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

## Zone 7 to Aid Homeowners Near Collapsing Arroyo Walls

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency heard fears and saw tears from Pleasanton residents who live along a stretch of Foothill Road. Their houses and possibly lives are threatened by collapsing stream banks as a result of recent storms. Zone 7 directors agreed to front the money to correct the problems, despite the fact the land is private

property, and not a Zone 7 possession.

More than a dozen people, most from the nine homes in the 7800 block of Foothill Road, spoke at the March 15 Zone 7 meeting. Two women were choking back tears in describing danger to their properties and the potential financial ruin that a further collapse of the banks of the Arroyo De La Laguna could bring.

One man said that the ground in his yard collapsed at a spot where he had been standing one day earlier photographing damage. He said that if he had been there at the wrong time, he could have been killed.

The property owners were respectful to the Zone 7 board, but made it clear they thought that Zone 7 should take on the financial burden of both short-term

and long-term fixes to the arroyo. In the past, Zone 7 has not done arroyo restoration work on private property. But in light of the dangerous and worrisome circumstances, all seven board members voted to have Zone 7 be the official Local Sponsor. As such, Zone 7 will take the lead role in working with federal and state government agencies and Pleasanton.

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## LARPD to Consider Fate of Oak Tree

A second outside arborist report, from Dryad, LLC arborists, has been received by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD). The district contracted for the study to assist in determining the condition and future management of the Valley Oak tree in Sunset Park that, according to some tree age estimate methods, is about 200 years old.

A staff report, with findings from the arborists' studies, will be presented to the District's Board of Directors at their meeting Wed., March 29th at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

On-staff certified arborists from LARPD and the City of Livermore have assessed the tree and have been concerned about the public's safety and possible failure due to detection of rot and the tree's close proximity to the park's tot lot. Temporary fencing and signage went up at that time to warn the public to keep a distance away from the tree for safety reasons.

An outside arborist report was

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Inside "green" pancakes were served fresh off the griddle at the Annual Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station #16. Outside, kids had fun pretending to drive or posing aboard fire engines. All proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Alameda County Fire Fighters Association-Local 55 Charity Fund, which supports local non-profit and community-based organizations. More Dublin photos on page 12.

## Dublin Honored for Its Recycled Water Use

Water recycling experts and advocates from across California honored the City of Dublin for using recycled water in nearly all city parks and street medians and for partnering with Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) in requiring land developers to install recycled water irrigation. DSRSD, which provides water service in Dublin, nominated the city as Recycled Water Customer of the Year, an award given annually by WaterReuse California to organizations that significantly advance the use of recycled water. Mayor David Haubert accepted the award at a ceremony in San Diego.

"More than 20 years ago, Dublin's leaders recognized their general plan could not be realized without recycled water," says DSRSD Board President Richard Halket. "The city's strong support for DSRSD's recycled water program has helped diversify the region's water supply and permanently reduce demand for imported water."

In 2016, more than 90 percent of the water used for Dublin's

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## Downtown Committee Discussion Set

At its March 27 meeting, the Livermore City Council will officially appoint members to serve on the city's Downtown Steering Committee, as well as discuss the scope of the committee.

The council will also consider extending the exclusive negotiation rights agreement with Presidio Companies to build a downtown hotel. The proposed extension would be through November, 2017. That would provide time for the Steering Committee to make

recommendations on the downtown, for public outreach to occur, and for a report to be provided back to council.

At its February 27 meeting, the council appointed the following to serve on the 19-member committee: Councilmembers Bob Carling and Bob Woerner; Planning Commissioners Eric Bjorklund and Gina Bonano, downtown resident Andrew Barker, and downtown property owner Sherry Nigg. Representing the Historic Preservation

Commission will be Jeff Kaskew; and Monya Lane, the Commission for the Arts.

Woerner and Carling have proposed that Carling serve as chair of the Steering Committee and Woerner as the vice chair.

Eleven community organizations were identified for membership on the committee. The groups have proposed the following representatives: i-Gate, Drew Felker; Innovation Tri-Valley, Dale Kaye;

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## Physicist Declassifies Rescued Nuclear Test Films

The U.S. conducted 210 atmospheric nuclear tests between 1945 and 1962, with multiple cameras capturing each event at around 2,400 frames per second. In the decades since, around 10,000 of these films sat idle, scattered across the country in high-security vaults. Not only were they gathering dust, the film material itself was slowly decomposing, bringing the data they contained to the brink of being lost forever.

For the past five years, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) weapons physicist Greg Spriggs and a team of film experts, archivists and software developers have been on a mis-

sion to hunt down, scan, reanalyze and declassify these decomposing films. The goals are to preserve the films' content before it's lost forever, and provide better data to the post-testing-era scientists who use computer codes to help certify that the aging U.S. nuclear deterrent remains safe, secure and effective. To date, the team has located around 6,500 of the estimated 10,000 films created during atmospheric testing. Around 4,200 films have been scanned, 400 to 500 have been reanalyzed and around 750 have been declassified. An initial set of these declassified films, tests conducted by LLNL, were just published in an LLNL

YouTube playlist.

Spriggs commented, "You can smell vinegar when you open the cans, which is one of the byproducts of the decomposition process of these films. We know that these films are on the brink of decomposing to the point where they'll become useless. The data that we're collecting now must be preserved in a digital form because no matter how well you treat the films, no matter how well you preserve or store them, they will decompose. They're made out of organic material, and organic material decomposes. So this is it. We got to this project just in time to save the data."

From its inception, the project presented a series of hurdles. It took several years to locate the films. When Spriggs did get his hands on the first few, he didn't have a scanner that could reproduce the optical density on the films. It took about a year to convert a Hollywood-style scanner into one that could provide the level of scientific accuracy required. Then he had to locate the data sheets for the test, because without knowing the camera location, its speed and focal length, he wouldn't be able to analyze the films. Once Spriggs did complete the first scans and roll his sleeves up for the analysis, he

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## Bill Would Require States To Use Vouchers to Access Federal Grants

By Ron McNicoll

A bill in a House committee would require states to establish a voucher system in order to receive federal block grants for certain special programs that now are sent to the states without the requirement.

The bill, The Choices in Education Act (HR 610), was introduced by Iowa Republican Congressman Steve King. It would replace parts of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) signed in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson, which has been renewed with bipartisan support in Congress

every five years. The new bill says it will affect only the process of evaluating requests for grants and making payments to the states. The ESEA currently is called the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). It includes academic performance standards that states are supposed to meet with program improvement, a condition that won't be changed by HR 610.

HR 610 focuses on shutting off all federal education grant money to states unless they agree to distribute the money through a voucher system. The author's in-

attention is spelled out in the bill. It states, "The voucher shall be considered assistance to the eligible child and shall not be considered assistance to the school that enrolls the eligible child."

The bill would not directly affect the primary funding for each state's education budget, the job of state legislators and governors. However, continuation of programs that receive federal grants would force school districts and the state to fill in the shortfall, if they want the programs continued.

In the Valley, federal grant

money finances such programs as Titles I, II, and III. Those titles are designed to help schools better educate low-income children with special focus on English Language Learners, and to help pay for teacher training as part of that assistance. Special education programs in schools also receive federal grants.

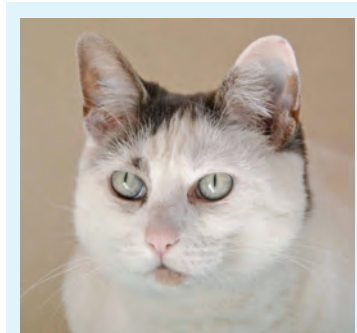
Californians by a 2 to 1 margin rejected state initiatives in 1993 and 2000 to create a voucher system.

It is too soon to tell about the prospects of HR 610 passing. King

presented a similar bill in the last session of Congress, but it died in committee. So far HR 610, which was introduced in late January, has picked up only two co-sponsors. However, now that voucher advocates President Donald Trump and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos are in power, there is a possibility the bill could draw more support. Education professionals throughout the United States have been sounding alarms.

Currently, federal money for such things as teacher training,

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Are you the perfect match for Calle? This ten-year-old shorthair cat knows what she wants...she's just waiting for the big reveal! Stop by Valley Humane Society and see if this "Cat-chelorette" will give her final rose to you. Calle is available for adoption at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

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# Innovation Tri-Valley Announces Game Changer Award Winners

Innovation Tri-Valley has announced the full slate of businesses to be honored at the 2017 #Gamechangers Awards on March 29, at Innovate Pleasanton.

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group recognizes the significance of innovation in driving new and improved products, and heralds companies that model a culture of innovation and collaboration in the regional economy.

A total of 10 #Gamechanger Awards will be presented by Innovation Tri-Valley, in partnership with the Mayors and Economic Development Directors of the Cities leading the Innovation Tri-Valley organization - Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

Dale Eldridge Kaye, CEO of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, says, "The Tri-Valley is where the best minds in the world are at work in a culture that sees the value of collaboration as far more productive than the aggressive competition we see elsewhere."

Two Founders Awards will be presented at the 2017 event, offered in celebration of outstanding business, civic and leadership engagement in the Tri-Valley.

- Bishop Ranch is the largest mixed-use business park in Northern California, and is a dynamic business community that has flourished in the East Bay for more than 30 years. Today, the organization is developing a new City Center, creating a new sense of place that has never existed before, offering the entire Tri-Valley region a bold and playful new urban space.

- Lam Research is the second largest vendor of wafer fabrication equipment in the world by revenue and market share. Lam manufactures its leading edge Etch products in a 120,000 square-foot facility in Livermore powered by more than 500 employees, and is headquartered in nearby Fremont. Since 2015, Lam has added over 300 jobs in the region.

Eight more businesses will be honored with #Gamechanger Awards for innovations that create better products, processes and services right here in our community, with proven regional and global impacts.

- Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc., is a leader in the field of optics used to treat and diagnose medical conditions. Their office in Dublin is Zeiss' largest facility outside of Germany, and serves as a key ophthalmology research, development, and manufacturing facility.

- Donor Network West is one of the largest tissue recovery organizations in the nation, and the third largest federally designated organ procurement organization. Working closely with families, doctors, nurses, funeral homes, coroners and medical examiners, they connect donors to recipients, working in collaboration to save and heal lives.

- NeoTract, Inc., is developing innovative, minimally invasive and clinically effective devices in the field of urology. NeoTract values in-

novation and collaboration, and employs a sales force of urology consultants who are dedicated to delivering state of the art healthcare.

- Sandstone Diagnostics is a medical device startup founded by former Sandia National Laboratories researchers. Sandstone's flagship product, Trak, is an in-home fertility test that allows men to discreetly monitor their sperm count in the privacy of their homes. They have become a go-to resource on male reproductive health.

- ServiceMax - according to ServiceMax, there are more than five million field technicians in the United States who are working to install and service equipment we use every day in our homes and offices. ServiceMax is a field service software solution helping companies and technicians manage data and deliver results.

- UpTempo Tech provides students with technology training including 3D printing, CAD classes, graphic design and robotics courses making the curriculum a stepping stone toward tech careers. UpTempo Tech develops and manages educational initiatives for Fortune 500 companies across the globe.

- Wiley X began its quest to become a world leader in the research, development and marketing of protective eyewear and gloves for military, law enforcement and civilian markets in 1987. Today, they use their impact resistance technology to serve enthusiasts in outdoor sports, motorcycle riding, fishing, hiking, and extreme sports.

- Victory Workspace provides an on-demand location for independent and mobile workers complete with office infrastructure and support services. Victory Workspace provides a Coworking Community that is built on the power of collaboration, education and networking.

While each community in this region has its own character and amenities, the combined attributes make the Tri-Valley an attractive place to start and scale up a business.

Innovation Tri-Valley (ITV) is a collaborative group of industry leaders who are building a robust ecology of innovation in California's Tri-Valley. By bringing together companies, non-profits, and regional thought leaders deeply

involved in innovation, ITV is improving the business climate of the region, spurring job growth, and expanding the vibrant Tri-Valley community.

For more information, please visit [www.innovationtrivalley.org](http://www.innovationtrivalley.org)

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## Special Access Periods Seen As Help for Students

Pleasanton Unified School District Trustees approved two special periods of 40 minutes each for students at Amador Valley High School. The time will provide students with more opportunities to speak with teachers and counselors.

The vote was 4-0 with trustee Valerie Arkin absent from the March 14 board meeting. The Access Period will occur between 10:26 a.m. and 11:06 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This pilot program will be instituted next year. The idea for it came from a regularly scheduled school visit by the schools accrediting agency Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Such a flexible period can help students close the achievement gap in achieving standards set by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Each student will be assigned a teacher for a regular check-in. Students who have no appointments for specific discussions can use the time to work on term papers and other studies.

Two Foothill High School students in the audience said they would like to see the same thing at their school.

In other actions, the board approved a one-time, off-schedule pay boost of 0.85% for the district's classified personnel and for confidential management employees. The boost was similar to one previously approved for certificated personnel.

The board met March 7 in a special meeting workshop with its superintendent search firm HYA. Some of trustees' questions had to do with how HYA conducts its due diligence in looking up the backgrounds of candidates.

Barbara Young and Jim Negri of HYA told trustees that they use a professional firm that specializes in social media and news research. The social media dragnet goes back five years, and further in newspapers.

In checking resumé's, any gaps in employment will be met with questions. When references are called, they are asked, "Am I going to find out anything that would relatively impact anything as a candidate?" said Negri. They will also check credentials. "There have been people who are not honest about credentials," noted Young.

The school district is conducting an on-line survey to sound out the community about what it wants in a new superintendent. It can be accessed at [www.pleasantonusd.net/apps/news/article/685866](http://www.pleasantonusd.net/apps/news/article/685866).

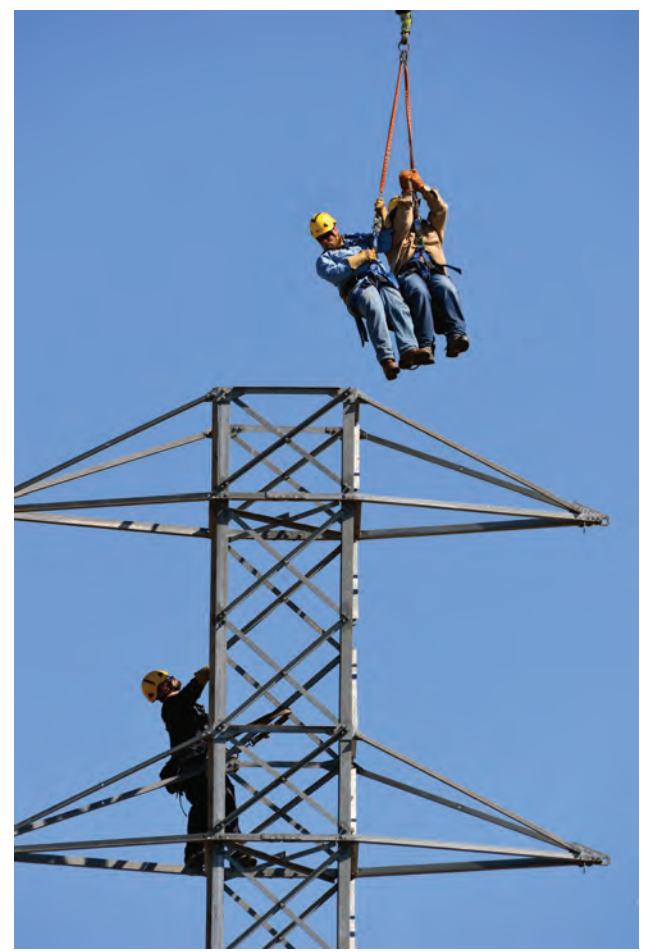


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Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) employees participated in helicopter long line and sky chair training last week at the Livermore Training Center. The industry-changing long line technique, which was invented by PG&E line workers, consists of lowering linemen from a helicopter to the top of power lines to make adjustments or repairs. PG&E uses the long line and sky chair technique to complete select projects in a safe and efficient manner. Helicopter-use reduces heavy trucks and equipment on the ground, lessening environmental impacts.

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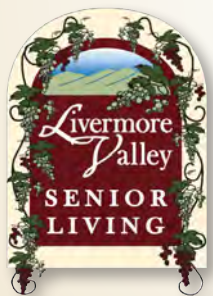
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# VOUCHERS

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English Language Learner programs in heavily impacted schools, and assistance for education improvement in low-income schools go to each state. They are distributed to school districts, which in turn can distribute some of the money to other schools, including public charter schools, private and faith-based parochial schools, if they meet the requirements for the grant money. Many of the private schools that receive money perform special education tasks for public districts.

Public schools would not be cut out of the picture totally. In effect, parents would be "voting" with their vouchers, and some would choose the public schools.

The impact on Valley schools if the bill passes could affect Livermore public schools the most, because it receives the most money from Titles I, II, and III. Livermore School District Chief Business Official Susan Kinder said that the district does not know what the exact ramifications would be if the bill were passed. "If we were to lose all of our Title I, II and III funds, it would be a loss of over \$2 million for us," she said.

Dublin School District receives \$340,000 for Titles I, II and III. Pleasanton has received \$160,000 this year. The Livermore public charter schools, which are operated by Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC),

receive no federal grant money from the fund, because there are no programs that would qualify. But the Acacia schools in Stockton, also operated by TVLC, enroll some qualified English Language Learners and students on free or reduced-cost lunches. Those two schools received a total of \$185,000 this year, said CEO Lynn Lysko.

Dublin school board president Megan Rouse said, "I strongly oppose HR 610. It would create a voucher system and divert federal education funds away from public education even though there is no evidence that vouchers improve educational outcomes for students."

Pleasanton school board president Joan Laursen said that Pleasanton public schools have a "moral duty to all our students. Siphoning off dollars weakens education for all our students."

Although home-schoolers would be helped by the proposed change, the Home School Legal Defense Association is opposing the bill. A statement in their newsletter said that federal money for home-schoolers could lead to federal control of home-schooling.

The California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), which represents more than 1200 public charter schools in the state, has taken a stand against vouchers. In a letter Dec. 5, 2016,

to the state Legislature, the CCSA said that California already offers parents a choice. The CCSA believes that if a federal voucher system is proposed, "vouchers would be at odds with the needs of California's public school system. We will work actively to resist them from being forced upon our state."

### BILL WOULD EASE LAW ON LUNCHES

The bill would add a clause to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, under which the USDA regulates calorie limits on subsidized meals for free and reduced price lunches and breakfasts.

A newspaper in King's district reported that he got the idea from a Storm Lake, Iowa, principal who said that because of the Act, kids are "tremendously hungry," especially on Mondays, if they have not had much to eat over the weekend. King blamed "the misguided nanny state, as advanced by

Michelle Obama's Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act." His bill would scrap the USDA cap on calories, and allow parents to send kids to school with the foods they want them to eat.

Further details about how HR 610 would work were sought from King's Washington office, over a two-week period, but no phone or e-mail answer to questions was provided by staff, which acknowledged receiving the e-mail.

# ROUNDUP

## Russian Ties

Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15), the Ranking Member of the CIA Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement after Monday's full-committee hearing on ties between the Trump team and Russia:

"The facts that emerged at today's hearing, as well as the facts on which our witnesses said they could not comment, speak volumes about the ties between President Trump's team and Russia. As we continue connecting the dots, this looks more and more like a convergence, not a coincidence."

He noted, "We know for sure that the FBI is investigating these ties, and we know that neither the FBI nor the National Security Agency have seen a shred of evidence to support President Trump's bogus wiretap claim - a smoke bomb intended only to divert attention from mounting evidence of his coziness with our foreign adversary, Russia. We know that having the President's tax returns would go a long way toward filling in the holes about his personal and business ties to Russia."

Swalwell continued to call for an independent, bipartisan commission to investigate this situation.

According to reports, Russia is trying to dissuade Congress from forming a commission to the point that it launched attacks against Swalwell through its propaganda news network, Russia Today.

## Gastroenteritis Outbreak

Dublin Elementary School reported an outbreak of viral gastroenteritis last week. School and Dublin Unified School District officials worked closely with the Alameda County Department of Health to contain and prevent further spread of illness.

The District has confirmed that one student has been diagnosed with Norovirus, also known as the "Norwalk Virus." Approximately three dozen students were out of class on Tuesday with symptoms consistent with viral gastroenteritis. Families were initially notified by school administration

on Friday that a group of students were experiencing symptoms commonly ascribed to the "stomach flu", including vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramping and low-grade fever. The campus was deep-cleaned over the weekend, utilizing more than 19 staff and 150 work hours. Work has continued into the week, under the guidance of the Alameda County Department of Health, which was on campus on Tuesday. Custodial staff assigned to the site has been doubled and will remain at those high levels indefinitely out of an abundance of caution for students, staff and families.

The District and the site continue to follow all recommended protocols to impede the potential spread of the virus. In addition to classrooms that have already been deep-cleaned, common spaces on campus, playground equipment and all "touch points" that could serve as a source of spread of illness are being cleaned.

Families have been advised to keep students home who are showing symptoms. Students who are experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea should not return to school for at least two full days after symptoms have ended.

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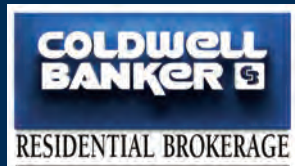
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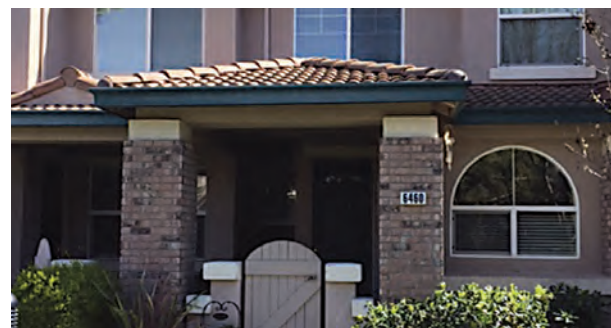
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# EDITORIAL

## Recycled Water

Even before the drought, the City of Dublin was well on its way to becoming a leader in the use of recycled water.

Working closely with its water supplier, Dublin San Ramon Services District, Dublin has required developers to install purple water distribution pipes in new developments since 1993. The city has been retrofitting irrigation in established areas of the city since 2012.

Dublin has been recognized for its efforts by water recycling experts and advocates. The city received the Recycled Water Customer of the Year award from WaterReuse California for advancing the use of recycled water.

Over 90% of total water usage for Dublin's municipal operations comes from recycled water, including landscaping at parks, schools, roadway medians, facilities, and newer large commercial and residential complexes.

WaterReuse California actively engages in working with appointed and elected officials to pass legislation and develop regulations that will accelerate the implementation of water reuse.

Dublin has set an example for all to follow.

## DOWNTOWN

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Friends of Livermore, Jean King; Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Dawn Argula; Livermore Community Group, Joan Seppala; Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Lynn Seppala; Livermore Downtown Inc., Rachael Snedecor; Livermore Forward, Matt Ford; Livermore Rising, Bryan Petro; Livermore Valley Winegrowers Assoc., Karl Wente; and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Phil Wente.

Staff has recommended that the council clarify the scope of the Steering Committee to focus on public outreach for the hotel and remaining catalyst sites. Discussions surrounding the hotel could include: hotel location, parking and circulation; hotel size, height, design, and amenities; economic costs and benefits to the City; and conceptual discussions on surrounding or related land uses to facilitate decision making.

Staff notes that one of the challenges for the Steering Committee is that it may be difficult to evaluate hotel options without considering, at least conceptually, how the hotel might integrate with other uses such as open space, amenities, housing, commercial services, parking and traffic. The recommendation is for the committee to focus on the information, materials, outreach tools, and methodologies needed to engage the community on planning for the downtown catalyst sites, with particular focus on reaching a decision as early as possible on the hotel.

Steering Committee meetings are proposed to take place biweekly starting on Thursday, April 13, 2017, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with recommendations completed on or before June 22.

During the open forum portion of the March 13 city council meeting, two speakers commented on the downtown development process with a focus on the hotel.

David Rounds said of the process, "I believe we all struggle with some fundamental issues here. How do we move forward quickly, without rushing the process, but keeping momentum and keeping the public in general satisfied that you are following up on their mandate from last year's election, most importantly keeping the one hotel developer 'on the hook.' I understand the desire to focus on the hotel, parking and traffic first. The first task for the Steering Committee can still be the hotel, but it has to be in context with the most probable

ideas for the entire development. In an ideal world we could start from scratch and see what bubbles up from the community workshops for the entire development. But because of timing and because the parking is so critical, things are not ideal. If Presidio were not the only hotel developer who expressed serious interest last time it would be a different story. The city did extend the exclusive right to negotiate, but Presidio will not stick around forever. They will need a decision sooner than later."

Dale Kaye, CEO of Innovation Tri-Valley, pointed out that there have been many, many letters supporting a downtown hotel. Regional business people have been advocating for a hotel for a long time. She was concerned that a long drawn out process could result in the loss of Presidio Companies. "I hope we can find a way to make the process short, to look at the downtown as an inclusive, not exclusive place."

## MAILBOX

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### It's Wrong Carol Day Livermore

This is how Republicans and The Ugly Dumping get away with their crap - and how "the media" plays along: they change the words. Call it what it is: it's no travel ban, it's a Muslim ban, and it's wrong.

### Study of East Avenue Kristin Allen Livermore

East Avenue is a major artery leading to the heart of Livermore. There is no other road in Livermore that is so highly used by commuting pedestrians and cyclists. The 2.6 miles of East Avenue stretching from Vasco to S. Livermore roads is residence to approximately 70 homes, several apart-

## ZONE 7

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Director Jim McGrail told the property owners that they can also engage the City of Pleasanton. "The city granted the permits on those lots, and did the engineering work. They granted permission to build those places. They have a responsibility to know what can occur. I'd like to see all of you go to the City of Pleasanton."

Pleasanton City Engineer Steve Kirkpatrick read the board a letter from City Manager Nelson Fialho. The letter noted that while the arroyo does flow across private property, the storm water is collected from 425 square miles in the Valley, and 37 miles of arroyos that feed into the Arroyo De La Laguna.

Fialho's letter cited a fee of \$1 per square foot of construction, which has been collected by Zone 7 for all new development "to address this type of problem." Houses, driveways and sidewalks prevent earth absorption of rain, and push it into storm drains, and out to arroyos. Fialho said the city has been working closely with Zone 7 on the problem, and will continue to do so.

Support for Zone 7 came from Congressman Eric

## NUCLEAR

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discovered that much of the data that had been published were wrong. All the films would need to be reanalyzed.

"When you go to validate your computer codes, you want to use the best data possible," Spriggs said. "We were finding that some of these answers were off by 20, maybe 30, percent. That's a big number for doing code validation. We've also discovered new things about these detonations that have never been seen before. New correlations are now being used by the nuclear forensics community, for example."

The method of analysis in the 1950s and '60s was manual. Teams of analysts used a tool called a kodagraph to enlarge the image of a single frame, shine it onto a grid and eyeball measurements of the fireball and shockwave. With so many frames to manually analyze, the company that originally captured these films employed around 1,000 analysts.

Early on in the project, it

became clear that rescuing the films wasn't going to be a one-man job. Spriggs' first move was to bring a pair of film experts on board. Jim Moye joined the team after making a career for himself as an expert in handling rare film. In industry circles, he is famed for being trusted by the Smithsonian Institute to handle one of the only remaining copies of the film documenting Kennedy's assassination. Pete Kuran, author of "How to Photograph an Atomic Bomb," brought unique expertise in locating long-forgotten documents. The team collaborated with colleagues at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), working closely with its archivist Alan Carr to gain access to the test films in LANL's vault. Spriggs tapped into expertise with LLNL as well, contacting software developers like Ben Kowash and Jason Bender to create tools with MatLab and Python to automate time-intensive processes.

Swalwell, whose top aide, Tim Sbranti, wrote to Zone 7 board president Dick Quigley. Swalwell's office pledged to work with the Corps of Engineers and Zone 7 to expedite moving repairs along as quickly as possible. The urgent repair work needs to be done very soon on a property owned by Ed and Ginger Belshe. They have lost 40 feet of back yard, and have only a few feet of lawn between the new cliff outline and their swimming pool. The drop-off on the sheer, vertical cliff is estimated to be 30 feet. Ed Belshe said that the problem has been building up over the past 17 years. Like Fialho's letter, Belshe said that development all over the Valley is responsible.

Another speaker mentioned the development fees, adding that Zone 7 must put the money to good use now.

Virtually all directors expressed strong sympathy with the property owners. John Greci said, "In more than 20 years on the board, this is the most emotional outpouring from the community. We'll take care of it. I know the board feels the same way."

Angela Ramirez-Holmes

said that she talked to Ginger Belshe in a visit to the property. "I felt her desperation, and her plea for help. I think you are feeling frustration. Government works slowly. We (on Zone 7) feel that, too."

Ramirez-Holmes was referring to the required approval from federal and state agencies that Zone 7 regularly faces in conducting work on the Valley's arroyos. Sometimes an application moves so slowly among the three necessary government permitters that a shovel-ready project can't be undertaken until the following year because the window of opportunity is missed. The Arroyo De La Laguna has sensitive species. Because of their presence, work can't be take place between Oct. 15 and April 15.

The Zone 7 board took several steps at the meeting to move forward on the problem. They declared a state of emergency, which will open the door to potentially more funding to help Zone 7 pay for the work, as well as for other projects among the 156 landslides caused by the winter storms.

The board also voted unanimously to authorize spending up to \$920,000

for the emergency repair work at and near the Belshe property. Zone 7 will apply for a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, which offers coverage up to 75% of the total cost.

Total cost of a relatively temporary project at the Belshe property is expected to be between \$1 million and \$2 million. The Army Corps of Engineers sometimes requires removing temporary work later, depending on its judgment of the project, and building a further solution. If that happens, the price tag could run up to \$5 million.

The requirements of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Act will require Zone 7, as the Local Sponsor, to remain involved in perpetuity for the constructed facilities, and provide ongoing maintenance for them.

Zone 7 already has started the planning process by adding \$200,000 to the \$50,000 contract of a consultant who is in a position to act quickly. Beyond the relatively small area near the Belshe property, in the long run, Zone 7 must work on an entire reach (the 37 miles) of the arroyo. That cost is estimated at \$10 million.

One such process the team automated involved figuring out the actual frame rate of each camera. The film flew across each camera's shutter so quickly that variance existed from camera to camera. For Spriggs, getting an accurate measure of each camera's frame rate was essential to measuring the growth of the fireball and accurately determining the test's yield. Analyzing the frame rate manually could take eight hours for a two-second film. With the new software, the frame rate of the same film could be determined in about five minutes. Another time sink Kowash helped alleviate was reading the size of the shockwave from frame to frame, something that could take days to complete manually for each film.

Spriggs estimates it will take another two years to scan the rest of the films, and longer to complete the analysis and declassification. When asked why this project is so important to

him, he voiced the dominant perspective among weapons scientists at LLNL: He doesn't want nuclear weapons to be used and passionately believes the key to ensuring they aren't is to making sure the U.S. stockpile continues to be an effective deterrent.

"We need to be able to validate our codes and trust that the answers that are being calculated are correct," Spriggs said. "The legacy that I'd like to leave behind is a set of benchmark data that can be used by future weapon physicists to make sure that our codes are correct so that the U.S. remains prepared."

Spriggs added, "It's just unbelievable how much energy's released. We hope that we would never have to use a nuclear weapon ever again. I think that if we capture the history of this and show what the force of these weapons are and how much devastation they can wreak, then maybe people will be reluctant to use them."

## Voices Heard

### Kelly Cousins Pleasanton Voters

Your Voice Was Heard! Outcome of Pleasanton's Council's Vote for the East Side Plan

Thanks to the outpouring of over 300 emails and people speaking out at the March 14th Workshop against the proposed plan for 889 homes on the East Side of Pleasanton, the City Council voted 4-0 not to make East Side planning a 2017-18 City Priority. An overwhelming number of residents said they did not want planning to begin on the East Side for a second time in two years. In 2015 over 1,000 people packed community meetings regarding the East Pleasanton Specific Plan and again said the plan to build 1300 homes in the area was not in the best interest of the community. At the latest Priorities meeting, concerned citizens told the City Council to slow down residential re-zoning and "planning" in Pleasanton so our community could adjust to the 2000 residences recently built or approved to be built. Community members cited greater traffic problems (especially if El Charro Rd is extended from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard), more overcrowding in schools, uncertainty about water availability, infrastructure and safety concerns, and no need for more housing because state mandated housing requirements were already fulfilled.

Many Pleasanton residents currently see the so-called "housing crisis" as a result of too few houses - but too many housing units being built in Pleasanton and the surrounding towns - without time to breath and absorb the region's rapid growth. Fear tactics propagated by the pro-planning

groups and developer that our community will not have control over what ends up on the East Side if development does not proceed is not a significant concern to residents compared to their alarm about the impact of a plan for the largest residential development in Pleasanton's recent history.

I applaud the Council's unanimous decision not to prioritize Planning for East Pleasanton honoring the concerns of a large majority of residents. However, at the end of the meeting Council Members Narum, Pentin and Thorne voted in favor of a surprise addition to the City's Work Priorities list involving an El Charro Feasibility and Traffic Modeling study. Councilwoman Brown opposed adding the feasibility study to the list raising the question about why the city needs it now.

This study would assess the extension of El Charro with regard to feasibility of construction, funding, traffic impacts and mitigations in the event the East Side is later approved for development. Adding this study at the last minute to the City Priorities list limited the feedback provided by the public before three City Council Members approved the item.

Since development of East Pleasanton is dependent on extending El Charro in order to provide egress and ingress from the area, approval of the study was quite a surprise considering the prevailing public sentiment that planning for the East Side is not in the best interest of the community at this time. Involvement of the public on all important growth and "planning" issues is essential as these decisions affect the quality of life in Pleasanton, present and future.

Thanks to all those who  
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based on community needs and interests for the coming two years.

The city council's priorities are organized in 12 categories that include Bernal Community Park, the city's general plan, fiscal sustainability, traffic circulation, affordable housing, economic prosperity, youth services, safety, quality of life, environmental awareness, effective and cost-efficient governance, and organizational success. As a result of the workshop there are 91 priorities on the draft work plan that covers 2017-2018.

More than 80 residents attended the workshop, with many advocating for projects they believe will benefit the community. They mentioned the completion of the next phase of Rotary Park at the north end of downtown and implementation of an updated Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan that will create enhanced and safer

bicycle and pedestrian networks.

Two priorities that were proposed to be added to the work plan garnered most of the speakers' time: planning for development in East Pleasanton and widening Owens Drive across from the BART station in Hacienda. Most of the residents asked the city council not to include planning East Pleasanton based on a prospective development proposal by property owner Steelwave. Many wanted residential projects currently under construction to be completed to understand impacts to traffic circulation and infrastructure. The city council voted not to add this effort to the work plan for 2017-2018.

Other residents asked for the return of driving lanes to eastbound Owens Drive after the road was narrowed to one-lane last year as part of The Galloway project. The city council voted to add the widening of Owens Drive to

the work plan while directing staff to continue collecting data on traffic circulation with the current one-lane configuration, while also developing design options to restore a driving lane.

Other projects included on the work plan include the design and construction of Fire Station #3 on Santa Rita Road at West Las Positas Boulevard, the creation of a police substation at the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, and an assessment of Amador Theater to allow for enhanced arts programming for the community.

For the past 12 years, the Pleasanton City Council has adopted a two-year work plan to inform the community of the council's shared vision, and to provide the city manager with direction to allocate city resources.

"The process of identifying priorities is reflective of our community in that all have an opportunity to have their positions considered through an open dialogue," said Nelson Fialho, city manager. "When approved by the city council, we will have a work plan that represents a shared vision for Pleasanton."

Following the identification and concurrence of priorities at this workshop, the city council was scheduled to adopt the priorities in the form of a two-year annual work plan at the March 21 City Council meeting.

## LAFCO Hears Cost Estimates for Happy Valley Water, Sewer

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) heard a report on a study of costs for hooking up water and sewer service to currently unserved properties in Happy Valley. The information will go next to Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents the unincorporated area in Happy Valley.

The report was presented by Pleasanton city staff at LAFCO's March 9 meeting in Dublin.

When Pleasanton extended water and sewer service to its Callippe Preserve Golf Course in 2002, it also hooked up nearby properties at a discount as consideration for the traffic impact they would have to bear from the golf course, said City Engineer Steve Kirkpatrick.

The city was willing then to connect properties on a

one-off basis. However, a change in state law now requires LAFCO to look at the entire Happy Valley area, said Kirkpatrick.

The study's intention was to show the range of costs to property owners if everyone hooked up in the area. The study was divided into two categories, vacant land, and parcels with existing homes.

There are currently 92 parcels in Happy Valley that have been developed. The cost to design and construct the new infrastructure was estimated at \$58,000 per parcel for water and sewer. At build-out, there would be 125 parcels, with the overall cost estimated at \$46,000 per parcel.

The cost estimate to connect an existing home would range from \$155,907 to \$167,907 for existing par-

cels. For a vacant property, the estimated cost would be between \$182,636 and \$194,636. Part of the cost for all landowners are the \$39,780 water connection fee to Zone 7 Water Agency and the \$15,884 sewer connection fee to DSRSD.

One thing that the city and landowners would be looking for is whether or not, and how much, Alameda County would be willing to subsidize landowners and homeowners, since they are in the unincorporated area, said Kirkpatrick.

"You can't expect Pleasanton taxpayers to pay. We're not sure everyone can afford it. We want to discuss with the county whether they have an interest to finance for their constituents, or go back to one-off applications," said Kirkpatrick.

## TREE

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commissioned by LARPD and received in November from HortScience, Inc. Both reports are posted for public review on the District's website: [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org) under "Sunset Park Valley Oak Reports."

The tree is unique, not only because of its size and age, but because of a large low horizontal limb, supported by a pole, that has been a favorite of neighborhood children for decades.

"We have received plenty of public input and feedback on the desire to save this tree," said General Manager Tim Barry. "I'm glad to see how enlightened the public is to the many benefits trees provide us in our parks and appreciation, in particular, for the older trees."

"The park district obviously loves and cares for trees daily, but there are many factors involved in considering what's in the best interest of the public and the District in serving

the public in this situation, so we are taking our time to study all of the issues and provide information to our Board for consideration," he concluded.

Dryad, in its report, notes that trees are living, growing, changing organisms affected by many factors that are unpredictable and beyond our control. All large trees growing in proximity to people, structures or roadways present some risk regardless of their condition. The only way to eliminate risk is removal. However, removal also eliminates the myriad of benefits provided including aesthetics, shade, wildlife habitat, etc.

None of the conditions observed with regard to the oak suggest that failures are imminent. However, the potential for failure will increase over time. If the tree were retained, Dryad recommends taking immediate steps, as well as a long term plan to mitigate current risk and reduce future risk.

## DUBLIN

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municipal operations was recycled water. Dublin has worked closely with DSRSD in requiring developers to install purple recycled water distribution pipes in new Dublin developments since 1993 and in retrofitting irrigation in established areas of the city since 2012. As

a result, recycled water irrigation has spread citywide, not only at parks, sports grounds, street medians, and the civic center, but also at schools, shopping centers, apartment complexes, business parks, churches, and homeowner association common areas.

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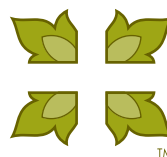
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# SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are the Livermore Girls Softball Association Cherrybombs. They are having an exciting season so far, working and playing hard. The team includes Bailynn Atkins, Mia Boyd, Lucy Daley, Morgan Driscoll, Kadence Gandolfo, Coco Giustino, June Hopcus, Audrey Kenison, Sarah Meyer, Maya Nohori, Juilliard



Tri-Valley Elite wrestling club had 4 kids qualify to compete in the always tough NorCal TOC (Tournament of Champions). All 4 TVE wrestlers competed hard and came away with one placer. Carter Bailey won 4 straight matches to earn a place in the Finals. Bailey injured his elbow in the semifinals match, and had to forfeit in the finals match. Results: Carte Bailey: 4-1, 2nd place; Henry Baalman: 3-2; Julian Victoria: 2-2; Timothy Cowan: 2-2.



The Granada High School men's jr. varsity lacrosse team hosted Bella Vista and Monte Vista High Schools last week and traveled to Cal High. Pictured is Royce Fritz is dodging a couple Rams on his way to score a goal against St. Mary's High School in Stockton.



The Granada High School men's lacrosse team hosted Bella Vista and Monte Vista as well as traveled to play Cal High last week. Pictured is Julian Alvarado during a face-off. Friday, March 24, the Matadors will play De La Salle.

## Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:  
**Middle School Teal Division:** SOL Components 12, Help U Sell 9: The SOL Components' catcher Lizzie Loundagin played great behind the plate recording an out at home. Aly Ladrillono hit a big double for an RBI. Kaylynn Van made an awesome double play catching a pop up and tagging the runner at second. Help U Sell played well with super pitching by Payton Limkakeng. Monica Nader hit for an RBI and made a big play catching a pop up. Riley Ladue had a huge hit for two RBIs and also caught a pop up. Top players: Lizzie Loundagin, Aly Ladrillono, Kaylynn Van, Payton Limkakeng, Monica Nader, and Riley Ladue.  
**Hill Manufacturing 7, SOL Components 8:** Hill Manufacturing pitcher Emma Crabb pitched a super game. Allison Briggs had a huge hit. Abbie Gerber was ready to play with some awesome hitting. The SOL Components had great defensive and offensive plays. Outfielder Eleanor McCarthy caught two pop ups. Avi Easterday hit for two RBIs and had three strikeouts in the last inning to end the game. Top players: Emma Crabb, Allison Briggs, Abbie Gerber, Eleanor McCarthy, Avi Easterday, Emma Seitz.  
**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue 14, Wang Oral Surgery 4:** For Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Brianna DiCaprio made a heads up play at 2B, Valerie McKeever was a stand out at pitching. She struck out 6 batters. Deja Clark

connected for a monster hit in the first inning resulting in a double. Wang Oral Surgery had a line drive caught by their short stop, and their closing pitcher was throwing heat. Top players: Brianna DiCaprio, Valerie McKeever, Deja Clark.  
**10U Teal Division:** California Business Technology, Inc 7, LogoBoss 4: LogoBoss had an explosive pitcher. California Business Technology made some great plays at first. Top players: Sophia Burdick, Lauren Gray, Ellen Lee, Callie Wheeler, Trinity Lewis, Erin Rodrigues.  
**8U Division:** Osborne Lumber Company 3, Club Sport 4: Club Sport started the first inning with strong defense, with two outs at first by Mai Falcone. Club Sport demonstrated increasing skills improvement with Brooke Stedman and Rowan Tuite hitting from the opponent's pitches, and continued strong offense at bat with Club Sport scoring 2 runs at the end of the inning. The 2nd inning started out with Stedman pitching and Club Sport continuing to keep the Osborne Lumber Company from scoring. Rowan Tuite had a strong hit to left field and hits by Mai Falcone, Saira Fakiri, Krislyn Khouri, and Brooke Stedman led to a 3rd run. In the third, Osborne Lumber Company rallied with a strong hit by Tatiannah leading to their first run of the day. Madilyn followed with a strong hit into the outfield, resulting in 2 more runs for their team. Despite the rally at the end, Club Sport held off the Osborne Lumber Company with a final score 4-3.  
**6U Division:** Team Larsen's Automotive played Team B6. Team Larsen



Jack Taggart slides safely back into 3rd base as Dominic Peri applies the tag in a Granada Little League Majors game between the Pirates and Royals. Photo - Bill Nale



Livermore Phantoms U12 White Chase Parker (#5) heads to the goal with the ball as Andrei Gran (#6) and Nick Swartzendruber (#37) help clear the way.



The Phantoms Lacrosse U10 Black team played 2 fantastic games this past weekend. On Saturday, they defeated the San Ramon Raptors 11-4. Brandon Raborn scored his first goal of the season. Riley Doko netted 3 goals. Lucas Bickerton and Rodger Mayhew displayed fierce defense blocking shot after shot as goalies. On Sunday, the team defeated the San Jose Vipers, 12-4. Roman Zuanich scored 5 goals, Pierce Arizpe recorded 4 goals and Aiden Melton, Jordon Phillips and Charlie Hertz earned additional points for the team. In the photo, Archer Bailiff (#25) takes an aggressive shot on goal.



The Livermore Phantoms U14 Purple team fought hard this weekend on the road. They played incredibly hard, but lost to the Vipers in San Jose 16-1. Kaden Hickmott scored the team's goal in the first quarter by rushing up the middle. On Sunday, the Phantoms lost to Palo Alto while on the road, 14-1. The Phantoms fought hard with only two substitutes. Many players did well in new positions. During the second quarter, Logan Pelkey scored the team's only goal of the game.

Automotive's Genesse Kerr showed up ready with the right attitude and had break through hits as did Delaney Alves. B6 showed up strong as well despite only having four players. On Team B6's behalf, Elizabeth Wettig and Reese Lew had a combined assisted two outs at first base.

## Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:  
**Minor AA:** Pirates 7, Red Sox 6: The Pirates scored 7 runs in the first 2 innings and were shut down by the Red Sox the last four. The Red Sox answered back in the 4th with 2 runs and in the 5th with 4 runs, only to end the inning with a tag at the plate to keep the tying run from scoring. With the Red Sox coming up to bat in the bottom of the 6th, needing 1 run to tie and 2 to win, the 2 hour hard stop was called. Red Sox defense: Jake(P), 2 strikeouts and a great play by Robert Hansen(3B) to Joshua Katz(1B) to end the inning. Robert Hansen(P) 2 Strikeouts. Tanner Bingham(P), 2 strikeouts and a caught fly ball by Jack Larson(SS). Joshua Katz(P) 6 strikeouts. Lucas Kinney(P), 2 strikeouts and a throw-out at first by Lucas(P) to Jack Larson(1B). Top Red Sox Hitters: Robert Hansen, 2-2, double, 3 RBIs; Porter Seiwald, 1-3, 2 RBIs; Jack Larson 1-2, 1 RBI.  
**Red Sox 12, Giants 6:** Close game through three innings. The Red Sox jumped ahead in the 4th earning 5 runs with three walks, a triple, a double, and 2 singles. The Red Sox continued on, scoring five more runs in the 5th. Bottom of 5, the Giants scored 2 runs. With the bases loaded, one out, the game was called due to darkness. Score reverted back to the 4th. Top Red Sox hitters: Jack Larson 3-3, 2 RBIs; Noa Capistrant 3-3, 2 RBIs; Porter Seiwald 1-1, 1 RBI; Joshua Katz 2-4, doubles(2), 3 RBIs; Robert Hansen 1-2; 4 RBIs; Tanner Bingham 1-2, 3 RBIs; Jenner Becker 1-2, double, 2 RBIs. Top Red Sox defense: Catcher Joshua Katz throws a runner out at 3rd, assisted by Lucas Kinney(3B) in the 3rd.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

The 2017 Age 14 and under, Spring Short Course Yard, Junior Olympics were held on March 10-12, 2017 in Concord. This meet features trials and finals for the swimmers that qualified

to make it to the Junior Olympics.  
 Representing The Pleasanton Seahawks: Sydney Goldstein age 9, with 1 new best time, Pratyusha Katiyar (9) 2 BT, Alexis Mesina (9) 14 BT, Devyn Caples (10) 16 BT, Ayan Goel (10), Paige Bennett (11) 7 BT, Faith Carroll (11) 13 BT, Aria Harris (12) 1 BT, Breuklynn Harris (12) 3 BT, Kaitlin Lee (11) 11 BT, Cynthia Li (11) 9 BT, Florence Rui Lin (11) 6 BT, Sydney Lu (12) 8 BT, Jasmine Phan (11), Christina Tsai (12) 5 BT, Mica Wang (12), Yassin Dwidar (11) 2 BT, Joey Huang (12) 5 BT, Tom Li (12), Ethan Wang (12) 15 BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (11) 10 BT, Lauren Jhong (13) 2 BT, Olivia Kim (13) 2 BT, Emily Tsai (13) 2 BT, Ryan Kobayashi (13) 8 BT, Gregory Quach (14) 3 BT, Jovanni Shen (13) and Andrew Wang (14) 4 BT.

## Livermore Phantoms

The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 White kicked off the weekend with a match against the Fremont Spartans. This game started off fast and furious as the Phantoms kicked it into overdrive and cruised to 18-1 victory. Highlights included goals by Anders Bostrom 4, Jack Hansen 2, Ben Wojewski 2, Jacob Salhoff 2, Nick Swartzendruber 2, Andrew Kramer 1, Luke Leary 1, Charles Jorgensen 1, Lucas Wallin 1, Sophia Gresham 1, and Dominic Hurtado 1. In addition, there were a handful of assists by B. Wojewski, James Foulk, Andrei Gran, A. Kramer, Kalel Disu, N. Swartzendruber, L. Leary, S. Gresham, and C. Jorgensen.  
 The Phantoms tried to keep the win streak alive against the Burlingame Coyotes on Sunday, but the Coyotes came ready to play and put the pressure on early, as well as the goals. While the Phantoms fell behind early, they played with good intensity and pressed the Coyotes throughout the game. Andrew Kramer chimed in with 11 saves at goal as the Phantoms fought to hold off the Coyotes, but in the end it was too much to overcome as the Coyotes won 12-2. Highlights included goals by T.J. Newcomb and Brandon Niermeyer, and an assist by Chase Parker.  
**The Livermore Phantoms U14** Black team went 2-0 over the past weekend, defeating El Dorado Hills Blue and the Coyotes from Burlingame.



Pictured are Pleasanton Seahawks swim team members.



The Tri-Valley Blue Devils hockey team in the 12U-B travel division placed first in Northern California playoffs last weekend in Oakland. The team went 4-0-1 in the NorCal playoffs March 10-12, beating the top three teams from regular season and winning the Semi-Final and Finals games in OT. The team continues on to CAHA state playoffs in April in San Jose. The team is led by Head Coach Sean Dearborn and assistants Josh Biggs and Bob Deibel.



Pictured is Phantoms U14 Black midfielder, Ronit Batra, scoring against El Dorado Hills with the assist coming from Aiden Dean.



Pictured are the Tri-Valley Elite Vipers wrestling team members.



Pictured is the West Coast Wild soccer team.



The West Coast Wildfire U17G and three other sister teams from the club competed in the Players College Showcase Las Vegas tournament this past weekend. Pictured is West Coast Wildfire Forward, Tatiana Elsea, getting a shot off against the Eagles ECNL team from Southern California.

In Saturday's matchup against El Dorado Hills, the Phantoms got out to an early lead and played well in the midfield. The Phantoms controlled the game through face-offs and midfield play, getting goals from Ronin Tsang, Ronit Batra, and Samuel Wu, among others. Livermore closed out the game with strong defense, winning by a score of 9-3. On Sunday, the Phantoms faced-off against the Coyotes in Burlingame. Livermore would jump out to an early lead on 5 goals by attack man, Alden Dean. Livermore led 5-1 at the half but the Coyotes came out strong in the third and fourth quarters to tie the game at 8-8. The teams would trade goals in the final few minutes, but impressive goaltending from Gavin Gannod and strong defense gave Livermore the advantage. Jake Herweg would get the game winner in the final minute and Livermore held on for the 10-9 win.

## Elite Vipers Wrestling

The Tri-Valley Elite Vipers (TVE) sent their travel team to the State Championships. This wrestling tournament occurred over 2 days at the Selland Arena in Fresno, CA. TVE sent 13 of their best kids down and came away

with 6 State placers and 2 others who made the round of top 12. Of those 6 State placers, TVE had 2 finalists and one third placer. TVE's EJ Parco placed 7th in State, at what was widely considered the toughest weight at the State Championships.  
**RESULTS:** (Intermediate Division, born 2007-08): Matle Nguyen 6th place; Lytning Huyen 7th place; Lincoln Mittelstet DNP (Did not place) (Schoolboy Division, born 2005-06): Caleb Tatad DNP (Top-12); EJ Parco 7th place; Gavin Fernandez 2nd place; Atrid Feizi DNP; Jayson Victoria DNP; Max Wise 3rd place (Middle School Division, born 2003-04): Jalen Bets 2nd place; Timothy Cowan DNP (Top-12); Jackson Morgan DNP; Julian Victoria DNP

## West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U17 girls put their soccer skills on display at the biggest college showcase of the year, the Players College Showcase Las Vegas. Over 50 college coaches came to watch the Wildfire play soccer. In the three-day showcase, Wildfire played a total of four matches and 310 minutes of soccer. In their first

# Goodguys Rod & Custom Season Opener at the Fairgrounds Includes Something for Everyone

Custom motorcycles, custom cars and lowriders will all take center stage as the Goodguys bring to life the 35th All American Get-Together to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on March 25 and 26.

Goodguys Rod & Custom Association is poised to stage this season's opening event bringing together over 3,000 candy colored and chromed hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, trucks of all years American made and powered vehicles for two action-packed days of true American car show fun. Everything from original to customized will be on display at this two day chrome carnival.

The event includes huge show n' shine, a giant swap meet and cars for sale corral, entertainment, exhibits, Goodguys AutoCross racing, Nitro Thunderfest dragster exhibition, kids zone and more and you have the makings for a car lover's dream weekend.

At the 35th All American Get-Together in Pleasanton, fans will get a close up glimpse of just how eclectic the modern day hot rodding scene, though in spirit, the Goodguys core message is unchanged after over 30 years - having fun with cars.

One of the highlights of the event is the display of the indoor custom cars in competition for the Goodguys/Street Rod Headquarters 2017 Custom of the Year award. The Custom of the Year award, open to vehicles '36 to '72, allows for all styles & genres, from tradi-



Pictured is a Chase Germeroth 60 Oldsmobile.

tional to modern to radical. This year's competition features automotive creations that show the genius that exists in the automotive customizing world today.

The Goodguys 35th All American Get-together also brings together some of the baddest motorcycles for a two day eye popping exhibit. Arlen Ness Motorcycles will be on hand with 15-20 of their choppers and bikes, including Mach Ness, powered by a gas turbine helicopter engine. Plus see Ken Reister's newly crowned America's Most Beautiful Motorcycle fresh off the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona in January. Countless other two wheeled wonders will be on display as well during the weekend.

The lowrider display presented by Deadend Magazine will bring together a selection of lowriders all gathered together for the weekend. Deadend Magazine, known for honoring traditional styled custom cars, hot rods and lowriders will bring the pages of their magazine to life in a one of a kind display for this event.

Goodguys AutoCross, a closed performance race course, is where vehicle speed & agility meet to battle it out in a weekend long fastest-car-wins contest of speed & skill. Again this year, the Goodguys event season will showcase the AutoCross Shootout Finals qualifying at each event. The Duel in the Desert, the Final Shootout will take place at the 20th Southwest Nationals, November 18 at WestWorld. One qualifier from the All American Get-Together will attend the Scottsdale event and compete in the Duel in the Desert.

There are fun things for the kids to do, too. There's even a model car program sponsored by Revell that sends the little ones home with their very own model kits. Plus find the PPG coloring contest and other kids' games along with some face painting, arts & crafts and other kids' games.

The Goodguys 35th All American Get-Together gates are open Saturday from 8am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 4pm. General admission

is \$20, kids (7-12) \$6 and 6 and under are free. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10. Active or retired military receive \$5 off their general admission with their military ID card. Visit [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com) to purchase event tickets or to register a show car. Call Goodguys at (925) 838-9876 for more information. \$17 general admission tickets are available at [good-guys.com](http://good-guys.com) until midnight, 3/24 only.

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On Sunday, the 19th Annual Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk took place as part of the St. Patrick's Day festivities. The race course through town, finishing at the Festival.

game on Friday afternoon, the girls had a rematch against a very physical Slammers FC team. At the half, the score remained 0-0. The Slammers managed to score a quick goal at the start of the second and another five minutes later. Wildfire held them and even got one back to make it a 2-1 battle for the next 30 minutes.

On Saturday morning, Wildfire faced their toughest competition of the showcase, the Eagles ECNL team. The Eagles capitalized quickly on an early Wildfire error and moved ahead 1-0. At the half, the Eagles were up 3-0. With a few adjustments to the formation and true grit and determination, Wildfire kept the Eagles scoreless in the second half. The Wildfire girls had several offensive attacks but were unable to finish for a score.

Later Saturday afternoon, Wildfire played their third match of the competition against another Slammers team from Southern California. Wildfire again had several offensive attacks but could not find the goal. The match remained 0-0 until late in the second when the Slammers intercepted a pass and managed to fire off their only shot of the match into the upper left corner of the West Coast goal. With only a few minutes left, Wildfire could not answer.

In their final games of the showcase tournament on Sunday, Wildfire again had a rematch with the Pateadores from Los Angeles. West Coast dominated the first half with several offensive attacks. The midfield and defense kept the Pats from any serious attempts on goal. With 50 minutes already on the clock, Wildfire finally found a scoring opportunity with Forward Tatiana Elsie breaking away on the left and connecting a shot into the goal. Wildfire moved ahead and 1-0. They held onto their lead for the remainder of the match. They closed out the 2017 Players Showcase Las Vegas with a victory and their heads held high knowing they can compete against the best in the country.

**West Coast Soccer U16** girls kicked off the Spring season with a strong showing. Alameda Islanders goalkeeper had several solid saves to keep the match tied 0-0 at half. At the 48 minute mark West Coast's Savannah Maselli found Essabella Grajedo for a laces looping volley over Islanders tall GK. WCS 2001 GK Briana O'Dell kept a clean net with good hands and a clear 1v1 ball win. Assisting in the shutout were defenders Jessa Lyons, Kylie Karter, Cassidy Brackett and Jackie Hurtado. Monique Reil split two defenders before being taken down inside the goal box and was awarded a penalty kick. Her goal in the 78th minute took West Coast Kurse to victory 2-0 over the Islanders.

**West Coast Wild** won the Players Showcase for the second year in a row, defeating top ranked ECNL

teams Slammers ECNL 3-0. So Cal Blues 3-0 shut out Albion SC 0-0 and then the battle of West Coast clubs in their final match with a 1-0 victory over West Coast FC. Wild racked up 10pts, scoring 7 goals and gave up a stingy 0 goals against in the 4 game showcase. West Coast Wild are ranked #1 in the State, #1 in the Region and #1 in the Nation of all Girls teams in the U19 age group. Wild had a plethora of college coaches flocking to see what they are about, as they include players like Delanie Sheehan who will be heading to the U19 National Team training camp in Florida at the end of the month and playing her college soccer at UCLA.

### 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](http://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](http://www.eteamz.com/longshots2017/index.cfm) or email Kelly at [kelly@trudeau-family.com](mailto:kelly@trudeau-family.com)

## 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** - The Historic Preservation Commission is responsible for identifying, protecting, and preserving Livermore's historic resources. Their successes are visible in the beauty of Livermore's historic structures and landmarks.

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

**Library Board of Trustees** - The Library Board 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** - The Youth 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 Housing Authority administers and oversees 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](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/AB). Applications are due to the City Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. Must attend at least one meeting of the advisory body applying for before submitting an application and must reside within the Livermore city limits.**

# Rotary Celebrates 14 Years of Promoting Literacy through Dictionaries

by Kathy Coyle

"Thank you for the awesome dictionary!! Did you know that a cheetah can close on its prey in just 60 seconds?" This is just one example of what is discovered when a student receives a dictionary. For the past fourteen years every third grade student attending a Livermore Public School has received the gift of his or her own dictionary from the Rotary Clubs of Livermore and the Hindu Community and Cultural Center.

The idea came from TJ Gilmartin, President of the "Noon" Club 2003/04. He believed that a dictionary held the key to life-long learning, by introducing new words and meanings to young readers, and that every

child should have one. Retired Educator Carol Howell has headed up this effort since the program began and has seen more than 13,000 dictionaries delivered to Livermore students.

Third grade is the year students really show independence in learning. Educators and writers selected a dictionary that includes drawings and photographs, maps of the world and the stars, and flags of countries and states and other reference materials. The current version is the McMillan Dictionary for Children. Unlike "apps" or online dictionaries, which are not always accessible, this dictionary is always there for children to explore and discover knowledge.



Students become acquainted with their new dictionaries.

"The Dictionary Project," as it is commonly known, has involved hundreds of volunteers and supporters. One of the most uplifting aspects of the project is preparing the personalized bookplates with each child's name hand printed. The dictionaries are delivered to the schools. Teams of Rotarians and Hindu Center members, present them to the children in their classrooms. The presentation includes educational exercises in finding words, looking at maps and flags, and answering questions.

The Rotary Clubs and the Hindu Community and Cultural Center have received strong support from the community and plan to continue this program for many years to come.

## Stoneridge Creek Residents Environmentally Aware

By Carol Graham

The residents of Stoneridge Creek, a Continuing Life retirement community in Pleasanton, are positioning themselves to be at the forefront of the fight against negative environmental change.

"Our campus has an environmentally-conscious group of residents," said Executive Director Francis X. Rodgers. "They are passionate about being responsible with our resources, and collaborated with our management team to drive several environmentally-conscious initiatives. For instance, with the limited rain in recent years, we made an effort to conserve potable water. Our landscape vendor identified and uses drought-friendly plants that require less water, and we participate in the Livermore recycled water program for maintaining our property landscape."

Although drought conditions are continuing to improve significantly in California, residents and agencies statewide are continuing to seek ways to avoid severe drought con-

ditions and restrictions in the future. Reducing water usage by landscaping with native or drought-resistant plants and using recycled water are two such measures.

"Additionally, our community focuses on conserving electricity, instituting a facility-wide recycling program, and only using eco-friendly vendors for environmental service products," said Rodgers.

To achieve their goal of reducing energy use by 5% this year, Stoneridge Creek residents are using "smart meters" to make better use of their heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. These systems can be accessed through personal computers, making it easier for community staff to monitor energy consumption and to diagnose issues.

To incentivize residents, the retirement community has kicked off a pilot program that provides rebates based on reduced power use, and is continuing to work closely with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to ensure its goals are met. According to Rodgers, vari-

ous measures through this partnership have helped the community lower its annual utility bills by tens of thousands of dollars in recent years.

In addition, the facility leadership and residents worked with a consultant to identify the appropriate tier classification for the campus, then shared this information with PG&E who acknowledged the classification and provided a rebate of \$112,000, said Rodgers.

"Our residents are very invested in this process. With 600 residents we are fortunate to have a lot of creativity in progressing with our sustainability and eco-friendly objectives," he added. "It's important that we as providers respect the opinions of our customers to achieve these mutual environmental goals, but I'd like to give credit to our residents who are driven to improve conditions in our community."

To learn more, visit [www.stoneridgecreek.com](http://www.stoneridgecreek.com), [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com), or search Recycled Water on [www.CityofLivermore.net](http://www.CityofLivermore.net).



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Stoneridge Creek uses and uses drought-friendly plants that require less water, and participates in the Livermore recycled water program for maintaining its landscape.



Japanese students visited Livermore this month.

## Registration Meeting Set for Sister City Trip

The Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City Organization (LYSCO) will meet at 7 p.m. March 28 in the East Avenue Middle School library for all interested current Livermore 7th graders who want to visit Yotsukaido, Japan in the fall.

Attendance at the March 28 meeting is a requirement for taking the trip. A student must be accompanied at the meeting by a parent or guardian. The students will be in the 8th grade when the trip occurs in October. They must either live in Livermore, and can attend a school anywhere, or they may attend any public, private or parochial Livermore school. Home-schooled students are also eligible.

Forms will be passed out at the meeting, with instructions about returning them. There are several essay questions on the form, which will help a LYSCO committee determine who will be chosen for the 20 slots for the trip. LYSCO president Keith Jess said that usually there are about 60 or

70 applicants each year.

The trip in the fall will be a special one, because LYSCO will be marking its 40th anniversary, said Jess. Questions may be addressed to LYSCO via e-mail at [lyscs2014@gmail.com](mailto:lyscs2014@gmail.com).

The Japanese delegation visits Livermore in March. This year they spent eight days in Livermore between March 15 and March 22. The students visited East Avenue, Mendenhall middle schools, Junction Avenue K-8 School and Valley Montessori.

Meanwhile, the five adult chaperones lunched with Livermore LYSCO members, took tours of wineries, and shopped at the San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore and in downtown

Livermore.

Adults and kids visited San Francisco, and toured AT&T Park, saw Golden Gate Park, and walked on the Golden Gate Bridge. A Saturday night banquet attended by 190 people featured singing by the Cantabella Children's Choir.

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## Forum, Online Survey to Help with Superintendent Search

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Trustees is seeking community input to identify qualities and characteristics to assist in the search for the new Superintendent.

A forum open to all community members will take place on Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM at the PUSD District Office, 4665 Bernal Avenue.

Community members are also invited to provide input through an online survey, available in English, Spanish and Chinese through March 31, 2017. The online survey is available at <https://ecrasurvey.com/pleasanton>. The community forum

will be hosted by Jim Negri and Barbara Young of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), a consulting firm that specializes in assisting Boards with the consideration of Superintendent candidates.

Based on input gathered from the community, HYA will create a Leadership Profile outlining the values, qualities, and characteristics the PUSD community is seeking in its next Superintendent. This Leadership

Profile will be presented publicly during the April 18 regular board meeting.

Updates on the Superintendent search will be posted publicly on the District's web site, [www.pleasantonusd.net](http://www.pleasantonusd.net).

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# OBITUARIES



## Herman Ruby Leider

Herman Ruby Leider, 88, of Livermore California died March 10, 2017. Son of Jacob and Esther Leider he is survived by spouse of 56 years, Marjorie Ruth Leider, daughters Karen (David Fichman) and Amy, grandchildren Jesse Fichman and Alana Fichman and sister Elaine Leider.

He was born to the late Jacob and Esther Leider on January 14, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Central High School in Detroit in 1947 and graduated from Wayne University (now Wayne State U) with a PhD in Chemistry in 1954. After working for Bell Labs in Cleveland for two years after graduation he then moved to Berkeley, CA and began work at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). There he met and worked with young widow and mother Marjorie von Egidy. Herman and Marjorie married in 1960 and were married until his passing in 2017. They lived together in Livermore until relocating to Santa Rosa a year ago.

Herman was actively involved with family, and because both his daughters were involved with the Livermore "Aquacowboys," was a nationally qualified swimming official for the AAU, acting as the Zone 2 national president for three years. The chance adoption of a retired racing greyhound, "Twiggy," led to a lifelong interest in greyhounds. He and Marjorie owned and bred greyhounds and had many treasured companions. He served as the Treasurer of the Greyhound Club of America, and as the President and as the treasurer of the Del Valle Dog Club.

His daughters joked that he was "Head of Compatibility," but in his workplace he really was. He worked at LLNL as the section leader for Physical Chemistry Department and Group Leader in Materials Compatibility and was very involved as Task Leader for multiple major projects. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American defense Preparedness Agency and also a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon and Sigma Xi. The most personally rewarding aspect of his scientific career was teaching underprivileged students as a Visiting Scientist for the TOPS school Science Outreach Program. After his retirement he was active in the TOPS for many years, bringing science to elementary public schools in the San Joaquin Valley. For his enthusiasm and excellent rapport with the students he received the prestigious Golden Apple Award, a teaching achievement award given by each state.

Herman was committed to making Livermore a wonderful place to live and was very civically involved. He served as the Chair of the City of Livermore Public Art Committee, member of the City of Livermore Industrial Advisory Committee and as President of Friends of the Vineyards. As an accomplished artist who began serious watercolor painting after his retirement from LLNL in 1993, he served as Vice President of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, President and Secretary of Del Valle Fine Arts, President of the Livermore Art Association, member of the Pleasanton Art League and member and participant in school outreach for the California Watercolor Association. He traveled to the American Southwest and Europe on several painting trips, and he leaves a legacy of beautiful works of art. His proudest moment was when he did some consulting work for the Getty Museum in Los Angeles and was allowed to hang one of his pieces (albeit after hours) in the Getty Museum!

He loved music- Classic, Jazz and Opera- and was also an accomplished con-

tract bridge player. Herman was a raconteur, told hilarious jokes and was always the life of any party. He also grilled a mean flank steak teriyaki.

Herman also enjoyed his daily crossword puzzles, Sudoku, his family and ice cream; not necessarily in that order. His family (and everyone else) enjoyed his sense of humor and his boundless intellect.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the TOPS program (administered through the San Joaquin County Office of Education) or The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. There will be a private memorial at a later date.

## Frank Kaoru Inami

Frank Kaoru Inami, of Livermore, CA passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the age of 95.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Cindy Inami of Pleasanton, CA; his brothers Joe Inami and Thomas Inami of Madera, CA; his sister May Takata of Parlier, CA and his many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Setsuko Matsubara and his sisters Lillian Takayama, Mabel Watanabe and Lucille Markovich.



Frank was born on April 25th, 1921 in Madera, CA to Shizuichi George Inami and Kohina Okitsu. After graduating from Madera High School, Frank went off to UC Berkeley to get a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was unable to complete his degree at Berkeley after the break out of WWII caused his family to be removed from the West Coast. The Inamis were incarcerated in Jerome, AR.

In 1944, while still in Jerome, Frank volunteered for the Army. He was assigned to the Military Intelligence Service because of his proficiency in Japanese. Frank was stationed at Fort Snelling, MN where he eventually became an instructor. After the war he served in the signal corps and then in the 8th US Army during the Korean War. He retired from the Army in 1974 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After he returned from Korea in 1952, he married Setsuko Matsubara and the following year his daughter, Cynthia Sachiko, was born. Frank worked for Lawrence Livermore Labs until he retired.

Frank enjoyed traveling, visiting libraries, going to garage sales, tinkering with electronics and was an avid ham radio enthusiast. He will be remembered for his cheerful demeanor, rosy cheeks and his love of telling stories.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Inami family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com)

## Johannes (John) Hekking

August 2 1936 -March 9 2017

He was married to the love of his life Anita, for 56 wonderful years.

John was a long time resident of Dublin. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

## Kenneth Roy Trigger

Kenneth Roy Trigger passed away on February 19, 2017, surrounded by loving family in his residence at Rhoda Goldman Plaza, two weeks before his 93rd birthday.

There will be a private family memorial later in March.



Ken Trigger was born in Chicago in 1924, moving to northern California once he graduated high school. During his military service, Ken met the love of his life, Esther Meshul, at the

Hollywood USO. After the war, they were married and moved to Palo Alto where Ken pursued a PhD in physics at Stanford University. He worked at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory for many years, as well as a two-year project at the Stanford Linear Accelerator.

In 1956, Ken and Esther Trigger were among the nine founding families of Temple Beth Emek, the first Jewish synagogue in the Livermore Valley.

When he retired, Ken and Esther moved to Walnut Creek where they lived for 20 years. There the couple won many local bridge tournaments; mastered the art of the road trip adventure; and nurtured a warm, loving home for their family and community. In 2014, they embarked on a new adventure, selling their home and moving to Honolulu, HI, where they lived for 9 months until Esther's sudden death. Ken then decided to return to San Francisco to be closer to his family.

Ken (predeceased by his wife, Esther, and his son Victor) is survived by his children: Minette (and Isaac) Gutfreund, Suzette Trigger (widow of Victor), Jeff (and Kathy Steele) Trigger and Jack (and Jenny) Trigger; 8 grandchildren: Zevi and Mia Gutfreund, Kaitlyn (and Mike) Krieger, Coralee and Shannon Trigger, Matt, Ken-ton and Cole Trigger; and 2 great-grandchildren: Carter Trigger and Milo Gutfreund.

## Paul Paslay

1939-2017

Born in Peterborough, England, Paul J. Paslay, Age 77 passed away peacefully on March 10th in Modesto, Ca. after a long battle with Alzheimers.

Paul is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda and their children Susan (Larry) and Phillip (Karen). Paul also had three wonderful Grandsons, Nicholas (Christen), Brock and Jack.



He also had two step-Grandsons Ben (Becca) and Matt (Kristi) and seven step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his extended California family and many cousins who reside in England.

Paul is predeceased by his parents and siblings.

Paul came to Livermore, Ca at the age 12 and graduated from Livermore High School in 1956. He had life time friendships made with Ted Saselli, Tony Dean Berry and Gene Strom. Dad later joined the US Army and served his time in Germany. While in Germany, he started a pen friendship with Brenda and after only three times together they married in Germany. In 1963 they came to Livermore, Ca. Dad started working at Lawrence Livermore Lab and had a 30 year career as an electrician and grew up the ranks to Division Leader at Site 300. In 1976, the family moved to Turlock and settled in a country life and made many friends. After retirement in 1991 Paul & Brenda moved to Washington State and made more memories. In 1999, they moved back to California residing in Pioneer and then settling in Modesto.

Paul had many hobbies. He loved gardening, fishing, baking, camping, wood work and any home they moved to, he would remodel and take pride in his work. Paul and Brenda spent many years traveling whether it be visiting relatives in England, touring the United States or camping at Hope Valley or Sunset Beach. Family was very important to Paul and especially enjoyed any event that involved his grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 1st at 1 pm at the Allen Mortuary Event Center on 239 N Broadway, Turlock, Ca. 95380. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Paul's name to the Alzheimers/Dementia Support Center Inc. 700 McHenry Avenue, Suite #B, Modesto, Ca 95350.

## Juan M. Rodriguez

June 24, 1922 - March 9, 2017  
Resident of Livermore

Juan passed away peacefully on March 9th, 2017 with his family by his side, reuniting him with his beloved wife Raquel C. Rodriguez.

He is survived by 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Resurrection was held at St. Michael Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, Ca 94550 on Tuesday, March 14th at 10:00AM. Burial followed at St. Michael cemetery, Livermore, CA.

## Barbara (Roo) F. Hornady

9/6/36 - 3/12/17

Roo Hornady, born Barbara Frances Farries Sept. 6, 1936 in Chicago, lived in Colorado, Nebraska, California and Missouri.

After graduating from Webster Groves Missouri High School and Grinnell College she traveled through Europe for a year and then began a teaching career at Kirkwood Missouri High School while studying and performing dance and theater. She married Robert (Bear) Hornady in 1962.

As some of the first of the first Peace Corps volunteers, she and Bear taught in Nigeria from 1963 to 1965. After they returned from the Peace Corps, they lived in Grand Island, Nebraska; College Park, Maryland; Bochum, Germany; Livermore, California and finally retired in Pacific Grove, California.

She enjoyed acting in the Monterey area and played the role of Mrs. Fish, the Light House Keeper, at Point Pinos in Pacific Grove most weekends for several years.

She is remembered for her courage to create her own lifestyle, her love of Bear, her care of cats needing extra attention, her willingness to listen and her encouragement and generosity to others.

Roo's life will be celebrated by her family and friends at Canterbury Woods, 651 Sinex, Pacific Grove, California on Saturday, April 29th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Gifts in her memory can be made to her favorite organizations: American Civil Liberties Union - New York, NY; Pacific Repertory Theatre - Carmel, CA; Southern Poverty Law Center - Montgomery, AL; The SPCA for Monterey County - Monterey, CA; Youth Arts Collective - Monterey, CA. Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) for condolences and guest book.

## Newell Adrian Metras

Mar. 10, 1938 - Mar. 19, 2017

Newell Adrian Metras 79, passed away after a brief struggle with complications from Parkinson's disease. He was the husband of the late Terry (Pavon) Metras, who passed away in 2014.

Newell was born in Rochester, NY on March 10, 1938. He was the son of the late Adrian and Katholyn (Eaton) Metras. He grew up in Stonington, ME and graduated in 1956 from Stonington High School.

His early working career included being a lobsterman until he entered the Navy branch of the service in 1956. He served on the USS Rowan until 1958. After leaving the armed forces, he settled on a long career with General Electric. He retired from GE as a Nuclear Engineer in 1999.

Newell was predeceased by his sisters, Anita Welch and Rita Masi. He is survived by his children, Teresa (Tammy) Metras, William Metras and his wife Sharon; Janine Miller and her husband Marty; Renee Gooby and her husband Jeff and Paul Pavon. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Newell also leaves behind his dear friend, Rich-

ie McLaughlin and many friends at his much loved senior center.

Services will be held Friday, March 24, 2017 at St. Augustine Cemetery, 5750 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA at 12 Noon.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

## Bernice Mingoia

Nov. 4, 1921 - March 19, 2017  
Resident of Livermore

Bernice passed away, under comfort care, surrounded by family, at ValleyCare Hospital in Pleasanton on Mar 19, 2017, from congestive heart failure at the 'tender' age of 95. She was the 3rd of 4 children born to Angelo Uliana of Italy and Amelia Basso of Livermore. Though she was born in and was a long time resident of Livermore, she spent her early years in Pleasanton attending school where her father was the owner of a downtown saloon. Upon moving to Livermore, she attended St. Michael's School and Livermore High School.



She was employed for 29 years in the wine industry where she bottled and labeled wine. She worked for Cresta Blanca (now Wente Bros.), Villa Armando winery in Pleasanton and Stony Ridge Winery in Livermore (previously Villa Armando). She would pay very close attention to the labels on wine bottles and compliment the owners if done properly.

She enjoyed activities with her family & friends, get-togethers, barbecues, playing cards & in her younger years playing jacks. Her house was always open with a bouquet of flowers on the table. She loved 'hitting the road' to go shopping and eating lunch. Many fun road trips were also taken ... San Francisco, Monterey Peninsula, Benicia, Napa, and Folsom. She traveled to Mexico and cross country. Hawaii was her favorite place, a paradise. She was an avid Giants and A's Fan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; daughter, Julie; sister, Sara and brother, Donald. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara, grandchildren, Tony, Jeff (Vicki) & Donna of Patterson, 7 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held Mon., Mar. 27, at 11:00 a.m. for visitation, followed by a service at 1:00 p.m. Grave-side burial to follow, along with reception.

Donation to a favorite charity is deeply appreciated. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Mingoia family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com)

Joanne McNeill, a gifted pianist, teacher, and vibrant force of nature passed away on March 8, 2017. Born November 15, 1928 in Rochester, NY, Joanne began teaching piano at age 12 and performing on live radio at age 14. She taught for 66 years, enriching many lives.

A bright student, Joanne skipped two grades, graduating from high school at 16. At 18 she was hired by Los Alamos, NM schools to start a music education program. There she

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A local celebration of Joanne's life will be held in the coming months. Email [mary@mcneillfamilylaw.com](mailto:mary@mcneillfamilylaw.com) for details. You can best honor Joanne by supporting music education and live music -- see a concert, join a choir, support local music groups, and pull out an instrument and make joyful sounds.

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met and married Raymond McNeill with whom she had three daughters. They moved to Las Vegas in 1952 for Ray's work. Following their divorce, Joanne opened a thriving piano studio in Las Vegas.

In 1967 Joanne moved to the Bay Area, which she loved, opening piano studios in Livermore and San Francisco. She regularly took large contingents to the S.F. Symphony and other venues to introduce students to live music and concert pianists. Among her favorites were Artur Rubenstein, Andre Watts, and Jon Nakamatsu, all of whom she came to know and traveled great lengths to see. She continued teaching in Livermore until 2003, when she moved to Berkeley and taught adult students there until 2010. Joanne loved her time in Berkeley.

Undaunted by challenges, Joanne was unafraid to think on a grand scale. She raised three little girls as a single mother in the 1950-60s, all of whom graduated from college, had professional careers, and appreciated the rich cultural life to which she introduced them. Throughout her life, Joanne lived fully. She was incredibly hard-working, vivacious and glamorous - known for wearing designer gowns and hats that others would not be seen in - and wore them fabulously. She loved to travel, venturing to New Orleans, Mykonos, Greece, an African safari, helicopter hiking in Canada, and once played Chopin's piano.

Joanne cared deeply about her students' piano mastery and about their lives and well-being. She loved teaching children, but as she grew older found joy teaching adults. She began a series of piano workshops bringing together lively groups for music and conversation. Her workshop students soon became friends and many eventually formed a caring network for Joanne as she aged, regularly visiting her and taking her to concerts and outings. Her friends were extraordinary.

Even after the onset of dementia, Joanne remained her feisty self for many years, and adored listening to music until the day she died. Her departure moves a star on earth up to the sky. She will be missed by her daughters Ginny McNeill Cebe (Jim), Margot McNeill Bellucci, and Mary McNeill, and her grandsons Thomas and Patrick Bellucci, and Michael McNeill-Martinez. Joanne was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Arlene Connal, her brother, Robert P. Connal, Jr. and his wife Doris, and her sister Betty Ott Aldrich. Joanne is survived by dear friends too numerous to mention, but we extend our deepest gratitude to Kathy Chase, Geneve Hill, Nardn Kobayashi, and Robert and Marilyn Kukuck, all of whom went above and beyond.

The family is grateful for Joanne's caregivers who lovingly cared for her when her needs were the greatest, including Ann Gonski, and Maira Tobias in Berkeley, and the entire Aegis of Las Vegas staff, including Leticia Nino and Wilma Campomanes. We are deeply indebted to Carlos Salazar of Aegis for his exquisite care and kindness to our family, and to hospice nurse Peggy Anger, who always advocated for the best possible care for Joanne.

A local celebration of Joanne's life will be held in the coming months. Email [mary@mcneillfamilylaw.com](mailto:mary@mcneillfamilylaw.com) for details. You can best honor Joanne by supporting music education and live music -- see a concert, join a choir, support local music groups, and pull out an instrument and make joyful sounds.

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# SHORT NOTES

## Sunflower Hill Benefit

Referral Magic, a business networking group, is teaming up with Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance to bring businesses and nonprofits in the community together for some extreme support, boot camp style. The group's first nonprofit target is Sunflower Hill. Referral Magic will host the boot camp, along with a health and wellness fair at Prodigy Sports Performance in Pleasanton on March 25, from 9AM-12PM.

The program on March 25, 2017 consists of three 30-minute boot camps starting at 9:30AM. In addition to the fitness fun, there will be a health and wellness fair with vendors, a DJ, and raffle prizes.

Tickets are available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/referral-magic-presents-prodigy-performances-bootcamp-for-a-cause-tickets-32453315741](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/referral-magic-presents-prodigy-performances-bootcamp-for-a-cause-tickets-32453315741) and 100% of the proceeds go to Sunflower Hill.

## Walking the Bible

Bruce Feiler is a New York Times columnist, presenter of the PBS series "Walking the Bible and Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler" and author of New York Times Bestseller, *Walking the Bible*. On April 4th at 7pm, Bruce will speak on his latest book, *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us* at Lynwood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. In his latest book, Feiler travels from the Garden of Eden in Iraq to the Sistine Chapel in Rome, looking at the relationship of Adam and

Eve in a new way. Although history blames this first couple for bringing sin, deceit, and death into the world, Feiler shows how their relationship can be viewed through the lens of unity, forgiveness, and love. Feiler is a Jewish writer with an interfaith perspective on the history of the Holy Land. The event is free and the community is welcome.

Feiler is also the author of *Abraham and The Secrets of Happy Families*. His latest, *The First Love Story* will be available for purchase in the last week of March and at a free book signing at the event at Lynwood, sponsored by Towne Center Books.

Lynwood UMC is located at 4444 Black Avenue, across from the aquatic center. Parking is behind the church. Visit the church on the website at [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), or call 925 846-0221.

## Hike and Storytime

Sycamore Sunset Hike (70 Miles for 70 Years) will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., March 25. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Spring is a great time for sunsets, and this hike into the hills provides the full experience. The exact route will be determined by the trail conditions, but hikes can expect to go at least five miles toward the 70 Miles for 70 Years Challenge. Canceled if raining heavily.

Storytime in the Native

Garden will be presented Sun., March 26. Meet Rangers Amy and Doug with the Livermore Library at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Join librarians and rangers in the Native Garden for a special story time featuring stories about wildlife and nature. After the stories, explore the garden and make rubbings of the animal plaques. Stories and activities are appropriate for toddlers and preschoolers, but all ages are welcome to attend. Please call the Livermore Public Library at 925-373-5504 to RSVP.

NOTICE - The Livermore Half Marathon will be held Sunday, March 26, Sycamore Grove Park will be closed to the general public until 11 a.m. Expect closures or delays on many streets in Livermore. Visit [runliv.com](http://runliv.com) for more information.

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.

## Parade on TV

The Dublin Lions Club 34th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is airing on TV30. Part of the City of Dublin St. Patrick's Day two-day Festival, the parade took place on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The parade will

air multiple times starting on Monday, March 20th at 9 p.m. through Sunday, March 26th on TV30 & streaming live at [tv30.org](http://tv30.org). The parade can also be viewed via Video on Demand on the TV30 website. For additional times check the banner at the website [@tv30.org](http://@tv30.org).

## MAILBOX

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spoke up and put their concerns in writing to the City Council regarding the East Side and other issues affecting our community. Please join the growing list of community members at [www.pleasantonvoters.com](http://www.pleasantonvoters.com) to add your name and email address and comments.

## Support for Teacher Maryann Brent, Kirsten Higgins, Kathleen Stear, Sebastian Hamel, Denise Hanson, Tung-yi Shen, Gilles and Carine Pokam, Jessica Royer, Stephanie Watts, Marietta & Remi Awosanya, Andrew & Cynthia Lagodzinski, Athena Lynch, and Tiziana Bond - Livermore

Hello Livermore residents! What would you think if a new teacher at Granada High School raised students' AP French scores to unprecedented levels,

Serving as the grand marshal of the parade this year was U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, who started his political career serving on Dublin's City Council. The Dublin Parade featured community members, the Mayor and City Council, Chamber

of Commerce, High School and Middle School marching bands, antique cars, tractors and bicycles, floats, Irish bagpipes, equestrian riders and more. The parade announcer was Tim Sbranti.

wrote the curricula for international baccalaureate degrees in French, created a French 4 curriculum class, obtained French pen pals for her students, organized an exchange program this March, juggled 5 levels of instruction (French 2,3,4,IB and AP), and then was let go at the end of the year? I can tell you what her students and their parents think. They are furious.

The teacher is Anne Marie Etesse. Her students adore her. On short notice, students and their parents made impassioned pleas at the Board of Education meeting March 7 in Livermore on her behalf. Parents and interested parties then signed an e-petition and sent it to the Board and the Principal. Why? It is mystifying that this outstanding, caring, and forthright individual should be let go without explanation. Perhaps Granada's Principal

and the LVJUSD School Board should be thinking of students instead of whatever it is that prompted such a decision.

## VA Hospital William Roland Livermore

To all veterans in Livermore and all over. Shame on all of you. I can't be the only vet who doesn't want to see the Livermore VA closed. It's been here since 1947. It helped to save TB vets, plus it is open to all other cities and gives great care to each and everyone.

Wake up or we will lose great VA care. I went there Nov. 2, 2001. I was their for six and a half years. I wouldn't be alive without the great care by the doctors and nurses. The best chaplain ever made and his very pretty wife just did my wedding.

Who knows what the future will bring.

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### 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 Registrants: /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 Registrants: /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. 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. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Fernando G. Ramirez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 3, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4082. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 526915

The following person(s) doing business as: Wienerschnitzel #793, 816 N Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diab and Ahmar Inc, 816 N Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 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/: Fraidoon Ahmar, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 27, 2017. Expires January 27, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4083. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528095-96

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Snack Shop 2)SF Toys, 2774 Livermore Outlets Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vianney Ailette Frias, 1601 Laguna St, Apt #4, Concord, CA 94520 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2017. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Vianney A. Frias This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2017. Expires February 27, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4084. 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 The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s) /s/: Belina Costa, General Partner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4085. Published March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

### 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 Registrants: /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.

### 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 Loughheed 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 Rainflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bryan Weeck, 2477 Chestnut St, 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 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 Registrants: /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. 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 Registrants: /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. 528402-528403

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/: Jenifer Pinter, President 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 Registrants: /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. 4092. 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 Registrants: /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 FRANCONI (aka STEPHANIA JEAN FRANCONI, STEPHANIE JEAN FRANCONI) 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 FRANCONI (aka STEPHANIA JEAN FRANCONI, STEPHANIE JEAN FRANCONI)

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: STEPHANIE LALAND AND VICTORIA FRANCONI in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: STEPHANIE LALAND AND VICTORIA FRANCONI 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 FRANCONI 9170 ZAYANTE 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, 2017. Expires February 27, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4095. Published March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2017.

### 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) /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, 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 Valentano 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) /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, 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

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### 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.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528476

The following person(s) doing business as: Thomas Petty Enterprises, 4435 1st Street #355, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Search Engine Academy, Inc., 2222 2nd Street #18, 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/: Thomas W. Petty, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2017. Expires March 7, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4100. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017.

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DANIEL MICHAEL FARNDEN Case No. RP17852411

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DANIELMICHAELFARNDEN, DANIEL M. FARNDEN, DANIEL FARNDEN, DAN FARNDEN, DANIEL MICHAEL KLEIN,



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A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **PATRICIA L. REED** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ALAMEDA**.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **PATRICIA L. REED** 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 any 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.

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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**

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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: **SCOTT A. FRASER FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, SUITE 4000 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 (415) 981-1400**

The Independent Legal No. 4101. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 527818**

The following person(s) doing business as: **Blue Robin Premium Pizza, 132 S. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551**, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): **Blue Robin Premium Pizza Inc, 3174 Whiteleaf Ct, San Jose, CA 95148**

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 30, 2016.

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charanjit Kaur, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 21, 2017. Expires February 21, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4102. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017.

/s/ Patrick Alderman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2017. Expires March 20, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4103. Published March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2017.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528778**

The following person(s) doing business as: **Rex Construction, 1114 Marigold Rd, Livermore, CA 94551**, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): **Tri-Valley Maintenance, 1114 Marigold Rd, Livermore, CA 94551**

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Scott Merriman, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2017. Expires March 14, 2022.

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The race course will travel south from the downtown on South "L" Street over the Arroyo Bridge and continue south on Arroyo Road. The runners will then turn west on Concannon Blvd. to Holmes Street where they will turn and travel south on Holmes Street to Wetmore Road. The race will turn onto Wetmore Road and then enter Sycamore Grove Park. The runners will exit the park onto Arroyo Road where they will travel north to Wetmore Road. The race will then turn onto running trails then cross Concannon Blvd. onto Robertson Park before winding through and entering back onto South "L" Street at the Arroyo Bridge. (This is expected to cause significant traffic delays on Concannon Blvd. between S. Livermore Ave. and Arroyo Rd.)

The runners will travel north on South "L" Street before turning east on Second Street to McLeod Street, and then through the finish line on First Street. The first runner is expected to be at the finish line around 8am,

and all runners should be off the course by 11 am.

Fourth Street, South "L" Street, and College Avenue will experience significant traffic delays during the race. The Livermore Police Department advises motorists to use Railroad Avenue as an alternative route around the Downtown area. Several streets will be closed during the event including; First Street from Maple Street to South "L" Street, S. Livermore Avenue between Railroad Avenue and Third Street, Second Street from Maple Street to South "L" Street, South "L" Street from Second Street to Arroyo Road, the southbound lane of Arroyo Road from the Arroyo Bridge to Concannon Blvd, the #2 lane of eastbound Concannon Blvd. between Arroyo Road and Holmes Street, the #2 lane of northbound Holmes Street from Concannon Blvd. to Wetmore Road, and Wetmore Rd between Holmes St and Arroyo Rd. When these roadways are closed, traffic will not be able to cross over them.

The Downtown corridor will remain closed until approximately 3:00PM for a post-race festival.

Questions regarding traffic control for the race can be sent to the Livermore Police Department-Public Information Officer line at (925) 371-4777.



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**The Dublin Lions Club 34th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** marched off last Saturday (top two photos). The parade featured more than 80 entries, including festive marching bands and floats, Irish bagpipes, equestrian riders, and politicians. Lower photo is an entertainer at the festival, which included Irish music and dance, an Irish marketplace, a carnival, food, and crafts.

## LVEF Seeking New Board President

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is accepting applications for board president.

The LVEF Board President works at the direction of the Board of Directors and oversees the fiscal, educational, and operational areas of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Facilitates the development of the Board's skills in carrying out their Board duties.

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### 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' on Stage at Las Positas College

Las Positas College (LPC) continues its 2016-2017 theater season with "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

LPC President Russell Barry commented, "Las Positas College is pleased to bring a ray of sunshine to the Tri-Valley this season with six performances of "Brighton Beach Memoirs. This show opened on Broadway in March 1983, following its world premiere at the Curran Theater in San Francisco."

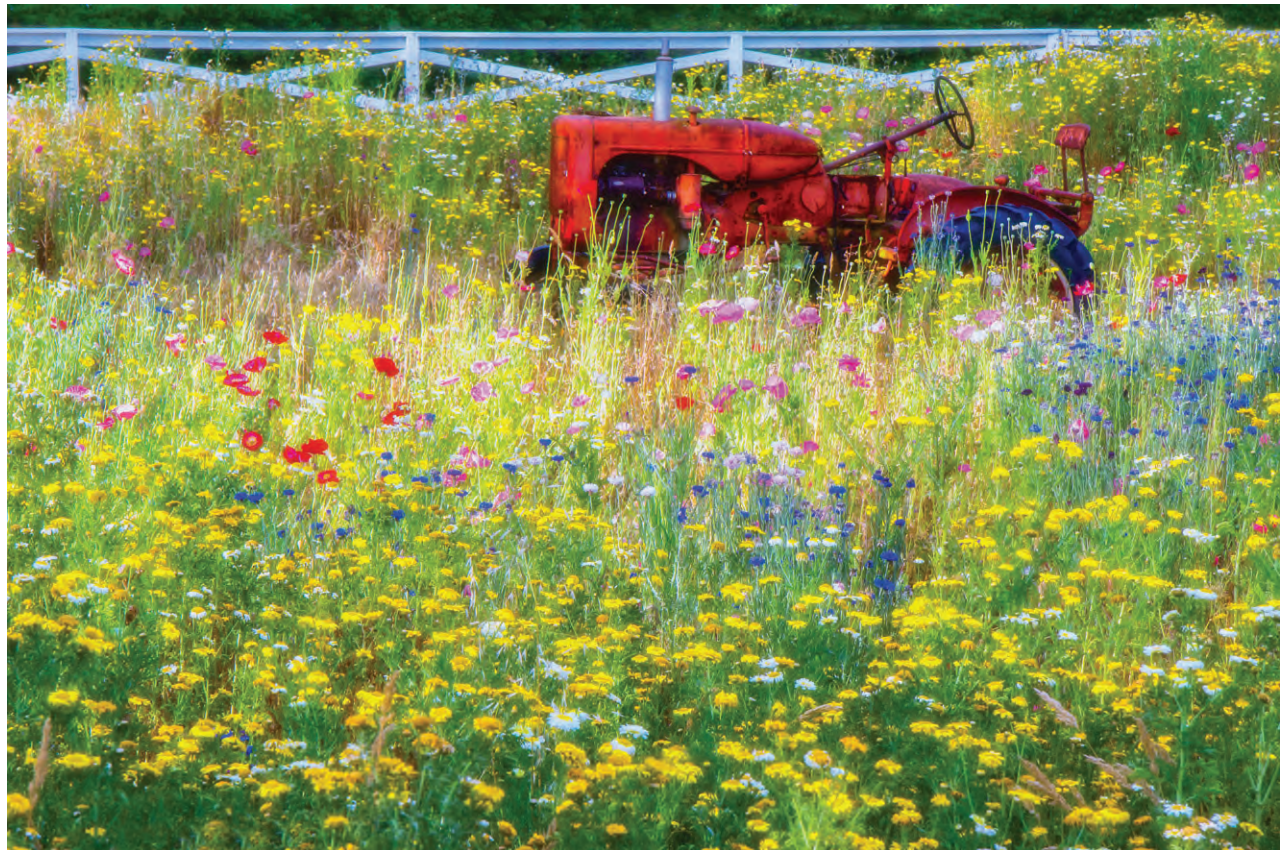
Performances will take place Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from March 31 through April 9, 2017. All performances will be held at the Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater on the LPC campus, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

With a cast and crew primarily comprised of LPC theater students, and directed by Ken Ross, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is the first story in an autobiographical trilogy by the American playwright Neil Simon.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" offers a portrait of Simon as a young teen in 1937 when he lived with his family in a crowded, lower-middle class Brooklyn walk-up. Eugene Jerome, played by Arsalan Khan, stands in for the author as the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with his off-center family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche, played by Kaitlyn Davenport, and her two young but rapidly aging daughters, and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style. Kaitlin Bailey, GenevaMay Colcol, Christopher Granlund, Kody Forbes, and Stephanie Reinheimer round out the cast of this heartwarming journey back in time.

Also on the LPC theater marquee this season is "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/THEA/Auditions.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/THEA/Auditions.php).

Tickets to all performances are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students/staff/seniors/military. Tickets to all shows can be purchased in advance by visiting [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts).



Tractor and Flowers by Eric Ahrendt

## Tri-Valley Conservancy and Cuda Ridge Wines Present "Freeze Frame 2016"

The top 25 Photos from Tri-Valley Conservancy's annual photo competition "Freeze Frame" are currently hanging in the Cuda Ridge Wines tasting room until April 30th.

The public is invited to meet and mingle with the photographers on Sunday, April 2nd, from 2:00-4:00pm, with refreshments and complimentary wine tasting of two Cuda Ridge wines. Live music will be performed by Alder Creek and Steve Kritzer. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic to spend the day enjoying the festivities. In addition to tastings, Cuda Ridge's small lot, handcrafted Bordeaux style wines will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle. The top 25 Freeze Frame photographs are available for purchase.

The exhibition is a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. Each year, the non-profit Tri-Valley Conservancy invites photographers to submit pictures that they feel best exemplify the organization's mission: to permanently protect

the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources and to support a viable agricultural economy in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Sunol. Some of the photos submitted over the years have focused on recreational, trail or field usage in local parks and open space, images of wildlife, agriculture and ranching, and scenic rural landscapes.

The 2016 competition received the highest number of photo submissions since the inception of the contest in 2011. Last year, the competition added the first ever Youth Category, open to middle school and high school students. The Top 5 Youth photos will be included in the exhibit. Photos were judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The finalists represent a wide range of photographic skills and experience from local, professional photographers to avid hobbyists and budding novices.

Tri-Valley Conservancy is the only accredited land trust

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# 'Spread Cheer with Beer' Donates Funds to Sunflower Hill

With one of California's newest brew trails, the East Bay's Tri-Valley region is earning a reputation as a craft beer destination. The Tri-Valley Beer Trail set out to "Spread Cheer with Beer" by donating \$20 to Sunflower Hill, a sustainable special needs community in Pleasanton, for every beer passport with five stamps. With a growing collection of 20 participating stops in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Danville, a passport stamp is a pour away.

To start spreading cheer with beer, participants downloaded the Tri-Valley Beer Trail Passport at Visit-TriValley.com, and started sipping suds. They got a stamp from their choice of any five participating breweries, taprooms or restaurants and redeemed their passport via email or in person to ensure the \$20 donation.

"The formation of the Tri-Valley Beer Trail has helped to unify the region's craft beer scene and build momentum," says Pleasanton-resident Julie Nickels, founding co-publisher of California Celebrator (the country's first magazine dedicated to beer culture, now a national publication called Celebrator). "'Spread Cheer with Beer' is a fun way to support local businesses while raising money for charity. It's win-win."

For those who wanted to support the cause without the hangover, a limited edition "ugly" sweater featuring the "Spread Cheer with Beer" message is still available online at Visit-TriValley.com. Sunflower Hill received a \$20 donation for every sweater sold. Priced at \$60 (includes tax and shipping), the colorful sweaters are available in large and extra large sizes while supplies last.

Stops on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail currently include: Altamont Beer Works, Livermore; Eight Bridges Brewing Company, Livermore; Working Man Brewing Company, Livermore; First Street Ale House, Livermore; Tap 25, Livermore; Beer Baron, Livermore; Sauced BBQ & Spirits, Livermore; The Growler Pub, Danville; Caps & Taps Bottle Shop and Tap Room, Dublin; Dublin Vine at Whole Foods Market, Dublin; Three Sheets Craft Beer Bar, Dublin; Main St. Brewery, Pleasanton; Handles Gastropub, Pleasanton; The Hop Yard Ale House, Pleasanton; McKay's Taphouse and Beer Garden; Beer Baron, Livermore; Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, Livermore; Hop Devine, Livermore; Danville Brewing Company, Danville; and, Norm's Place, Danville.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pictured (from left) are Lynn Monica, Robin Fahr, Barbara Steinfeld, Tanya Ludden, Susan Houghton, and Janeen Rubino Brumm.

## Barrels, Bottles & Brews: March 25 & 26, 2017

By Laura Ness

Get ready for a weekend of diverse libations in the Livermore Valley as wineries, craft breweries and artisan distilleries welcome you to the first annual Barrels, Bottles & Brews event. Concocted to be more inclusive and to offer visitors a more expanded taste of what the Livermore Valley has to offer, the event will take place this weekend, March 25 & 26: tickets are \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door.

From noon to 4:30 each day, guests will taste a wide variety of samples, including wines in development, served directly from the barrels. Many of the winemakers, brewers and distillers who crafted these beverages will be present to personally pour and discuss their work. Some of the barrel wines will be available for purchase at a

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discount, a practice known as buying "futures."

Breweries participating in the event include Eight Bridges Brewing and Working Man Brewing Company. Eight Bridges is a family operation, with a focus on seasonal ingredients and flavors. You might find things like pilsner, red ad brown ales, Kolsch, Russian imperial stout and several IPAs. For this weekend's ticket holders, they'll offer two complimentary tastes (four-ounce samples), plus 25% off a tasting paddle of four beers, as well as 10% off any growler purchased.

Working Man Brewing focuses on fresh and local beers, and they are proud of the recipes they've worked so hard to perfect. You can have growlers refilled while you enjoy the latest creations. They plan to pour Sneaky Devil Double IPA, C'est Noir Imperial Stout and EVL1 Imperial Red Ale.

Distilleries on board for the event are Artisan Spirits Distillers and Sutherland Distilling. At Artisan Spirits Distillery on Graham Court, Mike Eckert's portfolio includes two types of gin, vodka, barrel-aged brandy, raspberry eau de vie, orange-spiced brandy and two types of Absinthe, green and white. The Navy Strength gin is pungent and potent.

Sutherland Distilling is located on Independence Ave and is open Friday and Saturday for tours and tast-

ings of their rums, vodkas, ryes and bourbons. They have a bottle shop as well, and their distinctive label, Diablo's Shadow, pays homage to the mountain whose looming presence is hard to miss throughout the region.

Wineries signed up to participate in the event include: 3 Steves Winery, Bent Creek Winery, Boa Ventura de Caires, Caddis Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery, Charles R Winery, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge, Eckert Estate Winery, Ehrenberg Cellars, el Sol Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Leisure Street Winery, Longevity, McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrrieta's Well, Nottingham

Cellars, Occasio Winery, Pat Paulsen Vineyards, Retzlaff Vineyards, Rios Lovell Winery, Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, The Singing Winemaker, The Steven Kent Winery, Vasco Urbano, Wentz Vineyards, Winemakers Studio and Wood Family Vineyards.

Here's a sampling of what's being uncorked and de-bunged (technical term for taking a bung out of a barrel):

Bent Creek Winery will offer barrel tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah, wine blending activity, craft and food vendors.

Chris Sorenson of Caddis says he's sampling the brand new 2016 Thatcher Bay Cabernet Sauvignon from the barrel and will offer a reserve flight for an additional charge, including the 2014 Chardonnay, 2013 Merlot, 2013 Syrah, 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon and

2013 Better Together (Cab/Syrah blend), all from the Livermore Valley.

Cedar Mountain will be tasting the 2016 Zinfandel from Sblendorio Vineyard and their red blend (Petite Sirah, Cab, Zin) that will be used for the next "Put a Cork In it" (bottle your own) event in May. Earl will be there both days. Lana Replogle will be showing off and selling her hand made ceramics on Saturday only. Premier Designs jewelry will be in the house on Sunday only. Enjoy live music both days from 12:30-3:30, with Chris Ahlman. Cheese, crackers, salami, chocolates, and cigars will be for sale in the tasting room.

Charles R Vineyards will feature live music by Greg Lamboy. Taste the 2014 Petite Sirah directly from the barrel and compare it

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Past activities have included Rangoli 2016 at Smith School, Cinco de Mayor at Shea Plaza, and the Mendenhall Middle School Chorus performing in concert. The chorus shared the stage with David Benoit, three time Grammy Award nominee ...

## LVPAC Plans Educational Programs

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Educational Programs for 2017 are already well underway. They include in-school student assemblies, community events, workshops and camps.

Of the more than two dozen events scheduled, one of the most significant is the first-ever Livermore Innovation Fair to take place on April 8, 2017. The event is led by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) together with Livermore Valley Education Foundation, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and local tech-focused non-profit iGate.

Also on the Bankhead Plaza in April, several multicultural programs featuring food, music and dance are planned, including a celebration of the Indian Harvest festival Baisakhi on April 22nd and Hispanic Heritage Day on April 29th. Students will also have opportunities to meet and work with the professional dancers of Rhythmic Circus and Paul Taylor Dance this spring. These efforts build on what was already a significant expansion of educational outreach activities in 2016.

According to Kiran Guleria, LVPAC's Education Program Manager, over the past year, the organization's efforts touched the lives of more than 10,000 young people through music, science, cultural, dance and creative arts events and programs. "Our goal is to reach every student in the district and more throughout the Tri-Valley with the wonder of the arts, helping them see and make connections with the larger world," said Guleria. Many of the programs are interactive and participatory, offering students across all grades experiences that provide a significant and lasting influence on their education.

An emphasis on promoting awareness of other cultures drove many educational efforts in 2016 and will continue to do so this year. Among the events sharing African, Native American, Southeast Asian, and Latino cultures were the Rangoli Art and Cultural Festival, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Native American Day, Diwali Celebration and the Filipino Barrio Fiesta.

Other student programs helped connect the arts with key educational areas associated with their studies.

A summer writing camp at the Bothwell Arts Center engaged students, teaching them how to develop and present their own stories over a two week period. At the STEAM Fest held at Jackson Avenue School in October, the five critical educational components, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math were interconnected. LVPAC's sponsorship of the East Bay Jazz High School All Stars helped bring together exceptional jazz musicians from local area high schools to enrich their skills and provide broader performance opportunities.

Kelly Bowers, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools from Livermore Unified School District noted, "Students in our District are enriched by our partnership with LVPAC and its commitment to ongoing educational outreach. Our students attend theatrical and musical performances, they participate in workshops, and their minds are engaged by professional lectures. Our young musicians and dancers perform alongside of professional artists. Our students' eyes and ears are opened to cultural arts from around the world. We are so very grateful for the

opportunities provided by LVPAC."

Students have written letters to Guleria after in-school assemblies and camps, telling her how much they learned. After the writing camp, some students left inspired to explore careers in journalism. "We look for every opportunity to use the arts to inspire young people and stimulate their creativity. Experiencing the beauty found in the arts and in other cultures can help them find common ground and make their work together in the future more productive," added Guleria.

Many educational outreach events, such as those on the Shea Homes stage on the Bankhead plaza, are completely free and open to the public. Through the LVPAC Educational Fund student tickets for most performances at the Bankhead Theater are offered at just \$16 and scholarships are offered for some of the program's camps and workshop. LVPAC also underwrites the cost of some student programs with touring musicians and theatrical groups. Financial support for the LVPAC Education Fund is separate from

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# Speaker Series Offers More Tickets

Museum on Main announces additional tickets available for select performances for the 2017 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... at the Firehouse Arts Center and now select shows at the Amador Theater.

"Tickets for these Chautauqua style performances went on sale on December 1st and we were sold out by December 7th. This year's sales were unprecedented and since the series continues to grow in popularity, the museum staff knew we needed a strategy to accommodate the growing crowds," says Director of Education for Museum on Main and the coordinator for the speaker series, Sarah Schaefer. "This year the museum will be offering two matinee shows at 2 pm at the Firehouse Theater for the first time in the series' history and plan on offering a full line up of An Afternoon with... matinee performances in the 2018 season."

The Museum on Main was also able to move three performances to the Amador Theater. "Although using the much larger Amador Theater is not a permanent solution to the series' growing popularity, moving evening performances in July, August, and September has meant we can now sell additional tickets for three of the most popular performances," notes Schaefer.

"Everyone at the museum is so grateful that the community continues to embrace the performance style known as Chautauqua," Schaefer noted. "With more tickets available, it is the perfect time for those who have never come to the series to experience a Chautauqua performance. It is such a unique way for people, young and old alike, to engage with history and historical personalities. Actors bring



**Pictured (from left) are Miriam Reed as Louisa May Alcott; Kevin Radaker as Winston Churchill; and Peter Small as George Washington.**

historical characters out of the pages of history books and on to the stage providing the audience with a monologue as a historical character and then answering the audiences' questions as the character."

Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted. All performances are general seating.

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

Performances with Tickets On Sale Now:

An Afternoon with Louisa May Alcott: May 9, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center: Louisa May Alcott is a beloved American author and self-declared woman's rights advocate. She started writing as a young woman, influenced by the education she got



from her father and family friends such as Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Her most famous work, *Little Women*, is an autobiographical work based on her memories of her childhood. Actress Miriam Reed will be portraying Louisa May Alcott in a solo-play within a play entitled *Living Little Women*.

An Evening with George Washington: July 11, 7 p.m. Amador Theater: Everyone can name the first President of the United States, but how well do they know the military general, plantation owner, and founding father? Washington was a complex man who believed in ethical practices and refused to seek a third term in presidential office for the benefit of a democratic government.

An Evening with John D. Rockefeller: Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Amador Theater: A man with wealth beyond imagination, John D. Rockefeller's reputation and legacy is intermixed with a negative perception of big business, big oil, and American greed. His companies altered the lives of ordinary people, often for the better, by creating more efficient and cheap products to improve Americans' everyday lives. However, as the founder of Standard Oil, he made gasoline cheap and available helping America



transition into the automobile era and a dependency on oil. Beyond a business man, Rockefeller was one of the first American philanthropists. Doug Mishler will portray this enigmatic John D. Rockefeller.

An Evening with Winston Churchill: Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Amador Theater: Before becoming the cigar-toting British Prime Minister who became famous during WWII, Winston Churchill thought he could provide a victory in WWI. In 1915, the little-known Battle of Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire became one of the worst defeats in modern military history. Professor and Chautauqua scholar Kevin Radaker will portray a WWI Winston Churchill.

An Afternoon with Buffalo Bill Cody: Oct. 10, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center: Viewed as one of the quintessential American showman, Buffalo Bill Cody had a larger than life character. He was a pony express rider, soldier, American scout, bison hunter, and Medal of Honor winner. He is most known for Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, a large company of performers that toured the United States, Great Britain, and Europe putting on shows that highlighted the American West, cowboys, and the Indian Wars. This colorful figure will be portrayed by professor and Chautauquan Brian Kral.



**Livermore Farm Land by Janice Wei**

## FREEZE FRAME

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headquartered in Alameda County. Tri-Valley Conservancy has helped preserve more than 4,000 acres of land for parks, trails and agriculture. The organization strives to create and maintain a productive and balanced environment for current and future generations of Tri-Valley area residents. For more information visit [TriValley-Conservancy.org](http://TriValley-Conservancy.org).

Cuda Ridge is located

at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Cuda Ridge Wines is an award-winning winery that prides itself in supporting the local art and music scene in Livermore Valley. Cuda Ridge Wines has an art-friendly exhibition space with a dedicated hanging system throughout the tasting room for local artists to display and sell their art. Regular Winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appt. at 510-304-0914.

## Fair Wine Entry Deadline Near

Entries for amateur and commercial divisions of the Alameda County Fair's wine competitions are still being accepted for a limited time.

Amateur/homemade wine competitors must register through the Fair's website by Friday, March 24th, 2017. Judging will take place on Monday, March 27th with results to be announced by email the week of May 1st. The competition is open to California residents, age 21 and older. For more information, visit: [http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/pdf/entry/adult/Adult\\_Amateur\\_Wine.pdf](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/pdf/entry/adult/Adult_Amateur_Wine.pdf)

The Fair's commercial competitions – Alameda County Wine Competition, Zin Challenge and Sauvignon Summit – also welcome new contenders. All entries must be registered through the Fair's website by Friday, April 28th, no entry fee required. The Zin Challenge and Sauvignon Summit competitions are open to all domestic (U.S.) wineries, while Alameda County Wine Competition is open only to wineries located in Alameda County. Judging for all will take place May 9-10 with winners to be announced the following day.

Winners will be announced publicly and will be on display in the wine exhibition hall for the duration of the Fair. All Gold Medal wines will be available for purchase by the glass at the Fair's Wine Garden.

For more information, criteria and rules, visit: <http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/compete/alameda-county-wine-competition>  
<http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/compete/sauvignon-summit-zin-challenge>



# Livermore Valley Uncorked Wine Celebration Set

Tri-Valley Conservancy is holding its 8th annual Livermore Valley Uncorked wine celebration on Thursday, April 13th.

The event provides the opportunity to literally taste the fruit of preserving the Tri-Valley's park and agricultural lands like the region's award-winning vineyards. Local wines will be privately blind tasted and judged the day before.

Wines made from grapes grown in the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area are welcome to be entered in the competition. The Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area includes the cities of Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and the eastern boundaries of Castro Valley and Sunol. The deadline to enter wines into the competition is March 30th.

The wine competition judges are selected from all over Northern California and include a mix of winemakers, journalists, educators, sommeliers and business owners selling premium wines. The judges will spend an afternoon blind tasting the submitted wines and then ranking them accordingly. The judging is not open to the public. However, once the wines have been judged, the real fun begins.



Photos capture the beauty of Livermore Valley wine country: agriculture surrounding Livermore Valley homes by Barry Zupan, and Wine pour by Sean Farrell.

Tri-Valley Conservancy's Livermore Valley Uncorked will be held on April 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Palm Event Center, surrounded by vineyards preserved by Tri-Valley Conservancy. Catering will be by Beets Hospitality

Group. Tickets are \$40 each. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Conservancy's land protection programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [Tri-ValleyConservancy.org](http://Tri-ValleyConservancy.org) or call (925) 449-8706.

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to the bottled 2012 Petite Sirah.

Concannon will be featuring 2015 Malbec and 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon barrel samples, along with the finished 2013 Malbec and 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon. They will also have a Club Booth and picnic baskets available for food. Come check out the beautiful topiaries and fun sculptures

At Crooked Vine, they'll be sampling 2015 Petit Verdot and 2015 Stony Ridge Petite Sirah. They'll have live music on Saturday.

Although not officially part of the Barrels, Bottles & Brews event, Cuda Ridge will still be offering barrel tasting and future purchases of the 2015 Cabernet Franc and 2015 Petit Verdot, along with live music and a BBQ.

At Dante Robere, taste the 2014 Livermore Valley Petite Sirah and a 2015 Estate Syrah.

Eagle Ridge will be featuring its 2014 Petite Sirah and 2014 Malbec.

At Eckert Estate/Artisan Spirits, winemaker and dis-

tiller, Mike Eckert, will be barrel tasting brandy and giving brief demonstrations on how it is made. Additionally, he plans to feature two new spirit releases. Also, for this event only, their library wine, the 2008 Reunion (a Syrah/Petite Sirah blend), will be available for tasting and purchase.

At John Evan Cellars, taste 2014 El Capitan, Petite Sirah, Clark vineyard, Livermore and the 2014 "The Debonair," Cabernet Sauvignon, Clark Vineyard, Livermore.

Las Positas will be barrel sampling its 2015 Tempranillo and 2015 Coccineous blend, with futures being sold for both wines. Winemaker Brent Amos says the blend for 2015 will be roughly 39% Tempranillo, 29% Syrah, 17% Petite Sirah and 15% Malbec. He notes that all the fruit for this popular blend comes from their estate vineyards, and that as of the 2017 vintage, the winery will finally be 100% Estate.

Longevity will feature the first Livermore Zin they've made from

Sblendorio Vineyard.

They'll also have Kara from Stella & Dot jewelry in the house, along with Maria Gomes and her line of makeup, Rodan+Fields. Don't miss their newly released 2016 Rosé of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, and the new 2015 Viognier from the Isabel Vineyard in Livermore. Longevity is becoming a white wine powerhouse!

Nottingham Cellars will offer tastes of Vasco Urbano barrels samples of the 2015 "The Sheriff" GSM and the new 2014 "The Colonel," on the front patio. Who's the Colonel, you ask? Well, he's a new Rhone blend that spends an additional year of time in barrel time and is based mainly on Mourvedre, offering a different spin. Mourvedre tends to have smoky, meaty notes, with lots of lip smacking savoriness.

In the Nottingham Cellars tasting room, "Livermore Only" wines will be featured in a \$10 flight that will include: 2015 NC Fraser Howard Chardonnay – Limited Availability,

2012 NC Ralph's Red Blend, 2012 NC Micro-Lot Reserve Cabernet, 2014 NC Mourvedre from the Raboli Vineyard, 2014 NC Cabernet from the Harris Tesla Vineyard

Additionally, Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski, presented by Ruchika Dhanwantri, Independent Consultant, will be featured on Saturday, and Life Expressions Décor by Jean Luevano will present her wares on Sunday.

Occasio will feature barrel tasting of their 2015 Malbec, which is part of the winery's Heritage Collection. The fruit for this wine was harvested from the Ghielmetti Vineyard.

At Retzlaff, they will open the doors for barrel tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Dry Rosé, called "Isabelle's Blush," to taste from the barrel, along with arts, crafts and some fantastic music both days. On Saturday, it's Jeff Bordes and the Burnt Ends and on Sunday, it's Matt Finders and his big jazz band. Finders is a local jazz legend and former

member of the Jay Leno band.

At Rodrigue Molyneaux, taste a three-year vertical of Cabernet Sauvignon, including one still in barrel. The idea is to gain an appreciation for what to look for when evaluating wines that have not yet been bottled.

At The Steven Kent Winery, try the 2014 Home Ranch Cabernet, which can be purchased as futures and will be released in September. They'll also be pouring the current Home Ranch Cabernet (2013) as well as 2016 Vin Gris, 2013 BDX Collection Merlot & 2013 BDX Collection Petit Verdot. They will also have a jewelry vendor and cheese, salami & crackers for sale.

Wood Family Vineyards will be tasting barrel samples of Muy Bueno Zinfandel at their new warehouse location at 2407 Research Drive, across from Altamont Beerworks (who are not participating in the event). Zinfandel futures will be available for purchase: reserve your case

and become an Extended Family "Club" Member. Karen's Kitchen Toffee Addiction will be there tasting and selling her toffee, and food will be available for purchase across the street: Sip & Slide's food truck on Saturday, and The South Smokin' BBQ on Sunday.

"The breweries and distilleries are a welcome addition to Livermore Valley wine country. They expand the quality options for our food and wine lovers and are helping to bring even more visitors to the Valley," says Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. "The attention and care evident in our region's wines is also found in our craft beers and artisan spirits. Livermore Valley's winemakers, brewers and distillers share a passion for quality."

Event guests with wristbands and official glasses will receive tastings at each participating winery, brewery or distillery. For a complete list of activities and discounts by location, visit [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org).

## Tickets Available for 22nd Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Women of Assistance League of Amador Valley will proudly strut on the fashion runway at the 22nd Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday April 22 at 12 noon at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center at 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. Reservations can be made by sending checks for \$55 to ALAV for each person to Diana McIntyre, 568 La Grange Lane, Livermore, Ca. 94550, or call Diana at 925-344-7073.

There will be a Mad Hatter's hat contest, raffle prizes, Lucky Teacups, a silent auction, and no-host bar. Also, there will be tea, scones, sandwiches, and dessert served on individually styled table setting. Partygoers will be treated to a full scale fashion show. The fashions presented will be from the Wearever Collection of J.Jill.

The Tea benefits the philanthropic program "Operation School Bell," which provides new clothing to primary and middle school children in need.

Volunteer s in Assistance



Elegant table settings are part of the festivities.

League this year contributed 750 hours of support to ensure that 450 kids were provided with clothing of their choice. The volunteers had the privilege of shopping with youngsters at Kohl's stores in Livermore and Pleasanton. Each child spent \$125 on his or her choices and received a \$25 voucher to purchase shoes at Payless.

Volunteers from each year have expressed their delight at scanning the

shelves and discovering exactly what their child shopper wants and needs. Girls say things like, "Can I buy the T-shirt with the logo from the movie Frozen?" while boys often chose team sports logos, often showing their loyalties to different teams.

Nancy Carter and Carol Sum serve as co-chairs of Operation School Bell. Each shopper volunteer expresses the upbeat nature of the experience, "the



### Funds will help finance annual Operation School Bell.

smiles, the tears--of both parents and children-- are wonderful." Nancy Carter, a longtime teacher in the Tri-Valley, suggests that children, properly clothed and with a sense of pride in their appearance, attend school with anticipation, improved attendance, and eagerness to learn.

There is often a general impression that the Tri-Valley has no families

struggling to make ends meet. Clearly, such is not the case. The 80 members of the Assistance League strive to make a difference for these families. This year, the organization also provided \$5,000 to supply P.E. clothing to middle school students in Livermore.

In addition to Operation School Bell, programs include the following:

- Caring About Retired and Elderly. CARE provides companionship and assistance with special events for the elderly at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and helping out at the Senior Center Cafe Sage.

- Book Buddies, an ongoing one-on-one program for primary school children that encourages reading.

- Screening Eyes Early (SEE) provides vision screening for preschoolers to detect "lazy eye" and other vision problems for more than 1300 preschoolers.

- Birthday Bags serves children between 1-17 years of age at Tri-Valley Haven's Homeless and Domestic Violence Center in Livermore.

- Assault Survivor Kits are supplied to the Tri-Valley Haven Rape Crisis Center and Stanford/Valley-Care Hospital

- Food for Families provides the Tri-Valley Haven food costing \$500 each month. Using a list provided by the Haven, Assistance League volunteers purchase the food and deliver it bi-monthly to the Haven.

## Spring Book Sale Offered This Weekend by Friends of Pleasanton Library

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library Spring Book Sale will take place March 24, 25 and 26 at the library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

On Fri., March 24, 6 to 9 p.m., the sale will be open to members only. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be books for all ages, DVDs, and CDs. Most small paperbacks will cost 50 cents; hardbacks/big paperbacks, \$1; DVDs, \$2; Sunday, fill a bag for \$7.

Funds raised help to support such activities as Paws to Read, Summer Reading Program Set Up, Game Days and special projects.

Donations to Friends of the Pleasanton Library come from the community on a daily basis. After they are sorted and boxed up, donated items are stored for more sorting. The week prior to each of the two sales held during the year, approximately 800 boxes of books are loaded onto pickup trucks and unloaded in the library meeting room, setup and arranged on tables.

Teen volunteers (pictured at right) help the Friends group manage the large scale operation.



# Yesterday into Today

by Sarah Bobson

## LEON TABOURY AND THE BARN: PART II

The Barn might not have become the hippie hot spot in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the late sixties if it had not been for a psychologist named Leon Taboury. Empresario of a venue where young people took drugs was an ironic night-time job for a man whose daytime job was counseling inmates at San Quentin.

While working as a prison psychologist where he endeavored to establish a new therapeutic program, Taboury met Neal Cassady, one of Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters and a friend of Beat writers Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg. Cassady was serving a two-year sentence following an arrest in 1958 for offering drugs to an undercover agent at a San Francisco nightclub. During the counseling sessions, Taboury and Cassady seem to have forged a bond. Ramah Hinde, Taboury's daughter who currently lives in Scotts Valley, a woman with a warm, radiating smile, told me when we sat down to chat about Cassady's influence over Taboury that "Cassady lit my dad's fire." So, it was not surprising that after Cassady was released from prison, Taboury stayed in touch and ended up living with Cassady and his wife for a while in Los Gatos. During that time, Cassady introduced Taboury to the counterculture lifestyle, which Hinde said soon inflamed Taboury's belief that people should have the right and the freedom to live the way they wanted.

Did Cassady's influence account for Taboury becoming involved with The Barn? Hinde said it is hard to tell. What she does know is that after her father left his job counseling inmates at San Quentin, he moved to Santa Cruz, where he worked as a staff psychologist at General Hospital, now Dominican Hospital. He took an active interest in Esalen Institute at Big Sur and in the emerging cultural

scene at the Hip Pocket Bookstore in downtown Santa Cruz. It was at the bookstore, in fact, that he met his future wife, Kathy, Ramah's mother. According to Hinde, Kathy took notice of the guest speaker, an impassioned young psychologist. Sometime after that, Eric "Big Daddy" Nord, a Beat Generation-era nightclub owner who founded the hungry i in San Francisco, approached Kathy, who owned the barn at the time, about turning it into a hip counterculture place. Also around that time, Taboury and Kathy began dating. He would drive her around in his Porsche. At some point, he took over The Barn's operation.

Years later, Hinde would hear stories about that brief three-year period in the mid-to-late 60s when The Barn became the center of the universe for hippies living in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Hinde, born in 1967, was very young at the time, but she still remembers her father telling her about the musicians who appeared at The Barn. "I remember my dad talking about Janis Joplin. He said that she would make the crowd crazy because she would take so long to come on stage. The men would get so anxious and say, 'Come on ....' She would wait for the energy to get to a certain point and then she would come on and blow their minds. Janis bought a Porsche just like the one my dad had because she loved his car so much."

Things started to fall apart for The Barn when Scotts Valley residents objected to the hippie presence. According to Wallace Baine's article in the Santa

Cruz Sentinel, the Scotts Valley City Council ordered The Barn closed, "citing Taboury's lack of a license to host live entertainment. Thus began a long series of trials pitting Taboury against the city, most personally against then-Mayor Bill Graham, who said to the Sentinel in the middle of Taboury's contempt-of-court trial: 'He doesn't get the picture he's not wanted around here.'" Taboury was forced to sell The Barn in 1969.

The family lived on communes for awhile, one in particular at La Selva Beach just south of Santa Cruz, with Taboury becoming more immersed in the counterculture lifestyle. He began smuggling drugs into the East Coast and was arrested and sentenced to 2½ years in prison. The authorities moved him from prison to prison until he reached the West Coast and ended up back at the very prison where he had once been a psychologist. I asked Hinde what it must have been like for her father to be incarcerated, on the other side of the bars from where he had once worked with inmates. She paused, became introspective, and seemed to travel back to an earlier time and place. "It was so ironic. He used to say to me, 'How do these things happen?'"

How do things come full circle?" Hinde said she remembered visiting him once in San Quentin. "I would have been about 5½, and my brother about 3. My dad was just himself. He wore a T-shirt and jeans, so it didn't look too strange. He didn't wear some crazy jumpsuit. We got to visit outside overlooking the

water, in the sunshine. I remember him being cheerful, trying to keep it as normal as possible. He never stopped being who he was." Hinde explained that her father sent her pictures of him defying the prison scene. And, in fact, he managed to have drugs smuggled into the prison, which he distributed free of charge.

It would be easy to ascribe Taboury's defiant behavior to his adopted counterculture ethos. And certainly that must have been part of it. But this survivalist mode could be seen much further back in his life, to the years he spent in Dachau during World War II. Taboury was born in Lithuania in 1925. After his father, a rabbi from Israel, left the family in Lithuania to emigrate to the United States, a series of events befell the family. First the Soviets and then the

Germans occupied Lithuania. The Germans sent the young Leon and his family members to differ-

ent concentration camps. Hinde, recalling her father's early years and the time he spent in prison, teared up when she said, "My father had experience behind bars." But, of course, the two experiences had to be vastly different. While Taboury was at San Quentin, his wife Kathy, in order to support the family, dropped back into society and moved to Mountain View, where she found a job. This was around 1970 or 1971, Hinde recalled, just after her younger brother was born. By the time Taboury got out of prison, the marriage had fallen apart. In his later years, he worked at the computer lab at Cabrillo College. His daughter Ramah said that before he died, in 2009, they were very close, and he continued to share with her many stories.

Both the life of Leon Taboury and The Barn had their extremes and, in an odd sort of way, they came to mirror each other. Taboury's peaceful child-

hood in Lithuania gave way to life in a concentration camp, followed by new beginnings and the taste of freedom in America, to experimentation in a hippie subculture with people at least 15-20 years his junior, to work with prisoners, to becoming a prisoner himself once again, to life as a computer geek. The life of The Barn also had its extremes, serving as the Frapwell Dairy Barn from 1914 to 1948, to becoming the hippie mecca in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the late 1960s, to becoming a dinner theater in an RV park and eventually a warehouse for Seagate Technologies, to its final dissolution when it was torn down in 1991.

Today, both are gone. But if one stands at The Barn's former location, the intersection of Granite Creek Road and Santa's Village Drive, just off Highway 17, home now to a church, a self-storage building, and a small strip shopping center, one might still be able to hear the faint tunes of Country Joe, the frenzied wailing of Janis, and the folksy tunes of The Dead. And if one looks closely enough, one might still be able to see the free, cheerful spirit of Leon Taboury presiding over it all with an indomitable smile.

## Alameda County Fair Taking Entries for Contests

The Alameda County Fair is accepting entries in a variety of contest areas in both youth and adult competitions. Contest categories include Culinary Arts, Fiber Arts, Garden & Floral, Handcrafts, Hobby Collections and Science & Technology.

Youth contests also include categories for school projects and performing arts. Visit [www.acfairexhibits.com](http://www.acfairexhibits.com) for more information.

The Fair also offers a variety of contests for specialized talents including: Honey, This is a Dessert Contest, Christmas Tree Decorating, Duct Tape Art, Egg Carton Art, Bling Something, Origami, Repurpose or Recycle It!, Shoe Box Float, Beef is King, Mystery Cookie, and more.

Divisions accommodate all ages and ability levels, including physically and/or mentally challenged.

For a complete list of contests, entry information & rules, visit: [www.acfairexhibits.com](http://www.acfairexhibits.com).

The deadline for general entries is Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Some competitions are judged in advance of the Fair and require earlier entry deadlines including wine, homebrew, and national anthem. Visit website for details.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

**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.museumon-main.org](http://www.museumon-main.org)

**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](http://www.pmagovern.com) This show is open to all artists. Entry forms and prospectus available at: [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com) or by contacting Chairperson Pat Smith: 925-846-4138 email: [psmithtr@comcast.net](mailto:psmithtr@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: [celebratwomen2017@gmail.com](mailto:celebratwomen2017@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](http://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, Plein 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, [tbsoles@yahoo.com](mailto:tbsoles@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](http://www.bothwell.lvpac.org) or email [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto: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 under-

standing 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](mailto:danne_miller@att.net), or Linda Ryan at [LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

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

**Art Classes.** For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture

and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

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

**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](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com) for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

**Ukulele Circle.** Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

## WINE & SPIRITS

**The 3 Steves Winery** will hold a fund raiser Friday night, March 24, for locally raised Tracy Ramirez who is battling Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. Live music provided by Mark Clarin and friends, food by Smokin Hot Meats n Treats, Lots of silent auction items, beer from Altamont, and wines from 3 Steves. Open to the public from 6-9pm. Proceeds going to Tracy and his family. 5700 Greenville 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](http://www.lvwine.org/event/2757/barrels-bottles-brews)

**Charles R Vineyards** celebrates Livermore Valley's "Barrels, Bottles & Brews" with live music by Greg Lamboy on March 25th-26th from 12:00-4:30pm. Taste award winning wines and try out the 2014 Petite Sirah directly from the barrel and compare to the bottled 2012 Petite Sirah while listening to unforgettable melodies with raw emotion by Greg Lamboy on the patio. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville

Road) in Livermore.  
**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](http://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](http://www.wentevineyards.com)

**Wente Vineyards: Garden Tour & Workshop Series:** Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk. Sat., April 1, 10 a.m. to noon, Healthy Soil & Garden Prep; May 6, 10 a.m. to noon, Planting & Irrigation; June 3, 10 a.m. to noon, Pest Control; Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Fall Vegetables; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Sensory Herb Class; Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, The Art of Composting. Price per guest, per session: \$20 Entertainment Club, \$25 Non-Club. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2424 or visit [wentevineyards.com](http://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](http://www.thelofttahoe.com). For more information, show tickets, and dinner reservations, visit <http://thelofttahoe.com> or call (530) 523-8024.

**Sip and Paint** at Cedar Mountain Winery, Sat., April 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cedar Mountain, 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore. All guests must register to attend. [www.pinotpalette.com/livermore/event/150306](http://www.pinotpalette.com/livermore/event/150306)

**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](http://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>

**Bluegrass open mic and pickup band;** The Bandstand in Carnegie Park, 4th and K Streets, Livermore. Kickoff Easter Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. then first Sunday of each month until Oct. 1,

2017.  
**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.

**Kahulanui — Hawaii's Kings of Swing**, 8 p.m. March 24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**East Bay Marathi Mandali Hindustani Music Concert**, March 25, 5 p.m. Dublin High School Center for the Performing Arts, [www.ebmm.org](http://www.ebmm.org)

**Del Valle Fine Arts, Escher Quartet**, strings, March 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Masters of Soul**, 8 p.m. April 1. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://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](http://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](http://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, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Arlo Guthrie**, 7:30 p.m. April 13. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Youth Music Festival: Play It Loud**, The High School Musical Collaborative, 7:30 p.m. April 15. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Come Together: The Beatles Concert Experience.** April 15, 7:30 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Cherry Poppin' Daddies**, 8 p.m. April 21. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Hunts, Indie-Folk Wiz Kids!**, 8 p.m. April 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Breathhtaking Brahms**, Pacific Chamber Orchestra. 2 p.m. April 23. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, Spring Concert, "A Symphonic Celebration," April 23, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

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Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road, Pleasanton. [pleasantonband.org](http://pleasantonband.org).

**Riders in the Sky**, 8 p.m. April 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Lucie Arnez**, 8 p.m. April 29. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**SF Scottish Fiddlers**, 3 p.m. April 30. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**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](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848 [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](http://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](http://www.firehousearts.org).

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

**Wait Until Dark**, suspense/mystery, presented by Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley. April 7-30, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Opening Night Gala following the performance, Friday, 4/7, including complimentary drinks & hors d'oeuvres. (510) SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or online at [www.chanticleers.org](http://www.chanticleers.org)

**Side by Side by Sondheim**, a musical revue featuring songs of Stephen Sondheim, directed by Michael Ryken with music direction by Dean Starnes.

Fri., April 7, 8 p.m. through April 23; Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$27 Thurs. eve, Sat. matinee, Opening Night; \$29 Fri. eve., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee. Discounts available for seniors, under 30s, students, H.A.R.D. residents, TBA, KQED members, and groups (10+). (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

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

**Four Bitchin Babes**, A Mood Swin-gin' Musical Revue, 8 p.m. April 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Evita**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, April 29-May 14. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://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 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## CHORAL

**Broadway Chorus**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Presents "Do You Hear the People Sing." Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valley Parkway, Pleasanton. April 28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at [www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/)

individual-tickets or by calling (925) 462-2121.

## 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](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

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

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Nancy Tingstrom Turner at [ntingstr@yahoo.com](mailto:ntingstr@yahoo.com).

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

**Dr. Alan Ashworth, Rae Dorrough 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](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Friends of Dublin Library, Inc. annual Spring Used Book and Media Sale** at the Dublin Library. 200 Civic Plaza. Saturday, March 25 - Sunday, March 26, 2017. On Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. members only. Memberships will be available at the door starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. Information is available on the Library's website at [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org), the Friends' website at [www.dublinfriends.org](http://www.dublinfriends.org), or call the Library at 925-803-7252. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

**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](http://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](mailto:info@Chezaanami.org)

**Robert L. Gallucci**, Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, Nuclear Weapons: They're Back. 7:30 p.m. April 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://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](mailto: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.

## Livermore Author's Newest Book to Be Released Soon



Livermore author A.M. Manay brings supernatural suspense back to the East Bay in "She Marches Through Fire," Book 3 in her November Snow Series, due for release on March 28, 2017.

Vampire November Snow has just saved Washington, D.C. from a terrorist mastermind. Now she struggles to recover from a life-threatening injury, to grieve a terrible loss, and to prepare for the next battle. Her paranormal journey takes her, once again, to Livermore and Oakland.

Manay has lived in Livermore for nearly ten years. She includes a number of regional landmarks in her novels, including the Civic Center Library and Springtown.

"I love Livermore. It's beautiful, diverse, and welcoming, and it's a great place to raise a family," Manay said. "It makes me smile to include our town in my work. I also think it's a nice contrast to have fantastical and dramatic occurrences set in a peaceful suburban location."

She Marches Through Fire is available for pre-order at most online book retailers.

## Towne Center Books to Host Bestselling Author, Lisa See

Towne Center Books will host New York Times bestselling author, Lisa See, author of China Dolls and Shanghai Girls, to talk about her latest book, The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane. This new novel focuses on the lives of a Chinese mother and the daughter she was forced to abandon. The event will be held on Sat., March 25 at 11 a.m. at Inklings, 520 Main Street. Admission is \$5.00.

Ms. See has led an active and varied career. She was the Publishers Weekly West Coast Correspondent for thirteen years. As a freelance journalist, her articles have appeared in Vogue, Self, and More, as well as in numerous book reviews around the country. She also served as guest curator for an exhibit on the Chinese-American experience at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, which then traveled to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., in 2001. Ms. See then helped develop and curate the Family Discovery Gallery at the Autry Museum, an interactive space for children and their families that focused on Lisa's bi-racial, bi-cultural family as seen through the eyes of her father as a seven-year-old boy living in 1930s Los Angeles.

Ms. See was honored as National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women in 2001, was the recipient of the Chinese American Museum's History Makers Award in 2003, and will receive the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California in 2017. She sits on the board of Los Angeles Opera and is a member of The Trusteeship, an organization comprised of preeminent women of achievement and influence in diverse fields.

Reservations are encouraged at 846-8826; information, email [townecenterbooks@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:townecenterbooks@sbcbglobal.net)

## Entrepreneurship Speaker Series Talk Set at Las Positas College

Las Positas College is hosting Albertsons/Safeway Division President Karl Schroeder who will present a talk, "Building Your Personal Brand," as part of the 5th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series. The event will be held at 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. Presented by the college's Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public. Parking is \$2. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.

Schroeder will highlight 10 key tips for career success and share his story about how he began his Safeway career as a courtesy clerk and rose through the ranks to become a division president of the Fortune 100 company. He will also reveal qualities he looks for when hiring new employees and provide management insights based on his experience leading the efforts of almost 250 stores.

Business Studies Program Coordinator Lisa Taylor Weaver, Ph.D., commented, "Through this speaker series, we are able to showcase business leaders and their stories about how perseverance and an entrepreneurial spirit help them reach their professional and organizational goals. Karl Schroeder is a consummate business



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leader and we are very grateful that he has generously agreed to share his story and expertise with our students and community."

Schroeder is currently a board member of the Northwest Grocery Association. During 2010, he was the president and chairman of the Western Association of Food Chains and serves as an advisor on the executive board. He is a former board member of the Bay Area Council and has served on the executive boards of Junior Achievement of Northern California and the California Business Roundtable.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

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the organization's general operations.

For more information visit [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org)

Upcoming event: Livermore Innovation Fair, April 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore; free.

Baisakhi (Indian Harvest Festival) Day, April 22, 4 to 6 p.m. Bankhead Theater Plaza, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore; free.

Hispanic Heritage Day, April 29, 4 to 6 p.m. Bankhead Theater Plaza, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore; free.

## 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](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com). Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**Tri-Valley Geeks**, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games at Livermore Shari's Cafe, 1116 E Stanley Blvd., Livermore. A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

**Pleasanton Lions Club**, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). All are welcome.

**Organizing for Action** is hosting phone banks in Tri-Valley area to defend the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Those interested can sign up at [ofa.us/events](http://ofa.us/events). OFA Training at Camp OFA: A single voice can change the room. At OFA, working in concert with other progressive movements, identify, train and mobilize new leaders to take action. All are invited to take part in Camp OFA: Dublin IBEW 595 Hall (6250 Village Parkway) with leaders from Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Saturday, March 25th 10am - 3pm. For details call/text Kyoko at 925-290-7124.

**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 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](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org), 925-277-7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto: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) 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](mailto: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/](http://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.bringing-backthenatives.net](http://www.bringing-backthenatives.net)

**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](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to home-bound 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.clutterlesseastbay.org)

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

**Livermore TOPS 1285 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, meets in Livermore at the Vineyard Village Clubhouse, 37 Pacific Ave, on Thursdays 9:15-11 a.m. Information, contact Barbara at 447-7133 or Katie at 373-9976.

**Birthing Pregnancy Support Center**, 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore, located directly behind the blue bus stop near the corner of Fenton St., and next to Stanford/ValleyCare Hospital. Birthright's free and confidential services include - pregnancy tests, caring guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. (925) 449-5887 for an appointment. Our office

hours are: Mon., Tues., Wed., 10-2; Thurs. 12-4; 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10-1. 1-800-550-4900 Helpline is staffed 24/7. [www.birthingright.org/Livermore](http://www.birthingright.org/Livermore) for more information on Birthright's services.

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

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

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleysir.org](http://www.trivalleysir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

**Tri-Valley Haven** provides crisis stabilization counseling for those experiencing difficulties related to domestic violence, abusive situations, sexual assault or other challenging emotional issues. We provide assistance with individual therapy and/or group support. Please call to schedule an appointment: 925-449-5845 (Counseling Intake)

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

**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](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto: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/](http://www.dbsalliance.org/) pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

**Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley** meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact [katiestrube@comcast.net](mailto:katiestrube@comcast.net).

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

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the 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.trivalleytriathlon.com](http://www.trivalleytriathlon.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

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

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

**Congregation Beth Emek**, 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](http://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, 447-8840.

**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.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org) or 925-447-4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon 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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925)

447-3289. [www.saintbartsLivermore.com](http://www.saintbartsLivermore.com). Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

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

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

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

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, 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](http://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](http://www.jkpcdublin.org) (925)828-1846.

**Livermore Quakers**: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). [www.LivermoreQuakers.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://cssllighthouse.org>.

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.gracembc.com). Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

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# Milestones

## Two Local Winners Among Those Receiving East Bay Innovation Awards

The East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) announced the winners of the 5th Annual "East Bay Innovation Awards."

The best examples of innovation in product development, services and processes were celebrated at the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's "5th Annual East Bay Innovation

Awards" on March 9, 2017 at the historic Fox Theatre in Oakland. Over 100 nominations for the awards were received in August 2016, with 16 nominees selected by subject matter experts as finalists in 8 competitive categories. Nominees represented innovative businesses and organizations from 10 East Bay cities.

Local winners included: Advanced Manufacturing Award (competitive): Lam Research, located in Fremont and Livermore, is in the business of designing, engineering and manufacturing semiconductor chip processing equipment. They found a way to increase data storage on a newly designed computer chip – one of their chips can store 700 billion transistors. Intel, Samsung and Toshiba depend on their products.

Education Award (competitive): Veterans to Tech was inspired by local veterans wanting to have opportunities for hands-on skills leading to sustainable employment, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) projection of over 300 engineering technician vacancies as their baby boomer employees retire. LLNL partnered with Las Positas College and developed a 2 year college degree program in mechanical engineering technology for veterans, which includes a 10-week paid internship at the lab. LLNL hired 6 of the first class of 8 graduates, offering a starting salary of \$65,000. This exceptional program was recognized by the White House's Joining Forces program as a national best practice model for retraining returning veterans.



**The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Association of Continuity Professionals (ACP) has announced the appointment of Monika Stoeffl as the 2017 Board President, stepping up from her prior role on the ACP Board of Directors. A resident of Livermore, Ms. Stoeffl is the Executive Director of the California Resiliency Alliance, and has over 10 years experience in emergency management and risk analysis.**

## J. Rockcliff Realtors Present 2016 Awards

The J. Rockcliff Realtors Pleasanton office announced the recipients of the 2016 awards at a companywide event held at the Behring Auto Museum at Blackhawk on Feb. 27.

The awards and receiving Realtors® are:

Top 3% of the Brokerage: The Engel Team (Joel & Cindy Engel, Nicole Nicolay, and Barbara Benotto)

Top 5% of the Brokerage: The Kristy Peixoto Team (Kristy Peixoto, Nancy Valett, Kim Coleman-Stanley, and Rannie Greer)

Presidents Club (Top 25% of the Brokerage): Debra Allen, Nina Baratiak & Ross Harris, Suzanna Chew, Claudia Colwell, Sue Fredrickson, Adam Golden, Cindi Hagley, Heather Kelly, Gauri Kohli, Anne Athenour-Martin, Steve & Lorraine Mattos, Lillie Missbrenner, Katie Moe, Andrea Rozran, and Tom Schieber.

Earl Rozran, Vice President of the Pleasanton & Brentwood offices of J. Rockcliff Realtors commented, "I could not be prouder of these agents for the hard work they put in to serving all of their clients at the highest level. Most of these agents appear on this list every year for their consistent performance helping buyers and sellers achieve their goals."

## LARPD General Manager Recognized

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) General Manager Tim Barry earned the 2017 Outstanding Professional Award by the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members.

The Awards Committee expressed appreciation for Barry's years of dedication to parks and recreation not only to the Livermore area, but also to agencies throughout the state. The award was presented at the Association's annual Award and Installation Banquet on March 2 in Sacramento. A presentation was also made by a representative from Assemblywoman Catharine Baker's office, District Director Cindy Chin, at the March 8 LARPD Board of Directors meeting.

He, who served as General Manager of LARPD for nearly 14 years, has been working in the parks and recreation profession for about 44 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in recreation administration and a master's degree in public administration, both from California State University, Long Beach, near where he



Cindy Chin with LARPD General Manager Tim Barry.

grew up. Prior to coming to Livermore, Barry worked his way up in various city park and recreation departments throughout his career, including Buena Park, Anaheim, Seaside, Woodland and Rohnert Park as a supervisor, manager, superintendent and department director.

At LARPD, Barry has been responsible for the successful completion of the 71,000-square-foot Robert Livermore Community

Center, synthetic turf field installations, various park improvements and new trails. He also oversees maintenance and operation of more than 40 parks, including Sycamore Grove Park, Brushy Peak Regional Preserve and Robertson Park; as well as a diverse recreation program for all ages, including the state-licensed Extended Student Services child-care program at all elementary school sites.

## MILITARY

U.S. Air Force Airman Marinae A. Palacio graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Palacio is the wife of Vincente and mother of Hanna J. Palacio of Manteca, Calif., and daughter-in-law of Abram and Reyna Palacio of Lathrop, Calif. She is a 2008 graduate of Livermore High School, Livermore.

