



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.

“Screaming Panic”

Facing Up To The Unthinkable: A Rogue Nuclear Detonation

by Jeff Garberson

It's a terrifying scenario. An unknown group detonates a small nuclear weapon in a major American city, choosing the rush hour for maximum destructive effect.

Tens of thousands die immediately.

An entire urban area is devastated. Under overwhelming pressure to “do something,” the federal government has little if any understanding of what happened or why, as it tries to decide on next steps.

Even the deceptively simple

question of whether an explosion was nuclear may not be answered definitively for hours. What the government would learn in the coming hours and days will determine whether it moves toward law enforcement, diplomacy, military action or some combination of

the three.

An insider's look at the forensic process that will likely be pursued if the U.S. ever has to make these decisions was presented last week to the Valley Study Group by a retired scientist and manager

(See NUCLEAR, page 8)

Pleasanton May Take New Look at Owens Drive

The Pleasanton City Council was set to review the future configuration of Owens Drive at its priority workshop on March 14.

The meeting took place after The Independent's deadline.

At issue is the city's narrowing of Owens Drive in front of the East BART station from three lanes to one lane. The road was narrowed in front of a new apartment building to allow for diagonal parking in front of the building, where live-work units will be offered.

At the March 7 council meeting, speakers talked about traffic delays, safety issues, and using public right-of-way to provide parking for a private development. Safety issues involved pedestrians crossing against the signal and emergency vehicle access.

Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilmember Karla Brown stated after hearing from staff and the public that they would like to see the road widened to at least two lanes.

Thorne said speakers had changed his mind when they pointed to the impact the narrowing could have on emergency vehicles. "It is not possible to restore all three lanes. I would like to see some options to see if we can make the road two lanes," commented Thorne.

Brown noted that at least 1400 units would be coming online in close proximity to Owens Drive, which would create more drivers and pedestrians. "I support restoring lanes. Drivers shouldn't have to wait another year before the council makes a decision. The change was made with good intentions. It went too far. It's not a success."

She, and some members of the public, suggested building a bridge over the road.

The other three councilmembers, Jerry Pentin, Arne Olson and Kathy Narum supported waiting a year before making a decision on whether or not to add one lane.

They noted that changes incorporated into Iron Horse Trail crossing had been made that appeared to be lessening the delays.

Mike Tassano, City Traffic Engineer, told the council that when the road was narrowed, delays were anticipated. However, they exceeded predictions mainly due to the number of pedestrians and bicyclists using the Iron Horse Trail

(See OWENS, page 2)



Dublin has joined other Valley communities in painting utility boxes. Suzanne Gale is shown painting a shamrock themed mural at the corner of Brighton and Village Parkway. It is the first box of six. Gale is painting two of them.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

TVLC Withdraws Appeal to County

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) has withdrawn its request appealing a decision by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) concerning TVLC's two Livermore charter schools.

As a result, the Alameda County Board of Education canceled a hearing it had scheduled for March 14 to hear the appeal.

LVJUSD rejected a TVLC request to renew the charters for both schools. It was an early request by TVLC. The charter for the K-8 Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) does not expire until June 2018, and the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) in 2020.

The request for early renewal was a legal strategy, in case

LVJUSD moved for revocation of the schools's charters, according to reports. This was before LVJUSD sent a new Notice of Violation (NOV) to TVLC based on the loss of its Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation. That could still be the subject for a new, separate appeal, said TVLC CEO Lynn Lysko.

(See TVLC, page 2)

School Board Refuses to Attend Dublin City Council Meeting

By Ron McNicoll

The entire Dublin Unified School District Board was invited by the City Council to attend the council's regular meeting to talk about the community impacts that any of six potential sites for a second Dublin high school would have on the city. However, the school board refused to show up, and notified the council beforehand in a letter.

Instead, the board sent attorney Mark Williams to the March 7 meeting to ask the council not to discuss the sites, which were listed in three separate items on

the agenda. Williams said that the public exposure on local television and before a council audience could give landowners insights that would work against the district's attempt to acquire the land. Even if a site were acquired, information from a public discussion could result in driving up the price of the parcel, said Williams.

Board president Megan Rouse answered a reporter's question later about skipping the meeting. Rouse said, "Some councilmembers have expressed disappointment over the sites the board is closely considering for our second

high school. I felt that attending the meeting might encourage a dialogue and debate that does not belong in an information item at a City Council meeting."

However, school trustees remain "open to communication and collaboration, and are firmly focused on finding a location for our second high school," added Rouse.

Like all public agencies looking at a land deal, the school board meets in closed session to discuss the subject. Williams and Rouse were referring to that confidential

(See DUBLIN COUNCIL, page 12)

No Action Taken On Sanctuary City

The Dublin City Council heard information about what it means to be a Sanctuary City, but took no action on doing so. They declared they would not be hearing the subject again.

At the March 7 meetings, councilmembers said they are satisfied that state law grants protections to immigrants' rights in regard to orders from ICE to local government and its police force. Speakers at an earlier meeting had requested that the item appear on the agenda.

Many audience members spoke at the March 7 meeting, with a distinct majority against adopting the title of Sanctuary City.

City Attorney John Bakker reported that no definition of a Sanctuary City exists in state or federal law. Cities designate themselves Sanctuary Cities in various ways. In general, they involve limitations on city officials' ability to share information with ICE, the federal immigration authority; they also may put limits on local police abilities to make arrests and hold people in custody based on

(See SANCTUARY, page 2)

Livermore School District

No Plans To Send Lay-off Notices

Based on budget projects, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has no plans to send out lay-off notices to teachers this spring. Rather, the district is anticipating hiring up to 30 new teachers.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Van Schaack reported to the school board last week, that the district has received over 375 applications for teaching positions in Livermore. "While there is a teacher shortage, by getting an early start on recruitment for the 2017-2018 school year, we believe our applicant pool will be strong once again."

He added that the main source of new teachers would come during a recruitment fair to be held on March 25.

In looking at the 2017 school year, Van Schaack noted that it has been an unusual one in terms of student enrollment. Typically, enrollment will decrease slightly, 1%- 2%, from initial projections.

(See LIVERMORE, page 12)

Livermore Okays Sunflower Hill Housing For Developmentally Disabled Adults

A residential compound for developmentally disabled adults was approved by the Livermore City Council at its meeting on Monday.

The vote was unanimous, with Bob Carling absent. Bob Woerner stated, "This is a wonderful project. It consists of a very thorough and responsive design to deal with neighborhood concerns."

MidPen Housing Corporation, in partnership with Sunflower Hill, Inc., will develop 44 units of affordable, supportive housing for adults with developmental dis-

abilities at 4260 First Street, across the street from Safeway.

The project consists of seven buildings, including one multipurpose building and six residential buildings, ranging from one to two stories on the 2.3±-acre site. The development will preserve the existing historic single-family home built in 1927. It will be converted into service offices and an on-site manager's residence.

The approval included rezoning the land to accommodate a higher density. A provision giving prefer-

ence to Livermore and Tri-Valley residents will be part of the final package.

Steven Spedowski noted that the architecture blends in with the neighborhood. He raised the issue of giving preference to area residents when accepting applications to live in the homes.

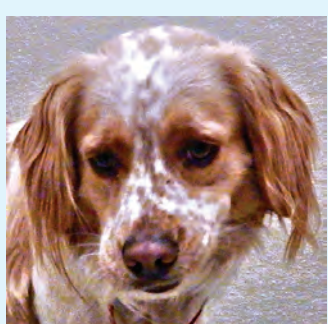
Bob Coomber said he knew many of the young adults who would be eligible to live at Sunflower Hill. "They really want to make a life for themselves. They

(See SUNFLOWER HILL, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Max McGee installed a produce stand at Hagemann Ranch for his Eagle Scout project. For the story, go to page 5.)



PET OF THE WEEK

Hello, my name is Simone! I love to play and then find a lap to curl up in. Perhaps it could be yours? I'm a pretty white-and-tan Brittany spaniel mix with the most expressive ears. Can you tell what I'm wondering about right now? (Hint: it has do with life at home with you.) Adopt me today so we can find out together! I'm at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 p. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656.

Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

INSIDE

MAIN SECTION

Classifieds.....	10
Editorial	4
Mailbox	4
Roundup.....	3
Short Notes	10

Sports	6
Obituaries.....	9

SECTION A

Art & Entertainment.....	8
Bulletin Board.....	10
Milestones.....	12

TVLC

(continued from page one)

TVLC has until March 24 to answer LVJUSD concerning the WASC issue.

Meanwhile, TVLC decided to drop the appeal to the county because it wanted more time to carry out its proceedings in bankruptcy court. TVLC says it wants to right its financial ship. The books show a debt of \$3.5 million, including the two charter schools in Stockton.

At its Feb. 14 meeting, the county board heard from Livermore superintendent Kelly Bowers. She asked the board to reject the appeal making specific findings itemizing its objections. The other option would have been not to approve the appeal, but stand mute about it, a form of neutrality. If the

TVLC appeal were to go to the State Board of Education, the LVJUSD case for rejecting the charter requests would be stronger with an itemized list of objections from the county, she said.

County board members did visit the Livermore charters several weeks ago. Some believe the visit may have played into the TVLC decision to drop the appeal. Lysko said that the other reason for dropping the appeal was the positive attitude shown by visiting county board members and staff, once they had talked to teachers and parents at LVCS and LVCP.

The county visitors asked parents why they have their children in the schools,

and how they liked it. One mother told a reporter later in a phone call that she has two children in LVCP and one who graduated last year. Previously, the children had been home-schooled, but they wanted a bricks-and-mortar experience for high school.

A big factor for the family was that LVCP operates on a semester system, unlike the Livermore high schools, which use a trimester system, she said.

Also, the school's project-based learning was very much like home schooling, she said. She was surprised her daughter got so excited about math that she now lists math as a favorite class.

The mother said differ-

ent parents chose the school for different reasons. Some kids struggled elsewhere, had tried private schools or home-schooling, and then found a "great fit with LVCP." The mother reported that county board members said they were enjoying the visit to the campus.

Another mother, Carolyn Trinta, said that her children had been in Livermore elementary schools, and cried when the time came to send them to school. Neither child liked school, or was doing well. There behavior turned around to that expected from a bright child, with what she said was the school giving more attention and a better diagnosis of their problems.

OWENS DRIVE

(continued from page one)

to cross the road to reach the BART station.

He said of the change, "It was deliberate, thoughtful and not done in a hurry. We expected some additional delay, but felt it was worth it to allow easier crossing."

"The delay was beyond expectations due to the number of pedestrians crossing, around 150 per hour." Tassano explained the delay resulted because of continuous calls to stop traffic, done by pushing a button. As one group crossed, another group pushed the button. The decision was made to have two separate crosswalks. Pedestrians would push one button to cross to a median. Rather than having to wait until pedestrians completed the crossing, traf-

fic could then resume on that side. Pedestrians would push a second button to complete the entire crossing.

Not all of those speaking objected to the change. One noted that he had been opposed to narrowing the road to one lane, but changed his mind. Slightly inconveniencing 400 to 500 cars to accommodate 300 to 400 pedestrians is not a bad trade-off. "It's better than having them in cars."

Most felt that creating an hour-glass configuration, going from three lanes to one lane then back to three lanes represented bad planning. They wanted to see all of the lanes returned. "It was a bad idea. It's not working," was a sentiment expressed by many.

SANCTUARY

(continued from page one)

their immigration status; and they may also limit federal authorities' access to non-public government spaces without a court order.

State law already covers some of the tactics used by Sanctuary Cities. That satisfied all five council members that immigrants were well-protected. It was a point also made by many audience members who said the city should not go any deeper with protections, which could involve a cost to the city, or, in their view, encourage illegal immigration.

As to cost, Bakker reported that President Trump signed an order on Jan. 25 that said it is the Executive branch's policy to withhold federal funds from "sanctuary jurisdictions." It directs the Attorney Gen-

eral and Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that such jurisdictions do not receive federal funding. If the Trump Administration acts on the order, Dublin could lose funding. The city received \$83,000 in Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Among the current state laws are the TRUST Act and TRUTH act. The TRUST Act says that local police cannot keep a non-citizen on an immigration hold order after the person is eligible for release from criminal custody under state and local law.

The TRUTH Act requires that local law enforcement provide non-citizens information about certain rights they have, if they notify ICE of a detainee's upcoming time and date of release.

Dublin's police work on contract from the Alameda County Sheriff's office. The county policy is to enforce the laws without consideration of immigration status. Detainer requests from ICE are not honored. The policy distinguishes between a detainer request from ICE, and an arrest warrant signed by a judge, which is honored.

Among the many audience speakers was a resident who said that his house, which is near Shannon Park, was ransacked, and so was his son's. "We are not without crime. The police do not have enough staffing," he said. Their hands would be tied with Sanctuary City

policy, he added. Further, revolving door felons that are arrested should be turned over to ICE.

Another speaker said that her ancestors came to America in the 1600s. They were homeless and tempest-tossed, as in the verse on the Statue of Liberty, which welcomes immigrants to America. She said that her ancestors "welcomed all others. There are people here who are welcomed by this principle. I hope Dublin will uphold this tradition," she said.

A woman who said she was of Mexican and Native American ancestry said, "Dublin is a safe haven for



Small Business Tax Returns
Individual Tax Returns
Accounting Services
Tax Planning
Conundrum
(925) 399-4226
conundrumgroup.net
Affordable
Experienced • Friendly

RETZLAFF
Estate Wines

Barrels, Bottles and Brews
March 25 & 26
Live Music Every Sunday!

1356 S. Livermore Ave, CA | (925) 447-8941
HOURS: 12-4:30PM; CLOSED WED

GREEN WITH ENVY!! 🍀

Amazing upgrades, newer home, backs to park, walking distance to downtown! 4 BD (potential 5th), 3 Full BA, 3020 Sq Ft
WELL PRICED AT \$1,115,000

Linda Futral
Broker/Realtor
925.980.3561
linda@lindafutral.com
www.lindafutral.com
License #01257605

ALAIN PINEL
REALTOR

**OPEN HOUSES: FRI 4 - 7 PM,
SAT & SUN 1 - 4 PM**

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO TRI-VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Help Preserve Land for Future Generations

Donate cars, trucks, boats, tractors and RV's. Running or not. Tax Deductible.

Call 1-888-686-4483 or visit TriValleyConservancy.org

My retirement will be well shared.

HM Hanson McClain Advisors®

Retire Well.

Everyone's idea of retirement is unique. Are you prepared to do yours well?

If you are within 5 years of retiring, get a **free** retirement account review to see if you are on your way to retiring well.

Call **(888) 2-HANSON** or visit **HansonMcClain.com/Free-Review**

Hanson McClain Advisors is an Investment Advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Securities offered through Hanson McClain Securities, a Registered Broker/Dealer, member FINRA/SIPC.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Detailing Russian Interference

Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) on Wednesday launched a webpage detailing Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. elections, links between President Trump and his associates and Russia, Russia's undemocratic actions and human rights violations, Russia's influence on U.S. foreign policy, and what we can do about it.

"Russia is not our friend. They attacked our democracy. Yet, President Trump resists this finding, even though every day we continue to hear more about his team's ties with Russia," said Swalwell. "We need to get to the bottom of this and understand what the political, personal, and financial ties are between President Trump, his team, and Russia. This website helps to connect the dots between Russia and the President and his team."

The webpage can be found at <https://swalwell.house.gov/russia>

Swalwell and Rep. Elijah Cummings (MD-07), the Ranking Democrat Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, have introduced H.R. 356, the Protecting Our Democracy Act. If approved, H.R. 356 would establish a 12-member, bipartisan, independent commission to investigate Russia's attempts to interfere in and influence the 2016 elections and find a solution for how to prevent this from happening in the future.

Glazer to Chair Committee

Senator Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, has been named as Chairman of the Select Committee on Student Success, a forum that will explore current approaches to preparing, admitting and educating college students, while examining innovations that can lead to greater student achievement.

The areas that this select committee specifically will consider are: the progress of the California State University and community colleges in advancing new four-year graduation rates; non-traditional pathways in the awarding of degrees; and the criteria currently used for four-year admissions.

Glazer commented, "As California employers will continue to rely more on a diverse and educated workforce, it's time to examine whether our current approaches to educating our college students are outdated or non-productive."

Sen. Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica, the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, agreed to serve on the committee because it promises to open up new avenues of inquiry that otherwise would not be explored as deeply in a standing committee.

"A Select Committee on Student Success would be a place to gather experts for discussion – not to push a specific agenda, but rather to learn best practices and innovations to improve student success," Glazer said.

Times and locations for hearings have not yet been set.

Accessible Advisory Committee

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels Bus system and Dial-A-Ride paratransit service in the Tri-Valley, is seeking applications for members and alternates to serve on the Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee (WAAC). Members on the WAAC represent the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton, unincorporated Alameda County and Tri-Valley social/human services agencies.

Candidates must reside in the cities of Livermore, Dublin or Pleasanton. Candidates do not have to be disabled or over 65 years old.

Interested candidates are required to submit an applica-

tion to LAVTA. LAVTA's Board of Directors selects and approves the representatives.

WAAC members will receive a free annual Wheels fixed route bus pass. In addition, ADA paratransit eligible members can ride Dial-A-Ride service to and from WAAC meetings free of charge.

Interested candidates should request an application by calling (925) 455-7555 or download an application from the Wheels website, www.wheelsbus.com. The deadline is April 17, 2017.

On-line Voting Registration for Youth

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the launch of online pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds. By pre-registering, California youth will have their voter registration become active automatically when they turn 18.

Pre-registration does not change the voting age, which is still 18. Instead, it allows eligible Californians ages 16 or 17 to complete the online voter registration form, so that they will be automatically registered to vote as soon as they turn 18.

The new online pre-registration is available to California youth who are 16 or 17 and meet the following criteria: United States citizen, resident of California, not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony, not prohibited from voting by a court because of mental incompetency.

16- and 17-year-olds who do not have a signature on file with the DMV, through a driver license or state ID card, will need to complete the pre-registration process by printing a paper form and mailing it to a county elections office. Applicants will be sent confirmation when their voter pre-registration application is processed, or they will be contacted if more information is needed to confirm their eligibility.

Missing Teenager

The Livermore Police Department is seeking the community's help in locating a missing teenager.

Andrew "Andy" Nichols walked away from his home in Livermore on 3/11/17 at about 11 am. Andrew is described as a high functioning autistic young man with the cognitive and social skills of a 12-13 year old. Andrew does not have

any known friends or associates. The Livermore Police Department is asking our community to keep an eye out for Andrew and to immediately contact the department if someone sees him or knows his whereabouts.

Andrew is described as a white male, who is eighteen years of age. He is 5' 11" tall and weighs about 165 lbs. Andrew has brown hair and hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a dark colored t-shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. Andrew left home without his medication, cellular phone, or money.

Contact LPD at 925-371-4987 with any information.

RE/MAX Accord Open Thurs., March 23, 10-1:30
\$949,000 Sat/Sun, March 25 & 26, 1-4:30



Ivy LoGerfo 1312 Pegan Cmn., Lvrmr.
 925 998-5312

Custom home in gated community. Exudes warmth, charm & sophistication. Stunning usage of wood, feels so stately! Updated ktchn, 3 beds, library & basement, 3.5 bths, 14,630 yard, pool!!

IvyLoGerfo.com * Your Livermore Connection

Our 3 Wines of the Month

PLUS-de-VIE Red Blend - Livermore Valley

Mostly Mourvèdre plus Grenache and Syrah from 3 Livermore plots. Made (and quaintly-labeled) the Southern Rhone way with local yeasts and oversized barrels. So fragrantly complex, we show it in a Pinot Noir glass!
 25.99 / 23.99 for wine club members

CHATEAU d'ÉPIRE - Savennières, Loire Valley, France

Imported by Kermit Lynch, this is brilliant and dry 100% Chenin Blanc. Lemon peel, chalky marshmallow dust, and champignons all happen hauntingly, refreshingly, wonderfully. Got goat cheese?!
 21.99 / 19.79 for wine club members

FINCA SOBREÑO CRIANZA - Toro, Spain

Rioja may be more famous, but Spain's other Tempranillo places also deliver great juice. Lesser-known Toro makes 'em bold; often untamed. This producer excels with barely-restrained dark deliciousness!
 19.99 / 17.99 for wine club members

• EST. 1999 •

THE WINE STEWARD

PLEASANTON, CA

641 Main Street in Downtown Pleasanton
 (925) 600-9463 | www.thewinesteward.com

NEXT RSVP-ONLY EVENT:
 The Spanish and French Imports of Eric Soloman

There's a
NEW BIKE SHOP IN TOWN
FREE Bike Pick Up & Delivery in the Tri-Valley

Ask About Our Group Rides
WE SERVICE ALL BRANDS



MENTION THIS AD FOR A FREE BICYCLE SAFETY INSPECTION

My Buddy's Bike Shop
 1601-B Railroad Ave, Livermore
925.583.5454



ColdwellBankerHomes.com



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE™

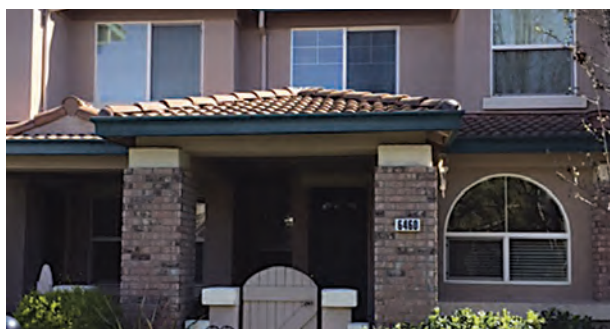
Coldwell Banker is proud to have represented the Livermore Community for years.

AGENT OF THE WEEK



Sherrill Cody
 925-321-3296
 CalBRE #01480559

A Livermore resident and full time Realtor since 2005, Sherrill adheres to the "client first" philosophy and is continuously challenging herself to improve her negotiating, marketing and customer service skills. She is a great listener and works hard to extend the range of service she provides to her clients. She dedicates herself to exceeding her client's expectations of superior customer service. Coldwell Banker is proud to be affiliated with Sherrill.



LIVERMORE COMING SOON!
6460 Forget Me Not
COMING SOON IN LIVERMORE!
 3 BR 2.5 BA Very nice unit in grt cmplx w/all 3 Bdrms&Lndry Upstrs. Atch 2 Car grg. Great Loc!
 Sherrill Cody, CalBRE #01480559 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE \$1,539,000
2775 Chablis Way
STUNNING CUSTOM HOME IN RUSTIC AREA
 5 BR 5 BA One-of-a-kind, Stunning home in S. Livermore. Rare, Custom, Court Loc, Garden & Koi Pond.
 Sharon Paulson, CalBRE #00467347 408.507.0435



LIVERMORE \$1,149,000
1843 Buena Vista Avenue
RANCHETTE-HEART OF LIVERMORE WINERY
 2 BR 1 BA Over an ACRE on End of Country Road. Lovely House w/Lrg SHOP, Horse Set-Up, Arena +Stalls!
 Kay Stromgren, CalBRE #00890095 925.580.9050



DUBLIN \$1,378,000
11367 Village View Court Sat/Sun 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
GORGEOUS HOME W/ AMAZING VIEWS!
 4 BR 3 BA Dublin Home w/ INCREDIBLE Views!Updated Kit/BA w/ 1 BD/BA on the 1st Floor.
 Daisy Ng, CalBRE #01311067 925.872.6888



LIVERMORE \$1,275,000
2480 Cowan Way Sat/Sun 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
STUNNING EXEC HM IN LADERA ESTATES
 5 BR 4.5 BA Stunning Exec Hm Feat:Grmt KIT w/slab Grnt Cntr,Frm! Din, Sep Lvng/Fmly Rm. Many upgrds!
 Romar De Claro & Matt Toffey, CalBRE #01341138 / 01955909 925.847.2315/ 408-482-6089



TRACY \$569,950
1229 Mamie Anderson Lane
"PICTURE PERFECT"
 4 BR 3 BA Pristine,Upgraded w/Custom Features,1st Flr BD/BA,"Chef's Delight" Grmt Kit & Solar Panels
 Judy Holthe & Kay Stromgren, CalBRE #01402178 / 00890095 510.599.2024/925.580.9050

925.847.2200 | 5980 Stoneridge Drive, Ste 122

ColdwellBankerHomes.com



californiahome.me | f/cbcalifornia | t/cb_california | p/cbcalifornia | /coldwellbanker

EDITORIAL

Retain the Oak Tree

A native valley oak tree at Sunset Park may be cut down. The tree has stood since before there was a city called Livermore.

Now the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) is considering removing it. The district hired a consultant to conduct a study on the future viability of the tree and is currently seeking a second opinion.

The first report states, "The tree is a dynamic system that adds new wood every year, with additional layers of wood added in areas of structural weakness."

The report recommends certain actions that it says would reduce the risk of the tree failing. They include pruning the tree to reduce the weight of the canopy; moving the bench under the tree; and moving or removing the tot lot located on the north side of the tree.

At a recent LARP meeting, it was suggested that if the tree were cut down, the lumber derived could be used to build park benches.

Rather than planning for the demise of the tree, the district should be considering how to follow the recommendations that would provide the opportunity for the tree to survive. A park district's role is to nurture nature, not remove it when it becomes inconvenient.

Cancer Expert to Speak Next Week in Livermore

An international expert is scheduled to speak next Thursday in Livermore about how well medical science understands cancer and how society can do a better job of preventing and treating it.

The expert is Dr. Alan Ashworth, director of the Helen Diller Cancer Center at UC-San Francisco and head of the San Francisco Cancer Initiative. His talk, scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. in Livermore's Bankhead Theater, is part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

Born and educated in England, Ashworth is a medical pioneer who played a key role in the 1995 discovery of a gene called BRCA2, including the cloning of the gene and helping to prove its association with hereditary breast and ovarian cancers.

A decade later, he showed that certain molecular features of BRCA2 and the re-

lated BRCA1 gene could be exploited for cancer therapy using pharmaceuticals called PARP inhibitors. Versions of those drugs have now been approved for medical use by the U.S. FDA.

In a telephone interview, Ashworth said his Bankhead talk would address the "landscape of cancer in the 21st Century: where we're winning; where we're losing; what the new things we are thinking about are."

He said he will emphasize that "cancer is not a single disease but many, many diseases." Considering breast cancer alone, "there might be 20 different kinds."

He plans to discuss the rise of precision therapies targeted to an individual's genetic makeup. These therapies are "generally less toxic and more specific for the tumor" than one-size-fits-all treatments like chemotherapy, but appropriate only for those with a

designated genetic makeup.

He will also discuss immunotherapy, which he described as "harnessing your own immune system for a significant medical benefit," such as attacking cancer cells. Immunotherapy generally has fewer side effects than drugs do. The field is just emerging, he said, "literally in the last decade. We're going to see a lot more of it."

He will make a strong point about the tremendous potential for reducing cancer mortality and cancer rates through prevention. He believes it is possible to prevent a remarkable "40 to 50 percent of cancers."

Personal choice is part of this effort — people can decline to smoke, for example — but so are community programs aimed at reducing cancer mortality in vulnerable populations like the poor and demographic groups with unusually high rates of specific cancers.

Ashworth is a firm believer in the value of what is sometimes called translational medicine, which refers to an integrated program in which research results rapidly find their way to clinical practice, while public health workers reach out to underserved members of the community.

He will discuss the progress of the San Francisco Cancer Initiative, which he heads. The Initiative was launched last year to pursue this kind of integrated research-to-clinic-to-community approach to fighting cancer, which is San Francisco's leading cause

of death.

The initiative aims at the five leading cancer killers in San Francisco and, where data are available, the communities that experience higher than normal rates. The cancers are breast, colorectal, prostate, liver and tobacco-related.

One example of a targeted community is San Francisco's Asian Americans, who have significantly higher rates of liver cancer than the average population. It is possible to reduce rates by screening for liver cancer and for the virus that can cause it, Ashworth said, but "the incidence is still high. We just don't know how to get into that community and try to engender change."

A publication put out by the Cancer Initiative -- sometimes called SF CAN -- describes other cancers and target groups; for example, melanoma, whose rate has seen a rapid rise in whites that is not experienced in other populations; lung cancer, which occurs at disproportionate rates among black men; and liver cancer again, which is rising dramatically among Latinos.

"I want people to understand that there's still a very long way to go, but the initiative is going in the right direction," Ashworth said.

His talk begins at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, March 23, in the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets can be obtained at <https://lvpac.org/event/dr-alan-ashworth/> or by phoning 925-373-6800.

Stanford Physicians Will Provide Local Care

Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare announced that several Stanford Medicine physicians will now provide care locally. This will expand access to specialized medical care, clinical innovations and research opportunities for patients in the Tri-Valley area.

Lloyd B. Minor, MD, dean of the Stanford University School of Medicine, stated, "Extending our breadth of care to the Tri-Valley enables us to better understand

the needs of our neighboring communities and deliver life-changing discoveries. We look forward to working with community doctors to offer accessible, personal care that not only treats people when they're sick, but also empowers them to be well."

With specialized Stanford Medicine programs in areas such as adult and pediatric hospitalist medicine, vascular surgery and subspecialty cancer care, ValleyCare will

deliver a continuum of care to the community.

Scott Gregerson, president, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, stated, "The addition of Stanford Medicine physicians further strengthens our ability to treat complex cases and helps ensure that patients have seamless access to the latest clinical innovations, right here in the Tri-Valley."

Specialists from Stanford University School of Medicine will provide outpatient

clinical care, and in some cases, inpatient care for services at ValleyCare. For example, Stanford hospitalists and vascular surgeons will provide 24/7 care for inpatients and emergency cases. Specialists in dermatology, gastroenterology, gynecologic and radiation oncology, hepatology, infectious disease, plastic and reconstructive surgery, urology, and vascular surgery will see patients at clinic locations in Pleasanton and Livermore.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be sent by email to editmail@compuserve.com)

Trump Presidency

Paul Stone
Dublin

Every week we read letters in Mailbox from writers

tormented by the Trump presidency. I didn't vote for the former president nor did I like much of anything of his administration. But I didn't let my life be defined by my disapproval of him. Do such folks really want to spend the next 16 years of their lives (eight of Trump, eight of Pence) gnashing their teeth? After all, gnashing of teeth is tough on the ticker as well as the teeth.

Eastside Pleasanton

Steve Dunn
Landowner

Open Response to Kelly Cousins' recent "Eastside Planning" Editorial

When I was a young

boy, whenever I borrowed a friend's bicycle, I was taught to return it in a better, shinier condition. As an East Bay native and resident, I want the same for the Pleasanton community. For the past ten years, I have owned the 320 acres of former quarry and non-hillside industrial land in East Pleasanton.

The City goal of planning East Pleasanton is not new. Since 1998 the City General plan has called out for this area to be planned for mixed use. I proudly served on the East Pleasanton Task Force, directed and appointed by City Council, from 2012-2015. Our efforts there resulted in a super majority recommendation to approve zoning for 1,300 homes and approximately 1.6 million sf of commercial space. These carefully developed plans were later shelved by City Council, where they remain today.

Over the past year, I have presented to or met with hundreds of individuals and groups - sharing this opportunity and listening to the community's comments, while providing an informational website for the public to learn more and contribute their thoughts for improvement. I'm not sure why Ms. Cousins would label that as misleading.

Based on our area's robust employment growth, future State-mandated housing requirements are imminent. Ms. Cousins' "wait and see" suggestion is a self-defeating prophecy. We know what happened the last time we tried to stop additional housing: \$4 million dollars in a losing lawsuit and forced rezoning for over 2,000 housing units.

The next RHNA housing cycle starts in less than 5 years (2022). If City Council approves prioritization of planning, the current plan will take at least three more years of approvals before a shovel hits the ground, subsequent build-out would follow over the next ten or more years.

For Pleasantonians to control the desired results on the property, we need to commence immediately. This will ensure sufficient time to address the community's prior concerns around water, traffic, schools, density, and amenities. Currently the plan includes over \$120 million of owner funded public amenities, a list of which is on our web-

site www.progressplanned.info. But if needed, let's go ahead and solve any remaining issues now - that's what planning is all about.

Without community action, an alternative plan could include heavy industrial development with its attendant noise and truck traffic, none of the privately funded amenities, and loss of the opportunity to annex and control valuable county land. The City would also lose the opportunity to use the land to accommodate any future state-mandated housing needs.

Managing growth isn't a tin can you kick down the road — because that growth is happening now. I encourage residents to get involved in shaping how growth will affect our quality of life. Let's come together and give a better, shinier city to our children and our grandchildren.

Hotel Needed

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival Board of Directors and Staff: Lisa Tromovitch, Artistic Producing Director; Katie Marcel, Managing Director; Elizabeth Trutner, Chair; Laura Batti, Louise Gill, Ellen Goold, Robert Gundrey, Janet Lide, Susan Schorr

We at the Livermore Shakespeare Festival applaud the City Council for forming a steering committee to bring structure to the gathering of public input on the placement and amenities of the downtown hotel. Livermore has evolved into a destination for the cultural arts, wine tasting, fine dining, outdoor sporting activities, weddings, and more.

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival alone attracts over 4,000 attendees annually, more than 1,500 of whom come from beyond the Tri Valley, and we are excited by the prospect of an upscale hotel which will enhance the stays of these visitors and add architectural interest to our downtown. Presidio is ready to implement our collective vision, but time is of the essence. We therefore ask the steering committee to work diligently with Presidio, the City Council's finance committee, and the public to facilitate a common vision.

Immigrants

Barbara Harris-Kiplinger
Pleasanton

I am writing to you in response to a letter to the Independent editor by a misguided Pleasanton ex city council member who thinks his position entitles him to spread untruths to the citizen of Pleasanton. First of all, he says that this is a nation of immigrants, which is the only truth in his letter. But that nation of immigrants took an oath to abide by the laws of this country, which perhaps the mayor forgot to mention in his address to the city. Sullivan is encouraging citizens to break the laws of this country, which is anarchy. If you do not agree with the laws, change them legally, but do not break them. If you do not agree with local mayors and city councilmembers, vote them out. What does he not understand by the difference between "illegal criminals" and "immigrant"? Illegals do not have the same rights as legal immigrants. The constitution does NOT demand we allow illegals to kill us, Matt.

If government punishes illegals for not abiding by our laws, they are protecting us, not attacking us. I beg you to not give into his anarchy of not allowing our police to do their jobs. Our president is trying to secure our country by seeing to it that all Muslims coming into our country are properly vetted. That is all! Do not put our city in danger by allowing another Kate Steinle incident to happen. Our police will be faced with armed citizens if they do not protect us from the Muslims who want to carry out their Sharia Law. We are warned daily about this threat and it must be taken seriously. Look at what is happening all over the world and that there are training camps in all states. Please honor our concerns, even if you are not concerned. That is your job. Do not tie the hands of our police. If you do, I will encourage the government to cut off funds to our city for not doing their job.

Sincerely, a U.S. citizen, 48-plus year resident of Pleasanton, Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and former business owner in Pleasanton,

The Diet of Lent

Lex Manwill
Livermore

March 1st marked the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period preceding Easter, when many Christians abstain from animal foods in remembrance of Jesus's 40 days of fasting in the wilderness before launching his ministry.

The call to refrain from eating animals is as old as the Bible. In Genesis 1:29, God commands humans to eat only plants; then Prophet Isaiah predicts that "none will hurt or destroy on God's holy mountain."

A number of Christian leaders have followed the call, including Methodist founder John Wesley, Salvation Army founders William and Catherine Booth, Seventh-day Adventist Church founder Ellen G. White, and prominent evangelical leader Franklin Graham.

A meat-free diet is not just about Christian devotion. Dozens of medical studies have linked consumption of animal products with elevated risk of heart failure, stroke, cancer, and other killer diseases. A United Nations report named meat production as the largest source of greenhouse gases and water pollution. Undercover investigations have documented farm animals being caged, crowded, mutilated, beaten, and shocked.

Lent offers a superb opportunity to honor Christ's powerful message of compassion, but also to protect the health of our family and our planet Earth by adopting a meat-free diet.

Fee Parking Lot

Robert Allen
Livermore
BART Director, District 5,
1974-1988

When I-580 gets repaved over the Altamont, get it to include HOV lanes. Add a major fee-funded park/ride lot in far eastern Alameda County at the misnamed Grant Line Road/580 interchange.

Two unrelated "Grant Line Road" interchanges six miles apart - one on 580 and one on 205 - are confusing; I wish Alameda County would re-name their Grant Line Road "Haggerty Drive." Scott Haggerty has been County Supervisor there for over 20 years and headed MTC and BAAPCD, both heavily involved in vehicular traffic.

(More MAILBOX, page 8)

THE Independent

(INLAND VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.)
PUBLISHER: Joan Kimey Seppala
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER: David T. Lowell (In Memoriam)
EDITOR: Janet Armantrout

THE INDEPENDENT (USPS 300) is published every Thursday by Inland Valley Publishing Company, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550, (925) 447-9700. Mailed at Periodical Postage Prices at the Livermore Post Office and additional entry office: Pleasanton, CA 94566-9998. THE INDEPENDENT is mailed upon request. Go to www.independentnews.com to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Independent, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Advertising and subscription rates may be obtained by calling (925) 447-8700 during regular business hours or by fax: (925) 447-0212.

Editorial information may be submitted by editmail@compuserve.com.

www.independentnews.com

Produce Stand at Hagemann Ranch Will Help Sunflower Hill

For his Boy Scout Troup 945 Eagle project, Pleasanton resident and Hart Middle School student Max McGee knew he had to create something unique and special.

Brainstorming with his parents and Sunflower Hill board members, they came up with a perfect project – a 3' x 6' x 7' produce stand for Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore.

McGee, age 14, had visited the one-acre garden in September 2016. He was inspired to create a sustainable, practical and sturdy produce stand since garden volunteers currently use portable tables to display the food for sale.

"This project was important to me because I could see how Sunflower Hill could benefit from it. I think what Sunflower Hill does for our community is very important and I'm proud to be able to help," said McGee.

The produce stand meets several needs, noted Lynn Monica, Director of Sunflower Hill Gardens. "It's great that Max designed this as a portable stand. It's

sturdy and durable yet flexible enough that we can take it on the road. We're anxious to showcase the talents of this remarkable young man."

McGee's Scout Master, Dale Miller also validated the efforts. "I love these type of Eagle projects because they provide leadership experience and an opportunity to give back to our community," said Miller. "Max organized this quite well. We were able to complete his project on time with minimal manpower."

His parents, George and Donna McGee agreed. "We are very pleased with the enthusiasm and leadership Max portrayed during his years in scouting. We couldn't be more proud of him."

Monica noted, "The timing is perfect. We're harvesting our winter crops right now. Our spring planting is set for April 22 (Earth Day) at the Garden." Currently, swiss chard, radishes, broccoli rabe, and broccoli is available for purchase via the McGee Produce Stand on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Hagemann Ranch from 10:00 a.m. –

2:00 p.m.

Hagemann Ranch is located at 455 Olivina Road, Livermore. In 2016, more

than 9600 pounds of vegetables and fruits were grown and harvested - more than 70 percent of which was

donated to local food banks and shelters. Sunflower Hill Gardens operates vocational training programs in

horticulture for individuals with special needs. For more information visit www.sunflowerhill.org

LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

SPRING INTO ACTION!

Become involved in your community by serving on one of the City's advisory bodies. Applications are now being accepted for the Beautification Committee, Commission for the Arts, Historic Preservation Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (adult opening) and the Livermore Housing Authority.

Beautification Committee – The Beautification Committee makes recommendations to the City Council regarding park, roadside, median island and entranceway beautification; private property maintenance standards; street tree, ancestral tree and public area landscaping standards; street decorations.

Next meeting: April 5, 2017, 6:00 pm, Maintenance Service Center, 3500 Robertson Park Road

Commission for the Arts – The Commission for the Arts encourages and facilitates cultural programs that enrich the community. The Commission promotes Livermore as a vibrant and stimulating environment for artists and audiences, young and old, to experience the performing, visual, and literary arts.

Next meeting: March 28, 2017, 4:30 pm, Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue

Historic Preservation Commission – provides a forum for the discussion of community social needs, monitors the expenditure of Housing and Human Services funds, assists local agencies in procuring grants, and submits an annual report to City Council on the status of social conditions and progress toward achieving solutions to the community's human needs.

Next meeting: April 6, 2017, 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue

Library Board of Trustees – helps to set goals and objectives for the broad variety of services and programs the Library provides and recommends policy modifications to City Council.

Next meeting: March 23, 2017, 7:00 pm, Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission – brings together the youths and adults, and private and public sectors of the community to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare and education of Livermore's young people. The Commission consists of 15 youths (ages 12-20) and 3 adults, and creates a forum for ideas and interests that are communicated to City Council.

Next meeting: April 3, 2017, Robert Livermore Community Center, Elbow Room, 4444 East Avenue

Livermore Housing Authority – The purpose of the Authority is to administer and oversee the 125 low-income housing units at Leahy Square. Additionally, the Authority oversees the Section Eight Certificate Program and the Voucher Program for subsidized housing.

Next meeting: April 12, 2017, 5:30 pm, 3203 Leahy Way, Livermore

For more information or to apply, please visit www.cityoflivermore.net/AB. Applications are due to the City Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. Applicants must attend at least one meeting of the advisory body applying for before submitting an application and must reside within the Livermore city limits.

Streets Closed for St. Patrick's Day Parade and Run in Dublin

The City of Dublin will host the 34th Annual Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade and 19th Annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festival weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, 2017. Several street closures are scheduled in support of these events.

On Saturday, March 18, the Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Parade will require closure of Amador Plaza Road between Dublin Boulevard and Amador Valley Boulevard from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Additional closures from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. include:

- Dublin Boulevard westbound from Village Parkway to Amador Plaza Road
- Village Parkway southbound from Amador Valley Boulevard to Dublin Boulevard

- Amador Valley Boulevard eastbound from Regional Street to Village Parkway

On Sunday, March 19, the 19th Annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk will impact the following streets from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.:

- Dublin Boulevard westbound from Sierra Court to Village Parkway

- Village Parkway northbound from Dublin Boulevard to Amador Valley Boulevard

- Amador Valley Boulevard eastbound from Village Parkway to Wildwood Road

- Southbound side of York Drive

- Northbound side of Penn Drive

Community members are advised that closed lanes of traffic cannot be crossed until there is a break in the line of racers. Police officers and course monitors will be positioned at key intersections to help direct people safely out of their neighborhoods. Additionally, "No Parking" zones will be posted on the race route along northbound Village Parkway; eastbound Amador Valley Boulevard; southbound York Drive; and northbound Penn Drive. If a residence is located along a "No Parking" zone, the City recommends that residents park their cars across the street from their residences or outside of the race route.

Visitors to Dublin during the festival weekend can ride BART to both the East or West Dublin BART station and take a free ride on a Wheels bus (Wheels Rapid 30R bus), which will drop off passengers at the festival and race entry at Civic Plaza. Riders should collect a free

pass from the Wheels driver for the return ride. Parking is also free at both Dublin BART stations during the weekend of the event.

To learn more about all the events, call (925) 556-4500 or visit www.Dublin-StPats.com.



Chances are you've never bought a single product we make, but . . .

We help you drive

We're Curtis Instruments.

Located in Livermore, Curtis California was founded as Curtis PMC in 1985. It is one of the world's largest controller design centers and is a highly specialized engineering facility focused on the development of advanced motor speed controllers for electric vehicles of all types, including golf cars. Indeed, we equip most golf cars used throughout the U.S.

Though we're global in scale, we have never forgotten our roots as a technical innovator right here in the Tri-Valley. Curtis controllers are internationally recognized for their technical advancement, reliability and performance with millions of units exported to EV OEMs worldwide. As a great place to work, Curtis California has been consistently ranked as one of the Top Workplaces in the San Francisco Bay area.

Even if you never become a customer, we're happy to take you golfing.



CURTIS



www.curtisinstruments.com

Reed Plumbing Company
Livermore, CA

(925) 371-5671

davidreed@dareedplumbing.com

LIC #601931

Imagine Yourself At Curtis! | Check out our open positions: <http://bit.do/CurtisCareers>

SPORTS NOTES



On Saturday, March 4th, The East Avenue Middle School wrestling team competed in the first tournament of the season, the Bulldog Classic at Granada High school. The team, led by head coach Brandon Olson & assistant coach Curtis Olson, brought home 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medal. Results: Matthew Anderson (gold), Tallon Chambers (gold), Josiah Chicon (silver), Deegan Rabino (silver), Victor Leal (bronze), and Mark Morris (bronze).



Jonah Cooper of the Pleasanton Seahawks, age 16, had a great meet at Sectionals held in Carlsbad, Ca last weekend. Jonah set a new Pacific Swimming Record in the boys 15-16 short course 100 Backstroke (48.24). He also went 200 Backstroke (1:45.50), 100 Free (45.01), 200 Free (1:37.17), and 100 Butterfly (50.38). Pictured here is Coach Todd Tucker of The Pleasanton Seahawks and Jonah Cooper.



The Tri-Valley Blue Devils hockey team in the D3 High School division placed first in Northern California playoffs this weekend in Vacaville. The team went 5-0 in the NorCal playoffs March 10-12, beating the regular season first place team from Redwood City twice in the playoffs and gave them their only regular season loss. Head Coach John James and Team Captain JT Fulmer lead the team.



The Granada High School men's varsity lacrosse team traveled to Stockton to play St. Mary's High School. Pictured is Matador, Michael Puso, getting checked by one of the Rams.



Aiden Melton of the Phantoms U10 Black team (#26) winds up to score a goal against the LaMorinda Rays.



Some Focused Phantoms on the U12 White lacrosse team.



West Coast Soccer Krossfire O6 includes Coach Marlon Fernandez, Adriana Paneda, Dakota Baird, Kendra Riddiough, Madylin Harrell, Madeline Snodgrass, Paige Mclean, Sophia Simonds, Brittany Hahn, Alana Albarran; (front row) Summer Lane, Jennessa Maselli, and Ariana Butler.



Livermore Little League Major Rockies' Daniel Villasenor hit a triple and stole home.

Niles-Centerville on Saturday. The Niles team scored on a home run by Lewis in the first inning, a single by Sanz in the second inning, a stolen base by Lewis in the second inning, a single by Pavlik in the second inning, and a groundout in the second inning. The Intermediate Blue Team collected nine hits in the high-scoring affair. The Intermediate Blue Team captured the lead in the first inning with one run scored on a stolen base. Niles-Centerville took the lead for good with five runs in the second inning. Vance took the loss for Intermediate Blue Team. He went two innings, allowing eight runs, and six hits. Home runs for Niles-Centerville came when Lewis homered in the first inning and Sean in the fifth inning. Crayton M, Tyler L, and Luke S each collected multiple hits for Intermediate Blue Team. Crayton went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Intermediate Blue Team in hits.

started the weekend off with a match against EC Real Salinas Leonticas 06. EC Real came out firing and took the lead in the 4th minute. Krossfire answered back when Kendra Riddiough hit a pass to Madylin Harrell who one touched it back to Kendra who netted the equalizer. In the second half, Madeline Snodgrass hit a pass to Summer Lane who put it past the goalkeeper to put Krossfire up for the final score of 2-1. The second game on Saturday matched Krossfire up against Force North 06G II. Paige Mclean took a corner kick and was able to rocket in past the goalkeeper to put Krossfire up 1-0. From that point on, Krossfire never looked back. Kendra hit a shot in from just outside the 18 and then knocked another one in to put Krossfire up 3-0 at half. The second half was more Krossfire dominance on both sides of the ball. Alana Albarran took a Dakota Baird pass through the defense and into the net. Summer then added another goal to give Krossfire the 5-0 victory. Sunday morning matched Krossfire against Alpine Strikers FC 06G Red. Summer took a pass from Sophia Simonds and netted Krossfire the 1-0 lead. The second half saw Dakota connecting with Alana again for the

West Coast Soccer

West Coast's 06 Girls team, Krossfire, took to the pitch this past weekend competing in the San Jose Invitational Tournament at Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale, CA. Krossfire

affair. The Diamondbacks had 37 hits on the way to victory. Diamondbacks' Cameron C drove in one run on a single in the first inning. The Angels scored five runs in the fifth inning. The big inning was thanks to singles by Landon P, Raymond G, Jason W, Logan F, and Alexander P. Alexander, Juelz-king B, Landon, Raymond, Evan N, Jason, Ethan N, Logan, and Matthew R each collected multiple hits for the Angels. Logan and Landon each drove in two runs. Diamondbacks' Johnny L, Matteo P, Cameron, Julian H, Dillon J, Jordan E, Keegan E, Joey F, and Andrew P each collected multiple hits.

AA Division: 3/11 - Cardinals 10, Rockies 7: Jayvn Meafou pitched strong in his pitching debut holding the vaunted Rockies attack to just one run. The Cardinal bats were on fire with 2 five run innings led by Eli Watson-Bird who continued his MVP caliber season with another 2 hits and 4 RBIs including a double (and a barely "missed" Grand Slam). Jayvn and Christian Jose added run scoring doubles, with RBI contributions by others including Zach Nalick, but in the end it was Kaden Mock who received the game ball for spear-heading both rallies with his 2-2 performance and double while pitching a scoreless 4th to close the game out.

3/11 - Pirates 4, Royals 1: The day started off with great pitching. The Pirates had Dustin Driscoll, Lucas Soto, Ryland Kohndrow, and Grant Weber on the mound. They only gave up 1 run. The Royals had Colt Piazza, Patrick Belhumeur, and Luke Santin pitching. The only runs they gave up were in the 1st inning with hits and RBIs by Grant Weber, William White, and Dustin Driscoll.

AAA Division: 3/4 - Athletics 5, Red Sox 6: The AAA Athletics watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 6-5 loss to AAA Red Sox on Saturday. Red Sox took the lead on a single in the first inning. The Athletics lost despite out-hitting the Red Sox 11 to nine. With two outs in the first inning Red Sox's Grant S drove in three runs when he singled. Athletics' Tyler R, Christian C, Jacob J, and Diego V each collected multiple hits. Diego, Jacob, Christian, and Tyler each collected two hits to lead the Athletics. Athletics' Diego made the most plays with six. The Athletics stole seven bases during the game; Elias F led the way with two. The Red Sox collected nine hits. Red Sox' Grant and Anthony M each collected multiple hits. Grant led the Red Sox with three hits in three at bats. Red Sox' Jace W had the most chances in the field with six.

3/11 - Yankees 1, Cardinals 12: For the Yankees, Andrew Mitchell opened the game with strong pitching and caught a ball for an out. Caiden Coyle caught two pop flies ending the fourth. Thomas Keenan singled in the bottom of the third for an RBI. For the Cardinals, Joey Montoya led the way going three for three at the plate with two triples and a single. Ms. Tatum Brown stepped in as a relief pitcher earning herself game ball.

Major Division: 3/8 - Giants 6, Angels 5: The game was tied at five with the Giants batting in the top of the sixth. The Giants had taken an early lead in the first inning as Bobby A doubled on a 3-1 count, scoring two runs. The Giants knotted the game up at five in the top of the fourth inning, scoring three runs. The Giants' big inning was driven by a double by Dylan K and a pass ball. The Angels had six hits in the game. Angels' Ray Anthony C and Joseph L each collected multiple hits. Ray Anthony led the Angels with three runs batted in. He went 3-for-3 on the day. Giants' Adam S had the most chances in the field with eight.

3/11 - A's 11, Rockies 3: The A's did a great job holding the Rockies at arm's distance. Diesel Sorgdrager-Dreher sent two solid hits over the fence for home runs. Daniel Villasenor hit a triple and stole home. Jonathan Lanekau made a stellar play to get the out at 3rd, and Joel Valencia made an MLB play by snagging a hard ground ball down the 3rd baseline with a

sensational backhand grab for the 3rd out of the inning. Intermediate Division: 3/11 - The Blue Team fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 13-6 loss to



Justin Levine slides into home as Noah Olmos prepares to apply the tag during a Granada Little League AAA game between the Red Sox and Angels. Justin was out in a very close play. Photo - Bill Nale

Phantoms Lacrosse

Livermore Phantoms 8: El Dorado Trojans 2: The Phantoms U12 White took on the El Dorado Trojans, Tyler Newcomb started things off for the Phantoms by launching a goal into the net at 4:05 of the 1st, assisted by Lucas Wallin. Anders Bostrom joined the fun by slinging one past the goalie at 8:34 of the 2nd, assisted by L. Wallin who had 3 assists on the day. The first half was closed out with an unassisted goal by Dominic Hurtado at 6:01 and a goal by Ben Wojewski at 5:14, assisted by T. Newcomb. The Phantoms kept up the pressure in the second half as Bostrom scored his 2nd goal of the day at 7:41 of the 3rd, assisted by B. Wojewski and a goal by Brandon Niermeyer at 5:49 or 3rd, assisted by Andrei Gran. The Phantoms consistent attack continued into the 4th as Nick Swatzenruber got it by the goalie at 8:16, assisted by L. Wallin. Lucas Wallin put an exclamation point on a great win by scoring the final goal of the game at 2:38. Livermore headed back to town with an 8-2 victory.

Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U-10 Black Team had an exciting weekend of play. On Saturday they hosted the LaMorinda Rays, coming away with a 11-1 win. On Sunday they had a disappointing loss of 6-9 against the Fremont Spartans. Aiden Melton and Eljay Schellenberg showed great offensive footwork as they maneuvered up and down the field. Rodger Mayhew and Charlie Hertz both scored first time goals and Lucas Bickerton shined as a first time goalie. The entire team displayed great leadership and teamwork.

Granada LL

Granada Little League results: Minor AA: Royals 4, Red Sox 9: The Red Sox pitchers were on, acquiring 11 of the 12 outs during four innings of play: Joshua Katz (5K); Tanner Bingham (3K); Jake Sharp (3K). Tanner Bingham (1B) contributed with an unassisted out in the first. Top Red Sox hitters: Noa Capistrant 2-3, 1 RBI; Joshua Katz 1-2, double,

1 RBI; Porter Seiwald 1-1, 1 RBI; Parker Stimmell 1-2, 1 RBI. Red Sox 12, A's 2: The Red Sox and the A's played a fun and exciting game. The Red Sox came out on top allowing only 1 hit, 2 runs, and producing 11 strikeouts. Red Sox Defense: Robert Hansen(P) started the 1st/2nd inn. striking out 4, allowing 2 runs. Jake Sharp(P) came in to relieve in the 2nd to strike out the 2 batters faced to end the inning. Joshua Katz(P) 3rd/4th inn. allowed no runs, 1 hit, striking out 5 batters, with an assisted out by Tanner Bingham(C) to Jake Sharp(1B) for an out in the top of the 4th. Top Red Sox Hitters: Tanner Bingham (2-2, triple, 1RBI); Robert Hansen (1-3, 2RBIs); Joshua Katz (2-2, 2 doubles, 3RBIs); Porter Seiwald (2-2, 2RBIs); Jack Larson (1-1, 1RBI).

Livermore LL

Livermore Little League results: Single A: 3/4 - Diamondbacks 6, Royals 7: The game was tied at five with Royals batting in the top of the sixth when Mason P singled, driving in one run. The Diamondbacks lost despite out-hitting the Royals 21 to 16. The Royals took an early lead in the first inning. Ty M drove in one with a double. The Diamondbacks scored three runs in the fifth inning. The big inning was driven by a single by Joey F, a single by Matteo P, and a single by Andrew P. Matteo, Johnny L, Keegan E, Cameron C, and Andrew each collected multiple hits. Cameron and Matteo each drove in two runs and Rhett B had the most chances in the field with six. The Royals collected 16 hits. Ty, Tyler P, Ryan S, Brody D, and Jacob J each collected multiple hits for the Royals. Ty led the Royals with two runs batted in. He went 3-for-3 on the day! Royals' Ryan had the most chances in the field with six.

3/11 - Angels 9, Diamondbacks 19: The Diamondbacks scored on singles by Cameron C, Keegan E, Joey F, Jordan E, and Julian H in the first inning. Despite the loss, Angels did collect 23 hits in the high-scoring

INDOOR LOWRIDER DISPLAY!

GOODGUYS AUTOCROSS!

INDOOR MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY!

SWAP MEET & CARS 4 SALE CORRAL!

SAT 8-5 & SUN 8-4

#GOODGUYS17

REGISTER YOUR RIDE OR PURCHASE TICKETS AT GOOD-GUYS.COM | 925.838.9876

© 2017 GOODGUY ENTERPRISES, INC.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School hosted an EBAL track and field meet on March 11. Eight schools took part in the competition.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School women's varsity lacrosse team defeated Livermore High 16 to 1 in an EBAL conference game last week.

2-0 lead and then Sophia connecting with Kendra to give Krossfire the 3-0 win and move them into the championship match.

The championship match pitted Krossfire against EC Real Salinas. Dakota was able to net an Adriana Paneda pass to give Krossfire the 1-0 lead. The second half saw Summer punch in an insurance goal to give Krossfire the 2-0 lead. Krossfire was then able to hold on and get the 2-0 victory and be crowned tournament champions.

The Krossfire defense anchored by Ariana Butler, Brittany Hahn, and Madeline Snodgrass held off many offensive rushes throughout the weekend while goalkeeper Jennessa Maselli stopped 36 of 37 shots. In 4 games, Krossfire posted 3 shutouts and only allowed 1 goal overall while scoring 12.

With their new coach Troy Dayak at the helm the West Coast Soccer girls Wildkat 05 team took to a larger field for the first time as they graduated to

11v11 play in the San Jose Invitational Tournament on the weekend of March 11th and 12th. In their first game of the tournament, the Wildkat met DeAnza Force 06 from Santa Clara. Wildkat dominated play and took a lead 2-0 at the half. In the second half of play Wildkat scored again and held Force scoreless to claim a 3-0 victory.

In the second game of day 1, Wildkat met El Camino Real FC 05 from Salinas. The defense blocked each goal attempt made by EC Real. Wildkat won 2-0. In the second day of tournament play, Wildkat met LFC Academy from the Bay Area in the semi-finals. LFC was unable to attempt any shots on goal and the Wildkat won 7-0. In the championship game, Wildkat met longtime rival UC Fuego from Union City. Wildkat were too much for UC Fuego to handle winning 3-0. Wildkat shut out their opponents in all four games with a 15-0 goal differential and took home their first championship of the year.

The U17 West Coast Whiplash

(continued on page 9)

A D V E N T I S T H E A R T I N S T I T U T E

If you're living with A-Fib, this seminar will be music to your ears.

Learn about new treatment options, including the Hybrid Maze procedure, a revolutionary treatment for Atrial Fibrillation.

If you experience a racing heart or palpitations, chest discomfort, light headedness, shortness of breath and fatigue, or you've been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, we have good news.

Here, you'll learn about the latest treatment options for A-Fib, including the revolutionary Hybrid Maze, a new minimally invasive procedure through small incisions on the sides of the chest. Patients benefit from better outcomes, a shorter hospital stay and quicker recovery.



Gan Dunnington, MD | Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dr. Gan Dunnington is an emerging leader in cardiothoracic surgery. He comes to us from Stanford University Medical Center. He is one of few surgeons on the West Coast who performs the minimally invasive Hybrid Maze procedure.

Presenters Include:

- Gan Dunnington, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Peter Chang-Sing, MD, Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Monica Divakaruni, MD, General & Interventional Cardiology

**Join Us for a Free Seminar
Register Today**

March 28, 2017

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Seminar

Wente Vineyards

5050 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA 94550

RSVP to 877.596.0644

Space is limited.

Light dinner and refreshments served.
www.adventistheart.org/arrhythmia



**S T . H E L E N A
ARRHYTHMIA CENTER
N A P A V A L L E Y**

NUCLEAR

(continued from page one)

with experience at the U.S. Department of Defense as well as Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Hertz Foundation.

The speaker was Jay Davis, the first director of DOD's Defense Threat Reduction Agency near Washington, D.C.

The nightmarish scenario he described is fictional and may have seemed highly improbable in the elegant setting of Castlewood Country Club, where the Valley Study Group met. Nevertheless, Davis told the group, the last three presidents, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, considered a nuclear weapon detonation to be the "single greatest threat" facing the United States.

RISK HAS INCREASED

The risk of terrorists or other rogue groups acquiring or building a nuclear weapon is thought to have increased in recent years for a variety of reasons, many analysts believe. For one thing, the breakup of the Soviet Union left parts of its huge nuclear arsenal, including weapon components, insecure.

Knowledge of military nuclear technology has spread. New countries have become nuclear powers. Some of these, like North Korea, seem isolated and unpredictable.

Groups hostile to the West abound, whether for religious or cultural reasons or the wish to get revenge for real or imagined wrongs.

Davis pointed out that the skills and technology required to deduce the design and origin of a mysteriously detonated bomb are well developed. They were in regular use during the Cold War, when the U.S. was designing new weapons, conducting its own nuclear tests and trying to understand the weapons programs of other countries.

They range from collecting and analyzing radioactive samples to running powerful, classified computer programs that simulate nuclear explosions.

These skills still exist, Davis said. However, some of them, like making ultra-precise measurements of radioactivity in samples collected from the field, are now exercised mainly in civilian research programs like archaeology and biology in facilities that have little if anything to do with national defense.

Many of the people working in these fields are citizens of foreign countries.

They may not have American security clearances that would enable them to work on restricted U.S. research programs, he pointed out.

Nuclear forensics is "almost no one's full-time job," he said.

SCREAMING PANIC

By contrast to today's efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear materials, carried out with multinational cooperation at the steady, patient speed of law enforcement, border control and intelligence analysis, an actual detonation would become the nation's overwhelming and immediate focus, shifting the pace to "screaming panic," he said.

"You will never have seen anything like this if a U.S. city goes out (is destroyed.) You will never have seen pressure like this."

Collecting bomb debris, measuring radiation patterns and performing analyses will take hours or days, with few laboratories equipped to do the job, while the urgent demand from Washington would be for quick, accurate answers.

Work will be done under the bright spotlight of press conferences, a 24/7 news cycle and demands from news media and political leaders in the U.S. and around the world, and yet some of the analytical efforts will be classified and unavailable for sharing.

Success will demand almost unprecedented cooperation involving multiple U.S. government agencies -- not exactly "a core government competency," Davis quipped.

The intelligence community has the means to detect an explosion and measure its power, he said. The FBI is responsible for dealing with terrorist events and for collecting and preserving evidence that can be used for an eventual court case -- a responsibility that may interfere with access by other organizations.

The U.S. Department of Energy, for which LLNL works, owns the analytical tools and weapons simulation codes that may allow scientists to model the performance of the bomb, determine where its nuclear fuels came from and how technically sophisticated the group was that designed the explosive.

'PROTECTING THE HOMELAND'

The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for "protecting

the homeland... whatever that means," Davis said. The State Department has responsibility for determining any overseas actions, while the Defense Department has responsibility for overseas operations, as well as for providing facilities and transportation for nearly everyone else.

At the Defense Department nearly 20 years ago, Davis participated in exercises that simulated these kinds of interagency challenges for the Clinton White House, he said.

It was clear that not all of the senior officials, not even Cabinet officers, understood their responsibilities in such an emergency, although he singled out Attorney General Janet Reno for particular praise as an incisive leader. There should be a training program today to make sure these managers know what to do in future, he believes.

Furthermore, this training needs to be continually refreshed, since the average governmental tenure of presidential appointees is only 27 months.

This training as well as exercises will also help people in Washington understand what is and is not possible in the way of technical analyses and how fast they can reasonably be carried out. They may also help to make a deceptively simple choice: who should be spokesperson to formulate messages for the different publics who need to be kept informed.

It is essential for the government to remain credible, Davis said. For example, if it is best in one region to shelter in place, people have to be informed and to know that they can trust that information.

Different groups will have varying but equally urgent information needs. These are groups like business, church and community leaders; federal, state and local legislators; the news media; and representatives of foreign governments.

At a basic level, the U.S. needs "a new generation of experts" to accumulate and pass on the knowledge of how to respond to nuclear crises. "We're holding on to people my age, which is kind of frightening," he said.

The nuclear detonation scenario may be unlikely, but the consequences would be so profound that Davis believes the nation should take it far more seriously than it does today.

The U.S. should run multi-agency nuclear crisis exercises with as much formality as the military services do in their wargames, Davis said. Military wargames "affect people's careers."

As it is, the scientists, engineers and first responders at LLNL, Sandia and the other national laboratories

are "superb men and women" who engage in exercises almost like members of a highly skilled volunteer fire department.

He considers the comparison a compliment to the dedication and competence of the participants. Some exercises last for a week

or more. The participants "blow off anniversaries, lose vacation, miss the kids' soccer games... There's no special award for that. They do it because they think it's very important."

"We have to get beyond the volunteer fire department effort," he concluded.

MAILBOX

(continued from page 4)

Use the parking fees to help fund buses to BART, or future BART and/or ACE rail. Give Central Valley commuters a reasonable alternative to driving alone.

End Run Mary Perner Livermore

The Doomsday Clock will undoubtedly have inched closer to midnight since Tricia Moore's letter of February 16th. Trump's first weeks in office have provided appalling demonstrations of this administration's recklessness and incompetence. Consider the following. While hosting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Mar-a-Lago, he held national security strategy sessions and received confidential security briefings while an army officer carried the "nuclear football" around in plain sight and earshot of paying club members. Trump has expressed his dangerous views on the use of nuclear weapons, including a complete lack of understanding of the nuclear triad, casual threats regarding using nuclear weapons on the battlefield or to combat terrorists and a desire to be "unpredictable" in his use of nuclear weapons. We cannot trust this president to make rational or informed decisions about the safety of our country and the world.

Right now, Trump has unrestricted power to launch thousands of nuclear weapons at will. Fortunately, in January, Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Ted Lieu introduced the Restricting the First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act (S. 200 & H.R. 669), legislation that would require a congressional declaration of war in order to use nuclear weapons, except in response to an incoming nuclear attack, effectively blocking Trump from starting a nuclear war on a whim or because someone hurts his feelings on Twitter.

We must pressure Congress to take the "nuclear football" away from Trump. Call or write to Rep. Swallow, and Senators Feinstein and Harris (Congress.org). We have decided to form a group and will support the Restricting the First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act. We are the House and Congress are our friends."

get involved, contact Win Without War (winwithoutwar.org), Tri-Valley CARES (trivalleycares.org), and Tri-Valley STAND (maryqconrarty3@gmail.com). If we don't resolve this issue, the others may not matter.

Non-Proliferation Jo Ann Frisch Pleasanton

Litigation aimed at achieving U.S. compliance with the Non-Proliferation Treaty will be heard March 15th in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands is seeking enforcement of the Treaty's Article 6, which requires negotiations "in good faith" to achieve the elimination of nuclear weapons. The Treaty will soon celebrate its 47th anniversary. The litigation can clarify steps toward realization of its disarmament goals.

Of particular significance is that new nuclear weapon design activities at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory illustrate a failure of the U.S. to meet these obligations.

Further, the Marshall Islands was used as the testing ground for 67 nuclear tests conducted by the U.S. from 1946 to 1958, resulting in lasting health and environmental problems. Yet this lawsuit does not seek compensation, rather it demands action for disarmament with the ultimate goal of ending the nuclear threat for all humanity.

Tony de Brum, a special envoy appointed by the President of the Marshall Islands, emphasizes that the Marshallese "have suffered

the catastrophic and irreparable damage of these weapons, and we vow to fight so that no one else on earth will ever again experience these atrocities."

I will be in the courtroom to hear the Marshall Islands argue its case along with a contingent from Tri-Valley CARES. For more information 925-443-7148 or trivalleycares.org

Energy Charges Daina Charland-Sulaver Senior Manager, PG&E Mission Division

The way Californians are being charged for energy is changing and customers may have questions. We're here to answer those questions, help you avoid bill surprises and take control of your energy use.

The rate changes that took effect on March 1—developed jointly between PG&E, the CPUC, and many consumer groups—align customers' bills with the cost of service being provided and encourage extremely high energy users to conserve energy. Additionally there was a 2.1 percent increase in electric rates for residential customers, and a decrease in the California Climate Credit, a state program that is fighting climate change.

This is a lot of change at once and we are here to help. PG&E has a variety of tools and programs that give you the information you need to make the best energy choices for your family. All of us who live and work in the East Bay are ready to help answer questions. Go to pge.com/ratechoices or call 1-800-743-0514.

SUNFLOWER HILL

(continued from page one)

don't have the capability to bring home a six figure salary. They have proven to me that they are good citizens who are willing to work for what they want."

Mayor John Marchand added, "The need is very great in the community. This has the potential to become a national model."

The majority of those who addressed the council were supportive of the project. Those who opposed it expressed concerns regarding density, compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood, and the possibility that if the proposed plan were not built, high density for profit housing would be constructed. They asked the council to reject the zoning change. The declared that they had purchased their homes with the expectation that the zoning would

remain the same.

Sunflower Hill worked with neighbors to mitigate some of the concerns, including architectural changes to better blend in, limited access to and from existing neighborhoods, and a regulatory agreement that requires the site be maintained as affordable housing for at least 55 years.

The changes led two of the neighbors, who had expressed concerns earlier in the process, to speak in support of the project. Dan Fahey noted that he would be impacted arguably more than anyone else, because his home is adjacent to the property and one of the access gates. He said that he supports the project 100%.

The landowner, Luana Layton, pointed out that when the family purchased the land in 1977, it was

located in rural Alameda County. Over the years, there have been no objections by the family to widening the street in front of the home, building housing behind it, and shopping centers across the street. Of Sunflower Hill, Layton stated, "We foresee that this project will provide these residents an opportunity to use their gifts to reach their full potential and walk into their destiny."

Others who supported the project pointed out that the homes would provide a place for a segment of society that has been underserved. Several noted that parents were concerned about what would happen to their children, once the parents had died.

Lynn Monica, whose stepson is autistic, commented, "These adults need a place that is safe and sup-

DOLBY ATMOS
FEEL EVERY DIMENSION

GS GIANT SCREEN



LIVERMORE 13 CINEMA

RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!

www.cinemawest.com

THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH - March 23 @ 7pm





Vine Cinema & Alehouse
1722 First Street - Livermore www.VineCinema.com

Shirley MacLaine & Amanda Seyfried in the comedy:

THE LAST WORD

Fri - Sun: 12:00 2:20 4:40 7:00 9:05
Mon - Thurs: 1:00 4:30 7:00 9:00

Playing for the FINAL week!

A UNITED KINGDOM

Fri - Sun: 11:45 2:00 4:20 6:40 8:45

THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE - March 31

Advance Planning

is a thoughtful and considerate act that your loved ones will truly appreciate. A death in the family is difficult enough without the added burden of making arrangements at the last minute.

The holidays, when families are together, are a good time to talk about your family's future.

The average funeral costs around \$7500

Callaghan Mortuary & Livermore Crematory is offering a **10% DISCOUNT** that could save you about \$750 on Pre-Arranged Funeral Goods and Services until 3/31/2017.



For an appointment, call Kate Lane
cell (562) 233-9407
office (925) 447-2942
e-mail: klane@stonemor.com

Callaghan Mortuary & Livermore Crematory
3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

"Thoughtful service within the means of all"

FD #416

FUNDRAISING EVENT

LIVE MUSIC & SILENT AUCTION

Sponsored by Livermore Friends of Tracy Ramirez

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 • 6-9PM

3 Steves Winery • 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore

<p>Wine 3 Steves Winery</p>	<p>Beer Altamont Beer Works</p>	<p>Food Smokin Hot Meats N Treats</p>	<p>Music Mark Clarin & Friends</p>
--	--	--	---

3 Steves Winery, Altamont Brewery, Smoking Hot Meats & The Bacchus Brothers are donating profits from this event.

Time to PARTY & Support a Local Family

Tracy Ramirez has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and recently started chemotherapy. During his 4-5 months treatment, he will not be able to work. With medical bills and life expenses piling up, his friends are sponsoring this event to help his family through this tough time.

FOR MORE INFO: www.gofundme.com/tracyramirez

SPORTS NOTES

(continued from page 7)

showed tremendous talent at the San Jose Invitational Showcase this past weekend finishing 2nd place. Whiplash 00 ended the weekend with 3 wins and 1 loss, falling to Santa Clara Sporting 1-0 in the first game. In the second game Whiplash beat NEU Oregon 3-0, with impressive play from Savannah Boone, Carley Lucero and Daniela Walker. Whiplash peppered Oregon's goal in the first half and dominated the rest of the game. West Coast then battled with a tough Santa Cruz Breakers team and took home the 1-0 win after great defensive play from Isa Saavedra and Ali Bischof and Kat Auer. The last game of the weekend West Coast Whiplash encountered a physical Monarcas academy team.

Stellar saves from goalkeeper Briana O'Dell combined with the offensive attack from Lauren Martin, Bri Torres, and Avenna Cline Whiplash secured a 1-0 win and their 3rd shutout of the weekend.

Youth Track Club FTC Track Club, a USATF (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 USATF 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.

Pace for Peace Tri-Valley Haven's Spring 2017 5K/10K Pace for Peace will take place on April 1, 2017 at 8 am with 7 am check-in. Pace for Peace features either a 5K or 10K Walk/Run through the Livermore Valley wine country. Both courses are a perfect option for athletes and non-athletes alike; strollers and dogs are welcome. Age-Group Awards, Chip Timing, Finisher Medals and prizes are included. The person who raises the most pledge donations will win a Fitbit Charge 2. All proceeds go to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and homelessness served by Tri-Valley Haven. To register or for more information, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or contact Christine at (925) 667-2727. Proxy pledge donations or sponsorships may be sent to: Tri-Valley Haven - Pace, 3663 Pacific Ave, Livermore.

Golf Tournament

In July 2017, the travel baseball team, the Livermore Longshots, will be taking a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Cooperstown, New York to play in a baseball tournament at the Cooperstown All Star Village. The Livermore Longshots are a group of 12 year old Livermore boys who represent both Granada Little League and Livermore Little League. As part of fundraising efforts, a golf tournament will be held at Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Friday, April 14th.

For those who do not play golf, the team would appreciate any type of contribution, sponsorship or donation. For more information about the golf tournament and how to become involved, visit www.eteamz.com/longshots2017/index.cfm or email Kelly at kelly@trudeau-family.com

Swim Meet Traffic

The Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton will be the host site for a large swim meet in the coming weeks. The Pleasanton Seahawks will host the 4 day Far Westerns swim meet that begins on Thursday, March 30 and continues through Sunday, April 2. The meet, comprised of swimmers ages 13 to 18, is expected to draw about 1,500 swimmers. They will begin to

arrive each morning by 6:30 a.m., with competition beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing to approximately 8 p.m. The City of Pleasanton has been working closely with the Pleasanton Seahawks to develop plans for a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Participants have been encouraged to carpool when possible and obey traffic laws to help reduce the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. Overflow parking has been reserved on Saturday and Sunday at Gingerbread Preschool, Alisal Elementary School, and Amador Valley High School. For more information, contact Tracy Newman at (925) 931-3423.

OBITUARIES

Debra Fuess

June 1953-Feb. 2017
Resident of Livermore

The Lord called Debra Fuess home on February 12, 2017 when she passed away after a fall at her home in Livermore.

Born Debra Lee Jaroschak in 1953 in Minneapolis, MN to parents Peter and Geraldine, she moved as a little girl with her parents and three sisters Jill, Gail, and Noel to Concord, CA where she grew up.

On April 1, 1975 she had her first son, Eric, who served as her traveling partner through a tumultuous decade until she settled down in the mid-1980s, giving birth to her second son, Peter, in 1987. She adored both of her sons, whom she considered to be her greatest accomplishments.

Besides a brief move to Houston, TX in the late 1970s she lived her entire life in California, moving between Concord, San Diego, Martinez, and finally to the beautiful Livermore valley, where she chose to settle and lived out the rest of her life in the home she loved.

She made friends everywhere she went, and her devotion and kindness to those around her was her most enduring quality. Her loss is felt deeply by all who knew her, most especially by her two sons, Eric (41) and Peter (29).

Memorial services will be held in late March by invitation. Anyone who knew her and would like to come but did not receive a call from us, we apologize for the oversight and welcome you to call us at (925) 292-1714 for more information.

Geneva Mae Phillips Erickson

Geneva Mae Phillips Erickson, 89, died in her home in Lincoln, California, on March 6, 2017, after a short struggle with cancer. Preceded in death by her husband Robert "Pat" Erickson in 2008. She is survived by her



daughter Billie and her son-in-law Ubaldo Calvo; and by her grandchildren Rocco, his wife Ida Cefalu Maitino, Matthew, his wife Lauren Maitino, Robin Maitino, her life partner William Erben; and by her brother Stanley Phillips and her sister and brother-in-law Colleen and David Wuchenich.

Geneva was born February 2, 1928, in Big Stone, South Dakota, to Lawrence and Emma Phillips. After three brothers Douglas, Stanley, and John whom Geneva loved dearly, she finally got a little sister and named her Colleen.

A beautiful, smart and enthusiastic young woman in Livermore, California, she was among the earliest hires at Lawrence Livermore Research Laboratories in 1954. Together with an extraordinary team, Geneva was instrumental in setting up the telephone communications center. That's where she met her husband-to-be Robert "Pat" Erickson, who had just returned from serving in the Navy in both WWII and Korea. Pat and Geneva were married in 1957. They enjoyed many hobbies together including cooking, gardening, fishing California streams and lakes, traveling the historic USA, and later cruising with family and Masonic friends; while at the same time enjoying and overseeing their grandchildren's 4H events and school performances.

After retiring they moved to Rocklin, California, where they again enjoyed crafting their house into a home, discovering new restaurants and the occasional fishing hole in the Sierras. Geneva always had a talent for needle crafts and Pat joined her in her new-found interest in rug hooking by helping to design prize worthy rugs that graced many a doorway and footstool.

Together Geneva and Pat were the loving force that held our family relationships together. You never thought of one without the other. As we close this chapter of our family story, we pause to say "Thank you for being with us all those years."

As Geneva and Pat were active in the Masonic and Eastern Star organizations and strong supporters of Shriners Hospitals, the family asks that donations in lieu of flowers be made to the Shriners.

Charles Shaw

Former Pleasanton resident Charles "Chuck" Alden Shaw died peacefully at home in Marin at 91 on Feb. 24, 2017, surrounded by three of his loving six kids and a daughter-in-law.

Chuck was born June 8, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Fred Alden Shaw, founder of the Detroit Country Day School, and Amy Elizabeth Shaw, growing up on a farm near Northville, Michigan. He entered Harvard College in 1942 as America moved into war, joined the Navy V-12 program, and graduated majoring in electronic physics in 1945. He stroked the Harvard JV crew and was tech director of the student-run radio station The Crimson Network. Despite the Japanese surrender, he was assigned as Officer-in-Charge of the Armed Forces Radio station WVTX on Iwo Jima.

After a year as high-school math instructor, he joined General Electric's Electronics Park in Syracuse, NY, designing circuitry for the booming television industry and taking the first broadcast equipment to South America. Onondaga Pottery (Syracuse China) later hired him to head its electronics division, making ceramic capacitors and ceramic-based circuits. He was an invited attendee at the Bell Labs Conference at which Shockley, Bardeen and Brattain announced the invention of the transistor.

Returning to GE, he held several positions in its rapidly-growing semiconductor department. When GE bought the computer arms of the French Machines Bull and the Italian Olivetti, GE transferred Chuck to Paris to be the technical interface between European and American operations. In the Spring of 1968, as French students struck, Chuck organized the logistics to keep Bull open, including buses to replace the Metro, generators to supply power, a mail system, and tanker-trucks bringing fuel in from Germany through the Ardenne forest under armed guard.

Chuck returned to GE's Syracuse NY semiconductor operations and integrated circuits facility in 1970, where he advocated for "Computer-Aided Design," or computer programs to replace slide rules and computer graphics to supplant drafting machines.

In 1981, the newly-divorced Chuck moved to California as "CAD Manager" at GE's acquisition, Intersil, where he enlisted his network of GE CAD managers to help fund semiconductor research grants to California universities.

GE sold this business, and after 38 years with GE, he attempted to retire, only to join a Silicon Valley CAD company which evolved into Cadence Design Systems. In the 1970's, several farsighted American companies joined together to finance the Semiconductor Research Corp, making \$50 million in annual grants to American university graduate programs in electrical engineering. It was a point of great pride among the dozen representatives, including Chuck, that their decisions were made to advance the entire field of electronics and software and only secondarily their own companies' interests.

In 1989, Chuck married Jeanne Steves Partridge, a high school teacher of biology and physiology in Brentwood, CA. Jeanne recognized the importance of newly-evolving DNA technology. Her Central Valley lab was the first high school lab in the world to do Polymerized Chair Reaction, and it demonstrated that Cystic Fibrosis was 67% gene-caused. Chuck and Jeanne were members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Livermore. Jeanne passed away in 2008 and Chuck retired that year from Cadence at 83.

Chuck is survived by two daughters, Amy and Polly Shaw, by four step children, Tim Irish, Greg Irish, Wally Partridge, Shary Smith, and by a baker's dozen of grandchildren and step grandchildren, "All above average!"

Chuck's rich and wonderful 91 years of life will be celebrated on March 19, 2017 at 10:30 am at Fernwood Cemetery, at 301 Tennessee Valley Rd, Mill Valley, CA.

Rockwell (Rocky) Darbee

Rockwell (Rocky) Darbee, born April 9, 1946 in Clawson, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday March 8, 2017 with his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren by his side. He was an avid marathon runner and mountain climber. His quirky sense of humor and bright personality will be missed by all that knew him.

Preceded in death by his parents, John and Jeannette; big sister, Ann; and his beloved wife that he adored for over 30 years Shirley Darbee. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Burruss-Casado (Mariano); grandchildren he raised as his own, Preston and Darbee Sherman (Alex Newman); stepsons, Richard (Priscilla) and Doug (Della) Burruss; grandchildren, Brianna (Erica), Andrew (Amber), Dillon (Silvia), Amanda Burruss, Austin Salazar, Ashley Casado-Graham (David), Kaitlin Coughran and four great-grandchildren, and his niece, Lisa Brown Polson.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton.

Robert (Bob) Hall

Robert (Bob) Hall, age 70, of Livermore, California, passed away Thursday night, March 9, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. Born July 23, 1946 in San Francisco, California. Bob split his childhood between Santa Clara, California. He served his country as a nuclear weapons maintenance



specialist in the United States Army for two years. Bob worked in tech industry for 35 years. In his spare time, he was an avid skydiver with over 2,000 parachute jumps and he also enjoyed, snow skiing, waterskiing, house boating, and camping. Bob was also a Free Mason and received the highest honor, the harem award for his dedication to this organization.

He survived by his wife of 37 years, Mary Jane Maberry-Hall; along with two children; James Maberry-Hall and Kaitlin Repine; one grandchild; Brooke Hall; his two brothers; Allen and Fred Hall; and many other loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services and celebration of life will be held for Bob at 3:30 p.m. on March 18, 2017 at Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, California.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS, team Bob's Bombers. ALS Golden West Chapter, Attention: Walk to Defeat ALS; PO box 565 Agoura Hills, California, 91376.

Vera Mae Regas

Oct. 6, 1935 to March 10, 2017
Former Resident of ClearLake, CA.

Vera passed away peacefully on March 10, 2017 at Kindred Nursing Facility in Livermore after a long battle with COPD. She touched so many lives in her short 81 years. She was a beloved



mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a wonderful friend. Vera was born October 6, 1935 to Leslie and Cora Daugherty. She moved to California from Oklahoma as a young girl with her parents and two sisters, Alice and Barbara and settled in the Bay Area. She had three children; Melody, Mitchell and Cheryl Regas. She later retired and called Clearlake, CA, her new home.

Vera loved the relaxed, retired life in Clearlake and loved to spend time gardening and making her tiny place a real home there. She loved to have family and friends join her at the table for dinner - she was an excellent hostess and cook. She also loved to bake cookies and make candy she put together as Christmas gifts for family and friends. Vera also loved to travel - especially where the sun was shining like Arizona and Hawaii.

Vera is survived by her two daughters, Melody Regas-Mosier (husband Mark) of Livermore, CA., Cheryl Regas-Ace (husband Gaylord) of FortSmith, AR., her two sisters Barbara Wilcox (husband Steve) of Pleasanton, CA, and Alice Kropa of Newark, CA., her five grandchildren Sheri, Billy, Gina, Mitchell and Christina, thirteen great-grandchildren, loving nieces and nephews. Vera was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Cora Daugherty, her son, Mitchell and her granddaughter, Tamara.

We will never forget

Vera's beautiful smile and the sweet and happy person that she was. She touched so many hearts with her kindness and generosity. She will be terribly missed but find comfort in knowing that GOD has received a sweet angel in heaven.

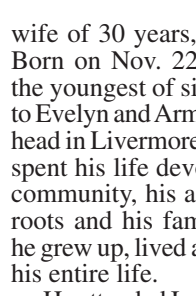
Memorial Services will be held for family and friends at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel (3833 East Ave. Livermore) on Friday, March 24th from 4 - 6 pm. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to LARCA Fire Relief Fund (Clearlake Rotary) in Vera's honor. "A Celebration of Vera's Life" reception will be held at the Mosier residence preceding the memorial service.

We hope the memories you have with Vera will forever make you smile.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Regas family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com

Malcolm David Bankhead

Malcolm David Bankhead passed away in his home at the all-time young age of 62 in the foothills of Livermore surrounded by the love and care of his dear



wife of 30 years, Maureen. Born on Nov. 22, 1954, as the youngest of six siblings, to Evelyn and Armand Bankhead in Livermore, Calif., he spent his life devoted to his community, his agricultural roots and his family where he grew up, lived and thrived his entire life.

He attended Inman Country School, Junction Avenue School and graduated from Livermore High School in 1972. He was active in the Livermore FFA and raised and showed market hogs and market steers at the Alameda County Fair, winning the master showmanship award in 1969 as a freshman in high school and numerous other awards throughout his FFA career.

Farming and ranching were first and foremost his livelihood, and he was well known for his everlasting green thumb. He found his true passion when he purchased a four thousand gallon water truck in 1988 and began Bankhead's Water Service as an owner and operator. Two years prior, he married the love of his life and cherished adventure partner, Maureen Carol Davis. On July 26, 1986, the two were married atop a hill on the ranch Malcolm grew up on, making their home there together in the country.

On May 17 of 1991 the couple welcomed their only two-pound baby girl, Malorie, who was the light of her daddy's world. Sharing the first three letters of his name, his love of animals, and more, the pair became inseparable as he gained a loyal sidekick for life.

His happy place was on top of any piece of farm

Severely Worn Teeth?
Extensive Dental Problems,
Too Costly To Restore?
You May Qualify For A
Significant Reduction In
the Cost of Your Care.
Call To Learn More
About This Limited Offer.
(925) 273-7650
Tri-Valley Aesthetic Dentistry
1018 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B
Livermore, CA 94550

equipment or large machinery - and even under making repairs - on maneuvers, driving his water truck, gardening in the yard, taking a ride on his Harley up Mines Road, grilling any kind of meat protein - ribs and stuffed hamburgers were his specialties - on his Traeger, and feeding his cattle.

Malcolm loved a juicy, rare steak and red wine - especially his brother Mike's varieties - and every once in a while enjoyed sushi and BBQ'd oysters with his buddies. He was a collector of old timey rusty shop tools, farm implements and equipment and American Pickers was one of his favorite shows to watch on TV. He loved fishing and enjoyed wilderness expeditions with his boat, and his wife, in tow and got to experience a sturgeon fishing trip with his brother and nephews in January. The one they caught wasn't big enough to keep, but at least they got one in the boat for photographic evidence.

Known for his love of story telling, his ability to make anyone feel welcomed and important, and his most genuine smile and chuckle, he was as sweet as he was strong and will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to be loved by him.

Malcolm is preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Bankhead; his father, Armand Bankhead; his brothers Bob and Paul Bankhead; and his sister-in-law Debbie Bankhead.

Malcolm is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Maureen Bankhead; his daughter who idolized him, Malorie Bankhead; his brothers Jack and Mike Bankhead; his sister, Nancy Bankhead; and many cousins; nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews.

Malcolm's family would like to thank the team at University of California, San Francisco, especially Anna Ong, BSN, RN, and Dr. Tempuro, for helping him make the most of his fight with pancreatic cancer as the exception to most rules. He fought long and hard for the past five years, but never let the disease define him. Earlier in March, he joined the elite 4 percent of people who survive five years past a stage 4 diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Heartfelt thanks also go to Hope Hospice nurse Laurel for her compassion and expertise care in helping Malcolm prepare for his next journey.

Services and a celebration of life will take place on Friday, March 24 at 11 a.m. at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Livermore FFA, Attn: Agriculture Department, 600 Maple Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Bankhead family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com

A Non-Attorney Alternative

Paralegal Services

- Divorce
- Deeds
- Probate
- Living Trust

CALL NOW!

(925) 577-4736

www.atlasdp.com

Atlas Document Preparation Services

120 Spring St., PLS

I am not an attorney. I can only provide self-help service at your specific direction. Reg Alameda County #96. Charlotte R Hargrave LDA

Livermore to Declare State of Emergency; Trails Damaged in Pleasanton

The City of Livermore will declare a local state of emergency in order to have access to funds to reimburse the city for the cost of repairing storm damage. City Manager Marc Roberts told the city council Monday that the city had suffered millions of dollars worth of damage to infrastructure. The declaration would be for 7 days; the council could decide to make it permanent. Roberts noted that city staff is unable to deal with all of the damage. Outside contractors will be called in. Alameda County is compiling a list of those who experienced damage. Property owners who may have damage

should let the city know. The information would be included in the total county list. Funds could be available from both the state and federal governments, which have both declared an emergency situation in Alameda County. In Pleasanton, a section of Centennial Trail between Main Street and Harvest Circle has been closed due to downed trees and severe trail bed erosion. The city has performed an initial evaluation of the trail section, and when the water level recedes further will plan for needed repairs. Two additional trails have been damaged by erosion as a

result of the winter rainfall. At Augustin Bernal Park on the Golden Eagle/Valley View trail, multiple mud slides have reduced the width of the road. It is passable for pedestrians, equestrians, and cyclists. Cautionary signs are posted at the top and bottom of the trail. City staff will be making repairs during the spring months. At the Alamo Canal and Arroyo Mocho trails, multiple mud slides have reduced the width of the path. It is passable for pedestrian and cyclists. Cautionary signs are posted at likely points of entry to these trails. A schedule for repairs has not yet been set. To allow users to see where these areas are located, the trail closure and warnings have been mapped at <http://tinyurl.com/Pleasantontrailclosures>

LARPD to Look at Costs of Handling Candidates' Statements

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board is looking into its current policy for collection of costs of handling candidates' statements. Currently, candidates pay a \$500 deposit to the District if they choose to submit a candidate statement for the voter pamphlet. Following an election, LARPD receives the final costs from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. In the event candidate deposits do not cover

the amount, the total is split equally among candidates who submitted statements. They pay the remaining cost. The District reimburses candidates if the deposit turns out to be in excess of the actual cost. Costs for printing the voter pamphlet have risen in recent years for various reasons, including printing the pamphlets in more languages. LARPD staff are seeking direction on whether

the District should change the amount of the deposit and if the District should pay part of the cost associated with candidates statements. Directors expressed their interest in making candidate statement accessible to those who are interested. The Board chose to have staff research what industry standards are and bring the item back for consideration at a future meeting. Also, at the meeting, General Manager Tim Bar-

ry spoke about damage to parks from recent storms. Several trees were lost; a few hundred feet of paved trail is severely damaged at Robertson Park. LARPD is waiting to fully assess damage at Sycamore Grove Park once waters recede. The open space park has been in various states of opening and closure throughout the rainy season due to water releases from the Del Valle Reservoir.

SHORT NOTES

Christian Science Talk
Practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing, Mary Bothwell will present a talk, "Experiencing Heaven Now," on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 263 S. N St., downtown Livermore. The perspective she describes comes from the example of Christ Jesus in the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. In her presentation, Ms. Bothwell will discuss how the kingdom of heaven permeates and transforms our entire being to bring healing. She explains how to recognize the presence of this kingdom by understanding the characteristics of God, divine Love, Truth, and Life. She will also share examples of healing in her own and others' lives, including an instantaneous healing of a long-time addiction to alcohol. Ms. Bothwell is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and travels frequently from her home in Pasadena, California, to speak to audiences about Christian Science healing.

banners at the stations directing them to either the westbound Route 30R bus at East Dublin/Pleasanton station or the eastbound Route 30R bus at the West Dublin/Pleasanton station. They can then ride free to/from the festival at the Dublin Civic Center. Other Wheels bus riders who transfer at the BART Stations can also ride Route 30R to and from the festival for free. At the Dublin Civic Center stop, the last westbound trip on the 30R leaves around 11:50pm, and the last eastbound trip leaves around 11:05pm. Festival attendees can also take advantage of the new Go Dublin discount available on Uber, Lyft, and De Soto cab, where Wheels will pay for 1/2 the fare, up to \$5, for rideshare trips taken in Dublin. Information on Wheels Bus Route 30R is available at www.wheelsbus.com, or by calling the Wheels Customer Service line at (925) 455-7500. Information about Go Dublin can be found at www.wheelsbus.com/godublin. Information on the St. Patrick's Day Festival is available at www.dublin.ca.gov.

Hike for Adults
A Night Hike: Adults Only will be offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., March 18. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road. This hike will give the "big kids" a turn to participate in a no-lights hike. Explore some differences between nocturnal, diurnal and crepuscular animals while keeping eyes, ears and noses alert to critters of the night. Do not bring a flashlight, but do bring a childlike curiosity. Advance reservations are required by e-mailing pcole@larpd.org, including your name, number of people and phone number. 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. **Thrift Store Sale**
The Tri-Valley Haven Thrift Store will hold a 50% off storewide St. Paddy's Day Sale on Friday 3/17 and Saturday 3/18/17. The store is located at 116 N. "L" Street on the corner of Railroad and "L". There are electronics, furniture, kitchenware, books/cd's/movies, lots of clothes and shoes, and even skis. For those who have been looking for a way to support Tri-Valley Haven, sales from the thrift store help fund community programs, including services for those who need a safe haven, and for those who are homeless and/or hungry. The thrift store will be open from 10am-6pm on Friday and Saturday.

Buses to St. Pat's Event
The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, will be giving riders more "green" in cash saved by offering free rides on March 18th and 19th to Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival. BART riders can connect to Wheels Route 30R from the East Dublin/Pleasanton and West Dublin/Pleasanton stations to the festival. Riders need to look for the festival

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527806
The following person(s) doing business as: Ranger Electric, 817 Saddleback Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Russell S. Jones, 817 Saddleback Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 15, 2017. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Russell S. Jones. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 21, 2017. Expires February 21, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4080. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527716
The following person(s) doing business as: Captured on the Fly, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Derek Von Swanger, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Bryan Fagundes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2017. Expires February 15, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4078. Published February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527716
The following person(s) doing business as: Captured on the Fly, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Derek Von Swanger, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Bryan Fagundes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2017. Expires February 15, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4078. Published February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017.

WE SERVICE ALL MAJOR BRANDS!
CALL NOW & SAVE 30%-50% OFF Your Utility Bills By Replacing Your Old Equipment
(925) 447-3000
Family Owned & Operated Since 1960
License #253756
FREE ESTIMATES ON NEW EQUIPMENT
MILLER'S **bryant**
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING Heating & Cooling Systems
4749 Bennett Dr. #N, Livermore
www.millersacandheating.com **WHATEVER IT TAKES!**

How do we experience heaven in our daily lives?
YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE TALK: "Experiencing Heaven Now"
Saturday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.
First Church of Christ, Scientist
263 S. N Street
Downtown Livermore
Christian Science Lecturer, **Mary Bothwell**, is a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing and a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship
CONTACT: Call (925) 447-2946 or christiansciencechurchlivermore.com

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? We can help!
LIVING TRUST
Individual - \$599 Couple - \$699
We Also Update Trusts!
7000-A Village Pkwy, Dublin | (925) 479-9600 | www.CaDocPreparers.com
We are not attorneys. We can only provide self help services at your specific direction. California Document Preparers is not a law firm and cannot represent customers; select legal forms; or give advice on rights or law. Prices do not include court costs. LDA #30 Alameda County.

LEGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS www.independentnews.com

LEGAL NOTICES
FOR INFORMATION PLACING LEGAL NOTICES Call 925-243-8000
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 526855
The following person(s) doing business as: Golithly Interpreting Services, 3987 Payne Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emily Tuckerman Furr, 3987 Payne Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Emily Furr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25, 2017. Expires January 25, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4077. Published February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527611-12
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Hot Country Live 2) hotcountrylive.com, 2219 First St, Suite C, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bryan Thomas Fagundes, 1713 Mill Springs Common Apt 201, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Bryan Fagundes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2017. Expires February 15, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4078. Published February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527716
The following person(s) doing business as: Captured on the Fly, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Derek Von Swanger, 1454 Winding Stream Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Bryan Fagundes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2017. Expires February 15, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4078. Published February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527250
The following person(s) doing business as: Bahia Electric, 1026 Herman Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fernando G. Ramirez, 1026 Herman Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 2, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527806
The following person(s) doing business as: Ranger Electric, 817 Saddleback Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Russell S. Jones, 817 Saddleback Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 15, 2017. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Russell S. Jones. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 21, 2017. Expires February 21, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4080. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 526993
The following person(s) doing business as: Twisted Planz Productionz, 749 Palomino Dr #D, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eddie J. Cohen III, 749 Palomino Dr #D, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2016. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Eddie J. Cohen III. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2017. Expires January 30, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4081. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527151
The following person(s) doing business as: HARMONY by design, 2222 Second St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1)Belina Costa, 4764 Central Pkwy, Dublin, CA 94568 2)Adriana Sanchez, 1232 Spring Valley Cmn, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General partnership

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 463253
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: General Energy Enterprises, 5845 Heidi Way, Livermore, CA 94550. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 3/27/2012 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Charles Lougheed Bennett, 5845 Heidi Way, Livermore, CA 94550. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Charles L. Bennett. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 17, 2017. Expires February 17, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4087. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528198
The following person(s) doing business as: Saucy Beard BBQ, 5606 Rainforest Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bryan Weeck, 2477 Chestnut St, Livermore, CA 94551

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527366
The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Hypnosis Center, 4725 First Street #276, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jessica Lynn Myers, 3428 Virgil Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 1, 2016. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Jessica L. Myers. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 8, 2017. Expires February 8, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4086. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528322
The following person(s) doing business as: Arco AMPM 82878, 785 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zhengpei Petrol Corporation, 785 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 22, 2015. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Chang Chen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2017. Expires March 3, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4090. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528403
The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Brilliant Vitality 2)Ultramodern Essentials, 1189 Sherry Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Essentially Creme, 1189

Sherry Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Bryan Weeck. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 1, 2017. Expires March 1, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4088. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527774
The following person(s) doing business as: Donalyns Leather, 5903 Ocean Hills Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Donna White, 5903 Ocean Hills Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 18, 2017. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Donna White. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 17, 2017. Expires February 17, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4089. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528409
The following person(s) doing business as: Air Control Mechanical, 164 Topaz Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Segundo Victor Sanchez Carranza, 164 Topaz Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 1, 2017. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ SegundoVictor Sanchez Carranza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 6, 2017. Expires March 6, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4091. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528409
The following person(s) doing business as: Air Control Mechanical, 164 Topaz Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Segundo Victor Sanchez Carranza, 164 Topaz Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 1, 2017. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ SegundoVictor Sanchez Carranza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 6, 2017. Expires March 6, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4091. Published March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528457
The following person(s) doing business as: Zotti Plumbing, 4777 Bennett Dr., Ste G, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kenneth D Zotti, Inc, 4777 Bennett Dr., Ste G, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 6, 2000. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Kenneth D. Zotti, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2017. Expires March 7, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4093. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEPHANIA FRANCONE (aka STEPHANIA JEAN FRANCONE, STEPHANIE JEAN FRANCONE)
Case No. RP16841242
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **STEPHANIA FRANCONE (aka STEPHANIA JEAN FRANCONE, STEPHANIE JEAN FRANCONE)**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **STEPHANIE LALAND AND VICTORIA FRANCONE** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: **STEPHANIE LALAND AND VICTORIA FRANCONE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
(X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
(X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 04/04/2017
TIME: 9:31 AM DEPT: 202 at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda Berkeley Courthouse 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
(X) Petitioner: **STEPHANIE LALAND AND VICTORIA FRANCONE 9170 ZAVANTE DRIVE FELTON, CA 95018 (831) 335-4578**
The Independent Legal No. 4094. Published March 16, 23, 30, 2017.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528104
The following person(s) doing business as: El Chaparrito, 931 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1)Ramona Margarita Quintero Garcia 2)Edgar Armando Plascencia Patino, 898 Herman Ave Apt 101, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Married Couple. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): /s/ Ramona Margarita Quintero Garcia. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4095. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.

LEGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS

www.independentnews.com



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 528537
The following person(s) doing business as: GOWOMANIA, 2562 Molinaro Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Madhavi Pandya, 2562 Molinaro Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): Madhavi Pandya. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2017. Expires March 8, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4096. Published March 16, 2017, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 528257
The following person(s) doing business as: Construction Service Partners Building Maintenance, 2546 Barrington Court, Hayward, CA 94545, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mike Greenberg, 2232 Valenciano Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): Mike Greenberg. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2017. Expires March 2, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4097. Published March 16, 2017, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DENNIS CHRISTOPHER MATEO

Case No. RP17852154
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DENNIS CHRISTOPHER MATEO
A Petition for Probate has

been filed by: PETITIONER ANDREW MATEO in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ANDREW MATEO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

(X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 04/10/2017
TIME: 9:31 AM DEPT: 202 at:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
County of Alameda
Berkeley Courthouse
2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined

in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

(X) Attorney for Petitioner: JOSHUA D. BRYSK
LAW OFFICES OF JAMES G. SCHWARTZ
7901 STONERIDGE DRIVE, SUITE 401
PLEASANTON, CA 94588
(925)463-1073

The Independent Legal No. 4098. Published March 16, 23, 30, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 528497
The following person(s) doing business as: TEDCO, 6736 Preston Avenue, Ste. A, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas E. Davis, Inc., 6736 Preston Avenue, Ste. A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on September 30, 1999. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jennifer Hunt, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2017. Expires March 8, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4099. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.

ANIMALS

2) CATS/ DOGS
ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656



Adopt a new best friend
TVAR
Tri-Valley Animal Rescue

Our current weekly adoption events include:

Saturdays - Dogs & Puppies at Farmer's Market in Pleasanton. The location is Delucchi Park, 4501 First St. Hours: 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Saturdays & Sundays - Kittens at Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd. Hours: 11am to 3pm.

Visit our website, WWW.TVAR.ORG, to see adoptable animals, volunteer opportunities, and how to donate.

Follow TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

FERAL CAT FOUNDATION
Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

EMPLOYMENT

BE WARY of out of area companies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send money or fees. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

MERCHANDISE

118) FREE SECTION
Free Pine & Oak Wood
You cut & haul it
Lots of Pine cones, too
Please call
(408)897-3156

ANNOUNCEMENTS

155) NOTICES

"NOTICE TO READERS: California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor and/or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at www.cslb.ca.gov or (800)321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board."

REAL ESTATE

157) HOUSE/CONDO/DUPLEX/APT RENTAL

FOR RENT
Livermore Apartment (Adelle)
2 BD, 1 Bath, Garage, Washer, Dryer hookups, AC
\$2,025 per month
(925) 989-0580

Inland Valley Publishing Co.
Client Code:04126-00001
Re: Legal Notice for Classified Ads
The Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and state law prohibit advertisements for housing and employment that contain any preference, limitation or discrimination based on protected classes, including race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. IVPC does not knowingly accept any advertisements that are in violation of the law.

TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE OR CLASSIFIED AD IN THE INDEPENDENT, Call (925)243-8000

Cable Installers Wanted!

Immediate openings for Cable Installers
No experience necessary, we will train.
\$500 Bonus for no experience
\$2500 Bonus with sufficient experience
Benefits - Health, Dental, Vision, 401K
Company vehicle with gas card provided
Bring current DMW report to interview.
Call (916) 215-9309 to apply.
Open Interviews Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
1920 Mark Ct. #190, Concord, CA

 Daniel Alpher REALTOR® 925.548.6500 daniel@apr.com daniel.apr.com	 Sally Blaze REALTOR® 925.998.1284 sblaze@apr.com sblaze.apr.com
 Lynn Borley REALTOR® 925.487.3371 lynnb@apr.com lynnb.apr.com	 Tracey Esling REALTOR® 925.366.8275 tesling@apr.com tesling.apr.com
 Leslie Faught REALTOR® 925.784.7979 leslie@apr.com LeslieFaught.com	 Linda Futral Broker/Realtor 925.980.3561 linda@apr.com LindaFutral.com
 Dan Gamache REALTOR® 925.918.0332 dangamache@apr.com TriValleyHomeSearch.com	 Kat Gaskins REALTOR® 925.963.7940 kgaskins@apr.com KatGaskins.com
 Gail Henneberry REALTOR® 925.980.1900 ghenneberry@apr.com ghenneberry.apr.com	 Leigh Anne Hoffman REALTOR® 925.918.2912 hoffmanhomesales@gmail.com lhoffman.apr.com
 Gina Huggins Broker Associate 925.640.3762 ghuggins@apr.com ghuggins.apr.com	 Colton King REALTOR® 925.980.6209 cking@apr.com cking.apr.com
 Kelly King REALTOR® 510.714.7231 lkking@apr.com lkking.apr.com	 Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group 925.846.6500 blofland@blaiselofland.com blaiselofland.com
 Sara Lovett REALTOR® 925.518.8177 slovett@apr.com slovett.apr.com	 Jo Ann Luisi REALTOR® 925.321.6104 jluisi@apr.com JoAnnLuisi.com
 Miranda Mattos REALTOR® 925.336.7653 miranda@apr.com miranda.apr.com	 Lily McClanahan REALTOR® 925.209.9328 lilym@apr.com lilymc.apr.com
 Tim McGuire REALTOR® 925.463.SOLD tmcguire@apr.com TimMcGuire.net	 Kris Moxley REALTOR® 925.519.9080 kmoxley.apr.com Moxleyteam.com
 Tyler Moxley Broker Associate 925.518.1083 tmoxley.apr.com Moxleyteam.com	 Maureen Nokes Broker Associate 925.577.2700 mnokes@apr.com mnokes.apr.com
 Kim Ott REALTOR® 510.220.0703 kim@kimott.com KimOtt.com	 Justin Ramos REALTOR® 510.673.7004 jramos@apr.com jramos.apr.com
 Amanda Pereira REALTOR® 925.518.2887 apereira@apr.com apereira.apr.com	 Linda Traurig REALTOR® 925.621.4073 ltraurig@apr.com ltraurig.apr.com
 Judy Turner REALTOR® 925.518.3115 jturner@apr.com jturner.apr.com	 Robin Young REALTOR® 510.757.5901 ryoung@apr.com ryoung.apr.com

Professionals Choice Real Estate Directory

Local guide to the Valley's Leading Real Estate Professionals & Services

 Mike Fracisco (925) 998-8131 Residential • Commercial • Property Mgmt Fracisco Realty & Investments www.MikeFracisco.com CalBRE #01378428	 Top Producing Livermore Realtor since 1999 www.IvyLoGerfo.com (925) 998-5312 CalBRE#01287853
 Cindy Williams Gene Williams REALTOR®, CRS & GRI REALTOR® (925) 918-2045 (510) 390-0325 www.WilliamsReGroup.com Over Two Decades of Experience!	 Sande Utterback (925) 487-0524 WWW.SANDEEU.COM Specializing in BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY Drysdale Properties Livermore's Finest Homes
 Gail Henderson BROKER ASSOCIATE, MFA COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL (925) 980-5648 www.gailhenderson.com Cal BRE #01709171	 SABRINA BASCOM (925) 337-0194 sabrina.bascom@bhgtrivalley.com Cal BRE#01848451 Better Homes REALTY TRI-VALLEY 101 E. Vineyard Ave #103, Livermore, CA
 PREFERRED BROKERS Wanda Thompson 925.858.9128 411 SoLSt, Suite E, Livermore BRE#00983781 / NMLS#244633	 DONNA GARRISON SUSAN SCHALL 925.980.0273 925.519.8226 CA BRE Lic. # 01395362, 01735040, 01964566 Search Tri-Valley Homes for Sale at FabulousProperties.net Venture Sotheby's
 Brett D. Caires Working harder for you since 1987 BOAVENTURA REAL ESTATE SERVICES 925.449.5888 brettdcaires@gmail.com LIC#00958328	 TEAM EVANS Excellence in Real Estate Craig & Rebecca Evans CalBRE #01971526 #01498025 TeamEvansRealEstate.com 925.784.2870 BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY Drysdale Properties
 Cindy Greci Dominic Greci (925) 784-1243 (925) 525-0864 www.GreciGroup.com BRE#01323804 BRE#0170140	 DENNIS SERRAO Broker Associate /REALTOR Serving Livermore & Tri-Valley since 1999 dennis.rebroker@gmail.com TriValleyHomeSellers.com (925) 876-3756 COLDWELL BANKER
 KRISTY PEIXOTO AND COMPANY Estates, Ranches & Land Realtors (925) 251-2536 kpeixoto@rockcliff.com Estatesandranches.com CalBRE #01256255	 Linda Newton REALTOR®, GRI, SRES (925) 216-2015 Linda.Newton@bhghome.com BHGHome.com/LindaNewton CalBRE# 01312631 Better Homes REALTY TRI-VALLEY REALTY
 Michelle Elliott Mortgage Banker 925-212-6907 Fax: 866-378-1616 michelle.d.elliott@chase.com homeloans.chase.com/michelle.d.elliott NMLS ID: 694685	RESERVED FOR YOU AD. FOR INFORMATION, CALL (925) 243-8000.
 Ryan Anderson (925) 371-RYAN (7926) www.371RYAN.com ryan@371ryan.com BRE#01254257	 Marina Guevorkian REALTOR, e-PRO FIVESTARRealEstateAgentReward 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (925) 640-8824 SellingLivermore.com CalBRE #01390611 kw Tri-Valley Realty

To Place Your Ad, Call Your Account Representative At (925) 243-8001

INTERESTED IN A CAREER?

Are you a highly motivated individual who would entertain a NEW CAREER IN REAL ESTATE or are you an EXPERIENCED REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL that is looking for an innovative company to help you take your business to the next level? Alain Pinel Realtors is just that, a team.

Don Faught
Vice President & Managing Broker
925.251.1111
dfaught@apr.com

DUBLIN COUNCIL

(continued from page one)

tiality.

In response to council questions at the meeting, Assistant City Manager Linda Smith said that the sites

under consideration were already public knowledge, as announced in a school board news release.

Williams said what was

important were opinions the councilmembers may have about each site. Property owners might get information from that, he said.

The council said it wanted to discuss the school sites in regard to their potential impact on the city's future revenue. They wanted to look at such things as traffic impacts.

Two of the potential sites are owned by the school district, and would not affect any city revenue. The sites are the old Nielsen school, which is closed, and Murray Elementary School. Both sites are west of Interstate 680. However, the district wants to build the school in East Dublin, closer to the growing community there. Several audience speakers at the council meeting said they want an East Side high school.

The district once announced a site for a high school, but built Fallon Middle School on it, east of Tassajara Road and north of Gleason Drive. The district then said it would concentrate on upgrading and expanding Dublin High School.

Dublin's concern about any loss of future commercial development touches on the city's projection of a recurring annual deficit of \$1 million after 2020. By then, most development will have occurred. The city can no longer rely on permit fees for general fund growth. If the school district acquires a commercially planned site, the city would lose a tax generator.

Smith gave examples of how much revenue the city might fail to gain. The 21-acre Promenade site, which has a Stage 1 development plan, includes 230,000 square feet of retail and office zoning, and 80 second-floor units. That could generate up to \$300,000 in property tax revenue and \$550,000 in sales tax income annually.

Two DiManto parcels on the east side of Tassajara Road, near Dublin Boulevard, have no formal entitlements. One is 30 acres, the

other 20 acres. Only the current general plan designation is the guide to how much revenue it might produce.

The General Plan for the two DiManto sites taken together allows up to 536,000 square feet of commercial zoning and 218 units of medium-high and high density units. Revenue estimates there project up to \$750,000 annually in property tax and up to \$1.8 million in sales tax.

The final commercial site is the 13-acre Carl Zeiss Meditec property, the only one among the three commercial sites that has a building on it. The firm plans to relocate to land adjacent to the SAP Center by 2020, said Smith. The city would not lose a tax-generating business with the Zeiss move. However, the current Zeiss property could be acquired by another commercial firm (adding more revenue), noted Councilmember Abe Gupta.

LIVERMORE

(continued from page one)

This year, the number of students in March has exceeded projections by nearly 9%.

The largest increases in student enrollment, beyond what was expected, were at the high schools and at Joe Michell K-8. In part, the increase at Michell is considered to be the result of the popularity of the International Baccalaureate program. Each of the District schools experienced some additional enrollments in August, and then sporadically throughout the school year. Opening of the Satellite School to accommodate students from the Livermore Valley Charter School led to a need to add staff.

The independent study program at Vineyard is at the highest level in many years, with an enrollment over 30% more than it was last year at this time, explained Van Schaack.

While teachers will be added, the school board voted in closed session to send out notices of lay-off to six employees.

Law does not allow the board to discuss personnel decisions in open session or provide a reason for not rehiring a teacher.

One of the notices was to go to Granada High School French teacher Anne Marie Etesse. She teaches in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Granada.

A large group of parents and students were on hand last week to ask that the board reconsider its decision. Students noted that her teaching ability has helped them to learn French quickly and easily. One said that if she were to leave, "I don't have a desire to be in the IB program."

Several questioned

whether whatever policy she allegedly broke was at a level that warranted a layoff notice. One parent suggested that the district, rather than dismiss a valuable teacher, should work with her to correct any problems.

LEA STATEMENT

Also at the meeting, Livermore Education Association President Cate Sarraile read a statement urging the community and board members to work toward education funding reform in California.

She stated, "It's time to take an interest in politics. The President of the US has stated he wants to provide \$20 billion to support vouchers for school choice." She noted that Title I funding at \$15.5 billion constitutes 22% of the current U.S. education budget; \$12 billion, or 17%, goes toward special education. There was concern that such programs may not receive money needed to continue.

Sarraile stated, "Students deserve a quality, inclusive, safe and innovative public education system that en-

sures all students can succeed regardless of their zip code, color of their skins, native language, gender or gender identity, immigration status, religion, who they love or their social standing."

She then went on to talk about California. With the 6th leading economy in the world, California funding for education ranks 41st out of 50 in per pupil spending. The state income is overly dependent on income and sales taxes. One area, Sarraile suggested needing addressing was the fact that Prop. 13 has led to a disproportionate payment of property taxes by homeowners. Forty years ago, residents paid 55% and commercial 45%; today residents pay 72%, and commercial 28%.

Board President Craig Bueno has raised similar concerns about how education is funded at several meetings. Last Tuesday, he noted there is a problem in how the state allocates funds. "Education has to be the priority. Funds should be allocated to allow for a proper education system."

\$59
Exam, X-Ray, Cleaning
Cash Patients Only

\$500
OFF Invisalign®
New Patients Only

Dr. Alpa Dalal DDS
Dalal Dental Care
For a lifetime of smiles!

1987 Santa Rita, Suite F, Pleasanton
925.660.7676 | www.DalalDental.com

Livermore Valley Senior Living
"A Home Away From Home"

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
We invite you to come for a tour today.

We are a 20-bed assisted living community.
We welcome you to come tour anytime!

(925) 447-LIVE (5483)
www.LVSL.net
3356 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550
License #019200452

yelp www.yelp.com/biz/livermore-valley-senior-living-livermore

Like Us On Facebook www.facebook.com/LivermoreValleySeniorLiving

Alain Pinel Realtors®

FIND YOUR PLACE



FREMONT \$6,999,999

600 Monticello Terrace | 6bd/10ba
Kelly King | 925.251.1111
BY APPOINTMENT



SAN RAMON \$1,475,000

6 Crested Oak Court | 5bd/4.5ba
Janice Habluetzel | 925.251.1111
BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,225,000

3186 Gulfstream Street | 6bd/2.5ba
Tim McGuire | 925.251.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$1,225,000

2783 Yountville Court | 4bd/4.5ba
Linda Futral | 925.251.1111
BY APPOINTMENT



PLEASANTON \$1,199,000

2369 Allegro Street | 4bd/2.5ba
Sally Blaze | 925.251.1111
BY APPOINTMENT



LIVERMORE \$1,115,000

2845 Rivers Bend Circle | 4bd/3ba
Linda Futral | 925.251.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$799,000

1797 Magnolia Circle | 3bd/2ba
Tim McGuire | 925.251.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$760,000

5642 Belleza Drive | 3bd/2.5ba
Tyler Moxley | 925.251.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



CASTRO VALLEY \$710,000

3637 Brookdale Blvd. | 3bd/1.5ba
Leslie Faught | 925.251.1111
BY APPOINTMENT

APR.COM

Over 30 Offices Serving The San Francisco Bay Area 866.468.0111

ALAIN PINEL
REALTORS

LUXURY
PORTFOLIO
INTERNATIONAL

Students Learn about FFA Activities

By Carol Graham

For 70 years, the week of George Washington's birthday has been designated National FFA Organization Week.

"My favorite activity is Animals in the Quad & Expo Night because I'm able to explain more about FFA to our school and incoming members, as well as show off all of my little pets," said Livermore High School junior Spencer DeMera, noting his menagerie of ducks, chickens, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs, cats, a cockatiel and a crested gecko. "I get to show students at our school what they can do in FFA, and all of the animals they can have an excuse to own if they choose to go down the showing route."

The National FFA Organization, originally called Future Farmers of America and now commonly referred to simply as FFA, is an inter-curricular student organization for those with diverse interests in the food, fiber and natural resource industries, encompassing science, business, and technology, in addition to production agriculture. Livermore High School (LHS) offers the only remaining FFA Chapter in Alameda County according to Agricultural Instructor Joe McNealy.

"It's not just about farming," said McNealy, who is also an alumnus of both the school and program. "Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. The leadership part of FFA teaches students to set goals for projects, education, careers, and to attend college or join the work force."

During FFA Week,



Livermore High students at FFA week.

which this year ran from February 18–25, national chapters conducted a variety of activities to help others in their schools and communities learn about FFA and agricultural education. This year's theme was Transform Purpose to Action. It embraced nearly 90 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. Nearly 650,000 members participated in FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels.

"The Livermore FFA celebrated by participating in FFA Spirit Week, Scavenger Hunts, Guess the

Amount of Kernels Game, and Animals in the Quad," said McNealy. "Having started in 1936, Livermore High's FFA program is one of the longest-running organizations on campus."

Courses offered at the high school include ag (agriculture) science and biology, animal anatomy and physiology, ag soils chemistry, ag construction technology, wildlife, ag business, and ornamental horticulture.

LHS senior Allie Camberos, who raises goats and pigs for the Alameda County Fair, explained, "FFA is a program where students can

show livestock. We also go to conferences and meetings, and meet new people from around California."

Added DeMera, "The program is beneficial for learning about agriculture, making friends, and getting to see California. By seeing California I mean that members have equal chances to compete in and go to various contests and leadership conferences around the state."

With the motto "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve," the FFA since 1928 has been dedicated to making a positive difference in

the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success, through agricultural education.

"I am actually not hoping to go into an agriculture career. I plan to go into computer sciences or engineering, but I still take part because it gives me the ability to travel, meet new people and gain leadership skills," said DeMera. "It teaches me how to be a more responsible, hard-working person."

To learn more, visit livermorehs.schoolloop.com, or Livermore High School FFA on Facebook.

Indian Jazz Fusion Concert Set

An Indian Jazz Fusion concert will take place on Saturday, March 25, 6:00 PM at Dublin High Center for the Performing Arts and Education. The City of Dublin Arts Space grantee East Bay Marathi Mandal hosts the world-class musicians who will perform.

Discounted tickets for Dublin residents are available online for \$20. Students discount tickets are \$15. Regularly priced tickets are \$25.

The show, Soul and Spice: An Indian Jazz Journey, features prolific and diverse saxophonist and composer George Brooks and Grammy-nominated classical Indian violinist Kala Ramneth. Brooks, best known to traditional jazz audiences as the go-to horn-master for blues giants like Etta James, Albert Collins, Roy Rogers, and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, is also a giant in the electrifying genre of Indian/jazz fusion, having collaborated with world-class virtuosos like Zakir Hussain, Fared Haque, and John McLaughlin. Ramneth is known for a unique and entrancing, otherworldly sound. Together they draw on Indian ragas and rhythmic patterns to create an accessible blend of the profound and ecstatic. They are joined by

(continued on page 6)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Musical Spoof, 'That's Our Snow White,' To Be Performed at the Firehouse in Pleasanton

East Bay Children's Theatre (EBCT) is celebrating its 85th season by returning to a favorite wishing well. For 2017, the company is presenting an encore production of its record-setting musical, "That's Our Snow White."

Performances are set for April 1 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The show is described as a madcap spoof of the classic tale. Come meet Snow White: The high-maintenance princess with a heart of gold who's loved by all the furry creatures of the land—especially Prince Ponderous. The cast of kooky cutups also includes the Evil Queen; her back-talking Magic Mirror; the Furry Friends; and, of course, the Six Dwarfs. (Six?!)

The tongue-in-cheek script and Broadway flavored songs are designed to entertain and amuse.

EBCT commissioned award-winning playwright and composer Ron Lytle to create the family musical in 2008. Following that world premiere, the show was released to companies nationwide; and it's been happily ever after, ever since.

"That's Our Snow White! was EBCT's biggest hit

ever when we debuted it," says company president Eve Tieck. The cast is terrific, and the material is so fresh and funny. Audiences are definitely in for a real treat!"

The cast is comprised of talent gathered from throughout the entire Bay Area, and includes: Terry Pink Alexander, Chloe Barg, Mary Bishop, Abe Bernstein, Kate Brennan, Barbara Ann Cecchetti, Karen Fox, Travis Himebaugh, Diana Kehrig, Bryan Munar, Merle Nadlin, Ethan Ostrow, Krista Joy Serpa, Wayne Steffen and Jacob Thompson.

The satirical score contains one knock-out number after another: "The Opening Number," "I'm Wishing and Wishing," "One Singular Song," "I'll Whistle; You Work!" "How Do You Like Them Apples?" "Watch Out!," and "That's Our Snow White!"

Tickets are \$12-\$17, and may be purchased online at www.EBCTonline.org or www.firehousearts.org.

The performance lasts approximately 1 hour.

East Bay Children's Theatre is the Bay Area's oldest continuously operating Theatre Company (established 1933). For more info, contact: ebctheatre@gmail.com or visit www.ebctOnline.org



Snow White (Krista Joy Serpa) is wishes for a "splendid 'he' on bended knee" in "That's Our Snow White! The musical spoof is presented by East Bay Children's Theatre.

Dance Group Brings High Energy Show to the Bankhead in Livermore



Dance group in action.

Minneapolis-based music and dance group Rhythmic Circus brings its off-Broadway hit show "Feet Don't Fail Me Now!" to the Bankhead Theater at the end of March. A tap and music performance that mixes hard-hitting percussive dance with a live rock band, the show's approach offers an upbeat medley of positive messages and infectious rhythm. Described as an "exuberant, toe-tapping, hand-clapping hour-and-a-half" by Theatermania, Rhythmic Circus' "Feet Don't Fail Me Now!" will fill the Bankhead Theater stage on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Rhythmic Circus' four dancers combine rapid-fire tapping talent with the big, brass sound, funky styling, and original lyrics of their seven-piece band. Together with The Human Beatbox, vocal percussionist Aaron "Heatbox" Heaton, they

earned the show a "Spirit of the Fringe" Award at the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

"We created 'Feet Don't Fail Me Now!' out of the desire to get people back in touch with the spirit of celebration. The show helps remind our audiences that there is always a reason to get up, let go and dance," said co-creator and executive director Nick Bowman. "The name of our show comes from an old New Orleans chant dating back to the early 1900's – a time when the city was rich with culture and spirit, they literally had parades every Sunday just to celebrate their lives and community. Rhythmic Circus has adopted the chant as more of a rallying cry. We have been ecstatic to see it strike a chord with people everywhere from our home town to Off-Broadway and all the way across the globe,"

Bowman added.

"Feet Don't Fail Me Now!" premiered in August 2008 and has since toured internationally, including a 25-show run at the New Victory Theatre in New York City.

The company will offer an educational outreach program sharing their skills and talents with local students prior to the show through support from the California Arts Council; WESTAF, the Western States Arts Federation; and the National Endowment for the Arts. Rhythmic Circus' evening performance has been sponsored in part by a generous donation from Jean King.

Tickets for Rhythmic Circus "Feet Don't Fail Me Now!" are available at the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street in Livermore, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Escher String Quartet to Perform Trio of Compositions

Del Valle Fine Arts continues its 2016-2017 chamber music season on Saturday, March 25 with an 8:00 pm performance by the Escher String Quartet at the Bankhead Theater.

In its home town of New York, the ensemble serves as Season Artists of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, where it was one of five quartets chosen to collaborate in a complete presentation of Beethoven's string quartets. They have been awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. Members are Adam Barnett-Hart, Violin; Aaron Boyd, Violin; Pierre LaPointe, Viola; and Brook Speltz, Cello.

Championed by the Emerson Quartet, the Escher Quartet was invited by both Pinchas Zukerman and Itzhak Perlman to be Quartet in Residence at each artist's summer festival. The quartet has collaborated with classical artists David Finckel, Leon Fleischer, Wu Han and Joshua Bell, jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman, vocalist Kurt Elling, legendary Latin artist Paquito D'Rivera and tours regularly with Grammy award winning guitarist Jason Vieaux.

For the Livermore concert, the quartet will perform a trio of compositions, beginning with Haydn, who essentially invented the string quartet form, and ending with Beethoven, once a pupil of Haydn, who late in life took the quartet to realms undreamed of by his teacher. In between the group will perform an extraordinary quartet by Benjamin Britten, 20th Century music certainly, but one that looks back 100 years before Haydn for inspiration.

The Haydn E Flat Major quartet, Op. 76, was pub-



Escher String Quartet.

lished in 1797. Haydn had been composing quartets for forty years, throughout his long creative life, and this piece displays his mature mastery of the form, with variety, invention and wit. It begins with a placid, pastoral theme, moves through a fantasia and minuetto, and concludes with a spirited allegro.

The central piece of the three is a special gift to chamber music lovers. Haydn and Beethoven, after all, are staples of the string quartet repertoire, but the Benjamin Britten second quartet in C Major quartet is rarely heard outside of Britain. It is an extraordinary work; one critic labeled it "one of the compositions of the century." The Escher have championed this piece, posting a live performance on YouTube. The quartet was first performed in 1945 at a concert marking the 250th anniversary of the death of English baroque composer Henry Purcell. Purcell's music was an important influence on Britten, and that influ-

ence is especially apparent in the long third movement, labeled "Chacony", as Purcell would have called it, a passacaglia that presents 21 variations on a ground bass theme in which each of the four players is spotlighted with a cadenza.

The Beethoven quartet in E Flat Major from 1824 is among the last instrumental works. He had written his last symphony, was totally deaf and in failing health. His late quartets (and piano sonatas) all project a sense of introspection, resignation and other-worldliness, as well as his late obsession with counterpoint (which a year later reached its zenith in the Grosse Fuge). The piece begins with a fanfare, then a sweet, lyrical theme alternating with energetic allegro passages. This back and forth between quiet melody and spirited playing continues throughout, and the piece concludes with a jaunty rollicking tune, taken to a driving finale, where the musicians really dig in.

The Escher Quartet has performed throughout

Europe, including the Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Berlin's Konzerthaus, London's Kings Place, Slovenian Philharmonic Hall and Auditorium du Louvre. The group has appeared in the Heidelberg Spring Festival, Dublin's Great Music in Irish Houses, Risør Chamber Music Festival in Norway and Hong Kong International Chamber Music Festival.

Currently String Quartet in Residence at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, they have given masterclasses at London's Royal Academy of Music and Brazil's Campos do Jordão Festival.

Volumes I and II of the complete Mendelssohn Quartets, released on the BIS label in 2015, have received the highest critical acclaim, with comments such as "...eloquent, full-blooded playing... The four players offer a beautiful blend of individuality and accord" (BBC Music Magazine). The Escher Quartet takes its name from Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher,

inspired by Escher's method of interplay between individual components working together to form a whole.

Tickets are \$48/\$42/\$30 and are available at the Bankhead box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore, (925) 373-6800 or atwww.

bankheadtheater.org.

High school students are admitted free but tickets must be arranged through the box office. College students are \$16 on the day of the concert. The remaining DVFA concert is the Sotto Voce tuba quartet on May 6. (www.delvallefinearts.org).

L I V E R M O R E — arts — BANKHEAD THEATER	
	Tonight! Neil Simon's Last of the Red Hot Lovers WALNUT STREET THEATRE Thu MAR 16 7:30pm
	All New! Intergalactic Nemesis TWIN INFINITY: A Live-Action Graphic Novel Fri MAR 17 8pm
	AMERICA'S FAVORITE BIG BAND SHOW RETURNS IN THE MOOD <small>or 1940's musical revival</small> Tue MAR 21 2 & 7pm
The Marriage of Figaro LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA MAR 18-19	In the Mood AMERICA'S FAVORITE BIG BAND MUSICAL Tue MAR 21 2 & 7pm
925.373.6800 • LVPAC.org 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore	

Le Nozze di Figaro Opera Review

New Twist For Livermore Valley Opera Production

By Sarah Bobson

Mozart's opera buffa *Le Nozze di Figaro* is a multi-layered masterpiece. The da Ponte libretto based on the Beaumarchais play pokes fun at many of the same bumbling, clueless characters seen in Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* who struggle through one intrigue after the other only to find in the end that love conquers all. Livermore Valley Opera's current production has added a new twist by updating the opera, sort of, to the 1940s.

Under the direction of Brian Luedloff, this *Figaro* now takes place on a 1946 Hollywood soundstage where Director Cecille B. daPonte is filming actors as they perform the opera. The staging is divided into center stage, where props and scenery change depending on which act is being filmed, and the right and left sides where two trailers are parked in subdued lighting. Between takes, the actors retire to their trailers. The panels facing the audience are raised to allow the audience to view the actors' all-too-human natures, which mirror that of the opera's characters.

This update seems to accomplish several things. First, it reveals the profound layer beneath the farcical surface of *Figaro*. The subdued, sometimes quite dim lighting of the trailers is probably meant to symbolically represent the darker, all-too-human impulses of jealousy, revenge, and betrayal that lurk in the shadows. This is a visual and clever way of hammering home this idea, but is it necessary? Seeing Count Almaviva grope Susanna in his trailer between takes is no different than only seeing him fondle her within the opera. Characters, no matter how farcical, usu-

ally capture some aspect of human nature. Opera audiences are astute enough to understand this. Second, the update allows the audience to better relate to the characters, the plot, and the setting. Luedloff is quoted as saying that the golden age in Hollywood is "the closest thing we have to royalty and aristocracy" in America. While it might be hard for 21st century audiences to relate to and accept the practice of *droit du seigneur*, which gave the lord of the manor first conjugal rights of his female servants, contemporary audiences, at least the older set, have heard the stories about many an aspiring actress succumbing to the proverbial director's couch. A tryst in the trailer of the male lead, Count Almaviva, in this production is meant to equate that director's couch.

To accommodate the update, the libretto has been revised slightly to include references to the trailers and the film script. We see the minor character of Barbarina rehearsing her lines, for example. But aside from that, I don't believe the distinction between the "contemporary actors" and the "opera characters" is clearly made; the characters wear their "Figaro" garb in the trailers and address one other by their opera character names; and the only time the film stars' names are given is in the program notes.

Nevertheless, Luedloff's staging is mostly effective. The movement of furniture or characters, which provide fluidity and naturalness and break up otherwise static moments, sometimes threaten to upstage a singer, nevertheless, the ludicrous situations and witty repartee hold their own. One such instance involves Marcel-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Scene from Livermore Valley Opera production.

lina, the housekeeper to Dr. Bartolo, the "doctor of the house" for Count and Countess Almaviva, and Figaro, the Count's valet, who is betrothed to Susanna, the Countess' maid. Figaro owes Marcellina money. She insists that he honor his contract to repay her, either by returning the money at once or by marrying her. She rejoices in the thought that she will soon wed the man she adores, only to discover -- warning: spoiler alert -- that she is his long-lost mother and that the "doctor in the house" is his long-lost father. The lawyer in the house, Don Curzio, declares the contract null and void. It's a funny bit that the lawyer's first thought is not to ponder the ironic turn of events but to think about the legal papers involved. If this were a true updated version, he might request a DNA test. Nevertheless, to compound the already silly

situation, a double wedding is planned. In another funny bit, Antonio the gardener tends to a few flower pots outside one of the trailers rather than to the lush gardens one might expect on the estate of a nobleman. And still another silly situation, although not that original: Cherubino, the Count's page, doesn't want to be discovered in a trailer with the wife of his jealous master's so he drapes a blanket over himself and pretends to be a chair. It is unfortunate that the bright lights on center stage tended to flood out the supertitles, making them difficult to read. The subdued lighting on the trailers, coupled with the somber baroque melodies in the quieter moments in the opera, created some low-energy moments.

The orchestra, with Maestro Alex Katsman doubling as conductor and playing the keyboard, robustly attacked the overture, pro-

ducing mostly a full-bodied sound, save for a few weak strings and errant horns here and there.

The chorus as villagers, peasants, servants, and wedding guests were in fine voice, as were the principals and supporting cast. Bernardo Bermudez sang his Act III aria "Vedromentrio sospiro" with his strong lyric baritone, a voice that has depth, body, and the hint of a once lighter tone. With his handsome looks, Bermudez played the role of Count Almaviva with a striking, commanding presence. Efrain Solis, as Figaro, cut a youthful *Figaro* with a solid baritone voice. At times, though, he seemed to be reaching for his top notes, belting them out rather than delivering controlled tones. In the role of Countess Almaviva, soprano Lacy Sauter embodied her wounded wife role, singing her beautiful Act III aria "Dove sono"

with the most dulcet pianissimos with a control that is difficult from a sitting position. For this, she garnered the first robust bravo of the evening. Christie Conover, as Susanna, has a very strong, well-placed soprano voice with a healthy lower register, reaching an A below middle C in her Act IV aria "Deh vieni, non tardar." Rounding out the cast were Carl King, who sang a scampy Doctor Bartolo, and must be commended for his agility in spewing out the tongue-twister, rapid-fire words and notes in his Act I aria, "La vendetta"; Deborah Rosengaus as a deliciously shrewish Marcellina; Mason Gates as Basilio; Kiril Havezov as the inebriated gardener Antonio; Alba Franco-Cancel as Barbarina; and Jonathan Orenberg as Don Curzio.

But the highlight of the evening has to go to mezzo-soprano Kristin Choi as Cherubino. For this production, she has the delicious role of playing a woman playing a man playing a woman. She simply steals the show with her charming antics, whether she's hiding from the Count, or attempting to learn how to march in military fashion, or singing two of the better-known arias in the opera, "Non so piu cosa son, cosa faccio" (Act I) and "Voi, che sapete" (Act II).

Tickets are \$32-\$89. Students 18 years and younger \$10 off on all days, all seating sections (student ID required). The opera will be presented at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore, at 7:30 on Saturday, March 18, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org, or by calling 373-6800.

Chamber Singers to Perform in Livermore

Mission Peak Chamber Singers under the direction of Ofer dal Lal invite all to share a chuckle, a few laughs and a big smile with their mid-spring performance entitled "Sing :-)". The program will include works ranging from the Renaissance to Bernstein, which all share a common theme, an inside joke from the composer.

A German lothario sings his ardor in broken Italian in Orlando di Lasso's "Matona, mia cara." A British Admiral describes his path to success in Gilbert and Sullivan's "When I Was a Lad." "The Beatles poke fun at the cold war in their especially timely "Back in the U.S.S.R." Ensemble groups from the ranks of the choir will "Teach the World to Sing," hope that "Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet," and implore "Let It Be Me,"



Singers in concert.

plus much more. Look for a little baseball and a visit from some pirates.

Performances will be

on Saturday, March 25 at 3pm in the Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Boulevard, Fremont, and on

Sunday, March 26 at 4pm in the First Presbyterian Church Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

Tickets for Sing :-)) are available at www.mpchambersinger.org. Season tickets which include the May 21 concert, Celebration of Life, are also available on the website.

Sing :-)) will be conducted by Ofer dal Lal who took over as Music Director last fall for the annual Christmas at the Mission.

Mr. dal Lal has a master's degree in conducting from the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music in Tel-Aviv. He first came into prominence as the musical director of the Jerusalem Oratorio Choir – an organization of five choirs consisting of 150 singers and one of Israel's leading non-professional choirs. He has conducted choirs from Germany, Italy, Sweden, Indonesia, Palestine and Israel.

Hagemann Ranch Open House Goes Irish

At the March 26 "Sunday at Hagemann Ranch" event there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration, a little late. There will be antique cars to view and a quilting demonstration. Folks will be able to make their own quilt squares. Altamont Beer Works will be supplying refreshments.

As usual there will be ongoing tours of the historic ranch and an art demonstration. The date is Sunday March 26 from 1-4 p.m. at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Ave. in Livermore.

"Sundays at Hagemann Ranch" happens the last Sunday of each month and features free seasonal family friendly activities.

IN THE MOOD

a 1940s musical revue



**AMERICA'S GREATEST
BIG BAND SHOW!**

BANKHEAD THEATRE, LIVERMORE
2400 First Street

March 21st lvpac.org
2pm & 7pm **925-373-6800**

LESHER CENTER, WALNUT CREEK
1601 Civic dr.

March 24th leshercenter.org
2pm & 8pm **925-943-7469**

★ **A nostalgic, patriotic, upbeat,
sentimental salute to AMERICA'S
GREATEST GENERATION!**

Crab Feed to Raise Funds for Livermore High Chrome Books

Livermore High Alumni Association (LHSAA) will host the 5th Annual Fundraising Crab Feed on Saturday, March 18. This event supports their 2016 - 2017 Fundraising Goal for the LHSAA to provide 300 Chromebook computers to Livermore High School, as well as celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Livermore High. The event is being presented by the Alumni Association along with support from the LHS Music Dept., Leadership Class and Link Crew from LHS and Christensen Middle Schools Leadership Class.

The State of California requires that students complete State testing via computer, however they do not provide the equipment. The Chromebooks are stored in a cart that holds 30 laptops, charges them and keeps them secure. These laptops have the capability to provide the tools needed for the student learning and test-taking, however with limitations regulating access the worldwide web. Presently LHS has to borrow computers from other schools to be in compliance with State testing. At the present time, LHS has one (1) computer for every 16 students. Their goal is to reach a ratio of one (1) computer for every two (2) students.

At last year's event, there were alumni from nearly every decade since 1950-2010's that enjoyed seeing former classmates. As Susan Canfield, President of LHSAA,

said, it is like a "all class reunion".

There will be a giant "Fund-a-Need" campaign to raise monies that go directly to the purchase of additional Chromebooks, along with silent and live auctions. In addition, while celebrating the 125th Anniversary of LHS, guests may purchase Commemorative Bricks that will line the front walkway of the school, Commemorative Wine in special etched bottles, Commemorative logo wear, make reservations to the May 19th Golf Tournament at Wentes' and purchase tickets to the Evening Social on Sat., May 20th culminating the day long festivities on the campus of LHS.

LHSAA was founded 9 years ago as a grass root, non-profit association and has funded over \$80,000 in special projects, equipment, education, uniforms, etc. for the students, teachers, or administration of LHS. From soccer uniforms to overhead viewers, from leadership conferences to film festivals, it has covered the gamut of LHS needs.

The Crab Feed is March 18 from 6 pm - 10 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. The LHS Jazz Band will be providing a selection of music in addition there will be a D.J. for dancing. On the menu that night is crab, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. There will be a no-host bar and plenty of opportunities to help

LHS as they continue to provided education for our Livermore youth for the next 125 years. Additional information may be found at www.livermorehighalumni.com, sending an email to lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com or calling Ray at 925-606-5518. See the Facebook page 'lhs125' for all the information re: 125th Anniversary Celebration.

CONCERT

(continued from front page)

Egyptian-born pianist Osam Ezzeldin; German-born bassist and composer Kai Eckhardt; and percussionist Selva Ganesh Vinayakram, recognized as one of the leading *kanjira* (South Indian frame drum) players of his generation.

East Bay Marathi Mandal is a progressive, cultural non-profit organization, which celebrates, promotes and preserves the Indian heritage by engaging the community.

This program is part of the Dublin's Arts Space Grant Pilot Program, where non-profit arts organizations apply to use public facilities free of charge to present arts programming for the public.

Center for the Performing Arts and Education at Dublin High School is located at 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.ebmm.org/>

Foothill DECA Students Bring Home Awards from Conference

Foothill High School DECA students in Pleasanton competed at the State Career Development Conference in Santa Clara, California from March 2-5 and earned 50 awards total, with multiple students placing in more than one category.

There were a total of 13 overall (including a combination of a presentation or two, a test, and/or a written report) 1st to 4th place winners who earned a spot to compete at the International Career Development Conference in April in Anaheim, California, and 28 overall finalist awards.

"Going into the State conference, I was nervous about how I would do, but it was so rewarding to put the skills I had learned to use," said Lauren Dennen, about her first DECA state conference, "I'm super excited to compete again at ICDC, and next year as well."

Foothill DECA students

prepared for months for competition at this conference through regular training and testing sessions.

Students from all over California competed in real life business scenarios that tested practical and theoretical skills in 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.

DECA members also participated in workshop opportunities to learn how to apply these skills into their lives. At the State Career Development Conference, Foothill DECA members also worked on the campaigns of fellow chapter members running for state office. Foothill's David Xu was elected as California DECA state president for the 2017-2018

term.

Foothill DECA is now preparing for the International Career Development Conference in April in order to showcase and develop their business skills one last time for the year.

Winners from Foothill were: Saachi Keswani, hotel and lodging management, 1st; David Xu, human resources management, 1st; Mihir Weling, hospitality and tourism operations research, 1st; Rithvik Sunku, hospitality and tourism operations research, 1st; Ananth Kumar, hospitality and tourism research, 1st; Mohit Kondle, financial team decision making, 2nd; Ajit Selvakumaran, financial team decision making, 2nd; Courtney Hartjoy, hospitality and tourism professional selling, 2nd; Praveen Ravisankar, professional selling event, 2nd;

Courtney Hartjoy, restaurant and food service management, 2nd; Raymond Peng, retail merchandising 3rd; Abel John, sports and entertainment marketing, 3rd; Benjamin Chen, food marketing, 4th; Kevin Chou, hospitality and tourism professional selling, 4th; Saachi Keswani, hos-



Foothill DECA's competitive team at the California State Career Development Conference in Santa Clara, California. Photo courtesy of student photographer.

pitality and tourism professional selling, 5th; Praveen Ravisankar, hospitality and tourism professional selling, 6th; Lauren Dennen, retail merchandising, 7th; Benjamin Chen, sports and entertainment

promotion plan, 7th; Weldon Yang, marketing communications, 8th;

Abel John, professional selling event, 8th; Niva Ranavat, a financial consulting, 9th; Emily Pang, apparel and accessories marketing,

10th; Kevin Chou, quick serve restaurant management, 10th; and Aayush Kukadia, Mohit Kondle, Raymond Peng, Rithvik Sunku and Victoria Tam, stock market game, top 25 western region;

Teen Poet of the Month Chosen

The Livermore teen poet of the month for February is Samantha Kwan,

The Livermore Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn sponsors the poet of the month contest.

Samantha, a sophomore in high school, is in the Green Engineering Academy at Livermore High school. She likes playing soccer, swimming on her high school team, skiing, and all kinds of science. She also volunteers at her swim club.

United,
We stand tall
While divided,
We will all fall

A chain
In a link
Of one thousand
A piece
Is only as strong
As its most feeble link

So join hands,
Or join arms,
Unite and stand tall
And stand up for what's
right
Together, or not at all

It can only be felt
This unseen solidarity
Within the network of life,
And its union and integrity

So to protect what is right
And prevent what is
wrong,
Unite, and stand tall,
For together, we stand,
Or together, we fall.

The theme for March is "Equal Rights." Poems should be 30 lines or less. The deadline is March 30. Send poems to Livermorepoetry@gmail.com. Reference March Teen Poetry in the subject line; include poem in the body of the e-mail.

Poem should have a title. Include name, grade, school and interests.

Music of Hawaii Blends with American Swing

Kahulanui ("The Big Dance") will blend horns, guitars, drums and vocals at the Bankhead Theater in March. Their sound combines the melodies associated with the Hawaiian Islands and the rhythmic American swing style, brought to the Aloha state during World War II. As The Wall Street Journal said of Hawaii's Kings of Swing, "You probably never imagined that it was possible to dance a hula and do a jitterbug or lindy hop at the same time. Now you know better."

Kahulanui will appear at the Bankhead for one performance only on Friday evening, March 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Kahulanui was inspired by the musical family traditions of band leader Lolena Naipo, Jr. but it took him nearly 30 years to bring his dream to life. Like his father and grandfather before him, he began to play music early, but had always dreamed of doing something that was different and

unique. Naipo Jr. remembers his grandfather telling him stories of his years as a member of the Royal Hawaiian Band. During the 1920s and 1930s, local island orchestras developed a combination of Hawaiian folk music and swing jazz that incorporated horns and drums.

Stationed in Hawaii during World War II, U.S. servicemen, who were used to the popular American big band sound, found the island swing appealing. The two styles built on each other, as island vocals, ukulele and steel guitar joined with classic brass and drum rhythms of American swing. Naipo Jr.'s Kahulanui has borrowed from all these influences, putting their own contemporary stamp on classic Hawaiian swing, and making the sound of their beloved island songs fresh, vibrant and alive.

The band has four core members made up of Naipo, Jr. on lead vocals and guitar; Patrick Eskildsen



Kahulanui ("The Big Dance") will blend horns, guitars, drums and vocals

on electric bass, lead guitar and vocals; Duke Tatom on ukulele and vocals; Tim Taylor on drums and percussion. In addition, Dwight Tokumoto plays steel guitar and Kahulanui's horn section includes Jesse Snyder on tenor sax, Bill

Noble on baritone and alto saxophones, Joshua Timmons on trumpet, and Vincent D'Angelo on trombone. Their debut album, "Hula Ku'i" was a finalist for the Na Hoku Hanohano Awards in 2013 and nominated for a Grammy Award

in 2014.

Tickets to hear Kahulanui on March 24th can be purchased now through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street, online at www.bankhead-theater.org or by calling (925) 373-6800.

Nominations Sought for Community of Character Awards

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is seeking nominations for the 2017 10th Annual Juanita Haugen Community of Character Awards. These awards were established in 2008 to recognize Pleasanton citizens who model high ethical and moral standards of behavior and are dedicated volunteers contributing their time to the community. Candidates for this award should exhibit traits chosen by the Citizens of Pleasanton and Advocated by the Collaborative: Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Integrity, Self-Discipline, and Responsibility.

This award is named in honor of a longtime community volunteer and

Pleasanton Unified School District Board Member, Juanita Haugen. Haugen, a co-founder of the Pleasanton Community of Character program, believed that part of Pleasanton's success is due to its compassionate citizens, folks who exhibit good character traits and those people who volunteer throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or a non-profit group demonstrating a commitment to the Community of Character traits through volunteer work within the community a nomination form is available at www.communityofcharacter.org, at the Pleasanton Library, City Hall, School District

Offices, Senior Center or the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Completed forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce 777 Peters Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or submitted via email to PleasantonCommunityofCharacter@gmail.com

The deadline for submissions is April 10, 2017.

Nominees must be Pleasanton residents or non-profit groups conducting their volunteer work within Pleasanton while exhibiting the community established character traits.

Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award recipients will be honored at the May 24, 2017 Com-

munity of Character Collaborative Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building 301 Main Street Pleasanton. The luncheon reservation form will be available online at the Chamber of Commerce website www.pleasanton.org or through the Community of Character website at www.communityofcharacter.org. Cost is \$35 per person.

New this year is an On-Line Auction Fundraiser. Donations of goods and services are currently being sought. The auction will begin on April 10, 2017. There will also be a drawing at the luncheon to raise funds for the Juanita Haugen Community of

Character Scholarships.

Businesses, groups and individuals wishing to sponsor the awards event may do so by contacting Community of Character Board President Kelly Dulka at (925) 263-4444 or kdulka@ymcaeastbay.org.

In addition to recognizing adults, three or more high school students are recognized with Juanita Haugen High School Community of Character Scholarships. Contributions can be made to the Community of Character Collaborative Juanita Haugen Scholarship Fund care of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce 777 Peters Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

Special Art Exhibit - San Francisco artist Paul D. Gibson. February 17 through March 18 at Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton. Vibrant large-scale paintings of tools and other mundane objects, captured in stunning realistic yet 'painterly' still-lives. The Firehouse installation will be located in the triple-storey Grand Atrium Lobby, Hallway, and Mezzanine exhibition spaces, and open to the public during 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, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations appreciated.

On The Fringe — Studio Art Quilt Associates. New installation at the Harrington Gallery, on display March 9 through April 15, 2017. 2016 National Traveling Exhibit. 21 large-scale art quilts, including several prize-winning 3-D works (no patterns here!). Many different techniques and unusual materials. Juried by Dr. Sandra Sider, Curator for the Texas Quilt Museum and a New York contemporary quilt artist specializing in cyanotype. Included in this exhibition are members from the Northern California/Northern Nevada Region. 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.

Pleasanton Art League Alviso Adobe Art Show, Fri., March 31 to Sun., April 2, 10 am — 4 pm Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Pre-registration required by March 20. Reception Sun., April 2, 2 pm-4 pm The show will be judged by Peggy Magovern - www.pmagovern.com This show is open to all artists. Entry forms and prospectus available at: www.pal-art.com or by contacting Chairperson Pat Smith: 925-846-4138

email: psmithrltr@comcast.net

Pastel landscapes by Livermore artist and teacher Linda Beach will be on view during the month of March at Wente Vineyards Estate Tasting Room. The landscape exhibit will be on display March 1 - 31 from 11 to 5 pm daily at Wente Vineyards at 5564 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Photography exhibit. Gallery in the Bankhead Theater, post-WWII era photography of the California School of Fine Arts (now the San Francisco Art Institute). "The Golden Decade" on display from March 4 through May 1, 2017. Located in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street, Livermore. It is open seven days a week from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Art Reception: 3rd Annual Celebrate Women! photographic art competition. See the art of emerging artists. Reception is March 30 at 6:30 - 8 with awards (room 2420) at 7 pm in building 2400. Parking permit \$2 required at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Rd., Livermore. Questions, call Barbara: 503.449-3861 or email: celebrate-women2017@gmail.com

Colors of the Vineyards, Amador Valley Quilters show. April 22, 10 to 5 p.m., April 23, 10 to 4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Quilts, modern quilt exhibit, raffle baskets, marketplace, celebrating Livermore Valley Wine Country. \$10 adults, children under 12 admitted free. www.amadorvalleyquilters.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Call For Artists - Primavera, 40th annual Alamo Danville Artists Society spring show, May 6 and 7. Deadline for entries April 22. Fine Art Exhibit, Plain Air Painters, Wine Tasting and Artists' Gala Reception. Painters who would like to participate in the free plein air event call Megan Parks-Haller at 925-413-3438.

Artists Day at Hagemann Ranch. Sun., April 30, 1 to 4 p.m. Just come and set up to work in various places around the ranch. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Information: Barbara Soules, Livermore Heritage Guild, tbsoules@yahoo.com

Bothwell Arts Center, ongoing art classes: figure drawing, drawing and painting, colored pencil, oils, collage, portraiture; beginners through intermediate and beyond. Contact Anne Giancola, www.bothwell.lvpac.org or email agiancola@lvpac.org

Intermediate Pour Painting Levels A&B, Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore, 7-9 pm Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 9 (skip May 2). 4-week course is designed to provide the tools to create some beautiful abstract art. First, learn and expound on the basics, learn how to layer to achieve stronger art with more depth and better composition, use pigment interaction to benefit, and get a better understanding of how to work the medium. Level A Materials purchase of initial basic Golden Fluid Acrylics & Pouring Medium through Way Up Art & Frame is necessary; additional Fluid Acrylics, High Flow Acrylics and GAC 800 medium is per student interest and desire. For Level B, the teacher will provide a few specialty fluid paints and mediums to try, but students need to mix and bring their own supplies which

will depend on their interest. Class Fee: \$110. Register and reserve materials kit, call Way Up Art & Frame (925) 443-3322.

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.

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.

WINE & SPIRITS

Charles R Vineyards St. Patrick's Day Celebration: Green Shamrocks, Great Sips and "Slainte!" March 18th from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Dress in green and enter the St. Patrick's Day hourly drawing to sip a special Port tasting in beautiful vintage green glasses. Try the award winning Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel. Picnics are welcome. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville) in Livermore www.charlesvineyards.com

Nottingham Cellars, March 20, 6:30 p.m. Winemaker Dinner at Locanda Ravello in Danville. Join winemaker Collin Cranor and the chef for an experience of fine wine paired with a five course authentic Italian fare in downtown Danville. \$85 per person tax and tip included. Reservations required 925.984.2101 or reserve through OpenTable.com

Nottingham Cellars, March 22, 5 to 8 p.m. Wine Wednesday Meet at Nottingham for a midweek boost. Wines by the glass and bottle and board games. They'll be great wine, great conversations and friendly competition. 2245 S. Vasco Rd., Livermore.

Barrels, Bottles & Brews, March 25th & 26th, noon to 4:30 p.m. There's even more to celebrate in wine country. The same quality, attention and care dedicated to the winemaking process, similarly can be found in the regions craft brew and artisan spirits. \$45 Advance/\$55 Day of Event. Tickets and more information: www.lvwine.org/event/2757/barrels-bottles-brews

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery - Wine Wednesday - Wednesday, March 29, 5 pm - 8 pm. Select varietals will be available by the glass or purchase a bottle to share with friends. Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery and Vineyard, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

Winemaker's dinner, Karl Wente, 5th generation winemaker, for an evening of wine and food from Wente Vineyards. March 30, 6 p.m. welcome reception, 7 p.m. dinner. Space is limited. Reservations are required. \$125 Club per person, \$140 non-club per person. The Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

Darcie Kent Winemaker Dinner, The Loft Theatre-Lounge-Dining in the Heavenly Village South Lake Tahoe, five-course Wine Pairing Dinner on April 5, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Each of the five prix fixe courses will be paired with award-winning wines from Darcie Kent Winery located in Livermore. Tickets are \$79.00 per person + tax & gratuity and available at www.thelofttahoe.com. For more information, show tickets, and dinner reservations, visit http://thelofttahoe.com or call (530) 523-8024.

Livermore Valley Uncorked, April 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Palm Event Center. Unlimited wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, meet the winemakers and growers. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Conservancy's land protection programs. \$40 per ticket. trivalleyconservancy.org or 449-8706.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

East Bay Jazz High School All Stars Band to Perform at the Bothwell Arts Center. Saturday, March 11, 2017, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore. \$15 adults, \$10 students. Ticket 925. 373.6800 or online at www.lvpac.org

Spencer Day, Saturday, March 11, 8:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center Theatre in Pleasanton. Singer-Songwriter-Pianist Day, the #1 Billboard Recording Artist infuses his shows with elements of cabaret, storytelling, and humor. Spen-

cer continues to top jazz charts with his contemporary, upbeat twists and that luscious honey baritone that has become his signature sound. Reserved seating tickets \$17- \$27. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton if not sold out.

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. Dublin 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.

Masters of Soul, 8 p.m. April 1. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Wonder of Elvis starring Rob Ely, Fri., April 7, 8 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, April 8, 7 p.m. prelude talk, 8:15 p.m. concert. Transfiguration. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Lucky Diaz & the Family Jam Band, Music For Young Audiences And Their Families, 11 a.m. April 8. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

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

Jay Alexander: Mind Tricks, magic, comedy and illusion, 2 pm. April 2. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

The Naked Magicians, 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 3. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. (adults only).

Judgement at Nuremberg by Abby Mann, 7:30 p.m. April 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Four Bitchin' Babes, A Mood Swingin' Musical Revue, 8 p.m. April 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Evita, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, April 29-May 14. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm 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 Monday 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

ON THE STAGE

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Amador Valley and Foothill high schools Spring Musical, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 19, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM, Sunday at 2 PM. Tickets at www.firehousearts.org.

Twin Infinity - Intergalactic Nemesis III, 8 p.m. March 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Madagascar—A Musical Adventure, Jr. Family musical theater performed by local youth! Based on the hit Dream Works animated film. Get ready to "Move It, Move It" as King Julien, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo, and of course those plotting penguins come to life on stage in a new youth musical adaptation of the hit movie. The gang make their escape from the NYC Zoo in order to explore the world, and find themselves on a ship heading across the ocean... to crazy adventures in the wilds of Madagascar! Presented by Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theater. Shows runs March 17 through March 26. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$7, \$10, \$13. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Brigiton 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

Jay Alexander: Mind Tricks, magic, comedy and illusion, 2 pm. April 2. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

The Naked Magicians, 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 3. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. (adults only).

Judgement at Nuremberg by Abby Mann, 7:30 p.m. April 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Four Bitchin' Babes, A Mood Swingin' Musical Revue, 8 p.m. April 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Evita, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, April 29-May 14. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm 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 Monday 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

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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: documentary series celebrating diversity and shared humanity. Events are free, however tickets are required. 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

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.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions, Las Positas College production of "Titanic: The Tony Award Winning Musical" in July. Auditions for *Titanic* are scheduled March 15-17, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., no appointments are necessary. For more details, please visit www.laspositascollege.edu/THA/Auditions.php.

CHORAL

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.

Broadway Chorus, Tri-Valley Repertory Theater Presents, Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. April 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and April 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/individual-tickets or by calling (925) 462-2121.

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 7:30 pm March 18; Sunday 2:00 pm March 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.

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.



Pablo Francisco will rock the house at Tommy T's Comedy Club in Pleasanton March 23-26. He is preparing to shoot a new one-hour comedy special entitled "Here We Go Again." The new special will feature some outrageously funny animation segments that only Pablo could create. Francisco's two Comedy Central one hour comedy specials "They Put It Out There" and "Ouch!" continue to stay on the network's most requested list. Tommy T's Comedy Club is located at 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Showtimes are Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 7:30 and 10:15 p.m., Sun. 7 and 9:45 p.m. and Sun. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 – VIP: \$30; available at 925-227-1800 or www.tommyts.com. Photo - Todd Rosenberg

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>

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

An Evening with Bernardo de Galvez: Tuesday, March 21st, 7 pm. 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.museumonmain.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.

Livermore Innovation Fair, Sat., April 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Free.

An Evening with Hugh Liang: Tuesday, April 11th, 7 pm. 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.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Cheza Nami, Saturday, April 15, 2017: Diversity and Community Art Project, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. 1:30-2:30 pm afternoon of free cultural programming and art making. Bring K-3rd graders and learn how to weave baskets and make shekere shakers with Cheza Nami's Art Programming Specialist, Kelsey Petersen. Sign up early to ensure a slot. info@Chezaanami.org

Robert L. Gallucci, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, Nuclear Weapons: They're Back. 7:30 p.m. April 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Cheza Nami, Saturday, April 29, 2017: Diversity and Community Art Project, Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. 1:00-2:00 pm for another afternoon of free youth engagement art activities. Sign up early to reserve a space. info@Chezaanami.org

Hispanic Heritage Day, Sat, April 29, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on the Bankhead Theater Plaza for Mariachi Music and Dance performance by Junction Ave. K-8 and Granada High School students. Crafts, food, book reading and much more. Free.

Friends of Dublin Library Sale Set

Friends of Dublin Library, Inc. will hold its annual Spring Used Book and Media Sale at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

Dates and Times are Saturday, March 25 - Sunday, March 26, 2017. On Saturday, the event will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. open to members only. Memberships will be available at the door starting at 8:30 a.m. On Saturday, the sale runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., will be Bag Day. Fill a paper bag (provided) for \$4.00; and ½ off on selected audio-visual, vintage and specially priced items.

Most prices are \$1 or less. Funds from sales go towards purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs.

Information is available on the Library's website at www.aclibrary.org, the Friends' website at www.dublinfriends.org, or you can call the Library at 925-803-7252. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

Muslim Community to Host Information Event

The Muslim community in Tri-Valley has organized its third post-election neighbors panel following announcement of the new Muslim Ban Executive Order ("Muslim Ban 2.0"). Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker (16th District) will speak at the event.

Since the election, Tri-Valley Muslims have seen an outpouring of support and requests to find common ground and foster mutual understanding. This event, from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, will be the third such panel since the election of President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration.

The panel consists of five observant congregation members. Each aims to provide a level perspective about Islam and the American-Muslim community in our drastically changing world.

As lay speakers for their faith, these five average Muslims will weave his or her on personal narrative to explain how Islam has provided inner meaning to his or her life. Each panelist will address: "Islam 101: Basic Tenets of the Islamic Faith" (Dr. Asad Tarsin); "Addressing Common Misconceptions" (Hina Mukhtar); "Why I'm a Better American As a Muslim" (Sara Kim); "Conversion Story of an American Naval Officer" (Mike Kim); and "Addressing the Elephant in the Room – What Muslims think about ISIS?" (Mahdy Amine).

The panel is a group of ethnically diverse people who are equally diverse in talent, experience, and religious traditions. The event is hosted at the Muslim Community Center – East Bay, East Bay, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., #300, Pleasanton.

RSVP requested at mcceb.org/your-muslim-neighbor

Whistlestop Writers to Host Open Mic

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres and abilities on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

Drop by for an evening of food, great wine, and great writing. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "Even if you don't have something to read, come listen to talented local writers. Prepare to be inspired."

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/WhistlestopWriters> or call 925-890-6045.

TRAVEL BUG



SANDALS VACATIONS

(925) 447-4300

In Downtown Livermore

2269 Third Street

travelbuglivermore.com

Classical Clocks & Antiques

SERVICE • SALES • REPAIRS

Come see our large collection of new & used Grandfather clocks!

Largest selection of antique clocks in the Tri-Valley.

1082 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore
(925) 449-2127
Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10am-6pm





Members of the group are: Alberto Solorzano, Alex Eckert, Alicia Calonico, Amy Robbins, Anne White, Beth Wilson, Bruce Wilke, Chris Carter, Chris Van Schaack, Christy Malsack, Chuck Rogge, Craig Bueno, Darrel Avilla, Dayna Taylor, Denise Bridges, Denise Nathanson, Don Miller, Dustin Riggs, Geoff Warner, Graham Lustig, Helen Gladden, John Marchand, Katie Marcel, Kelly Bowers, Kendra Helsley, Keven Hempel, Lara Webber, Laura Lembo, Mary Ann Frates, Melissa Sale, Nan Ho, Pat Avilla, Philomena Rambo, PJ Daley, Rebecca Cox, Sally Dunlop, Scott Vernoy, Shari Johnston, Shawn Wilson, Steve Martin, Susan Sambuceti, Tammy Rankin, Tara Aderman, Theresa De La Vega, Vicki Scudder. Photo courtesy of Lifetouch Photography

Principal for a Day Focused on the Arts

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) hosted community leaders on February 24, 2017 for the eighth annual Principal for a Day event. Guests took part in morning activities at one of the District's eighteen school sites where they shadowed the principal and had the chance to be "Principal for a Day."

Following the activities at the school sites, attendees gathered at the School District office for a luncheon catered by students in the Culinary Arts Academy at Del Valle High School. Each year, the luncheon highlights a certain area of the District's programs. This year's event highlighted the many visual and performing arts programs in the District.

Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, Ed.D., informed the group about the mission and goals of the School District. The presentation highlighted the range

of visual and performing arts programs in the District including elementary music, video production, fine arts, dance and animation, to name just a few.

Bowers talked about the partnership with Livermore Shakespeare Associates and the program So Wise, So Young, which brings a unique English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum to all second grade students in the District. The program uses Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, to achieve the learning objectives for the second grade standards.

Managing Director of Livermore Shakespeare Associates, Katie Marcel, shadowed Scott Vernoy at the satellite campus. After seeing hands-on learning in elementary school classrooms, Marcel concluded, "My hope for the future was gloriously renewed today! Our district makes art a priority, and I could not be more proud to

be a part of this community."

Guest principals each had the opportunity to share their experiences with the group. "I was truly impressed by how positive the school was," said Melissa Sale, General Manager of the Employee Association at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Melissa took over for Shari Johnston as "principal" at Jackson Avenue Elementary School.

Chris Carter, Director of Development and Communications for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Council (LVPAC), observed, "I asked all the students how many had been to the Bankhead and they all raised their hand," Carter said. "We've made a concerted effort to raise money for arts education. We've spent \$125,000 on arts education programs this year. We love helping with assemblies, bringing students to the theater and to the Bothwell."

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.)

Dinner Dance Alert! Saturday, March 18th, at the Veterans Memorial Building in Pleasanton: Featuring the seven-piece Mellotones Combo playing music from the Great American Songbook. \$15 per person, cocktails at 6 pm followed by corned beef and cabbage dinner, with the Mellotones playing from 6:45 pm. Location: 301 Main St. in Pleasanton.

Learning series talk: Asian Citrus Psyllid - a new pest which carries an irreversible disease, 11 a.m. to noon March 18, Asbury United Methodist Church; 4743 East Ave; Livermore. Presented by FertileGround Works Garden of Grace - free to the public.

Girls Night Out Networking, 5-7 p.m. Mon., April 3, Pleasanton Museum on Main St., 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Learn about Pleasanton history, enjoy light appetizers and a no host bar all while supporting the Museum on Main. Donations gladly accepted. RSVP: A must by March 30th at: <http://www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html> Questions: 925-487-4748

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, March 19, 1 p.m. lunch in Sunol, RSVP by March 16 to Ruby, 462-9636. March 23, 12:10 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by March 20 to Patty, 895-0988. March 26, 11:30 a.m., brunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by March 23 to Athene, 846-0111.

Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. www.AlanonTriValley.org, 925-277-7661, help@AlanonTriValley.org.

Grief Workshop - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Join us for eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 pm (EXCEPT April 13) starting March 16 through May 11, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For additional information please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

Cancer Care Support Group for those living with cancer and their caregivers, as well as anyone looking to make a difference and give back by lending their support, meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at CrossWinds Church, 1660 Freisman Rd., Pleasanton, Break Room 1. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information, contact: David Chang, (510) 502-3541 or maps55liame@yahoo.com

Recovery International Support Group was developed by Abraham Low, MD. This group uses the cognitive-behavioral, peer to peer, self help training system to help individuals gain skills to

lead more peaceful and productive lives. Meetings every Sunday at 4pm. Leader: Barbara Sterrett." www.recoveryinternational.org/ Meetings take place at Arbor Vista: 1300 S Livermore Ave, Livermore.

Livermore Library Board, meeting 7 p.m. Thurs., March 23 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, Sunday, May 7, 2017, self-guided tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Twenty-five of these gardens have not been on the Tour before. More than fifty garden talks will be offered throughout the day. Volunteers are needed to spend a morning or afternoon greeting tour participants and answering questions about natives. For more information and to register for the tour go to www.bringingbackthenatives.net

Teen Esteem will celebrate more than 20 years of serving Tri-Valley students and their families at its annual fundraiser, Team Up with Teen Esteem, on March 18 at the Blackhawk Country Club. The sports-themed event is relaxed with attendees encouraged to wear the jersey of their favorite team. It includes a cocktail reception, dinner, live and silent auctions. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., preceded by the cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Tickets or sponsorships can be reserved at www.teenesteem.org/2017auction. Tickets are \$150 per person.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Sat., March 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard 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

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

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.

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

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

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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).

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

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. 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 assistanceleague@amadorvalley@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.operation-sam.org

operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

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

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 katiestrupe@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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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.

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club (TVTC), information on programs and memberships, training philosophies and schedules, and all things TVTC, an all inclusive triathlon/marathon/endurance training program. www.trivalleytriclub.com.

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.calvarylivermore.org or 925-447-4357.

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. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9AM & 10:30AM. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9AM and on Weds. eve. from 7-9PM. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinity-livermore.org or 925-447-1848.

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

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 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 worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr High

youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, 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://csslvalleyhouse.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.unityoftrivalley.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". All are welcome. Questions: Donna Leach 925-443-6815 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. (925) 667-1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

Milestones

Pat Frizzle Named 16th Assembly District Woman of the Year



Livermore Senior Girl Scout Troop 33248 completed their Silver award this past Fall. This is the second highest achievement in Girl Scouting. The project objective was to raise awareness and provide support to local kids in the Foster Care System. The donation box that these girls created is located at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ 4481 East Ave. Livermore. The community is asked to consider donating undergarments, bras, and socks for children of all ages (especially teens). View their Youtube channel by searching Livermore Girl Scouts - Foster Kids for more information. These Granada H.S. students will now be striving to complete their individual Gold Award projects. Pictured from left to right are Amanda Shingler, Alyson Machi, Katie Darling, Ashley Perry, Marisa Mayfield, and Jazmin Garza.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) honored Pat Frizzle as the 2017 Woman of the Year for the 16th Assembly District during a special Assembly ceremony at the State Capitol. Frizzle has been the Chairwoman of the Pleasanton Military Families since 2009 and has been a registered nurse for 41 years.

Held annually, the Woman of the Year ceremony celebrates California's extraordinary women. The first ceremony was held in 1987 to help commemorate Women's History Month. The event has become an annual Capitol tradition to salute women who have outstanding community service. Honorees are presented with a framed certificate from the State Assembly recognizing their outstanding contributions during a ceremony in the Assembly chambers.

When Frizzle's oldest son, David, signed his contract for the United States Marine Corps in August of 2001, she found it helpful to work with the Pleasanton Military Families to offset the constant worry she felt during deploy-



Pat Frizzle recognized for work with Pleasanton Military Families.

ments. As an advocate for military families, Frizzle said that she has found purpose in helping others who are in the same situation she once went through. Pleasanton Military Families provides a place for family members of those serving to come

together with others who are going through the same experience. Though Frizzle's son's service is complete, she continues on with the group, because of all it gave her when she needed it so much.

Student Headed to California Geographic Bee

Quarry Lane School (QLS) student, Romal Mitr, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that she is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2017 California National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Fresno, California on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Romal became Quarry Lane's Geography Bee champion back in January, edging out several competitors leading up to the final round. After taking the qualifying test for the state-level of competition, Romal qualified among the top 100 students in California to advance to the next level.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, now in its 29th year. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic Concise Atlas of the World, 4th Edition and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 14-17, 2017. The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all expenses paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the new National Geographic Endeavour II.

Quarry Lane School is located in Dublin.

EDUCATION

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,896 students in January 2017. Among the graduates was Liby Mathew, who received a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems.

Two Livermore residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: Gayoon Kim, Christian A. Rose. Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but

students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

James Coombs of Livermore was named to the Rochester Institute of Technology Dean's List for the fall 2016-2017 semester. James is studying in the computer science program. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do

not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Cassandra Knowlton, of Livermore, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).