and other projects in the Tri-Valley area and nearby communities.

For more information on the Pleasanton Outpatient Center, visit johnmuirhealth.com/locations/outpatient-center-pleasanton. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 224-0800.

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Carole Bumpus and Josiane Selvage

Book and Recipes Draw Attention to Stories of Survival During War

By Carol Graham

It was over coffee and a lemon tart in her Livermore kitchen that a door opened for author Carole Bumpus. She could not have known that walking through it would lead her on a 13-year journey.

"I was interviewing Marcelle Zabé when I casually asked what kinds of foods and recipes she'd prepared as a young wife," Bumpus recalls of chatting with the petite 84-year-old French woman. "She threw her head back, laughed low and deep, and said, 'It was during WWII and we were lucky to have any food at all as we were all in hiding. My husband was in the Maquis, a side of the French Resistance responsible for blowing up bridges and trains carrying the Nazis, so we were definitely in hiding. Frankly, we were lucky to sneak into the fields at night to steal a potato or two for the family. Recipes? We could only dream!'"

The 2001 interview was being translated by Marcelle's daughter Josiane Selvage, a Livermore resident and friend of Bumpus.

"After Marcelle's comment, I could not assuage my appetite for learning more about her circumstances. What was it like to be a young mother during war time? How was she able to keep her family safe?" says Bumpus. "Marcelle's life was quite difficult; she was born on the last day of WWI, never knew her father, was raped and had a child at 16, was sent to live in Paris on her own with her child as WWII began, and endured the hardship of war along with the aftermath. But it never impacted her ability to bring joy to those around her. She had quite an ebullient personality, as does Josiane."

That interview resulted in the 2014 novel "A Cup of Redemption" and, a year later, "Recipes for Redemption: A Companion Cookbook for A Cup of Redemption" which provides 75 French recipes culled from the lives, times and regional influences found in the historical-fiction novel.

"I began the story as non-fiction," says Bumpus. "However, with Marcelle's death (shortly after the in-

terview) came too many unanswered questions. She had requested that her daughter find the father she had never known. Josiane and I traveled to France together to search for some of the missing details and to discover who Marcelle's father was.

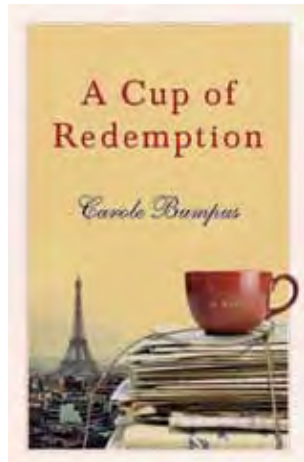
"Marcelle's stories of survival during wartime, her enduring drive to hold her family together despite the odds and to be the mother she never had, were what brought me back to her story day after day, year after year," adds Bumpus. "She was one of those people I couldn't get out of my head. Her deep brown eyes sparkled and her face, which appeared to have been etched with hard times and hard work, continuously broke into a smile before she erupted with laughter. I had no choice but to write her story."

The fact-based novel follows the intertwined lives of three women as they struggle to resolve issues stemming from the wars that profoundly impacted their lives. What emerges is described as a touching story about love, loss, and the powerful desire for wholeness through redemption.

"Born in 1945, I was a product of the war yet never appreciated the impact that war had on families. I knew of my own mother's struggles, but when I began to research the lives of women who were living where war was waged on their very doorsteps I found a profoundly different struggle," says Bumpus. "When women are caught in the throes of war, they come together, form friendships, share recipes and hold each other up—no matter the generation. During war, the deaths or displacement of women and children are rarely counted or considered; they are referred to as 'collateral damage.' Nothing more. Yet, they rise up and help to bring humanity back to nation after nation."

Bumpus, who now lives in Redwood Shores, had been a family therapist specializing in helping women and children who had experienced abuse. Later, she began writing articles and blogs about families, food and travel.

"When I took a hiatus to



travel, I began asking, 'What foods bring your family to the table? What traditions do you celebrate as a family?'" says Bumpus. "Immediately everyone has a favorite recipe, tradition and story they can't wait to share. I found it quite magical. Within moments, I was into the depths of their lives and family history.

"World War II continues to impact families in Europe - in their need to keep members close and to never go hungry again. Those years of deprivation and loss have been rekindled in every generation since."

"A Cup of Redemption" and "Recipes for Redemption: A Companion Cookbook for A Cup of Redemption" are available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and at Pleasanton's Towne Center Books.

"I've been told of readers' gratitude in reading my story. Many had been unaware of wartime experiences in Europe and this opened a new way of viewing history," says Bumpus. "When I heard that my book had been read in France, Turkey, England, and Australia, I was deeply grateful. Marcelle was an amazing woman, and I wanted her story to be shared."

To learn more, visit www.carolebumpus.com.

Go Fund Me Account Will Help Young Girl

The Livermore Police Department (LPD), the Livermore Police Officer's Association (LPOA), and the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) are asking for the community's assistance.

On Christmas afternoon, LPD Officers and LFPD firefighters responded to a local hotel in response to a non-responsive 39 year old female. The 39 year old female was suffering a medical emergency related to a pre-existing condition. She was immediately transported to a local hospital for treatment where she ultimately succumbed to her medical condition.

The 39 year old female recently relocated to California from Florida with her 6 year old daughter Karma. Karma was placed with a foster family until her grandmother could travel to California from Florida. During this time, LPD Officers and LFPD Firefighters learned the Karma was unable to celebrate Christmas at all due to her mother's medical condition beginning in the early morning hours of Christmas morning.

LPD Personnel and LFPD Personnel went to work and purchased Christmas gifts for Karma so she could experience Christmas. On December 26, 2015, LPD

Personnel along with LFPD Personnel delivered the Christmas gifts to Karma.

To assist Karma and her family, LPD, LPOA, and LFPD started a "GoFundMe" account to raise money for funeral expenses and transportation expenses to send Karma's mother back to Florida.

LPD, LPOA, and LFPD are asking for the community's assistance to raise money for Karma. To donate money to the "GoFundMe" account go to <https://www.gofundme.com/qhge2bys>

To view the video made by the Livermore Police Department, go to https://youtu.be/W_fgupLnCb8

Father Serra Replaces Phoebe Hearst in Museum Speaker Series

Museum on Main announces a change for the January installation of "An Evening with..." Ed Kinney Speaker Series. Karen Harris, originally scheduled to portray Phoebe Hearst, will no longer be able to perform at next week's "An Evening with..." speaker series. She will be replaced by Bruce Buonauro, who will be portraying the now sainted Father Junipero Serra on Tuesday, January 5th at 7pm at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Miguel Jose Serra, better known as Father Junipero Serra, became the Father President of the California mission chain early in the 1700s. This small frail man of modest background, soft spoken and untiring, would become a central figure in California's history as the founder of the California Missions. Bruce Buonauro, an active member of the Lost Angeles Theatre community, will be portraying the icon Father. His fun and interactive presentation will provide the audience with historical information about Father Serra as well as insight into his life, personality, humor and humanity.

Bruce Buonauro, has spent years reaching and honing his portrayal of Father Serra. He has visited most of the California Missions, and studied at length in their libraries. He has been entrusted with documents and manuscripts unavailable to the general public by the Brothers of the Missions. He appears regularly as Father Serra at various California Missions including Carmel, Father Serra's burial site. He has performed as a part of the educational programs for Mission San Juan Capistrano, and thousands of school age children each year through the venue of the Adventures in Education Program at Knott's Berry Farm.

Individuals with tickets to "An Evening with Phoebe Hearst" may bring their ticket to the Firehouse Arts



Bruce Buonauro as Father Junipero Serra

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

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

Center to gain entry to the replacement performance of "An Evening with Father Junipero Serra."

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors (65+)/Students (with valid ID), \$5 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on

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SHORT NOTES

Senior Center Closed

The Pleasanton Senior Center will be closed for one week from Monday, January 4, 2016 through Friday, January 8, 2016 to address regular maintenance and repair issues.

While the Paratransit program will remain open for service, clients will not be able to purchase Paratransit tickets in person, though tickets may be purchased in advance of the Center's closing.

The Sage Café will be closed for the week as well, but dinners will continue to be served at the Ridge View Café, located at 5200 Case Avenue. Dinner is served from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to seniors 62 years of age and older for a suggested donation of \$3.00. To make a reservation please call 925.484.5131.

Senior Center services will be fully restored and

operational beginning on Monday, January 11, 2016.

Resolution Hike

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will lead a Resolution Hike on Sat., Jan. 2. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Have you resolved to be more active in 2016? Start the new year off right with a hike up the highest hill in the park. Trails may be muddy, so wear appropriate shoes for this 4.5-mile round-trip hike. Will be held rain or shine.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Covered California

In the Dec. 24 Independent, the article about Covered CA & Axis Community Health contained misinformation on the penalty.

The story stated: "In 2016, the penalty will be \$695 per adult and \$347.50 per child, up to a max of \$2,085; or 2% of the person's or family's income – whichever is greater."

The penalty for year 2016 is 2.5% not 2%.

This coming tax season people will pay for not being covered in 2015. The cost is \$325 per adult, \$162 per child and up to \$975 per household or 2% of household income which ever is greater.

Additionally Dublin Library is offering the onsite enrollment events in English and Spanish on Jan. 4, 11 & 25 in collaboration with Axis Community Health and Tri-Valley Progressives.

California Council of

Churches (Covered CA enrollment entity) is now operating out of St. Bartholomew Church in Livermore. Weekly counseling in Jan. is on Thursday 8-11AM. For appointment call Nicky at 925-895-6145.

Class on Dementia

To help family caregivers who are tending to patients with dementia, Hope Hospice is offering a class that will describe the different types and causes of dementia and memory loss, signs and symptoms, and very importantly, how to effectively communicate with the dementia patient. The class will be held on January 9, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, suite 100, in Dublin (second floor conference room).

Any community member engaged in the role of family caregiver or expecting to soon become a caregiver

is invited to participate. The class is limited to 30 people.

This program is available at no cost to all community members. Register online at HopeHospice.com or call (925) 829-8770.

Academic Olympics

On Wednesday, January 13, 2016, Junction K-8 School will be hosting Academic Olympics 5th grade for their neighborhood schools. The event runs from 3 pm- 5pm.

The Academic Olympics 5 event is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate outstanding academic achievement for 5th graders in each of the neighborhood schools: Junction K-8, Rancho Las Positas, and Marilyn Ave.

Parents and staff work together to plan, fund and produce the Olympics. Teams, consisting of one student from each school, will compete in one of two competitions in Math or

Science. The events are run as group competitions, where teams work together to answer questions based on standard curriculum.

The goal of the event was not only to celebrate academia, but also to bring together students in neighboring schools to work together for competition, and meet peers from another school, many of which will be classmates next year as 6th graders.

Each student will receive a participation certificate, and the top three teams for math and science will receive gold, silver or bronze awards.

Correction

In Helen Shirley's Obituary that ran on 12/10, the wrong facility was listed. It should have read: The family is very appreciative of the fine care she received at Livermore Valley Senior Living.

OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) Ryan

Oct. 5, 1929 - Dec. 14, 2015

Robert was born and reared in Buffalo, NY. He was a veteran of the U.S.Navy, and a graduate of



Bowling Green State University. Bob passed away from complications of pneumonia

and Parkinsons disease.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marge; sons Kevin and Douglas; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Keith Bogar; grandsons Daniel and Jordan; brother-in-law Richard Borgwardt and several cousins in Buffalo, New York,

Anthony "Tony" Henry Mulvey

At home in Livermore, surrounded by those he loved and who loved him, Tony slipped the bonds of



this earthly veil on December 2015. Born on November 1930 in Visalia, CA, to Anthony and Esther (Pedersen) Mulvey, Tony spent his formative years in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. As a young man, Tony went to work for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. At the Lab, he held increasing positions of responsibility until some untimely heart issues sidelined his career and he took a medical retirement. In his retirement, Tony kept himself busy in a variety of activities and discovered a talent as an impressionist painter, although it did take him several weeks work on a painting of a tree before his true area of expertise was uncovered.

The love of Tony's life and his support was his family, starting with his wife Frances "Terry." Tony met Terry while ice skating at Sutor's in San Francisco. From the moment they met, Tony knew this was the woman he would marry, and on November 19, 1955, they wed in South San Francisco and, for the next 60 years, they made their home in Livermore. Their early married years were fun times that involved sports cars and going to the movies; Tony was a film aficionado for his entire life. Tony was a voracious reader and in particular enjoyed history books. Together they spent memorable vacations at the beach for all of their mar-

ried life. After 14 years of marriage, Tony and Terry welcomed their son, Bradley (Brad), and this truly rounded out the happy family and kept life interesting. Fishing was a major family activity for all of Brad's youth, and Tony was an active participant on the coaching staff for all of Brad's sports activities. Tony later became a "special grandfather" to Jesse and Miguel when Brad married Rose Sandoval in 2002 and Tony delighted in their close proximity in Livermore. Tony was also blessed with the presence and help of his younger brother, Don and Don's wife Kathleen, and Don's daughter, Erin. In addition to his immediate family, Tony's care group included an extensive list of nieces and nephews.

Tony and Terry were well-known in the Livermore area and it is likely there is no eating establishment in town where they weren't welcomed as good customers and good friends. Tony's family encourages his friends to celebrate his life at a favorite restaurant and to offer up a toast in his honor. The family would like to thank Hope Hospice, and in particular Lark, Julia, Amina and Camille for their excellent care of him during the last 15 months of his life, and as well his caregivers April, Linda, Zeny and Ace.

At his request, Tony will be cremated and his ashes scattered in the Pacific Ocean. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Diane Krebs

Diane Krebs was born and raised in Oakland and married Fred Krebs in 1957. They lived in San Leandro with their two sons and moved to Pleasanton in 1968, where she remained



for the rest of her life.

Diane was a loving wife, caring mother and devoted grandmother to her five grandchildren. She was a beautiful woman, who was intelligent, funny, and very quick-witted. She loved to play bridge, line dance and go shopping. She had many friends and was very active at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Diane was preceded in death by Fred in 2013. She is survived by her son Ken and his wife Leslie, and their children: Justin, Katelyn and Joshua, as well as son Tom and his wife Jerrilynn and their sons: Nicholas and Timothy. Diane leaves behind two special friends, Barbara and Carol, who comforted her the past 2 years in her fight with cancer.

We will miss you mom and grandma.

Robert L.S. Hastings

Aug. 6, 1926-Dec. 13, 2015

Resident of Turlock, CA

Bob was born in San Diego, CA, August 6, 1926. He graduated from Hoover High in San Diego and enlisted in the Army serving with the 11th Airborne Division in



W W I I . His Company flew into Tokyo Harbor on August 30, 1945, five days before the peace

treaty was signed.

He returned home to San Diego and later moved to Pleasanton, CA, where he met his wife Billie Ruth King. They married on June 30, 1950. They bought their first home in Livermore, CA and raised three children, Sandi Garner (Tennessee), Allen Hastings (Live Oak, CA), and Patti Riemer (Antioch, CA). He had four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Allen in December 2015.

Bob retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory after 29 years of employment. He was a lifetime member of the Livermore VFW Post 7263. Bob and Billie traveled to all 50 US states and to Europe and South America.

His interment will be at Memory Gardens in Livermore, CA. At his request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 640 Minaret Ave., Turlock, CA 95380.

Henry Mathew Bettencourt

Henry Mathew Bettencourt passed away on Monday, December 21, 2015. A lifelong resident of the Tri-Valley area, Henry is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ellen Bettencourt; his three children from his previous marriage, Toni, Todd and Tom Bettencourt; grand-



daughters, Fallon Habestad and Sierra Bettencourt; and nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Mary Bettencourt and his siblings, Roy, Kate, John and Alice.

Henry was born in Alamo, CA on March 22, 1926, and grew up on the family farm located in Danville on Diablo Road. He graduated from San Ramon Valley High. He then went on to serve in the Army and came back to the Valley to farm and ranch. Henry soon settled on selling real estate as a profession, selling homes in the beginning and then focusing on selling land and ranches for many years. He retired about 5 years ago after 50 years in the real estate business.

Henry enjoyed his family, farming, ranching, selling real estate, tending his garden, going to the beach and traveling. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Henry's past affiliations include supporting the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, property rights organizations, and real estate organizations.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on January 7, 2016, at 3 p.m.

Ted Hebebrand

Resident of Livermore
July 19, 1941-Dec. 23, 2015

Ted Hebebrand, 74 years old and a 58 year resident of Livermore, passed away after a brief but heroic battle against a rare cancer. Ted was born in Warren, Ohio, moving to Arizona and Southern California before his family settled in Livermore when Ted was a junior in high school. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1959. The summer after graduation Ted enlisted in the Air Force, serving for 4 years. After his honorable discharge he worked at



Sandia National Laboratory for over 40 years. Ted's passion was playing baseball, which he continued to

play in various city leagues until 5 months before his passing. His favorite time playing ball was this past summer when his grandson Ryan got a team together and 3 generations played on the same team: Ted, his son and 2 of his grandsons. He loved to travel, whether on road trips or cruises, going for a few days or weeks; anywhere was fine with him. He enjoyed his home, gardening and improvement projects but most of all he loved being with family. The times spent with kids and grandkids were moments he treasured.

He is survived by his best friend and wife of 35 years, Janis; his loving children Vicki Wiedenfeld (Kurt), Jeff Hebebrand (Teresa) and Jeff King (Janis); 6 grandchildren, Ryan and Kayla Hebebrand, Devin Debrum, Matt Epps, Regan and Landon Wiedenfeld; his mother, Lelia Hebebrand; brothers Roger, Larry, David and Mark Hebebrand and many nieces and nephews. Finally, he is sadly missed by his four-legged best friend Bobbi, who for the past 5 years was his constant companion. He and his dog were inseparable and she gave him absolute joy and

unconditional love.

Ted's kind and gentle spirit affected those who were family as well as those he considered family. He had an over-abundance of love in his heart for those fortunate enough to have touched his.

A Celebration of Ted's Life will be held Friday, January 8th at 2 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ted's name to a Veterans' Organization or local charity of your choice.

Gordon D. Anderson

Gordon D. Anderson, Ph.D., of Livermore passed away peacefully at his residence on December 17, 2015. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Anderson was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He is dearly missed. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Trudy Anderson of Livermore; by children Bruce W. Anderson of San Jose, Bonnie L. Bucalo of Las Vegas NV, Paul F. Anderson of Glen Ellyn, IL, & Peter R. Anderson of Caldwell ID. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Mr. Anderson's remains will be cremated and interred at Memory Gardens in Livermore in a private ceremony. A more public celebration of Mr. Anderson's life may be planned for a later date TBD.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers or gifts, a donation in Mr Anderson's name be made to a charity of your choice.

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Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge. There is a small charge for photographs in the obituaries.

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Class of 2015 Amador Valley High School seniors Chase Bardull and Chris Goldhawk (Don Squad Organization), had a vision to create a 63 foot by 11 foot sports mural on campus to promote school spirit and pride to the students and staff. Bardull and Goldhawk contracted local mural artist Victoria Miraglio (Victoria Miraglio Murals) to develop and bring their vision to life. Amber Carrion, class advisor, spent many hours working on the project along with the students and artists to make this project happen. Miraglio in collaboration with Paul Benetti worked on the massive mural for almost a month. The painting includes athletes representing 16 different sports.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Goodguys 29th West Coast Nationals drew large crowds at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton in August. The event featured over 3,000 Hot Rods, Customs, Classics, Street Machines, Muscle Cars and Trucks through 1972. There were activities for children, model car racing and a vintage drag race.

Tri-Valley Health Fair was held, this time at two locations on different days. The fairs, in Livermore and Dublin, were designed to ensure that all Tri-Valley students have access to the state-mandated medical, vision and dental screenings necessary to register for school. Physicals - including immunizations, blood pressure readings, and height and weight measurements - will be provided, along with linkages to medical services and information about health-care enrollment.

Joe Michell, a K-8 school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), became the newest member of the International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools Programme. Joe Michell School now offers both the Primary Years for students in kindergarten through fifth grade and the Middle Years Programme for students in grades six through eight. The goal of the International Baccalaureate Programme is to inspire academic success and personal growth to prepare students to respond to challenges with optimism and an open mind. Students are able to participate in international conferences. Educators work with their peers internationally to ensure that the IB remains at the cutting edge of international education.

Members of Save the Hill in Livermore raised issues regarding a new development proposal for Garaventa Hills in North Livermore. A previous plan had been rejected by the planning commission. The group stated that the development would result in negative traffic impacts, create a safety issue at a nearby elementary school, and destroy habitat required by special species. The 31.7 acre undeveloped parcel is located north of Garaventa Ranch Road and Hawk Street, west of Bear Creek Drive and Laughlin Road. The land located north of the proposed project, contains sensitive alkali wetlands and vernal pools that support special status species.

A bid by Vice-mayor Abe Gupta and Mayor David Haubert to instruct staff to study the consequences of decreasing the number of non-vested units in East Dublin lost on a 3-2 vote. Councilmembers Don Biddle, Doreen Wehrenberg and Kevin Hart voted against the motion at a council workshop. More than a dozen audience speakers had asked for a study, with most requesting a growth moratorium. A few speakers recommended a development cap or a growth plan similar to those in Livermore and Pleasanton, a point that Gupta made in his discussion.

Zone 7 Water Agency disagreed with allegations made by the Alameda County Civic Grand Jury alleged a supposed lack of transparency in the process of spending \$18 million to acquire nearly 5000 acres of watershed land adjacent to Lake Del Valle. The Grand Jury had issued a report objecting to what it called the lack of a public process in discussing elements related to the purchase. The Grand Jury had no quarrel with the \$18 million expenditure itself. Zone 7 said that the agency was transparent as much as a public agency



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Runners headed down Main Street at the start of the 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. The event included 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge. Over the years, the race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Art Association held the annual Art Under the Oaks at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Music, art, art demonstrations, entertainment and more were all part of the festivities.

can be in the process of acquiring property.

Pleasanton residents continued to express exceptionally high levels of satisfaction with the local quality of life, city services, and sense of public safety. However, drought and water issues, and quick growth were top concerns among findings in a survey conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates. In dealing with quality of life, growth emerged as an issue with 24% saying there was too much taking place. That was up from 8% in a survey conducted in 2013. Water and the drought were seen as serious issues by 14% of those surveyed. Concerns about the cost of housing dropped from 10% in 2013 to 8% in 2015.

The National Ignition Facility (NIF) fired its 300th laser target shot in fiscal year (FY) 2015, meeting the year's goal more than six weeks early. In comparison, the facility completed 191 target shots in FY 2014. Located at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), NIF is the world's most energetic laser. Increasing the shot rate has been a top priority for the Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) Program and in particular the NIF team at LLNL. The greater than 50 percent increase in NIF shots from FY 2014 to FY 2015 was a direct result of the implementation of an efficiency study conducted in FY 2014 for the NIF.

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) celebrated extending its purple pipeline network beyond Interstate 680 to bring recycled water irrigation into western Dublin.

Pleasanton embarked on a recycled water project, which when finished will provide approximately 450 million gallons a year of recycled water to the Hacienda Business Park, the Ken Mercer Sports Park, and the Tennis and Community Park. To spur the development of the infrastructure for purple pipes (the recycled water distribution mechanism), the State last year provided \$1 billion in low-interest loans and incentive grants to local governments and agencies to encourage the use of recycled water. Pleasanton received a roughly \$12 million low-interest loan and an approximately \$5 million grant.

The U.S. Department of Justice announced that Sandia Corporation has agreed to pay nearly \$4.8 million to settle allegations that it improperly used public contract funds to avoid future competition for the operation of Sandia National Laboratory. The Justice Department boasted that the settlement shows that it is working to protect the integrity of public funding. By contrast, an anti-nuclear group in New Mexico, where Sandia has its main site, denounced it as a mere "slap on the wrist" for Sandia's huge parent corporation, Lockheed Martin Corp.

A fire that destroyed some 2,700 acres of rangeland east of Livermore was predicted to change the nature of the debate over the future of the Tesla site. Off road vehicle enthusiasts covet the site for recreational purposes, while environmentalists have been working to protect it from the damage caused by motorized vehicles. Tesla, covering some 3,100 acres and now mostly blackened by fire, is owned by the State of California through the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Division of the California Parks Department. Don Amador, western representative of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, which advocates allowing motorized vehicle recreation at Tesla, said that "wildfires (are) an important part of the environmental equation... To Amador, representing the Blue Ribbon Coalition, the fire makes trail planning more



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The first of two family camp outs in Dublin was held in July at Alamo Creek. The event included a variety of games and activities for all ages, such as camp fire entertainment, group games and s'mores. There were also family arts and crafts.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Health fairs were held in Livermore and Dublin. The fairs are designed to ensure that all Tri-Valley students have access to the state-mandated medical, vision and dental screenings necessary to register for school. Physicals - including immunizations, blood pressure readings, and height and weight measurements - were provided, along with linkages to medical services and information about health-care enrollment. The fairs were free to all students within the Tri-Valley.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Pooches and their owners dressed up to take part in the annual parade in Downtown Pleasanton. The event was hosted by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club. In its 18th year, the parade showcased dogs of all sizes, shapes and breeds strutting their stuff dressed as Superman, pirates, wind-up toys, ballerinas and yes, even food.

effective by removing overlying vegetation that can hide the contours of the land. To those who are fighting to keep motorized recreation out of Tesla, like Nancy Rodrigue of the organization Friends of Tesla Park, there is even more reason to protect the site now that it has burned.

Pleasanton celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Firehouse Arts Center. A wide variety of free mini-shows and activities took place, including Taiko Drummers, "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-painting, scenes from "Tales of Olympus Jr.," mariachi, arts demonstrations, and kids art projects.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 511893

The following person(s) doing business as: Olson Enterprises, 7000 Village Parkway #5, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPH EDWARD CARVER III Case No. RP15794992

1.To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JOSEPH EDWARD CARVER, III (also known as Joseph Edward Carver)**
2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **JOSEPH EDWARD CARVER, IV** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
3.The Petition for Probate requests that: **JOSEPH EDWARD CARVER, IV** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept

by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6.A hearing on this petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: **January 13, 2016**
Time: **9:30 AM** DEPT: **201** at:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
County of Alameda
2120 Martin Luther King,

Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Probate

7.If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You

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may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. (X) Attorney for Petitioner:
DIANA DEAN GENDOTTI, ESC.
95 MAIN STREET
Suite 7
LOS ALTOS, CA 94022
(650) 947-0307

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 15796589

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Jennifer S. Stulen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Jennifer S. Stulen
Proposed Name: Jennifer Scott Dayrell

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause

why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 4/21/2016
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept: 503
b. The address of the court is: Hayward Hall of Justice 24405 Amador Street Room 108 Hayward, CA 94544

3.a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street Livermore, CA 94550

Dated: December 14, 2015
/s/: Winifred Y. Smith
Judge of the Superior Court

The Independent Legal No. 3887 Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 511960

The following person(s) doing business as: Wilkinson Roadside Assistance, 6489 Aspenwood Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristi Wilkinson, 6489 Aspenwood Way, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 1, 2015. Signature of Registrants :/s/: Kristi Wilkinson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 24, 2015. Expires November 24, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3888. Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 512517

The following person(s) doing business as: Vandervision Digital, Inc., 4847 Hopyard Rd, Suite 4-225, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vandervision Digital, Inc., 4847 Hopyard Rd, Suite 4-225, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :/s/: Thomas M. Vandegriff, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 14, 2015. Expires December 14, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3889. Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 449598

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Allied Trailer Supply of San Leandro, 15180 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 3/24/2011 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: (1)Gregory R. Beyers (2) Rebecca A. Beyers, 19688 Forest Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546 Signature of Registrant: /s/: Gregory R. Beyers /s/: Rebecca A. Beyers This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 7, 2015. Expires December 7, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3890. Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 488819

The following person(s) has

(have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Allied Trailer & Coach Works, 15080 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 3/7/2014 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Rebecca A. Beyers, 15080 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578 Signature of Registrant: /s/: Rebecca A. Beyers This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 10, 2015. Expires December 10, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3891. Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 484792

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Allied Trailer & Coach Works, 15180 E. 14th St, San Leandro, CA 94578. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 11/7/2013 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Rebecca A. Beyers, 19688 Forest Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546 Signature of Registrant: /s/: Rebecca A. Beyers This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 10, 2015. Expires December 10, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3892. Published December 24, 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 512325

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 512815

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 512926

The following person(s) doing business as: Opparel, 6911 Corte Madrid, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yomi Oyesiku, 6911 Corte Madrid, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business using the

fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 12, 2015. Signature of Registrants :/s/: Yomi Oyesiku This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 24, 2015. Expires December 24, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3895. Published December 31, 2015, January 7, 14, 21, 2016

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Pictured (from left) are Mary Hart Reding, Greg Yount, Justin Brunnett and Chad Bianchi. In the photo at left is the Lickety Spit barbecue crew.

Steak Fest Replaces Annual Crab Fest as Fundraiser

By Carol Graham

Blame it on the Pseudo-nitzschia.

State officials have closed both recreational and commercial fishing for Dungeness and rock crab on the California coast due to a large algae bloom that's made the crab unsafe for consumption. The bloom, created by an organism called Pseudo-nitzschia, produces a domoic acid neurotoxin that can build up in marine life and cause severe illness in humans.

"The Pleasanton Lions Club will not be hosting a crab feed this year due to the algae bloom," said Lion Pam Grimes. "Because of our concern for the health and welfare of our attendees, we have chosen to instead host a Steak Fest."

Mouth-watering Ribeye or New York steaks cooked to perfection by the Lickety Spit barbecue crew? Change the blame to praise; cheers to the Pseudo-nitzschia!

The Pleasanton Lions Club Steak Fest takes place Saturday, January 23rd, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

"Bring a hearty appetite,

dancing shoes, and some extra money for gambling, silent-auction baskets, sports memorabilia, and raffle tickets," said Lion Steve Grimes who chairs the event.

Attendees will enjoy all-you-can-eat salad with or without shrimp, beans, dinner rolls, and Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too pasta along with one steak per guest.

The no-host bar opens at 5 p.m. in the Young California building, with a DJ ratcheting up the energy at 5:30. Dinner is served at 6:30, followed by casino games and dancing.

"There will be a dessert wheel which will have an amazing selection of desserts sponsored by Raley's," said Steve. "It's a fun way to support the fundraiser and win a delicious sweet treat."

Tickets are \$55 per person, or \$50 per person for groups of 16 or more.

"This event sells out each year," said Pam, noting that 800 tickets are available. "100% of the proceeds raised go to projects and organizations supported by the Pleasanton Lions."

For nearly three decades, the Pleasanton Lions' annual

feed has been their main fundraiser, enabling the club to assist an extensive variety of individuals, organizations and projects including the Open Heart Kitchen, Matthew Yount Scholarship Foundation, Tri-Valley Haven, Lions In Sight, Ear of the Lion, and providing funds to help renovate Delucci and Lions Wayside Parks.

"We're also excited and proud that we recently sponsored a new charter of Leos at Foothill High School. We're looking forward to mentoring them through having them join us in working the Steak Fest this year," said Steve. "There are 22 Leos in the new charter. We've already partnered with them to decorate the Livermore veterans hospital for Christmas. They made beautiful origami crane garlands. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and it ignites a fire under us to learn from the younger generation, too."

Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, lists more than 1.3 million members worldwide. The Pleasanton

Lions Club, with around 60 members currently, has been serving the community for more than 80 years. As with the Steak Fest, meetings are open to all, and are held twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. They take place at the Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Avenue, Pleasanton.

"We are extremely thankful for the tremendous support from sponsors, attendees, and the Lickety Spit crew who so generously stepped up to make this fundraiser possible. If Lickety Spit had not volunteered to help us we would not have been able to host this event which is our most important fundraiser each year," said Steve, adding, "The support of the community means the world to us."

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit www.pleasantonlionsclub.org, or

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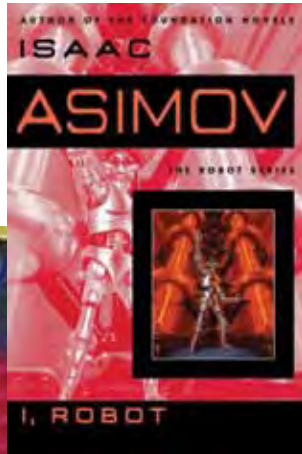
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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

'I, Robot' Triggers Everything Robot at Livermore Library As Part of Livermore Reads Together Program



February will be proclaimed by the City of Livermore to be Science and Engineering Month. The Livermore Public Library has selected the perfect book for the tenth annual Livermore Reads Together (LRT) community-wide reading program: Isaac Asimov's "I, Robot." The community of Livermore is encouraged to read I, Robot, and join their neighbors by par-

icipating in events related to robotics during the month of February 2016. Copies of books and LRT event schedules will be available at all Livermore Public Library locations.

Isaac Asimov's "I, Robot" launches readers on an adventure into a not-so-distant future where man and machine struggle to redefine life, love, and consciousness—and where the stakes are nothing less than survival. Filled with unforgettable characters, mind-bending speculation, and nonstop action, "I, Robot" is a powerful reading experience from one of the master storytellers of our time.

Guest speaker David Calkins commented, "The future of robots is like talking about the future in general. It's very hard to pin down. Mostly because people think of robots in C-3PO terms. Is a roomba a robot? Why is it a robot and a dishwasher not a robot? If a car has sensor assisted driving, is it a robot car - or just a really advanced car? Do curb feelers make a car a "robot car?" The line is very, very grey. If 10 roboticists were put in a room and asked for a definition of a robot, you'll end up with 20 answers.

"The future is filled with technology that will aid us in many ways. Will we have robot butlers any time soon? Probably not. But will we have single-task, electromechanical devices that help relieve drudge work? Yes. In more ways than anyone can imagine," he concluded.

Calkins will expand on his views at the kick-off event at 2 p.m. on January 31 at the Livermore Library.

Tamera LeBeau, Director of Library Services, said of the planned programs, "For Livermore Reads Together, we try to select presenters who can speak to the themes explored in the featured book. Isaac Asimov's I, Robot provides plenty of food for thought and staff was able to book some very interesting programs around its themes.

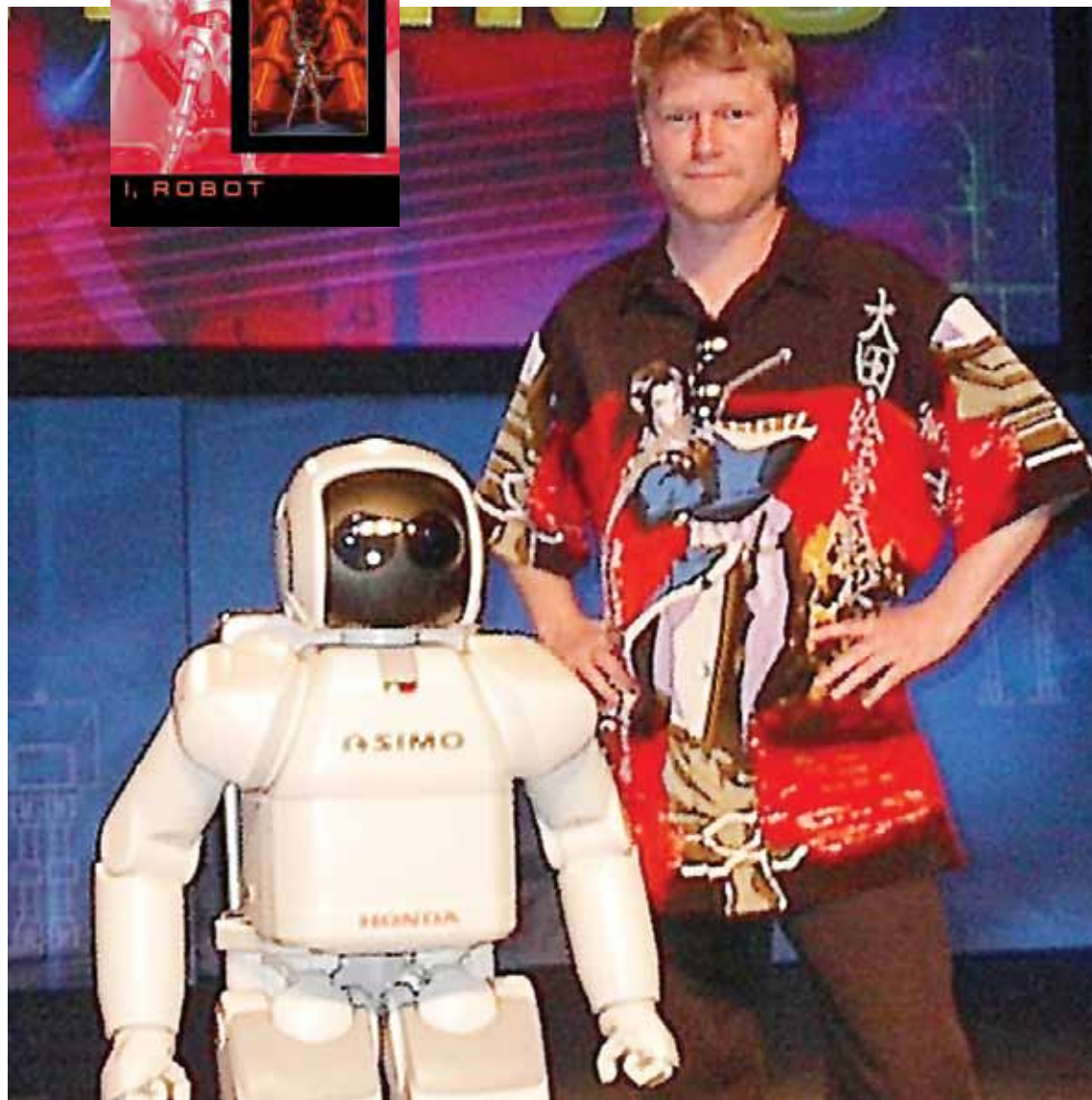
"We chose some presenters who could speak to the practical side of robotics and some who could speak to the thought provoking issues that arise from the use of robotics. In addition, we also try to choose a few programs that are just for fun. We have a well-rounded selection of programs planned throughout the month, with a little something for everyone," said LeBeau.

Livermore Reads Together 2016 events will include the following. Unless noted, events are held at the Civic Center Library and are free to the public.

- Sunday, January 31, 2pm: Robotics and the Future, LRT kick-off event with roboticist David Calkins, president of the Robotics Society of America and founder of the International RoboGames competition (www.robogames.net)

- Thursday, February 4, 7pm: Positrons, Lasers and

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Roboticist David Calkins with robot.

Rollicking Tale of Pirates of Penzance Coming to the Bankhead

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will open 2016 with Gilbert & Sullivan's rollicking tale, "The Pirates of Penzance."

Performances will be weekends Jan. 16 to 31 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays with an additional Saturday matinee on January 30.

Set sail with this classic comedy that boasts one of the most famous patter songs in musical theatre history. A fresh take on one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic operas, this updated version of *The Pirates of Penzance* took New York by storm when it premiered in Central Park in 1980, leading to a subsequent smash-hit Broadway run.

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Misty Megia directs, Christina Lazo will choreograph. Directing the music is Greg Zema. The show is produced by Kathleen Breedbeld.

The cast includes Frederick: Nikita Burshteyn; Pirate King: Peter Budinger; Mabel: Aimee Roylance;



Pictured are Major General Stanley (Scott Kenison) and daughters (from left) Rebecca Davis, Aimee Roylance, Kirsten Bradford, Ally Murphy, Gwennivere Cristobal, Kjerstin Krohn, Leslie Lawrence, Brianna Walters, and Morgan Breedveld.

Major General: Scott Kenison; Ruth: Ali Lane; Sargeant: Joshua Gonzales; Edith: Rebecca Davis; Kate: Morgan Breedveld; Isabel: Kirsten Bradford; and Samuel: Luke deAyora.

Playing the roles of

daughters are Gwynnivere Cristobal, Kjerstin Krohn, Leslie Lawrence, Ally Murphy, and Brianna Walters. Chorus pirates are Steve Alhoff, Mike Cerruti, Tom Farris, Gary Foley, Dalton Frietas, Mike



Pictured are (from left) Pirate King (Peter Budinger) Ruth (Ali Lane) and Frederick (Nikita Burshteyn). Photos by Robert Sholty and DC Scarpelli.

Freeman, Charlie Gay, Joe Saam, and Mark Wiesner; police are Heidi Amstrup, Daelyn Cerruti, Michael A. Jackson, Britt Jensky, Kelly Lotz, Daniel Quezada,

Michelle Roque, William Schubert, and Joshua Thompson

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Liver-

more. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, by calling 373-6800, on line at www.bankheadtheater.org or via the new mobile app.

Submissions Due for Livermore Valley Film Festival

Submission deadlines for Livermore Valley Film Festival (LVFF) are coming up. December 31st is considered the "official deadline" for film submissions. However, the LVFF will accept submissions up to January 31st, 2016. Built around the theme of "Where Science Meets Art," the LVFF has received submissions from around the world. The three-day event, May 13-15, will showcase independent and feature films, as well as discussion panels and workshops.

At the core of the LVFF is the official juried com-

petition. Film submissions are being accepted online in multiple categories: Feature, Documentary Feature, Science/Technology/Innovation Short, Social/Health/Disability Issues Short, Animation Short, and Student Short. A separate 24-Hour Ironman Film Competition will be run concurrently in which participants will be challenged to produce a short film that aligns with the theme and contains specific elements. Winners in all categories will be presented with monetary awards and honored at a ceremony held on the closing day of the festival, May 15, 2016. A San Francisco Bay Area

Best Award in the Student film category will also be announced.

In addition to events held at the Bankhead Theater, the Vine Cinema and Alehouse on First Street and the i-Gate Innovation Hub on South Livermore Avenue will serve as venues for the Film Festival.

More information, including a link to the official LVFF Call for Entries, film categories and submission instructions, is available at <http://www.livermorefilm.org/>

The Special Consensus Presents Program of Bluegrass

Grammy-nominated for Best Bluegrass Album in 2012, The Special Consensus comes to Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m. Celebrating the group's 40th anniversary this year, "Special C" is called bluegrass heaven on tap.

The Special Consensus consists of 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 spotless vocals, incredible musicianship, and boundless energy, Special C has released 17 recordings to date, with "Scratch Gravel Road" garnering the coveted Grammy Award nomination in 2012 for Best Bluegrass Album.

Their latest album, "Country Boy: A Bluegrass Tribute to John Denver," was honored in October 2014 by the Interna-



The Special Consensus

tional Bluegrass Music Association with two major awards: Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year for "Thank God I'm A Country Boy" and Recorded Event of the Year for "Wild Montana Skies".

Known for their "bluegrass with attitude" tag-line, The Special Consensus have 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. They received a standing ovation after their first performance on the Grand Ole Opry stage at Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium.

International tours have brought the band to Canada, Europe, South America, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The Special C has appeared in concert with symphony orchestras nationwide since the early 90's, and has brought an informative in-school presentation to schools nationally and internationally since 1984.

Band leader/banjo player Greg Cahill is the former President/Board Chair of the Nashville-based International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and the former Board Chair of the Nashville-based Foundation for Bluegrass Music. He was awarded the prestigious IBMA Distinguished Achievement Award in 2011. Other band members

include guitarist Rick Faris, bass player Dan Eubanks, and mandolin player Nick Dumas.

Reserved seating tickets are \$15 - \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Encore Players Head Into 2016 Season

The Livermore-based Encore Players aren't waiting for spring to blossom out in 2016. Their year begins with a new round of improvisation classes and a night of auditions to round out the cast of A.R. Gurney's comedy, "The Cocktail Hour."

The play will be presented May 6-8 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H Streets, Livermore. Tickets will go on sale at the Bankhead Box Office in April.

"We're looking for a mature actor to play the role of Bradley," says Connie Duke, the play's director. "He's a 70-plus, well-to-do WASP, a little uncomfortable in a fast-changing world, clinging to values that don't quite make sense any more."

The plum part became available when Patrick Moore, previously cast in the role, moved unexpectedly to Washington state, where his wife Joyce has accepted a position as rector of a Seattle-area Episcopal church.

Auditions will be held from 7-9 pm Wednesday, January 13, at the Southern Pacific Depot at Railroad and L streets, Livermore. To schedule a time slot or learn more,

call Duke at 846-8420 or email her at condu@aol.com.

Improv—not just for comedians anymore.

To make a scene come alive, good actors really listen onstage, and the same is true in real life. Otherwise, it's just you and the other guy taking turns talking. Practice in listening is just one way a class in improvisation can help you turn a dull scene lively or transform party chitchat into meaningful dialogue.

Actors and civilians both are invited to sign up for one or two three-session classes of improvisation techniques under the guidance of well-known improv teacher Gary Grossman. The classes are geared for mature adults and some theater experience is useful but not essential.

All sessions will be at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore, from 1-4 pm Saturdays, January 16, 23 and 30 (Session A); and/or February 13, 20 and 27 (Session B). Cost for each session is \$75. To request a registration form or more information, email Kathy Streeter at k.streeter@comcast.net.

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Song of Spring - Lily Xu



Maison Gordes - Nova Starling



Bridge - Walt Davies



Poets participating are Cher Wollard, Connie Post, and Kevin Gunn.

East Meets West Art and Poetry Exhibit at Livermore Library

The 10th 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. 23, is curated by Livermore artist Lily Xu. It features art by Xu, Walter Davies, Nova Starling, Linda Yoshizawaha and Melissa Woodburn, and poetry by Connie Post, Kevin Gunn, Kay Speaks and Charan Sue (Cher) Wollard.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, Jan.

9, 12:30-4 p.m., with poetry reading 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

Xu is a fourth-generation award-winning artist, classically trained in Chinese art and specializes in watercolor. Her works depict scenes of nature, birds and flowers, people and structures. Her distinctive personal style includes forceful, fresh, rhythmical brushstrokes—a perfect combination of western and Chinese forms of ex-

pression. Her works grace private and corporate collections across the United States and abroad, including Asian Study Center of the University of Texas, Austin Children's Museum, the Austin American Culture Center, the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas, the Austin Public Libraries and the Pleasanton Public Library. Her paintings may be viewed at www.pal-art.com.

Xu is a member of both Livermore Art Association and the Pleasanton Art League.



The Dancer - Diana Carey

Davies says, "I am neither poet, nor painter, sculptor nor wordsmith. My muse is the mystery and beauty of light and shadow, color and form. The play and dance of these elements constantly intrigues me, and motivates my expressions on paper." Founding member of the photographer's collective Argentum, Davies has shown his work in numerous exhibits and shows in California and New Mexico. Current work is on display at the Bankhead Theater Gallery and www.daviesgallery.com. He is the current president of the Livermore Art Association.

Starling's degrees were originally in functional art, all materials. She now works primarily in acrylics. Her style is whatever suits the concept, be it abstract, photo realism, surrealism or social statement.

Nova's inspiration comes from many sources: a glimpse, an impression, the change of light over time, an unusual point of view, a touch, an emotion, the human condition. Her



Rising Tide - Linda Yoshizawaha

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work has been collected across the US and in Japan. Locally she has won Best Acrylic at the Spring Show twice and a Silver Award at the Alameda County Fair. For more, see novastarling.com/art.

Yoshizawaha developed a monotype printing technique that balances serendipity and design with a personal aesthetic that reflects her Japanese-American identity. She received her B.A. in Fine Art from Pomona College in Claremont, California and she is a member of the California Society of Printmakers and the Los Angeles Printmaking Society. Her artwork is in many personal and corporate collections across the country including Kaiser Permanente in San Ramon and Pleasanton. She shows her work at Valley Art Gallery, Collector Art Shop, and Andrea Schwartz Gallery in the San Francisco Bay Area and she is represented by Reynolds Fine Art in New Haven, Connecticut.

Woodburn says, "I started making pine needle baskets in 1996, adding ceramic into my mix of media in 2001, as a way to personally heal after the violence of 9/11. I enjoy the meditative aspect of using traditional materials and methods to connect to the greater rhythms, cycles and circles of life." For more, see www.melissawoodburn.com.

Carey developed a passion for the creation of metal forms while studying at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Each piece is unique and is discovered as she creates it. There is no direct path from one piece to the next; instead, each evolves from the

material. Once she starts working on the piece she moves with it as it starts taking shape. She wants the metal to flow, the pieces to be light and airy, counterbalancing the rigidity of the steel she is working with. Her website is www.dianacarey44.com

Post is poet laureate emerita of Livermore (2005 to 2009). Her work has appeared in Calyx, Spoon River Poetry Review, Crab Creek Review, Slipstream, The Big Muddy and Valparaiso Poetry Review. Her awards include the Caesura Poetry Award, and 2nd prize in the Jack Kerouac Poetry Prize. Her chapbook *And When the Sun Drops* won the 2012 Aurean Editor's choice Award. Her first full length book *Floodwater* was released by Glass Lyre Press in 2014 and won the Lyrebird Award. She is a two time nominee for California Poet Laureate.

Gunn is the current poet laureate of Livermore. He has continued to curate the Ravenswood Poetry Series. He is working with grammar school students and giving workshops in local schools. He also started a Teen Poet of the Month contest. He has been published in *Song of the San Joaquin*, *California Quarterly*, *Chiron Review* and many local publications. His chapbook, *Hey Yard Duty*, *Johnny Said the F Word*, will be coming out from *Finishing Line Press* in early 2016.

Speaks, a third-generation poet, is participating in her fourth East Meets West exhibit. She lectures on family history topics and is a member of L-AGS, Livermore Valley Camera Club, Chinese American

Family History Research Yahoo Group and co-edited a genealogy source citation book sold in five countries.

Wollard was poet laureate of Livermore, 2009-2013. She currently serves on the Livermore Commission for the Arts and the board of directors of the Ina Coolbrith Circle. Her award-winning poems have appeared in literary journals and anthologies including the *Carquinez Review*, *The Gathering*, *Joys of the Table* and *Bird Black as the Sun: California Poets on Crows and Ravens*. Her first book, *In My Other Life*, a collection of original poems and paintings, was released in 2010 by Richer Resources Publishing. She studied with Santa Cruz poet Ellen Bass for two years, and has participated in workshops with Stephen Dunn, Tony Hoagland, Marie Howe and other distinguished poets.

Snowpiercer Next in Firehouse "Thrill Rides" Movie Night Series

Kicking off January with a post-apocalyptic "frozen-earth" sci-fi thriller, the Firehouse Arts Center's "Thrill Rides" Movie Night Series continues. *Snowpiercer* (2013, rated R, 126 minutes), screens Wednesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. Arrive a few minutes early to enjoy some fun trivia about the film. Free popcorn. Soda and snacks are available to purchase at the lobby concessions bay, and can be taken inside the theater. (No outside food or beverages are permitted.)

The films on this season's list include some of the best Independent Film thrillers from the last few years, and *Snowpiercer* is no exception. This South Korean production premiered in August 2013, and stars Chris Evans, Tilda Swinton, Ed Harris, John Hurt, and Jaimie Bell. It won the Blue Dragon Film Award for Best Director and Best Art Direction.

Set in a post-apocalyptic ice age, a failed climate control experiment forces humanity's last survivors aboard a globe-spanning supertrain called "Snowpiercer," where a dangerous class system develops. Heroes and villains, and an uprising that risks everything for control of the engine and the future of the world.

Trailers are up on the Firehouse website on the Film Series page: www.firehousearts.org/filmseries. Theater is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Free parking lot entrance is on Spring Street.

General admission tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in advance online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

Note: For R-Rated Films, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian (age 21 or older) and 25 years and under must show ID.



Clip from *Snowpiercer*

Musica Vera Duo Performing at the Livermore Library

On tour from Yale University, The Musica Vera Duo will perform at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Sunday, January 10, 2016, 2pm. The Duo will perform an eclectic program comprised of musical selections arranged for viola and guitar.

The Livermore Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Admission is free.

The Musica Vera Duo explores and performs music from contrasting cultures of the classical tradition, including transcriptions of ancient chant, dance suites, folk songs, theatrical works, and more. Incorporating history, literature, and the dramatic arts, Musica Vera presents concerts that engage the ears, minds, and hearts of its audience members.

Violist Mark Bailey and guitarist Kevin Sherwin offer performances that include informative interaction, as well as creative programming and superior musicianship. Each piece has a story to tell, as Musica Vera engages the audience's imagination and transports the listening experience to heightened levels of musical appreciation. Many will recognize pieces they know, but also will hear them performed from a fresh perspective through the unique musical color scheme of the combined viola and guitar sound.

A sampling of musical selections for viola and guitar: J.S. Bach – two-part inventions; Spanish dances; Greensleeves and other old English tunes; Telemann – Minuet and Canon; Selections of Eastern Orthodox and Gregorian Chant; Paganini – Grand Sonata in A; Amarilli, mio bella and other Italian love songs; D. Bortniansky – songs from the Russian court, and more.

Violist Mark Bailey is extensively involved in the performance of baroque, classical, and early romantic instrumental, vocal/choral, and operatic works. He has particular expertise in Slavic music of the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as the Bach family, Handel, Haydn,



Kevin Sherwin

and Mozart. Mr. Bailey is founding artistic director of the American Baroque Orchestra (ABO). He is also celebrating his 20th anniversary as artistic director of the Yale Russian Chorus (YRC). Mr. Bailey frequently guest conducts renowned ensembles, such as the Portland Baroque Orchestra, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Cappella Romana and Pro Coro Canada. In addition, he is often invited to give seminars on conducting technique, performance practice, and Slavic baroque music, as he has at the Mostly Mozart Festival of Lincoln Center and the Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute in Toronto, Canada. Other guest appearances include conducting two gala concerts at Carnegie Hall, featuring the music of Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Classical guitarist and conductor Kevin Sherwin, as an accomplished soloist and leader of orchestral and choral ensembles, infuses his active performance schedule with scholarly work in the field of music performance practice.



Mark Bailey

His current positions include Founding Artistic Director of the American Modernist Orchestra, an ensemble currently based at Yale University; Artistic Director of the New Haven Summer Chorus; and Assistant Conductor of the renowned Yale Russian Chorus. In 2015 Mr. Sherwin also was appointed Associate Artistic Director of The American Baroque Orchestra (ABO). He has conducted throughout the United States, including Boston, New York, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and New Haven, to name a few. In addition, Mr. Sherwin has guest conducted The American Baroque Orchestra, The Nashua Chamber Orchestra, The Roslyn Chamber Orchestra, The Jonathan Edwards Chamber Players, and the new music ensemble, Black is the Color.

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

Staged Reading of O'Neill's 'Beyond the Horizon' Scheduled

Playwright Eugene O'Neill was awarded Pulitzer Prizes for Drama on four occasions. However, it was *Beyond the Horizon* that brought him special recognition -- his first Broadway hit and his first Pulitzer Prize.

Beyond the Horizon opened in New York in February, 1920. It will be revived in a staged reading on Saturday and Sunday January 9 and 10 as part of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's Playwrights' Theatre series. Performances are at 8:00 pm on January 9 and 2:00 p.m. on January 10 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue in downtown Danville.

"This is the play that, literally, put Eugene O'Neill on the map," says O'Neill Foundation Artistic Program Director Eric Fraisher Hayes. "This play carries forward one of the central themes in O'Neill's *Desire Under the Elms*, which played to sold-out houses when we produced it in

the Old Barn at Tao House last September," says Hayes.

Reservations for *Beyond the Horizon* are available online at www.eugeneoneoil.org, or by phone at (925) 820-1818. Tickets are \$25. Seating at the Museum is limited.

Beyond the Horizon is a play of dreams and wanderlust – the story of two brothers who grow up on a New England farm, who search for a wider world "beyond the horizon."

Directed by Hayes, the cast includes Chad Deverman as Robert Mayo, and Teddy Spenser as his brother Andrew, with support from Hilary Schwartz, John Hale, Beth Chastain, Valerie Weak and Dirk Alphin.

"This is a play of missed opportunities and failed dreams," says Hayes. "Two brothers make life-choices that alter their lives forever. Robert Mayo is called to a

life on the sea, and his brother, Andrew, seeks nothing more than to work on his family's farm. Both choose to deny their destinies."

Eugene O'Neill's four Pulitzer Prizes for Drama also include *Anna Christie* (1922), *Strange Interlude* (1928) and *A Long Days Journey into Night* (posthumously in 1957). O'Neill is also the first and only American dramatist to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature (1936).

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation operates in partnership with the National Park Service at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. It is here that the playwright and his wife, Carlotta, lived from 1937-1944, and where O'Neill wrote his final and most memorable plays, including *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, *A Long Days Journey into Night*, and *The Iceman Cometh*.



Roboticist Kevin Roche presents ThinBot, the bartending robot

ROBOTS

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Robots: How Close Does Our Science Come to Asimov's Vision of the Future?, physicist Scott Wilks, Ph.D, from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

- Saturday, February 6, 1pm: Students' Robotics Fair, co-sponsored by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
- Wednesday, February 10, 7pm: Pulitzer Prize award-winning journalist John Markoff talks about his book *Machines of Loving Grace: The Quest for Common Ground Between Humans and Robots*

- Saturday, February 13, noon (The Vine Cinema in Livermore): Free movie at the Vine Cinema featuring *Blade Runner*, a screening of the 1982 American neo-noir science fiction film directed by Ridley Scott, and starring Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, Sean Young, and Edward James Olmos (Rated R)

- Sunday, February 14, 11am-2pm: i-GATE Open House (2324 2nd St., Livermore), come and discover cool things happening inside the innovation hub

- Tuesday, February 16, 6pm: Maker Program for Kids: Make a BrushBot, Springtown Library
- Wednesday, February 17, 7pm: I, Robot readers theater, Shakespeare's Associates readers theater volunteer cast

- Saturday, February 20, 1pm: Maker Program for Kids: Make a Recycled Robot
- Sunday, February 21, 1:30pm: Free movie screening at the library, followed by a presentation and discussion on artificial intelligence by Chris Riley from i-GATE. For information about the movie and Chris Riley's presentation, contact the library or visit www.livermorelibrary.net

- Friday, February 26, 3:30pm: Family movie day at the library featuring a Disney-Pixar movie about an adorable little waste collecting robot. For information about the movie, contact the library or visit www.livermorelibrary.net

- Saturday, February 27, 2pm: Roboticist Kevin Roche presents ThinBot, the bartending robot, and

other cool machines

- Sunday, February 28, 2pm: Cantina Band plays acoustic music inspired by Star Wars and classic video games like Legend of Zelda and Super Mario Brothers

- Monday, February 29, 6:30pm: Family movie night at Rincon Library featuring a Disney-Pixar movie about an adorable little waste collecting robot. For information about the movie, contact the library or visit www.livermorelibrary.net

In addition, throughout the month of February the Civic Center Library Art Gallery will feature the display *The Art of Science* by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Also, stay tuned for other Science and Engineering Month events happening throughout the city. There will be events happening at other sites that celebrate the science and engineering programs that happen in Livermore.

For more information about Science and Engineering Month, contact Regina Brinker, STEM Coordinator for Livermore

Valley Joint Unified School District, at rbrinker@lvjUSD.org or 925-960-2914.

Brinker said of the popularity of, "I think that students enjoy designing, building, and programming robots because they create and control something that causes an action. Even if a robot is a machine that drives around a track, the students are the ones in control. After researching different types of robots, students seem fascinated by machines that can perform tasks that humans do."

The Livermore Library currently offers three types of small robots available for checkout, including ten copies of the "Finch" robot, three copies of the "Dash" robot, and three copies of the "Thymio II" robot. The robots were purchased with grant funding that the Library received last year.

LeBeau says, "While each type of robot has different features, all three offer an engaging way to learn basic programming. With the school district's emphasis on STEM education and the community's general interest in science, the robots appeal to a wide variety of ages, from elementary school children through adults."

The robots each check out for four weeks at a time. "They have been very popular so far and more often than not, they are all checked out. Patrons interested in borrowing a robot can call the Livermore Public Library to put their name on the waiting list for the next one available," added LeBeau.

Livermore Reads Together 2016 is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library. For more information about this library event, call 925-373-5500 or visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

Livermore to Celebrate Science & Engineering Month in February

February 2016 has been designated as Science and Engineering Month in Livermore.

Mayor John Marchand and the Livermore City Council will officially proclaim February to be Science and Engineering Month at the January 25 Council meeting. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) School Board will declare the event at its January 19 meeting.

Regina Brinker, STEM Coordinator for LVJUSD, said, "For over ten years, science-related programs occurred in February, including Lawrence Livermore National Lab's Science on Saturday community science talks and Science Odyssey, a science fair and exhibition for students in grades 1 - 12 in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Science Month was proposed to recognize and celebrate these programs."

She added that under further consideration, it was realized that national Engineers Week also happens in February, so the event was changed to Science and Engineering Month.

"Many community groups offer science and engineering programs. We reached out to extend programming. The first partnership was with the Livermore Library. Students will be showcasing robotics projects as part of the Livermore Reads Together! program."

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Friends of Springtown Preserve, and Las Positas College are also offering programs for Science and Engineering Month.

The Livermore community is invited to participate in a BioBlitz event. During a BioBlitz, people observe and identify (if possible) living things found in an area. "Living things" can range from microbes to mammals. Ecosystems are different from one end of Livermore to the other, so the results of the BioBlitz should be interesting, said Brinker.

The date for the BioBlitz will be set by Las Positas College's biology department. Brinker is planning to hold an organizational meeting at some time to train groups for the event.

This and other events can be found at the website: EngineeringScience.Me

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.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Artwork Showing: Espresso Rosetta Coffee Shop, 206 S. J St., Livermore, (corner of J Street and 2nd Street). Works by Lisa Rigge and Maryann Kot. Experience Lisa Rigge's fall color photographs and Maryann Kot's archival reproductions of original art in the friendly atmosphere of the new coffee shop, Espresso Rosetta, in downtown Livermore. The work will be on display through Dec. 31st.

Simply Seeing photographic show, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., through January 4, 2016. Invited photographers include Ken Ball, Walter Davies, Marc Davis, Sherry Hennes, Jonathan Miller, Chuck McGregor, Jennie McGregor, Rahul Prasad, Lisa Rigge and Ron Rigge. www.bankheadtheater.org

Celebrate Women 2016! call for artists for this photographic art competition. Submission Delivery Date: 2/24/16/ Deliver to Building 300 between noon - 5 at Las Positas College. Guidelines: Subject of every piece must be of a woman or women. It must arrive framed in a black 16 x 20 frame with hardware on the back

(use D-rings) ready to hang. Label on the back with title, pertinent process, for example: "on fiber paper" or "cyanotype" "digital photography" "B & White film"; artist name and price. Hang Day: 3/1. Art Show will be hung in Building 2400.

Special Winter Exhibits: On view through January 9, 2016. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present works by two distinct artists in the public exhibition areas. Marie Pascal (Hallway Gallery): Exquisite small format watercolor paintings of both San Francisco and Pleasanton scenes. Pascal is currently a Pleasanton resident, who was educated at the Ecole Nationale (Paris) and has exhibited in numerous museums and fine galleries. Beichen Li (Grand Lobby Gallery): Large-scale triptychs of musical instrument montages are hung in the two-story gallery space. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

Pleasanton Art League members show, Imagination Expressed 2016, Jan. 13 to Feb. 28 at the Pleasanton Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Reception Jan. 24, 2 to 4 p.m.

East Meets West, 10th annual exhibit, Livermore Civic Center Library Art Gallery, Jan. 2-23. Reception 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 9. 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore

Allied Artist West, Jan. 14-Feb. 20. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Work by a group of 22 South Bay artists. Reception, Jan. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association, meeting 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Program by Irene Carvajal, incorporating printmaking into your practice. No admission

charge.
Artists at Work, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore.

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 some of the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge /The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. 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, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensart-classesprojects.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, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (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. (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 last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.Galinas-MusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2015 - 2016 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school and also is offering an adult class. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley since 1980. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond - Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., Jan. 4th, 9:30 to noon for five weeks and Tues., Jan. 5th, 6:30 to 9 p.m. for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center



Patrick Keane

Comedy at Callippe

Comedians Dave Burleigh and Patrick Keane will perform "Comedy at Callippe" on Fri., Jan. 8.

Dave Burleigh has appeared on America's Got Talent and Sirius XM Radio. Patrick Keane has been a guest on the Late, Late Show and Jimmy Kimmel Live.

The event, from 6 to 9 p.m. will take place at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton.

Admission fee of \$45 includes dinner and the comedy show

For reservations, contact Claudia Velasco at 925.426.6666



Dave Burleigh

2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388

Drawing Class- "Basic Drawing: Focus on Nature" This class is for beginners and the artist who wants to improve drawing techniques. Classes start with the basics and quickly focuses on nature drawing. Included-instruction on site techniques, three dimensional development, and composition. Starts Wed., Jan. 6th, 12:30-3 p.m. for 5 weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th St. Livermore Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388

Drawing Class- "Intermediate Drawing: Focus on Nature" This class is for students who have taken basic drawing classes and want to go to the next level of drawing realistic nature subjects. Starts Thurs., Jan. 7th, 12:30 to 3 p.m. for 5 weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388

WINE & SPIRITS

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Sat., Jan. 2, "Elite" flight: chocolate truffles and chocolate port cup featuring the 2012 Casimira, a Angelica Style dessert wine served inside a Chocolate Port Cup. Sat., Jan. 3, "Sunday Funday," newest Holiday Pairing Flight: Cheesecake Cupcake & Chocolate Port Cup paired with wines. Tasting Room is open 11:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

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.

Muriel Anderson, 8 p.m. Fri., Jan. 8, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

JOEL: A Tribute to the Songs

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of Billy Joel featuring Kyle Martin and his band. Saturday, January 9, 8:00 p.m. Kyle Martin performs all the hits from Joel's timeless repertoire, including songs like Big Shot, Only the Good Die Young, An Innocent Man, and New York State of Mind. Martin and band are blazing hot, and will have you on your feet and rocking out! Reserved seating tickets: \$17.00 - \$27.00. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton

Yale University, The Musica Vera Duo will perform at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Sunday, January 10, 2016, 2pm. The Duo will perform an eclectic program comprised of musical selections arranged for viola and guitar. The Livermore Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Admission is free.

The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with attitude: "Special C" proudly celebrates their 40th anniversary this year. The 2012 Grammy-nominated acoustic bluegrass band returns to the Firehouse on Friday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m. Four-man bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals, and boundless energy. Tickets \$15 - \$25; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Castro Valley High School: An Evening of Blues, Jazz & Funk! 7 p.m. Jan. 17, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Marc Cohn, Grammy Award winner, 8 p.m. Fri., Jan. 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Ambrosia, 8 p.m., Jan. 22 and 23, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Piano Duet: Tamriko Siphrahvili & Temirzhan Yerzhanov, 8 p.m., Jan. 23, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org

org or 373-6800.

Eltan John's Greatest Hits, Jan. 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Beyond the Horizon will be presented in a staged reading as part of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's Playwrights' Theatre series on Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, in Danville. Reservations for Beyond the Horizon are available online at www.eugeneoneill.org, or by phone at (925) 820-1818. Tickets are \$25. Seating at the Museum is limited.

The Pirates of Penzance, weekends Jan. 16 through 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Good People by David-Lindsay Abaire, Jan. 29-Feb. 14. Role Players Ensemble production, Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

Disney's The Little Mermaid, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, 2 and 8 p.m., Jan. 30-Feb. 14, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

COMEDY

Comedy at Callippe featuring Dave Burleigh and Patrick Keane on Fri., Jan. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. will take place at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, 8500 Clubhouse Dr., Pleasanton. Admission fee of \$45 includes dinner and the comedy show. For reservations, contact Claudia Velasco at 925.426.6666

MOVIES

The Snowpiercer (movie), 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera Movie Night and Reception featuring the Metropolitan Opera's 1986 production of Rossini's Italian

Girl from Algiers, January 20th at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse. The evening includes a reception at the Casbah Restaurant featuring Arabic appetizers from Algerian Cuisine, and specialty wine pairings. The evening begins at 6 p.m. at the Casbah Mediterranean Kitchen in Livermore, followed by the films at 7:30. Tickets for both the reception and film are \$25.00, for the film only \$10.00. livermorevalleyopera.com or 462-6964.

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

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

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

Dublin Schools, 1915, 1950 and Today, special exhibit, Oct. 17

through January 2016. Little Classroom, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

An Evening With... Phoebe Hearst: Tuesday, January 5th, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney

Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main

during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Dark Side of the Full Moon to Be Shown at the Vine Cinema in Livermore

A special screening of Dark Side of the Full Moon will be presented at The Vine Cinema and Ale House in Livermore on January 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Having a baby is supposed to be the happiest time of your life. But what if it's not? Each year, 1.3 million women in the U. S. struggle to find support and treatment for postpartum depression and other perinatal mood disorders. Two women, Jennifer Silliman and Maureen Fura, both with firsthand knowledge of this challenge, came together to give a face and a voice to the countless women who suffer in silence. With the help of Dr. Shoshana Bennett, Executive Producer, they produced a documentary film, uncovering disconnects within the medical community to effectively

screen, refer, and treat these women.

One in seven women will experience a pregnancy and postpartum mood and anxiety disorder, and one in one thousand will suffer from postpartum psychosis. However, it is the one condition during pregnancy and postpartum that is most often underdiagnosed by care providers. "Nobody is asking any questions. There still isn't a comprehensive policy to protect mothers," says Fura, the film's writer and director.

The film is being screened through Tugg.com, a platform that helps individuals and organizations to host screenings in

their communities.

With explorations through the history, origins, and mythology surrounding the dark side of motherhood, Maureen and Jennifer attempt to reconstruct the idea of "motherhood" and forge a way to find the best system for women to receive the maternal mental health care they need. The movie will be shown 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse in Livermore for a screening of Dark Side of the Full Moon.

Purchase tickets (\$11) online by January 2nd to reserve a place www.tugg.com/events/76615



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Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, January 14, 7:00 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton. Dr. Lisa Tell, Director of the UC Davis Hummingbird Health and Conservation will speak about her program and what we as gardeners can do to help the hummingbirds. Visitor are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.com.

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:30pm at San Leandro Library 300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro. Joe Morlan will present a program on Subspecies For Birders. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information go to the website www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Mount Diablo Rose Society will host a rose celebrity at its January meeting. Stephen Scanniello, the curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the NY Botanical Garden and gardener to the stars and notables on the east coast, will be speaking at the Mount Diablo Rose Society (www.mtidiablorosesociety.org) on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 PM at the Dublin Civic Center Regional Room (100 Civic Plaza, Dublin) about his latest book A Rose By Any Name. In addition to his talk at the Mount Diablo Rose Society, Stephen will also be holding two pruning clinics on climbing roses at the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden (1000 Broadway, Sacramento) on Saturday, January 16 at 9 AM and 1 PM. Both events are open to the public and are free of charge.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, lunch in San Leandro, Jan. 7, noon, RSVP by Jan. 4 to Bette, 510-357-7873. General meeting, birthday lunch in San Ramon, Jan. 10, 1 p.m., RSVP by Jan. 3 to Marsha, 830-8483. Friendly bridge, Jan. 16, 1 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 9 to Marge, 828-5124. Brunch in San Ramon, Jan. 17, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 14 to Marsha, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Jan. 21, 5 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 19 to Mary, 705-7337. Brunch in Livermore, Jan. 24, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 21 to Harriett, 447-8229. Lunch in Pleasanton, Jan. 30, RSVP by Jan. 27 to Athene, 846-0111.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., Jan. 14, 2016 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Barbara Mallon will present a program on "Second Safari to Tanzania." Adults are invited to this free

program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Labyrinth walk New Year's Eve from 7:30 – 10:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Hosted by Presbyterian Women. Dress warmly and join us in walking the outdoor, Chartresstyle, courtyard labyrinth. Stay for hot apple cider and light desserts or enjoy some quiet time in the candle lit sanctuary afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

The Livermore-Amador-Genealogical Society meets Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. Ted Shapas will speak to the question "What to do with all these photos." In this talk, Ted will address some simple ways to manage an image collection so family members can identify, find, archive and enjoy these very import aspects of your family history. All are welcome and no charge. For more information, contact the Program Chairs by e-mail: program@L-AGS.org.

Diabetes Self Management Classes in Dublin, offered by Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program. Free 7 week series runs Fridays January 8 through February 19, 10 am – 12 pm, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Class is for adults diagnosed with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Learn about the causes of diabetes, healthy eating, exercise, medications, stress management and more. Call 510-383-5185 to register. Requires 5 people registered for class to be held.

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) 2016 kick of mixer, Jan. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. Coco Cabana Restaurant, Dublin at 4500-C Tassajara Road. RSVP by Jan. 9. Prepayment is required. www.gnon.org/rsvp.html or 925-487-4748. \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers.

Diabetes Prevention Class in Pleasanton, offered by Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program. Free 3 week series runs Thursdays January 14 through January 28, 9:30- am – 11:30 am, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. This class is for

adults who have pre diabetes or have concerns and want to learn more. Call 510-383-5185 to register. Requires 5 people registered for class to be held.

Volunteer bingo callers, needed for Fridays, 1 to 3:45 p.m. at the Livermore Senior Center. Friday bingo is currently shutdown due to lack of volunteers. To volunteer, stop by the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore and fill out an application or call the Senior Venter, M-Th, 373-5760.

Crab Feed, Feb. 27, 2016. The Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. is producing its 4th Annual Crab Feed to benefit the students, faculty & administrators of LHS. Each year the LHSAA funds numerous request from LHS to provide items/programs that are no longer in their budget. LHSAA invites all to take part in the Crab Feed and both Live and Silent Auctions Fundraiser. Go to www.livermorehighalumni.com for additional information, email lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com or call Ray 925-606-5518.

Free high school level math help offered at Pleasanton Library for students who cannot afford tuition. Contact 925-484-1073.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at 925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: www.clutterlesseastbay.org

Writing club for young adults, Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults, ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

Learn Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up): Contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques,

collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view member's collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail rjfgiono@comcast.net.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan: sdcandfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/ psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and

free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge, investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys to get to know. SIR Branch # 121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel, Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about your opportunities. For more information check our website: branch121.sirinc2.org or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the subject line).

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

Eric's Corner is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 – 8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at ericscorner.org

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated 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 Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Navy, Marine Corp & Coast

Guard Active Duty and Veterans. Meet with other like minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a chartered organization that provides a voice in Congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to www.fra.org or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

Operation: SAM "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 morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

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.

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

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact 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. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. No weigh-ins, free will donations for rent. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925)337-9118.

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

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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.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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. 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, 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.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. 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-ValleyBible-Church.com.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or www.uucil.org

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

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 EastBaySecular-Jews.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 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.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 Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

United Christian Church, www.ucciliv.org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; 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 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. 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, go to www.stinnoent.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. www.saintbartslivermore.com. Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchof-sunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (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 pmjmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. www.trivalleychurch.org.

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.

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 Garaventa 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.

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, 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.

Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org or visit our website at www.lynnwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 2:20 p.m., 2nd ward 9 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 12 noon. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 1 p.m.; 4th ward 9 a.m., Springtown ward, 11 a.m. Young single adult ward, 1:30 p.m., 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin.

The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Mondays at 7pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). More information: LivermoreQuakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Unity of Tri-Valley - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Inspirational Burning Bowl ceremony and letters to God. All are welcome. Ongoing groups and activities. www.unityoftrivalley.org 925.829.2733.

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfranciscan-gligan.church.

Center for Spiritual Living

Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.org>.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. www.smbclive.com or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

"1 & 2 Corinthians" will be the featured study of Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton this fall. A Children's Program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class starts on continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2015. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register."

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Worship is at 10 a.m. The worship celebration is called "Ancient Future" because it is rooted, as the early church was, in God's story, which is central to participants' lives. The gatherings

typically include a mixture of songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message. Sunday school, child-care and separate gatherings for teenagers are all offered each Sunday concurrently with the worship service. For more information, go to www.centerpointe-church.org or call the office at (925) 846-4436.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages, Meets Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am through May 15, St. Charles Parish - Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Questions: Donna Leach (925-443-6815)[dleach45@gmail.com] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002)[adele_obrien@hotmail.com]

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

Grief Workshop, bi-monthly to help people with the healing journey. St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. 7:30 p. Tuesday, Jan 12th. and 26th. Thursday, Feb 11th. and 25th. March 10th. 2016. No per-registration is necessary, but if it is your first night attending, arrive a little early to check in. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Nancy at 925-846-9543 for more information.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' annual Tu B'Shvat event will be held on January 24 from 10:30-12:30. We will begin with a talk about our watershed, followed by a clean-up at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, at 4901 Breakwater Ave in Hayward. Gloves and bags will be provided. This event will be led by two Girl Scouts working toward their Silver Award. After the clean-up we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish that includes one of the seven species indigenous to Israel (raisins, dates, figs, carob, olive, citrus or almond).

Eckankar, Community HU Song is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday, January 2nd at 12:00 Noon. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For more information, contact <http://eck-ca.org/>

Milestones

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Dan Patterson Marks 60 Years Working at the Lab

After finishing his education in physics at Sacramento State, Dan Patterson applied at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at the recommendation of his adviser. As part of his interview, he worked on a few physics programs and filled out paperwork for a potential clearance. Six weeks later, he finally got a call asking him to report to work.

It was 1955. Little did he know, that first day of work would be the beginning of a 60-plus-year career at LLNL — one that continues today.

"I've learned something about the business every day," Patterson said. "That's what this place is about."

Over those years, Patterson has transformed from physics student into one of the world's foremost nuclear weapons designers. His good humor, warmth and modesty overlay a deep technical knowledge and a creative and incisive nature — all of which has been dedicated to solving some of the greatest scientific challenges the nation has faced over the past six decades.

"Dan personifies all of the best characteristics of the Lab: dedication, expertise and a willingness to take on really difficult jobs," said Bruce Tarter, LLNL director from 1994-2002. "His personal commitment to the institution serves as a role model to the rest of us."

Patterson's tenure at the Laboratory has seen him play a role in a wide variety of programs and technical areas. In addition to leading in a significant number of weapons design projects, he played roles in proton optical scattering models, code work, seismic yield determination, earth penetration, X-ray lasers and more. In addition, he's served as a



This year marks the 60th anniversary for Dan Patterson at Lawrence Livermore. The nuclear weapons designer started at the Lab in 1955 and continues his career today.

Photo by Julie Russell/LLNL

designer, group leader, program manager, associate division leader and interim division leader.

"Dan's influence is everywhere," said Richard Ward, deputy division leader for Design Physics. "My experience has been that everyone wants to be on his team. Dan dreamed of things that never were and asked 'why not?'"

According to Patterson, some of the most significant contributions of his career were his work on the Spartan and MK500 Design Programs. "These systems helped to

encourage foreign countries to sign treaties," he said. "They made a big impact on the political landscape."

Changing landscapes have been the norm over the course of Patterson's career. He's seen atmospheric testing go underground then cease altogether, followed by the rise of the Stockpile Stewardship Program. He's watched the tools that support stockpile work transform from UNIVAC computers with thousand-word memories to 20-petaflop machines like Sequoia. Experiencing these changes, and adapting to them, has built a massive knowledge base that Patterson has generously shared with five generations of designers.

"I thank Dan for his willingness to share the knowledge and wisdom he's gained over the years with our new generations of stewards," said Charlie Verdon, head of LLNL's Weapons and Complex Integration Principal Directorate. "While their experience base is now significantly different from Dan's, hearing and learning from him on how tests were approached in the past and how that experience can be applied to current and future challenges represents an invaluable resource to Livermore and to the nation."

Not only did Dan find his life's work at Livermore, he found a marriage that has endured for nearly as long as his career. His wife, Judy, whom he met at a dinner party, also worked at the Lab. "She had a Q clearance, so she understood what we were doing," Patterson said. "Her support was what kept me solidly on the job."

Reflecting back on the last 60 years, Patterson wouldn't change a thing.

"It's been great," he said. "I think I'll go for another 60."

Hacienda in Pleasanton a Top Workplace for Commuters

Best Workplaces for Commuters, a program designed to encourage sustainable transportation innovation singled out 29 employers nationwide Thursday, December 17th, 2015, during the annual "Race to Excellence" Virtual Awards Ceremony and gave Hacienda Business Park a Gold Award as a Best Workplaces for Commuters Site.

The awards recognize organizations that have taken exemplary steps to offer transportation options such as vanpool and transit benefits or telework and compressed workweek programs for their employees. To qualify as a Best Workplace

for Commuters, applicants must meet a "Standard of Excellence" established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and maintained by the National Center for Transit Research (NCTR).

"The annual Race to Excellence provides national recognition for employers who offer high level commuter benefits," said Julie Bond, NCTR's national program manager for Best Workplaces for Commuters. "Offering commuter benefits is a win-win situation for employees who change their commuting habits to save time, money, and stress and

employers who gain a competitive edge in employee recruitment and retention. This year we recognized 29 Race to Excellence winners who have exceptional commute programs."

This year participants were awarded in four categories: Site, Employer, Supporting Agency, and University. Hacienda was given a Gold Award in the Best Workplaces for Commuters Site category.

"We are extremely proud to have received this national recognition again," noted James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Hacienda has won this award several

times because we have a great program which we continually strive to expand and improve. We believe that Hacienda is fundamentally a better place to work and live because of the commuting programs we have instituted."

Beyond the recognition awarded to Hacienda as a place, Hacienda's Best Workplaces for Commuters Site designation also means that the Best Workplaces for Commuters Employer recognition can be afforded to any of the park's 650 businesses, simply by virtue of their location in the park, once they sign up for the

program.

Hacienda has crafted one of the most comprehensive commute service programs available. The wide range of free and convenient offerings include access to local and inter-regional transit and shuttles, incentives for new riders trying commute alternatives, preferential parking for rideshare and rideshare assistance, car sharing through the park's all electric vehicle City Car-Share service, an emergency ride home, a library of commuting resources, pedestrian and biking facilities, and centralized commute information services.

New Faces

A daughter on Dec. 10 to Monique MCDuffie and Kyle Petesen of Livermore.

A daughter to on Dec. 10 to Monique Menconi of Fremont.

A son on Dec. 8 to Janelle and Jabar McKellar of Livermore.

A son on Dec. 4 to Zeina and Michael Dubray of Pleasanton.

A daughter on Nov. 16 to Tarasa and Brian Hurley of Pleasanton.

A son on Oct. 22 to Yessica Irawan and Rhondy Kahardja of Livermore.

A son on Nov. 3 to Kayleen and Randy Ignacio of Dublin.

A son on Nov. 19 to Kathryn and Jeffrey Helfrich of Pleasanton.

A daughter on Nov. 19 to Starkisha Hart and Richard Davis of Stockton.

A daughter on Nov. 20 to Ling Cai and Kai Liu of Dublin.