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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.

Diplomatic Expert Has Alarming View of World's Nuclear Threats

By Jeff Garberson

More than 70 years after U.S. atomic bombs brought World War II to a close, the world faces an alarming range of nuclear weapons risks today, according to an expert on diplomacy who has first-hand experience negotiating with North Korea.

The dangers take many forms, from the current face-off between

the U.S. and North Korea to the possibility of fissile material falling into the hands of terrorists, from the seemingly intractable hostility between India and Pakistan to the unpredictable behavior of world leaders, according to the expert, Prof. Robert Gallucci of Georgetown University.

Not least of the threats is Russia's current "escalate-deescalate"

strategy, which argues for a nuclear strike against the U.S. mainland if Russian troops are being defeated on Russia's own border. "Don't think just Ukraine, don't think just the Baltics... think Iowa" as the place where the nuclear attack might occur, Gallucci said.

"I would say that the Russian situation is...more dangerous than it's been in a very long time."

He spoke last week at Livermore's Bankhead Theater as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series.

Putting the present danger in historical and geopolitical context, Gallucci pointed out that U.S. vulnerability in the event of nuclear conflict is not new.

Despite publicity surrounding the deployment of missile defense

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Region-winning Foothill Film in Running for State Award

By Ron McNicoll

A film about ways that high school students can intervene with their peers to help prevent suicide is a finalist for a state award.

Four Pleasanton Foothill High School students created the film titled "Years Unfold." It won first place in Foothill's region in the Suicide Prevention category in an annual contest sponsored by Each Mind Matters. The organization represents a partnership between California's Mental Health Movement, and the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalM-HSA).

There were 456 submissions from 110 schools and community-based organizations. State winners will be announced May 11 at an awards ceremony in Escondido. Foothill has entered films in the past, but this is the first time it won

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

It wasn't all basketball when the Harlem Wizards appeared in Livermore last week. Players interact with kids of all ages creating a variety of fun moments. The Wizards played two games with proceeds benefiting the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. The Shooting Stars performed at halftime of both games.

Public Gets First Look at Springtown Open Space Options

By Carol Graham

The third public meeting held to decide the future of the Springtown Open Space took place on April 27 at Croce Elementary School. Three alternate designs were presented by members of RRM Design Group. Each plan incorporated ideas collected at two public-input meetings held earlier this year.

Resident Tami Vieira stated, "I attended to see the conceptual designs. I was excited to see what they envisioned after collecting public input, and was pleasantly surprised with the different designs. I thought RRM did a nice job of including a large selection of amenities."

The more than 100 residents who attended were not expected to pick one of the three designs, but instead to indicate which amenities and layout they preferred. Features included in all of the designs are a two-mile loop trail, picnic areas, play areas, off-street parking and a buffer zone along backyards. One option sets aside 10 acres for sports fields.

Resident Bonnie Breznik commented, "I would like to see open space for walkers, joggers, bike riders and dog parks, and to keep the pond. I also like the idea of having areas to gather for picnicking, community gardens and bocce ball courts."

As with previous meetings, attendees were given three colored dots to place on features they

(See SPRINGTOWN, page 4)

Committee Schedules Session on Parking, Traffic, Finance

The content of future meetings of the Livermore Downtown Steering Committee was the focus of last Thursday's session.

The nineteen member committee is charged with achieving consensus on a downtown outreach process to involve the community in creating a preferred plan for development in the downtown. The group anticipates providing several design alternatives for use during the public outreach process.

At last week's session, committee members provided input on background information that

they would like to have going forward. Outreach options were also discussed.

The committee will next meet May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the city council chambers. For that session, parking and traffic along with finance are listed as agenda items.

Consultant David Early of PlaceWorks will guide the committee's work. He commented, "I see this plan as your plan. My job is to help you decide how you want to move forward."

He was asked if the agenda items would preclude

committee members from discussing open space, for instance, as part of the hotel or traffic sessions during meetings?

Early replied that all of the issues are inter-related. A discussion could include comments on how various elements may work together. He said the plan is to dive into each topic; then take all of the information and synthesize it to create a number of alternatives. "We won't be creating an alternative for each issue."

In addition to the May 11 meeting, future meetings and topics

include in the following order: hotel operations, siting and demand; future housing, existing development and other issues, such as open space and retail; finance committee update and alternatives building; alternatives review and outreach check-in; final initial alternatives and final outreach plan.

One subject raised by several committee members, as well as citizen Thomas Jefferson, related to public participation at committee meetings. It was suggested that there was inadequate time set

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Need for More Rate-payer Education Slows Drive on RO

By Ron McNicoll

The Valley's water providers had high hopes that they would be able to start an educational campaign this summer to inform the public about converting waste water to safe, drinkable tap water, through the process of using Reverse Osmosis (RO) filters.

However, the outreach won't happen that soon, because the public doesn't know enough about its water's sources, and the rationale

behind how much they cost.

Livermore municipal Water Manager Helen Ling told the Tri-Valley Water Liaison Committee at its meeting April 26 in Dublin that the information outreach team, made up of technical people from Valley water agencies, intended to draw up qualifications to advertise for a consultant on strategic planning this summer.

That consultant may not be hired until year's end or later,

because it became clear to the committee that the public first needs a basic education in "Water 101" before any outreach about the complexities of RO-treated water, including its cost, said Ling. Now the plan is to organize a speakers bureau to reach out to the general public, she said.

The outreach team found that the public was still uninformed about the true cost of water when

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County Looking at Budget Shortfall

At last week's meeting of the Alameda County Budget Workgroup, a projected \$108.5 million budget gap for Fiscal Year 2017-18 was announced.

County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi said the budget gap is 50 percent larger than that closed by the County to balance the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget. This growth reflects challenges that include a proposed shift in State

costs to counties for the mandated In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, slowing economic growth, increased employee salary and benefits costs, and a 3.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for eligible service contracts with community-based organizations.

The projected funding gap would be slightly smaller than the \$72.2 million shortfall recorded last year were it not for the Gov-

ernor's controversial plan to end the IHSS funding maintenance arrangement that limited annual cost increases to counties to a predetermined inflation factor. The IHSS program funds in-home care for low-income elderly and disabled residents as an alternative to more expensive nursing homes.

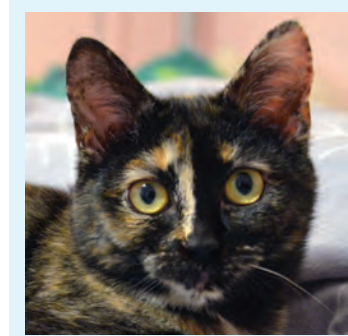
The plan to shift IHSS costs back to local governments would

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The very young were among volunteers who pitched in last weekend during Dublin Pride Week. Residents and guests helped clean up creeks and parks, volunteered at schools and senior residences, and much more. Local food banks also benefitted from donations of food collected during the Dublin Pride Food Drive.



PET OF THE WEEK

Gentle as a breeze, tiny Ash is a mere wisp of a cat at just four months old. The wee tortoiseshell will draw you in, her purr wafting steadily to your ears like the drone of lazy bees upon a flower. Ash loves to be stroked and will encourage petting sessions with tiny meows and chirps. Catch her drift at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. For more info on Ash visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656, and join us online today only for #EastBayGives and help the animals: eastbaygives.org/valleyhumane Photo - Valley Humane Society/S. Lyons

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Prompt Follow-up Can Reduce Chance Of Colorectal Cancer

By Jeff Garberson

It's not a procedure that most of us want to talk or even think about, but the likelihood of colorectal cancer is significantly reduced when a positive home fecal test – one that shows blood in the stool – is followed within nine months by a colonoscopy, according to a large study by Kaiser Permanente.

The study included statistics from Kaiser clinics in Livermore and elsewhere in the Tri-Valley, as well as from the rest of California. It found an approximately 50 percent increase in colorectal cancer risk among patients who delayed having a colonoscopy for more than nine months after a positive home fecal test.

Even more dramatically, it found that those patients experienced a near-doubling in the risk of advanced colorectal cancer.

Patients who waited longer than 12 months experienced even greater increases in risk, to more than double the risk for any colorectal cancer and triple the risk for advanced cancers, according to the big health maintenance organization.

A report on the study was published late last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Lead author Douglas Corley, a gastroenterologist and Kaiser Permanente research scientist, said the study provides “strong evidence that a colonoscopy should be performed within several months of a positive fecal screening test.”

Colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control. (Lung cancer is the most common cause.)

A number of medical authorities including the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommend yearly home fecal tests for those 50 or older who are considered to be at average risk.

The test, referred to in the medical world as the fecal immunochemical test, or FIT, looks for small amounts of blood in the stool. If blood is found, there may be several possible explanations other than cancer; for example, non-cancerous polyps, bleeding ulcers and even the ingestion of certain foods and alcohol.

The Kaiser Permanente study was based on records of more than 70,000 Kaiser members in Northern and Southern California. These were patients aged 50 through 75 who had average risks for colorectal cancer and positive FIT results from 2010 through 2013.

When the colonoscopy follow-up was done within nine months, the study found no changes in risk for any colorectal cancer including advanced cancers, according to Kaiser.

Theodore Levin, head of colorectal cancer screening in Kaiser's Northern California region and a senior author of the study, said, “Our study shows that you should get your colonoscopy done...as soon as is feasible, but any time within a few months...is reasonably safe based on these data.”

RV Residents at Fairgrounds Concerned About Moving

An aide to Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley has called a meeting for May 10 to sort out facts from rumors for residents who live in two recreational vehicle parking lots on the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The meeting involves advocates, but will not be open to the public.

Some people living in RVs will have to vacate the area to make way for the fair. They have been concerned they won't be able to return after the fair.

Miley's aide, Paul Sanftner, said that the fair manages the two RV parks on the premises, RV North and RV South. The land is owned by the county, although it is within the City of Pleasanton. Representatives from the city and the Pleasanton school district, which has 23 students in the RV park, will be present at the May 10 session.

There are 118 spaces at

RVNorth. The rates there are \$40 per night. The southern lot is limited to people who are connected to the horse uses at the fairgrounds.

Both RV parks will be closing June 9, in preparation for the fair, said fair spokesperson Angel Moore. Fair concessionaires, vendors, contractors, and those connected to the fair's racing meet will move in to stage the fair, said Moore. The RV parks will reopen to the public on July 12.

Meanwhile, it will be up to residents to find their own accommodations. One person, who said she was being evicted on May 2, said that she has tried to find campgrounds accommodations for her RV. However, all commercial and East Bay Regional Park District campgrounds in the area are already reserved for weekends, although weekdays are available.

District Focusing on Improving Air Quality and Reducing Greenhouse Gases

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, known for monitoring air quality, has now turned its attention to an effort to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas in the nine-county Bay Area.

District Board of Directors adopted an air quality and climate plan, the 2017 Clean Air Plan/Regional Climate Protection Strategy, titled Spare the Air, Cool the Climate.

The plan is seen by the district as an antidote to federal efforts in dismantle air quality improvement and climate protections.

The plan was approved by a unanimous vote. It lays out 85 measures that seek to reduce pollutants from industry, transportation, agriculture, homes and businesses.

The Air District will dedicate \$4.5 million to this effort over the next several years and will look to further leverage these funds to spearhead larger air quality improvement and climate protection efforts.

No regulations take effect immediately, only a commitment to move forward.

The focus of control measures includes targeting the largest source of GHG, ozone pollutants and particulate matter emissions. This includes more incentives for electric vehicle infrastructure, off-road electrification projects, such as Caltrain, and reducing emissions from trucks, school buses, marine vessels, locomotives and off-road equipment. Additionally, the Air District will continue to work with regional and local governments to reduce vehicle miles traveled through the further funding of rideshare, bike and shuttle programs.

Among the measures proposed by the plan are the following:

Develop a region-wide strategy to increase fossil fuel combustion efficiency at industrial facilities, beginning with the three largest sources of industrial emissions: oil refineries, power plants, and cement plants.

Reduce methane emissions from landfills, and oil and natural gas production, storage and distribution.

Implement pricing measures to reduce travel demand, such as freeway tolls during high-traffic times.

Accelerate the widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

Promote the use of clean fuels and low or zero carbon technologies in trucks and heavy-duty vehicles.

Expand the production of low-carbon, renewable energy by promoting on-site technologies, such as rooftop solar and ground-source heat pumps.

Promote the switch from natural gas to electricity for space and water heating in Bay Area buildings.

With the new regulations in place, Spare the Air, Cool the Climate envisions a future where by the year 2050:

- Buildings will be energy efficient - heated, cooled and powered by renewable energy
- Transportation will be

a combination of electric vehicles, both shared and privately-owned; autonomous public transit fleets; with a large share of trips by bicycling, walking and transit

• The Bay Area will be powered by clean, renewable electricity and will be a leading incubator and producer of clean energy technologies leading the world in the carbon-efficiency of our products

• Bay Area residents will have developed a low-carbon lifestyle by driving electric vehicles, living in zero net energy homes, eating low-carbon foods and purchasing goods and services with low carbon content

• Waste will be greatly reduced; waste products will be re-used or recycled; and all organic waste will be composted and put to productive use

For more information about Spare the Air, Cool the Climate, see the new video at <https://youtu.be/p9BxHlrlqrI>.

RO WATER

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it reviewed Zone 7 experience with the public, many of whom protested when the wholesaler raised rates last year for this year's billing.

Part of the increase was to have water at the ready

for consumers to use. Zone 7 inserted that cost nexus for the first time in its billing to water retailers. Many in the public did not like it.

In the past, the billing was all about water con-

sumed. Zone 7 said that basing rates solely on projected water demands is not a stable base, especially during a drought.

Pleasanton Councilmember Kathy Narum suggested using social media to educate the general public. Zone 7 director Angela Ramirez-Holmes backed the social media approach, saying that it should be tried out on young people, to make sure that the message is understood and styled well.

The committee also heard Zone 7 General manager Jill Duerig talk about the financial aftermath of the breach in the spillway at the Oroville Dam, the source for most Zone 7 water.

The emergency response by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) cost \$250 million. A construction contract let two weeks ago for a “band-aid” repair so the spillway can operate again this winter cost \$275 million. The ultimate cost for all damage is not known, but the total so far adds to \$525

million. The Zone 7 share is 2 percent, or around \$10 million to \$11 million.

It is possible that future lawsuits will cost the DWR and Zone 7 more money. Evacuees could sue. If poor design or maintenance were blamed for the spill, that could increase the number of lawsuits, according to Duerig.

FILM

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in its region. The Foothill filmmakers are Cassie Wang, Daniel Do, Shelley Ho, Sami Nasser, and Sabrina Chen.

The film runs for one minute, because it is designed as a public service announcement. (For a viewing, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VG3XkG7DB0&feature=youtu.be>).

The movie shows Nasser in a cap and gown playing the role of a returning graduate talking about how his life was saved by a classmate, played by Do, who cared enough to take an interest in his depressed moods.

Matthew Z'berg, a publicist for the film contest, said that emotional pain of people suffering depression

“is not always obvious, but research shows that four out of five teen-agers who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.”

The film encourages young people to respond to a friend by learning warning signs, encouraging teens not to keep their feelings a secret, and to talk to a trusted adult about mental health and suicide, said Z'berg.

Scott Sears, who has been teaching video production at Foothill since 2002, said that the students are such knowledgeable self-starters that they were able to put the video together without any help from him. Two of the students are in his class; other three participate in a film club that meets at noon.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Modernize Congress

U.S. Representatives Eric Swalwell (CA-15), with Republicans Steve Pearce (NM-02), and Rick Crawford (AR-01), have reintroduced a resolution aimed at modernizing congressional committee and voting procedures to bring Congress into the 21st Century and allow Members more time to connect with their constituents. The bipartisan H. Res. 278, Members Operating to Be Innovative and Link Everyone (MOBILE) Resolution would strengthen the ability of Members to participate virtually in committee hearings and vote remotely on suspension bills.

The MOBILE Resolution would require that Members and invited witnesses be allowed to participate in committee hearings remotely, via video conferencing or related technologies, which would count toward rules on quorum. It also would direct the creation of a secure voting system that would allow Members to vote remotely on suspension bills, which are generally less-controversial legislation requiring a two-thirds vote to pass.

Swalwell, Pearce, and Crawford also reintroduced a resolution directing the House Administration Committee to investigate best practices and establish procedures and rules for conducting House of Representatives business in a virtual setting, such as the consideration of legislation.

“Across the nation we see the development of new, innovative ways of conducting business to improve communication and connectedness. It’s time for Congress to learn to be more mobile and adapt to the times in which we live,” said Swalwell. “The American people want to see an efficient Congress that works directly for the people. Letting Members of Congress participate in committee hearings and vote on some items remotely is an essential step toward giving constituents more time with their elected representatives and forcing Congress to work more efficiently on consequential legislation.”

Freeze on Tuition

In the wake of the Auditor’s report on the University of California Office of the President, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker requested an immediate freeze of any increases in UC tuition, and UC Office of the President’s salaries and benefits. She also requested a legislative subpoena for all financial records and correspondence related to the undisclosed \$175 million maintained by the University of California Office of the President.

Additionally, the Assemblywoman requested an independent forensic audit to determine if UC administrators engaged in criminal activity in interfering with the audit.

“It is unfair to increase student tuition and ask again for California families to pay more in UC when the Office of the President holds this kind of money,” said Assembly Higher Education Committee Vice Chair Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon). “An independent review to unearth what really happened is the only way to restore people’s trust in the UC. California families deserve no less.”

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The Cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and other local government stakeholders in the TriValley planning area

are collaborating on the development of the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, pursuant to State and Federal requirements.

Responding to Federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the planning partnership was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the Tri-Valley planning area.

During this process, citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of an area’s vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires, and updates on the plan’s progress via the news media. This process will be overseen by a Steering Committee made up of stakeholders from within the planning area. This Steering Committee will meet as needed on the 2nd Tuesday of every month throughout the planning process. These meetings will typically run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and are open to the public. Meetings will be held at Dublin City Hall - Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, California.

An informational website on the plan and the purposes for planning has been established at www.tri-valley-hmp.com/. This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and ways that they can participate in the planning process. Information on the public meetings and the Steering Committee meetings can also be found on this website.

Any questions or comments regarding this process are encouraged and can be directed to Hazel Wetherford at (925) 833-6650 or hazel.wetherford@dublin.ca.gov.

Transportation Survey

Beginning May 8, Pleasanton residents may be contacted via telephone to participate in the City’s 2017 residential commute survey. Approximately every three or four years, the City of Pleasanton conducts an employer and residential transportation survey to monitor the successes of and any challenges related to the City’s transportation systems management program.

The survey provides the City with up-to-date information to assist with ongoing efforts that help shape the strategies and programs to encourage alternative commute habits, which may result in improved traffic flow and air quality.

In addition to residents, Pleasanton companies will also be surveyed later in May. The results will be provided to the Alameda County Transportation Commission to support annual funding requests under the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Transportation Fund for Clean Air.

The final report will be available later this summer. To view the 2013 Employer and Residential Transportation Survey report, visit the Employer Commute Services section on the City’s Economic Development department page of the City’s website at cityofpleasantonca.gov



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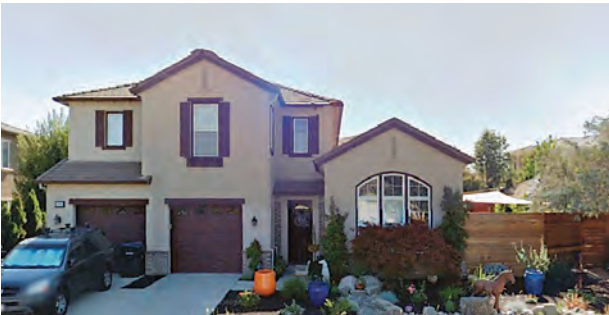
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EDITORIAL

Value of Education

The late Barbara and David Mertes focused their careers on advancing educational opportunities.

They will continue to do so. The couple bequeathed a gift of \$6.85 million to the Las Positas College (LPC) Foundation, marking the largest donation in the college's history.

The gift will be used to endow a number of scholarships to support graduating Las Positas students transferring to four-year institutions, as well as one that will help students working toward an Associate Arts degree in the allied health fields.

David Mertes was a founding member of the LPC foundation. He served as Chancellor of the California Community College system from 1988 to 1996.

Barbara Fracisco Mertes campaigned for higher education with a special focus on Las Positas College. She was a founding member who served as the District Vice-Chancellor and secured more than \$100 million in competitive grants and allocations for the early growth and development of facilities and programs at Chabot and Las Positas Colleges.

Upon her retirement, she served on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board of Trustees.

Their donation represents more than just money. It supports their belief in the value of education, a gift that will give for years to come.

Revisions Proposed in Cannabis Ordinance

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors referred proposed Medical Cannabis Dispensary and Cultivation Ordinances back to the Transportation and Planning Committee for recommended revisions. Supervisors addressed the issue at their April 25 session.

At the May 1 Transportation and Planning Committee meeting, Supervisor Nate Miley asked staff to tighten up the public meeting schedule in order to be able to take the revised ordinances back to the full Board for approval on August 1st.

As proposed, the cultivation ordinance would allow a maximum of four medical cannabis cultivation sites in the unincorporated area. Up to two permitted dispensaries in good standing would be eligible for a ministerial cultivation permit. Up to two cultivators could be selected through a solicitation process similar to that being used for new dispensaries.

The county report notes that permitting processes for all four cultivation sites would take place at the same time. Preference in the selection process for the cultivation sites, not associated with the existing dispensaries, should be given to long-term Alameda County property owners.

Supervisors suggested revisions, such as removal of social security numbers on applications that could be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act; a change from ten to three years during which no person who is listed on the application may have been convicted of a felony; removal of the sentence

stating, "Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to conflict with federal law as contained in the Controlled Substances Act, or to license any except as mandated by state law."

The City of Livermore had sent a letter to the Supervisors expressing concern over allowing stand-alone dispensaries in the unincorporated area near the city. The city believes dispensaries are inconsistent with the definition of agricultural enhancing commercial uses in the East County Area Plan, because the proposed ordinance would not require the dispensary to be directly tied to the agricultural use of the land.

Assistant County Planning Director Elizabeth McElligott said that the county's position is that because a dispensary offers an agricultural crop, it constitutes an ag related use.

Livermore also asked that churches and places of worship be placed in the 1000 foot buffer, which was rejected by the supervisors.

The city, in its letter, stated that it remains concerned about the number of medical cannabis dispensaries that could be located near the city. The letter points out that the city itself is exploring the possibility of permitting one or two dispensaries on the east side of town.

County staff was directed to consider options for regulating the siting of dispensaries in the East County to ensure that the two dispensaries proposed in the area are not clustered close together or in close proximity to the City of Livermore.

McElligott said that Su-

pervisor Scott Haggerty is interested in looking at options to provide geographic separation of dispensaries.

County staff will incorporate suggested changes into the proposed ordinances and present the revised draft at the June 5th Board Transportation and Planning Committee meeting.

In conjunction with a consultant, the county will prepare a fee study to deter-

mine the appropriate level of fees for application review and approval for medical cannabis dispensaries and cultivation sites, as well as medical cannabis delivery. It would include looking at costs associated with on-going maintenance and monitoring of these permits to fully recover the cost of County staff time to perform these functions.

SPRINGTOWN

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liked best. Overwhelmingly, attendees indicated their interest in keeping the pond at the south end of the open space. Other popular features included a nature play area and native gardens.

The attendees were also invited to provide comments. A number asked that the open space be left as natural as possible.

"For many Springtown residents, changing the use of the open space is distressing. I heard several residents comment that they had thought the design was just going to be a natural landscape with a trail through it," said Vieira.

Vieira's 12-year-old son Michael also attended the meeting.

"I attended so I could stay informed about our town and community. It also helped me complete a Boy Scout requirement," said the 7th grader. "I'd like to see picnic areas and teen-aimed amenities, like a skate park and basketball court, but I also want to see some of the open space preserved as grasslands with native plants and animals."

Located in north Liver-

more, the 85-acre property was previously the public nine-hole Springtown Golf Course. Following its closure due to financial losses in 2015, Livermore residents voted to preserve permanently the land as open space. The City of Livermore asked the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) to lead the Springtown Open Space Master Plan process.

The City of Livermore has allocated up to \$250,000 for the master-plan consultant. Once a final design has been approved, the open space's maintenance costs will be determined by the City.

Next up, RRM will present a preferred plan at the fourth public-input meeting in July. A final design recommendation will be presented to the LARP Board and City Council in September.

To learn more and to see the conceptual designs, visit www.larpd.org/board/springtown_open_space.htm. Those who did not attend the meeting but would like to provide input can email skaya@larpd.org.

MAILBOX

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Letter to Swalwell Matt Sullivan Pleasanton

An Open Letter to Congressman Eric Swalwell: I admit I was fooled. I thought the anti-Russia hysteria of the Democratic Party was intended to undermine Donald Trump and lead to impeachment. But lo and behold, as soon as Trump was slapped into line by the Military-Industrial-Intelligence Complex and he launched cruise missiles on Syria and threatened war with North Korea, the Democratic Neocons appear to be just happy to leave Trump on the job. What happened to the Trump-Russian hearings in the House and Senate?

Democrats in Congress are playing a very dangerous game. The one redeeming feature of Trump was that he wanted better relations with Russia. No doubt his motivations were self-serving, but Democrats have forced him to prove his is not "Putin's Puppet" and the result is escalating tensions even further. Do the Neocons who run foreign policy think it's a good idea to go to war with Russia? Tulsi Gabbard was the only member of Congress who had the guts to confront this issue, and the Democrats and pundit class crucified her for speaking out. Who else in Congress will have the courage to

speak up before we end up in World War III?

Park a Disgrace Ron Imperiale Pleasanton Resident

Patelco Park on Bernal Avenue is a disgrace to the town and a unsightly future fire hazard. No wonder it is seldom used as a recreational walkway, it is a breeding ground for allergies. The weeds are so high and the grounds are unkept. It is ironic that the Dog Park a 1/4 mile away is maintained better; just think of this... Pleasanton officials value a place for dogs to poop and pee, more than a public park for our citizens and children. The city leaders, newspaper journalists and parks commissioner should pay a visit and ask themselves does this represent Pleasanton in a positive manner??? People visiting us wether it be in town or the fairgrounds must look in awe at this poor representation of our city. The money spent on developing this project was huge, it is a shame none of our leaders included a maintenance budget. A true disgrace...

Dog Friendly Town Jack E. Johnston Livermore

I have noticed some very uneducated Dog Owners, about Dogs, in and about our "Dog Friendly Town" of Livermore, CA.

Over the many years of having a close canine companion, I have observed several instances of just downright ignorance when it comes to dog owners/handlers. The most prevalent of these observations is with owners/handlers walking their dogs on a short leash and a choker chain/collar. When they see me and my dog (on a retractable leash and harness) and my dog insists on meeting their dog (touching noses and giving a health check, smelling all orifices for a bad smell) they pull on their dog's leash to separate the dogs, making

their dog aggressive; as the dogs do not like their neck pulled by this leash and choker chain/collar or even a harness in this manner. My short legged Dachshund does not run away from a fight so this situation can get rather precarious in hurry. I usually let out the retractable leash long enough to meet their dog halfway; my dog will pull against the harness without aggression. Through some coaching I can usually get them to give their dog their "head" and meet, touch noses and begin their health check (I usually break off contact after the nose touching as some dogs don't like the intimacy of the health check and may exhibit aggressive behavior as a result. Taking guidance from the book "Black Beauty" in regard to the humane treatment of horses, I usually suggest that they would have better luck putting their canine in a harness. As again, my dog pulling against the harness, we then go on our merry way without incident. It might be best to use the choker chain only for convenience on short "Nature Calls" etc.

The same is true at our Sidewalk Cafes. Let the dogs meet-and-greet. They will settle down once the anxiety of the moment is met with a touch of their noses. It would be best to keep them on a short leash at the Sidewalk Cafes. Supervise the meet-and-greet until the Canines are comfortable with each other.

At the Dog Parks, dogs can officially run off-leash. There are several categories of dogs at these Dog Parks:

- 1) Young pups who are learning the skills necessary for survival of the species in the wild - that is, they are wrestlers. This is innate knowledge from their ancestors (wolves) and is a skill producing and bonding activity. These activities will teach the canines to follow the leader of the pack. Out of the Dog Parks, the owner/handler must act as the leader of the pack. The owner/handlers only need to take their dogs to the Dog Park and take them home when ready; they do not normally require any Homo sapiens interference in their bonding with other Canines.
- 2) Mature dogs who like to run. Get two or three dogs to run and more will join in the chase. This is a real calorie-burning activity. My Canine friend, a Dachshund/Lab mix of standard size and shape, likes to initiate these Chase activities. On one occasion my dog got to the

gate separating the large and small Dog Parks ahead of me, there were several dogs inside the Small Dog Park in a Chase. My dog was trying to climb the gate and barking like crazy trying to take part in this Chase!

- 3) Ball and Frisbees fetchers and catchers. Several Dog Owners show up at the park to play with their dogs and give their dog some exercise chasing and retrieving a ball or Frisbee. They often bring their Ball Throwing device to through the ball a good distance. One Lab at the park will often drop his ball in front of me and I will kick it past him and he will retrieve and drop it in front of me to kick again. Sometimes my Dachshund will get jealous and try and chase the lab away. This Dachshund likes to play "Tug of War" with a rope. If I have the rope hanging out of my pocket he will jump up and grab the rope! We play "Tug of War" and I can even twill him around in a circle like a circus act. He will hang on to the rope and return to the ground in a run. Sometimes he does not want to leave the park and go home.

- 4) Gopher watchers. Some Canines come with the innate knowledge of a Hound Dog. These Canines will sit and look and listen to a Gopher in his hole beneath the ground for extended periods of time.

- 5) Old dogs that are too old to wrestle, too old to run, or too old to play, but their owner achieves all the benefits of having a canine companion, which are many as listed below:

1. You'll exercise more;
2. You'll feel less stressed;
3. Your social life may improve;
4. You may detect cancer sooner;
5. Your kids will be less likely to have allergies;
6. Your heart will be healthier;
7. You're less likely to feel depressed;
8. You can grow old gracefully;
9. Your risk for general illness decreases; and,
10. You'll feel safer.

Railway Depot John Stein Livermore

I am sad to see the railway depot that has proudly stood in its current location downtown for 125 years disappearing from public view. It is being moved to a new site at the transit center behind the parking garage. The decision was made over 10 years ago when the land on which it stood was not owned by the City of Livermore and was

needed to make way for a high density housing project. Since then the land was acquired by the City and that housing project is no longer being considered. The depot could have remained to become the center piece of any new project on the site.

It will cost over \$4,000,000 to move the depot and convert it into a transit terminal at the new site. The \$2,500,000 transportation grant could have been used to build a state of the art terminal with a historic appearance. The remaining \$1,500,000 of local funds would have made a good start at stabilization and restoration of this iconic structure that is so significant to Livermore's history. It is a shame that bureaucratic inertia and lack of vision will not allow that to happen.

At its new location the plumbing, electrical system and lighting, heating and air conditioning systems will be replaced. A wall of modern computer displays will be installed. A new foundation and flooring will need to be installed. Because of the location the building will need increased protection from vandalism and graffiti. All of these changes will significantly affect the historical integrity of the structure.

As the downtown loses heritage buildings its unique historical character that contributes to its success may gradually disappear. Once lost, it will be impossible to replace. This could have a long term effect on the ability of the downtown to attract the tourists and visitors that support the vibrant businesses and the artistic venues we all now enjoy.

Parking Challenge Glenn Stewart Livermore

The takeaway from this letter: consider Option 2 parking garage design.

From the City Council Staff Report dated April 24, 2017, item 6.0.2: "Last Sept, City Council directed staff to study options for providing additional parking next to the existing Livermore Valley Center (LVC) parking garage... to reduce impact of parking on the dirt lot when downtown development happens and to consider the provision of parking for a downtown hotel."

The City asked Watry-Buehler Collaborative the consultant for the LVC ga-

rage to study traffic, garage operations, garage designs for a second parking garage on North I Street adjacent to the LVC garage.

The Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) identifies three objectives for downtown parking: 1) ensure parking facilities are reasonably dispersed, so drivers have options depending on their destination 2) Locate parking facilities to intercept drivers as they enter downtown 3) Parking structures to be about 500 spaces.

The DSP identified additional strategies to meet build-out parking demand: 1) Implement phase II of the LVC garage by adding 300 more spaces 2) Promote valet parking operations in Livermore.

The existing LVC parking garage is a 3 level, 22 foot tall structure with 508 parking spaces and is heavily utilized when the Bankhead Theater and Livermore Cinemas are hosting popular shows.

Traffic on Railroad Avenue is sluggish during these times. Railroad Ave and Fourth St are the two main East/West streets. Livermore Ave and L Street are the two main North/South streets. Railroad Ave traffic is additionally impacted by the existing mid-block pedestrian crosswalk to the Bankhead.

The Watry-Buehler study produced six options for the I Street parking garage. At the last meeting, City Council asked for further study of options 3 and 6. Option 3 garage would be 22' high, 3 levels above grade for 403 spaces at approx. \$16.2M and would displace two existing businesses (Culligan & Tech Transmissions). Based on preliminary outreach... Culligan is willing to negotiate, Tech Transmissions has no interest to sell. Option 6 garage would be 33' high, 4 levels for 380 spaces at approx. \$16.9M and would displace one business (Culligan). The owner is willing to consider acquisition provided tenant can be relocated." Both options 3 and 6 have no vehicle 'stacking capacity' at the Railroad Ave entrance.

The Bankhead Theatre appears to be a 5 story high building. Phase 2 in the DSP strategy for the build out of the LVC parking garage is to add two more parking levels for a total of approx 800 vehicles a total of 5 stories. Option 2 parking design should be considered in addition to options 3 and 6. Option 2 at \$17.6M provides

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MAILBOX

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396 parking spaces on City owned property, but with an overlap of 4,000sf of an adjacent private property. Initial feedback from property owner is that they're interested in leasing or selling the property. The garage would be 5 stories (same height as Bankhead Theatre and phase 2 of LVC garage). The benefits of Option 2 are that the garage is set back from Railroad Ave and provides vehicle stacking, thus relieving traffic congestion to a degree... And the City wouldn't be involved in an eminent domain situation with Option 3.

It appears that whatever garage option is decided upon that traffic flow will be impacted. There are several options that are being explored to minimize delays. Current traffic is already sluggish without downtown development and will become more so with the new housing construction being built and the future influx of visitors once downtown development is finished.

It was noted on Monday, May 1 at 5:30pm, that the LVC garage was approximately 60% filled. Do these vehicles belong to downtown employees, ACE riders or Ride-Sharing/CarPooler riders? Presently on Friday and Saturday nights, there are approximately 550 cars parked on the dirt lot behind the Ale house. An I Street parking garage would accommodate 380-400 cars, there'd be 150+ cars looking for parking. The study assumed that hotel traffic would be valet parking based on a 135 room hotel requiring 195 parking spaces. Hotel guests could wait 15 to 20 minutes or more for their car to be retrieved depending on time of day. Does this mean that once the hotel is built, that 195 parking spaces will be reserved for the new I Street parking garage? My vote is that the hotel should have its own under the hotel parking garage for guest convenience.

Problem: the mid-block pedestrian crosswalk from

the LVC garage to the Bankhead plaza definitely has an impact on traffic flow. Solution: does it make sense to eliminate the mid-block crosswalk and build an overhead pedestrian bridge from the 3rd level of the LVC parking garage straight over Railroad Ave with both stairs and an elevator on the other side or escalators?

People from the garages could take stairs or use the elevator to access the 3rd level bridge. It's probably possible to have a ramp from the 2nd level of the garage to meet up with the pedestrian bridge. Not everyone will want to cross the pedestrian bridge. A casual stroll down to the Livermore/Railroad intersection and cross the streets with the lights would work too.

A downtown steering committee was formed to solicit ideas from the residents of Livermore. Check out their webpage by going to the Livermore City website - City Government tab - Community Development - Downtown Revitalization - Downtown Steering Committee.

BUDGET

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cost Alameda County an additional \$40 million in FY 2017-18 alone, with costs projected to increase sharply due to the phase-in of State mandates that will raise program costs, such as minimum wage increases and paid leave requirements, as well as demographic shifts associated with an aging population.

"In order to fund this rise in costs, Alameda County will have to make cuts to critical services provided to our community," County Supervisor and Budget Workgroup Chair Keith Carson said. "These services include public assistance, health care and public safety programs."

Alameda County is scheduled to approve a Final Budget for FY 2017-18 by June 30.

Warm Weather Brings Out Snakes

A reminder from the East Bay Regional Park District that Spring and Summer are active snake seasons in parks and open spaces. As the weather heats up, rattlesnakes especially become more active. They, like humans, like to explore when the weather gets warm. Snakes are able to regulate their body temperature by moving in and out of shade. A warmer body allows a snake to move faster when trying to catch prey. Depending upon the kind of snake, they eat insects, slugs, frogs, birds, bird eggs, small mammals, and other reptiles.

Several kinds of snakes live in the Bay Area. Most snakes are harmless to humans and pets, but any snake will bite in self-defense. Because a rattlesnake bite is poisonous, it is considered a medical emergency: call 9-1-1.

Within the past week, the Park District staff has received six reports of rattlesnake sightings, including today when a 47 year old male who was bitten by a rattlesnake this afternoon near the top of Mission Peak Regional Preserve in Fremont. The victim was taken by helicopter to the hospital and is recovering. Over the weekend a pet dog was bitten by a rattlesnake at Del Valle Regional Park

in Livermore on the Arroyo side along the trail. A park ranger assisted the owner to his car so the dog could be taken to his vet. Additional rattlesnake sightings were reported at Castlerock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek in a picnic area, on the Delta DeAnza Regional Trail in Pittsburg as well as in the parking lot outside of EBRPD Police Headquarters at Lake Chabot Regional Park. No snake bites were reported with those incidents.

Park staff urges taking snake safety precautions when visiting regional parks especially at this time of year. A Common Snakes brochure is available and may be downloaded from the Park District's website, www.ebparcs.org. Search for "common snakes."

Learn to recognize a rattlesnake. Rattlesnakes have a triangular head, much wider than the neck, thick body with dull skin, black and white bands on tail, blunt rattle at tip. May or may not shake rattle in warning. Rattle sounds like bacon sizzling. A gopher snake's head is narrow, and only slightly larger than the neck.

If bitten by a rattlesnake, stay calm and send someone to Call 911. The victim should remain calm by lying down with the affected

limb lower than the heart. If alone, walk calmly to the nearest source of help: another person, a park employee, or a phone to Dial 911. Do Not Run.

If bitten by any other kind of snake, leave the snake alone. Wash the wound with soap and water or an antiseptic and seek medical attention.

Lab Offering 3D Design Summer Academy

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) is accepting enrollment in its 3D Design Summer Academy for enrolled, degree-pursuing community college students. This week-long workshop will be held June 12-16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Edward Teller Education Center (ETEC) at LLNL.

Participating students will learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Laboratory and experience the nature of science through direct involvement and use of equipment, processes and practices found in research labs. This hands-on workshop will explore the principles behind 2D and 3D printing with students designing and printing their own projects during the week. Students will tour the Additive Manufacturing facility inside the Laboratory to see real-world printing in practice and interface with Lab scientists and engineers.

No previous experience is required. Registrants must be 18 years or older and

U.S. citizen. Register online by May 15 at <https://education.llnl.gov/programs/college-3d-printing>. There is a \$25 registration.

The Community College 3D Design Summer Academy is sponsored by LLNL's University Relations and Science Education Program. Visit the LLNL Science Education Program website for more information about this and other educational outreach programs.

For more information, contact Joanna Albala, LLNL Education Program manager, (925) 422-6803, or e-mail albala1@llnl.gov.

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SPORTS NOTES



Saint Michael CYO track and field team in action.



ictured is the girls 200m sprint led by Livermore's Samantha Dukes, one of the Livermore-Granada Olympians in her last high school race, and matador Lindsey Phillips close behind.



Phantoms Lacrosse U10 Black goalie, Lucas Bickerton, blocking one of many shots on goal.



The Granada High School boys varsity lacrosse team played Cal High School, Foothill High School and on Saturday traveled to Fremont and won their game against Washington High School 14 - 2. Pictured is Dylan Olofson running the ball down the field.



Livermore Phantoms U12 White's T.J. Newcomb (29), Luke Leary (11) and Lucas Wallin (21) pushing hard into the end of the season.



Livermore Fusion U11 Girls Maroon team is all smiles after a big win.

Fusion Soccer

Livermore Fusion U11 Girls Maroon soccer team faced a daunting challenge when they hosted undefeated West Coast SC on April 22.

Fusion fought hard in the first half but went to the break losing 2-0. The team exploded into the second half with a flurry of three consecutive goals. Crafty ball movement by defenders Maddie Contreras, Ally Grant, and Elena Derting set up Maya Derting for Fusion's first goal. Forward Samantha Hurtado followed with another goal, assisted by midfielder Abigail Nemethy, then Fusion scored again to take a 3-2 lead. After West Coast scored a tying goal, the teams traded goals to make the score 4-4. Fusion scored the game's final goal, completing a comeback and clinching the win against their cross-town rivals. Ellie Cowan was Fusion's offensive star, scoring a hat trick in the second half. Other key contributors were Abigail Aranas, Delaney Aumua, Eden Kokelaar, Kayla Clarin, and Avery Sears.

Fusion SC U14 Girls Gold traveled to Concord to take on Diablo FC on April 22. The Fusion squad did not treat their hosts kindly, as they dominated the game from start to finish. Brook Eddy and Kayla Nipi scored in the first half, and Sophia Piper scored the team's third goal five minutes into the second half. Diablo finally broke through Fusion's strong defense near the end of the game. Final score: Fusion 3, Diablo 1.

and Gardens played another fantastic game. It was an afternoon of big hits from both teams. SOL Components' Maddie Neves hit a great double for an RBI. Avi Easterday also hit for an RBI. Kaylynn Van added in two RBIs. The Jennifer Branchini of Better Homes and Gardens Ruby Stinson hit a huge double for a couple of RBIs. Brooke Inman had two singles and one RBI. Ella Hodges equaled Brooke's effort, with two hits and an RBI. Top players: Maddie Neves, Avi Easterday, Kaylynn Van, Ruby Stinson, Brooke Inman and Ella Hodges.

Jennifer Branchini of Better Homes and Garden 8, SOL Components 8: On a very cold night, a battle of a game was played by the Jennifer Branchini of Better Homes and Garden and SOL Components. The Jennifer Branchini of Better Homes and Garden started strong with some well hit bunts. Anna Bernhard made some beautiful bunts. Katherine Nally reached first on a nice bunt. Sydney Friday had a couple of really big hits. SOL Components played solid defense. Paige Nothelfer made a huge out by catching a pop-up. Emma Seitz pitched well and made three outs while playing first base. The big play of the night goes to Emma Buttafoco, who stole home for a run to tie the game. Top players: Anna Bernhard, Katherine Nally, Sydney Friday, Paige Nothelfer, Emma Seitz and Emma Buttafoco.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks competed at the 2017 Pacific Swimming Long Course Meter C/BB+ meet. The Brentwood Sea Wolves sponsored the meet on April 22 & 23, 2017 in Brentwood, CA. Representing The Pleasanton Seahawks:

Claudia Do age 8 with 3 new best times: Salma Dwidar (8) 7BT, Francesca Lin (7) 4BT, Alfred Chen (7) 7BT, Christopher Wang (7) 4BT, Andrew Zhou (8) 8BT, Brooke Bennett (9) 6BT, Sydney Goldstein (10) 7BT, Alexis Mesina (9) 6BT, Jacqueline Phan (10) 4BT, Brooke Sanders (10) 3BT, Jessica Tsai (9) 3BT, Sabrina Tsai (9) 3BT, Shantelle Tupaz (10) 5BT, Scarlett Wagner (10) 2BT, Anna Zhang (10) 3BT, Maria Zhang (10) 4BT, Aryaa Bhatia (9) 7BT, Rishi Chandrasekaran (10) 2BT,

Arya Cherukuri (9) 6BT, Ayan Goel (10) 4BT, Andrew Kanarsky (10) 4BT, Kim Travis (10) 3BT, Arjun Saini (9) 7BT, Ashlyn Anburaj (12) 6BT, Paige Bennett (11) 6BT, Faith Carroll (11) 6BT, Chloe Chen (12) 6BT, Zoe Chu (12) 7BT, Adora Do (12) 3BT, Jillian Yu (11) 3BT, Aria Harris (12) 7BR, Breuklynn Harris (12) 8BT, Emily Lau (11) 7BR, Cynthia Li (11) 7BT, Florence Rui Lin (11) 7BT, Sydney Lu (12) 6BT, Jaimie Nguyen (11) 7BT, Erin Pan (11) 3BT, Jasmine Phan (11) 6BT, Christina Tsai (12) 7 BT, Dahlia Versteeg (11) 4BT, Richard Bai (12) 8BT, Sujay Champati (12) 4BT, Connor Chen (11) 7BT, Nabil Danandeh (11) 5BT, Yassin Dwidar (11) 8BT, Aayush Gupta (11) 8BT, Brycen Martin (12) 7BT, Sahil Mehta (11) 3BT, Alexander Quach (12) 5BT, Karan Saini (12) 8BT,

Eric Tandean (12) 7BT, Ethan Wang (12) 8BT, Samuel Wang (11) 8BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (11) 7BT, Andrew Xiao (11) 3BT, Kevin Yuan (12) 8BT, Jolenny Canela (13) 6BT, Olivia Kim (13) 5BT, Jocelyn Martin (14) 8BT, Chandra Tien (13) 4BT, Josh Atre (14) 2BT, Hayden Chen (14) 4BT, William Cheng (13) 6BT, Mehul Gajula (13) 4BT, Akshay Gupta (13) 7BT, Tristan LaLonde (13) 5BT, Tom Li (13) 4BT, Gregory Quach (14) 4BT, Jason Fu (15) 3BT and Aditya Mehta (15) with 7 new best times.

Track and Field

The Granada High School Track and Field team hosted Livermore High School for their annual rivals meet. One hundred and thirty-four mata-



Elliott Hall runs to first base following a bunt as catcher Denny Derham fields the ball in a Granada Little League game between the Giants and Red Sox. Each year, each of the GLL Majors teams play a night game on the Max Baer 1 field (Home of the Little League Intermediate World Series at the beginning of August). This was the first of four of these "Night under the Lights" games which take place on Saturday evenings. Photo - Bill Nale



Pictured is the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team at the 2017 Pacific Swimming Long Course Meter C/B/BB+ meet.



It was a busy week with 3 hockey games for the Pleasanton Dons hockey team. With wins over San Ramon Valley 5-4, De La Salle 8-4 and Dublin 6-1, they finished the season in 2nd place. Playoff games are Saturday, May 6th at 8:00 at the Dublin Iceland rink. Before the game against De La Salle, Dons celebrated Senior Night. Pictured are graduating seniors: Hallie Bigman who is going to Adrian College in MI, Jeremy Goldhawk is heading to University of MI, Devin Cox will attend UC Berkeley and Kevin Tieck Long Beach State. Not pictured is Mark Gaynor, who will attend University of Oregon.



The Livermore Little League T-Ball Angels played a great game on Tuesday against the Red Sox. They all played well with solid team work. Angels roster includes Chase Druyor, John Gandolfo, Marcus Nelson, Blake Parra, Braden Pettegrew, Bryce Richardson, Graham Smoak, Kaden Vasconez, Zachary Voltz, Jameson Wright and Manager Bryce Head.



West Coast Kryptonite 07 started off their morning with a 7-2 win against Pleasanton Rage, and finished the afternoon representing West Coast Soccer at the Mud Factor 5k Run at Club Moto. West Coast Kryptonite's skillful play with was on display, the goal scoring was led by Jariah Indalecio with four, Jayden Reynolds, Kendall Shetter, and Nikki Orth with a goal each.

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dors participated in 220 competitive events with 124 athletes improving their scores and setting seventy-seven personal records.

The long distance runners continued their dominance with Matadors' Colleen McCandless, Kaylie Lawsen and Kalea Bartolotto winning the girls 800m. McCandless and Bartolotto with Kinga Bihari won the girls 1600m. In the boys long distance, John Bennett came in first in both the 1600 and 3200m.

Ashley Cole, undefeated in this season's dual meets in the 100m hurdles, won first place again. A set-up error left one hurdle too high and caused Meghan Kennedy to fall but still came in second place in the 300m hurdles.

The Matador sprinters continued the strong performance with Katelyn Hinds qualifying for EBAL on her final attempt in the 400m with a 1:09.45. Angus Stewart came in third place in a heated battle for the 100m. Taylor Bond won the 400m with a new personal record of 1:01:72. Benjamin Hatch came in first place and Sam DeCosta came in third in the boys 400m.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School varsity baseball team shutout Livermore High, 7 to 0, in a conference game played April 28.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: **Minor AA:** Red Sox 9, Cubs 0; Red Sox put their best game forward. Red Sox pitchers struck out 14, walked 4, giving up one hit in five innings of play. Top Red Sox defense: Josh Katz (6 SO); Jake Sharp (3 SO); Robert Hansen (5 SO). In the fourth inning, Jenner Becker (1B) contributed an out by fielding a slow moving ball hit towards the second baseman and beating the runner to the bag. Red Sox bats were hot, racking up 13 hits, 5 being doubles. Top Red Sox hitters: Jake Sharp 2-2, double, 2 RBIs; Josh Katz 2-2, double, 1 RBI; Tanner Bingham 2-3, double, 2 RBIs; Robert Hansen 1-2, double, 1 RBI; Noa Capistrant 1-2, double, 1 RBI; Jenner Becker 2-3; Lucas Kinney 1-2, 1 RBI; and an RBI attributed to Parker Stimmel and Sam Nicholson.

Red Sox 4, Mets 2: Red Sox scored their first run in the bottom of the first. Mets answered back with 2 runs in the second. Red Sox tied the game in the 3rd. Keeping the Mets scoreless the rest of the game, the Red Sox pickup 1 run each in the fourth and fifth to secure the win. Top Red Sox defense: Jake Sharp (1 SO); Fly ball to Robert Hansen (1B); Noa Capistrant (2B) to Robert (1B); Tanner Bingham (3 SO); Robert Hansen (2SO) and a fielded ball thrown to Jake (1B); Josh Katz (5 SO), and an unassisted out by Tanner (1B) in the fourth. Noa Capistrant (2 SO); Robert with a quick backhand fielded a hard hit ball at second, collected himself for a nice clean throw to first baseman Josh for the first out of the last inning. Top Red Sox hitters: Noa Capistrant 1-2, 1 RBI; Tanner Bingham 3-3, double (2), 1 RBI; Robert Hansen 1-3, 1 RBI; Josh Katz 1-2, double; Jake Sharp 1-1, 1 RBI; Jordan Kawano 1-2.

Phantoms Lacrosse

Livermore Phantoms U14 Purple and **White Lacrosse** teams battled it out at home this week with the U14 White team taking the win, 5-13. The teams were neck and neck with Joshua Bailey and Kirk Stempelen scoring the only two goals for the White team in the first half. The White team gained momentum, with the remaining 11 goals being scored during the second half and their defense keeping a handle on goals scored against them. Logan Pelkey was the team's leading scorer (3), followed by Joshua Bailey (2) and Kaden Hickmott (2). Kirk Stempelen, Nick Coltrin,

Jacob Andre, Joshua Gnovel, Hunter Barbero, and Connor Wilson all scored one goal each. Congratulations to the Livermore Phantoms U14 White team for their win.

The Phantoms U12 White launched into the last weekend of regular season games. Saturday's game did not disappoint as the Phantoms took on the Danville Scorpions Stingers, a rematch of two formidable foes. Scorpions had a 2-1 lead heading into halftime, even after Josh King scored a goal at 4:12 in the 1st. The Phantoms retooled at halftime and came out looking to score more goals in the second half. Nick Swartzendruber scored with an assist by Charles Jorgensen at 5:06 of 3rd; Ben Wojewski scored at 4:31 of 3rd; and Luke Leary scored at 4:13 of the 3rd. The Phantoms' defense was able to hold off the Scorpions late into the fourth with the help of Ben W, who scored at 5:06 of the 4th with an assist by Charles J. A later charge by the Scorpions resulted in 2 goals in the last 2 minutes to tie the game as regulation ended. Overtime seemed to have the game tighten further as both teams struggled to find the goal and after 5 minutes of overtime, the game ended in a 5-5 tie.

After a tough evening, the Phantoms came back to take on the Redwood City Firehawks on Sunday. The Phantoms started off a little slow as the first two goals came in the 2nd by Ben W, followed by a goal by Luke Wallin, assisted by Brandon Niemeyer. The Phantoms came back in the 3rd for some more and Anders Bostrom and Dominic Hurtado joined the fun as they both popped in goals in the 3rd, assisted by Ben W. and T.J. Newcomb. The relentless Phantoms kept pushing as the game entered the 4th as Josh King, assisted by Brandon N., scored and Ben W. scored two more goals in the 4th. But, Andrew Kramar's 13 saves combined with the collective efforts of Jack Hansen, Andrei Gran, Kael Disu, James Foulk, and Jacob Salhoff proved too much as the Firehawks held off the Phantoms for a 12-8 victory.

The Phantoms Lacrosse U10 Black Team played a fantastic season-closing game in summer-like conditions Sunday afternoon against the San Ramon Terrapins, with a final score of 13-3. The great coaching this team has received this season was evident, with the Phantoms showing skillful ball movement, great assists, and players bringing skills to every part of the

field. Archer Bailiff, Brandon Raborn, Roman Zuanich and Anna Van Essen shined with their feisty defense, and on the other end of the field Rodger Mayhew and Eljay Shellenberg led the team with 3 goals each. Jordan Phillips delivered an additional 2 points, and Charlie Hertz, Brahm Weintraub, Pierce Azripe, Aiden Melton and Zack Neely pitched in 1 goal each.

Friday night was a test of endurance for **Livermore Phantoms U12 Purple** team as they answered the challenge from the San Ramon Raptors Gold. Each team fought hard, especially when the ball was on the ground. Several great passes allowed Aidan Andre, Dominic Gozzo, Luke Bauer, Takumi Romero, Sam Butler and Quinten Wetzel to score. One of the most memorable plays was the pass/goal combination from Jack Eaton to Sam Butler, which started off by a great head fake from Eaton confusing his opponent enough for a successful pass to Butler and high goal. The Phantoms ended the night with a 10 to 6 victory.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Kaos 03G NPL U14 team continued its undefeated 2017 by getting results against ACC Mavericks and East Bay United Bay Oaks. Saturday Kaos traveled to Mavericks. Mavericks were organized and moved the ball well as did Kaos. Midfielder Alina Garcia found Alivia Ganz who scored the first of 2 goals. Later on a cornerkick, Mavericks made it 1-1. For West Coast, Katie Zeck found Ganz to make 2-1 and Cassidy Bracket had goal of month with a header from Zeck. Sunday's game was hot in Livermore at Robertson Park. Kaos defense was once again on point giving up no real shots other than long free kicks. Goalie Maddie Mannina, along with defenders Kiara Rodriguez, Mercedes Valverde, Kelsey Brumm, Brackett, Gabby Casillas and Maddie Long kept away any threat. Alyssa Williams, Dani Leong, Sammi Wilson, Alina Garcia and Ganz all recorded multiple shots on goal, while Nick Codington and Katie Reid made quality saves.

West Coast Soccer U10 Wolf-Pack 08 girls responded well from an opening game loss vs Piedmont in spring league by beating Tri-Valley 9-0. The scoring started very early in the game when Alizyn Edgemom scored on an assist by Jazlyn Gonzalez. Allison Edgemom and Jazlyn Gonzalez



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School softball team hosted Livermore High in the 8th annual Cancer Awareness Game on April 27. The teams aimed to "strike out cancer." Special features included Survivor First Pitch (shown), Pink Bases, Pink Softballs, Pink Uniforms, and a Breast Cancer Awareness Table with Literature and Survivor Stories. Funds were raised in the fight against cancer by collecting money in a research donation box, a bake sale and gift basket raffle.

scored four goals each as they blistered the net for a combined eight. Fullback Addison McNeil had the other goal in the game. Goalie Ashley Browning and center fullback Sophia Paz had very strong games.

Three strong games by **West Coast Warriors 02 Girls** this weekend put them top of the league and spring league NPL 3 champions. The team scored 18 goals and gave up 4 goals all season. Friday evening started the Warriors off with a 2-0 win over San Juan Spirits with goals by Heather Tarabini one being assisted by Isabel Mello. Saturday followed with another win by our Warriors 2-1 against Force goals by Mia Mendoza and Katie Strong assisted by Joselyn Herrera.

Going into Sunday Warriors were prepared for the last spring game North Coast came out strong and had a solid game plan but the Warriors were sharp and countered to score three in the first half. Goals were made by Kaitlin Carlton, and Heather Tarabini assisted by Kaitlin Carlton and Joselyn Herrera. The Warriors' defense was led by Malia Yancey, Bethany Diaz, Leila Ganz, Lindsay Plant, Kendall Cushing, Mikayla Lohman and Arianna Moore. Goalkeepers Victoria Morfin and Morgan Blankenship split time minding the Warriors' net. Strong Play by Makayla Marinero, Dylan Eustachy, Alivia Ganz, Caitlyn Garrison and Taylor Sprott did a great job filling in when needed.

CYO Track & Field

The Saint Michael CYO track team participated in its third meet of the season on April 1 at Granada HS. Setting personal bests for the team in their events were:

Graedon Beeler (1600m,HJ), Nora Blair (100m,HJ), Reno Bolyard (100m), Cameron Calvo (50m,LJ), Raya Casselman (50m,LJ), Kyle

Clements (Softball), Sam Costello (400m,800m), Madden DeKay (50m,100m,Softball), Anya Eastman (50m,100m), Jordan Featherstone (100m,HJ), Jackson Garrett (400m), Lyla Garrett (50m), Emily Gnecco (800m,LJ), Adrian Gomez (400m,800m), Laelah Gross (Softball), Peighton Hanson (1600m), Piper Hanson (LJ), Arianna Hatton (Softball), Mitchell Haugen (50m,200m), Fiona Hennigan (100m), Lorilei Hennigan (50m,LJ), Anna Hutchison (LJ), Madison Ikeda (100m), Matthew Jones (SP), Danny Julson (LJ), Mia Lnenicka (LJ), Miranda Mains (LJ), Callan Mak (800m), Ryken Mak (1600m), Julian McMahan (400m), Gavin Morton (100m,LJ), William Nowicki (LJ), Declan Pascal (50m,200m,Softball), Madelynn Penn (50m), Noah Penn (400m), Madeline Pereira (50m,100m), Hannah Peterson (50m), Isabella Peterson (100m), Justin Peterson (400m), Sean Pudzer (50m,100m),

Danielle Rasmussen (50m), Nathanael Resong (100m,LJ), Evelyn Ruckman-Barnes (100m), Roland Ruckman-Barnes (1600m), Alicia Sablan (LJ), Ethan Santiago (LJ), Claire Taulbee (100m), Chris Thomas (400m), Karl Valenton (100m), Viviana Valenton (400m), Kathryn Vengco (Softball), Chase Vogler (800m), Kate Walker (200m,400m,HJ), Molly Walker (SP), Scott Wortham (100m,Softball), David Wu (800m)

The track season continues through the Diocese championship on May 13. For more information about St. Michael CYO track, go to www.smistrack.org/

Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 9th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Wente

Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore. This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) that supports injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Registration is \$40.00 for the adult 5K or \$45.00 for the 10K (\$20 and \$25 respectively for those 17 and under) and \$15.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. On May 1 all registration fees go up \$5.00. Registration closes May 30th or when sold out. Additional fundraising and donations are allowed and encouraged by all participants. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K is a stroller friendly run/walk that is a 50/50 paved, dirt road course. The 10K is 90/10 dirt and paved road. Strollers are not permitted on the 10K course. Both courses travel through Sycamore Grove Park. The Kid's One-Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase.

On line registration can be filled out at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10370/9th-annual-hook-and-ladder-run>.

LGSa Registration:

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes girls who are 5 years of age and older for the 2017 Fall Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is open at www.lgsa.org. Visit the website or email info@lgsa.org for more information.

SHORT NOTES

Bicycle Valet Service

The weekend of May 6-7, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Bike East Bay, will again co-sponsor a free bike valet service during the Annual Livermore Valley Wine Country Street Fest. Last year, the event drew an estimated 150,000 visitors and the bike valet service provided a safe, efficient and convenient alternative to commuting by car.

The valet service is equipped to accommodate 200 bicycles at a single time. Scooters and skate boards are also permitted to be checked into the "bike corral." The bike valet, located at the intersection of South Livermore and 2nd Street, will be available from 10:00am-6:00pm on Saturday and from 10:00am-5:00pm on Sunday.

For more information regarding the bike valet service, contact Leah Doyle-Stevens at 925-551-6995 or Leah.Doyle-Stevens@acgov.org.

Ramadan Celebration

Museum on Main invites preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families to celebrate the upcoming month of Ramadan at M.o.M.'s Reading Time on Wednesday, May 10 from 10am-11am. M.o.M.'s Reading Time is a free, monthly book and activity program at Museum on Main. Storytime begins at 10am with activities

immediately following.

Children will learn about Ramadan through stories, songs and crafts. The Board of Directors at Muslim Community Center in Pleasanton is sponsoring this month's reading time. Together with members of the Muslim Community Center East Bay, the museum will bring the celebrations and meanings behind the month of Ramadan to life for Pleasanton's littlest residents. Following storytime children will sing songs, listen to music, eat dates, and create a paper lantern to take home!

Museum on Main's M.o.M.'s Reading time is sponsored this year by Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups should call in advance: 925-462-2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call 925-462-2776.

Workshop Offered

A Dynamic Resume and Cover Letters workshop will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 1 pm to 3 pm at the

Livermore Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Registration is required for this free workshop. Sign up by calling 925-373-5505.

This workshop will be taught by Sheila Purcell, career counselor at the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center. Located in Dublin (with a satellite office at Las Positas College in Livermore), Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center offers universal resources available to the general public for the purpose of seeking jobs, training, or education. In addition, they offer resources targeted for job seekers and more focused support for special populations in the community. They also offer business resources and services specifically for employers. There is no charge for any of their services.

For more information about Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center, visit www.trivalleyonenestop.org. To learn more about other library programs and events, visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

State of the City

Dublin Mayor David Haubert's State of the City Address, sponsored by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, is airing on local television. Approximately 150 attendees were present to hear Mayor Haubert discuss the City's accomplishments, amenities, and major projects under development. The presentation included a video produced by

TV30 highlighting the cities growth and current projects including The Wave. The 30 minute program may be viewed on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse via Channel 99, as well as stream live on the TV30 website [at tv30.org](http://tv30.org). Video on demand is also available on the website by clicking on the banner. No app is required.

Therapies Grant

Earlier this month Minay Bowers became the recipient of the one-thousandth grant issued by the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

The Tri-Valley organization, founded in 2008 by Pleasanton resident dual-cancer survivor Sandra Wing, provides cancer patients, during their treatment period, with financial assistance for complementary healing services to help them deal with the debilitating effects of cancer and cancer treatment. Those healing services are therapeutic massage, acupuncture, acupressure, guided/visual imagery, and deep breathing meditation.

Bowers, a 14-year resident of Danville, was referred to the foundation by the staff at Epic Care in San Ramon while

receiving radiation treatments for breast cancer. She intends to use the milestone grant for massage and acupuncture.

"Just to have an hour each week for a while where someone is taking care of me, outside of treatment, is a blessing. I feel very grateful," said Bowers.

"When we started," Wing says, "I thought it would be great if we could help even one person. I had no idea we would be able to do so much for so many people! That's why it's important to celebrate this milestone."

To learn more or to refer a grant applicant, please visit: www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or call 1-866-862-7270.

Nature Programs

Spiders and Their Kin will be the topic of the May 7 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

They creep, they crawl and they give many folks the heebie-jeebies - they are the eight-legged animals of our world, spiders and their relatives. Join this program to find out about these wonderful creatures. Par-

ticipants will learn about some of the different types around the world and learn which are considered dangerous. There will be a few live specimens to look at.

Flowers in the Native Garden (drop-in) will take place May 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. Rangser Amy Wolitzer and Girl Scout Hana Spelts will lead the program at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

The public is invited to stop by the native garden (a few hundred feet from the Wetmore Road entrance) to take a quick tour to learn about plants native to our area. Visitors can also follow the tracks in the paths and make art featuring the animals that "made" them. Children may be able to help pump water to water to the plants.

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.

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systems in Europe, South Korea and elsewhere, “We cannot defend the United States of America and have not been able to do so for a very long time,” he said.

Since the German invention of the V2 rocket near the end of World War II, no one has been able to stop ballistic missiles, he insisted.

“For 60 years...the Soviet Union and then the Chinese (were) capable of putting (nuclear warheads) on any square inch of the United States... We had no ability to stop them. None. Zero.”

Instead, the U.S. has relied on deterrence, the idea that an enemy will be dissuaded from attack by the certain knowledge that retaliation will be overwhelming and unacceptable, he explained.

The old Soviet Union relied on the same concept. The two great nuclear powers pointed tens of thousands of nuclear weapons at each other. They formalized their belief in the value of deterrence through such steps as the 1972 Antiballistic Missile treaty, which made it less likely that either side could disarm the other.

REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY

In the reverse psychology of deterrence, each country felt safer because its opponent felt safer, confident that it could withstand and retaliate against a first strike that its opponent would be afraid to venture.

However effective that strategy may have been, more recent geopolitical changes have added to uncertainty and risk today, Gallucci believes.

Although decades of arms control negotiations have led to dramatic reductions in U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals, new leadership in both countries has brought troubling developments.

Beyond the seizure of Crimea, an increasingly aggressive Russia is probing NATO defenses in the Baltic region, while taking an active military role in the Middle East.

In a profound departure from the traditional belief that any nuclear attack would cross the threshold into the possibility of all-out nuclear war, Russian “escalate-deescalate” strategy now envisions a limited nuclear strike on the American heartland as a way to warn the U.S. away from conventional fighting near the Russian homeland.

On the U.S. side, one long-term source of international stability – the willingness of the U.S. to threaten to use its nuclear power to deter military aggression against its allies – is worryingly uncertain, Gallucci believes.

He made several references to the unpredictable international posture of the U.S. today.

Leaders in Moscow and Beijing know that the U.S. political system requires the support of Congress if the President chooses to come to the aid of an ally. Before taking such an action, the president needs to have “done what is necessary with Congress so that he will not be immediately undercut.”

In this administration, “We don’t have that (relationship between the President and Congress) right now,” he said.

In addition, it is no longer clear the President values these alliances, which he has outspokenly dismissed as if they were sales for which the buyers – Europe, Japan and South Korea – have not paid us what they owe.

“We made the alliances... so we wouldn’t have to go to war again!” Gallucci said. “To have them presented as just a calculation...I mean, this is outrageous, in my view.”

MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

In actual arms research, the U.S. and Russia have each entered into aggressive programs to modernize their nuclear weapons capabilities.

The U.S. program, begun under President Obama, will cost an estimated \$1 trillion over 30 years, Gallucci said. The Russian program will cost half that over 10 years.

As a result of these programs, both sides are concerned about the possible future ability of the other to launch a first strike. Gallucci considers the relationship “more dangerous than it’s been in a very long time.”

Regarding other countries and other tensions, he made the following additional points:

- North Korea is “thought to have a dozen nuclear weapons, but within 10 years, if nothing happens to derail the program, they should have 100 or more.” These might have roughly the explosive power of the 1945 Hiroshima bomb or be as much as 10 times more powerful.

While the imbalance between the small North Korean arsenal and the massive American one might seem to rule out the possibility of an attack on the United States, the North Koreans “may not think that way,” Gallucci cautioned.

“They may think their nuclear weapons protect them...That our fear that they may attack Japan, South Korea or even the continental United States is enough to chill any response (on our part).”

Gallucci emphasized that he is not a North Korea expert. On the other hand, he spoke with considerable authority, having led the Clinton Administration negotiating team that dealt with North Korea during a crisis in the mid-1990s.

- The North Koreans have marketed nuclear weapons capability to other countries. They sold a plutonium production reactor to Syria, which the Israelis then destroyed in a 2007 airstrike. In view of this continuing threat, “if Seoul or Tokyo decides they cannot afford to depend on the U.S. deterrent, and if they develop their own nuclear weapons...the world would change and, I would argue, not for the better.”

- The situation with India and Pakistan, which face each other with nuclear weapons, is “an enormous worry.”

“Pakistan has the fastest growing nuclear weapons program in the world today” and it is not clear that the Pakistanis “have adequate security” to keep control of their own nuclear weapons and materials that might be sought by terrorists.

- Regarding terrorists, he said it is ludicrous to imagine that we can stop someone from smuggling an object as small as a baseball, which is “roughly the size

of the nuclear core” of the Nagasaki bomb.

As for deterring such an attack, we might not know who detonated a terrorist nuclear device. “And, if you found out, you might not have a very good target to hit.

“Either way, if you did have a good target, anybody that values your death more than their life is not a very good candidate for deterrence.”

“The terrorism problem is enormous.”

CHINESE CAPABILITY

Gallucci said that the nuclear capability of China is uncertain, in part because “they have never engaged in any arms control” negotiations requiring the exchange and verification of nuclear weapons information. They may have anywhere from “250 to 2,500 ballistic missiles” capable of carrying nuclear warheads. “It’s really a big range.”

In the kind of analysis that characterizes nuclear deterrence, the U.S. knows that the Chinese are “very worried that we would think that they do not have the capability to deter us,” he said.

The U.S. acknowledges that we can’t attack Russia because Russia could retaliate. “We don’t say that to the Chinese,” who are concerned that we believe “we have the capability of launching a disarming strike.”

Beijing continues to see Taiwan as an integral part of China and a potential flashpoint in its interactions with the United States.

Chinese support for North Korea is due less to concern over refugees from possible military conflict – the common explanation – than to the possibility that the Korean Peninsula would be unified under Seoul’s leadership and friendly to the U.S. if the Pyongyang regime should fall.

In that case, Gallucci said, the Chinese “would find American forces...on their border. This is not a good outcome for them.”

In response to a question, Gallucci said that idealistic proposals to eliminate all nuclear weapons are not likely to succeed “unless we solve every political problem in the world that has led countries to acquire that kind of weapon.”

He acknowledged some reasons to feel hopeful, however; for example, 70 years into the nuclear weapons era, there are “nine countries with nuclear weapons... not a big wave of proliferation.” It is also encouraging that some countries, like South Africa, have given up nuclear weapons development programs.

As another example, he said the Obama Administration’s hard-fought nuclear agreement with Iran “may have stopped something that was either going to lead to war in the region or to Iranian nuclear weapons.”

Nevertheless, he said, “You can’t un-invent nuclear weapons. This garden requires constant tending even to keep it where it is now.”



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Colonel Roy Wells was on hand at Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton last week to stage a program on the American Civil War. His presentation included uniforms, camp furnishings, medical equipment, desks, weapons and more. In the photo, he is holding a Union artillery shell.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) annual “Pearls of Hope” Bras for the Cause walk took place on April 29 in downtown Pleasanton. The event raises money for breast cancer research, treatment, and educational programs. Participants march wearing colorfully decorated bras.

Sandia Recognized for Efforts to Combat Ebola

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently recognized Sandia National Laboratories for its efforts in combating the 2014-2016 Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic in West Africa.

To address issues facing West African patients during the epidemic, Sandia researchers examined Liberia’s blood sample transport system from treatment units to diagnostic labs to expedite turnaround time for faster diagnoses. This practice reduced the amount of time patients spent waiting in large open waiting rooms, which helped control the spread of the disease.

The laboratory also provided a model for quarantining patients, while also influencing where new diagnostic labs could be located, providing expedited care for patients in rural areas in Liberia.

“The epidemic brought a lot of aid and attention to the public health systems in West Africa,” Jen Gaudio, senior manager of Sandia’s International Biological Threat Reduction project, said. “Sandia hopes to help build on that momentum to

provide a sustainable and resilient health infrastructure that is ready for future infectious disease outbreaks.”

DOE’s Chief Scientist Dimitri Kusnezov visited the laboratory to recognize approximately 60 Sandia researchers for their work during the epidemic, along with their work on the Technology Convergence Working Group.

Established in 2015 to provide technical expertise for biological technologies,

the group is comprised of representatives from both the DOE, Sandia, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

“It is a great honor for Sandia’s wide-ranging biological work to be recognized by the secretary of energy,” Duane Lindner, director of Sandia’s Homeland Security Program, said. “I personally appreciate this recognition of our contributions to the nation.”

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Carol Diane (Schmidt) Myers

Our beloved mother and friend Carol Diane (Schmidt) Myers, passed away peacefully on April 7th, 2017. Carol was born on November 21st, 1945 in Hayward, California. In 1973, she moved to Livermore where she lived until her death. She was elected twice to the Livermore School Board and served from 1990 to 1998. She was elected president of the board from 1992 to 1993 and 1997 to 1998. While on the board she won many awards, including an award for "Continuous support of vocational programs."

Carol was also a real estate agent and a reporter for the Livermore Independent during her working years. She was an avid writer and reader. Later, she was worked for Visiting Angels as a caretaker for the elderly. She was so proud of the fact that it included the care of veterans.

One of the biggest loves of her life was politics. She was very active at the local and state levels and worked on several democratic campaigns. Another passion was tending to her yard, which included many flowers and a vegetable garden. She had quite the green thumb.

Throughout her life, Carol was selfless and giving and did not expect anything in return. She vigorously loved her children, family and friends. She loved her extended family and the many others she adopted along her way like her own. Her Children, family and friends will remember many conversations with her that shared her knowledge, wisdom, support, love, and her loving and caring spirit. She will always be remembered as the best Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma and adopted mom.

Carol is survived by her daughter and favorite son-in-law, Robin and Alan Oberg, her sons Steven Myers and Greg Myers. She was a loving grandmother to Amanda (Gabe) Costa, AJ Oberg and Jack Myers and a beloved great-grandmother to Alysia Greer, Adam Greer, Ryan Oberg, Alexander Oberg and Kali Costa. She is also survived by her sister Joy Schmidt, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins from the Schmidt and Foss families. She was preceded in death by her father Alvin Fredrick Schmidt, her mother Esther Cora Odelia (Foss) Schmidt and her sister Sharon Patricia (Schmidt) Waldo.

A celebration of life for Carol was held at her home, on Saturday April 29th, 2017. The family would like to thank everyone for all the love and support. Please plant some flowers in her memory rather than sending them to the family.

Ella Catherine Sousa

Ella Catherine Sousa passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Pleasanton, California. She was born in Nebraska on June 7, 1924. Her strong will and character contributed to her living to be just shy of 93.

Ella really enjoyed being surrounded by her family. She played the piano and loved to dance. She was very talented in many crafts. Sewing, making bears, needlework stitching and many more. She was good at engaging all of us in board games. Enjoyed working in her rose and orchid garden.

Ella leaves behind her husband George J. Sousa. Her children Terry Hart, Berdina Hutton, and Bonnie Baker. Eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Her children Harry

Hart and Sharon Graham predeceased her.

A Graveside Service was held for Ella Sousa at Mission City Memorial Park, 420 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, California 95050.

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

Otto Carl Fink

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Otto Carl Fink on April 20, 2017 at the age of 85.

Masonic Services were held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore, California followed by a military honors procession to the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

Otto was born in Castro Valley on January 24, 1932 to Otto Fink Sr. and Adele Fink. Otto was a resident of Livermore, California since 1962.

He was the middle sibling in his family and is predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Adele and Linda.

Otto had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making those he met laugh. He was a self-made man, a good husband, and a good provider. He was also a gentleman with a keen sense of curiosity especially toward things mechanical. His kind spirit and charming personality won over the hearts of many during the course of his 85 years.

He served in the military during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1954.

Otto was a member of the Masons for over 50 years, ending his service on his passing as a member of Masonic Lodge #218.

He was also a proud member of the Operating Engineers for over 50 years and worked on many large construction projects in California during his life. He loved his work and was constantly working to upgrade his skills.

Otto is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara Fink, his children, Michael (Denise), Teresa (Jay) Fair, Tony (Susan) Izzi, Patricia Goodman, and Otto Carl (Tina) and his beloved canine companion, Honey. He also leaves behind 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Rest in peace! You are sorely missed by all of us.

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

Roberta Lee Wilks Simerman

1/16/1917 - 4/15/2017

Roberta Lee Simerman was born Roberta Lee Wilks on January 16, 1917 in Stone County, Missouri. On April 15, 2017, Roberta died peacefully, in her daughter's home in Auburn, CA. She was one day short of 100 years and 3 months.

Roberta was the 3rd and youngest child of William and Ruth Wilks. She grew up on the family farm outside of Tiff City, Missouri. When she was 11 years old, the family moved to Crane, Missouri so her father could take a job as the town Marshall.

Roberta graduated from Crane High School in 1934 and started nursing school that same year at St. John's in Springfield, MO. Roberta graduated from nursing school in 1936 and took odd nursing jobs before starting her career at the Veterans Administration in Dayton, Ohio. During this time, Roberta met and married James Gray. Even though that union did not last, in 1940 they produced a daughter, Bobbi Lee. While she was on her own, Roberta

attended night school for 11 years where she earned her BS in nursing.

It was while Mom was working at the VA in Dayton that she met a young physician, Seymour Simerman, who came to her aid with a patient. That assistance led to marriage on June 15, 1951. This union produced two daughters, Susanne and Sally.

In 1960, the couple had the opportunity to take a transfer and relocated to Livermore, CA. They built their dream house that Dad designed (including a bomb shelter). They were known for their parties and were gracious hosts.

After 34 years of working for the VA, mom retired but dad kept working. In 1979, after his 34 years at the VA and 28 years of marriage, dad died.

Mom stayed in the Livermore house for just under 44 years where she hosted bridge parties and travelled all over the world. In 2005 mom moved into an independent living facility in town. After Susanne lost her husband in 2009, Mom relocated to Auburn. That turned into a sweet time of fellowship and at age 99, mom accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Also during that time, mom had a second heart attack and 3 mild strokes.

Mom was the matriarch and leaves a wonderful legacy. Roberta is survived by her 3 daughters, Bobbi Houston, Susanne Winnett and Sally Brice; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way and 2 great-great grandchildren. Mom was laid to rest in Livermore, on April 21st, next to her beloved husband, Seymour.

The family wishes to thank everyone who supported and helped mom in her final years. A special thanks to Rita, Janet, Lisa, Kay, Hope, Teresa, Teri and Sutter Hospice. Memorial Gifts may be made to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice in Auburn, CA.

Rita M. Post

Rita Moldt Post passed away peacefully in her Brownsville, California home on Tuesday April 25, 2017. She was born in Livermore on December 24, 1936

to Conrad and Maren Moldt. She grew up on a farm off El Charro Road in the Tri-Valley.

She was a graduate of Amador Valley High School and University of California, Berkeley. She was a teacher in Livermore for sixteen years at Green School and Fifth Street School. She remained active in the local Danish community. She moved to Brownsville in 1991. She wanted to move to the mountains. She found time for substantial efforts in arts and crafts, painting, wood carving, sewing. She also had a flourishing garden. She was an extraordinary grandmother to four grandchildren and one great grandchild. She enjoyed camping and traveling, including trips to Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii with her sister Adda.

Rita is survived by her son John C. Post and wife Leann, sister Adda M. Moldt, grandchildren Thomas Post, Erika Post, Grace Post, Audrey Post, great

grandchild Jacob Grigsby as well as Connie Gunn, close friend and mother of Thomas and Erika.

In Lieu of flowers feel free to make a donation to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation. 2201 Broadway Suite 600, Oakland, California 94612-3017. A memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church (2020 Fifth Street) in Livermore on Friday May 12th at 3 p.m. Reception to be held after the service. Connie Post

Jan Brown

Jan Brown, a longtime Livermore resident, passed away Saturday, April 15th, 2017, at Sunol Creek Memory Care in Pleasanton.

Born Janice Roberta Shelor in 1938 to Olive (Driggs) Shelor and Thomas Shelor in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, she graduated from Pine Bluffs High School and attended beauty college in Cheyenne. She married Donald Lee Brown of Hereford Colorado in 1958. Together they moved to Livermore in 1962.

A devoted wife, a caring mother and a doting grandmother, she enjoyed drinking tea and collecting tea-ware, cultivating roses and orchids, stitchery and sewing, and high-quality chocolate. She was a long-time member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Don Brown, and is survived by four children - Patrick Brown, Michael Brown, Cynthia Brown-Hernandez, and Shawn Brown - along with ten grandchildren.

A mass will be held at 11 am, Monday, May 8th at St. Charles Borromeo at 1315 Lomitas Ave, Livermore. A rosary will be prayed at 10 am.

Matthew Robert Gagnon

Resident of Sacramento

May 12, 1988 - April 28, 2017

Matthew Robert Gagnon, 28, a talented research analyst for the State of California, passed away peacefully

at home in Livermore, CA, on Friday, following a courageous five-year, four-month battle with brain cancer.

Matt was born at Valley-Care Hospital in Livermore. He attended Croce Elementary School, Christensen Middle School and Livermore High School (class of 2006), where he was an honor student, academic letterman and varsity sports letterman all four years. He played varsity golf as a freshman, and varsity tennis as a sophomore, junior and senior. He was named the varsity team's Scholar Golfer of the Year in 2003.

In 2010, Matt graduated from the University of California at Davis, where he majored in political science. Matt emerged from a field of 100 applicants to land his dream job as a research analyst with the Little Hoover Commission for the State of California in Sacramento, where he

worked from August 2015 to late March 2017. Before that, he worked for five years as a policy assistant, consultant and legislative intern for Conservation Strategy Group in Sacramento.

Matt had a passion for life, enjoying sports, politics, traveling, television history, trivia, games, fantasy sports and spending time with his fiancée, family and many friends. He was a devoted fan of the Oakland A's, Golden State Warriors, Dallas Cowboys, FC Barcelona and USA soccer.

Matt was an incredibly intelligent, loving, patient, compassionate, tough, thoughtful, funny, generous, caring and wonderful young man who was flexible with whatever life threw at him. He loved and lived with his fiancée, Suzy Costa of Sacramento. They had planned to be married on April 23, 2017.

Although Matt had brain cancer, he never let it define him. He maintained a positive, determined and realistic attitude throughout his battle with it. Many have said that Matt's life had a much greater ripple effect than he probably ever realized. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

At 5 years old, Matt started keeping score in his baseball scorebook at A's games; at 9 he played chess in Friday night matches against adult chess club members at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and at 11 he was the second baseman for the Livermore National Little League Giants, who won the District 57 Championship by winning eight straight single-elimination playoff games. Matt called it his greatest sports experience as an athlete.

Matt is survived by his parents, Rob and Barbara Gagnon of Livermore; sister Jennifer Gagnon of Livermore; fiancée Suzy Costa of Sacramento; grandmother Hilda Gagnon of Salinas; grandfather Milo Nordyke of Livermore; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and some of the best friends a person could ask for. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Gagnon of Salinas, and his grandmother, Carma Nordyke of Livermore.

Donations may be made to the Cancer Support Community of the Bay Area in Walnut Creek at <https://cancersupportcommunity.rallybound.org/rbjmgagnon>.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore.

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

Kamila Toofanthul Sulaiman Rosas

Kamila Toofanthul Sulaiman Rosas passed away April 28, 2017, after a relentless and courageous 6-year battle against cancer. She was a beautiful soul gone too early.

Kamie, as she was known to her family and countless friends, was born Feb. 27, 1961, in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Kamie began her life journey at 16, working as a nanny in Lebanon, later moving to Kuwait, Germany, and



Lafayette, CA. During her free time, she began reading cookbooks, inspiring her to become an accomplished creator of international cuisines. You couldn't stop by Kamie's house without her insisting on cooking a meal for you!

At a 1993 New Year's Eve party, she met the love of her life, John Rosas. They married in 1994 and moved to Tracy. In August 1995, the light of her life was born, their son Zachary. Soon after, they settled in Livermore.

Kamie was fiercely devoted to her family. Her strong Muslim faith guided every word and action when it came to being a wife and mother. Her life's philosophies were "Do what God would do" and "Be a good person."

Her favorite activities, always enjoyed with John and Zachary, were riding motorcycles, skiing, boating, shopping, relaxing in Pismo Beach, cheering on the Warriors and Raiders, and dancing. "The best dancer ever!" according to her friends.

Never one to sit still, she launched a housekeeping business 20 years ago and quickly grew the business to over 100 clients. Most of her clients became lifelong friends, because within 5 minutes of meeting Kamie you felt like you'd known her your entire life.

Kamie will be profoundly missed by her loving husband and son, both of Livermore, her mother, stepfather, three sisters and two brothers and their spouses, all in Sri Lanka, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law in Utah, 24 nieces and nephews, and all of her friends.

She deeply touched the lives of everyone she met. We felt blessed by her presence. She was gracious, generous, fierce in her love and convictions, and a warrior. She was nothing but love and will remain living in our hearts forever.

Kamie was interred at Five Pillars Cemetery in Livermore.

A celebration of Kamie's life will be held on Sunday, May 7, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, at Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. All who knew and loved Kamie are welcome.

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Agencies Show Their Earth Day Visions

By Ron McNicoll

Two public agencies concerned with health have released reports addressing the impacts of Climate Change, if actions were not taken to deal with the threat.

Coming in time for Earth Day, which was April 22, Alameda County last week issued its own data summary of a statewide report published in February, outlining the various harmful effects.

Separately, the Bay Area Air Management District sent out a report last week that showed a vision of what might be possible by 2050, if people change their consumer habits, drive electric cars, use autonomous public transit fleets, live in zero net energy homes, and compost all organic waste.

In the county report, some health statistics from 2010 were listed, and compared to the state in general. Although no number projections were attempted for the future, it's clear that a hotter climate will result in more deaths. There

will be impacts from floods caused by more rapid snowmelt in the mountains, notes the report.

The report states that all Californians are at risk from extreme heat, for such things as heatstroke. In 2010, there were 34,000 people in the county who worked outdoors, making them more vulnerable than other workers.

Dry, hot conditions also lead to wildfires, which generate smoke that people inhale causing health problems. In 2010, approximately 5 percent of the state's population (75,333 residents) lived in fire hazard zones of moderate to very high severity. From 1980-89, some 24 wildfires of at least 490 acres consumed 112,000 acres in the Bay Area. The numbers of fires are expected to rise.

Big fires impact watersheds. They can have an adverse effect on water supplies through landslides and sediment deposited in run-off.

Climate change also increases the growth of microbes

in food and water, leading to more vector-borne illnesses.

Lower income families are more vulnerable to climate change's adverse effects. About 10 percent in the county do not own a car. They could not easily evacuate from a fire, or other disaster. About 64 percent of county households lack air conditioning, a strategy to deal with the rising heat.

Shade from trees represent another cooling source.

The report from the air district is largely a visual one. A video is posted at <https://youtu.be/p9BxhIrIqrl>.

It shows the open space and the population that must be protected. Scenes from everyday life have labels tagged on them such as biking to school, composting waste, taking transit, walking or biking to work, getting a pool cover, buying local food to cut down shipping on the roads, and eating less meat (animal waste is a big methane gas emitter).

The 3-minute video says that a "seamless integration" is coming together to change lifestyles so the planet does better.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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aside. Jean King noted that committee members had been asked to reach out to the groups they represent and ask them to attend the meetings. "It seems there should be more options for comment."

Vice Chair Bob Woerner suggested written comments. "They would be clearer and provide a good record of what the public had to say," he said.

Committee member Bryan Petro said taking public comment would not be the most efficient use of the committee's time. "The goal is to get information out, not to collect it."

Committee member Gino Bonanno felt that it would be important to get feedback from the public in a timely manner. She suggested providing comment cards that people could fill out at meetings.

Technical and background information was proposed by committee members for the May 11 meeting regarding parking, traffic and finance.

Information requested for the parking and traffic aspect included the following: paid parking, other parking options and locations, bicycle options, traffic models for a hotel on the east and west sides, parking expectations for 10 to 20 to 30 years, assumptions regarding changes in transportation modes, transit opportunities, cost to build underground parking, cost of a parking structure as well as its financing options, and multi-modal structures.

The second topic on May 11 will involve finance. The committee weighed in with a variety of suggestions on information they said would be helpful. Some expressed points of view.

- Economics of parking, to include construction cost of a parking structure and of similar facilities.

- Funding mechanisms. What is the city investing now? Where would more money come from?

- Information from an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District study, a Community Finance District study and an IMPLAN Model. Alternative ideas, such as crowdfunding investment should be explored. Funds

from the Affordable Housing Bond funds passed by Alameda County residents should be included as a way to make housing more affordable.

- Amount of money the city would need to put into maintaining different options.

- Funding options such as grants, selling naming rights. The downtown development will be an investment of 50 years, see how the city can handle it financially.

- Amount of money a hotel could bring in, as well as a conference center. What would be the cost of residential development versus money it could generate?

- Information on models of other cities in similar circumstances; how they thought out of the box to achieve a result

- Who pays and the return on investment factoring in operations and maintenance.

- Realistic approaches that add no taxes. There is already a Lighting and Landscape District in the downtown that property owners pay into. There should be no city subsidies.
- Impact on city services, such as police and fire.
- Projected tax revenues; information on how the current garage was financed and built.

Future public outreach options were discussed. They include workshops, an online interactive website, pop-up meetings, walking tours and focus groups. Outreach to underserved communities was important. It could be achieved by providing food, child care and flexible start times for meetings. Committee members want to make sure that all demographic groups were included, noting that young and old people have different views. Proposed by committee members were additional outreach options, such as on-site graphics to show what is planned. Holding neighborhood meetings, working with community organizations, and going to churches, the Farmers Market, and schools were other ideas.

There was agreement that

it was important to provide consistent, accurate information.

Matt Ford commented, "I don't want to do outreach to do outreach. I thought a hotel and parking were our focus. Perhaps we don't need all of the options."

Petro agreed, stating that outreach was for the future. He noted that media and a

website are critical for millennials. "We experience cities differently than others."

Committee members appointed by the city council are Erik Bjorklund and Regina Bonanno, Planning Commission; Matt Ford, Livermore Forward; Bryan Petro, Livermore Rising; Andrew Barker, resident; Sherry Nigg, business own-

er; and Jeff Kaskey, Livermore Historic Preservation Commission. Organizations and their representatives on the committee include Jean King, Friends of Livermore; Drew Felker, i-Gate (The Switch); Dale Kaye, Innovation Tri-Valley; Dawn Argula, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce; Monya Lane, Livermore

Commission for the Arts; Joan Seppala, Livermore Community Group; Lynn Seppala, Livermore Cultural Arts Council; Rachael Snedecor, Livermore Downtown, Inc.; Phil Wente, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center; and Karl Wente, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

Thirteen Trivial and Not-So-Trivial Facts about Real Estate

By Cher Wollard

Buying and selling real estate can be serious business, but here are few tidbits to lighten the mood while you tough out negotiations, inspections and loan approval:

1. During the Florida Land Boom of 1919, investors paid up to \$25,000 – equivalent to about \$366,000 in today's currency – for land that had not yet been dredged out of the ocean.

Florida's first real estate bubble burst in 1925, leaving behind the remains of failed developments in the Miami area, such as Aladdin City and Isola di Lolando. But new cities emerged out of the Everglades land, reshaping the geography and politics of the state.

2. The world's total land mass that is not underwater includes 36.8 billion acres of inhabitable land.

It's been said that Queen Elizabeth II owns about one-sixth of that land, but that's not really accurate. As monarch of the British Commonwealth, she retains royal title over not just the British Isles, but Canada, Australia and the rest, but her personal holdings are a mere 50,000 acres.

3. The White House may be home to the head of the world's first democracy, but it was modeled after the palace of the Duke of Leinster, the premier dukedom in Peerage of Ireland.

Originally designed by James Hoban, an architect who had emigrated from Ireland in 1785, the structure was subsequently expanded by Thomas Jefferson and rebuilt (after the War of 1812) under James Monroe. The West Wing was not built until 1901, and the first Oval Office was added eight years later. By 1946, the mansion had been expanded again, the Oval Office moved, and the East Wing added.

4. An estimated 41 percent of all U.S. homes valued at \$1 million or more are located in the Golden State.

That should be no surprise to those of us in the Bay Area, where approximately 57 percent of homes currently on the market are priced in the seven digits. In Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin that number is 53 percent as of early this week.

5. As of last September, about 1.4 million completed dwellings, most of them investment properties, were vacant. That's about one-thirteenth the number we saw during the depth of the Recession.

Currently, the highest vacancy rates are in industrial Midwest cities and parts of the South, regions where housing prices are recovering more slowly.

6. The town of Nordlingen in Bavaria, Germany, is built on the site of a crater from a meteor impact that occurred 14 million years ago.

Long after it was cratered by the meteor, however, and before it became the town that it is, the site held a Roman castellum, built in 85 A.D. and probably called Septemiacum. In 1998, Nordlingen celebrated its 1100-year-old history.

7. Depression-era gangster Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was popular with the public, despite his bank-robbing ways. That's because when he robbed banks, he burned the documents on the mortgages they held.

This being before the computer age, there was no trace left of many homeowners' debts.

8. The first "pre-fab" dwelling we know about was a castle constructed in Britain in the 12th century.

The Robert Wace, in his epic poem "Roman de Rou," describes a castle being transported in "kit" form from Normandy to Britain. Historian Pierre Bouet translated verses 6,516-6,526 as: "They took out of the ship beams of wood and dragged them to the ground. Then the Count (Earl) who brought them, (the beams) already pierced and planed, carved and trimmed, the pegs (raw-plugs/dowels) already trimmed and transported in barrels, erected a castle, had a moat dug around it and thus had constructed a big fortress during the night."

Today, prefabricated steel modules are often used to build skyscrapers.

9. The Burj Khalifa in Dubai – which was not a pre-fab -- is so tall, you can sit outside the café at street level and watch the sun set, then take the elevators 2,717 feet to the top floor and watch the sun set again.

The building, which cost an estimated \$1.5 billion to build, boasts 57 elevators and 8 escalators, so you don't even have to take the same route each evening.

10. A B-52 Mitchell bomber accidentally crashed into the top floors of the Empire State Building in New York in 1945.

The incident killed 14 people – three in the plane and 11 on the ground. Miraculously, elevator operator Betty Lou Oliver survived when the cables snapped and the elevator fell 75 stories to the basements. Rescuers found her amongst the rubble, injured but alive.

Oliver still holds the Guinness World Record for the longest survived elevator fall.

11. You think driverless cars are cool? The Robomow, a robot lawn mower manufactured in the U.K. by Friendly Machines, can cut 6,000 square yards of lawn without human assistance.

12. The fastest-growing sector of U.S. homebuyers is single women. But the largest sector of homeowners remains married couples with children, accounting for about 40 percent of all buyers.

In terms of ethnicity, Hispanics are the only ethnic group whose rates of homeownership have increased in the past two years.

13. In 2016 about one-third of real estate agents in the U.S. owned investment property.

That's compared to only about 9 percent of all American adults, about the same number as have money market accounts or Roth IRAs.

Of those who already own investment property, most – 69 percent – say they would like to acquire more.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529686

The following person(s) doing business as: Safety-N-Numbers Bookkeeping Services, 64 Cameo Drive,

Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvonne M. Ballou, 64 Cameo Drive, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above N/A.

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Yvonne M. Ballou, Sole Proprietor

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 7, 2017. Expires April 7, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529643

The following person(s) doing business as: Rescue Contacts, 1171 Murrieta Blvd #100, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Rescue Contacts, LLC, 1171 Murrieta Blvd #100, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above N/A.

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Holly Sneddon, Managing Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 6, 2017. Expires April 6, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529734

The following person(s) doing business as: Wildlife Science Consulting, 627 South H Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

1) Amanda Colombo Murphy 2) Christopher Caleb Murphy, 627 South H Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above 2008

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Amanda C. Murphy, Owner/General Partner

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 529439

The person(s) listed below has(have) abandoned the use of the following Fictitious Business Name: MS. Carmen's Kinder Casa, 860 Herman Ave #102, Livermore, CA 94551.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership filed on 3/30/2017 in the County of Alameda.

The full name of Registrant: 1) Carmen Meneses 2) Tania L. Meneses, 6364 Altamar Circle, Livermore, CA 94551

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Carmen Meneses, Partner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529766

The following person(s) doing business as: Selfie-Nomics,

4371 Norris Rd, Fremont, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

1) John Rehnberg 2) Celia Rehnberg, 4371 Norris Rd, Fremont, CA 94536

This business is conducted by Married Couple

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A

Signature of Registrants: /s/ John M. Rehnberg, Owner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 528536

The following person(s) doing business as: Flynn Road Ranches, 11995 South Flynn Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Paul James Fagliano, 4435 1st St #341, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual

The date on which the registrant first commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 25, 2012

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Paul Fagliano

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2017. Expires March 8, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529568

The following person(s) doing business as: Fresh As A Daisy, 746 South I St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Ginger Mc Kendree, 746 South I St, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: August 14, 2007

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Ginger McKendree

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529841

The following person(s) doing business as: Seamstress Adventures, 860 Wagoner Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Ashley Hamic, 860 Wagoner Dr, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Ashley Hamic

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529713

The following person(s) doing business as: Folsom Bros, 1452 N. Vasco Rd #206, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

1) Edwin N. Folsom, 1920

Meadow Glen Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 2) Kevin W. Folsom, 3680 Conestoga Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

This business is conducted by a General partnership

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2012.

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Edwin N. Folsom, General Partner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530072

The following person(s) doing business as: Typicite Wines, 5208 Lilac Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

C&C Wine Company, LLC, 5208 Lilac Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s)

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listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/ Craig Ploof, Managing Member
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 530111

The following person(s) doing business as: Tri-valley trucking, 859 Brennan Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pedro Sandoval Sandoval, 859 Brennan Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/ Pedro Sandoval Sandoval
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 529747

The following person(s) doing business as: Dream To Create, 1671 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sherri Cruz, 1671 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 2012
Signature of Registrants: /s/ Sherri Cruz
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 529755-7

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Scoring Chix Enterprises 2)Tender Touch Products 3)Anubia, 6671 Ebensburg Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1)Dawn Lizette Benson 2) Gregory Allen Benson, 6671 Ebensburg Lane, Dublin,

CA 94568
This business is conducted by Married Couple
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: December 1999
Signature of Registrants: /s/ Dawn Lizette Benson
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 530209

The following person(s) doing business as: Balance Rock Supply, 3680 Andrews Dr. Apt. 313, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1)Bryce Vlach 2)Seth Vlach, 3680 Andrews Dr. Apt. 313, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/ Bryce Vlach
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 21, 2017. Expires April 21, 2022.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DENNIS CHRISTOPHER MATEO (AMENDED)
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: 07/10/2017
TIME: 9:30 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

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Jump on the Bandwagon for “An American Daughter”

Although happy days aren't here again in Encore Players' spring production, it offers a funny and timely clear-eyed glimpse at how political sausage can be made in our nation's beautiful, beleaguered capital.

“An American Daughter,” Wendy Wasserstein's satisfying contemporary tale of a good woman's effort to serve her country, will be performed as a theatrically staged reading at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center on May 12, 13 and 14. The intimate theatre venue has been upgraded with audience risers for better sightlines and additional lighting to make the production “shine.”

The scene is a handsome Georgetown living room, where friends and foes and faux friends come and go,



Leslie Ivy plays Dr. Judith B. Kaufman and Lea Blevins Quincy Quince in An American Daughter. Photo - Clark Streeter

leaving gifts of wit and wisdom, or other less welcome surprises behind.

Director Kathy Streeter says she chose the play for its “humor, poignancy and bite” in telling the story of Dr. Lyssa Dent Hughes, who's been nominated for surgeon-general but who faces a battery of tricky challenges before she claims the prize. Along the journey, she must deal with some political potholes, rumors, media snares and domestic snags.

Streeter, whose acting and directing credits began with Livermore's Cask and Mask Players in its Sixties/Seventies heyday, notes that “An American Daughter” boasts a stage full of accomplished actors. They include a number of local favorites: Martie Muldoon plays Dr. Lyssa Dent Hughes, the surgeon-general nominee. Clark Streeter, Louis Hessemann, John Hart, Lea Blevins, Johnny Orenberg, Leslie Ivy, Donna Blevins, and Arthur Barinque are also featured among the large and diverse cast. You might even recognize the voice of our Mayor, John Marchand.

This will be Encore Players' fourth full length production. It follows “Love Letters,” “Three Viewings” and “The Cocktail Hour,”

all performed at the Bothwell. In what has become a company tradition, a post-performance wine reception is included in the \$25 ticket price, and will give audience members an opportunity to talk to the cast or discuss some of the play's themes, such as the media's role in shaping a political personality, or the pitfalls awaiting female candidates.

A special Mother's Day reception is planned for the matinee performance May 14. Suffice it to say that mothers will be given due deference. With a handsome, brilliant woman at its center, this play is particularly appropriate for celebrating mothers, grandmothers, sisters and girlfriends. (It is, however, not appropriate for children under 14.)

Performances are 8 p.m. May 12 and 13 and 2 p.m. May 14 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H Streets, Livermore. Tickets #25 available at the Bankhead Box Office, 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore, on line at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800. Tickets, if available, will also be sold at the door.

A special Mother's Day reception follows the Sunday matinee.

Nonprofit Alliance to Host Meet the Grantmakers

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA) will present the organization's Third Annual Grantmakers Panel “Meet the Grantmakers: Building Strategic Funding Partnerships” The program features local corporate and foundation representatives discussing their grant requirements and charitable giving programs.

It will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017, from 9:30 am - noon, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Livermore. Attending will be nonprofit organization staff members, board directors, and volunteers will be seeking an in-depth understanding of grantmakers' funding opportunities and grant development recommendations. All interested members of the community are encouraged to attend. Register online at www.tvnpa.org. The event is open to the public at large at no cost to attend.

Panelists will shine a light on their giving criteria and organization requirements, along with providing information on how to form partnerships with grantmakers and apply for grants. Representatives from foundation and corporate grantmakers include: City of Pleasanton; East Bay Community Foundation, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Safeway; Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Taproot Foundation; and the Zellerbach Family Foundation. In the panel discussion, speakers will share grant requirements and insights on nonprofit funding as well as address questions from attendees at the program.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Momy Nop Real Estate and GGS Consulting are sponsors.

Free parking is available in the Livermore Valley Center parking structure on Railroad Avenue, located directly across from the Bankhead Theater. Public transportation is available nearby at the Livermore Transit Center, located adjacent to the parking garage.

TVNPA holds free meetings open to the public on the second Thursday of each month at the Bankhead Theater. Visit www.tvnpa.org to learn more about the organization and its membership program and to join the TVNPA email list. Find TVNPA on: Facebook, Twitter @tvnpa, and LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/groups/6979042. Contact the organization at info@tvnpa.org or Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, PO Box 2467, Livermore, CA, 94551.

Religion Chat to Discuss Celebrations, Holy Days, Etc.


The May Religion Chat will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore on May 10, 2017, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the chapel. The facilities will be open at 4:40 PM and close at 6:30 PM so that attendees can have a chance to make new friends and visit. This event is free of charge and open to all.

The topic will be choose a particular holiday, holy day, feast or other celebration that a faith observes, its significance and how it is celebrated. Speakers will be Tina O'Neill from the Baha'i faith, who will talk about the Festival of Ridvan and a representative of the Hindu faith.


Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission statement reads, “To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley.”

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

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Woman of the Year Recognized for Work with Military Families

By Carol Graham

For a month Pat Frizzell knew the good news, yet told almost no one.

"Assemblywoman Catharine Baker called me. I was quite surprised," Frizzell said of hearing she'd been named Woman of the Year for State Assembly District 16. "I was sure it was a mistake and they

would be calling back saying, 'Oops, never mind!'"

However, Frizzell needn't have worried. She rightly earned the designation for her work with Pleasanton Military Families. Frizzell was honored at two celebrations – the first at the State Capitol in Sacramento on March 6, and the second at the Veter-

ans Memorial Building in Pleasanton on April 4.

"The Sacramento event felt like being queen for a day - corsages, gift bags, photos, and a ceremony for the 80 Women of the Year (one from each district in California) in the Assembly Chambers followed by a wonderful luncheon with speakers," said Frizzell.

"The Pleasanton event started with a military motorcycle escort from my home to the Veterans Memorial Building where my friends and family were waiting out front. Catharine Baker and her staff were there, along with almost 100 people to celebrate with me. I feel honored, and very grateful for the award."

Frizzell's involvement with Pleasanton Military Families was set into motion when her oldest son, David, joined the United States Marine Corps Reserves in August 2001.

"This was a huge change in my life, especially after September 11, 2001, just one month later," said Frizzell. "When he deployed to Iraq in March 2003, at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I found the Pleasanton Military Families support group, which was just beginning at that time. I started out as a weepy, frightened mom but as the group grew and began to organize, I found it helpful to have a job to do. It offered a sense of purpose and focus amongst all the worries about my son at war. I made so many good friends. We understood each other. It made all the difference in the world to not feel alone and afraid."

In 2004, Frizzell took over communications for the group – a task that required time every day to keep families in touch with each other between meet-



Pat Frizzell

ings. Then in 2009, Frizzell became the group's chairperson, a position she still holds today.

"We've been together now for 14 years and have grown in size and sense of purpose," said Frizzell. "Even though my son's service is complete, I stayed on with the group because of all it gave to me when I

include: surprise homecoming celebrations with motorcycle escorts for troops returning home after deployment or at the end of their service; a care-package program for deployed troops; a yellow-streamer program that displays the names and branches of service of those currently serving in the armed forces on streamers that hang on

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needed it so much. I like to say that as our group grew roots and strengthened, it then sprouted branches to reach out and do more."

Along with monthly support-group meetings, Pleasanton Military Families provides services that

Main Street's lights; veteran mentors and support as troops readjust to civilian life; fundraising events; and coordination with other veteran service organizations – such as American Legion and Veterans of

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Pictured (from left) are Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Pat Frizzell, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon.

Women to Perform Original and Traditional World Folk Music

Performing currently in 23 different global languages, Women Of The World comes to the Firehouse Arts Center Theater stage in Pleasanton on Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. The award-winning international a cappella quartet (plus percussion) delivers original and traditional world folk music with contemporary twists, and often include chants, storytelling, dance, mouth percussion, and improvisation.

Mentored by Grammy Award winning maestro Bobby McFerrin, WOTW venues have included Carnegie Hall, Boston's Symphony Hall, Kennedy Center, and eminent Jazz stages across the US. They have even done a TedX Talk and United Nations events.

They have performed in 31 languages (and counting) including Bulgarian,

Cuban, Ladino, Brazilian, Turkish, African, Haitian, Indian, Italian and Japanese. The members happily elaborate that they are bonded by their passion to explore sounds, rhythms, and musical vocabulary from all over the world, and their desire promote peace and harmony in the process.

One show only: Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$25-\$35. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance.

"Women Of The World was formed to bring women musicians from across the globe onto a common plat-

form to collaborate and create through the sharing of music," notes their mission statement, "to explore and celebrate the differences in ideologies and cultural tenets that exist in the daily lives of women all over the world."

WOTW founder Ayumi Ueda, a Berklee College of Music alumna from Japan, had sought to create "a multicultural ensemble that not only crossed boundaries musically, but also was committed to the daily practice of peace in their interactions." Ayumi joined forces with like-minded vocal artists, Giorgia Renosto from Italy, Annette Philip from India, Déborah Pierre from USA/Haiti, and Patrick Simard from Canada (percussion) to manifest this vision, and Women Of The World was launched.

Since their beginnings in 2008, the ensemble



Women of the World

has toured extensively in North America and Asia, and collaborated with many renowned musicians, including Bobby McFer-

rin and African vocal icon Angélique Kidjo. Recent recognition includes: 2014 Harmony Sweepstakes

National Champions, nominees for both 2013 Boston Music Awards and 2014 Independent Music Awards.

Valley Concert Chorale to Present a Choral Festival

The Valley Concert Chorale (VCC) will host a choral festival featuring Eriks Ešēnvalds, Artist in Residence. The festival includes two performances where VCC will collaborate with choruses from San Jose State University, Cal State-East Bay, and the award-winning Mt. Eden High School. Details are as follows:

Friday, May 19, 7:30 pm, All Saints Catholic Church, 22824 Second St., Hayward; Sunday, May 21, 7:00 pm, Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco.

Eriks Ešēnvalds is one of the most sought-after composers working today, with a busy commission schedule and performances of his music heard on every continent.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the world of Eriks' incredible and beautiful music, in great acoustic spaces, and with the composer present to introduce the selections to the audience," says John Emory Bush, the Chorale's Artistic Director. "His music benefits greatly from combining choirs as more singers amplify the rich texture he intends to create."

For this purpose, VCC invited local high school and university choirs to participate in the festival not only to enhance the performance of Ešēnvalds' music but also for the choirs' musical enrichment.

"High school and university choirs around the world



Eriks Ešēnvalds, Artist in Residence

are performing his music frequently and this festival allows our participating choirs to sing his compositions and have a personal connection with the composer. It is a thrilling opportunity for the singers and audience alike."

Many of Ešēnvalds' compositions feature music about clouds, stars, nature and the ocean, filled with rich, lush and thick textures that create an extraordinary atmosphere of choral sound. Both concerts will be performed in large

church sanctuary settings with excellent acoustics that will bring these characteristics to life for the audience.

Musical selections include Ešēnvalds' setting of Amazing Grace which is unique, ingenious, and harmoniously impressive, yet true to the spirit of the original hymn and its long history. His Trinity Te Deum is a grand and glorious piece with the addition of brass, harp, percussion and organ.

VCC President Don Plondke is excited about the festival and the opportunity to share the music with the communities of the East Bay and San Francisco.

"As a singer in VCC, I'm looking forward to the festival for a number of reasons. First and foremost is having one of the most sought-after contemporary choral composers in-residence with us to share his thoughts about the subtleties of his gorgeous music, as well as share his experiences in performance with dozens of singers of all ages. Audiences are in for a real treat."

Tickets are \$25 in advance and at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the Chorale's website at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling the Chorale's information number at (925) 866-4003 to order tickets.

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

Larger Than Life Singer Back on Bankhead Stage

Called a “musical force of nature,” singer-songwriter Storm Large uses the power of her voice to connect with audiences. Since she shot to national prominence in 2006 as a finalist on the television show “Rock Star: Supernova,” Large has built her career as a vocalist, as well as successfully pursuing her interests in acting and writing. Last seen at the Bankhead in 2015 with swing band Pink Martini, Large returns with her band Le Bonheur for a single performance on Friday evening, May 19, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Large has been singing since she was a young child. She attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York and spent the '90s singing in clubs throughout San Francisco. Looking for a change of scene, she moved to Portland in 2002 to pursue a new career as a chef. A last minute decision to perform at a local club turned into a standing gig, and she soon had a cult-like following in the Portland area. Although she was eliminated the week before the “Rock Star: Supernova” finale, her time on the show earned her a large and loyal fan base that follows her to



Storm Large

this day.

Large made her debut as guest vocalist with the band Pink Martini in 2011, singing four sold-out concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington,

DC. She has continued to tour with them and was featured on their CD “Get Happy.”

Large has sung with Grammy Award-winner k.d. lang, pianist Kirill Gerstein, punk rocker John Doe,

singer/songwriter Rufus Wainwright, and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer George Clinton. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in 2013 singing Weill’s “Seven Deadly Sins” with the Detroit Symphony.

With her current band, Large released the album “Le Bonheur,” which was described as “sublime and subversive interpretations of the American Songbook ... tortured and titillating love songs; beautiful, familiar, yet twisted.”

Large also starred in the critically-acclaimed production of “Cabaret” with Wade McCollum for Port-

land Center Stage in 2007, and in “Harps and Angels,” a musical featuring the work of Randy Newman in 2010 at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

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Foreign Wars – to ensure a high quality of life for Pleasanton veterans.

Caring for others has long been a part of Frizzell’s life. Before retiring last December, she worked as a Registered Nurse for 41 years, the last 24 for Kaiser Permanente in Pleasanton’s Ambulatory Surgery Center.

“I looked forward to

meeting my patients every day,” she said.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Frizzell was raised in LaGrange, Illinois – one of five sisters in her family. She moved to California in the late '70s and married her husband, Bob, in 1979. They lived in Pleasanton from 1982 until 2009 when they moved to Livermore. Frizzell has

played the French horn with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band for 35 years, and “Volunteered wherever I was needed – schools, church, work, and with American Red Cross blood drives.”

Yet it is her tireless dedication to and work with the military support group that earned her the title of Woman of the Year.

“I love the volunteer work I do with Pleasanton Military Families, our young veterans and our local veteran service organizations. I’ve always felt that I get more back than I give,” said Frizzell. “To be honored like this is a bonus.”

To learn more, visit www.pleasantonmilitary-families.org.

Review

'Evita' Captivates the Audience

By Carol Graham

At fifteen, the young girl escaped her dirt-poor childhood and headed for the bright lights of Buenos Aires. She was a starlet at 22, the president's mistress at 24, First Lady at 27, and dead at 33.

"Don't cry for me, Argentina," sings Eva Perón. "The truth is I never left you. All through my wild days, my mad existence, I kept my promise. Don't keep your distance."

The Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre is presenting the Tony Award-winning "Evita" through May 14 at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Two additional Saturday matinees take place on May 6 and 13, also at 2 p.m.

What makes Evita so captivating is the same seduction that makes one unable to look away from fire: is it beautiful or beguiling, innocent or dangerous, contained or explosive?

In PCRT's sumptuous production, Ashley Cowl seamlessly embodies these dualities portraying Eva Perón.

"Evita is the celebration and condemnation of a powerful woman that uses music to beautifully tell her life story," said Cowl.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A scene from Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's "Evita" playing at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

"The rehearsal process was a quick one, which I appreciate. However with so much material to absorb the last thing you want on your mind is the material. You want the time to explore and play freely. With that, one of the most fun aspects has been researching and reading as much as possible about Eva Perón, and swapping tidbits with our director who is as fascinated as I am."

One's perception of Perón depends, much like

a jewel shifting in the sunlight, on one's vantage point.

"Someone that ruined the lives of many can also be considered to others as their salvation," said Director Misty Megia. "It purely depends on your own personal views, ideals and perspective. Interestingly, this show doesn't provide an ending that wraps everything up in a nice bow or provide insights on how you should feel. Instead it provides an opportunity to

come to your own conclusion."

Evita is a show that leaves audience members hungry to know more. Who was Eva Perón? What spell did she weave on the world during her meteoric life 70 years ago?

It helps to have a brief understanding of her life. Eva Duarte was born in 1919, the youngest of five children, in the South American lowlands. In 1934 she moved to Buenos Aires to pursue a career

as a stage, radio and film actress. She met Colonel Juan Perón in 1944 and married him the following year. In 1946, Juan Perón was elected the president of Argentina, and for the following six years Eva Perón became powerful within the pro-Perónist trade unions, primarily for speaking on behalf of labor rights. She also ran the Ministries of Labor and Health and the charitable Eva Perón Foundation, and championed women's suffrage.

Evita, the affectionate Spanish diminutive of Eva, was destined to become a part of international popular culture. She was said to be a "saint to the working class, reviled by the aristocracy and mistrusted by the military." Yet in death, she would become a legend.

Evita the musical began as a rock-opera concert album in 1976. Its success led to productions in London, where it won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical, and on Broadway a year later, where it was the first British musical to receive the Tony Award for Best Musical.

The show's music, by Andrew Lloyd Webber, covers an eclectic range of styles. Classical music includes the opening choral piece "Requiem for Evita," a choral interlude in "Oh, What a Circus," and instru-

mental passages throughout such as those in "Lament" and "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina." Rhythmic Latin styles are heard in "Buenos Aires," "And the Money Kept Rolling In (and Out)," and "On This Night of a Thousand Stars." Ballads include "High Flying, Adored" and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall."

Headlining the cast with Ashley Cowl are David Sattler as Che, and Christopher Vettel as Juan Perón – both outstanding as they deftly embody the characters and the times.

"I love the nuances that Misty has added to this production," said Cowl. "Her vision of highlighting the parallels between our story and the current political climate is a choice that's provocative and will have people talking."

And thinking. PCRT's Evita is a show that stays with attendees for days - edging back into one's consciousness again and again, its haunting melodies and tragic conclusion luring the mind back in attempts to understand what is not understandable.

Tickets range from \$19 to \$40. The Firehouse is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. To learn more, visit www.pcrt-productions.org, or www.firehousearts.org.

Wente Unveils 2017 Concert Series Performers

For more than 30 years, The Concerts at Wente Vineyards have brought top name performers to the winery's natural amphitheater. The lineup for the 2017 concert season has been announced. Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10 am on 5/2/17, through Ticketmaster only (Ticketmaster.com or Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000).

Concert schedule: Chris Isaak, July 12; Alanis Moris-

sette, July 14; Matt Nathanson, July 18; Kenny Rogers final world tour: The Gambler's Last Deal with special guest, July 26; Diana Krall, Aug. 1; The Band Perry, Aug. 3;

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Aug. 9; Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs, Aug. 15; Seal, Aug. 16; Toto and Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, Aug. 21; Dwight Yoakam with

special guests Los Logos and King Leg, Aug. 24; Smokey Robinson, Aug. 30; Collective Soul, Aug. 31; George Thorogood and the Destroyers "Rock Party Tour 2017," Aug. 19.

Performances are at the Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For information, go to www.wentevineyards.com/concerts

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Announces 2017-2018 Season of Musicals

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre has announced its line-up for 2017-2018, its 34th Season. Three musicals, never produced by the company, will be performed at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

The season opens with the musical, *Bullets Over Broadway*. It runs Oct. 21-Nov. 5. The 1920s come roaring to life with show girls, gangsters and more in this musical adaptation of Woody Allen's madcap film. Loaded with big laughs, colorful characters and the songs that made the '20s roar, *Bullets over Broadway The Musical* is bringing musical comedy back with a bang. Based on the

screenplay of the acclaimed 1994 film by Woody Allen and Douglas McGrath, this six-time Tony-nominated musical features existing hits from the 1920s, including "Let's Misbehave," "'Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do" and "There's a New Day Comin'." The show is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

1776 will be performed Jan. 13-28: Music & Lyrics by Sherman Edwards; book by Peter Stone. 1776 puts a human face on the pages of history as we see the men behind the national icons:

proud, frightened, uncertain, irritable, charming, often petty, and ultimately noble figures, determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation. It's the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence... if only our founding fathers can agree to do it. 1776 follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence. 1776 is presented through special

arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). The *Little Mermaid* will be on stage July 21-Aug. 4. Music by Alan Menken; lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater; book by Doug Wright; originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the

classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl"

and "Part of Your World." Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

All performances are at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Call the box office at 925-462-2121 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

Cigar Box Guitars at Wine Country Fest

Ed Roudebush, a builder, buyer, re-conditioner and commissioner of Cigar Box Guitars, will have his work at the Livermore Wine Country Downtown Street Fest on May 6 and 7. He notes that Cigar Box Guitars are just now being discovered on the West Coast.

He says, "A cigar box guitar (or CBG) is a real guitar, with a real fretboard, real strings, real tuners...and a body made, usually, from a real, used cigar box. The CBG can be made more economically because most of the costs of a regular guitar are in the materials and the huge amount of time and labor necessary for forming the body of the guitar. This is the reason most "regular" guitars are made in China and South Korea today. Our CBGs are exclusively made in America in the workshops, garages and basements of individual artisans and luthiers, mostly in the Midwest and South where the popularity of CBGs has surged over the last few decades.

On his website, he provides a history noting

that back in the 1800's the need for equitable taxation caused the cigar manufacturers to package their product in standard sized boxes. The boxes had to be extremely well-made and be able to keep the cigars properly humidified. So the wood selected for the boxes is very special - exotic, aromatic and very tonal. Most of it is from Central America and the Caribbean. After cigars were sold individually by the retailers, the boxes were merely discarded. Early musicians of America found the boxes to be perfect for guitars,

banjos and violins.

He points out that they are easy and fun to play. Most have only three strings (some four), and are almost always tuned to an open chord.

Roudebush says he has diddley bow, banjos, conjos, guitars, accessories and instructional books and DVDs.

For more information, go to GatorGittar.com

The Fest will take place in downtown Livermore. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 6 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 7.



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3rd Annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival on the Calendar

by Carol Graham

Each year, Jon Sylvester likes to spend some time taking in the scene.

"I love stepping back during the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival and watching people I know or am getting to know come together for a great cause," said Sylvester. "We have so many talented people coming together to give back."

The 3rd annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival takes place on Saturday, May 13, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Shrine Event Center in Livermore.

"It's an afternoon of unlimited pours of beer from 40 great breweries from all over Northern California including many esteemed breweries along the Tri-Valley Beer Trail," said Sylvester. "We'll have five great bands on two stages - one inside and one outside."

Participating local breweries include Altamont Beer Works, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, Eight Bridges Brewing, Working Man Brewing Company, and Main Street Brewery.

"We'll also have the Mad Zymurgists Homebrew Club sharing their members' beer with us," said Sylvester. "New this year we will have a few Cornhole bean bag games going on in one of the side rooms."

Bands performing are: The Up and Down, Conscious Souls, Diego's Umbrella, Stymie & the Pimp Jones Luv Orchestra, and Jeffrey Halford.

Although the festival has expanded, early pur-



Photo - Mike Condie

chase of tickets is recommended as the event sold out its first two years. General admission tickets are \$45, or \$55 at the door. Also available are designated-driver tickets for \$25, and VIP tickets for \$75 which include early entry at noon, T-shirt, reusable logo bag, and assorted coupons.

The Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival will also offer \$5 servings of food from local favorites like Posada, Double Barrel Wine Bar, First Street Alehouse, and the Banks Vault.

"It's a laidback time for the community to come together to party and raise money for charity," said Sylvester. "How can you go wrong with good beer, diverse music, tasty food, and taking care of kids in need?"

Since its founding by a

group of friends, the festival has raised \$60,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children, according to Sylvester.

"Livermore needed a beer fest, and my friends and I wanted to do something for our community," said Sylvester, the festival's director. "The money raised goes to the Shriners' transportation fund, which provides transportation to children from all over the world to the world-class Northern California Shriners Hospital in Sacramento."

The beer fest is a 21-and-over event, with a valid ID required for admittance. Children and pets are not permitted.

"There is limited parking available at the venue. We strongly encourage people to arrange alternate and responsible transportation to the event," said

Sylvester. "Shuttles provided by Black Tie Transportation will leave the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station (not west Dublin) and downtown Livermore starting at 11 a.m., and will be back every 30 minutes for the first few hours depending on demand. Return trips will start as soon as there is demand."

Additionally, the valley's brand new Blue Brew Bus will provide shuttle service from Livermore's downtown parking structure to the Shrine Event Center, located at 170 Lindbergh Avenue in Livermore.

"I hope festival attendees have a good time trying new beers," said Sylvester, "and are inspired to give back to the community in their own way."

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit www.livermorevalleycraftbeer-festival.com.

Chris Lemmon Remembers his Father Jack in "Twist of Lemmon"

Chris Lemmon, son of Hollywood icon Jack Lemmon, brings his personal one-man show "A Twist of Lemmon" to the Bankhead Theater stage on at 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2017. Based on his memoir of the same name, the play is described as a heart-wrenching but ultimately loving exploration of his unique, yet universal, experience of the father/son relationship. The show contains behind-the-scenes stories and an original score by Chris that combines music of the era with his own personal compositions. Tickets for "A Twist of Lemmon" start at just \$35, with \$16 tickets available for students and active military personnel.

Jack Lemmon loved his son Chris. But like many actors, career came first and family life second. It is that relationship that becomes the focal point of this story. Jack starred in over 60 films, was nominated for eight Academy Awards, and won two, for Best Supporting Actor in "Mister Roberts" and for Best Actor in "Save the Tiger." Chris tells his father's story in his father's voice, chronicling Jack's life from birth until his death at the age of 76. Chris enralls audiences sharing tales and insights into Jack's relationships, both on and off the screen, with producers, directors and legends like James Cagney, Gregory Peck, Marilyn Monroe, and his best friend Walter Matthau.

With a career spanning



over 30 years, Chris has starred in over 25 feature films including "Just the Ticket," "Lena's Holiday," and "That's Life." Chris also starred on several television series on major networks including "Knots Landing" on CBS, "Brother & Sisters" on NBC and Fox's situation comedy "Duet."

As he opens the play, Chris remarks that he has often been asked what it is like to be Jack Lemmon's son and how do you "follow in the footsteps of a giant?" Chris came to realize how important it was to understand just who his father was and what their relationship meant to them both. In "A Twist of Lemmon," he shares the stories and music that brought them close together when everything around them conspired to drag them apart, and how they truly became the best of friends before Jack's death in 2001.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Volunteers Out in Force on Community Day of Service

More than 650 volunteers of all ages from eight local church congregations rolled up their sleeves and joined forces for a Community Day of Service on Saturday, April 22.

Participating congregations included St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox, Sunset Community Church, Mar Thoma Church of San Francisco, Asbury United Methodist, Our Savior Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. Bartholomew's, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Volunteers tackled clean-up and beautification at sixteen different sites around Livermore.

Two library locations

and nine Livermore schools benefitted from a variety of projects. A small army of volunteers sanded and painted, picked up trash, and spread bark in playground areas of school campuses. The Day of Service, which coincided with Earth Day, found others working with Adopt-a-Creek to remove trash from local creeks and trails. Volunteers also gave fences and corrals at Hagemann Ranch a fresh coat of paint.

Thirty additional volunteers, armed with scissors and sewing machines, sewed more than 350 tote bags to be donated to a local food pantry and the Livermore Homeless Ref-

uge center.

A barbecue lunch brought hungry volunteers together after the completion of the service projects to eat and build friendships. Jeff Shafer, who coordinated the projects for the City of Livermore Public Works Department, thanked the assembled volunteers and commended the coalition of faith groups who cooperated to improve their community.

Mayor John Marchand spoke briefly, expressing appreciation and quoting Rabindrinath Tagore, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."



Volunteers work on playground.

Sandia Donates Funds to Open Heart Kitchen

Sandia National Laboratories presented Open Heart Kitchen with \$5,000 donation at their central kitchen in Pleasanton on April 20, 2017. The grant, made possible by Lockheed Martin's Gifts and Grants program, will help the food bank recover after a fire devastated one of its largest meal service sites.

"Sandia's generous contribution helps Open Heart Kitchen continue its work to fill the nutritional needs of people in the Tri-Valley," says Heather Greaux, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen. "By meeting our guests' basic nutritional needs, they can focus their limited resources on other critical needs such as housing or medical care. We are thrilled to have Sandia's support."

The award was given in response to a severe structure fire at Open Heart Kitchen's location at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Livermore. This integral location served 250-500 meals per day, the second

highest volume in Open Heart Kitchen's network. The food bank has had to secure temporary accommodations while Vineyard Christian Fellowship rebuilds. Open Heart Kitchen

is the largest hot meal program in the Tri-Valley with more than 350,000 hot meals served per year.

"Open Heart Kitchen is a critical safety net for our friends, family and neigh-

bors in the Tri-Valley," says Madeline Burchard, Community Relations Officer at Sandia/California. "It is our hope that this gift can provide some relief for the organization."



Pictured, from left, are Madeline Burchard (Sandia), Heather Greaux (OHK Executive Director), Clare Gomes (OHK Operations Director), and Lisa Gragg (OHK Head Chef)

Landscape Photographer to Present Workshop

The Pleasanton Public Library will present a free workshop with Dianne Mao, a landscape photographer based in the San Francisco Bay Area. This workshop will take place in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 2 to 3 p.m.

As an avid traveler, Dianne was searching for her next adventure when a photography team invited her to join their month-long backpacking expedition to Patagonia. Famous for its rugged mountain peaks, dramatic skies and stunning glacial formations, Patagonia offers an unearthly atmosphere that attracts both adventure-seekers and photographers alike. Dianne and her team traveled by foot through the South American region, braving high winds, snow, heavy rain, and crossing through rivers, mountains and valleys to capture the beauty of the majestic landscape.

For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400, ext. 4. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Craft Program at Rincon Branch

On Friday, May 12, 2017, the Rincon Branch Library will host a craft program from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm. At this event, recycled egg cartons will be turned into beautiful flowers. Adding a little color and some creativity, participants will end up with a unique and pretty "bouquet" of flowers, just in time for Mother's Day.

Participants should bring an old soup can from home to decorate and use as a vase for the bouquet. Cans will not be provided, however ribbon will be available to tie the bouquet together, if the participant chooses not to bring a can.

This is a free event, designed for children ages 4 and up. No registration is required. The Rincon Library is at 725 Rincon Ave.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

California's Wild Edge: The Coast in Prints, Poetry, and History, capturing the beauty of the California coast through woodcut prints and prose, a new traveling exhibition appearing at Pleasanton's Museum on Main through June 25. The exhibition features artist Tom Killion's Japanese-style woodcut prints, which vividly portray the coast's ever-changing moods and diverse formations. For more information, visit www.exhibitenvoy.org. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. www.museumonmain.org

Special Art Exhibit — "View Beyond the Gate." Curated exhibit of works by Northern California artist Glenn Carter. May 4 through June 10, Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton. Complex, fascinating abstract works, comprised of mixed media on canvas and panels, and oil and thread on paper. Artist statement: "This work is rooted in the intuitive response to materials and mark making. The evocation of space, time, matter and being." The Firehouse installations will be located in the triple-storey Grand Atrium Lobby, Hallway, and Mezzanine exhibition spaces, and open to the public during regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations appreciated.

Fresh Works VII, Annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition. Annual show of Greater Bay Area artists of all kinds opens at the Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery on Saturday, May 6, running through June 3. RECEPTION & AWARD CEREMONY: Gala opening reception with the artists on opening day from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. This year's installation features 66 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Ryan Reynolds, San Jose artist and arts professor at Santa Clara University, who will give an informal talk during the awards segment at 1:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5. For more info: 925-931-4849 [Call: 925-931-4849], or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. **YOUNG@ART** Special Event titled "Fresh Paint:" Special activity for kids ages 5-11. Thursday, May 18, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Students will visit the exhibit and discuss the works and techniques, then head upstairs to the art studio and create some art projects related to what they have learned. Parents can register their children at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 64240. \$15 Pleasanton residents, \$20 non-residents.

The Essential Figure 2017, 9th annual

fine art show sponsored by Livermore Art Association featuring figurative art. May 19-21, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Reception, Sat., May 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Open Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Art in the Vineyard, May 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Livermore Art Association, Spring Art Show, June 10 and 11 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days; reception, awards and dessert bar, 7 to 9 p.m. June 10.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

PAL & LAA General Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2017, 7:30 pm at the Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest Artist: Barbara Stanton, Digital Drawing with iPad

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

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2017 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture and are held in Peggy's studio. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

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 LARPD. Mondays at 11:00-12:00. Call 373-5700 for LARPD..

Show and Tell. Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by some of the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreper-formingarts.org

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.

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

WINE & SPIRITS

McKahn Family Cellars will officially open its doors for the first time the weekend of May 6 and 7, from noon to 4:30 pm. They are strictly by appointment only, so please use VinoVisit to schedule a tasting at their new location on Vasco Road in Livermore.

Retzlaff Estate Winery, Annual Mother's Day Picnic Sunday, May 14. Featuring Tumble Down House, Reservations Required retzlaffvineyards.com or 447-8941, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

Wente Vineyards: Garden Tour & Workshop Series: Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk. 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

Charles R Vineyards is celebrating Cinco De Mayo with a Sangiovese Release on Saturday, May 6th from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Celebrate Cinco De Mayo with Charles R. Picnics welcomed. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville Road) in Livermore

Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works events: Cinco de Merlot, May 6, noon to 4 p.m. Taste a cup of Chef Raymond's special Chorizo and chick pea soup paired with our 2015 Merlot - Compliments of Cedar Mountain. Open Heart Kitchen fundraising, noon to 4 p.m. May 7 for First Annual "Drink to Donate" fundraiser at the winery. 15% of our tasting fees and wine sales will go to Open Heart Kitchen. During the month of May the winery will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 in the Tasting Room. Win a Cedar Mountain Wine Basket full of goodies. Wine Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m. May 17. wine tasting, wine by the glass/bottle. Put a cork in it, noon to 4 p.m. May 20 and 21. Earl has created a special "Red Blend" table wine for this event. Port table wine will be available for bottling. Bring a clean & dry 750 ml wine bottle,

fill, cork and label it for only \$10 per bottle (table wine). Port bring a clean & dry 375 ml port/wine bottle, fill, cork and label it for only \$17 per bottle. Use our bottle for \$18. Bring a 750 ml bottle and fill it for \$32. 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore.

"White Party in the Vineyard" in celebration of National Chardonnay Day. Wente Vineyards, Sunday, May 28, 2017: wines, a delicious bite, live music. Each ticket includes admission, lunch and a commemorative Govino wine glass. Tables and decorations will be set, guests need only come dressed chic in all white (as a nod to Chardonnay). \$65. This event is 21 and older. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted. Wente Family Estates, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. 456-2300. www.wentevineyards.com

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.

Wine Country, pairing of wine and art, 8 p.m. May 5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Del Valle Fine Arts, Sotto Voce, tuba quartet, May 6, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, 9 a.m. to noon May 9, Farmers Market, 30 W. Angeles St., Pleasanton. Concert of Non-Disney Movies Music.

Community4Education, Sat., May 13 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Performances by local music groups from 4:00 to 6:30 pm on the Bankhead plaza. At 7 pm, the music moves inside the Bankhead for a fundraising concert featuring acoustic guitar duo The LK Project, jazz string combo Night Harvest, and the folk and bluegrass sounds of Crawdad Republic. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800 for ticket information for evening event.

Storm Large, 8 p.m. May 19. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, May 20, 7 p.m. prelude talk, 8:15 p.m. concert, Arabian Nights, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Celebration of Life: Mission Peak Cham-

ber Singers are joined by the choir of Livermore First Presbyterian Church and professional orchestral players in the performance of Dan Forrester's Requiem for the Living, a prayer for rest. While requiems are traditionally for the deceased, this masterpiece is meant for the living and their own struggles with pain and sorrow as they seek peace. The concert will also feature Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, a collection of three exuberant and animated psalm settings for choirs, harp, organ and lots of percussion. Sunday, May 21 4:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

Women of the World, "Believe in the Power of Music!" Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$25-\$35. Award-winning international a cappella quartet plus percussion. Original and traditional world folk music with contemporary twist...and in 23 languages. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, during regular center hours, plus 2 hours before the show if not sold out.

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornets, USO Camp Show Capers, 2 p.m. May 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

Asleep at the Wheel, 8 p.m. June 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Doo Wop Project, 3 p.m. June 11. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

San Francisco String Trio Presents Sgt. Pepper, Sat., June 17, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella" Beautyshop Quartet. 8 p.m. June 24. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

ON THE STAGE

Evita. Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents the dynamic, Tony Award winning musical. Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, April 29 through May 14. Stunning music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, lyrics by Tim Rice. Don't Cry for Me Argentina, What's New Buenos Aires, High Flying Adored, Another Suitcase in Another Hall, and many more. Opening night Saturday, April 29. Shows run through Sunday, May 14: Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays matinees at 2 p.m. Check website or box office to confirm availability. Reserved seat tickets are \$19-\$40. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad

Avenue, Pleasanton.

20th anniversary Playwrights' Theatre scheduled by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. Eugene O'Neill's Shell Shock and Rita Creighton Smith's The Rescue will be seen on a single bill on Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. Tickets for the Playwrights' Theatre program are available on-line at the O'Neill Foundation's website, www.eugeneoneil.org or calling (925) 820-1818. Seating in the Old Barn is limited so early reservations are suggested.

Forever Plaid, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. When four young singers are killed in a car crash, they posthumously take the stage for one final gig in this goofy, 1950s nostalgia trip. Performances Saturdays and Sundays, May 6th through May 21st, 2017 at the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward. Information www.trivalleyrep.org. Tickets online at www.dmtonline.org, by phone at 510-881-6777 or at the DMT box office, 22311 N. Third Street, Hayward.

Wendy Wasserstein's comedy/drama "An American Daughter." Encore Players 8 pm Friday and Saturday May 12 and 13 and 2 pm Sunday, May 14, at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets. The Livermore production will be presented as a fully staged reading (set, costumes, lights, etc.). Tickets for "An American Daughter" are \$25 and go on sale at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore, by calling 373-6800 or at www.bankheadtheater.org.

A Twist of Lemmon, 8 p.m. May 12. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Spy Pilot Chronicles, Tues., May 23, 7:30 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. United States Air Force fighter pilot Brian Shul's aircraft was shot down during the Vietnam War. Unable to eject, he sustained major injuries and barely survived. Now retired after 20 years, Shul shares breathtaking airborne images and his inspiring comeback story filled with an unforgettable message of achieving triumph over tragedy. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Black Girl, Funny World, June 9, 8 p.m. Jewish dancing, Irish blessing and a Soul Train Line, Faith Rodman Alpher new show. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival: Summer 2017 productions William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 29 — July 16, 2017; Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac; July 13 — 30, 2017. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery. 10 performances of each show in July of 2017. livermoreshakes.org

COMEDY

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

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



On Sunday, April 23, the Music Pathways All-Stars entertained the residents of The Watermark at Rosewood Gardens retirement community with a 30 minute acoustic performance. Featuring four guitarists and five violinists, the group performed an eclectic medley of traditional and contemporary tunes, ranging from Pachelbel's Canon to the theme from Star Wars. Music Pathways is a non-profit program that provides music instruction to qualified Livermore youths ages 14-18. The Wentz Foundation for Arts Education funds the program. Jim Hurley serves as its artistic director.

Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.
Capitol Steps, 7:30 p.m. May 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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 for a list of films and more information.

DANCE

Valley Dance Theatre Presents Spring Rep 2017, May 27, 7 p.m., May 28, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Tiffany's Dance Academy features Twinkle Star Dance® as the foundation of its dance program. Created by Tiffany's Dance Academy founder, Tiffany Henderson, Twinkle Star Dance® is a dance curriculum for ages 2-6. Registration is underway. For more information call (925) 447-5299 or visit online at www.tiffanydance.com.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions: Bullets Over Broadway - musical comedy. Audition dates May 15 and 16, 7:30 p.m. first come-first-served basis; no appointment needed. Callbacks (by invitation only): June

2 at 10:00 am dance called followed by singing and readings. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Rehearsal Space 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101, Pleasanton. Audition info found at www.trivalleyrep.org

VOLUNTEER

CHORAL

The Choral Project in Concert: Celebrating 21 years of musical excellence, The Choral Project's programming is broad and diverse, including early music, world music, contemporary works, gospel, spirituals, and jazz. This 50-voice mixed choir has received top awards from some of the world's most celebrated choral festivals. Works include music by Jake Runestad, Morten Lauridsen, Ola Gjielo, and Craig Courtney. Artistic Director Daniel Hughes Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Donation: \$20 at the door. Visit www.catholicsofpleasanton.org, www.choralproject.org.

Cantabella Children's Chorus 2017 Spring Concert, celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a Jubilee Concert, Shall We Gather by The River, on Saturday, May 27 with concerts at 1 and 4 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. 1 pm concert features the Training Choirs, grades K-5, and select Performing choirs. The 4 pm concert showcases the Performing Choirs, grades 6-12, and a special Alumni performance. The award winning young singers will perform folk, sacred, classical and contemporary selections in various languages. Adult Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door. Youth under 18 are free (restrictions apply). High school students are welcome free without accompanying

adults. To purchase tickets online, go to cantabella.org/tickets

OPERA

Opera In The Vineyard at Nella Terra Cellars, June 11, 5 p.m. Nella Terra Cellars, 5005 Sheridan Road, Sunol. <http://livermorevalleyopera.com>

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring Fair, Sat., May 6, noon to 5 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. Free admission, activities wristband \$5. Farm activities, music, gardening tips, farm fresh vendors, tractor drawn wagon rides, and more. 556-4500.

26th Annual Livermore Wine Country Festival, May 6th & 7th, downtown Livermore. Two days of wine & beer tasting, outdoor dining, boutique shopping, arts & crafts vendors, live entertainment and family fun zone. Livermore Downtown Inc. <http://www.livermoredowntown.com>

An Evening with Louisa May Alcott: Tuesday, May 9th, 7 pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

77th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show, Sat., May 13, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Exhibitors enter roses 8-10 a.m. Show open to public 2 to 5 p.m. with awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the City of Pleasanton and Alain Pinel. For information, call the Alain Pinel office and ask for Leslie or Marti, 251-1111.

Livermore Heritage Guild annual auction:

Live and silent auctions will include a player piano, rickshaw, organ, vintage architectural pieces, barber chair, a chance to tour a ranch, take horseback riding lessons, or ride on a fire truck in a parade, and much more. Saturday, May 27th, Duarte Garage, North L Street at Pine Street and Portola, Livermore. Doors open 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., auction 7 p.m. No ticket needed to attend auction only. Dinner tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets on sale now at the Carnegie Library, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, Wednesday-Sunday 11:30 - 4:00 P.M. or online at www.livermorehistory.com For more information: 925-449-9927

History Detective Day, June 3, 1 to 4 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. \$5 per person. Members of the Dublin History Preservation Association and Tri-Valley Genealogy Association will be

on hand to provide information how to conduct a family history search. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

1st Wednesday Street Party, 6 to 9 p.m. downtown Pleasanton, Wed., June 7. Theme "Jump into Summer." Free. www.pleasantondowntown.net

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 10, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore. Presented by the Livermore Rotary Club. www.livermore-rotary.org/
Livermore Rodeo, June 10 and 11, Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. Grand entry 3 p.m. www.livermore-rotary.org/

An Evening with Huey Long: Tuesday, June 13th, 7 pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at

www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Bonsai Show at Alden Lane. The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net
Alameda County Fair, June 19 - July 9, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibits, concerts, 4th of July fireworks, contests. (closed June 19 and 20 and June 26 and 27). Tickets and schedule at www.alamedacountyfair.com

Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra Summer 2017

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra (LASYO) is offering a four-week summer session to musicians aged 11 (or in 6th grade) - 21. The repertoire will include pieces by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Piazzolla, Shostakovich, plus Arensky's "Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky." The orchestra will practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center from 7:00-10:00 p.m. A July 21 dress rehearsal and a public evening performance on Saturday, July 22 will conclude the program.

This summer's music directors are Don Adkins and Göran Berg. Program coordinator Betsy Haus-

burg says, "This year we will have two directors at every rehearsal to allow the students to have sectionals and receive extra coaching. We are also privileged to have many mentors from the Livermore-Amador Symphony to assist the young musicians and enrich their experience."

Hausburg has been a member of the Livermore-Amador Symphony for 39 years as its tuba player. She recalls, "For most of those years, as a mother of three daughters who played a variety of instruments, there was nowhere for children of the Tri-Valley to play in a "real" orchestra. The middle and high schools have string ensembles and

bands, but not a full symphony—which is an amazing experience. I remember what it felt like to go from being one of 12 tubas in college to the only one in a symphony, to hear real French horns, oboes, bassoons, trombones, let alone all those amazing strings."

To apply, send in registration forms by May 15. Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for new players and from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for returning players. More details, fee information, and registration forms are available at livermoreamadorsymphony.org/lasyo. Any questions, contact Betsy Hausburg at vdt.director@gmail.com.

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Merril Smoak to Retire After 39 Years at Trinity Church



Associate Pastor Merrill Smoak leads singing.

Associate Pastor Merrill Smoak ended almost thirty nine years in ministry at Trinity Church in Livermore on April 28. Pastor Smoak came to Trinity Church in June 1978 as the Music and Youth Minister and will retire as Associate Pastor of Music and Worship.

Smoak is a graduate of California Baptist College. He received a Masters Degree in Church Music from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Subsequently, while at Trinity Church he earned a doctorate (DWS) in worship studies at The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Jacksonville, Florida.

In 1997, Smoak received the Duane Barrett Life Time Achievement Award and in 2014, The Joseph Daniel Excellence in Music Leadership Award from the California Southern Baptist Convention. He has mentored many church musicians while serving at Trinity and as an adjunct at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley. His mentoring included not only music skills but helping members grow in their Christian faith. He truly is, and will continue to be, a "pastor" to many people. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Although leading congregation singing with a strong voice was his greatest joy and passion, Smoak was also known as an unrepentant prankster. None of the church staff escaped his attention over the years. He once completely filled a new youth minister's office with inflated balloons.

On Saturday, April 22, Merrill's years at the church were celebrated at a dinner attended by over 150 family members and friends. Surrounded by eighteen members of his own family, the evening was filled with fond remembrances highlighting the thousands of hearts he had touched over the years.

On Sunday, April 23, Trinity Church celebrated Merrill's ministry and retirement with a church-wide luncheon and reception. The reception was capped with the presentation of a new fly fishing rod so Merrill could pursue one of his favorite pastimes. Upon retirement, in addition to planned outdoor sporting activities and traveling with his wife Donna, Merrill will be teaching worship and music at the Gateway Seminary in Fremont as an Adjunct Instructor.

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Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets Mon., May 7, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. at Congregation BethEmek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Ralph F. Severson, Oakland Family Search Library Director. His topic will be Ferreting Out Obscure Sources Using Family Search. There is no charge. Visitors are welcome. For additional information contact: Kay Speaks, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated presents guest speaker, Joseph Sweeney, at its May 11 meeting. Sweeney is the managing partner of American Executive Services, a security consulting firm providing executive consulting services to a broad range of government and other entities within the greater Northern California area. Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. Social time: 6:30 pm - meeting begins 7PM Reservations due by May 9, 2017 RSVP TVRWF members: \$ 30.00; guests: \$ 35.00. Call Phyllis Couper 925-462-4931 or email coupclan1962@pacbell.net Include all names and a phone number.

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF) invites everyone at no charge to our regular monthly meeting to hear Luong Tam (Lu) speak about Tenkara Fly Fishing, equipment and techniques. Tam who is a recognized speaker, author and rod builder and will speak on recent developments in Tenkara fly fishing. Lu will demonstrate and provide practice rods at 6:30 PM before the meeting. About 7:30PM he will discuss techniques in all aspects of using Tenkara equipment to fly fish including how it applies to dry flies. Visitors are welcome. Monthly meetings feature guest speakers who share their knowledge of the sport. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month, September through June at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. For more information, contact Roger Perry, President of Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, at President@Tri-valleyflyfishers.org

Amador Valley Quilters general meeting on May 13, 2017 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The program will be "Useful and Enjoyable Quilting Techniques" presented by twelve different AVQ members. Participants will have the opportunity to attend each demonstration in a round robin schedule. Guests are welcome.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, May 7, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 4 to Athene, 846-0111. May 12, 12:30 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by May 10 to Marilyn, 583-5829. May 18, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by May 16 to Mary,

705-7337. May 2-, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by May 13 to Ruby, 462-9636. May 21, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 18 to Ruby, 462-9636. May 25, 4:30 p.m. pizza party dinner in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 22 to Athene, 846-0111. May 28, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton. RSVP by May 25 to Pat, 846-3808.

CityBlast 4th Annual Day Camp for 2017, at Maker Fun Factory. This Day Camp is for all Tri-Valley kids entering 1st-6th grades in the fall of 2017. June 20-23 (Tuesday - Friday), 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Emerald Glen Park / Soccer Fields Central Parkway, Dublin. \$40 per child or \$70 per family (scholarships available) Registration forms available on the CityServe website - www.cityserveofthetrialvalley.org

NAMI Tri-Valley general meeting, May 5, 7:15 to 9 p.m. at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Community Room B, Livermore. Kara Carnahan, Director of Health and Wellness, Abode Services, will address the topic Housing and Homelessness. She talk about Abode service's "front door" programs including HOPE Project outreach services, In-Home Outreach Team (IHOT), Sunrise Village Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, and Project Independence. Lora Ashworth, Program Manager for Home Stretch, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless, will be talking about Homestretch, Alameda County's Coordinated Entry for Permanent Supportive Housing. Information, Rosemarie @ 925-487-8766.

7th Annual Golf Tournament Friday, May 19, 2017 sponsored by Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. & Wentz Family. This event has special meaning this year as it is the first event of the two day festivities of the 125th LHS Anniversary Celebration on May 19 & 20th. Registration is now being accepted at www.livermore-highalumni.com or www.mkt.com/lhsaa. Questions? Jim P 925-548-8108 or Kristin 925-784-1367

A Sale of Treasures, sale benefiting Feral Cat Foundation. Wonderful things include: dish sets, clothing, games, furniture and lots of miscellaneous stuff. 8801 Davona Drive, Dublin, on Saturday, May 20 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. All proceeds go to helping spay and neuter the feral cats in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Ice Cream Social/Spring Open House with St. Michael Parish Cub Scouts, Pack 903, all boys currently in grades pre-K/TK through 4th and their families are invited. Wed., May 10, 7 p.m. Jackson Avenue Elementary School, 554 Jackson Ave., Livermore. Pack 903 is open to all boys who are interested in scouting with a Christian orientation. Contact Vivian Hackett for more information at (716)573-3907 or vivian.hackett@yahoo.com

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 meeting 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. 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. All are welcome.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Sat., May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Raymond's Hall, 11555 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. 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

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

Grief Workshop - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 pm now through August 24, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. 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

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

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.

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 [\[leyrotary.org/\]\(http://leyrotary.org/\) or contact Fred Quarterman at 925-337-5342 or Deb Tacker at 925-447-1135.](http://www.livermoreval-</p>
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Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. 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: Parkway, 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

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

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

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress

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League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

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

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 or email Neal Cavanaugh at 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, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationssam.org, email operationssam@comcast.net

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

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow

bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

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 an office in Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

RELIGION

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

a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship at 9 a.m., with childcare and children/youth Sunday School. For information visit www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950.

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. 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/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9AM & 10:30AM. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9AM and on Weds. eve. from 7-9PM. AWANA meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinity-livermore.org or 925-447-1848.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartslivermore.com. Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

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

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathway-communitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 South-front Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Sunday worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school through May 21. Summer schedule is one service at 9:30 a.m. May 28-Sept. 3. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. www.lynnwood.org. 925 846-0221.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake: Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St: Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). www.LivermoreQuakers.com

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

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

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

Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

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

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

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

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road while its new facility is being prepared. Services include band-led worship music, Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org (925) 846-4436.

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

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

Discovery Church of the Nazarene, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM

Gateway Church, 811 Marylin Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit gatewaylivermore.org or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be hosting its annual Lag B'Omer picnic potluck on Saturday, May 13 from 10:30 - 12:30. This event will take place at Athan Downs Park, 2975 Montevideo Dr. in San Ramon. Please bring: a picnic dish to share, an outdoor toy (frisbee, ball, etc.), and be ready to participate in our fun and hilarious annual watermelon toss.

#Visit My Mosque will take place this Sun., May 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pleasanton Mosque, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd. From 2 to 3 p.m. drop in for a reception, snack and a drink. Chat with a Muslim neighbor, tour the Mosque. 3 to 5 p.m. hear from five practicing Muslims explain the Islamic faith and clear misconceptions. No registration is required. mcc-listens@mceastbay.org

Milestones

EDUCATION



Pictured are Officer Jason Swick, Officer Brandon Soto, and Officer Mario Guillermo.

Pleasanton Police Officers Sworn In

Three new lateral Police Officers have joined the Pleasanton Police Department. Officers Jason Swick, Brandon Soto and Mario Guillermo were sworn in on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017. They will begin patrolling Pleasanton as solo officers once they complete an approximate sixteen week field training process.

Officer Swick grew up in Antioch, California and graduated from Deer Valley High School, where he was a two-sport athlete competing in both Baseball and Football. He went on to attend San Francisco State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Swick has worked as a patrol officer for the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety for the last nine and a half years. His assignments included working as a Burglary and Gang Detective, as a member of the Gang Enforcement Team, as a member of the Santa Clara County Gang Task Force and most recently as a Vice and Human Trafficking Detective.

Officer Soto was born and raised in Merced, California and graduated from Merced

High School. He possesses an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Merced College and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute & University. Prior to coming to Pleasanton, Brandon worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Merced County Sheriff's Office, a position he has held for the last ten years. During his time at the Sheriff's Office, Brandon worked as a Defensive Tactics Instructor, Field Training Officer, Patrol Deputy and was a member of their SWAT team. In addition, Brandon is a Defensive Tactics Instruc-

tor for the Merced College Police Academy.

Officer Guillermo was born and raised in San Ramon, California. He graduated from California High School and attended Diablo Valley College, earning an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice. Mario attended the Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Training Center and then joined the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office where he has worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the last two years. He also was a member of their Special Emergency Response Team.

Monica Joglekar of Livermore and several other Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine master of biomedical sciences (MBS) students will be inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society on May 6. Alpha Epsilon Lambda was founded in 1990 with the specific objective of recognizing the academic and leadership accomplishments of graduate and professional school students.

Among other qualities, requirements for membership in Alpha Epsilon Lambda include a grade point average placing the student in the top 35 percent of campus graduate students and a record of leadership and service to graduate students or graduate student organizations.

The Grove City College Debate Team wrapped up its 2016-2017 season in dominant fashion by winning an overall national championship as well as several individual ones and securing a place as one of the most successful teams in College history. Among the members of the team is Alisa Randall of Livermore

The team secured a national championship at the National Christian College Forensic Invitational in Phoenix, Arizona, at Grand Canyon University. The squad won the overall debate prize in Division II. That win follows a championship in the American Enterprise Institute's annual debate tournament in February. Also in February, the team travelled to Bowling Green State University to debate in the open division against University of Illinois, Oberlin College, and

Notre Dame. The novice team of Alisa Randall '20 and Meghan Moran '18 made it to semifinals before being eliminated on a 2-1 decision. In the fall semester, the team successfully competed at the 2016 Chief Justice Invitational held in October on the campus of Marshall University. In November, the team competed at Bowling Green State University where Voell and Jorstad won the NPDA open finals, novices Chris Ostertag '20 and Dickson won the top NPDA novice award, and Nick Robison '19 won the open IPDA division.

Alexander Kuang, a graduating senior at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, has been named one of 722 semifinalists in the 2017 U.S. President Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from nearly 5100 candidates. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 1,241 students earned straight-As (4.0). Another 4,481 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local students are: Dublin: Straight-A Average: Makenna N. Elias, Sophomore, Anthropology. 3.5 or Better: Natalie H. Miller, Senior, Chemical Engineering. Livermore: 3.5 or

Better: Erica N. Damianakes, Junior, Liberal Studies; Andrew R. Funderburk, Senior, Natural Resources. Pleasanton: Straight-A Average: Jesse J. Lin, Junior, Sociology; Zachary J. Pinard, Junior, Environmental Sciences. Madison R. Johnston, Sophomore, Human Devel and Family Science; Neal E. Mankins, Senior, Earth Sciences; Emily K. Meier, Sophomore, Biology; Tully Montgomery, Junior, Pre-Bioengineering. Sebastian G. Perry, Freshman, Economics; Daniel J. Rodriguez, Sophomore, University Exploratory Studies; Annabell K. Schulz, Sophomore, Psychology; Olivia L. Smith, Freshman, Pre-General Engineering.

University of San Diego student, Christopher Garcia, majoring in Marketing and class of 2017, networked with alumni and employers in Las Vegas, through USD's Career Development Center. Christopher Garcia from Pleasanton interacted with alumni and employers currently with top Las Vegas companies such as Colliers, Caesars Entertainment, Zappos, and Penn National Gaming.

The University of Minnesota Crookston's Pratima Thapaliya, of Dublin, received the President's Volunteer Service Award at Annual Awards Recognition. The President's Volunteer Service Award is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. To learn more about this prestigious award, visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

Pleasanton School District Teacher of the Year Recognized

Mario Hurtado, U.S. History, Economics, and Leadership teacher at Village High School, has been selected as the 2017-2018 Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Hurtado has been teaching at Village High School since 2012. Serving PUSD's at-promise students at Village, Mario works to inspire and instill a passion for learning in all of his students.

"He makes every day meaningful. Students look forward to going to his class because he inspires them to learn," said Village High School Principal Dana Chavez. "He sets the bar high for every student and himself. He's transformative; when students come out of his class they are different people."

Village High School student Mariah Raygoza stated, "Mario is incredibly positive 24/7. He is someone that's really helped me get out of my bubble. It's cool to come into class every day to be excited. You feel really happy

to be in his class, it's hard not to."

Hurtado believes in modeling positive behaviors in his classroom. He completes every assignment and test he gives to his students, partnering with them in their learning.

"Learning needs to be a shared experience. I teach to help students meet their maximum potential," said Hurtado. "If I want them to meet their maximum potential, I need to continue to meet mine."

Every month he organizes trips for his students and Village staff to Glide Memorial Church to help serve food to the hungry. He also participates in PUSD's mariachi program, learning to play bass with other students who were playing an instrument for the first time.

Mario's name will be submitted to the Alameda County Office of Education for the county's Teacher of the Year program.