



'Girls Who Code' Clubs Prove Popular

See Inside 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.

Interpretations Differ After Doomsday Clock Advances

By Jeff Garberson

Motivated by international tensions, continuing threats to the climate, the waging of cyber war and belligerent comments by President Donald Trump, the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists moved the hands of its famous Doomsday Clock ahead by 30 seconds last week.

The Clock was created following World War II by scientists at the University of Chicago concerned that the development and use of nuclear weapons had moved the world closer to an unprecedented international catastrophe, a fear that they symbolized by moving the Clock hands closer to midnight. Last week's move put the Clock

at 2 ½ minutes until midnight, the closest it has been since 1953, when the hands were moved to 2 minutes before midnight after both the U.S. and USSR tested thermonuclear explosives.

The hands have been set as far as 17 minutes from midnight, reflecting a sense of improved international relations between

the nuclear superpowers. This occurred in 1991, following the fall of the Soviet Union, when alert times for nuclear missiles were said to have been relaxed and the US and Russia entered into strategic arms talks.

The hands have moved closer to midnight in recent years with the (See DOOMSDAY, page 6)

Dublin Outdoes Other Valley Cities in Tobacco Control

By Ron McNicoll

Dublin earned an "A" for the fifth consecutive year in the American Lung Association's (ALA) 2017 California report card. ALA considers control of tobacco sales and such things as the regulation of side-smoke. The results are based on its survey of data from 2016.

Livermore and Pleasanton received "D" grades, as they did in last year's report.

Dublin was among 21 California cities to receive an "A" grade in the report, which was issued Jan. 25. Berkeley and Union City were the only other cities in Alameda County to earn the top grade.

The ALA rates both city and county efforts, in order not to ignore what counties accomplish in unincorporated areas. Statewide, the group that achieved "A" grades represented 4% of the total. Nine percent of jurisdictions received a "B," 17% a "C," 15% a "D," and 55% failed.

None of the state's 10 most populous cities scored an "A," but Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose earned "B" grades. Fresno, Bakersfield and Anaheim received F's.

The ALA uses a complicated grading system in four major categories, and a varied number of sub-categories to determine the grades.

For example, smoke-free outdoor air is a category, with sub-categories of dining, entryways, public events, recreation areas, service areas, sidewalks and work-sites. Dublin earned 18 points for the whole category, followed by 15 for Livermore and 14 for Pleasanton.

In another category, smoke-free housing, Livermore and Pleasanton fell short of Dublin, which earned 8 points to earn a "B." Pleasanton received 3 points and Livermore 2 points, resulting in a "D" for both cities. The big difference among the cities is that Dublin regulates smoking in apartments and condominiums; Livermore and Pleasanton do not.

Tobacco retailer licensing (See TOBACCO, page 4)

Complex Geologic World Described at Bankhead

By Jeff Garberson

A complex world of earthquake faults and geologic forces that have shaped the topology of northern California, providing both beauty and danger for those who live here, was described at Livermore's Bankhead Theater last week.

In a presentation as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, eminent geologist and gifted communicator Ross Stein of Stanford University and the U.S. Geological Survey entertained the audience with humor, clever demonstrations and clear explanations of scientific discoveries that revolutionized the scientific picture of the Earth.

These discoveries emerged through a combination of chance and scientific brilliance in a series of events occurring roughly every



Clouds have brought both rain and spectacular sky shows at sunset.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

TVLC Plans Questioned

The two Livermore public charter schools were presented with a plan designed to achieve fiscal stability.

A presentation made at a TVLC board meeting said that if enough students enroll in April and May for the school year beginning in the fall, it will help the charter schools get over the fiscal hump.

Susan Kinder, Chief Business Official for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, said she couldn't comment on the recovery plan, because it has not been submitted to the district.

She did say that it would take a very large influx of students for the schools to become viable. "I'm not sure how that could be accomplished," she stated.

In addition to upping enrollment, the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing would relieve part of the debt of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC). The corporation operates Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) and Liver-

more Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP), and two charter schools in Stockton.

LVCS has about 320 students, down several hundred from a previous count, and far below its peak count of 1100 two years ago. LVCP lists 292 students for Fiscal Year 2016-17, down from 414 in FY 2015-16.

Because of \$778,000 in anticipated losses this year, the figure will go from black ink to \$400,000 in the red. According to the plan presented, the schools will continue to show red ink in their operating budgets. However, if school attendance were to increase as planned, the level will decline until a point in 2020-21 when things should balance out.

Chris Williams, director of Accounting Services for Charter Impact, TVLC's back office, made the statements to TVLC directors at their regular meeting Jan. 26.

Charter Impact's headquarters

are located in southern California. Williams attended the meeting via remote audio/visual connection, and referred to budget documents that were in the board members' hands. He did not return calls to answer questions concerning the viability of the plan. Acting CEO Lynn Lysko did not return e-mail questions about the presentation.

What was evident in Williams's presentation is that the dramatically lower attendance at both Livermore schools will bring a deep decrease in revenue based on average daily attendance (ADA) starting in March. State revenue allotments paid to public charter schools and public school districts run behind actual enrollment, so the two schools have been enjoying the benefit of income based on prior enrollment numbers without the expense of the larger enrollment, which would have required paying more teachers salaries.

(See TVLC, page 12)

Natural Open Space with Trails Favored

By Carol Graham

The first of two meetings held to collect public input regarding the future of Springtown Open Space took place on January 30.

More than 200 residents filled the Croce Elementary School multipurpose room to gather information about and provide ideas for the 85-acre property, the former nine-hole Springtown Golf Course located in North Livermore. The first meeting was focused on collecting input from Springtown residents since they will be most impacted by changes to the property.

Attendee Cindy Angers, who has lived in Springtown for 21 years, stated, "As a local landscape architect, I am excited to see the former golf course's large open space reinvented as community open space. I hope that it retains its open-space feel, and that native, low-water and low-maintenance plants are installed."

The second meeting, focusing on citywide input, took place on January 31. Coverage will appear in the February 9 edition of The Independent.

Both meetings were hosted by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), which the City of Livermore has asked to lead the Springtown Open Space Master Plan process. The meetings featured presentations by members of RRM Design Group, hired by LARPD to collect information,

(See SPRINGTOWN, page 3)

LVPAC Reports Successful Fundraising

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) ended 2016 with strong fundraising results, well exceeding the goal of a \$150,000 challenge grant. In addition, 2017 has opened with strong ticket sales.

Given by a single anonymous donor, the grant matched dollar for dollar any new gift or pledge made during the final two months of the year. Over the period, including a separate additional challenge grant of \$25,000 on #GivingTuesday, November 29, LVPAC raised more than \$577,000 including the matching funds. All proceeds support the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, along with an array of educational outreach and community art activities.

Scott Kenison, LVPAC's executive director, stated, "We are in the black for the second year in a row. We pulled off another miracle. We were very pleased and grateful that our donors were willing to step up and support our ongoing efforts with such generosity."

"Our success in exceeding the fundraising goal not only provided essential resources, it has inspired and energized us as we look for new ways to share the arts with everyone in the community," he added.

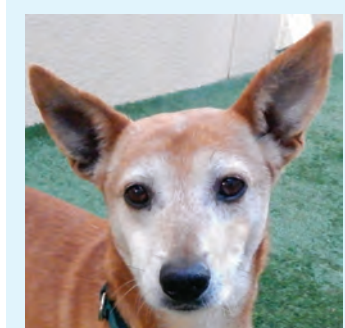
Other recent signs for LVPAC are positive as well. While ticket

(See LVPAC, page 12)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

San Francisco Premium Outlets® welcomed the Lunar New Year with Chinese lion dancing by LionDanceME over the weekend. The lion dancers previously appeared on America's Got Talent. Also on site was calligrapher, Wilma Ping drawing lucky Chinese characters for shoppers. During the celebrations welcoming the Year of the Rooster, shoppers received special treats and a Hot Tea Bar at Simon Guest Services.



PET OF THE WEEK

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Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast Recognition Given to Those Who Have Impacted Education

By Carol Graham

The 17th Annual Tri-Valley YMCA Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast took place on January 23, celebrating this year's theme, "Educating For the Future."

"Especially during this time of political polarization in our country, at the Y we believe that everyone needs to work together to strengthen their community, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs," said Tri-Valley YMCA Operations Director Kenny Altenburg. "We hope that the spirit of Dr. King came through, especially when it comes to unification, social justice and educational equity for all."

More than 230 community leaders attended the breakfast, including YMCA members and sponsors, business people, partner organization associates and area dignitaries.

"For more than 50 years, the Tri-Valley Y has helped people learn, grow and thrive," said Vice President and Regional Executive Director Kelly O'Lague Dulka. "As a charity committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, our Y has built bridges between people, families and communities. Our community is facing new challenges that create a greater need than ever before for the work we do every day. Fortunately, where some see obstacles, we see opportunities."

The event was hosted by former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti, who is now Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Eric Swalwell. The keynote speech was delivered by Kenneth Cooper, executive director of the Las Positas College Foundation.

"I have always believed people cross paths for a reason, if only for a brief time. The Tri-Valley Y has brought this roomful of people together - in this place, on this day, at this time - to recognize exceptional leaders in our own community and the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Cooper. "Dr. King recognized that while an education can help an individual become a quick thinker, an effective thinker, and an efficient thinker, true education can and should empower one to think incisively and for one's self. In one of his most famous quotes, Dr. King said, 'The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character -- that is the goal of true education.'"

A key part of the Fellowship Breakfast is to honor deserving community members with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Awards.

"Since this year's event focused on educating for the future, we wanted to be sure that all three award winners have had a significant impact in the education of our youth in the Tri-Valley," said Altenburg. "Our leadership team at the Y worked with our board to discuss

a wide variety of potential winners, and concluded that the most deserving recipients were Jim Hansen, the Children's Emergency Food Bank, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Child Welfare and Attendance Specialists."

Jim Hansen started his teaching career in Pleasanton in 1978 as the first English teacher at Village High School. His administrative career began in 1986 as vice principal at Dublin High School, and he subsequently served as principal at Valley Continuation High School, Wells Middle School, Harvest Park Middle School, and Amador Valley High School. He retired in 2013, but came out of retirement in 2015 to serve as Interim Superintendent.

The Children's Emergency Food Bank, started in 1969 and based in Dublin, provides food for families in emergency situations. The nonprofit offers canned and packaged foods and gift certificates from local markets to feed the hungry for one week, up to six times a year.

The Livermore school district's Child Welfare Program serves as a link between the district, local social services, and city and county legal agencies. It assists in the compliance and enforcement of state child welfare and attendance laws, and promotes student success by working closely with the administration, teachers, support staff, students and parents and guardians.

Entertainment at the Fellowship Breakfast was provided by the Cheza Nami Foundation, a Pleasanton-based nonprofit that aims to preserve and encourage the appreciation of African culture through a play-based approach involving community assemblies, drumming and dancing workshops, summer camps, and teacher training.

"It was an absolute honor to be able to participate this year with a roomful of people who do so much for our community," said Catherine Ndungu-Case, founder and CEO of Cheza Nami. "Dandha Da Hora is the lead vocalist for SambaDá and principal artist for Cheza Nami Foundation. Whether she is teaching, dancing, singing or playing an instrument, Dandha's art always reflects her passion for sharing Afro-Brazilian culture. She brings a message of hope, love, equality and freedom every time she performs."

The event, hosted at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at The Club, also provided an opportunity for the community to learn more about all that the Tri-Valley YMCA offers.

"People are usually surprised by the range and extent of services and programs taking place in our community," said speaker and Y Ambassador Colin Proudfoot. "You folks are here because you know

what the Y does in our community, but most folks don't. I've lost count of the conversations I've had that went, 'Oh, you're from the Y, I didn't know we had one here. Where is the pool?' So we talk about the programs, activities and services provided by our local Y."

The Tri-Valley YMCA opened its doors in 1965, and today provides a multitude of services designed to strengthen communities, including parenting classes, family therapy, divorce support groups, short-term crisis support, teen services, expressive arts therapy, stress-reduction workshops, after-school programs, summer day camps, a statewide Youth & Government (Y & G) program, and Y-Guides and Y-Princesses (father-son and father-daughter activities).

"My favorite moments

have always been the annual father-daughter dances," said Proudfoot. "I still carry the pictures in my wallet."

Daughter Lucy Proudfoot, now 19, added, "The YMCA has been in my life for as long as I can remember. It has been a large contributor to my growth both as an individual and as a part of my community. I always recommend the Y to families. It is an amazing and versatile program that gives all it has to our community. I am forever grateful to the YMCA and will never forget the memories I made during my time as a part of their programs."

Noted Dulka, "The Y has always brought people together to achieve the extraordinary. We believe that together, we can achieve so much more."

To learn more, visit www.ymcaeastbay.org.

Rally For Love Planned in Livermore

A Rally for Love will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 12:00 to 1:30 PM at the Bankhead Theater Plaza.

This event is planned as a peaceful, family-friendly, non-partisan gathering to honor and celebrate diversity and to demonstrate solidarity with those who feel vulnerable. There will be music, speakers, and opportunities to establish relationships. Many public officials have expressed interest in attending, including Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Congressman Eric Swalwell.

There will be space available at the rally for supportive non-profit groups to display information, flyers and signs. Each group will be asked to provide its own small table, and notify organizers of its need for space by Thursday, February 9.

This event was initiated by Embracing Diversity, an interfaith group started at Asbury United Methodist Church. The group's goal is to promote and celebrate diversity in the Tri-Valley, honoring the human and civil rights of all persons, irrespective of age, race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or economic status.

Information can be found at its Facebook page "Embracing Diversity—Tri Valley" or be sending an email to Rally4Love@yahoo.com

Project Will Boost Water Recycling Capacity

Representatives of 11 public agencies and the Tri-Valley's state and Congressional legislators celebrated the start of an 18-month construction project that will boost local water recycling capacity by 70 percent.

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and the City of Pleasanton are partnering to expand the Jeffrey G. Hansen Water Recycling Plant in Pleasanton. The plant has produced more than nine billion gallons of irrigation water from wastewater since 2006. Peak summer demand for the plant's recycled water is expected to keep growing, from 8.6 million gallons a day last year to 16.1 million gallons a day by 2020.

EBMUD Director Frank Mellon commented, "By investing further in water recycling, we're sending a message to the rest of California. The drought is never over; we just have brief interludes of rain between droughts."

Tim Sbranti, local district director for Congressman Eric Swalwell, added, "This public-public partnership is government at its best." Sbranti praised the Tri-Valley's leaders for having the vision to diversify the region's water supply.

DSRSD and EBMUD partnered to build the water recycling plant and a backbone distribution system of purple pipes, pumps, and reservoirs. The City of Pleasanton joined the partnership in 2014. The three agencies are sharing the \$18.2 million cost of the expansion project in proportion to projected customer demand: DSRSD 46 percent and EBMUD and Pleasanton 27 percent each. DSRSD's

regional wastewater treatment plant next door to the water recycling plant supplies the effluent to make irrigation water.

The cities of Dublin and Pleasanton use recycled water from the plant at parks and other municipal sites. Livermore uses recycled water produced at its own facility. The mayors of all three cities attended the ceremony, as well as several Pleasanton councilmembers and two members of its citizen committee on Energy & the Environment.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said, "This project is proof positive that when good people come together and collaborate over a

shared vision, great things happen."

Elected board members of DSRSD, EBMUD, DERWA, Zone 7 Water Agency, and Central Contra Costa Sanitary District also attended. Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, and State Senator Steve Glazer were represented by their local field office staff. The statewide California Association of Sanitation Agencies was represented by its executive director. Two staff members of Delta Diablo, a wastewater agency in Contra Costa County, represented the Western Recycled Water Coalition. About 70 elected officials, public agency staff,

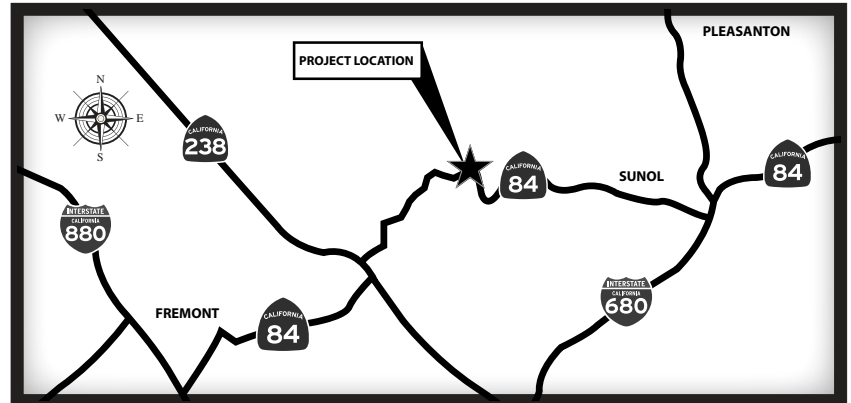
and members of the business community attended the event.



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REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR THE ALAMEDA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 84 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN-FORUM HEARINGS



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED? The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to replace and realign the eastern and western approaches to the Alameda Creek Bridge on State Route 84 (SR-84). The Alameda Creek Bridge is located in Niles Canyon, between the City of Fremont's Niles District and the town of Sunol. The proposed work will encroach upon wetlands and the Alameda Creek floodplain. As part of the environmental studies, the project was evaluated to determine if there are any practical alternatives to minimize harm to wetlands and floodplains; the project proposes practical measures to minimize harm to the wetlands. The proposed work will have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed project will have a potential de minimis use of a Section 4(f) property. Caltrans has evaluated whether adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

WHY THIS ADVERTISEMENT? This notice is to tell you of the availability of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project. This document replaces and supersedes the previously circulated January 2015 Draft EIR for the Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project in its entirety. Therefore, Caltrans will not respond to comments submitted on the January 2015 Draft EIR. New comments must be submitted for this Revised Draft EIR/EA to receive a written response in the Final EIR/EA. You can look at or obtain the Revised Draft EIR/EA at the website listed below or at the Niles Library, Fremont Main Library, or Pleasanton Public Library.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE? The Draft EIR/EA is available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/nilescanyon/> and can also be reviewed at the following locations:

Niles Library	Fremont Main Library	Pleasanton Public Library
150 I Street Fremont, CA 94536	2400 Stevenson Boulevard Fremont, CA 94538	400 Old Bernal Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566

WHERE YOU COME IN: Caltrans is offering individuals and organizations the opportunity to comment on the Revised Draft EIR/EA. The most beneficial comments include specific alternatives or mitigation measures that would provide better ways to avoid or mitigate any potential environmental effects of the project, concerns not addressed in the Revised Draft EIR/EA, inaccuracies or missing information, and/or statistical data or facts to support your concern. Please submit written comments on the Draft EIR/EA by Friday, March 3, 2017 to Caltrans District 4, Office of Environmental Analysis, Attn: Elizabeth White, 111 Grand Avenue, MS 8B, Oakland, CA 94612 or via email to nilescanyonprojects@dot.ca.gov.

WHEN AND WHERE: Two public open-forum hearings will be held to solicit comments on the Revised Draft EIR/EA:

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 6-8 PM	Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6-8 PM
Sunol Glen Elementary School Cafeteria 11601 Main Street Sunol, CA 94586	Vallejo Mills Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 38569 Canyon Heights Drive Fremont, CA 94536

CONTACT: The meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations at the meeting facilities or requests for the Draft EIR/EA in alternative formats should contact Elizabeth White (510) 286-6233, or use the California Relay Service TTY number, (800) 735-2929.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Swalwell to Host Open House

Rep. Eric Swalwell will host an open house at the 15th Congressional District's new District Office on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Castro Valley.

Swalwell recently consolidated two previous offices (in Pleasanton and Hayward) into this new office, in order to save taxpayers' money and make district operations more efficient.

Constituents attending the open house will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the Congressman and his staff, as well as to learn about services the office provides. The Congressman will be available for brief media interviews during the event's final half hour.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the office, 3615 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.)

No tickets are required, but constituents can RSVP (for crowd planning purposes) at www.eventbrite.com/e/office-of-congressman-swalwell-open-house-tickets-31435088195

Vallecitos Road Closed

Vallecitos Road is closed in both directions due to rain damage to the temporary retaining wall within the State Route 84 Isabel Expressway Widening project. Caltrans contractors are working to repair the temporary wall and anticipate that westbound Vallecitos Road will be open the week of January 30 for morning commutes only.

Repairs to the wall will continue through the week of January 30. Westbound Vallecitos Road will be closed after peak commute hours. The eastbound portion of Vallecitos Road will remain closed until all repair work is completed.

Motorists are advised to expect delays and encouraged to take alternate routes if necessary.

No Findings in Audit

The Pleasanton Unified School District's (PUSD) annual audit report returned no findings for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The audit report, conducted by a third-party firm, Gilbert Associates, Inc., involved the independent review

of District financial statements and accounting procedures.

School districts are required to conduct annual audits using independent third party audit firms to review compliance, regulatory requirements, internal controls, and funds received and spent by the District.

Additionally, the independent third party audit firm assesses the District's financial position compared to the last fiscal year.

In Fall 2015, PUSD took steps to solidify the Board Appointed Audit Committee by recruiting community members to improve community engagement around the District's fiscal oversight. The District's audit committee for 2015-2016 included Board Trustees Jamie Hintzke and Mark Miller as well as community member Lei-Wey Sun.

Correction

The 0.85% increase for teachers in the Pleasanton School District was a one-time compensation, not a permanent pay raise. It is not on the pay schedule.

SPRINGTOWN

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prepare design options and present a final design recommendation to the Livermore City Council. Public input meetings will be held throughout the process.

During the presentation, information was provided about the included acreage which consists of all or portions of 12 parcels of land formed in a unique shape. It is bordered to the north by the 9.5-acre Marlin Pound Park, which is not within the plan boundaries but may be connected via paths and bridges. The property also does not include the Springtown Association structures and library at the south end. The plan does, however, include the arroyo and ponds at the north end, and the duck/goose pond at the south end.

Attendees were invited to voice their opinions about proposed changes to the land, with many expressing concerns regarding increased traffic and noise, overflow parking, fire safety and effective security.

Those present divided into four subgroups to brainstorm ideas, which were listed on poster boards. Later they were given three stickers each to place next to their

first, second and third priorities, enabling RRM to gain a big-picture understanding of how residents envision the open space.

With more than 120 ideas recorded, attendees overwhelmingly supported natural, unimproved, low-maintenance open space with the addition of hiking and biking trails that provided connectivity.

"Happily, many of the community are interested in sustainable landscaping and wildlife-friendly ideas," said Angers. "These are two guiding goals in my work and my life, so I was pleased to see the community interest."

Other ideas involved maintaining scenic quality and real estate values, bolstering security, planting shade trees, and perhaps adding a dog park, water stations, benches, restrooms and picnic areas.

Attendees were less enthusiastic about creating a bee colony, making a labyrinth, adding a snack bar and building a zipline.

The City of Livermore has allocated up to \$250,000 for the master-plan consultant. Once a final design has been approved, the open

space's maintenance costs will be determined by the City. The two public meetings are the second step in the planning process. Next up, RRM Design will create development options which will be presented for public input.

LARPD General Manager Tim Barry stated, "I was very impressed with the

level of excitement and true intent to make the community better from the crowd that came to the well-attended meeting Monday night. I'm optimistic we will come up with a good plan for the Springtown Open Space property."

To learn more, visit www.larpd.org/board/springtown_open_space.htm.

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EDITORIALS

Standing Together

Several actions have been initiated in response to recent events.

The Dublin Unified School District last week passed a resolution stating that students, regardless of perceived or actual national origin, citizenship and immigration status, have a right to a high-quality public education.

A Rally for Love, a peaceful, family-friendly, non-partisan gathering to honor and celebrate diversity and to demonstrate solidarity with those who feel vulnerable, will take place in Livermore on February 12. This event was initiated by Embracing Diversity, an interfaith group started at Asbury United Methodist Church. Goals of the group involve honoring the human and civil rights of all persons, irrespective of age, race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, or economic status.

Faith leaders in the Tri-Valley, representing Muslims, Jews and Christians, have written a letter to express concern over the blocking of refugees and people of Muslim faith from entering the county.

The letter states, "This is a serious matter that demands the attention of concerned Americans of all faiths. . . . The best in our religious traditions have welcomed the stranger, sheltered the refugee, offered safe home, and resisted fear and exclusion."

The fact that people feel a need to take such actions creates feelings of both sadness and happiness; sadness that people feel it is necessary to do so; happiness that they have done so.

We stand with them.

Dublin Leads the Way

The City of Dublin continues to lead when it comes to creating a smoke-free environment.

The City earned an "A" from the American Lung Association for the fifth straight year. The Lung Association looks at such factors as control of tobacco sales and regulation of side-smoke in handing out grades.

Pleasanton and Livermore once again received "D" grades.

Dublin regulates smoking in apartments and condominiums; Livermore and Pleasanton do not do so. Dublin received a "B" in addressing retailer licensing; Livermore and Pleasanton received F's.

It's time for Pleasanton and Livermore to follow Dublin's lead.

Scientists and Others Protest Restrictions, Aim to Preserve Freedom of Inquiry

By Jeff Garberson

Scientists and scientific organizations across the US are pushing back against restrictions that have been instituted or threatened by the Trump Administration that would limit their freedom in carrying out and communicating research.

Administration restrictions, with an actual or potential impact on science, ranged from prohibitions against public speaking to travel restrictions and elimination of websites covering topics considered offensive to the new administration, like climate change, to anticipated sharp cuts in research budgets.

Perhaps most disruptive in an immediate sense was a hastily ordered ban on entry into the United States by refugees and others from seven predominantly Muslim countries. The announced motivation for the ban was to improve domestic security and reduce terrorism.

The ban affected hundreds of students, faculty and researchers returning from abroad, including some with green cards and others merely passing through the U.S. en route elsewhere, according to numerous news accounts.

The leaders of high-tech companies and universities that depend heavily on international workers protested the policy. Early this week, an outpouring of support for the traditions of Western science appeared to be building across the nation, with a "March for Science" being organized on short notice for Washington DC with supporting marches in other US cities.

According to news reports at the time The Independent went to press, there were already more than 300,000 Facebook followers of plans for the march but no date had yet been set for it.

The American Geophysical Union, a Washington-based international scientific organization with more than 60,000 members, last week sent a letter urging federal agencies with research responsibilities such as the

US Department of Energy to protect "scientific integrity and open communications."

Access to scientific information "improves and informs many aspects of our everyday lives," said Chris McEntee, Executive Director and CEO of the American Geophysical Union. The AGU "will be monitoring to see if (restrictive) policies have been lifted and whether the scientific information that is currently available remains."

She said, "It is critical to our economic success, national security and public health that the American people continue to receive the most up-to-date scientific research and information."

A similar view was expressed by Rush Holt, chief executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general science organization.

The travel ban will "discourage many of the best and brightest international students, scholars and scientists from studying and working in the United States or attending academic and scientific conferences," he warned.

The policy "compromises the United States ability to attract international scientific talent and maintain scientific and economic leadership." He said, "It is in our national interest to take a balanced approach to immigration that protects national security interests and advances our scientific leadership."

There were no reports of travel delays for employees at the two local scientific laboratories, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratory, perhaps because the great majority of workers at those facilities are U.S. citizens with security clearances.

Still, local scientists and engineers, including many for whom national security has been a central career priority, expressed dismay at the ban. Apart from the international disruption, the

choice of countries to be banned left many scratching their heads. As many news accounts pointed out, none of the 9/11 attackers came from any of the seven banned countries.

One LLNL scientist, who asked not to be identified because of uncertainty about possible retaliation, said he was not sure whether to be more upset at the apparent ineffectiveness of the ban in combating terrorism or at the amateurish manner in which it is reported to have been generated.

"What on earth has happened to this country," he asked rhetorically.

Whether he needs to be cautious about being identified is unclear, but his concern is widely shared. A current article in Scientific American cites the worry of a climate researcher at Los Alamos National Laboratory that the Trump administration would continue to deny "basic scientific facts" that

show the planet's climate is changing.

The climate researcher also declined to be identified according to the article for fear of retaliation.

Another concern for laboratories like LLNL and Los Alamos, the article suggested, is that the Trump administration nominee for the Office of Management and Budget, Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), has raised the question of whether the government should be sponsoring research in the first place.

As Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.), the only physicist in the House of Representatives, notes, slashing budgets is a surefire way to reduce a research effort. "Nothing saves you if the budget is cut," the article quotes him as saying.

"Building up a scientific effort in an area takes years or decades, and it can be destroyed in a single budget cycle."

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stands as the lone category in which Dublin received a "B." Livermore and Pleasanton were given F's.

Dublin also leads the Valley by accumulating 4 smoking control bonus points, which are assigned no letter grade. They are bonus points, and are used in the overall formula that determines the bottom-line letter grades.

Livermore and Pleasanton each were awarded 2 bonus points, because both cities join Dublin in having regulations concerning second-hand smoke and distribution of tobacco samples.

Dublin's additional bonus points were granted for regulating licensing and retailer dealer location.

A new issue emerging in the ongoing ALA efforts to deal with smoking related to the sales of flavored cigarettes, especially menthol cigarettes.

The ALA report states that smokers of mentholated cigarettes are more likely to become addicted to nicotine and find it harder to quit. They inhale more deeply

because of the "anesthetizing properties of the flavor, which makes the smoke 'feel smoother'." They quote studies listed in the American Journal of Public Health and the journal Addiction, which is published by the Society for the Study of Addiction.

Santa Clara and Yolo counties were the only two jurisdictions to pass ordinances banning sales of menthol cigarettes. The report also mentions specific population groups that apparently have a high usage of mentholated cigarettes. Some 90% of African-American smokers prefer them over non-mentholated. African-American smokers are more likely to die due to smoking-related diseases, according to data from the American Heart Association.

A study reported in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine finds that LGBT smokers are more likely to use menthol instead of non-menthol cigarettes.

The ALA report is available on-line at www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org/california2017.

MAILBOX

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Ban on Refugees Tri-Valley Faith Leaders Respond to Ban on Refugees

As faith leaders in the Tri-Valley, we are writing to express our concern for the new presidential administration's blocking the return to the US of refugees and people of the Muslim faith. On January 28, 2017, a number of people were held at international airports. Some were not given access to legal counsel, nor were their families apprised of their situation. Equally concerning, people with valid visas were misidentified as refugees rather than immigrants and denied access.

This is a serious matter that demands the attention of concerned Americans of all faiths.

We are clergy that represent

long-standing traditions of radical hospitality. The best in our religious traditions have welcomed the stranger, sheltered the refugee, offered safe home, and resisted fear and exclusion. We believe that this matches not only the best in our spiritual traditions but also the best that we are as a country. Our calling is to offer love, justice, and hope in the face of fear. We will open our hearts and our doors to those who face the threat of deportation.

Our hope is that people of all faiths will respond in love to acts such as these and speak up for making our communities and our country the welcoming home we know it can be.

In Faith,
Imam Tahir Anwar, Muslim Community Center East Bay, Pleasanton

Rev. Lucas Hergert, Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore

Rev. Andy Lobban, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Livermore

Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder, Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton

Rev. Kim Risedorph, Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore

Clarification
Michael Stettner

You quoted me in your

article on the E&B Resources aquifer exemption hearing and I want to respond.

You misrepresented my testimony. What you claimed I said is more in line with what DOGGR representative Charlene Wardlow provided in her presentation. Stating that "the faults are sealing in the water and act as traps" is not entirely correct and may have underscored the opposition's concern regarding the effectiveness of a fault to act as a trapping mechanism. This was not the focus of my testimony; however, I'll explain why it is not entirely correct.

The primary geologic feature that trapped the oil and gas in the Livermore field is the lithology, i.e., the formations. Not the faults. It is more than likely that the Greenville sand is not the source rock for the oil but the oil was trapped in this sand because of the layer of rocks that sit immediately above. The sealing "rock," i.e., lithology, are shales and mudstones that have no permeability and thus prevented oil and gas from migrating further upward. Over geologic time tectonic forces caused the formations in this area to fold into an anticline, which concentrated the oil and gas near the top of the fold. Eventually, the tectonic forces caused faulting to occur in the anticline. So, although the faults are sealing mechanisms, they are secondary to the lithology. As a geologist, Charlene Wardlow should know this important distinction.

My testimony focused on what others have missed, especially DOGGR. And, quite frankly, should have been included in your article. DOGGR's ridiculous claim that E&B Resources is polluting an aquifer is based on its reinterpretation

of the boundaries that define an aquifer exemption. Since 1983, when DOGGR accepted USEPA primary authority for Class II injection wells, aquifer exemption boundaries were defined by another methodology that was agreed upon by USEPA. BTW, USEPA's agreement to this methodology is an important point. Where DOGGR failed was to compare the location of the injection well to the "new" aquifer exemption boundary for Livermore field. If DOGGR made this comparison, as it should have, it would have seen that the injection well resides within the "new" boundaries. As a result, E&B Resources should not have been required to apply for a new aquifer exemption.

This should cause DOGGR significant concern because it has imposed unwarranted requirements and expense on E&B Resources, not to mention the firm's reputation being badly tarnished.

At the very least, Charlene Wardlow should have made it clear DOGGR approved injection into the Greenville sand years ago and that the hearing was not being held to take public or written comments on those activities.

The other comment I wish to make is how much print you gave to the opposition and buried support for the application to the end of your column. Doesn't seem very balanced.

Zone 7 Water Rates Joyce DiPietro "Citizen for Sensible Water Rates" Pleasanton

I am writing as an interested participant in "Citizens for Sensible Water Rates" and hoping to be a "voice" for the concerns of this group. This started out with a simple inquiry on a

neighborhood online chat session last Fall - did anyone notice their water rates almost double last month? There was a flurry of responses and I realized that I wasn't the only one horrified when my bill arrived and increased substantially despite my conservation efforts. What I have learned since that day has been quite appalling.

We are consumers who use Zone 7 Water Company as our water provider and don't have much other choice than to accept what they authorize and pass the consequences to the consumer. The reason for the substantial change in our bills was due to a surcharge which they felt was necessary because with the loss of water consumption, they needed to charge more to fulfill their "fixed costs." Doesn't make sense that the less we use, the higher our bills are! I thought it would be an easy process to go the city council and refute this procedure and look for another source for water. It looks like we just can't do that because of some binding arrangement that was made years ago. So...if we can't refute these pricing increases because we have nowhere else to go and no one to work with - isn't that sort of like a Monopoly?

A small contingency of the group has been involved in attending meetings and trying to get facts and information to make some changes in the way they do business. I am here to tell you this is a very difficult process. It's like being pesky flies on a sleeping giant. The information we have been able to get is astounding. As a result of this information we are simply asking that Zone 7 listen to our pleas and be willing to work with us on their future

endeavors and expenditures and do some conserving themselves.

The Election William Roland Livermore

I went to bed on election day believing that my person would win. She did not. Voters chose a man who would say or do anything to win. How sad that he will let us down. Just look at the people he has put in his cabinet, top 1% in money. Do you really believe that rich people will look out for all of us and do the right thing? While some rich people do help, it is very few.

So far, he and GOP plan to do all of this: repeal the Affordable Care Act, and do away with Social Security and Medicare. He is a little man who can't stand for truth, who made fun of a disabled person.

Why doesn't he want to release his tax returns. What is he hiding? Let me remind you, this man talks down to all of us. He shows no respect for women, the disabled or ordinary people. This is a man who has money and nice things in the world as part of his business. If he read the Constitution, he will see that he cannot run his personal businesses and run the 50 states. No lawyer can get him out of this mess. Someone has to speak up and put things right before we lose our rights.

Judge the Outcome Robert Rao Businessman, Livermore

Don't worry about a trade war and Mexico will pay for that wall.

I am a professional negotiator by trade and understand and approve of the President's negotiating tactics and strategies. His

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first move to aggressively demand the maximum, is what a professional negotiator would do. It unnerves the strong opposition, lays out what we want and by putting a clear stake in the ground.

Right now, the Mexicans understand he is serious and they are looking for ways to work with Trump...not fight with him. Trump is clearly seen as someone who will not back down and the Mexicans know they have been taking advantage of the United States for decades. They don't want a fight.

Trump is also a Wharton School graduate so he understands clearly the danger of a trade war.

Most people will not understand a professional negotiating process so close your eyes, put on a seat belt and only judge the outcomes.... not the process.

Election Games

Ken Bradley
Livermore

Livermore has a contribution limit of \$250.00 per candidate for our election of city council and mayor. This sounds like a reasonable limit to keep our elections local and honest, but it is not effective. Independent expenditure committees can collect and spend as much as they want. In Livermore that means that a number of people contribute thousand and some individuals contribute tens of thousands to control our elections. One of the strangest recent contributions was \$1000.00 made by our county sheriff to defeat our incumbent councilmembers.

Rummage Sale
Elizabeth Judge
Livermore

LARPD runs an indoor garage sale, aka "Rummage Sale," in January each year at the Barn. This used to be a robust sale sometimes held twice, January and February, to accommodate all the sellers.

It was a great community event, not only to recycle treasures but also to make new friends. You could find some great bargains but you also got to meet some neat people either selling the toys outgrown by their grandkids ("Catie loved this bike"), or selling what relatives left behind ("This used to be my mother's."), or parting with stuff that has outlived its owners' needs.

Now LARPD is thinking of discontinuing the sale because so few sellers signed up this year. So whose fault is that?

In the past, there was ample notice in the paper about the reservation for tables and later for the sale itself. But last year someone at LARPD dropped the ball and failed to publicize the sale adequately so fewer customers showed up to purchase much from the many sellers. I actually had to call the LARPD just to get the date and time myself.

Consequently, this year even fewer people were willing to reserve a table (costing a tidy sum); so the Barn was barely half full of tables, disappointing many customers.

The only mention of the sale in the Independent this January was in the Bulletin Board section in fine print along with other meetings around town. The notice to get table reservations for the sale was bigger than this.

It is unfair to take money from people and then do a half-hearted job of providing customers for the sale. Reservists were told notices would appear in four or five places. Maybe they are expected to count the two makeshift signs on East Avenue and one on Pacific the day of the sale! Anyone reserving a table this year deserves an apology and a refund or, better yet, a coupon to allow them to come back at no or reduced charge next year.

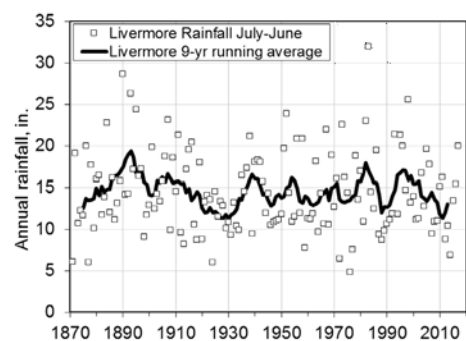
To discontinue this event would be a mistake since it can be such a great community service. A motivated LARPD could send notices to Craig's List, Facebook, Next Door, local radio stations and place a small ad in the paper for the event next year. This could turn the situation around. Please let them know what you think.

What is Normal Rainfall?

Alan Burnham
Livermore

I hear far too many people use the term "normal rainfall" while discussing the drought and the current wet year. The rainfall in both California as a whole and Livermore in particular is closer to a log-normal distribution, with a yearly range of four for the State and six locally. Variability is caused predominantly by the number of "pineapple express" storms like we experienced this month. So what does normal mean for those who consider themselves to be normal but not average?

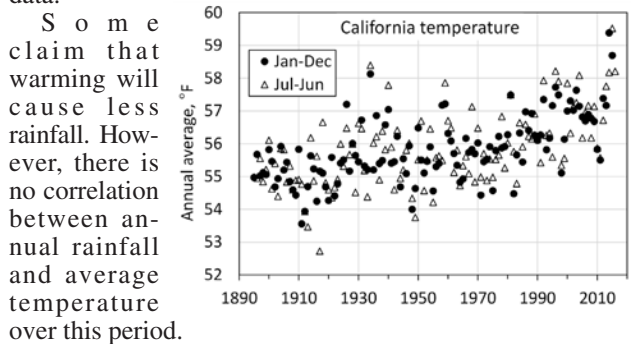
Despite politically inspired half-truths, recent dry years were not outside the variability range of the past 145 years. Here are the Livermore data (assuming 20" for this year):



The asymmetry of the annual rainfall distribution is evident. Although the arithmetic average is 14.5", which we already exceeded this

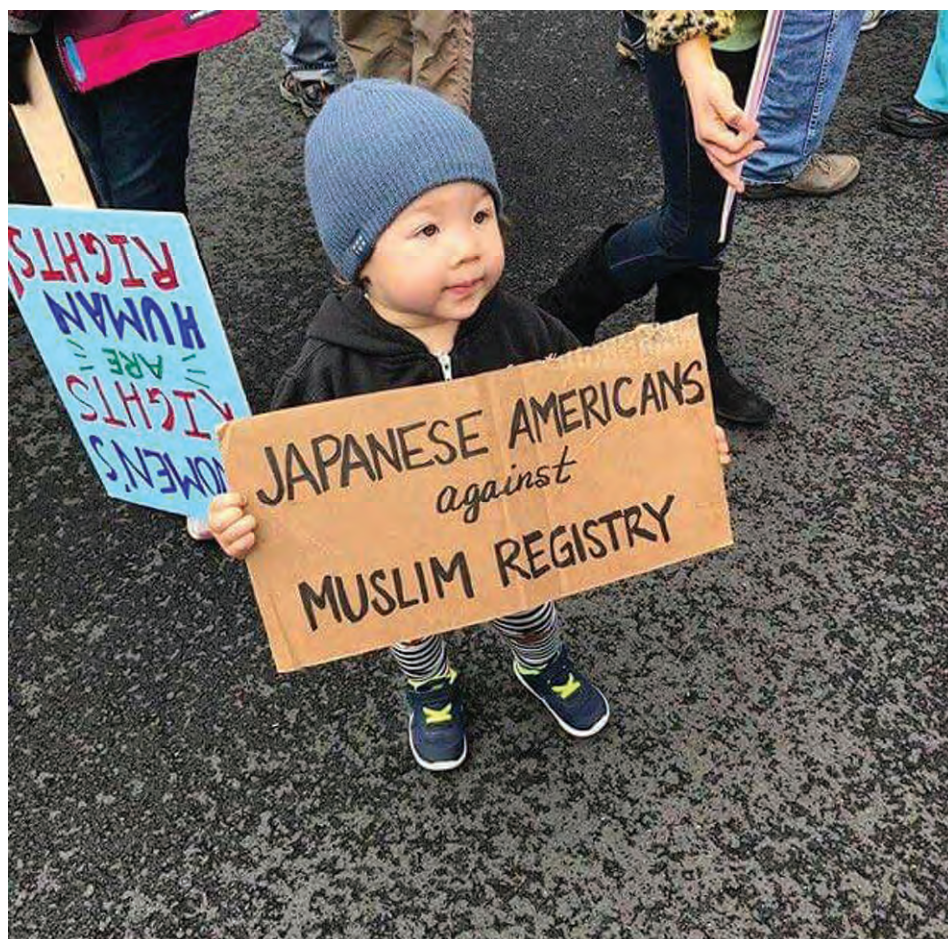
year, the most likely value is 11", which we exceeded last two years. Two-thirds fall from 9" to 17", which might be a good definition of normal. Rainfall above 18" is unlikely to be captured for our use, so a more meaningful average is 13.7".

The real climate issue we face is a notable increase in temperature in recent years, which is unlikely to subside. That increase accentuated the effects of the drought on plant life due to increased evaporation rates. Again, here are the data:



Some claim that warming will cause less rainfall. However, there is no correlation between annual rainfall and average temperature over this period. The real issues for California's water supply are (1) increasing population and agriculture mean we need either more storage or desalination to supply increasing demand given naturally variable precipitation, and (2) increasing temperature will decrease the effectiveness of snowpack to supply this storage, while at the same time it will increase the amount of water needed to sustain the same plant life.

Future temperatures are not under the control of Californians alone, but water supply is. Water supply is a tractable problem if we have the desire and will to do so. Efficient use is wise, but we need not resort to rationing



The photo was sent to a Livermore resident following the the Women's March in Washington, D.C.

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This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Livermore.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 19, 2017, the City of Livermore will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Livermore to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of up to 45 Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers, as authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937, Section 8(c)(9), as amended, to undertake a project known as Chestnut Square for the purpose of providing affordable housing. MidPen Housing Corporation proposes to redevelop a mostly vacant commercial site with two affordable rental housing buildings. One building will include 72 units for seniors and the other building will include 42 units for families (non-age restricted). The estimated total funding for the senior project is \$32,732,000, and the total family project is \$28,830,000. This includes but is not limited to funding from HUD. The subject project site is located at 1625, 1635, 1715, and 1779 Chestnut Street and 217 North N Street (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 98-290-11-1, 98-290-6-7, 98-249-1-3, 98-246-1-5, and 98-249-1-4).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Livermore has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Livermore City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Livermore, Community Development Department, Attention: Lori Parks, Associate Planner, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017 will be considered by the City of Livermore prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Livermore certifies to HUD that Marc Roberts in his capacity as City Manager and in his capacity as NEPA Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the name of grant recipient to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Livermore's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Livermore; (b) the City of Livermore has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Gerard Windt, Regional Office Director, Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Sansome Street, Suite, 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 at address of that office. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Marc Roberts
City Manager and NEPA Certifying Officer
City of Livermore, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

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DOOMSDAY

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spread of nuclear weapons technology to new countries and the belief that international catastrophe can arise in fields like climate change and biotechnology as well as in nuclear conflict.

In a commentary accompanying the move of the Clock hands, the editor of the Bulletin, John Mecklin, said that the risk of global catastrophe is even greater in 2017 than in 2016, when it was “very high.”

“It is two and a half minutes to midnight, the Clock is ticking, global danger looms,” he wrote.

In the Livermore community, where the design and maintenance of the nation’s nuclear weapons is the primary responsibility of Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories, reaction to the latest Doomsday Clock move varied widely.

To Paul Brown, who worked in both weapons design and arms control at LLNL prior to his retirement in 2000, the Clock is worth heeding.

“The issues they (Bulletin of Atomic Scientists staff) talk about are nuclear arms, the climate, nationalism, cyberspace,” he said. “Their concerns are heightened by recent U.S. comments (by presidential candidate Trump) that the arms race is not really that big a deal.”

Brown, who stressed that his comments were purely personal, said he was “never a fan” of the Bulletin. Both when he worked at the Lab and now in retirement he believes that “a balanced and reliable (nuclear) deterrent is very important” — a view that the magazine has not seemed to support.

He accepts, however, the importance of the issues that the Bulletin raises. “As for climate change, that is real. We’ve got to do something about it. We shouldn’t mess with scientific facts,” as he believes the new administration have done in claiming that climate change is a hoax and eliminating informational websites.

He does not absolve other actors for many of the international problems that the world faces and the Clock symbolizes. “Russia has done very little to keep the hands of the Clock from moving,” he said. “And (Russian president) Putin is hardly making this a safer world” with his aggressive actions in Crimea, in Europe and elsewhere.

A much more critical view was put forth by a physicist who has worked for many years in the LLNL weapons program. The scientist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, believes that moving the hands on the Bulletin’s Doomsday Clock is basically a publicity stunt that the Bulletin staff have turned to repeatedly over the years.

The physicist had read up on the history of the Clock. “Usually, these stunts were motivated by political events that were at best remotely related to the likelihood of nuclear war.” The nuclear arsenal “is at its lowest point since the 1950s, (so) it’s hard to understand that we’re closer to Doomsday than we were before now,” he said.

“In other words...debasement their symbol for addressing practically anything political that they disagree with has made their symbol meaningless.”

Jay Davis, another physicist, now retired after extensive experience as a senior manager at LLNL and the Pentagon, also has little positive to say about the

symbolism offered by moving the hands.

“I think it’s pretty silly, an extension of the Cold War,” he said. “We don’t live in a world where we and the Russians are going to throw 10,000 warheads at each other across the Pole.

“The word doomsday is frankly a little ridiculous.”

While he recognizes that climate change is real, serious and needs to be dealt with, he does not see it as an “existential threat” to the United States the way a large-scale nuclear exchange would be.

A different perspective is offered by an east coast scientist, Allison Macfarlane, who directs the Center for International Science and Technology Policy at George Washington University. Macfarlane served as head of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for nearly 3 years and once headed the Science and Security Board that judges whether to move the hands of the Bulletin’s Doomsday Clock.

She sees the clock as “a very powerful symbol...a barometer for how secure or at risk we are” as judged by scientists who are eminent in their fields.

She understands that “there is no one magic weapon” to prevent catastrophe. “But there are collective voices, and the Clock is a strong symbol of those voices.”

The addition of climate and biotechnology as potential sources of catastrophe occurred while McFarlane was on the board. She defends the expansion as following from the realization that they can lead not merely to incremental difficulties, but to large-scale catastrophes in a short time span.

Drought, famine and loss of marine food resources can happen rapidly with large-scale dislocation and loss of life, she said. Major weather perturbations have killed thousands in a few weeks in both France and Russia in recent years. A bioengineered microorganism could threaten rapid, large-scale loss of life.

Timescale is important in a different way to Hugh Gusterson, a sociology professor at George Washington University, who has written extensively about the nuclear weapons community, including LLNL. Gusterson believes that the Bulletin’s Clock is in some ways better adapted to communicating “deep” problems like climate change, which people can see coming and have some time to respond to, than to nuclear crisis.

He points to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and the NATO’s 1983 Able Archer exercise, which was conducted so realistically that some in the Soviet Union responded by preparing for war.

“The events came and went quickly and didn’t have time to register on the Doomsday Clock,” he said.

Gusterson also wonders whether the decision to move the clock hands ahead 30 seconds, to 2 ½ minutes before midnight, might leave the Bulletin with little room to respond to crises that seem likely during the next four years, given “Trump’s loose mouth and temperament.”

Macfarlane and Gusterson are familiar names locally, both because nuclear matters have loomed large in their careers and because they were married in Livermore.

Report Finds Development Pressures Could Result in Loss of Agriculture, Open Space Lands

Greenbelt Alliance’s new report, “At Risk: The Bay Area Greenbelt,” finds that 293,100 acres of the Bay Area’s farms, ranches, and natural areas are at risk of sprawl development within the next 30 years. A total of 458 square miles, almost 10 times the size of San Francisco, could be developed within the next generation.

Of those lands, 63,500 acres are at high risk, meaning they face development within the next 10 years.

“We’ve done a comprehensive review of what every city and county in the Bay Area is planning, and where land speculators are proposing new developments,” said Jeremy Madsen, Chief Executive Officer of Greenbelt Alliance. “These development threats are often invisible. By the time you see the bulldozers in the orchard, it’s too late.”

“The housing market is superheated right now, and that’s driving a lot of speculation and pressure to develop land,” said Madsen. “Thanks to the long-term vision of Bay Area residents and leaders, more policies are now protecting thousands of acres of farms, ranches, and natural areas.”

In Alameda County, 29,500 acres or 46 square miles of rangeland, farmland, and natural areas are at risk of development in the next 30 years. This total has

not changed significantly since the last report in 2012. Today, land at high risk now totals 6,300 acres, a drop of a third since 2012.

This drop in threat came in part from Dublin’s 2014 adoption of an urban limit line. The urban limit line halted proposals to develop Doolan Canyon. Part of the land is now permanently protected. Changes in zoning require a vote of the people.

With the economic recovery, large areas of land to the north and east of Dublin have become hot spots for speculative development proposals. As of August 2016, there were 7,459 housing units slated to be built as part of the city’s various specific plans. These proposed projects are within the urban limit line, but several are on undeveloped land on the city’s edges intended to be a reserve over decades, not immediately be filled with subdivisions.

The hills southeast of Pleasanton are also being battered by development proposals. Pleasanton has an urban growth boundary (UGB). The hills in question are located within the UGB.

Livermore is surrounded by a UGB, designed to protect agriculture and habitat.

The report finds that Alameda County’s countywide growth boundary, adopted in 2000 with Measure D, cov-

ers nearly 90 percent of the county’s grazing land. However, important watershed and habitat lands are still at risk if cities and towns don’t choose to build well and use land wisely.

Greenbelt Alliance creates the At Risk report every five years based on city and county plans, zoning, and development proposals across the region. The risk calculation factors in future growth projections, including city and county maps of future development, as well as geography, such as whether land is flat, close to roads, and close to existing development.

In addition to mapping threatened lands, the At Risk report highlights the value of an intact greenbelt. For example, undeveloped land benefits the Bay Area with spectacular scenery, drawing visitors and workers from around the world. These lands filter and hold drinking water, store carbon for climate protection, and provide habitat for diverse wildlife. The region’s farmland and ranchland also provide fresh food year-round, fueling a \$6.1 billion agricultural economy.

The county with the most land at risk is Contra Costa, with 62,000 acres threatened by sprawl, especially in the east around Brentwood, Antioch, Oakley, and Pittsburg. Solano County also

stands out, with almost one of every 10 acres in the county at risk, especially around the city of Vacaville, which seeks to build out on rural lands. In Santa Clara County, 56% of the county’s farmland is at risk of development. The city of San Jose is considering industrial development on agricultural land in northern Coyote Valley, and farmland around Gilroy is threatened by sprawl proposals.

Madsen says that building sprawl development across the region’s rolling green hills won’t help the housing affordability crisis. The report cites research on sprawling car-dependent development, which is no more affordable for residents once transportation and demands on time are factored into the costs.

“The Bay Area’s cities and towns need to keep building new homes close to jobs and good transportation options,” said Madsen. “People don’t want to drive for hours to get to work or do daily errands. People want walkable neighborhoods, and more time for friends and family.”

Existing cities and towns have room to accommodate all the region’s growth, if policies encourage “infill” development.

Download the full report at greenbelt.org/at-risk-2017/

QUOTE

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cific. Stein spoke poetically about the influence that the fault has had on our region.

Without it he said, “There would be no San Francisco Bay...the only deepwater port along the California coast line and the wellspring for the Gold Rush.”

The San Andreas “makes Big Sur big,” he said. Across the Bay, the Hayward fault, which is really part of the San Andreas fault system, “lifts up Oakland and Hayward hills with their magnificent sunset views of the Golden Gate.

“A bend in the San Andreas thrusts up the Santa Cruz Mountains, the spine of the peninsula and the Marin headlands. These coastal ranges temper our climate, bathe us in fog and crown us in redwoods.”

The price we pay for living in such a beautiful area, he said, is the risk of damaging earthquakes occurring at times that we simply cannot predict. In a demonstration, he showed the crowd that tiles pulled across ordinary sandpaper with a steady force move haltingly — first unmoving, then jerking forward a little, then motionless again despite being pulled on. The jumps forward occurred at irregular intervals.

The Earth we live on is far less uniform than the surfaces between the tiles and sandpaper, he said. Modern technology can show us where strain is building up, but it cannot say where it will next slip or how powerful a quake will be.

“This is the first bitter pill that geophysicists and maybe psychologists have to swallow,” he said. “The variability of the earth means that we can never talk about a fault being nine months pregnant. They are not that reliable.”

Stein said the early beginnings of the modern under-

standing of seismology began with the California Gold Rush, when the US government not only stepped in to assay ore but also created navigation maps for thousands of ships entering San Francisco Bay, a virtually unmapped region despite being one of the most difficult places to sail in the world.

The maps required careful measurements of the locations of visible landmarks as well as the angles between them so that navigators approaching and entering the Golden Gate could triangulate their location and judge their motion near the coast.

Half a century later, at the time of the great 1906 earthquake, geologists commissioned by the state to study the quake discovered that the positions of those old, carefully established landmarks had been shifting slowly, without notice, at the rate of about an inch per year.

It occurred to Johns Hopkins geologist Harry Reid that if this rate of motion had been going on for about 250 years, the distance traveled would be about the same as that observed when the earthquake shifted along the San Andreas Fault: around 12 feet. In other words, the land east and west of the fault appeared to be nudging slowly south and north, respectively, while the fault had been stuck, unable to slip.

It also occurred to Reid that if this process continued over the very long term, and the fault was slipping roughly 12 feet every 200 or 300 years, then even if Earth were only 10 million years old, the land along the San Andreas would have moved some 150 miles.

This was a clue to a profound phenomenon that no one picked up on for another half-century, Stein said. The surface of the earth is moving, a fact not understood until the 1960s with the dis-

covery of seafloor spreading and the development of the theory of plate tectonics.

Stein noted that a fault like the San Andreas is not merely “a simple, thin plate boundary.” Instead, he said, the shearing or differential movement caused by land moving in different directions on opposite sides of a fault that is frozen in place causes deformation that can extend “way inland.” In the case of the San Andreas, which can remain frozen for two or three centuries, the deformation reaches all the way to the Wasatch Mountains in Utah.

Other faults in the Bay Area, such as the Calaveras, Hayward, Las Positas and Greenville — the last two in Livermore — are the result of that deformation and slip on their own unpredictable timescales, he said.

In general, the longer the fault the greater the risk of the kind of long, powerful shaking that can damage structures, Stein noted. The San Andreas is clearly the dominant fault in the area but the Hayward is dangerous as well, having generated in 1868 what was called the Great San Francisco Earthquake until the more powerful 1906 temblor took its place.

In addition to the major faults to the west, Stein said, residents of the Livermore area may experience earthquakes from the nearer but smaller local faults: the Greenville to the east and

the Las Positas to the south. Being farther from the San Andreas, these faults face smaller stresses and are less likely to produce very large ground motion than the major faults. Nevertheless, they are nearby and can damage local structures, as residents were reminded in the 1980 earthquake, which damaged LLNL as well as homes and businesses close to Greenville Road.”

As an aid to individuals concerned about earthquake hazards, he demonstrated a website that he helped to create: temblor.net, which can produce an estimate of risk based on location, the presence of nearby faults as well as their recent activity, and the type of soils that structure rests on.

He held up two stick models of multistory structures, one with corner bracing, the other without. He demonstrated how the bracing enables the structure to withstand shaking and twisting. Absent the bracing, the model collapsed when shaken.

He said the cost of building a structure able to withstand seismic shaking is only one or 2 percent higher than the cost of one not able to withstand it.

“While we can’t predict (the timing of) earthquakes, we know where and why the hazard is high, and we know how to erect structures that can withstand anything the faults can hurl at us,” he told the audience.

Dublin Swim Center to Close

The Dublin Swim Center has long been a centerpiece recreational facility for more than 45 years.

As the City of Dublin prepares for the spring opening of its new Aquatics Center at Emerald Glen Park, the City Council voted unanimously in November 2016 to cease operations of the Dublin Swim Center. The City of Dublin informed Dublin Unified that as of December 31, 2016, it will no longer operate the Dublin Swim Center as a recreation facility. With support from the City, the Dublin Swim Center will remain operational for the District’s educational needs through the end of the current school year in order to accommodate both physical education swim classes and use by Dublin High School swim teams.

The Dublin Swim Center was built in 1972 in a joint project with the Valley Community Services District (now Dublin San Ramon Services District) and the Amador Valley Union High School District (now the Dublin Unified School District) and operated under a joint-use agreement. The City of Dublin Department of Parks and Community Services has operated the Dublin Swim Center as a recreational aquatics facility on District property since 1987. Due to high operational costs, it is not financially viable for the Dublin Unified to solely operate the Dublin Swim Center. The Swim Center is closed permanently for public use and will be closed for school use in June 2017.

The District and the City will begin the process of negotiating a Joint Use Agreement to provide usage of the Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatics Complex for District needs going forward. For answers to questions about the Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatics Complex, contact the City of Dublin’s Parks and Community Services Department directly.

Resolution Supports the Right to Public Education

Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) Board of Trustees voted unanimously in support of Resolution 2016/17-27, “Affirming the Support of Students and Families Regarding Immigration Enforcement Actions at Schools.”

The action took place at the January 24 regular board meeting.

“Students learn best when they feel safe and secure,” stated Board President Megan Rouse. “This Resolution is a confirmation

of the Board’s commitment to maintaining schools as a safe place for all students and families. After thorough and thoughtful dialogue, I’m proud the Board took this important step with unanimous support.”

The Resolution declares that all DUSD students, regardless of perceived or actual national origin, citizenship and immigration status, have a right to a high-quality public education. “The District, while acting in compliance with federal and state law, supports the main-

tenance of Dublin schools as safe places for students and families.”

The Resolution also affirms the “highest respect for our law enforcement agencies and the critical work they do and respects the partnership between the District and law enforcement agencies”.

The District is prepared to assist families seeking social and legal services with resource guides and referral contacts. These resource guides are available at all school sites.

SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are WCS Wicked semifinals (front row) Maria Rebolledo, MaryJane Anzo; (middle) Sabrina Rogers, Indie Stoneberger, Taylor Jeffrey, Mia Marks, Makeila Yancey, Jade Castillo; and, (back row) Leslie Mangskau, Emma Valadez, Kailey Matta, Emma Colmanero, Andrea Castillo, Elissa Guiliacci, Lexi Oddson, Ella Ferrick, Samantha Remy, and Macy Roberts.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School varsity girls soccer team scored four second half goals to defeat Livermore High, 4 to 0, in a conference game last week.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School men's varsity soccer team scored three second half goals to edge the Foothill Falcons 3-2 in a conference match last week. Foothill held a 1 to 0 lead at the half.



West Coast Krush pictured after their quarter final victory against Ajax United 05G White include (from left) Presley Perez, Katherine Phelps, Jillian Barth, Hailey Garvin, Makenna Galvan, Kaya Whittaker, Kira Korsak, Kimmie Keller, Katelyn Caine and Daisy Tompkins.

U14 (2004): Saturday, February 18, Noon - 1:30 pm
For more information, visit www.fusionsc.org or contact Fusion Director of Coaching Ben Graham at doc@fusionsc.org or 925-443-7570 ext 102.

Granada Wrestling

The Granada High School wrestling team participated in two varsity tournaments over the weekend. Both tournaments featured good varsity competition. The team was excited to have so many wrestlers competing at the varsity level as the experience improves their skills every week. Eight members of the team headed to Gilroy High School for the Mid-Cals 2-day varsity tournament, which was the biggest tournament they have competed in this season with 95 teams participating. As a team, Granada came in 25th place with 49.5 points. Another 7 wrestlers competed at the Puma Classic at Maria Carrillo High School in Santa Rosa. As a team, Granada came in 18th place out of 34 teams with 35 points.

Individual results are as follows:
Mid-Cals:
Rylan Matheson 2-2
Jonny Nguyen 3-2
Joey Lestochi 0-1
Ahmet Gueye 2-2
Jackson Volkir 2-2
Jack Kilner 3-2 Top 12
Jack Lutz 3-2 Top 12
Zachary Stewart 2-2
Puma Classic:
Ethan De La Torre 3-1, 7th
Dylan Krauss 3-2
Zachary Armstrong 0-2
Jordan Bets 4-1, 7th
Josh Collum 1-2
Moheb Salemi 0-2
Francisco Midkiff 3-1, 7th

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Soccer Krush 05 Girls team is moving onto the Premier State Cup finals after winning both their State Cup quarter final and semi-final games with shutout victories this past Sunday at Woodward Park in Manteca.

In their quarter-final match, Krush faced off against Ajax United 05G White. Krush scored in the first four minutes of the game when Daisy Tompkins crossed the ball to forward Katelyn Caine who fired a close range shot in the upper corner of the net. Both teams battled hard the rest of the game, neither team managed to score again in the close contest. Final score was 1-0, with Krush moving on to the semi-finals.

Krush met Blues FC 05G White on the pitch in the afternoon State Cup semi-final game. After finishing the first half 0-0, Krush doubled its efforts



Three Livermore men last month climbed 23,000-foot Aconcagua in the Argentine Andes, the world's highest peak outside Asia and thus the highest in both the Western and Southern hemispheres. The three, shown here from left to right in a summit photograph, are Kim Grandfield, Kim's son Darin Grandfield and David Lunn. The same three climbed Mount Denali in Alaska in 2004 after Darin graduated from high school. A photo presentation of the three-week Aconcagua expedition will be presented at 7 p.m. on February 7, exactly one month after their summit. Location is Kim Grandfield's Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore, and attendance is free.

in the second half, with a sequence of strong plays that finally paid off. Hailey Garvin sent the ball up the field to forward Presley Perez, who maneuvered the ball past the Blues' goalie for the only score of the game, with six minutes left to play, earning Krush a trip to the Premier State Cup finals. Final score 1-0 Krush.

Krush goalie Jillian Barth earned the shutout victories for both games, aided with strong defense play by defenders Kaya Whittaker, Katherine Phelps and Kira Korsak. Midfielders Makenna Galvan, Tompkins, Garvin demonstrated strong passing skills throughout the day and forwards Caine, Perez and Kimmie Keller kept challenging the opponents' defenses.

Krush will face Union Sacramento FC Union FC 05G in the Premier State Cup final on Sunday, February 12. West Coast Soccer Wicked 04 Girls competed at the Premier 2 State 17-24 of NorCal State Cup taking a 4 to 1 win in the quarterfinals over Santa Clara Sporting's top u13 team. Wicked were up 3-2 but with just minutes to go the whistle blew when a PK was awarded to Stars, which tied

the game 3-3 sending the match into overtime. No goals were scored in overtime bringing kicks from the mark. Wicked fell by 1 goal. West Coast Wicked is preparing for tryouts, the upcoming NPL season and their first college showcase.

West Coast Soccer Krossfire 06 competed this weekend in the 17-24 group of State Cup in Manteca in the quarterfinals and semifinals to determine who moves on to play in the finals on February 12th.

In the quarterfinals, the Krossfire took on Sacramento United Red team. West Coast came out strong in the opening minutes with a goal by Adriana Paneda. Summer Lane scored later in the match. Meanwhile, the midfield played very strong, led defensively by Dakota Baird and Madeline Snodgrass. Chloe Thomas kept the pressure on Sacramento's backline. Towards the end of the game, Sophia Simonds took a beautiful corner kick and Jasmine Branda volleyed it into the back of the net to put an exclamation point on a 3-0 win for Krossfire.

In the Semifinal matchup, Krossfire played against Palo Alto Blue.

The defense of Madylin Harrell, Ariana Butler, and Brittany Hahn did their best not to let anything by, and were first to the ball. Alana Albarran did well on the attack. Simonds was very strong in the midfield as well. Summer Lane scored the first goal of the game. Kendra Riddiough, despite coming back from being ill, played hard up top sending crosses to Lane and Paneda. She even scored the second goal of the game. Jenness Maselli was brilliant in goal making a few crucial saves as she logged her second shutout of the day with the Krossfire winning, 2-0.

Youth Track Club

FTC Track Club, a USAITF (USA Track and Field) certified club that specializes in youth athletes from ages 7 to 18, is building a team to compete this winter/spring in USAITF track meets including a meet at the national level in July. The organizers are looking for athletes of all ages and different events, especially relays. Visit www.ftctrackclub.com or contact Coach Jorge Quero, jquero@ftctrackclub.com or (925) 209 7520.



The Pleasanton Seahawks had nine swimmers selected to the 'Distance Camp' at The United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO over January 26-29, 2017. Representing the Seahawks were Mattias Blanco, Alex Ren, Calvin Chui, Brandon Brown, Tyler Lu, Calvin David, Nick Skinner, Daniella Hawkins and Emma Valentine. Pacific Swimming sent 24 swimmers in total to the camp.

Fusion Soccer Tryouts

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club's Premier Program is holding open tryouts for U12 through U14 players (birth years 2004 through 2006). The tryouts will take place February 14, 16 and 18 at Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road in Livermore. The schedule is as follows:
Premier Girls:
U12 through U14 (2004 through 2006): Tuesday, February 14, 5 - 6:30 pm

U12 (2006): Saturday, February 18, 9 - 10:30 am
U13 (2005): Saturday, February 18, 10:30 am - Noon
U14 (2004): Saturday, February 18, Noon - 1:30 pm
Premier Boys:
U12 through U14 (2004 through 2006): Thursday, February 16, 5 - 6:30 pm
U12 (2006): Saturday, February 18, 9 - 10:30 am
U13 (2005): Saturday, February 18, 10:30 am - Noon

Manufacturing Hiring Event To Be Held in Livermore

A Manufacturing Careers Hiring Event will be held on February 8, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) in Livermore. The City of Livermore, Alameda County Business Development Group, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), and other groups will host this free event. It is open to adults who are interested in pursuing or continuing a career in manufacturing. The event will feature information sessions by local manufacturers as well as interviews and hiring opportunities.

Local manufacturing companies Bakefresh, Draexlmaier, and Solar City will showcase their companies. BakeFresh produces and ships 45,000 units of fresh baked sweet goods daily. Draexlmaier will be hiring 300 new employees as it establishes its new 290,000 square foot state-of-the-art plant in Livermore. SolarCity Corporation is the largest solar energy services

provider in the U.S. These and other companies will be recruiting for positions including Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Injection Molding Manager, Quality Manager, Assembly Operators, Injection Operators, Lamination Operators, and more. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will also be featured at the event with information for prospective employees in a variety of fields.

This event also celebrates the growing regional manufacturing sector. Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, PhD, stated, "The school district is excited by this community event, as it provides 21st century career opportunities for our graduating seniors, and is a nice complement to Manufacturing Day activities, which introduces high school students to the array of manufacturing careers."

The City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are hosting this event in collaboration with: the

Alameda County Business Development Group, the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Society for Manufacturing Engineers (SME)-Silicon Valley Chapter, Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP), and Las Positas College.

For information, registration, and interview times, visit www.cityoflivermore.net or www.livermoreschools.com.

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A record number of middle school students took part in the annual Math Counts held at Granada High School.

Annual MathCounts Draws Record Number of Middle School Students

Middle school students from throughout Livermore gathered at Granada High School on Saturday, January 21, 2017 for the 21st Annual MathCounts competition, hosted by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

This year's event boasted record-breaking participation by 168 students representing Livermore middle schools: Christensen Middle School, East Avenue Middle School, Joe Mitchell K-8 School, Junction Avenue K-8 School and Mendenhall Middle School; as well as Livermore Valley Charter School, Our Savior Lutheran School, and Livermore Valley Montessori School.

Robyn Schlichter, Coordinator of MathCounts for LVJUSD, noted that students attending the event were engaged in solving the challenging problems. "MathCounts provides a great opportunity for students to stretch their minds in mathematics because of the types of problem-solving both during the competition, as well as during their weekly MathCounts club meetings," Schlichter said.

Each LVJUSD school runs its own MathCounts club to foster a community of dedicated math students. The clubs are led by volunteer coaches including local scientists, mathematicians, community members, parents, and teachers. The weekly activities reinforce middle school math content, while providing opportunities for extended

application of problem-solving skills.

Schlichter notes, "The program challenges students to deepen their knowledge in math. It provides them with the opportunity to develop perseverance as they deal with unique problems." MathCounts coaches encourage students to utilize a growth mindset to approach challenging new math concepts. This mindset-based approach to math has produced dynamic math learners.

Mathematics is a foundation of STEM education - science, technology, engineering, and math. Amy Robbins, Director of Curriculum for LVJUSD, points out that fluency in math is critical for students' success in 21st century careers. Schlichter adds that MathCounts is a fun way to extend classroom learning. Saturday's competition celebrated that learning. "I'm so excited to see so many students and families engaged in mathematics," said Schlichter.

The top 6th grade team at the MathCounts competition came from Mendenhall Middle School and included Austin Anthony, Nathan Blanton, Youv Feigenbaum, and Liam Manley. The top 7th/8th grade team came from Valley Montessori School, and included Roslyn Lydick, Sasha Sato, Chase Vogler, and Sam Wu. The top 3 teams from both divisions received awards. Individual awards go to the top 5 individuals for 6th grade, and the top 10 individuals for 7th/8th grade.

Anti-Poverty Group Teams Up with Nonprofit Alliance

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) and The Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative (TVAPC) have created a formal partnership to promote and collaborate on the mutual interests and values of both organizations. TVNPA president and co-founder Kathy Young will serve on the TVAPC Steering Committee, providing a bridge between these rapidly growing organizations. Both organizations embody core values to unite people and institutions in order to serve the greatest needs of the Tri-Valley region and East Bay.

Each group was founded in 2014 by concerned individuals in the community who were inspired to improve the health and welfare of Tri-Valley residents and causes by connecting and strengthening the many organizations that serve them throughout the region.

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance represents a membership organization providing opportunities for those who work and volunteer in the Tri-Valley nonprofit sector to collaborate, network, and develop relevant industry skills. The TVNPA provides nonprofit organizations throughout the Tri-Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area with opportunities to work together to achieve their missions. Since 2014, TVNPA has served nonprofit staff, board leadership, volunteers from over 200 nonprofit organizations throughout greater Bay Area. Monthly meetings are free of charge to attendees. They cover a wide range of best practices regarding nonprofit funding, operations, communications, social media, and more.

The Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative formed to address the issues of hidden poverty of people affected by the underlying causes of suburban poverty in the Tri-Valley. The TVAPC consists of a cross-sector partnership involving individuals working in governments, schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, philanthropic organizations, residents, and members of the business community to address issues related to suburban poverty. Over the past year, the Anti-Poverty Collaborative has focused on housing, health, and education. Outreach activities have included promoting Tri-Valley health fairs and educational activity for young children; holding forums related to the A1 Housing Bond; and convening community listening sessions.

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to the public at large, including nonprofit organizations, businesses, consultants and members of the community. Visit TVNPA.org to learn more and to join the TVNPA email list. Contact the organization at info@TVNPA.org or Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, PO Box 2467, Livermore, CA, 94551.

The TVAPC holds bi-monthly meetings. Visit tvapc.org to join the mailing list and learn more about addressing issues surrounding poverty in the Tri-Valley. Contact Kristi Miller at info@tvapc.org for more information. Both organizations can be found on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Science on Saturdays Series Focuses on Ingenious Inventions

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's lecture series, "Science on Saturday," returns Feb. 4 and runs through Feb. 25 at the Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First St. in Livermore.

The series will offer four different lectures with the theme "Ingenious Inventions." Each lecture is presented by leading Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) researchers

who are joined by master high school science teachers.

Two presentations are offered each Saturday in February at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. The lectures are targeted to middle and high school students and free to attend.

Kicking off the series on Feb. 4 is "Forensic Science in Crisis: How Proteins Can Help," presented by scientists

Brad Hart, Deon Anex and Katelyn Mason. They will discuss the challenges of traditional forensic methods, which have come under increasing criticism by the scientific community, and the work going on at LLNL's Forensic Science Center (FSC) to address some of those challenges. They will be joined by Katherine Huang, who teaches classes

in anatomy, physiology and biotechnology at Dougherty Valley High School.

The complete schedule of lectures:

- Feb. 4 - "Forensic Science in Crisis: How Proteins Can Help," by LLNL scientists Brad Hart, Deon Anex and Katelyn Mason, along with teacher Katherine Huang of Dougherty Valley High School.

- Feb. 11 - "Reconstructing a Rabies Epidemic: Byte by Byte," by LLNL scientists Monica Borucki and Jonathan Allen and teacher Elizabeth Lopez of Granada High School.

- Feb. 18 - "3D Printing: From Imagination to Realization," by LLNL scientists Eric Duoss, Chris Spadacini, Julie Jackson, William Smith and Melody Golobic, along with teacher Dean Reese of Tracy High School.

- Feb. 25 - "Building Biologically Inspired Nano-Bots," by LLNL scientists Matt Coleman, Amy Rasley and Wei He, along with

teacher Erin McKay of Tracy High School.

Science on Saturday is sponsored by LLNL's Science Education Program. There is no pre-registration, seating is on a first-come basis.

The lecture series will be available to view at a later date via the LLNL YouTube Channel.

For more information about Science on Saturday go to <https://education.llnl.gov/programs/science-on-saturday> or contact Joanna Albala, (925) 422-6803, or e-mail albala1@llnl.gov.

Big Audience Hears Zone 7 Answer Water Rate Questions

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency staff held a question-and-answer session concerning water rates, drawing interested public from Livermore and Pleasanton.

The Jan. 30 gathering was designed to answer people's questions about the 2017 water rates and how they were determined.

It was held in response to a protest originally brought up to the Pleasanton City Council by a new group, the Citizens for Responsible Water Rates (CRWR).

Most of the seats at the Zone 7 board room were filled. One director, Angela Ramirez-Holmes, sat in the audience as an observer.

Not all of the 20 speakers were members of CRWR, but they were just as concerned about why their water bills have gone up so much, despite the fact they are

conserving more than they did before the drought. They wondered why Zone 7 could not reduce water rates by reducing staff when there is not as much water sold to customers.

Zone 7 staff said that there are federal and state standards, which Zone 7 must meet. The agency has to have someone on site to conduct water chemistry analysis 24 hours a day, seven days a week, whether the flow is 10 million gallons per day (mgd), or 40 mgd. The same number of water plant operators are required, with or without a drought.

There can be no cutbacks in that staffing. If water sales fall, reserves must be used. Quite a number of reserves were used during the drought.

To better link water rates to the fixed cost portion of

the expenditures, Zone 7 this year has determined a fixed rate. Some 35 percent of the entire water rate covers fixed costs. The actual portion of the cost is 74 percent.

The Zone 7 water rate consultant, Sanjay Guar, told the meeting that water users need to stop thinking about water as a commodity. It's a utility. The cost of making the commodity available must be paid to keep the utility operating. Right now, Zone 7 still is using the commodity charges (the 65 percent of the rate) to help pay for the fixed cost that is really 74 percent, so the 35 percent clearly is not enough.

Some audience members were disappointed by the meeting. Although there are no formal officers in CSWR, Linda Kelly has been active in the group. She told The

Independent that she was expecting a more give-and-take meeting with Zone 7. She did not like being confined only to asking questions, and not being allowed to make comments. She said that she had hoped directors would be part of the discussion. Further, a request for a 20-minute slide presentation from CSWR was denied.

Zone 7 manager Jill Duerig said that the questions-only format was intended to impart as much information as possible in a meeting that ran 20 minutes beyond its two-hour time limit. She said that some people came up after the meeting and thanked staff for answers.

Kelly said that CSWR won't be going away. There will be more ongoing conversation on Zone 7 economics and water rates, she stated.

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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

Birds will be the topic of a Feb. 5 program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.

Birds are one of the most diverse and, some would say, the most beautiful groups of animals on earth. They have a wide variety of color, shape, size and habit. How did they get that color? How come they get that? What exactly makes a bird a bird anyway? Join this ranger-led program to answer these questions and more. Canceled if raining.

There is a \$7 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. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Donations Needed To Keep Homeless Warm

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking help in assisting the homeless combat the cold temperatures.

For those living on the street, it is hard to find a way to escape the frigid temperatures. The drastic drop in the temperature often presents serious health issues for many homeless individuals.

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking donations of new and gently used gloves, scarfs, hats, and

coats for men, women and children to distribute to the homeless residing in the Tri-Valley area. Donations can be dropped off at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore by 3pm on Monday, February 6th.

The Winter Outreach Event will take place on Tuesday, February 7th between 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore.

Plant Care

The Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 9 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. The topic will be All About Native/Mediterranean Plant Care.

Lee Giroux long time club member, will talk about and show pictures of her garden through the seasons and describe how she prunes specific plants in the fall and winter months. She will include her soap box philosophy of how to water and fertilize a drought tolerant garden. Lee says, "I began my new life as a drought tolerant gardener 7 years ago, when I moved to the hills east of Livermore and started a new garden. We have no public water service and rely on a well for all our water needs, plus we were dealing with the drought. I attended several seminars on the subject, the one that really cemented my commitment was at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden. I bought a lot of books and became more and more excited about the new adventure. Seven years later I am still excited and have lots of information to share about my success and failures

with my amazing garden."

Dinner with the speaker: All members are invited to have dinner with Lee at the Oasis Restaurant on Main St. in Pleasanton at 5:30 before the meeting on the 9th. Let Dolores Bengston know if there are plans to attend by Wed., the 8th, grannydolo@comcast.net

Cal Water Gives To Community

California Water Service (Cal Water) supports an array of local organizations throughout the year as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life in the communities it serves. The company donated a total of \$11,600 to local charitable organizations in 2016, ranging from hot meal programs, to emergency services for women and children, to youth programs, and more. The funds were donated by the company's stockholders as part of the company's philanthropic giving program and not paid for by ratepayers.

Cal Water's Livermore District made a number of contributions either during the year or as part of Operation Gobble, the company's Thanksgiving effort. Open Heart Kitchen, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Livermore, Tri-Valley Haven, the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and Shepherd's Gate each received contributions to make the holidays brighter for local residents in need.

The district sponsors the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and Livermore Valley Rotary Club, and holds quarterly

blood drives through the Red Cross. Cal Water also made a number of special contributions through their holiday outreach efforts, including a holiday food drive for Open Heart Kitchen, toy drive for Toys for Tots, coat drive for One Warm Coat, and a Cell Phones for Soldiers drive.

"At Cal Water, we are not just committed to providing high-quality, reliable water service, we are also part of the community, proudly serving Livermore residents and businesses since 1927," said District Manager Frank Vallejo. "We believe that supporting worthy organizations that improve the quality of life in this city is part of our promise to provide quality, service, and value."

Cal Water serves about 55,800 people through 18,800 service connections in Livermore.

Clean Up Parks

Volunteers are needed at select California state parks on Saturday, April 22, 2017, for the 19th Annual California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup presented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

Due to a history of underfunding by the state, the parks system faces a \$1 billion backlog of overdue maintenance projects as well as reduced staffing and programs.

Businesses and individuals are needed to actively participate with their communities to help steward and care for California's treasured state parks. Trail and road repair, campground improvements, fence and board-

walk building, tree planting, and wildlife habitat restoration are just some of the projects planned for Earth Day.

Since its inception in 1998, CSPF's Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup program has resulted in 83,785 participants contributing more than 334,301 volunteer hours worth nearly \$6.6 million in park maintenance and improvements. Additionally, nearly \$5 million has been raised through the Earth Day program to benefit state parks and the mil-

lions of Californians who rely on them for recreation, education, and inspiration.

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Visit calparks.org/earthday in February 2017 for a complete list of volunteer sites and times.

Individuals, groups or businesses interested in volunteering for the Earth Day Restoration & Cleanup should register at calparks.org/earthday/ or call 1-888-98-PARKS. Registration opens February 20.

Livermore Schools Holding Informational Sessions

Livermore parents and guardians of four and five year olds are encouraged to attend one of two remaining scheduled informational meetings to learn about the kindergarten registration process, a typical kindergarten day, and current information about the transitional kindergarten program.

The meetings are held in the Multipurpose rooms of each school. They all start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m.: Wednesday, February 8th, Junction K-8 School, 298 Junction Avenue; and Thursday, February 9th, Jackson Avenue Elementary School, 554 Jackson Avenue

Each session contains the same information. Spanish translation is available at each meeting.

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017 to register for kindergarten. The Livermore School District offers a transitional kindergarten (TK) program for those students who turn 5 years old between September 2, 2017 and December 2, 2017.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) will also host its Annual Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten Registration Fair on February 23rd and February 24th. All elementary students new to the District will also register at this fair.

More information can be found at www.livermore-schools.com

OBITUARIES

Alan Murray Winslow

Alan Murray Winslow, scientist and arts lover, died peacefully at his home in Pleasanton on December 23, 2016. He was 95.

Alan was a longtime resident of the Livermore



Valley, arriving in 1952 to work at the newly opened University of California Lawrence

Radiation Laboratory. He was always an enthusiastic supporter of education and the arts. In the 1950s and 1960s, he co-founded a Great Books discussion group at the Livermore Public Library and a public film series; in the 1960s, he served a four-year term on the Livermore Board of Education; and in the 1970s, he was an early patron of Del Valle Fine Arts. Alan continued to work at "the lab" for 38 years, retiring in 1990. In 1991, he joined Adobe Systems in San Jose, where for the next decade he was involved with the development of Acrobat.

Alan was born in Syracuse, New York, the eldest of Moses and Martha Winkelstein's three children. He was educated at the Putney School, an early progressive boarding school in Putney, Vermont, and Harvard College. After graduating in 1942, he joined the war effort as a member of the Chemical Corps, which supported the Manhattan Project. He worked at the site code-named K-25 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, helping to produce uranium-235 for the first atomic bombs. When the war ended in 1945, Alan returned to school to pursue graduate work in physics, first at the University of California, Berkeley, and then at Cornell University, where he received his PhD in 1952.

In 1946, Alan married Rae Murden, who died in 2003. He is survived by their four children: Deborah Winslow of Lee, New Hampshire; Julie Winkelstein of Albany, California; Geoffrey Winslow of Portland, Oregon; and Jonathan Winslow of Danville, California. Other survivors include his step-daughter, Rebecca Yamin of Philadelphia, his brother Peter Winkelstein of San Francisco, and his sister Phyllis Reicher, of Syracuse, as well as nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Alan was buried next to his parents in Syracuse, New York, on January 2, 2017.

Sandra (Sandy) Lee Goff

1944-2017

Sandy left us on January 14, 2017. She was born June 25, 1944 in Oakland, Ca to James and Beverly Mayer's. She and her sister Vicki grew up in Oakland, Ca. She graduated from Fremont high in Oakland.

She met the love of her life, James Goff, in Oakland where they were married and shortly after moved to Castro Valley. There they built a family of three boys. James and Sandy celebrated 53 years of marriage. Sandy was a loving caring grandmother. Her life was family and caring for them. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

While raising her own children, she took in daycare children too that she loved as her own. After raising her own family, she worked as a secretary for Chabot elementary school in Castro Valley. It is here where the staff and kids nicknamed her Mrs. Beautiful. When she retired she also volunteered at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton.

Sandy is survived by her husband James, and three sons Jim, Ken and daughter-in-law Rachille, son and daughter-in-law Kevin and Trisha; eight grandchildren James, Katie, Dustin, Genevieve, Kristina, Mckenna, Evan, Raegan; and two great grandchildren Jessie and Hank.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate the of life Sandy will be held at the Elks lodge in Livermore at 940 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551 on Friday, February 3rd at 6 o'clock. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her name.

Frank M. Salinas

2/24/42- 1/24/17

Resident of Livermore, CA

Frank M. Salinas passed away on 1/24/17 peacefully at his home.



Frank is survived by his wife Lilliane Salinas, father-in-law Richard Kennedy, daughters Lisa Anderson, Melodie Wilkerson, Danielle Mays and Brigitte Esparza; sisters Raphaela "Chita" Alexander, Mary Santisteban, brother-

in-law Angel Santisteban, sister-in-law Jean Franco, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, four sons-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private ceremony.

Deborah Ann Rue

2/3/1951 - 1/23/2017

Deborah A. Rue became an angel in Heaven on 2/23/2017 after fighting a long illness.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard Rue Sr, and Claire Supriano Rue and also her brother Richard Rue Jr.

She is survived by her loving family, sisters Sandra Jean Rue Gonzalez of Livermore and Caroline Trent of North Carolina; nephews Joseph Gonzalez of Tracy and Richard Gonzalez of Livermore, Robert Hanson of North Carolina, Troy Rue of San Leandro and David Rue of Colorado; nieces Lynette Green of Tracy, Rebecca Rhymer of North Carolina, Monica Hanson of Hayward, Michelle Ohara of San Jose and Sonia Rue of Colorado; great nieces, Katerina Hanson, Rachel Ohara, Mia & Sandra Gonzalez plus 4 more little ones in Colorado; great nephews, Robert Green, David Nisperos, Johnny Meza, Rudy Gonzalez, Julian Gonzalez, Everette & Evan Rhymer; and so many more family and friends who loved her very much.

"Constantly thinking, never to be the same, the tears fall quickly just hearing your name.

Silence is golden yet not anymore. Silence brings thoughts I just can't ignore. Surrounded by family our hearts are so empty because you're not here.

We wish we could hug you and just see your face. But, now we have memories to stand in your place.

Gone, but not forgotten that's what they say.

Of course it is true, but if you could have only stayed."

You will be missed so dearly by family and friends. Rock on Sister play your

music for the Angels and family that are with you now! Until we meet again.

Lawrence James Marciel

1929-2017

Born October 25, 1929 in Livermore, California, Lawrence passed away on January 20, 2017, from complications due to pneumonia.

Lawrence was the son of Frank V. Marciel and Maria Medina Marciel. His passing was preceded by his brothers Donald, Norman, Francis, and Paul.

The Frank Marciel family resided in the Livermore area where they raised cattle, and farmed hay and grain crops. Most of Frank's children continued in the cattle or farming business throughout their lives.

In 1951 Lawrence joined the 5th Cavalry Regiment 1st Cavalry Division, where he honorably served the armed forces in the Korean War. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart for combat injuries received during that conflict.

After the war, Lawrence returned home to Livermore, and continued to reside on Collier Canyon Road. He devoted his life to farming crops and tending to his ranch.

Lawrence is survived by brothers Roy of Herald, Herman of Galt, sisters Marie Brockman of Idaho, Teresa Turpin of Livermore, and Sharon Smith of Livermore. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, family, and friends.

Lawrence was a quiet man, with a gentle spirit. He knew the pleasure, and peace, that only those who can reflect in a quiet moment, would understand. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of spending time with him.

Service will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550.

Jack W. Ellis

Jack W. Ellis, age 84, passed away on January 24, 2017 due to heart complications. Jack was born in Washington State, and after attending Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, he moved to the San Francisco Bay area.

He was married to Gayle Ellis for 46 years where they resided in Pleasanton and



Livermore. Jack retired from L L N L in 1993. His true love was the Art of Bonsai, he was a member

and served as President of the Yamato Bonsai Kai Club for several years.

He leaves behind his much loved wife Gayle and three (3) devoted sons, Steve, John and his wife Susie who live in Florida, Jim and his wife Shari, three (3) grandchildren Jessica Muirhead, Jackie and James Ellis, and a great granddaughter Leighton.

He was loved by everyone who knew him.

Kathleen Joy Fuchs

Resident of Livermore

Kathleen Joy Fuchs passed away on the night of Friday, January 27, 2017, at the age of 70. Although her death was unexpected, friends and family can take comfort in the fact that it happened quickly and that she was not alone, but in loving company. She will be missed by many, and remembered for her kindness, strength, humor, wit, and generosity of spirit.

Kathleen, best known as Kathy, was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and teacher of over 40 years. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, James; her mother, Gladys; her sister and brother-in-law, Wendy

and Michael, and their children, Patrick and David; her daughters, Charisse and Elizabeth; her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Robert, and their children, Riley and Abigail; her son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Carli, and their daughter, Ella. She was preceded in death by her father, Walfred.

A memorial service for Kathy will be held in Livermore at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church: 1020 Mocho Street. The service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Tri-Valley Haven: 3663 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, CA, 94550.

Daniel K Johnson (DJ)

June 5, 1968-January 24, 2017


In loving memory of a son, father, brother and papa. He had been a longtime resident of Livermore prior to



moving to Visalia.

His celebration of life is Friday, February 10 from

3 to 5pm. at Clovis Hills Community Church, 10590 N Willow Ave, Clovis, CA 93619.



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Local Educator to Be Inducted into County Women's Hall of Fame

Twelve local women will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at its 24th Anniversary Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on April 1 in Pleasanton.

"Our inductees this year bring a multitude of uplifting stories that inspire pride and bring us hope in these uncertain times," said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, Co-Chair of the Women's Hall of Fame.

Catherine (Suarez) Dunbar was selected in

the category of education. Catherine, who taught Spanish at Las Positas College, educates and empowers others outside the classroom. She co-created a self-esteem program for Latina girls, produced a popular Cuban cultural event and launched a nonprofit providing food and other necessities to residents in need.

In all, the 2017 inductees include a leading force in nonprofit housing development whose work is bringing much-needed progress in the quest for affordable housing;

a local theater arts pioneer who applies her talent to illuminate difficult truths and bridge communities; the co-founder of the world's first incubator and accelerator dedicated to solar and smart energy; and a youth soccer coach who inspires her team of immigrant girls by imparting knowledge gained through her own experience emigrating from Burma.

This year's Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, which will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Sat-

urday, April 1, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building C, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets to the event are available at <http://acgov.org/whof/>.

The program, co-sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the County's Commission on the Status of Women, will raise funds to support important local partners serving women and families in Alameda County. In addition, it will support local girls' academic pursuits through the Mary V. King

Youth Scholarship Fund, named after the former Alameda County Supervisor and Women's Hall of Fame co-founder who died in 2015.

This year's event will also support the Mary V. King Youth Scholarship Fund, renamed last year in honor of the longtime Alameda County Supervisor and Women's Hall of Fame co-founder who served as Mistress of Ceremony for the 2010 Awards Ceremony. The scholarship continues to help young women lead-

ers further their educational pursuits and enhance their prospects as they work toward meaningful futures in civic engagement.

Tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$100. For ticket information and on-line purchase, visit <http://whof.acgov.org>. Sponsorship opportunities that include the sponsoring of tables/seats for youth to attend are available at <http://whof.acgov.org> or please email countyadministrator@acgov.org

EBRPD Reports on Land Purchase Activity During 2016

In 2016, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) purchased or leased 1,040 acres of open space and parklands for a year-end total of 120,931 acres – and optioned another 364.95 acres. In doing so, EBRPD continued its commitment to protect significant biological, recreational, and historic resources; clean up park boundaries; and provide public access and trail connections throughout the Park District.

Land acquisitions and leases include:

1. The 26.87-acre donation of property at Hayward Shoreline which will be incorporated into the adjacent Resource Protected Area for the preservation and enhancement of salt marsh harvest mouse habitat and ultimately become part of a larger wetland restoration project.

2. The purchase of a 20-acre inholding at Point Pinole's Dotson Family Marsh* in Richmond will enhance the District's marsh restoration and public access project while protecting the property from future development.

*formerly called Breuner Marsh

3. The purchase of the 10-acre Patterson Ranch "church parcels" property at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont, one of the few remaining tracts of the historic Patterson Ranch still under ownership by the Patterson family that will serve to extend the eastern boundary of Coyote Hills and preserve the contiguous open space stretching west from Ardenwood Boulevard and Paseo Padre Parkway.

4. The purchase of three properties in partnership

with the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy using both State and Federal grant funds, providing opportunities to protect habitat, seasonal drainages and associated special-status plant and animal species and develop possible trail connections to other open space: 646-acre Nunn property north of Brentwood in the Delta Access Regional Recreation Area; 76.5-acre Hanson Ranch property north of Marsh Creek Road in East Contra Costa County from previous owners Save Mount Diablo; nearly 200-acre Coehlo Machado property at Vasco Hills Regional Preserve with additional grant funding provided by NextEra.

5. The acceptance of a 4.88-acre trail easement at MESP near the Albany Bulb from Golden Gate Fields Land Holdings LLC as part of a settlement agreement related to a condemnation action, helping to close a significant gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail.

6. The conveyance of 28.5 acres of property at Coyote Hills to the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which will allow the ACFCD to widen an important flood control channel and construct a 47-acre wetland mitigation project on a portion of the recently acquired historic Patterson Ranch property, possibly also including public trail access.

7. The continuation of a lease of nearly 20 acres of property at the former Oakland Army Base south of the Bay Bridge take-off which positions the Park District to acquire said property once the Department of the Army

completes its environmental mitigation via an approved Public Benefit Conveyance.

8. The acquisition of a 1,056 square-foot parcel (0.0242 acres) off Tidewater Avenue at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland from Arkansas Bandag Corp allowing for improved access and security measures for both the public and Park District staff.

9. The acceptance of 0.14 acres of trail and drainage easements from the City of Pinole and the lease of 12.83 acres of property from the State Lands Commission along the San Pablo Bay Shoreline, serving as the first steps to the closure of the Bay Trail gap in this area in support of the installation of a grade-separated bridge.

10. The acceptance of 50 acres from Suncrest Homes 26, LLC and successor Antioch Land Holdings, LLC at Black Diamond Mines preventing development of an approved 50-unit housing subdivision; the donation to the Regional Parks Foundation is expected to be valued at around \$3.5 million.

11. The exchange and purchase of trail easements along the Burton Ridge area of the Calaveras Ridge Trail serving to secure portions of the remaining right of way necessary to extend the Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail into Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve in San Ramon.

12. The acceptance of a 1.32-acre lease from Caltrans at Ardenwood (Fremont) in support of the District-wide fiber optics placement project.

The Park District has optioned 364.95 acres sched-

uled to close escrow in 2017. These include:

1. The acceptance, pending completion of due diligence, of 43 acres of the Oakland Inner Harbor Tidal Canal from the Army Corp of Engineers helping to close several gaps in the SF Bay Trail in this area.

2. The exercise of option in partnership with the State Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund grant program of the historic 191.45-acre

Moller Ranch property at the main Somersville Road entrance to Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch, preserving riparian habitat and associated historic structures.

3. The option of three properties in partnership with the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy using both State and Federal grant funds, providing opportunities to protect habitat, seasonal drainages and associ-

ated special-status plant and animal species and develop possible trail connections to other open space: 10.5-acre Nortonville property located near the western entrance to Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve; 80-acre Campos/Fitzpatrick property at Byron Vernal Pools; 40-acre Roddy Home Ranch within the future Deer Valley Regional Park.

Additional purchases will be announced once they are complete.

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LVPAC

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sales for the first six months of 2016 were lower than anticipated, sales for the current season, which began in September, have been strong. Over the last two months, nearly 20 performances have played to completely sold out audiences, including LVPAC Presents shows, resident company events, and rentals. Ticket sales for the month of January 2017 were well above budget.

Kenison noted that over the past year, LVPAC has been able to offer the community broader access to the arts in a variety of new ways. Additional free concerts, art displays and multicultural events were added on the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Open workshops with sculptor Kevin Reese were held to create the colorful two-story mobiles now hanging above the lobby. Other opportunities allowed young people to interact personally with the dancers of Diavolo!Architecture in Motion, contemporary bluegrass band Run Boy Run, and Celtic music vocalist and historian Julie Fowles.

As a non-profit, independent arts organization, LVPAC is not funded by the City of Livermore and depends on donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. As with nearly every arts center in the country, ticket sales cover just 60 percent of the total cost of presenting performances and events.

Plans are already well underway for the official 2017-2018 LVPAC Presents season to be announced in May and launched in September. Programming for the summer season, which begins in July, is proceeding, as well.

To improve administrative processes and better align with the planning and budgeting process, LVPAC will be moving to a new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and running until June 30, 2018.

Together the Bankhead and Bothwell are home to nine resident performing arts companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts instructors. For more information, visit www.lvpac.org

Sandia Names New Management Team

Honeywell International last week identified senior managers who will run Sandia National Laboratory through its subsidiary, National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, or NTESS.

The management team has extensive experience working in defense science and technology, including several members who once worked at Lawrence Livermore or Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Head of Sandia's Livermore site will be Dori Ellis, who was head of National Laboratory Operations at the University of California office of the president in 2015-16. Before that she worked for three years at LLNL as associate director for an office first called Interagency Mission Enhancement and later Strategic Development.

Ellis replaces Marianne Walck.

Director of the overall Sandia operation, including its main Albuquerque site, is Stephen Younger, who has held a wide range of national security responsibilities. Younger will be replacing

current Sandia Labs director and president Jill Hruby. He was a vice president for Northrop Grumman Technology Services, director of the Defense Department's Defense Threat Reduction Agency, senior associate director for National Security at Los Alamos, and a weapon designer at LLNL in the 1980s.

Younger has published several books, including *The Bomb: A New History*, and *Endangered Species: How We Can Avoid Mass Destruction and Build a Lasting Peace*.

Other senior managers include:

Steve Girrens, former associate director of engineering services at Los Alamos, becomes the NTESS/Sandia associate laboratory director for nuclear deterrence.

Douglas Bruder, former vice president at the Leidos national security company, will serve as associate laboratory director for defense nuclear nonproliferation.

Susan Seetrom, who held several senior management positions in physics at Los Alamos, was

named associate laboratory director for advanced science and technology.

Honeywell International, supported by Northrop Grumman and Universities Research Association, won last year's competition for the \$2.6-billion-per-year Sandia operating contract, which for 24 years had been held by Lockheed Martin.

Honeywell created NTESS as the wholly owned subsidiary to fulfill the contract's management responsibilities. A three-month management transition from Lockheed to the new man-

agement is just getting underway, with NTESS taking over full responsibility on May 1.

A Honeywell corporate spokesperson, Nathan Drevan, said the company's immediate goal is "a safe and smooth transition with minimal impact on Sandia staff."

Asked whether NTESS will emphasize community interactions, Drevan said that it is "a little early" to discuss details, but that community involvement is generally important "across the board" at Honeywell.

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The revenue will drop when the state starts paying for the lower ADA attendance this March. The one chance of boosting revenue for next year would involve recruiting students in April and May, which would have a bonus impact when a new cash flow period begins in June, said Williams.

However, Kinder countered that even if enrollment were increased, the charter schools would not see higher ADA payments for the period July 2017 through February 2018. During that time, ADA would be based on the current school year attendance. The apportion-

ment for the adjusted ADA would not occur until March 2018.

Also at the meeting, LVCS principal Jaime Colly passed out plaques to students who won honors in the annual MathCounts competition Jan. 21 at Granada High School. Winners from LVCS were Galaxy Zheng, 3rd place in the individual 7th-8th grade division, and Ruman Das, 3rd place in the individual 6th grade division. Das and Mikayla Marinko were joined by two students from Valley Montessori School to earn a third place on a 6th grade team.

LARPD Approves Lease for Bothwell Arts Center

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors approved a new five-year lease agreement with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) for use of the Bothwell Arts Center.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Maryalice Faltings opposed. She made no comments concerning her vote.

The Bothwell Arts Center is used by LVPAC as an arts incubator, offering affordable and rentable classroom, rehearsal, performance, event, and studio rental space for artists, musicians, theatrical, acting, choral, and other

individuals and groups with a cultural arts focus.

The Center is a 10,000-square-foot, owned by LARPD, is located at 2466 Eighth Street. LVPAC has leased the building since August 2006, with an initial five-year lease and one five-year extension. LARPD has been in negotiations with LVPAC since August, with an approved month-to-month lease holding over the prior agreement. The new five-year lease agreement, with a provision for a five-year extension, will increase the rent each year based on the Consumer Price Index.

A change was made in the lease to allow LVPAC to rent

the facility for events that are similar to events renting at the Robert Livermore Community Center. There was a prohibition in the prior agreements on that point. This change is designed to enable LVPAC to raise more revenue for building operations.

General Manager Tim Barry called the new lease agreement a win-win for both parties. "We have a positive use of the building; they provide art services to the community."

Director David Furst said the district had bent over backward to keep LVPAC in the Bothwell. I look forward to having LVPAC accept

the agreement and work in cooperation with us."

Also as part of the meeting, the Board presented a resolution of commendation to Finance Manager Don Humphrey, who has served LARPD for about seven years, on the occasion of his retirement. Directors were also introduced to the District's new Marketing and Operation Supervisor Alexandra Ikeda.

Barry announced that Sycamore Grove Park will be closed or partially closed at times as water is released from Lake Del Valle. There would be no equestrian use of the trails until they can be repaired.

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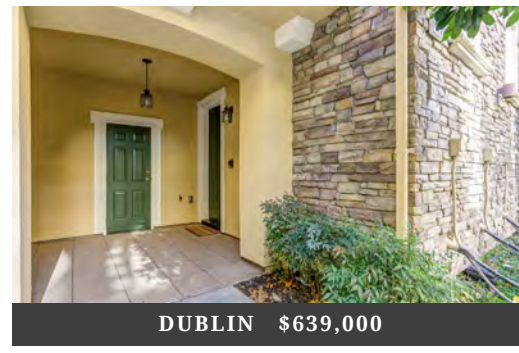
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Pictured are volunteers Russ Fleming and Danielle Sikich at Granada High School (upper left photo); (upper right) teacher Kenon Willis works with students.

'Girls Who Code' Clubs Prove Popular

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) are partnering to introduce coding and basic computer programming skills to middle and high school students during after-school Girls Who Code clubs.

Girls Who Code, a nonprofit organization, strives to support and increase the number of women in computer science. The Livermore Girls Who Code clubs are collaborations involving the national nonprofit program, the School District, and the Laboratory. The program provides training and curriculum to LLNL volunteers who partner with teacher volunteers. Together, they engaged more than 150 students two hours each week for a 10-week course. The clubs are held at all seven comprehensive middle and high schools in Livermore. They are open to girls and boys.

District Coordinator for Girls Who Code, Regina Brinker, said, "We are thrilled with the high number of participants, which shows the depth of interest our students have in learning computer programming."

Ezgi Booth, who teaches science and engineering at Joe Michell K-8 School, declared, "Girls Who Code was

a really great experience.

"Partnership with the Lab volunteers helped us build connections between our classroom and the Lab. Over the course of ten weeks, our middle school girls learned a lot about coding, and more importantly, we built an empowered community among these students who are proud to be the 'girls who code,'" added Booth.

LLNL volunteers brought expertise from their professional work in Computations; Engineering; Weapons and Complex Integration; and the Physical and Life Science Divisions. Marcey Kelley, Computation workforce manager and LLNL point of contact for the Girls Who Code clubs, noted that the volunteers were eager to engage and inspire the students. "This experience was successful because of our volunteers' generosity and their genuine interest in introducing kids to computer science in a fun and friendly way. They are wonderful ambassadors of the Lab," said Kelley.

As the father of two teenage girls, software engineer Russ Fleming was excited for the opportunity to get involved. "The kids at Granada were engaging and fun to work with," Fleming said. "Their enthusiasm and

creativity made me leave each meeting feeling happy to have helped."

The program included activities and lessons in computer coding as well as the history of women leaders in computer science and technology. Students will have the opportunity to visit technology companies in the spring to see what their professional future could look like. Supported by a Community Gift Grant from Lawrence Livermore National Security, students will be invited to participate in field trips this spring, including a group viewing of the movie *Hidden Figures* and day trips to IBM and Workday. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will host a computer science career panel discussion featuring computer scientists from LLNL.

Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, PhD, stated, "I'm grateful for the continuing and expanding partnership with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who helped bring Girls Who Code to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. I'm proud that we are making strides to increase the representation of young women

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We Banjo 3 Brings 'Celtgrass' Music to the Firehouse

Fiddle. Mandolin. Guitar. Percussion and vocals are part of a program to be presented by two sets of brothers, Enda and Fergal Scahill and Martin and David Howley. They are described as among the most celebrated and distinguished young musicians in Ireland today, all holding multiple All-Ireland titles. The Galway Advertiser recently named them "Band of the Year 2016."

We Banjo 3 is headed to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for a concert on Saturday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$25-\$35. 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. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00

noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance if not sold out.

We Banjo 3 blend traditional Irish Music with Americana and Bluegrass affectionately described as "Celtgrass."

In March of 2016, We Banjo 3 was selected to perform at the annual "Friends of Ireland" luncheon on Capital Hill. President Barack Obama, Vice-President Joe Biden, House Speaker Paul Ryan, and Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny were all in attendance.

We Banjo 3 released its fourth album, *String Theory*, in the summer of 2016 to coincide with their U.S. summer and fall tours. The CD received rave reviews, with *Elmore Magazine* saying, "It's as if the Punch Brothers, Sam Bush, Jerry

Douglas and the Chieftains all got together for a battle of the bands but decided to pool their resources instead. The future of World Music has arrived."

The 12 tracks, half of them instrumentals, blend traditional and original songs—some new and some ancient—redefining the boundaries of tradition and in the process, transcending genre and showcasing the technical talent of these players. From "Happiness," to the pyrotechnical mastery of "Kentucky Grind" and "This is Home," *String Theory* is described as an exploration of the timeless interaction of Irish and American music; Ireland entwined with the Appalachian Hills.

String Theory went to #1 on the *Billboard World Albums Chart* on August 20, 2016.



Acoustic Guitar Magazine wrote, "We Banjo 3 have crossed Bluegrass and Irish Trad ingeniously."

We Banjo 3 tours year-round, including stints in Japan, Europe and Australia. The band's current U.S.

tour wraps up with a two night stint at The Ark in Ann Arbor on March 19th.

Show Offers a Look at the Life and Familiar Songs of Cole Porter

Award-winning Australian cabaret performer Michael Griffiths will appear at the Bankhead Theater in his one-man show highlighting the music of Cole Porter. Filled with such familiar songs as "De-lovely," "Night and Day" and "You're the Top," the show follows the life and timeless songs of the American songwriter. A single performance of "COLE" with Michael Griffiths will be on stage at the Bankhead on Friday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m.

From the moment he walks on stage and takes a seat at the piano, Michael Griffiths immediately inhabits Cole Porter's personality, telling stories and singing songs. The show, described as "like spending an evening at home in Cole Porter's private parlor," is a tribute to Porter's complex life, woven through with hedonism, grave misfortune, and enduring love.

Born to wealth, Porter was trained in classical piano but found his true gift in popular song. Encouraged by his mother, he published his first song at the age of 11, the first of the hundreds he wrote over the course of his long career. Unlike many other songwriters of the era, Porter rarely collaborated with others, preferring to write both the music and lyrics himself. Despite a severe horseback riding accident in his 40s that left him with chronic pain for the rest of his life, Porter's career extended another 30 years. From the lively "Anything Goes" and the sly humor of "Let's Do It," to the silky smooth rhythms of "Begin the Beguine," Porter left a legacy of songs that sparkle with wit and wisdom,

An award-winning singer, pianist, actor, and composer who hails from Adelaide, Australia, Michael Griffiths voice has been described as "perfectly suited" to the music of Cole Porter. Among his many performance credits, he was nominated for a Green Room Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance as Bob Crewe on the first Australian tour of "Jersey Boys." His one-man cabaret shows such as "In Vogue: Songs by Madonna" and "Adolescent" have met with enthusiastic audiences in New York, Hong Kong, London, as well as throughout Australia. Griffiths won the Best Cabaret Adelaide Fringe Award in 2014 and Best Cabaret Weekly Award in 2015.

Griffiths developed "COLE" with Australian writer Anna Goldsworthy ("Piano Lessons" and "Welcome to Your New Life"). The show premiered by invitation at the 2015 Adelaide Cabaret Festival, where it promptly sold out. This is its first US tour.

"COLE" is just one of the tributes to the music of the American Songbook at the Bankhead Theater this year. In March, the American Big Band musical "In the Mood" returns to showcase songs of the World War II era. With singers, dancers and a live big band. Two performances of "In the Mood" are scheduled for March 21 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for both "COLE" and "In the Mood" are on sale now through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street in Livermore, via phone at (925) 373-6800, or online at www.bankheadtheater.org



Michael Griffiths as Cole Porter

Class in Filmmaking Open to Teens and Young Adults

By Carol Graham

A brand new film class is open to all teens and young adults, aged 14 to 22, interested in learning the art of filmmaking.

"Introduction to Filmmaking" is offered by the talented team that launched Joey Travolta's Inclusion Films' and Futures Explored's workshops and camps in 2013, and Futures Films, a full-service film and video production company, in 2016.

"We have always been interested in expanding our programming into the community," said Hester Wagner, program director of Futures Films. "All who have a desire to explore the art of film are welcome to apply."

The ten-week course begins on February 8 and runs through April 26. Two weeks (to be decided) will not have classes. With space for up to 15 participants, the classes will take place on Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., at Dublin's Heritage Park and Museum's Sunday School Barn, located at 6600 Donlon Way. The cost for Dublin residents is \$200, and for non-residents \$240.

"Students will work collaboratively to create one film,

which will incorporate an element of arts in Dublin into its theme as this class is possible due to a generous space grant from the city of Dublin," said Wagner. "Participants will learn scriptwriting, design, camera, lighting, sound, acting and editing."

Students do not need previous filmmaking experience. Through hands-on instruction and guidance from professional filmmakers, students will create an original short film. Early class sessions focus on learning how to write a script, pre-production and design, followed by filming and editing. The final product will be screened at a special event on May 17.

Wagner noted that in addition to learning filmmaking skills, students benefit by gaining life skills. "Filmmaking is collaborative," she said, "therefore it always increases skills such as flexibility, patience, problem solving and team work."

The Practical Film & Media Workshop was launched by actor, director and former special-education teacher Joey Travolta and Futures Explored, a non-profit that provides employment training services to adults with

developmental disabilities. With locations in Livermore, Bakersfield and Sacramento, the 20-week vocational workshop promotes student learning through individual projects and paid experience in the film and media industry.

"Students from our vocational film workshop in Livermore will work as TA's (teacher assistants) in the Introduction to Filmmaking class," said Wagner. "An added benefit is the community-integration aspect of more inclusivity with local communities. Our students are so talented and dedicated, why not share those skills with others?"

To apply or learn more, visit: or www.futuresfilms.org or www.futures-explored.org.

Livermore Valley Wineries Offer a Variety of Events in February; Year-long Passport Available

February 2017 offers wine enthusiasts many opportunities to fall in love with Livermore Valley wine country. This wine region is home to more than 50 wineries offering award-winning wines and fun events.

Romance your wine-loving Valentine with Livermore Valley's new Passport a year-long ticket to wine tasting in the valley. Valid through December 31, the Passport entitles the holder and a guest to one complimentary tasting at each of 40+ member wineries plus a 10 percent discount on purchases of 3 or more bottles. Use the promo code "ValentinesDay" at www.LVwine.org to get the Passport for only \$214—almost 40 percent off the regular price.

To get started exploring the friendly tasting rooms and picturesque vineyards of Livermore Valley wine country, treat your Valentine to one or more of the following delicious events in February. See www.LVwine.org and winery websites for event details and prices.

February 4 & 5:

- Wine & Cheese Pairings at Les Chenes, www.leschenesvine.com
- Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight at Las Positas, www.laspositasvineyards.com
- Live Music by Steve Fread at Retzlaff, www.retzlaffwinery.com

February 10, 11 & 12:

- Wine & Chocolate Pairing at Page Mill, www.pagemillwinery.com
- Valentine's Weekend at Tesla Vintners, www.teslavintners.com
- Port and Chocolate Tasting at Cedar Mountain, www.cedarmountainwinery.com
- Romance, Wine & Chocolate at Wente, www.wentevineyards.com
- Wine and Chocolate Weekend at Concannon, www.concannonvineyard.com

- Wine & Tango at Ehrenberg, www.ehrenbergcellars.com
- Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight at Las Positas, www.laspositasvineyards.com
- Valentine's Drawing and Live Music by "Sexy Trumpet" Jeff Borders at Retzlaff, www.retzlaffwinery.com

February 14:

- Cuda Ridge Valentine's Day Winemaker Dinner at Purple Orchid, www.cudaridgewines.com
- Valentine's Day Dinner at Underdog Wine Bar, www.concannonvineyard.com
- Valentine's Day Dinner at McGrail, www.mcgrailvineyards.com
- Valentine's Day Dinner at Café Garré, www.garrewinery.com

February 18, 19 & 20:

- Wines, Vines & Valentines at Cuda Ridge, www.cudaridgewines.com
- Triple Chocolate Fondue Fountains Paired with Library Wines at McGrail, www.mcgrailvineyards.com
- Live Music by Matt Finders and Friends at Retzlaff, www.retzlaffwinery.com
- Oak 101: Educational Class at McGrail, www.mcgrailvineyards.com
- Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight at Las Positas, www.laspositasvineyards.com

February 25 & 26:

- Bottle Your Own at Cedar Mountain, www.cedarmountainwinery.com
- Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight at Las Positas, www.laspositasvineyards.com
- Live Music by Jackson Rohm at Retzlaff, www.retzlaffwinery.com

February 28:

- Yoga and Wine at McGrail, www.mcgrailvineyards.com
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LLNL Volunteers: From left: Emily Brannan, Lisa Belk, Ed Seidl, Marisa Torres, Yaniv Rosen, Kathleen McCandless, Danielle Sikich, Michele D'Hooge, Jeff Parker, Karina Bond, Jessica Mauvais, JoAnn Matone, Janet Seidl, and Ryan Verdon. Not pictured: Marcey Kelley, Russ Fleming, Daniel Howell, Chris Schroeder, Juanita Ordonez, Aaron Jones, Terri Quinn, and Jonathan DuBois.



LVJUSD Volunteer Teachers: Pictured from left are: Ezgi Booth, Susan Johnston, Linda Smith, Jaymes Sabater, Amber Catlett, Bill McManus, and Kenon Willis. (Not shown are: Donna Ostlund, Donna Lee and Arch Manganaan.)

GIRLS WHO CODE

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in the rapidly growing field of computer science. Together, we are creating the leaders of tomorrow."

For students who have developed an interest in these areas, the District offers a range of core and enrichment classes, clubs,

and activities to foster growth in the computer science discipline. There are numerous specialized pathways at Livermore and Granada High School including Computer Science, Biotechnology, and Green Engineering. Furthermore,

the District is a national leader in Project Lead the Way and offers STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) electives for middle and high school students as well as an expanding array of clubs and enrichment activities.

Bras for the Cause Scheduled for April 29 in Pleasanton

"Bras for the Cause" will be held this year on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 7PM, in Pleasanton. This unique, fun, high-spirited, 8K evening stroll is hosted by Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures).

While wearing decorated bras and costumes, walkers travel on the sidewalks of downtown Pleasanton and surrounding neighborhoods to raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

One hundred percent of money raised goes to local breast cancer beneficiaries. Each registered walker is asked to raise a minimum

of \$200 in tax-deductible donations.

Pre-walk festivities include fabulous raffle baskets and a bra judging contest. Numerous decorated bra categories are judged for individual and team awards. During the walk, a sweep limo is provided for participants who may need additional assistance to reach the finish.

The Finisher's Party completes the event with entertainment and an awards ceremony. Walkers receive a goodie bag containing event sponsors products and also a 2017

Tri-Valley SOCKs "Bras for the Cause" commemorative t-shirt.

As of 2016, Tri-Valley SOCKs has raised and given over \$1.4 million to local breast cancer beneficiaries. In 12 years of organizing and hosting this event, the annual fund-raising goal of \$150,000 has been met or exceeded and walker participation continues to increase.

To register for the walk or to donate online, please visit www.trivalleysocks.org.

For further questions, send email to info@trivalleysocks.org.

Valentine's Dinner Takes on a French Flavor

Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, and Cuda Ridge Wines have partnered to create a unique dining experience scheduled for Valentine's evening, February 14th.

The seven courses of French Cuisine, paired with Cuda Ridge Bordeaux style wines, will be held in the event center at Purple Orchid Resort and Spa. The Valentine's evening wine and food pairing is \$125 per person, tax inclusive, gratuity will be added. Call Purple Orchid Resort and Spa at 925-606-8855 for reservations. Special package rates are available for those who would like to include a night stay at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa.

Cuda Ridge Winemaker, Larry Dino, and Purple Orchid proprietors, Derek and Rhiannon Eddy, wanted bring a Bordeaux style dining experience to the Livermore Valley's world class wine country. "Margie and

I have always wanted to create an authentic French style wine and food pairing with our Bordeaux style wines," says winemaker, Larry Dino. When presented with the idea, Derek and Rhiannon thought that it was a natural fit to host a French style dinner at the Purple Orchid Resort. Purple Orchid's preferred caterer, Valley Catering, has teamed up with Cuda Ridge. "As we were planning this romantic French style dinner, Rhiannon and I thought, there would be no better time to have this dinner than Valentine's night," says Derek.

The evening will start with a welcome reception featuring four appetizers paired with Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. As guests are seated, dinner will be kicked off with a Bouillabaisse Soup complemented with Cuda Ridge's signature Cabernet Franc. A palate cleansing Lemon Sorbet, followed with

Duck Pate, will be paired with Cuda Ridge reserve - Melange d' Amis. The main course will be served family style on large platters which include Chicken and Mash Potatoes in a rich Cabernet Wine reduction, and Filet Mignon in a Red Bordeaux, paired with Cuda Ridge 2013 Bordeaux style Cabernet Sauvignon. Following the main course is the traditional Landaise Salad with sliced Duck. The evening will wind down with cheese platters and a sweet dessert course paired with Petit Verdot.

Cuda Ridge Wines focuses on handcrafted, small lot, Bordeaux style wines. It is located at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Tasting Room hours are Friday - Sunday, 12:00 - 4:30 PM. Purple Orchid is a full service Resort and Spa located at 4549 Cross Road. For questions or reservations, contact Purple Orchid at 925-606-8855.

PLTW Teacher of the Year From Dublin High School

Dublin High School Engineering teacher Eugene Chou was honored last week as the Project Lead the Way State (PLTW) Engineering Teacher of the Year at the annual PLTW Summit in Riverside.

Chou is in her 10th year of teaching at Dublin High School. She has taken a leading role in the schools burgeoning Engineering Academy, a program that has grown from 60 students to more than 400 in the past seven years. She was the faculty advisor responsible for the start-up of the Gael Force Robotics Club, which has competed in regional, state, national and international competitions, taking home numerous awards.

In addition, Chou founded the Engineering Mentoring program for students in their junior year, recruiting professional engineers from around the Tri-Valley to work directly with students. The mentor program has proven to be a model for the state.

“We are thrilled to see



Eugene Chou receives her award.

Eugene receive this recognition,” said Dublin High principal Maureen Byrne. “Through her dedication and vision, she has put Dublin High School’s Engineering program on the map. She has led the effort with a committed group of teachers to create a unique and amazing educational experience for Dublin students.

Project Lead The Way, a non-profit organization, creates comprehensive science programs for K-12 students in the subject areas of Engineering, Biomedical Science and Computer Science. The PLTW program is a series of modules, units or courses for elementary, middle and high school students, including in-depth professional development

for teachers, classroom support and more.

Dublin Unified has been participating in the PLTW program for eight years. There are currently PLTW programs at Dublin High School, Wells and Fallon Middle Schools and an elementary pilot program at Amador Elementary School.

LPC Instructor Organizing Japan Visit

Valley residents have the opportunity to sign up for a guided trip to Japan that Las Positas College business instructor Patricia Stokke is trying to form.

The trip is not limited to Las Positas students. Anyone may come. There will not be any academic credit.

Stokke’s plan is to have the trip from May 28 to June 7, with stops in Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto, and Osaka. Stokke spent six years in Japan while growing up, and wants to share the culture and beauty of the land.

The tour would have full-time guides who know

each of the areas where the tourists would be staying.

“What’s great about it is that you see so much more than if you went on your own. When I went to Greece, it was an amazing trip. We had a great look at the country and the culture. That’s what we will be doing in Japan,” said Stokke.

Japan has been and continues to be very important to American business. Stokke said, “Our world has become so global.

Even if you never leave your hometown, it’s likely you will have interaction with someone outside your

country, for example, doing long distance business, or they come here, and work with people. They are very different from ourselves. Experiencing a different way of life is important to gain flexibility in the business world.”

Stokke plans to include a bullet train ride, and visit a business in Tokyo. With a little luck, she says, there might also be a visit to the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and possibly a university.

For more information, or to sign up, contact pstokke@laspositascollege.edu.

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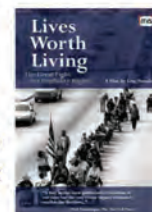
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Review

'Anything Goes' Takes the Audience on a Madcap Journey at the Firehouse Arts Center

By Carol Graham

At first sight of the SS American, audience members know they're headed for a high time on the high seas.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's thrilling production of the 1934 musical "Anything Goes" is a perfect mid-winter vacation that requires no planning or packing, only one's presence at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. When the lights go down, the adventure begins – sweeping attendees away on a buoyant, exhilarating, laugh-out-loud romp.

Joy Sherratt, who plays Reno Sweeney with sparkling charisma and verve, says, "Anything Goes is a hilarious adventure filled with song, dance and dialogue that entertains and brings you back to a golden era of musical theater."

That is unquestionably one of the things that makes Anything Goes so much fun: it is not only a journey across the Atlantic, but also a trip back in time to an era nestled between two

world wars when Americans escaped their worries via madcap, glamorous entertainment – an era when people dressed properly but bantered improp-

erly, envied millionaires but admired gangsters, and romanced with discretion but seduced with sly sexiness.

Yet what makes the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) production a must-see show is how brilliantly and seamlessly all of the theatrical elements weave together: a colorful cast of characters, witty dialogue, timeless music, exuberant dancing, stunning costumes, and lighting as dazzling as sunbeams on water.

"I am absolutely thrilled to work with this big, professional cast. This show features Broadway national touring actors and amazing professional dancers," says Director David Judson. "I'm equally thrilled to work with such an incredible creative team, including the critically-acclaimed Music Director Brett Strader and Choreographer Suzanne Brandt.

Along with catchy tunes is stunning choreography that, even on an intimate stage, calls to mind the intricate visuals of Busby Berkeley.

Anything Goes features incredible Cole Porter music and fantastic dancing, including tap, and our pro orchestra will be playing their hearts out."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Song and dance numbers in "Anything Goes" make for a lively performance

Along with catchy tunes is stunning choreography that, even on an intimate stage, calls to mind the intricate visuals of Busby Berkeley. With only 227 seats, the Firehouse offers proximity to the stage that virtually makes viewers part of the action and infuses the air with crackling

electricity. Keep an eye out for Anything Goes, the final number in act one, with its spectacular tap dancing and lyrics that are as true today as

83 years ago, "The world has gone mad today, and good's bad today, and black's white today, and day's night today . . . though I'm not a great romancer, I know that you're bound to answer, when I propose, anything goes!"

Though the orchestra, set and drop-dead gorgeous gowns are gems in the glittering show, it is the talent of the performers that represent its crown jewels. Sherratt infuses Sweeney with the sassy charm that is paramount for the show to work, while all around her hilarious, quirky

characters follow their own agendas, notably Ali Lane as Evangeline Harcourt, Amy Franklin Leonard as Hope Harcourt, Ray D'Ambrosia as Moonface Martin, Melissa Momboisse as Erma, Tim Wagner as Billy Crocker, Chris Vettel as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, and Michael Patrick Gaffney as Elisha Whitney.

"Many of the cast members have done this old chestnut more than once," says Gaffney. "This is my second sailing aboard the SS American as Eli Whitney."

The action, though

whip-fast, is easily understood and followed: a young man sneaks passage on a ship sailing from the U.S. to England after he discovers his paramour is aboard and about to marry another man. Having to disguise himself, he pairs up with Public Enemy Number 13, Moonface Martin, which naturally causes chaos on all decks.

The show opened on January 28 to a full house and enthusiastic ovation, with upcoming performances scheduled through February 12. Friday and Saturday shows (Feb. 3-4 and 10-11) begin at 8 p.m. Three matinees (Saturdays, Feb. 4 and 11, and Sunday, Feb. 12) begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets for a cruise aboard the SS American are \$19-\$40, and parking is free.

For seasoned theatergoers and newcomers alike, "There's No Cure Like Travel" during a show that's "Easy to Love." "All Through the Night" you'll want to tell the performers "You're the Top," and the crew "I Get a Kick Out of You." But before it's time to say "Bon Voyage" you'll be absolutely delighted that "Anything Goes."

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit www.firehousearts.org, phone (925) 931-4848, or stop by the Firehouse box office at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

Volunteers Sought to Make 'Night to Shine' Prom a Success

Sunset Community Church & Cornerstone Fellowship will serve as one of more than 350 churches around the world that will host Night to Shine, sponsored, by the Tim Tebow Foundation simultaneously on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Night to Shine is a prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered

dinner, karaoke, prom favors for each honored guest and, of course, a dance floor... all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

Sunset Community Church & Cornerstone Fellowship are not allowing capacity limitations to restrict any guest or volunteer from attending. They will be hosting Night to Shine Tri-Valley at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. They are looking for the community to unite together in hosting one large prom for people with special needs. They need local services such as florists, restaurants, rental companies and limos as well as over 500 volunteers

to make this night a success.

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation will provide each host church with the official 2017 Night to Shine Planning Manual, the official Night to Shine Prom Kit, complete with decorations and gifts for the guests, and personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member. The foundation also is providing financial support to hundreds of churches needing assistance in hosting the event.

For information, go to Night to Shine Tri-Valley Website www.NTSTriValley.org or contact Jenna Lowry at NightToShine@sunsetcc.org

Sign Up for Pleasanton Youth in Government Day

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District will be hosting the 2017 Youth In Government Day on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to hear from city leaders and shadow staff. Applications, available now at bit.ly/YIG2017, the school administration offices or Ptownlife.org, are due Friday, February 24.

Students will begin the day at the Firehouse Arts Center with a continental breakfast. They will hear from City Manager Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and the Interim PUSD Superintendent Micaela Ochoa. Through two sessions separated by a catered networking lunch, students will have the opportunity to shadow two different city or PUSD staff members.

Job shadows may include City Manager, School Administrators, Operations Service Center, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Services, Human Resources, Library Services, Civic Arts, City Planning, Information Technology, Business Services, and more (Shadows are subject to availability).

Students of Foothill,

Amador Valley and Village are encouraged to apply for this program by completing the online application at bit.ly/YIG2017.

For more information, please visit Ptownlife.org or contact Recreation Coordinator, David Weisgerber at dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 925.931.3474.



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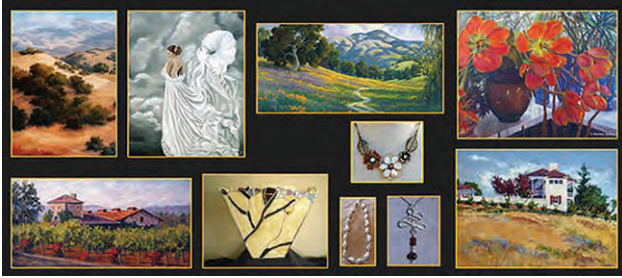
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ART & ENTERTAINMENT



New 'Brilliance' Exhibition Features Work of 41 Artists

Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host the opening of Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit "Brilliance." Gala reception will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 5 to 7pm, with wine and hors d'oeuvres. The exhibit will be on view seven days a week from February 10, 2017 to April 23, 2017. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

The exhibit features 41 member artists and guest artist Natasha Foucault, who will be showing her hand-painted silk art. Members' artworks include paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, and wearable art.

The exhibit is curated by Debby Koonce, Kerima Swain and Beverly Turner.

Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville, California, in the Blackhawk Plaza. Telephone: (925) 648-8023.

Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10AM-8 PM and Sunday 11AM-6 PM. Holiday hours are: February 20 Presidents' Day 10AM-5PM. www.BlackhawkGallery.org

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.

Freeze Frame Photo Exhibition, beauty of the Tri-Valley will be displayed in the Bankhead Theater lobby, 2400 First St., Livermore through Feb. 27. The exhibit is on loan from the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

Imagination Expressed 2017 - Local artists show paintings, photography, and sculpture in a variety of styles and media January 11 through March 26 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street Pleasanton. www.museumonmain.org

California Watercolor Association's 47th Annual National Exhibition

Opening January 14, running through February 25 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 75 or so artists from California and beyond have been accepted by this year's judge, nationally acclaimed jurist and watercolor artist Donna Zagotta. A wide variety of styles and types of water media are represented. PAINTING DEMONSTRATIONS: Wednesday, February 8 from 12:30-2:30 (Sue Johnston and Ruth Miller.) For complete listing of events, visit www.firehousearts.org. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated. Exhibit dates: January 14 through February 25, 2016.

"WaterMusic-Jazz" - Special Art Exhibit at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. San Francisco artist Peggy Gyulai's latest series, featuring large-frame abstract works in oils. Each painting is

a chronicle of an encounter with music. Ms. Gyulai has done painting collaborations with a number of impressive music performance groups and venues. EXHIBIT: January 13 through February 15, during regular gallery hours. More information: www.peggygyulai.com. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations appreciated.

On the Fringe, Studio Art Quilt Association: March 9 to April 15, 2017; opening reception March 11, 1 to 3 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org. Related children's program Young@Art paper quilts, Thurs., March 16, 4:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Art League Show, March 31 to April 2, Alviso Adobe, 3465 Old Foothill Rd., Pleasanton. Open Fri., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun. 4 p.m. reception and awards.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League & Livermore Art Association general meeting Monday, February 13, 7:30 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Guest Artist is Paul Kratter, a plein air oil painter.

Alamo Danville Artists' Society, meeting Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Demonstration by Glenn Brill on artists' oil colors Some of the topics covered will be color theory and mixing, mineral vs modern pigments, painting mediums, and studio safety. Free products will be available as well as literature. Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Blvd, Alamo. www.ADAS4art.org

Call to Artists: 3rd Annual Celebrate Women! Las Positas College, 2017 photographic art competition. General Guidelines: Each image submitted must use one woman/several women as subject matter presented with honor. March is international women's month, so, the show is hung March 1 - 30th in building 2400. Reception: March 16, 2017 from 6 - 8 with awards at 7 in Room 2420 all on the campus of Las Positas College at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Parking \$2. For more detailed guidelines email: CelebrateWomen2017@gmail.com

Music Sing-A-Long. Sing familiar tunes with other folks with piano and guitar accompaniment. The words to the songs will be provided. No musical training required. Small fee to L.A.R.P.D. Mondays at 11:00-12:00. Call 373-5700 for L.A.R.P.D.

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.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

WINE & SPIRITS

Las Positas Vineyards, Sat., Feb. 4, Featured Food Pairing: a Chocolate

Truffle and Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open from 11:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Wente Vineyards, Romance, Wine & Chocolate features 5 wines and dessert pairings prepared by Wente Vineyards. Learn how chocolate and wine can pair to create a romantic experience. Feb. 11, 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. \$45 Club, \$50 Public. Space is limited. Assigned seating. Reservations are required. For more information, call 925.456.2424 or visit www.wentevineyards.com. The Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Charles R Vineyards...Denim, Diamonds & Drinking: New Released 2012 Julio Cab & 2016 Pinot Grigio; celebrating an early Valentines Da. Wear favorite of denim. Saturday, February 11th from 11:30am - 4:30pm www.charlesrvineyards.com

Retzlaff Estate Winery, February 12, Annual Valentines Weekend Drawing for a Basket of Love. Live Music provided by the valley's own "Sexy Trumpet" - Jeff Bordes and the Burnt Ends. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

10th Annual Cuda Ridge Wines, Vines and Valentines - Feb 18th & 19th. Taste small lot, 2014 S&M, and purchase while supplies last. This blend is forceful, yet tender, just like the black label that dresses this lady. The wine is named S&M because of its unique blend of 62% Sangiovese and 38% Malbec. S&M is included in our Desire tasting flight which is \$10.00, complementary for Cadre club members. Andys Candies will be on hand for chocolate toffee tasting and available for purchase. Live music with Frankie Bones on Saturday, and Lexi Blair on Sunday. Cuda Ridge Wines is located at 2400 Arroyo Road. No reservations are required. For more information go to www.CudaRidgeWines.com or call 510-304-0914.

Barrels, Bottles & Brews, featuring wineries, distilleries and breweries. March 25 and 26, noon to 4:30 p.m. Livermore Valley Wine Country. Tickets \$45 in advance, \$55 day of event. www.lvwine.org

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Retzlaff Estate Winery, Live Music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

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

Temirzhan Yerzhanov and Klara Frei in concert with the Tri-Valley Gradus ad Parnassum Youth Orchestra "Four Hands and a Baton." 8:00 pm Feb. 4. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Cole: the Music of Cole Porter, 8 p.m. Feb. 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org

org or 373-6800.

Del Valle Fine Arts, Aspen Trio/Bryan Young, string trio with bassoon, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

LIV ON: Olivia Newton-John, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Amy Sky, Sunday afternoon, February 12, 2017 Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, will be only Bay Area appearance on this leg of the tour for the newly-released album. 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org. 373-6800.

The Chieftains, 8 p.m. Feb. 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

WE BANJO 3 - Flamboyant mix of Irish, Bluegrass, and Old-Time music. Award-winning Galway quartet at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Saturday, February 18, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets \$25-\$35. Banjo. Fiddle. Mandolin. Guitar. Percussion and Vocals. The two sets of brothers, Enda and Fergal Sciahill and Martin and David Howley, are among the most celebrated and distinguished young musicians in Ireland today, all holding multiple All-Ireland titles. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. prelude talk, 8 p.m. concert. Inspirational Journey, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

International Guitar Night, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Classic Albums Live: Rumours, 8 p.m. Feb. 24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Global Symphonic Gems, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, 2 p.m. Feb. 26. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Kelly Brandeburg, A Tribute to the Songs of Barbra Streisand, 2 p.m. Feb. 26. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Betty Buckley, 8 p.m. March 3. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Zeppelin USA, March 4 and 5. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Spencer Day, 8 p.m. March 11. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Neil Simon's Last of the Red Hot Lovers, 7:30 p.m. March 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Kahulanui - Hawaii's Kings of Swing, 8 p.m. March 24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

East Bay Marathi Mandal Hindustani Music Concert, March 25, 5 p.m. Dub-

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lin High School Center for the Performing Arts, www.ebmm.org

Del Valle Fine Arts, Escher Quartet, strings, March 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Anything Goes: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off 2017 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton with this high-energy, high-seas musical romp. Story: The S.S. American is sailing between New York and England with a comically colorful assemblage of passengers: Reno Sweeney, Billy Crocker, Hope Harcourt and a second-rate con-man named Moonface Martin. Song, dance, and zany antics ensue as Reno and Moonface try to help Billy win the love of his life. Runs weekends through Sunday, February 12: Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays matinees at 2 p.m. (no show Feb. 5). Check website or box office to confirm availability. Reserved seat tickets are \$19-\$40. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Twelfth Night, 2 p.m. Feb. 26, Pleasanton Library. San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presentation, Q&A follows, as well as Playshop, a one hour hands-on experience with cast members. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. 931-3400.

Shakespeare Goes to Gravel Gulch or The Villain Drove a Bard Bargain, every weekend starting March 11 and ending April 1st Sunol Repertory Theatre Company presents a classic melodrama at Sunol Glen School Auditorium, 11601 Main Street, at 8pm. Profits support the liberal arts program at Sunol Glen School. Over \$150,000 has been donated over the last 35 years. www.sunol.net/srt, 925-449-2693 **Twain Infinity - Intergalactic Nemesis III,** 8 p.m. March 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Madagascar Jr., a musical adventure, March 17-26. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Brighton Beach Memoirs, The Neil Simon coming of age play, March 31-April 9, 2017. Fri./Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.laspositascollege.edu

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

MOVIES

The Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Library will feature a range of genres. "On the Islands," themed films will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 2017. 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Free admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some

films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. Visit www.pleasantonlibrary.org for a list of films and more information.

Lives Worth Living: free documentary series, Firehouse Arts Center: Three part documentary series celebrating diversity and shared humanity. Events are free, however tickets are required. Feb. 16, 7 p.m. We Are Different, We Are the Same; March 30, 7 p.m. The Mask You Live In; April 20, 7 p.m. He Named Me Malala. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

DANCE

Journey To Broadway, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sat., Feb. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Presented by the Livermore School of Dance directed by Liz Roberts. The dance performance includes many styles of dance: Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Modern, and Tap. Variety of music from well-known Broadway shows and composers, such as Hamilton, Cats, Waitress, 42nd Street, Aaron Copland, Andra Day and more. 373-6800 or www.bankheadtheater.org

Russian National Ballet Theatre: Giselle, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Rhythmic Circus: Feet Don't Fail Me Now, 8 p.m. March 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

Winter Voices: Voices in Harmony & Some Friends of Mine, presented by a local award-winning male a cappella chorus known for its mastery of barbershop harmony and winner of championships and competitions. They will sing hits from the American Songbook. Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Donation: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. (925) 846-4489. www.catholicsofpleasanton.org

March Madness with the Masters, Valley Concert Chorale, 3 p.m., March 19, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or 866-4003.

OPERA

Marriage of Figaro - a timeless comedy with its bubbling overture and brilliant arias composed by Mozart at the height of his genius - the result is a witty yet profound tale of love, betrayal, and forgiveness. It tells how the servants, Figaro and Susanna, cleverly outwit their master, Count Almaviva, from seducing Susanna. Through their manipulations, the Count's love for his Countess is restored. Adding to the fun is an old man seeking revenge, a scheming maid, a drunken gardener, and an amorous teenager. Saturday 7:30pm March 11 and 18; Sunday 2:00pm March 12 and 19; \$42 - \$89; Bankhead theater 2400

First Street, Livermore; 925-373-6800; LVPAC.org; LivermoreValleyOpera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Hagemann Ranch Open House. Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

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 Nancy Tingstrom Turner at ntingstr@yahoo.com.

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

"Flygirl," annual Livermore Reads Together (LRT) book. Public Library will host programs and events based on themes found in the featured book. Copies of Flygirl and LRT event schedules will be available at all Livermore Public Library locations. All LRT events are free Unless noted, events are held at the Civic Center Library on 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Saturday, February 4, 1 pm: Screening and discussion of The Tuskegee Airmen (1995, PG-13). Free screening of the HBO movie starring Laurence Fishburne. Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 pm: Presentation on aviation pioneer Fred Wiseman by Stephen A. Lehmann, president of the Windsor Historical Society Saturday, February 11, 11 am: Sunday, February 12, 2 pm: Author Susan Wels discusses her book Amelia Earhart: The Thrill of It. Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm: Flygirl Readers Theater performed by actors from the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Friday, February 17, 3:30 pm: Sulphur Creek Nature Center's Birds & Bats in Flight animal and craft program at Rincon Branch Library. Saturday, February 18, 1 pm: Teen Screen Printing Workshop. Sunday, February 19, 2 pm: Author Craig Harwood discusses his book Quest for Flight: John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West. Tuesday, February 21, 3:30 pm: Kids learn to create paper airplanes at the Springtown Branch Library. Friday, February 24, 3:30 pm: Family movie day at the library featuring Disney-Pixar's Up (2009, PG). Saturday,

February 25, 2 pm: Talk and Q&A with the award-winning author of Flygirl, Sherri L. Smith. Sunday, February 26, 2 pm: The Swingin' Blue Stars in concert. 925-373-5500 or visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

New Orleans Bash, 5 p.m. Feb. 4, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Mardi Gras celebration complete with French Quarter decor, Louisiana style cuisine, Hurricanes, live New Orleans jazz and more. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Evening with Harriett Tubman: Tuesday, February 14th, 7pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museummain.org. at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Tails at Twilight, gala benefit for the Valley Humane Society. March 3 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. \$125 per person includes champagne reception, hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, full no-host bar, dancing, live and silent auctions. valleyhumane.org/

It's Magic, 8 p.m. March 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

St. Patrick's Day Festival, March 18 & 19: Dublin. Everything Irish including a parade, arts and crafts, food, entertainment, etc. www.dublinstpats.com

An Evening with Bernardo de Galvez: Tuesday, March 21st, 7pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museummain.org. at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Dr. Alan Ashworth, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, Cancer Researcher: "Developing New Treatments for Hereditary Cancer and Beyond." 7:30 p.m. March 23. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

New Summer Program Offered by Valley Dance Theatre

The School of the Valley Dance Theatre has announced its new Summer Intensive program to be held during the week of June 19-23, 2017. The ballet intensive is open to dancers ages 9 years and up with at least three years of ballet training. It is ideal for all dancers who wish to improve technique and grow as artists, whether their goal is to become professional dancers or to simply dance for recreation and enjoyment. The intensive week is offered in addition to the school's regular summer program of ballet classes that run from June through August.

Students Interested in the Summer Intensive are required to take an initial class to determine their correct placement level. The Junior Level Intensive runs Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Senior Level Intensive takes place Mon.-Fri. from 1:00p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All classes are held at the Valley Dance Theatre studio at 2247 2nd Street, Suite B, Livermore.

The Summer Intensive curriculum consists of ballet technique, pointe, variations, and both classical and contemporary ballet repertoire. To help students develop versatility in their dancing, additional classes will include modern, Pilates, character, stretch and strength, dance history, and partnering (Senior Level only).

"We have been working for quite some time to



Leif Jensen and Lauren Allen rehearse a lift at The School at the Valley Dance Theatre. Photo - Jerwin Chua

develop a Summer Intensive program that is really enjoyable and beneficial to students," says Valley Dance Theatre Founder and Artistic Director Betsy Hausburg. "In years past, many of our own students have accepted invitations to participate in summer intensives all over the country. Our Summer Intensive classes, taught by our team of qualified and passionate instructors, will be joined by guest teacher, Jake Casey of the Cincinnati Ballet. They will offer individual feedback and a diverse class curriculum."

More information about the Summer Intensive is available by phone at (925) 243-0925 or email at office@valleydancetheatre.com.

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Mel McKay (left) interviews Melanie Sadek from Valley Humane Society.

Mel McKay Takes On Position of Conversations Host on TV30

KKIQ radio DJ Mel McKay is taking the recently vacated position of host on TV30's show *Conversations*. The public affairs program has been a staple of TV30 for decades. McKay replaces long time host Robin Fahr. McKay will continue to be heard mid-mornings on KKIQ and provide traffic information for their *Hometown Mornings* program. Her debut show is currently broadcasting on TV30 and available at tv30.org. Guests included in this program are Melanie Sadek from the Valley Humane Society and Paul Sevilla representing the Livermore Library system.

Mel McKay began her broadcasting career in Salt Lake City, UT after completing a degree in Broadcasting. She has performed as an on air host and management executive for major radio stations in Reno, NV, Redding, CA, Las Vegas, NV, San Diego, CA and Dallas, TX.

"We are pleased to have Mel join our TV30 family and host this valuable community program" said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director of Tri-Valley Community Television.

Conversations airs weekdays on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse on Channel 99. The program may also be viewed anytime and anywhere via video on demand on the TV30 website at tv30.org.

New Pastor at Grace MBC

Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Livermore has announced that Jeff Barger has accepted the church's call to fill the position of pastor.

Pastor Barger comes to Grace from Tulare, CA, where he most recently served as Assistant Pastor of Tulare Missionary Baptist Church. He also served as Vice-President and an instructor in Tulare Missionary Baptist Seminary. He received his Th.D. from TMBS in 2010.

The new pastor considers himself highly blessed by the opportunity to serve with the members of Grace, and of them he states: "They are a very loving and caring group of Christians who sincerely want to please the Lord Jesus Christ."

Grace MBC meets at 1759 Locust Street in Livermore. The church encourages members of the community to visit in its services. The church's website is www.gracembc.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Fraternal Order of Eagles Annual Crab Feed, 6 p.m. Sat., Feb. 18 at 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Cost \$45 includes pasta, salad, all you can eat crab. Call 925-449-6281 or 925-449-4557. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 10.

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, Feb 7 at 7:30pm at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont. Moe Flannery will speak on the topic: Topic: Dead Whales do tell tales - what we learn from post-mortem examinations and museum specimens. Moe Flannery, Ornithology and Mammalogy Collection Manager at the California Academy of Sciences, will share some of the stories uncovered during recent whale post-mortem exams along local coastlines. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information go to www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Mount Diablo Rose Society: Join us to hear Andy Lopusnak of Mike's Camera in Dublin speak about photography. Andy, who is a professional sports, cityscape, and portrait photographer, will provide guidance on camera basics and taking pictures of gardens and flowers. The meeting is on Wednesday, February 8 from 7:30 to 9 PM at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Guests are welcome.

Public Forum on Changes in Crisis Services, 7:15 to 9 p.m. Mon., Feb. 6, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. NAMI Tri-Valley and FERC present this public forum on proposed decreases in crisis services in the Tri-Valley area. Crisis Services provides a safety net within the community should someone with Medi-Cal experience a mental health crisis. East Alameda County pays the highest taxes for least amount of public mental health services. Plan to attend this one opportunity to hear from the Director of Crisis Services.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Feb. 12, 1 p.m., general meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Feb. 7 to Marsha, 830-8483. Feb. 15, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by Feb. 13 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. Feb. 16, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by Feb. 14 to Mary, 705-7337. Feb. 18, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by Feb. 11 to Dolores, 833-1908. Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m. brunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Feb. 16 to Marsha, 830-8483. Feb. 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Feb. 20 to Patty, 875-0988. Feb. 26, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Feb. 23 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Livermore High School Class of 2017 Safe and Sober Grad Night (a LHS PTSA Program) Twilight Tasting Fundraiser. Thursday, February 2, 2017, from 4:30-8:00 pm at Page Mill Winery

(1960 S. Livermore Ave.) for wine tasting (including Port and brownie pairing), light snacks, drawing, and unique vendors. All tasting fees (\$10/person) and 10% of winery and vendor sales will be donated to LHS PTSA Safe and Sober Grad Night 2017. Can't make it to the fundraiser? Help by donating via the following: <https://www.gofundme.com/livermore-highclassof2017>

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Guest will be Davie Goerss who will speak on the topic, Path to Glory: Start researching Your WWII Ancestor without Getting Lost. He will explain the research landscape, as well as provide advice on utilizing a phased approach to research to effectively locate and track ancestors. No charge. Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Kay Speaks, Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

Girls Night Out Networking, "Cooking" in Pleasanton, 5-7 p.m. Feb. 6, Pans On Fire, 3059 Hopyard Rd., Suite JK, Pleasanton. Cooking demonstrations, best apron contest. Must RSVP/prepay to confirm reservation, \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html Questions: 925-487-4748.

Grief Workshop - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Join us bi-monthly. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton; second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm, Feb. 9, 23. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708 for more information.

Social Justice Forum: Film Screening, Feb. 12, noon to 1:30 p.m. "From This Day Forward," the story of a love and a family that survived the most intimate of transformations. With her own wedding just around the corner, filmmaker Sharon Shattuck returns home to examine the mystery at the heart of her upbringing: How her transgender father Trisha and her straight-identified mother Marcia stayed together against all odds. From This Day Forward is a moving portrayal of an American family coping with the most intimate of transformations. View the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/164500080>. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore.

Crab Feed, The Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. is having its 5th Annual Fundraising Crab Feed on Sat. March 18, 2017 in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Livermore High School. 6 - 10 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Ticket prices: \$55.00/person. See www.livermorehighalumni.com for current information or call Ray: 925-548-8817

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Sat., February 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, 3999 Bernall Ave., 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

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver fresh meals to homebound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 pm. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

Learn Scottish country dancing in Livermore: lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Classes are 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.

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/ or contact Fred Quarterman at 925-337-5342 or Deb Tacker at 925-447-1135.

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com

Square dancing for all ages 8 years and up Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-6 Monday through Saturday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30 PM Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

Volunteer Drivers Needed: to transport seniors to medical appointments. Volunteers chose when they want to drive, where and when, via email. All that is needed is a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Contact Jennifer Cullen for information at 931-5387 or jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission Measure BB funds.

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet

to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

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 p.m. Come or call a volunteer at (925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: www.clutterlesseastbay.org

Birthright Pregnancy Support Center, 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore, located directly behind the blue bus stop near the corner of Fenton St., and next to Stanford/ValleyCare Hospital. Birthright's free and confidential services include - pregnancy tests, caring guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. (925) 449-5887 for an appointment. Our office hours are: Mon., Tues., Wed., 10-2; Thurs. 12-4; 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10-1. 1-800-550-4900 Helpline is staffed 24/7. www.birthright.org/Livermore for more information on Birthright's services.

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 www.trivalleysesir.org/ and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

Tri-Valley Haven provides crisis stabilization counseling for those experiencing difficulties related to domestic violence, abusive situations, sexual

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assault or other challenging emotional issues. We provide assistance with individual therapy and/or group support. Please call to schedule an appointment: 925 449-5845 (Counseling Intake)

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.

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. Check the website for meeting location: 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.

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.operationssam.org, email operationssam@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.

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 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 aril.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 925-621-8946 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.

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-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence 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 EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 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 Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvalyrlivermore.org or 925-447-

4457.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Con-cannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

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, Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

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, and youth activities 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.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. 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.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

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, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

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, no matter where they are on their faith journey. Sunday worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. First Sundays of the month are informal with guitar. Children's choir is at 11:40-12:10. "Come As You Are" is an informal service every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. www.lynnwood.org, 925 846-0221.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St.: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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 wor-

ship 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, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). www.LivermoreQuakers.com

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

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. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

Unity of Tri-Valley is a welcoming spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. www.trivalleyunity.org. 925.829.2733

GraceWay Church will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. until new home is refurbished and updated. Services include band-led worship music, as well as choir anthems. Sunday School for infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. www.gracewayfaith.org or 846-4436 for information.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages. Meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am; through May 11, 2017. St. Charles Parish, Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. For WINGS speaker presentations and events: stcharleslivermore.org, click on "Upcoming Events" and "WINGS". Questions: Donna Leach 925-443-6815 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

Milestones

Foothill DECA Students Shine in Competition

High school students from Foothill High School in Pleasanton competed at the DECA Northern California Career Development Conference in San Ramon, California from January 13-15 and earned 147 awards collectively, Foothill's best year to date.

There were a total of 27 overall presentations that resulted in 1st-3rd place winners, including six who placed top three in both of their events: Benjamin Chen, Courtney Hartjoy, Saachi Keswani, Raymond Peng, Praveen Ravisankar, and David Xu.

"NorCal was a great learning experience for me," says Amira Nayyar, about her first DECA conference, "I learned a variety of skills

in marketing and business in general through training and competition, and am looking forward to the state competition later this year."

Prior to the Northern California Career Development Conference, students prepared for months to compete in the organization's numerous events.

Over 850 students from various schools in the region participated in a variety of real life business scenarios that tested practical and theoretical skills surrounding marketing, management, hospitality and tourism, finance, and other business subjects.

Through comprehensive exams, on-the-spot presentations, and prepared written projects, students were able

to demonstrate the skills gained through months of training.

In addition, the conference provided opportunities to network with other students, as well as alumni and professionals in the numerous fields, furthering students' exposure to the business world.

Foothill DECA is now preparing for the State Career Development Conference in March.

1st-3rd Place Winners 2017: Benjamin Chen, food marketing series, 3rd and sports and entertainment promotion plan, 1st; Christy Chen, financial consulting event, 1st; Calvin Chou, accounting applications, 3rd; Lauren Dennen, professional selling, 3rd; Yasmin



Foothill DECA's competitive team after the awards session at the 2017 Northern California Career Development Conference in San Ramon, California. Photo courtesy of student photographer.

Ghaemmaghami, buying and merchandising operations research, 2nd; Courtney Hartjoy, restaurant and food service management, 3rd; hospitality and tourism professional selling, 3rd;

Valentina Im, buying and merchandising team decision making, 1st; Abel John, sports and entertainment marketing, 3rd; Saachi Keswani, hotel and lodging management, 2nd, hospitality and tourism professional selling, 1st; Kaylie Kim, buying and merchandising team decision

making, 1st; Elisabeth Kizanis, hospitality and tourism team decision making, 2nd; Mohit Kondle, business service marketing, 2nd;

Ananth Kumar, hospitality and tourism operations research, 2nd; Raymond Peng, advertising campaign, 1st; retail merchandising, 1st; Praveen Ravisankar, professional selling, 1st, marketing communications series, 3rd; Ajit Selvakumaran, financial consulting event, 2nd; Rathvik Sunku, hospitality and tourism operations research,

2nd; Mihir Weling, hospitality and tourism operations research, 2nd; David Xu, advertising campaign, 1st, human resources management, 1st; Weldon Yang, advertising campaign, 2nd; Cindy Zhao, accounting applications, 2nd.

DECA is a career technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

Elise Allen Added to LVEF Board of Directors

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) has added Elise Allen to its Board of Directors.

Elise grew up in San Francisco. After earning a BA in Psychology and Master of Social Work, she embarked on a career in social work and counseling before becoming a teacher. For the last 20 years, she has taught at Leo Croce Elementary School in Livermore. She spearheaded the school's dyslexia screening program. Her husband and two children also work in the education field.

"I have a passion for reaching all students. I see them as individuals with unique needs," says Elise. "My face lights up each morning when I open the door to 24 eager faces."



Elise Allen

Elise says her interest in LVEF stems from her appreciation for the Foundation's long-time contributions to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD). "LVEF has done so much for the LVJUSD,

for so many years. I look forward to helping LVEF continue its great work," she noted.

"I am thrilled that Elise has joined our Board," says LVEF President David Jonas. "She has a tremendous reputation in the community, and brings a strong teacher's perspective and deep understanding of our school district to the table."

Elise is currently training to run the San Francisco Half Marathon this summer... a race she first ran 39 years ago.

LVEF is an all-volunteer non-profit organization established in 1991 to raise money for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. For more information visit www.lvef.org.

Alain Pinel Adds New Realtor to Company

Alain Pinel Realtors (APR) has announced that Realtor MaryJane Billowitch has joined the company's Pleasanton / Livermore office. A certified relocation specialist and accredited staging professional, Billowitch has built a distinguished reputation for her ability to showcase homes, as well as her understanding of clients' needs.

"I take great pride in helping my clients achieve their goals. Through an extensive network of professional contacts and relationships with lenders, I have had the privilege of helping countless

buyers and sellers," Billowitch explained. "I am excited to join the APR team and look forward to continuing to showcase the area's many wonderful communities."

Billowitch joins APR with a decade's worth of experience as well as knowledge of communities throughout northern California. Billowitch was honored by the Bay East Association of Realtors with the Achievement Club President Award in 2013, 2014 and 2015, and the Achievement Club Master Award in 2012 and 2016. Billowitch was also featured on HGTV's My First Place in 2011.

A resident of Livermore, Billowitch is a member of the National Association of Realtors, California Association of Realtors and the Bay East Association of Realtors. Outside of real estate, Billowitch volunteers at her church and children's school, in addition to having served as a Brownie leader and troop organizer. Originally from Pennsylvania, Billowitch earned a degree in business administration from Lehigh Carbon Community College.

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