



Find Out What's Happening

Check Out Section A

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

Council Votes to Halt Eastside Pleasanton Planning Process

The Pleasanton City Council rescinded its decision to hold an advisory vote on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan process this coming November 2015.

A staff report listing a cost of between \$494,844 to \$618,555 for the special election convinced the council to change its mind.

The vote was 4 to 0 to bring back a resolution at the council's June 16 meet-

ing. The resolution would address stopping both the planning and environmental review process and disbanding the task force. There would be no parameters on when the process might resume. The eastside planning would become part of the council's priority setting process.

Issues raised over the past several years would be part of the priority setting

discussion.

Councilmember Karla Brown wanted to make sure that the discussions would include the urban growth boundary and traffic.

Councilmember Kathy Narum agreed that there are a lot of questions that need to be answered including water, transportation funding, public sentiment, and schools.

The eastside planning

began in 2012 with the appointment of a task force. Last August, the task force removed all multi-family housing and reduced the potential number of units in the preferred plan from 1759 to 1300.

Issues raised by members of the public during the process include the availability of water, school overcrowding, traffic, and the need to move the urban growth

boundary to accommodate growth. In addition, it was pointed out that the city does not need to zone the area for housing. It currently has enough land to meet its regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) numbers through 2022.

Mayor Jerry Thorne stated that given the new information, "I think one thing we can agree on is that (See EASTSIDE, page 4)

Ahmadi to Become Castro Valley Superintendent

Parvin Ahmadi will leave this month as superintendent of the Pleasanton Unified School District to become superintendent of the Castro Valley School District July 1.

Ahmadi made the announcement last week in an e-mail to district members. She was contacted about the coming retirement of Castro Valley Superintendent Jim Negri, who was an assistant superintendent in Pleasanton a few years ago.

Ahmadi has served Pleasanton for five years. Previously she was an assistant superintendent in the Fremont School District.

Ahmadi said that the change was not an easy decision for her. "I have absolutely loved serving the Pleasanton community for the last five years. I am, however, very excited about starting a new journey in Castro Valley, a wonderfully diverse school district serving preschool to adults," said Ahmadi.

"I look forward to working with another stellar team of educators and a wonderful team of trustees who have a deep commitment to educating all children. Being in Alameda County, I hope to find opportunities for collaboration between our districts," added Ahmadi.

Ahmadi described the top achievement during her

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Valley View Elementary School's PTA hosted its annual Multi Cultural Fair on Friday, May 29 at the Pleasanton School. Each class performed either a song or dance from a particular country. There were booths representing the traditions, games and food from many countries. Special guest performances were provided by other schools.

Parking Garage, New Council Chambers Added to List Of Projects

The Livermore City Council agreed to include funds to design a new parking garage in the downtown and a new council chambers where the old library was located in the capital improvement program (CIP).

The determination on construction of the two facilities would be made at a later date, when the council has more information on an asset management program.

The council discussed the potential to fund the garage and chambers during a budget workshop last Monday that included both the operating budget and the CIP. The budget covers a two year period from 2015-2017.

The council direction called for staff to provide a policy that at the first budget update in September, that would deal with one-time requests. These could include a sunshade for the plaza stage in front of the

(See PROJECTS, page 5)

Delay Water Slides to Open Diamond Park, Say East Dubliners

The Dublin City Council approved an update of the city's park and recreation facilities plan, and heard residents ask for a delay in Emerald Glen Water Park construction until the drought is over.

Residents in the Jordan Ranch and Positano neigh-

borhoods told the council May 19 that since the drought's end is unknown, it's better to re-prioritize Sean Diamond Park, so children will have a place to play.

Sean Diamond Park had

been projected to open in 2016. However, the coun-

cil shifted money to other park priorities, and delayed the Diamond opening until 2020.

Approximately a half-dozen speakers said that Diamond would be across the street from a school, and is very much needed there. Further, many children have

no back yards in which to play, so they have to play on asphalt, said one speaker. "I don't know why the builders built like that," he added.

Positano Ranch resident Joy Ward said, "Diamond Park is not really a 'want it.' It is a need for all of our community, and for all of

Fallon Village," including the future Amador Elementary School.

Andrew ShamRao said that he represents 100 petition signers. He said that people are working on water conservation above state goals, but Dublin is moving

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Talk On Versatile Detector To Identify Disease Germs

A versatile detector being developed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to identify virtually any pathogen will be discussed next Wednesday evening at a regular meeting of the Valley Study Group at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

The detector is called the Livermore Laboratory Microbial Detection Array. Speaker will be Thomas Slezak, a Distinguished Staff Member at the Laboratory who is extending lessons learned in the Human Genome Project to the detector's development.

The event begins at 7 p.m.

Slezak notes that international travel and the threat of terrorism have increased the range of pathogens to which we may be exposed. He will discuss the need for the U.S. to break away from a single-disease focus, such as was recently directed toward Ebola. He will also talk about obstacles to incorporating technological advances to pathogen identification into the U.S. health system.

Reservations and advance payment of \$32 per person are required by this Saturday, June 6, for dinner and the talk. To make arrangements, phone (925) 447-8876 or send an email to VSGPresident@gmail.com.

Visitor Center, Sunshade for Plaza Stage Among Amenities Suggested for Funding

Adding a sunshade to the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater, revamping the Bankhead Theater lobby to accommodate a visitor center, and moving ahead with a hotel/conference center were among the items proposed for funding by those speaking during a Livermore City Council budget workshop on Monday.

The council workshop reviewed the 2015-2017 budget and capital improvement program (CIP) on Monday.

There was no action taken to include proposals made by members of the public in the CIP. However, the council did support looking at funding for the sunshade and visitor center during the first revise, 90 days after the budget becomes effective on July 1.

Councilmember Stewart Gary suggested that the city consider the plaza as part of the community and the visitor center as part of

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the economy. He said that requests for funding for the two could be considered in the fall as supplemental requests, along with health and human services that have not been funded through grants.

Councilmember Bob Woener said that items proposed during the public hearing should be part of the conversation. The canopy and visitor center both seem very compelling.

Councilmember Steven Spedowksi said he agreed with a lot he had heard, adding that both the sunshade and visitor center are worthy projects.

Mayor John Marchand said that the visitor center should be considered as an opportunity to bring people into the downtown.

Councilmember Laureen

Turner commented that all of

the proposals related to the Bankhead were great.

Lynn Seppala, who has

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come together to celebrate the sciences, technology, engineering and math as we recognize the creation of element 116. Scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Flerov Institute in Dub-

na, Russia collaborated for over ten years and successfully created a new element, Livermorium.

"Livermore is one of only 6 cities in the world to have the distinction of having an

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PET OF THE WEEK

O'Kittie is a talkative, active 2-year-old who can jump right in the busy mix of a big family! The grey tuxedo likes a lot of attention and has tons of energy for playing games. Adopt O'Kittie today at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby



Dublin Partners in Education Walk for Education raised \$10,000. All of the city's schools participated. There were carnival games and prizes for children, family friendly vendors, and auction items including Oakland A's box seats, golf, a weekend getaway, wine tasting and more. Fredriksen Elementary School won the "Most Walkers Award" of \$500. The school also won the "Most Spirited" award. They won desserts for the entire school. The Dublin High Gaels Catering class is making and delivering desserts to Fredriksen. Principals Sheri Sweeney of Fallon Middle School and Joe Romagna of Green Elementary walked away with a new pair of running shoes courtesy of Step into My Sole. Awards were presented for the top laps completed in each age group. Each won a new pair of running shoes. All proceeds go to DPIE and Dublin Schools. For more information, go to www.DPIE.org

LIVERMORIUM

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element named after it and to appear on the periodic table of elements," he added.

His remarks were followed by awards to students for their achievements in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

Golden Bell Awards were given to transitional kindergarten (TK) SPROUTS students from Altamont Creek Elementary School. Other students recognized were participants in the Livermore Science Odyssey, Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair, and recipients of Edward Teller Scholarships.

Amy Robbins, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, said that children, at a very young age, ask how, why and what, showing a desire to engage in critical thinking.

She said that all of the district's schools offer programs designed to enhance STEM learning. All eight elementary schools offer SPROUTS (students participating in readiness opportunities using themes in science) for TK students.

Last December, the SPROUTS TK program was recognized by the California School Boards Association as a model early learning program. The district received the Golden Bell Award.

Robbins said of the students recognized during the event, "They are our future."

That view was echoed by Patricia Falcone, Deputy Director of Science and Technology at the Lab, as she presented the Teller Scholarships. They were given to Granada High School's Danny Sun and Katherine Johnston from Livermore High School.

Falcone commented, "We are here celebrating Livermorium and its discovery at the Lab named from a great scientist, Ernest Lawrence. Together, he and another great scientist, Edward Teller, founded the Lab. They understood the importance of education to maintain a study stream of scientists."

The two scholarship winners received checks for \$1000 and a Livermorium pin. Sun plans to major in computer science; Johnston in computer applications and modeling.

Guest speaker Brandon Cardwell, executive director of i-GATE, described some of what the future may hold as scientific discoveries make their way to the private sector through start-ups at i-GATE.

One involves POC Medical Systems, which has licensed 11 patents from Sandia and Lawrence Livermore National Labs to produce a device that can be used as a cancer diagnostic tool in developing countries. Analyzing one drop of body fluid will determine what type of cancer and at what stage it is, said Crandell.

Another project in the works involves outer space and the use of anti-matter that would make it possible to reach Alpha Centauri in a human lifetime. "That's cool stuff," Crandell stated.

He continued, companies will tackle problems in water, food, energy and biomedical in the future. "They will take existing technology and apply it in ways that were never thought of. That is creative thinking. I love the addition of 'A' for arts to STEM to create STEAM," Crandell concluded.

Marchand pointed out that POC's cancer diagnostic tool will allow samples to be analyzed at a cost of \$2 per test.

He declared, "Livermore continues to be a remarkable City. By encouraging these next generations of scientists, Livermore will continue to be a leader for new and innovative technologies."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
As part of Diversity Week at Croce Elementary School in Livermore, students were treated to a performance by Lion Dancers on Monday. Following the performance, students got a chance to try on one of several baby lion heads and also bang away on the drums. During the rest of the week, presenters represented Native Americans, Hispanic culture, the Vishnu Temple in Livermore, African music and dance by Cheza Nami.

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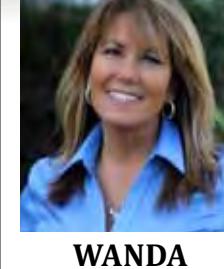
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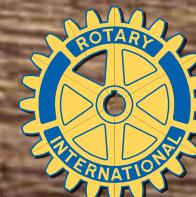
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Fatality in Fire

One fatality was reported at a fire on May 27. The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) with assistance from the Alameda County Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire at 6539 Southfront Rd. in Livermore at 1:38 p.m. On their arrival, they found a fifth wheel trailer with fire coming out the windows and roof. The trailer next door was also starting to burn. Bystanders reported that someone was inside one of the trailers. Fire crews were unable to enter the trailer due to the intense heat of the fire. The second trailer was searched and no one was found. Within less than 10 minutes the fire in the trailer was knocked down and a fire victim was found inside.

The fire was limited to the two trailers. Livermore PD evacuated the other trailers in the area. Both trailers are a total loss due to the fire. The occupant of the second trailer was able to relocate and stay with family.

A total of 17 firefighters from the LPFD and Alameda County Fire Departments worked at the scene. No injuries to the firefighters were reported. The Alameda County Coroner was on scene and removed the victim. The identity of the victim is being held until family members have been notified.

The Livermore Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department are investigating the fire. Any possible witnesses to the fire are encouraged to call LPD at (925) 371-4777.

County Receives National Award

The Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council (SPLC) announced that Alameda County is one of four national recipients selected for SPLC's 2015 Awards for Leadership in Sustainable Purchasing.

Alameda County was awarded the Purchaser Leadership Award for a Special Initiative for implementing initiatives that supported small local business suppliers of copy paper, encouraged use of 100% recycled paper, and facilitated other government agencies to use of the County's lower cost contracts. The award recognizes a purchasing organization whose work with a specific purchasing category, issue, or supplier demonstrates exceptional leadership in improving the environmental, social, and economic performance of its supply chain.

Alameda County requires government use of 100 percent post-consumer recycled copy paper. The County actively pursued bulk contracts that reduced the additional cost of paper, enhanced paper recycling programs, and engaged in paper use reduction programs across departments. The new contracts support small, local office supply companies, encourage paper recycling markets, and ultimately reduce the product lifecycle and environmental impacts associated with making paper, such as deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and water use.

Alameda County's shift to using only 100 percent post-consumer recycled copy paper – and its parallel efforts to reduce overall paper use – have resulted in an estimated annual savings to local taxpayers of approximately \$120,000.

To learn more about Alameda County's sustainability programs at: <http://www.acsustain.org>

LARP Honors Trail Builders

The Board of Directors for the Liver-

more Area Recreation and Park District viewed a slide presentation from Volunteers for Outdoor California (V-O-Cal) on their trail building project at Sycamore Grove Park. The Board honored V-O-Cal for their efforts in building two loop trails recently in upper Sycamore Grove Park.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in a Budget workshop to review the draft preliminary 2015-16 District Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets. The Board also provided direction to staff on the three-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget for 2015-18.

The CIP budget includes playground renovations, Sycamore Grove enhancements and large capital asset repairs. Specific projects may include playground upgrades for May Nissen, Big Trees and Pleasure Island parks; interpretive nature education at Sycamore Grove Park, plus trail connections and renovations; May Nissen pool building roof replacement; upgrades and renovations to Ravenswood Historic Site; improvements to Garaventa Wetlands Preserve; and exploring parking lot expansion for the new Cayetano Park.

Democratic Club Endorses Sanders

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club (TVDC) has endorsed Bernie Sanders for President of the United States of America. The club believes it may have been the first to do so.

TVDC members feel at this stage in the 2016 election process it is more important to back someone who speaks for TVDC members rather than someone who can attract the money it takes to get elected. According to a TVDC press release, "When Bernie Sanders speaks out on income & wealth inequality, getting big money out of politics, climate change and the environment, he speaks for us."

Sanders will face Hillary Clinton.

"Sanders comes from the people; he has worked his way up from Mayor of Burlington Vermont to Congress and in 2007 the US Senate. He has paid his dues and understands from town hall meetings and face to face encounters with voters, how Americans feel today. He does not walk in the world of the rich and powerful, nor will he court the rich and powerful. His power will come from the people for whom he speaks," stated Eloise Hamann, TVDC Political Director, explaining her support for Bernie Sanders

Police Chase

On May 31st at 11:15 p.m., Pleasanton police officers located an occupied stolen vehicle leaving the parking lot of Chevron, 1797 Santa Rita Road. Two males and two females were in the car. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle when the driver fled, resulting in a vehicle pursuit.

The pursuit started in Pleasanton, continued onto the freeway and ended in Livermore at Isabel Avenue and Vineyard Avenue after the vehicle ran out of gas. The driver, Joshua Millard, was arrested. The three passengers were identified and released. Millard was on parole and admitted to stealing the vehicle. There were no damages or injuries during the pursuit.

Millard was charged with evading a police officer, possession of a stolen vehicle, vehicle theft, and violation of parole.

Oath of Office

Glazer Takes Oath of Office

Newly-elected State Senator Steven M. Glazer (D-Contra Costa) was sworn in to represent Senate District 7. Glazer won a special election to fill the vacancy of former Senator Mark DeSaulnier, who was elected to Congress. He released the following statement describing what drew him to public service as far back as his childhood in Sacramento:

"I was a 13-year old taking the bus on Freeport Boulevard to volunteer on a campaign for Governor in 1970 because I thought elections mattered. I have always felt the pull of public service as the highest calling. And so I am here today humbled and honored to serve with some old and new friends in this State Senate."

I thank the members of the Senate for their warm welcome. I especially thank the voters of the 7th district



Governor Jerry Brown administers the oath of office to Senator Steven M. Glazer (D-Contra Costa) on May 28, 2015. Glazer's wife, Melba Muscarolas holds the family Torah. Photo - Lorie Shelley, Senate Rules Photography

for their trust in my ability to represent them in the Capitol of the greatest State in the Union."

Before his election to the State Senate, Glazer served in local government as a city councilmember, three-time

mayor of the City of Orinda, and as a senior advisor to the Governor of the State of California. He and his wife have two daughters. Glazer is an alumnus of San Diego State University.

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Summer Reading Programs Begin

The Pleasanton Public Library will unveil its 2015 Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Each year, a theme is selected for the reading incentive game. On opening day of the program, the library staff arrives at work in costumes that coordinate with the program theme.

This year, the Children's Librarian has selected a theme of Destination Read, which continues through August 2. Children of all ages can sign up for the program by visiting the Children's Department of the library. Prizes are claimed when read-happy tourists complete 10, 20 and 30 hours of reading. Participants can extend their reading fun by completing a bonus card to become eligible for a prize at the conclusion of the program.

Last year, approximately 4,000 Pleasanton youngsters



signed up to participate in the Summer Reading Program. The library plans activities for children of all ages. The musical beat of Mary Spalding's Caribbean drum trio Steel Jam kicks off Wow Wednesdays on June 17 at 2:00 p.m. Free summer movies are scheduled on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. for ages 7 years old and up. Space is limited and all programs will require a ticket that can be claimed (at no cost) at the Children's Desk, (925) 931-3400, extension 3.

one half-hour before the start of each show.

Research shows that children who continue to read during the summer months avoid the "summer slide" and retain or improve upon the skills they acquired during the school year. To support this effort, the Pleasanton Public Library offers an annual summer reading game. Participating in the summer reading game is a simple, economical and fun way for children to prepare for the upcoming school year.

For more information about Destination Read and a complete listing of the library's exciting programs and activities, visit our website at <http://www.cityofpleasanton.ca.gov/gov/depts/lib/default.asp> and click on Programs and Events, Children's Calendar, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400, extension 3.

Enrollment Still Available to Teachers

Space is still available for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) 2015 Teacher Research Academy (TRA), which kicks off in June. The TRA offers middle and high school science teachers and community college faculty, professional development curriculum during the summer months at the Edward Teller Education Center (ETEC) at LLNL. Teachers are given the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Laboratory and experience the application of real-world science in an environment teachers seldom experience.

The academy model allows teachers to progress through four levels of instruction with each level building on the knowledge and experience of the preceding level. Participants engage in a continuum of standards-based instruction in line with Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), enabling them to progress from novice to mastery in a variety of scientific disciplines.

The TRA will be held in June and July. Participating teachers will experience the nature of science through direct involvement and use of science equipment, processes and practices found in research labs. They will meet LLNL scientists, visit research laboratories, observe science being performed in a lab and will learn technical writing skills to better communicate scientific information.

There is a \$20 registration fee per workshop and U.S. citizenship is required to participate in the

TRA. Register online at: <https://education.llnl.gov/programs/teacher-research-academies/registration>.

Visit the LLNL Science Education Program website <http://education.llnl.gov/> for more detailed information about the TRAs. <http://education.llnl.gov/teachers/teacher-research-academies/academy-model> and other educational outreach programs.

For questions, contact Joanna Albala, LLNL education outreach program manager, (925) 422-6803, or e-mail albalaj@llnl.gov.



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EDITORIAL

Water Planning

The severity of the current drought in California has led local water officials to study the potential to expand the Valley's recycled water capabilities.

The Tri-Valley Water Policy Roundtable consists of representatives from Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Livermore, Pleasanton, Cal Water and Zone 7.

Both DSRSD and the City of Livermore have the capability to produce recycled water at their wastewater treatment plants. However, only about 1 percent of the total available is being utilized to water landscape. The remainder travel through pipelines for disposal in the Bay.

Using recycled water for irrigation frees up potable water for drinking, cooking, showering and other household uses.

If storage were available, estimates are that use could rise 5 to 10 percent. The cost of the water would also increase.

Using reverse osmosis filters would eliminate the need for storage, as well as expand recycled water use by 15 to 20 percent. The highly filtered water could be injected into the groundwater basin or stored in Lake Del Valle. Also, money would be saved by eliminating the need to install a special system to carry recycled water.

DSRSD owns RO filters, and would only have to refurbish equipment to launch the operation.

In the past, injecting RO water into the underground basin was controversial with concerns about the levels of filtration and what might be left in the water.

Elected officials at the meeting expressed interest in studying the use of RO.

Given the slow response on the part of the state when it comes to looking at options for future sources of water, it is heartening to see action on a local level. It may be too late for this drought, but given future water level projections, planning now would make future droughts easier to handle.

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because of the cost, it makes no sense to put an advisory measure on the ballot this November."

He noted, "The message is pretty clear. We need to stop the EIR and planning process. If we do decide to pause, developers and landowners might look at other options that don't have as much impact, such as age restricted housing, which has no impact on schools."

Councilmember Arnie Olson, who lives adjacent to the planning area, recused himself from the discussion. However, he spoke during the public hearing. He urged the council to stop the planning and EIR process. "It has become a divisive issue because of water and the next RHNA cycle." In the future, if a preferred plan were adopted, voters should be given the chance to make their views known, added Olson.

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Scott Raty urged the council to put the brakes on the process. Put the plan and EIR on the shelf. Bring them back when uncertainties such as water and funding to help with traffic become more clear.

AHMADI

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time in Pleasanton as working with the board, teachers, and administrators to find ways to improve learning conditions for all children, with a focus on serving the underserved.

"Our focus has been on equity, which resulted in finding ways to do whatever it takes to ensure that all students, regardless of their economic status, or ethnicity, are able to fulfill their dreams," she said.

Pleasanton School Board

President Valerie Arkin said that during Ahmadi's superintendency, "We've done a lot of new things. It's good work."

At the June 9 meeting, the board will discuss the process of conducting a search to find Ahmadi's replacement. Arkin said that with the district's high reputation, "We are confident that our excellent school district will attract a large pool of well-qualified candidates for the position."

Gary Issues Apology for Comments

Livermore Councilmember Stewart Gary apologized to his fellow councilmembers for remarks he made following the public hearing and vote on plans to expand the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area into 3000 adjacent acres known as Tesla Park.

The vote during a special meeting on May 18 was 3 to 2 with Laureen Turner, Steve Spedowfski and Bob Woerner voting to oppose the expansion.

At the meeting on Carn-

egie, Gary accused the council majority of coming into the meeting with their minds made up. He suggested that supporters of the expansion use a freedom of information action to gain access to the majority's emails to look more closely at their relationship with Friends of Tesla Park, and also to look at campaign contributions.

Prior to the start of this Monday's council budget workshop, Gary stated, "I would like to apologize upfront. I tripped every breaker

of behavior. I went too far with my comments about the council. I violated council norms of behavior and how we deal with each other."

Gary said that as a consultant he has worked with many councils. "This is the best council in the state. I appreciate your service and enjoy working with all of you."

Councilmember Bob Woerner stated, "What you say means a lot to me. I have enjoyed working with you over the years."

Gary's remarks regarding asking for emails has triggered four requests under the public records act.

City Clerk Susan Neer said that she is in the process of reviewing over 2100 emails. She anticipates completing the review sometime next week.

She said that the word "Carnegie" has added more emails to the review process, because of the downtown Livermore Carnegie Park.

Neer added, "Responding to requests for public records is just part of my job."

MAILBOX

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Manipulating the System

Terry Givens
Livermore

I would like to publicly thank Council members Laureen Turner, Steven Spedowfski and Bob Woerner for the lesson on manipulating a City Council meeting. On Monday, May 18, an, "open," meeting was held to discuss the draft EIR for the Carnegie SVRA. The meeting was to listen to staff reports and public opinions on the proposed expansion of the Carnegie Park. In doing so the City Councilmembers would have enough information to make a knowledgeable and informed decision. Or at least that is what I understood.

The Friends of Tesla had requested the City of Livermore to support their cause and oppose the expansion of Carnegie Park. The existing off road facility and the proposed expansion area is owned and operated by the State of California Parks Division. The City Council was being asked to take a stance on an area that is outside the City limits, outside the City "sphere of influence" and which it has no legal grounds to do, oversight or operation of either site. Council was being asked to go on record even after city staff brought to everyone's attention that as of this time NO State, County and local agency that currently has a legal obligation to both sites have taken a stance one way or another on the subject. Councilwoman Turner stated that "Livermore should lead the way."

Now for my education. One can look up The Friends of Tesla website and then click on Friends and lo and behold you will see that The Friends of Tesla is supported by "Livermore City Council Member Laureen Turner, Livermore City Council Member Steven Spedowfski and Livermore City Council Member Bob Woerner.

These three names have been posted for quite some time. Here lies one of the problems. Laureen Turner, Bob Spedowfski and Bob Woerner were not supporting The Friends of Tesla as individuals, (as is their right) they were showing their support as City of Livermore Council Members. They are speaking on yours and my behalf. These three have taken upon themselves to represent the City of Livermore prior to having heard the requested (by each member of the city council) input from city staff. Was this a thinly veiled attempt by The Friends of Tesla to create a misleading situation and have the public believe that The Friends of Tesla had the City of Livermore City Council support?

Why did the City Council Members, which these three represent the majority, request staff to spend time and money to prepare a report that they had already made a decision on? Why was the public invited to express their views and opinions, when in fact they had al-

ready made up their minds? Do they expect us to believe that after going public with their support that that they were willing to change their stance after hearing from staff and the people they represent? This wasn't going to happen. In my opinion, they went through these steps to cover their behinds. What we had here is three of five councilmembers who have already gone on record in supporting, "The Friends of Tesla," enduring staff reports and public presentations on an issue they had already publicly decided.

On Monday night May 18, 2015, in council chambers and in front of a capacity crowd of people, our council listened to staff and sat through countless presentations of opinions from both sides. Then after a brief recess Council members made personal statements and then a request for a motion was called for. Councilwoman Turner immediately had a motion ready, which was seconded by Councilman Spedowfski. Oddly this motion was not to dispute or challenge the Draft EIR, but to oppose the expansion! What? Then... Councilman Woerner made a motion to amend Councilwoman Turner's original motion. After much discussion with legal staff on his motion to amend, he received a second by who else... Councilwoman Turner. Votes were taken on the amendment and then the original motion each passed on a three to two vote. But Councilwoman Turner was not done she had a second motion which she made and again was seconded by Councilman Spedowfski.

Oddly this second motion is to request staff to continue to review the EIR as it moves through the process...this for a project they had just voted to oppose. Then, yep you guessed it, Councilman Woerner had another motion to amend Councilwoman Turner's original motion, which again after legal staff input was seconded by who else Councilwoman Turner. Votes were taken and the amendment and the motion passed three to two.

What did I learn? It appears that three individuals used their elected positions as representatives of the citizens of Livermore to support The Friends of Tesla a position in which the City of Livermore at that time had not taken an official position.

I learned that when they saw the sticky position they got themselves into, they used staff and the public to their advantage and regardless of what was said they got together and voted as a block to cover their behinds. Regardless of ones' position on this cause one must be cautious on how three individuals used their elected position to benefit their cause.

both sides of the issue.

But later, at 155:44 if you are watching the tri-valleytv.org stream, Councilmember Gary took Livermore politics to an impressive, if not record-setting low. Reading the minds of his peers, Gary declared three council members came in with theirs made up (waving a previously printed website and reading from prepared remarks, one imagines he also had a pretty good pre-meeting idea of his position) and then called for retaliation against his political rivals through activist public records requests of emails and campaign contributions.

Finding it not enough to disagree or to write a letter of protest, he proposed a modern day equivalent of the Nixon enemies list to bring government investigations to bear on his opponents. The transgression was great enough that Mayor Marchand lost track of the evenings' proceedings and nearly adjourned with half the discussed motions still lying on the table.

As it happens I disagree with CM Gary's position on Carnegie / Tesla, but I value the ability to disagree and reconnect on other issues.

Mayor Marchand voted with Gary, and against my position, but did not similarly call for a witch hunt of those who oppose him and I look forward to agreeing on future issues.

I ask CM Gary to apologize for the characterization of his peers as somehow disingenuous, and revoke his call for retribution against his political rivals. It is too late, as our already overloaded city staff is busy responding to requests spawned by Gary. While Gary has apologized for his behavior at a non-television public meeting, it would be important to make a retraction in a televised city council meeting of his mean-spirited accusations against his fellow councilmembers. This is not the spirit of endeavor or style of discourse in our town. We have a higher level of respect for each other and the ability to disagree without being enemies. That's something I hope we can all agree on.

Not a Good Choice

Bree Klotter
Livermore

I've been following the Carnegie Park expansion discussion for the last few months. I understand and respect both sides of the issue.

I've listened to presentations by both sides, but it wasn't until I had a chance discussion with a ranger with LARPD that I realized that there was a problem with the expansion. Here is the problem:

Based on testimony given by supporters of the expansion into the Tesla area, ORV riders prefer riding at the Carnegie site during the winter time. They prefer this time because the temperatures are cooler and the grounds are wet/muddy. Totally understandable if you are an ORV rider.

The California Tiger Salamander is on the endangered species list and is known to reside in the Tesla area. The Tiger Salamander typically lives in abandoned ground squirrel burrows, only coming out during breeding season. Breeding season starts after the first significant rains (the muddy season). The salamanders are known to travel distances of up to 1.3 miles to find vernal pools in which the females can lay their eggs. Males follow the females

and fertilize the eggs soon after they are laid. Both adult male and female salamanders return to their burrows after the eggs are laid and fertilized. This means that this endangered species is on the move during the time that the ORV folks are most likely to be in the park and riding around. In order to protect this endangered species, the park managers will need to block off huge sections of land around all vernal ponds (a radius of at least 1.3 miles or approximately 3400 acres) in the Tesla property during the tiger salamander breeding season. Depending on where the vernal pools are, this could easily put the entire Tesla property off limits during the salamander breeding season, which is when the ORV folks are most likely to be using the park.

All things considered, I don't think that the Tesla property is a good choice for expansion of the ORV park if folks are truly concerned about protecting the California Tiger Salamander, an endangered species.

Sewage Rates

H. Robinson
M. Robinson
Livermore

At the City Council meeting on May 11, 2015 we sat through a presentation on a proposal to raise a billion dollars in reserves for Sewage Collection and the Treatment Plant in Livermore. Charts and graphs depicted how Livermore taxpayers will be paying higher sewage rates each year starting in July 2015 to raise this money.

No factual data regarding the current physical state of the Sewage Collection System or Treatment Plant in Livermore was presented.

The presenter stated that he had sent out 26,000 letters to taxpayers and received only 5 letters of protest against the rate increase. These "letters" were in the form of a lengthy tri-fold with information that was not only difficult to understand, but time-consuming to read. Buried in this "letter" were a few lines asking readers to respond in writing if one was in opposition.

Many of us are working taxpayers, often with very little time to read, understand, and analyze lengthy proposals and even less time to send a written response.

The presenter asked for a 6.2% increase in rates each year for the next two years, with over 5% increase for the third and fourth years, and another increase for the 5th year. The council agreed to a two year rate increase starting in July 2015.

Mr. Mayor and Council Members BEFORE you finalize any increase in sewage fees the following questions must be addressed:

- Where is the Master Plan for the Waste Water Collection System and Treatment Plant?
- How many miles of collection system (lines) does Livermore have?
- What is the present condition of this collection system i.e. main trunk and feeder lines? (Since the city does a regular TV Inspection of the system, you must know the condition of these lines in the different areas).
- Have you graded the system according to areas that are "good", lines that need immediate repair, and those that can wait?
- What plans do you have for (a)repair, (b)replacement?
- What methods are you

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coordinated Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) events in the Plaza in front of the Bankhead, proposed the idea for a sculpture that doubles as a highly functional sunshade. "It will enhance the experience of attending events in the Livermore Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater, and allow more events to be held there."

The issue relates to the location of the stage, which in the afternoon is in the direct sun. Seppala pointed out that starting times for events had to be set as late as 6:45 p.m., when the stage was shadowed. "LCAC considered weekend afternoon concerts, but gave up that idea because of the sun."

He provided conceptual drawings of the proposal, which consists of a permanent structure and a deployable fabric sunshade. He noted that the sculpture overlaid with fabric would shade the sun on summer afternoons and early evenings; it will have architectural significance, whether the fabric is up or down; and will complement the Bankhead Theater's facade.

He told the council that early engineering calculations give a cost estimate of \$480,000. "So far, interested parties said that they could cover \$200,000. We are asking the City to share half,

investing a two-year total of \$240,000 to make the Livermore Plaza a stunning venue. The remaining funds will be raised from other sources. Some funds could come from a Commission for the Arts grant. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has offered to manage the project, since LCAC cannot receive funds from the City."

Representatives from LVPAC endorsed the sunshade proposal and offered an idea of their own, creation of a visitor center within the Bankhead Theater.

Jean King, LVPAC Board Chair, noted that the theater is under-utilized during daytime hours. It would be beneficial to use the lobby as a visitor center open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To create the visitor center, the box office would move to the interior of the building where concessions are currently located, and the concessions would move into the lobby.

King said, "We think the wineries, labs, historical and cultural groups and the city with its Livermorium celebration and other events may want to use the visitor center to promote their programs."

She said that the changes could be completed for a cost of \$40,000.



Drawing of proposed sunshade over plaza stage.

Scott Kenison, executive director of LVPAC, echoed her statements, adding, that the winegrowers have expressed interest in using the prime downtown location to help promote the wineries. "There has also been positive feedback from others in the community, such as i-GATE, Premium Outlets, and Innovation Tri-Valley, who see the need for an outlet to provide visitor with information about all of the wonderful things that Livermore and the surrounding area have to offer."

A written statement from Stephanie Beasley, Sandia Economic Development Officer, noted that the Sandia National Labs/California site is supportive of the development of a visitor center in downtown Livermore.

"Having a facility where individuals and groups can learn about the diverse culture of the Tri-Valley would be an asset to the community. Our diverse area thrives on the innovation that takes place at both National Labs as well as the technology and wine region that surrounds us. In many cases, the innovation and technology being developed in our region is rarely known to locals and even less known to those visiting the region.

A visitor center would create an opportunity to showcase these assets. Sandia would be willing to provide content for displays in the facility on our mission work and the Livermore Valley Open Campus."

Beth Wilson, secretary of Livermore Cultural Arts Council and musician with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, said that a sunshade would allow earlier starting times for performances. "The awning is beautiful whether the sunshade is up or not."

Livermore-Amador Symphony music director Lara Webber said that instruments are damaged by the sun. There is a need to wait until the performance area in the Plaza is in shade to perform. That limits the time and those who can enjoy a performance

Executive Director of the San Francisco Premium

Outlets Dave Ackerman saw

the proposed visitor center as an opportunity to provide information to the millions of visitors to the Outlets. "My hope is that more of my people move into the rest of the community to see what is offered in this wonderful slice of Americana." He noted that information and signage could direct people into the downtown and wine country. "It has no impact on business in the Outlets. They create a bridge connection with Livermore."

Susan Mayall raised the issue of a need for a full service hotel and conference center where conferences and meetings could be held and tourists would have a place to stay.

Speaking for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Linda Seaver from the public affairs office, said that the Lab hosts thousands and thousands of

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One person died in a small plane crash in Northern Livermore shortly after takeoff from the Livermore Airport. The crash started a grass fire which was put out by fire crews who responded to the emergency. The pilot of the single-engine Piper PA22 plane reported control problems shortly after taking off from the Airport.

SPORTS NOTES



Fusion SC recently honored graduating U18 Premier Players, many of who are moving on to play soccer at the collegiate level. The hope is to make the dinner an annual tradition. A special mention of recognition went to Matthew Dremalas and Tony Jimenez, who have played soccer in Livermore with Fusion SC every year from U5 all the way through U18. Matthew will head off to St. Mary's College to play collegiate soccer and Tony will be studying and playing soccer at Las Positas. Also recognized at the dinner were Salvador Alatorre - Las Positas College; Ryan Chaney - CSU Stanislaus; Osiris Chavez - Las Positas College; Chris Douglas - Las Positas College; Omid Eibagi - Las Positas College; Matthew Dremalas - St. Mary's College; Chris Goldhawk - Las Positas College; Tony Jimenez - Las Positas College; Marcos Melendez - Las Positas College; Nolan Parker - San Francisco State; Angel Salazar - Las Positas College; Erick Salgado - Las Positas College; Jeremy Schuler - BYU; Tylor Silva - Cal Poly (SLO); and, Matthew Wells - Washington State.



The Livermore Fusion U13 Girl's Maroon Team closed the Premier Spring League in strong form with a win over second-ranked Walnut Creek. Livermore's stellar defense held Walnut Creek scoreless. In the second half, Ashley Rawashdeh passed to Lily Redell who popped it in for the 1-0 win. Pictured is the winning Fusion team (front row, from left) Shae Hill, Ellie Flora, Jessica Vasquez, Ashley Rawashdeh, Lindsey Sutton, Nina Fillari, Kendall Sutton; (top row, from left) Lily Redell, Sarah Lopez-Quintana, Erin Murphy, Kayla Galo, Kelsey Hoopes, Emily Krakoski, Danielle Castro, and Coach Alec Taylor.



Two of Fusion SC's U18 Maroon Boys players received the prestigious Granada-Livermore Olympian Award. This award was given to Matthew Dremalas and Tylor Silva for their excellence in academics, athletics, citizenship and overall character. The Livermore-Granada Olympian award was established in the 1940s to honor one graduate from each high school in Livermore. Fusion league expressed pride in the two players for their effort at Fusion Soccer Club and the Livermore community.

Wild Comes Home with State Title

The U17 Girls West Coast Wild have been following in a tradition of exceptionally talented soccer players. West Coast Kryptonite was the first West Coast team to win the State Cup back in 2011. Kryptonite went on to win the Premier Cup championship in 2012 and the State Championship again in 2013. Kryptonite won all of the biggest local tournaments along the way as well as the regional and National championship.

The Wild began to blaze their own trail as they have been in the state cup final the past three years and won all three. Wild defeated top quality teams along the way, sporting in the quarter-finals and Deanza Force in the semifinals, then posting a 4 to 0 win over long time rivals Juventus Zebre in the state final.

Along with a regional championship and a national championship, Wild have become a dominant team, reaching the #1 National ranking this year.

Wild will have the chance to defend its national title in Indiana this July. In addition to the national title, the Wild will be competing in the USYSA Western Regionals in June.

The coach, Troy Dayak, has guided his team to 2 National championships, 2 Regional championships & 6 State championship since the clubs inaugural year in 2011.

For more information on team Wild go to www.westcoastsoccerclub.com

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the '2015 Pacific Swimming Orinda Aquatics Long course meter C/B/A+ meet on May 30-31 at Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga, CA.

Representing the Seahawks: Brooke Bennett age 7, Gauri Chawla (9), Alexis Messina (7) with 6 new best times, Jessica Tsai (7) 2BT, Raghav Vats (8) 2BT, Paige Bennett (9) 7BT, Zoc Chu (10) 8 BT, Adora Do (10) 4 BT, Alcina Kenny (9) 7BT, Aven Lee (10) 8 BT, Florence Rui Lin (10) 3 BT, Sydney Lu (10) 2BT, Rhea A. Oswal (10), Dahlia Versteeg (10) 4 BT, Crystal Wang (10) 8 BT, Aaron Caparaz (10), Justin H. Im (9) 3 BT, Brycen L. Martin (10) 6 BT, Aven Shen (10) 2 BT, Alexander Suen (9) 3 BT, Gordon P. Tam (10) 3BT, Aiden P. Wong (10) 5BT, Dominick Wonosa-putra (9) 2BT, Kevin Yuan (10) 8 BT, Emily L. Chen (12) 5 BT, Lauren E. Jhong (11) 6 BT, Olivia H. Kim (11) 7 BT, Mackenzie J. Lee (12) 6 BT, Jocelyn L. Martin (12) 5BT, Emily Tsai (11) 7 BT.



The 2nd baseman fields a ground ball in a Granada Little League game between the Majors Yankees and Rangers. Granada Little League will hold its closing ceremonies on Saturday, June 6th with games and events throughout the day. Photo - Bill Nale



Granada Little League Farm division action saw the Orioles take on a tough Rockies team. Both teams played their last game of the season and were coached very well throughout 2015. The Orioles had a great year in the batters box and playing defense. The 2015 Farm Orioles team included Jaiden Machado, Manaea Faiaipa'u, Nico Aumua, Manning Dekay, Adriol Munoz, Tanner Bingham, Logan Simonetti, Brayden Benjamin, and Brandon Hahn. The Orioles were coached by Mark Simonetti, Kari Simonetti, Patty Bingham, and Bryan Hahn.



The Mavericks 10U team competed in their first tournament of the season, finishing second in the Summer NIT Silver Bracket after a competitive 4-5 loss to the Pleasanton Phantom 10UB team. Players are Eva Chamberlain, Amie Dempsey, Allison Gould, Sydney Gutierrez, Jessy Hall, Kate Hankins, Jenn Morrison, Jayden Morton, Makayla Munoz, Kathryn Piscotty, Hannah Temple, and Lindsey Wilson.



The Livermore Phantom U13 team claimed the championship in their division at the Laxapalooza Swashbuckler Tournament in Roseville, Ca (May 30-31). They battled through five games over the weekend with two games complete shutouts against their opponents. Pictured (from back row) are Kinsey Claudio, Luke Harrach, Ben O'Connor, Drake Demo, Shane Waechter, Max Brown, Kelsey Sako, Alec DiBiase, (front row) Bennett Van der Veen, Gavin Gannod, Alden Dean, Cameron Fay, Jake Herweg and Nick Coltrin.



Pictured are members of the U17 Girls West Coast Wild. The team captured the State Cup title with a convincing 4 to 0 win over Juventus Zebre.



Pictured are Granada Little League AAA Division Champions. They are (front row) Tyler Eaton, Riley Winchell, Gavin Couture, James Ng, Alex Grasso; (back row) Eric Hall, Jacob Sisto, Peter Storjohann, London Bishop, Ashton Baswell, Izaak Eberstein; (coaches) George Winchell, Mark Sisto, Scott Eaton, and Eric Storjohann.

inning with a perfectly executed unassisted double play, catching a line drive and then tagging second base to double off the A's base runner. The Giants' pitching trio of Seth Sanchez, Tyler Palma, and Grady Phillips set the tone in the game, combining to hold the A's scoreless until the bottom of the sixth inning before yielding the only run of the game for the A's. Offensively for the Giants, Grady Phillips, Dylan Gray, Jacob Sanchez, and Seth Sanchez all hit doubles, and Michael Remley and Roman Zuanich had timely hits to drive in runs.

Low Pitch Registration

Pleasanton offers Sunday through Friday evening slow pitch softball leagues for men and women of all skill levels. More than 20 leagues are offered including Co-ed, Men's, and Women's Leagues.

Co-ed Business Leagues are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and all games begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex, 5800 Parkside Drive in Pleasanton.

New this year is a Women's Masters League for players age 35 and older by 12/31/15, with games played on Tuesday evenings, and a Men's Legends Morning League for players who are age 50 or older by 12/31/15, with games played on Wednesday mornings.

All league play begins the first week of August. Priority registration for returning teams (from Fall 2014) is June 1-June 22. Registration opens to new teams on June 25. The registration deadline is July 15th (space permitting). To download registration packet, please visit www.pleasanton-sports.org. For more information, please contact the Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or email pleasanton-sports@cityofpleasanton.ca.gov

Baseball Camps

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Thunder Sox Baseball Club is holding baseball camps in Livermore this summer. The first camp will be held July 6-10, the second, July 13-17, both from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Camps are open to ages 8U-13U. Cost is \$250 per week. For information go to www.TsoxBall.com. To register, email Coach Lonsdale at TsoxBall@gmail.com.

Spirit Run

The 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton will be held on Father's Day, June 21 in downtown Pleasanton.

It includes a 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge.

The 5k and 10k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved Arroyo trails. Commemorative tech T-shirts will be given to all participants. Etched glass trophies will be awarded to top male and female finishers, as well as the first place male and female Masters (over 50 years old) finishers. Medals will be given three deep in designated age groups for male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon. Over \$3000 in door prizes will be given to all 5k and 10k participants.

This year the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is celebrating 50 years of community and international service. This race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students. The last two years giving has been expanded to include, Wheelchairs, Rotaplast, The Valley Humane Society, The Tri-valley YMCA, victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy, Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Amador Valley High Schools Robotics and Competition Civic Clubs and Assistance League of Amador Valley.

The 10K run begins at 8 a.m. under the arch on Main Street, followed by the 5K run/walk and Kids' Challenge

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:45 a.m., at the San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The 10K Run will start at 8:15 a.m., and the 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m.

For more Run San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-3200.

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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Amador Valley High School softball team shutout Dougherty Valley 3 to 0 to advance to the semifinals of North Coast Section Division playoffs. They faced Castro Valley on Tuesday, with the results too late for the Independent's deadline. The Amador baseball team edged San Ramon Valley 2 to 1 in the quarterfinals of North Coast Section Division 1 playoffs. They faced De La Salle in the semifinals on Wednesday night.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Livermore High School baseball team moved in to the semifinals of Division II North Coast Section playoffs. They downed Concord 6 to 1. The Cowboys took on Marin Catholic in an afternoon game on June 2. The results came in after The Independent's deadline.

Las Positas College Hires New Men's Basketball Coach

The Las Positas College men's basketball team will be under new leadership when the 2015-2016 season tips off.

James Giacomazzi, a Livermore resident, was most recently the coach of the Cosumnes River Hawks, whom he led to 209 victories over 11 years. He will become the third coach in the Las Positas Hawks' nine-year history, building on the groundwork set by Lon Rork.

"We are thrilled to have James as our new head

coach," said LPC Athletic Director Dyan Miller. "He is the right man for the job. His strong experience at the community college level makes him the perfect fit for what we're trying to accomplish here at LPC. I'm confident in his experience in coaching, recruiting and helping student-athletes to grow and succeed. Our men's basketball program is in good hands and I am confident that the Hawks will soar to new heights under his leadership."

Giacomazzi, who will take over the team this summer and teach full-time in the Kinesiology Department, stated, "I am really looking forward to teaching and coaching at Las Positas College. LPC is the only college I would have left Cosumnes River College for."

At Cosumnes, Giacomazzi led the Hawks to two Big 8 Conference titles, reached the postseason six times and made five appearances in the Sweet 16. In 2014-2015, he was named the conference coach of the year for the second time after notching a 23-8 overall record.

"I'll always cherish my time at CRC," said Giacomazzi. "It was the school that gave me my first shot as a head coach. They took a chance on a 28-year-old

assistant coach and I will always be grateful. I am very pleased that I am leaving the program in a great position to have continued success. The last 11 years have prepared me for this moment and I am thrilled and eager to lead LPC to becoming one of the elite programs in the state."

In 18 years, seven of which were spent as an assistant coach at San Jose City College, Giacomazzi has coached five all-state first-team players. Sixty of his players have transferred to four-year colleges with scholarships (18 Division I, 42 Division II/NAIA) and six of his players have played professionally.

"I can't wait to work with our guys and teach them my system of offense and defense," he said. "But even more than that, I want my players to be good husbands and fathers one day, and teach them more than just basketball. I am excited for the opportunity to build a program here in Livermore, the city in which my family and I have resided for the past six years."

Giacomazzi grew up in Fremont where he played basketball at Washington High School. He later played at San Jose City College and University of California Riverside.

Livermore Sports Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The Livermore-Granada Boosters Organization inducted John Cromie and Andy Grant into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame as part of their annual Olympian Awards Banquet on May 18.

John Cromie was a 2001 graduate of Granada High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. He embodied the highest qualities of academics and athletics while in high school. Not only was he a National Merit Finalist but also was honored as North Coast Section Scholar Athlete of the Year his senior year. He was a four year letter winner in wrestling earning a record of 32-4 his senior year while wrestling in the 215 pound weight class. He was a three-year letter winner in football, and was the captain of the Granada Matadors football team that went 12-1 during his senior year, losing only in the North Coast section finals. Since high school Mr. Cromie earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UC Davis, and a MS in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University.

He currently works at Google in a project designed to bring internet services to all areas of the world. During the ceremony his former high school principal Kevin Drake said, "In my forty plus years in high school education, I have never seen an individual elevate to the highest levels of academics and athletics as John Cromie has."

Andy Grant, a 2003 graduate of Livermore High School, was a four-year letter winner in both swimming and water polo. He currently still holds six school records at Livermore High—50, 100, 200, and 500 freestyle, the 100 backstroke, and the 100 fly. He was North Coast Champion in 2002 and 2003 in the 200 freestyle, as well as the 500 freestyle in 2003.

After graduation Grant attended Stanford University where he continued his brilliance. In 2005 he was the Pac-10 Champion in the 200 freestyle as well as the 800 free relay. At the NCAA championships that year he won a bronze medal in the 200 freestyle. He earned All-American honors in 2005 in the 200 freestyle, 400 free relay, and the 800

free relay. He repeated these honors in 2006 while adding the 200 backstroke. He still holds the record at Stanford University in the 200 freestyle.

Grant was a member of the 2007 Pan American team and earned silver medals in the 4x200 meter free relay and the 4x100 free relay. He earned a gold medal in the 4x100 medley relay. In 2008 he was a semi-finalist at the United States Olympic Trials.

Grant went out of his way to thank the Boosters for the work they do in support of high school athletics, and also gave thanks to his high school coach, Pat Avilla, and teammate Leah Avilla in helping him pursue excellence in his sport.

As part of their 66th annual Olympian Banquet, the Livermore-Granada Boosters unveiled a community recognition award. They named this award after long-time booster, Keith Fraser. Fraser was a native of Livermore who established a law practice in town after graduating from Stanford University. The Boosters wanted to create this award to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the Livermore community that help our students achieve Keith Fraser's ideals of integrity, honesty, scholarship and athletic achievement.

The winner of this award was Bob Bronzan. Bronzan, a veteran educator in Livermore, worked as a teacher, vice-principal, personnel director and assistant superintendent with the Livermore School District since 1962. Since retirement in 2006 he has devoted his life to publicizing student achievement through photographs in all areas of their high school endeavors—athletics, scholastics, drama, and music. These photographs line the hallways of the schools as well as the district office. Students can also download these photographs, free of charge, on the Booster website. The 400 plus students in attendance at the banquet gave Bronzan a standing ovation when his name was announced.

Twelve local students were awarded scholarships from the Livermore-Granada Boosters Organization. Kylie Long (Granada), Matthew Dremalas (Granada), Katherine Johnston (Livermore), and Tylor Silva (Livermore) each were presented with a \$2000 scholarship as the annual Olympian Scholarship Award winners at this year's Livermore Granada Boosters Banquet held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on May 18th.

Receiving \$500 awards

for more information about the Livermore Granada Boosters Organization, including photos of this year's scholar athletes, go to www.livermoregranadaboosters.org.

Boosters Award Scholarships

were Delaney Gill-Sommershauser, Zoe Kline, Domenic Lestochi, and Cole Souza from Granada High and Josh Ledbetter, Amanda Montano, Benjamin Morgan, and Samantha Whelan from Livermore High.

All varsity athletes and coaches from Livermore and Granada High were invited to the dinner courtesy of the Livermore Granada Boosters Organization, which has been in existence since 1949. Team awards for all varsity sports for boys and girls were also presented.

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Pictured at the CARPD Award presentation on May 16 are CARPD President Rick Sloan, LARPD Director Maryalice Faltings, recipient Tri-Valley Conservancy Board Member Connie Campbell, and LARPD General Manager Tim Barry.

TVC Receives State Award

The California Association for Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) honored the Tri-Valley Conservancy for its partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD).

CARPD, a statewide organization representing special recreation and park districts, has an annual awards program that recognizes individuals, groups, programs and facilities in parks and recreation. LARPD nominated the TVC, which was selected for the award for Outstanding Community Organization.

The award was presented at the annual CARPD conference on May 16 in South Lake Tahoe at an Awards of Distinction ceremony.

The TVC has been instrumental in providing support to allow the District to add new park land to Sycamore Grove Park and build a trail extension connecting to a regional trail system. In a process that required several years of commitment, LARPD asked the TVC to negotiate, assist in finding funding, and partially fund the property acquisition that would later be turned over for the District to own and operate.

The Conservancy is a community organization with the mission "to permanently protect the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources, and to support a viable agricultural economy in the Tri-Valley area."

The partnership agreement with the Conservancy allowed LARPD to take ownership of the 72.33 acres of land. A 5-foot-wide, single-track trail was constructed by LARPD rangers and volunteers, plus East Bay Regional Park District volunteers and staff.

With the help of the Conservancy, this project provides park and trail users with the connection to Del Valle Regional Park. Future improvements planned for the area include a bridge and trail through the regional trail gap, which TVC and EBRPD are also working on.

\$5.9 Grant to Expand Career Pathways

Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program (ROP) was awarded \$5.9 million, as a Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative (Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton; Tri-Valley ROP; and Las Positas College), for the implementation of the second round of Career Pathways Trust (CPT) funding.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, awarded \$244 million in grants to 40 programs that blend academic and career technical education, connect employers with schools and train students for jobs in high-demand fields, such as health care, advanced manufacturing, information technology, legal pathways and software development.

California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT) grant

recipients are tasked with creating sustained career pathways programs that link businesses, K-12 schools, and community colleges to prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

Under the fiscal lead of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), the Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative (TEC), funding was granted to Expanding/Enhancing Dual Enrollment & Middle College Opportunities. The grant dollars will be spent over the next two years in collaboration with Dublin and Pleasanton Unified School Districts, ROP, and Las Positas College.

Amy Robbins, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects for LVJUSD, one of the team members who was instrumental in devel-

oping the grant proposal, commented, "We are excited to expand opportunities for students in partnership with our business and community partners. TEC has been active for more than 24 years. The grant showcases the TEC's innovative commitment to expand and enhance 21st Century college and career opportunities, further connecting students to real life, relevant skill sets and opportunities."

The State Legislature created CCPT in 2013 and allocated \$250 million for the program in the state's 2013-14 budget. Last year, Torlakson awarded grants to 39 recipients. After seeing the program's popularity – the State received 123 applications requesting \$709 million in CCPT grants last year – lawmakers approved

an additional \$250 million for this year.

"This is a great opportunity for our region to continue to develop career and technical education opportunities for our students, increasing students' accessibility to cutting edge programs. Thank you to our grant committee for their hard work and our community and business partners, whose expertise and support made this project a reality; this is a powerful example of what we can accomplish when we work together on behalf of our students," states LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers.

Parvin Ahmadi, Pleasanton Schools Superintendent, added, "We are extremely proud of our collaborative regional efforts that benefit our students in the Tri-Valley."

Brown's Budget Revision to Bring \$8.6 Million More to Pleasanton Schools

California Gov. Jerry Brown's May revision of the state budget was an increase for schools. The Pleasanton Unified School District's share will be an additional \$8.6 million for the next school year. Trustees heard the news at their May 26 meeting.

Some \$2.6 million of the \$8.6 million already had been allocated for restoration of some programs for the coming year. There is \$3.7 million for restoration, with other sources filling in the remaining \$1.1 million. The district was confident after January that at least \$2.6 million would be available.

The May revision shows that the district will have an additional \$6 million in one-time discretionary money. One-time money is the amount committed in any given year, and varies from year to year.

Some of the \$6 million will go to supporting items

that are essentially already committed, said Deputy Superintendent Luz Cázares.

The commitments include putting aside \$1.5 million for an increased share of the district's contribution to the state retirement funds for classified and certificated employees.

Another expense involves \$1.2 million for the annual step and column increases for teachers and other certificated employees. Also, negotiations will be underway for a salary increase above the step and column pay. The certificated personnel received a 1 percent increase for this year after having no increases previously during the recession. The expectation is a possible higher raise for them, and for the classified employees.

On another item, the board set a developer fee of \$3.36 per square foot for residential housing, and 54 cents per square foot for all categories of commercial

and industrial development, except for storage facilities, which are examined on a case by case basis.

The \$3.36 is what the law allows at Level 1 of development impact in a district. A consultant's study found that the cost of schools for expected growth would be \$12.41 per square foot, leaving a gap of \$9.05 per square foot to fill from local and state bonding sources. The developer fee effort is 27 percent of the \$12.41 total cost.

Brown has announced that he is not considering going for a school construction bond. However, an effort is underway by others to put a school bond initiative on the ballot in 2016.

By comparison, Dublin, a fast-growth city with a state-leading 7 percent growth rate two years ago, and 3.5 percent last year, qualifies for Level 2, which is \$5.91 per square foot for residential development. The city has promised to acquire

land for two school sites, worth a total of \$66 million, to help the district meet its rapid expansion needs. It is believed to be the only such agreement in California.

Level 3 in theory allows for more than \$11 per square foot, but it is not being implemented in California.

The board also named six members and an alternate member to a committee to study school calendar options. The members are Holly Crane, Bryan Gillette, Elaine Wida, Maureen Hunter, Aria Kouzeli, and Theresa Overton. The alternate is Heather Bendel.

The meetings will be open to the public, with the first possibly scheduled this month, or early in the fall.

An earlier change in the school calendar last year on a 3-2 vote was rescinded early this year, after Mark Miller replaced Jeff Bowser on the board, and cast his vote with board president Valerie Arkin and trustee Jamie Hintzke to rescind.

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Assemblywoman Hears Objections to Vaccine Law

During a coffee hosted last Saturday in Livermore by Assemblywoman Catherine Baker, residents objected to a state law that would require children to be vaccinated.

An overflow crowd raised other issues, as well, including BART and education.

A bill, SB277, that would make vaccines mandatory for nearly every child in California passed the state Senate recently. Currently, parents are allowed to opt out of vaccines based on personal belief. The new law includes a provision that those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, would be exempt. The bill has now reached the Assembly.

Speakers at the meeting in Livermore told Baker that vaccines were putting children at risk. They called the bill a punitive measure, because it bans children who are not vaccinated from attending public or private schools.

"It was never on the table to exclude children from an equal right to education," one person said. Another noted that only 2 percent of children can't be vaccinated, focusing the law on a small segment of the population.

It was noted by a speaker that diseases such as measles are coming from overseas, referring to a recent outbreak of measles.

Baker, a co-sponsor of the measure in the Assembly, said that she has studied the issue very carefully. She said that vaccines protect all of us. One person's rights end at the nose of another person. If a parent wants to send a

child to school in California, the child must receive ten vaccines. Parents can determine when the vaccinations are administered.

Those who choose to forego vaccines, have the option to home school children or to pursue a course of independent study though public schools.

"I am the only Republican to co-sponsor the bill. I am open to suggestions on how to improve it. I will not keep the status quo," she stated.

Several doctors in the audience agreed with her stand on requiring vaccines.

BART issues included an extension to Livermore and the right of workers to strike.

David Williams suggested that money spent on the high speed rail would be better used on other infrastructure, such as a BART extension.

Baker provided a synopsis of her first seven months in office. On the first day, she was sworn in, she did not introduce a bill as is traditional. Her very first action was to decline both the state issued vehicle and per diem estimated at up to \$60,000 a year.

She says her efforts have been focused on what she called four pillars.

One pillar provides education funding for schools and reforms how it is spent. The second involves infrastructure; the third economic development; and the fourth, fiscal responsibility.

In regard to education, she would look at tuition at UC, including a freeze, and increase efforts to get administrative and pension costs under control.

Baker said the numbers of non-resident students attending state schools has skyrocketed in the name of getting more money. "I'm not convinced those students are not replacing California residents in the college system. It is the constitutional duty of the higher education system to educate California residents."

Her comments about higher education drew applause from those in attendance.

At the K-12 level, she would look at reforming tenure laws, as well as providing for professional development and evaluations for principals and teachers.

She said that economic development would be helped by allowing for more flexible work schedules. She pointed out that California is one of only a few states that adheres strictly to an eight hour day. Her goal would be, at an employee's request, to see how to improve the bill.

Of the twin tunnels proposed by Governor Brown to take water from the Delta, Baker said that they don't increase water capacity or protect the environment.

"I think we are starting to see more bipartisan opposition to the plan," she said.

One speaker asked her to comment on AB1335, an affordable housing bill.

Her second bill, AB1058,

requires schools to train and equip employees to protect children from abuse. "I was really grilled on this bill."

She said, describing herself as a nerd, and knowing how to speak Latin, "I answered the questions in that language."

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SHORT NOTES

Lab Retirees Picnic

The Livermore Lab Retirees Association (LLRA) will host its annual Picnic on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Ravenswood Historic Site. LLRA membership is open to retirees and spouses of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Attendance is limited to 150 people. Catering will be by BackForty BBQ. The price is \$25 per person. Reservations are required by 5 PM on Friday, June 5th. Reserve on line <http://www.livermorelabretirees.org/home.html>.

This year's picnic will feature the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers who support Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Meet some of the guide dogs in training, learn about "career change" dogs, and find out about what it takes to raise a guide dog puppy. The group's major fund-raiser is the annual Pooch Parade that will be on Wednesday, August 5, in Pleasanton.

Scam Protection

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The Livermore Lioness Club and the Northern California Better Business Bureau are hosting the Livermore 2015 Senior Scam Prevention Seminar.

Better Business Bureau guest speaker Zac McDowell will provide information on how to protect yourself and family members from criminals posing as government officials, insurance agents, police officers, un-

scrupulous caregivers and more. The seminar will be held at the Vineyard Village Senior Living Clubhouse, located at 3700 Pacific, in Livermore, on Tuesday June 9 at 10:00 a.m. This event is free and everyone is welcome.

The Livermore Lioness Club has been serving the Livermore Community for over thirty years. For more information on the Senior Scam Seminar or how to become a Lioness, contact Lioness Kathleen Anderson at 925-443-1909 or at kandersonwrit@aol.com

Gift Program

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is accepting applications for its annual Community Gift Program for 2015.

Established in 2008, the Community Gift Program provides a total of \$100,000 in awards to support nonprofit organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community service and philanthropic needs of local and surrounding communities.

Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

In 2014, the Community Gift Program received 89 applica-

tions for grants. Thirty-seven applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education, engineering and cultural arts.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 9.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at www.llnslc.com. For an application, go to the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llnsGift.asp>.

Disney Performance

Members of Livermore Valley Charter School Choir, Concert Band, and String Orchestra became stars of their own Disney show on April 26, 2015 when they entertained resort guests at the Big Thunder Ranch Jamboree Stage at Disneyland Park. The group traveled from Livermore, Calif. to the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim to take part in the Disney Performing Arts program.

Dance, vocal and instrumental ensembles from all around the world apply to perform each year as a part of Disney Performing Arts at both the Disneyland

Resort in California and the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Once selected, they are given the opportunity to perform at the resort for an international audience of theme park guests. Millions of performers have graced the stages of the Disney Parks in the more than 25-year history of the program.

Summer Reading

The Livermore Library's annual Summer Reading Program runs from June 7th to August 15th. Prizes will be awarded in all of the programs, with the goal of reading, sharing what was read, and having fun. There will also be a host of free activities and entertainment—including storytimes and crafts, music and dance from a variety of cultures, wild animal shows, puppets, storytellers and more!

Pre-Readers can earn stickers and a free book. Kids up to 5th grade reading independently can win prizes. Starting June 7th, Summer Reading Gameboards will be available at any Livermore Public Library branch.

Teens (entering grades 6-12) can participate in the teen program to earn raffle tickets to win prizes, even an e-reader. Starting June 7th, teens can sign up and track their reading on the Livermore Public Library's summer reading website.

An Adult Summer Reading Program also starts June 7th. Read books, then log progress online for a chance to win weekly prizes and three grand prizes.

Information can be found

at www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib/

Art Dedication

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) operator of Wheels Bus Service invites all to attend the dedication of its new Art Shelter Mural Project located at the West Gate of the Sandia/Lawrence Livermore Labs, Livermore this Thursday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m.

The newest piece entitled "Art is Science on Wheels" was created by Granada High School art students under the supervision of Ms. Laura Thourair. The design was patterned from American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein.

On hand for the dedication will be Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Chair, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Board member Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

Fun with Science

Fun with Science Summer Sessions are being offered at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Discovery Center. The "Fun With Science" program offers a fun way to see and participate in science experiments that explain states of matter, air pressure, density, electricity, light and chemistry.

An educational outreach program designed for children at the fifth grade level, it can be enjoyed by children younger and older.

"Fun with Science" will take

place on the following Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.: June 10, 17; July 1, 15; Aug. 5, 12.

The Discovery Center is located at the Laboratory's East Gate at Eastgate Drive off Greenville Road in Livermore. It is near the intersection of Greenville Road and Lupin Way. No badging is required.

Admission is free and each session of Fun With Science is the same. Space is limited, so registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Email completed registration forms <https://www.llnl.gov/sites/default/files/summerfunwithscience-form2015.pdf> to superscience@llnl.gov.

Learn about Butterflies

Butterflies are the topic for the Sun., June 7 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Doug Sousa at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Join this talk about the butterflies that call the Livermore area home. Learn about local species, their relationships to host plants and some amazing butterfly facts. After the talk, take a short walk (about one mile round-trip) while looking for fluttering friends.

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

of the Retired Teachers Association. He started his own business "Woody's Paint and Fix it", which he ran for ten years.

Warren's mother was Ouida Pattee Woodworth, her grandmother was from Kentucky and came across the plains in a covered wagon, she grew up in Calaveras County. Warren's father Herb Woodworth immigrated to California from Canada on a logging ship. This ship happened to pull into San Francisco Bay the day before the 1906 Earthquake. He was pressed into service to help fight the fires. He eventually made it to Calaveras County where he met and married Ouida.

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arren and his brothers attended school in Vallejo and then Angels Camp CA.

All three boys took piano lessons. Warren continued to take lessons for twelve years. He loved to play the piano and was a very accomplished pianist. He attended Modesto Junior College as music major;

an unfortunate accident injured his right hand with a cut tendon. He went on to Humboldt State working on a degree in education and minor in theology. Warren had looked at becoming an Episcopal Minister. He finished his education at UOP with a Master's in Education. While teaching in Lafayette he signed up and went to Japan to teach in the American School in Tokyo for one year.

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arren was hired in the Livermore School District by Mr. Joe Michell, who was the Superintendent of schools in 1957. He taught at East Ave., Marilyn Ave., Junction Ave., and Sonoma Ave schools. He primarily taught 5th and 6th grade.

He also served as Vice Principal at Sonoma Ave School where he taught the longest. He was a tough teacher with a big heart. Many of his students have visited him over the years. He retired from teaching after 30 plus years in 1982. Warren served as the first president

of the Retired Teachers Association. He started his own business "Woody's Paint and Fix it", which he ran for ten years.

Warren's family has a long history of involvement in the Masonic organizations. He was a 67 year Mason and a member of Mosaic Lodge #218, in Livermore. His father was a Mason as was Warren and his brothers and his sons. He was a 60 plus year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. His Grandmother was in Eastern Star, as was his mother, himself and his daughter and granddaughter. He was also a member of Ahmeh Shrine in Livermore, and Scottish Rite in Oakland.

Robert Everett

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Robert was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. His family moved to San Francisco, California when he was a young boy. He graduated from Balboa High school and after graduating, he served in the Navy for 2 years.

He became a firefighter in 1968 and in 1982 became a building inspector after a 25 year career he retired from the SFFD. He then owned his own business as a building inspector.

Robert is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary; also, his daughters, Michele Lyon, Cheryl Rodriguez, Lisa Hart and son David Livermore; his grandchildren Ernie Luevano, Kristin Hart, Amanda Hart, and Alexis Hart; his siblings Virginia Calleja, John Livermore, Mary Balazs, Gail Henderson, John Livermore, and Jim Livermore.

The Celebration of Life will be held at Cedar Grove Community Church located at 2021 College Ave., Livermore, Ca. At 1pm Sunday, June 7th.

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ing ahead with water slides, outdoor and indoor pools, and splash pads. "That's a lot of water. I applaud leaders to envision the project, but the question is timing," said ShamRao.

Most of the comments came during the meeting open to the public segment where matters not on the adjacent come up. Under the Brown Act, the council could not respond. However, Mayor David Haubert said that the residents could give contact information to city manager Chris Foss for further discussion.

City spokesperson Lori Taylor said later that work already has begun on the Emerald Glen water features. The planning for the facilities began 10 years ago, when surveys showed that Dublin lagged behind other cities in providing water facilities for such activities as competitive swimming and senior warm pools, said Taylor.

The water to be used will be potable water, not recycled waste-water. It will be "recycled" on site by be-

ing refiltered and used over and over again.

Several of the same speakers again addressed similar remarks to the council under a later agenda item in which the council voted unanimously to update the park and recreational facilities master plan. The vote on the update approved a negative declaration that said that the impact of the new plan is expected to be minor.

The plan was last modified in 2006. Since then, the city has changed its build-out population projection from 59,000 to 75,000. The increase was attributed to the addition of the Dublin Crossing site, where up to 2000 residential units can be built. There was also an increase in city average density by 2.7 units per acre.

According to the city's formula, growth would require an additional 11.5 acres of parkland, bringing the total to 375 acres. Some 40,000 square feet more of recreational facilities would be needed.

Foss said there should be

no problem in closing the gap. The staff has a couple of sites in mind.

However, as stated at past meetings, and again on May 19, there is no city money available now to finish the city's entire parks and recreational facilities plan. Staff has said it will work on a financial plan that would include outside grant sources. Councilmember Kevin Hart said later in the meeting that millions of dollars are needed.

On a related matter, city manager Chris Foss announced that the city will open the water facilities currently existing at Emerald Glen and Shannon parks, but only when the temperature reaches 90 degrees, and only between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The season for this begins Memorial Day and ends on Labor Day.

The water at both parks is filtered and recycled there for reuse. The Devany Square water play feature will be shut off during the drought, because that system does not recirculate water.

MAILBOX

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going to employ to repair/replace these lines? Ex. (a) lining the pipes – i.e. putting the "sock" in (b) bursting the pipes—which is trenchless re-piping, done without digging up the streets (c) pipes that are cracking can be repaired relatively cheaply by filling the cracks with epoxy.

7. What are you basing the cost of 1 Billion dollars on?

8. Does the \$1 Billion in projected costs involve improvement at the Treatment Plant, or are these costs for repairs and replacement of the pipelines?

9. If this money is for repairs of the pipelines, have you received the required 3 competitive bids for the job?

10. What are specific figures for these bids?

11. If this money is for improvements to the Treatment Plant, what are the specific improvements to be made, and what is the plan?

12. Do you have an engineering firm that's helping you with the expansion/improvement of the Treatment Plant and the collection system?

13. If yes, did you go through competitive bids before you picked the engineering firm you are using?

14. What is the name of the engineering firm you are using?

15. Since we are talking about large sums of taxpayer dollars, have you done a peer review of your plans?

16. Where can we see results of this peer review?

17. In the last 5 years there have been many State and Federal grants for Waste Water and infrastructure projects. Have you applied for any?

18. The State has a revolving loan program for Waste Water and Water projects with very low interest rates. Have you applied for this program?

In closing, improving facilities and services is important, but not without a realistic needs-assessment, a responsible plan based on this assessment, and a genuine effort by our elected officials to inform, include and involve us, the taxpayers who are being told to pay the bills.

RO Water Supplies

Alan Burnham

Livermore

Despite the continuous media assault about needing to cut back water because of the drought and the coming acrimony and legal challenges for an unfair rationing system, there are some important facts that have escaped proper attention. While it is true that we have had some dry years, the precipitation shortage is just marginally worse than one should expect a few times each century. In the mid 1970s, the campaign slogan "If it is Brown, flush it" had two meanings, and only one related to that drought.

Lost in this information blitz are three important facts: (1) California population has doubled since the 1970s and irrigated lands for agriculture are also up, (2) agriculture uses 80% of the water and contributes only

a few percent of the state's GDP, and (3) precipitation varies wildly from year to year, with a range of 6 for Livermore and 4 for California as a whole. The distribution is asymmetric, nearly log-normal, so the most probable value for a year is 20-25% less than the linear average that is erroneously quoted as "normal". In the wettest years, we cannot catch and store all the water, so we must plan for annual usage to be far less than from average rainfall.

We have three choices before us: turn from efficiency to deprivation, phase out some agriculture to support urban growth, or increase the cost of water so that the market can sort out the details of how to balance reduced use and increased supply.

Councilman Woerner wisely stated in the May 28 issue that it would be remiss not to study reverse osmosis (RO). Our household currently spends ~\$210/year for the meter alone and ~\$270/year for the actual water. It is a trivial expense, especially when compared to what many people spend commuting from the central valley to Silicon Valley. I would much rather spend \$150-250 per year more for RO water and have an assured supply than have officials laying guilt trips on me and threatening me with fines if I don't want to lose thousands of dollars of landscaping. "Penny-wise and pound-foolish" was just codified into California law.

From all the news, it seems that too many people have become disciples of Thomas Malthus and want to enshrine deprivation. There are other options, but a proper discussion is far too long for this letter.

Sunset Rezoning

Jan Brevont

Livermore

The Livermore Planning Commission meeting on June 16, 7:30 pm, at 3575 Pacific Ave. will be hearing and recommending either re-zone and continue with the infill of building around Livermore, or not to re-zone.

Livermore continues to build, as Pleasanton has put a hold on building the residential East Side Plan until the city can vote and after the drought.

It will take years of good rainfall to get out of the drought; we can only cut back so much in our water use. There has been no substantial reservoirs built in Calif. in decades, yet the population has grown tremendously. If the lack of water, but the continued building in Livermore bothers you, please attend this meeting and speak out.

Other concerns, overcrowded schools, added traffic congestion, noise, lack of open space and mature trees and our most precious resource, water. Please join us at this meeting and let your voice be heard.

Council Thanked

Janis Turner

Livermore

Thank you, Livermore City Council, for voting to support No Extension of Carnegie Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Park into the adjacent 3,100 acre Tesla Park (aka Corral Hollow). Your decision upheld the City of Livermore General Plan that specifically identifies preservation of Corral Hollow (objective OSC-1.1.P.2).

On May 18, the council chambers were packed to overflowing, you listened respectfully to speakers against the proposed expansion and ORV riders desiring more space to ride.

I realize Carnegie/Tesla is a contentious issue and I laud your decision to stay true to the general plan by keeping ORVs from destroying Tesla as they have the hills of Carnegie.

Thank you Councilmembers Turner, Woerner, and Spedowfksi for voting to support preservation of the irreplaceable Tesla Park land from development as an ORV park.

Don't Rezone

Joan Mumma

Livermore

The following are some top reasons NOT to rezone the Sunset Office Plaza (corner of Holmes St. and Concannon Blvd) from commercial to residential. The Sunset Development Co. wants to tear down the offices and build houses.

1. South Livermore would lose an extremely unique professional office complex offering more than 100 convenient walking distance businesses serving the needs of our community. The loss would destroy the character and livability of more than just South Livermore.

2. Quality of life would be severely diminished by densifying our community, overtaxing resources, creating a void of services that would require commuting.

3. Our award winning Sunset School will be further taxed with overcrowding and possibly causing relocation to other schools.

4. Increased commutes on many fronts: required driving for the lost services, required commute for relocated businesses and employees, increased traffic added to the Silicon Valley commute and increased driving for parents whose children were relocated to other schools.

5. Increased noise and light by changing a current quiet and peaceful community space both day and night to heavier use residential life.

6. Loss of open space both in the complex itself and the current landscaped buffer zone.

7. Irresponsible increase of water use during a severe drought that is predicted to be prolonged.

Please attend the June 15, 2015 7pm Planning Commission meeting to voice your opinion and show your support for saving Sunset Office Plaza.

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John Morrissey, 1217 Wagoner Dr, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/15.

Signature of Registrants

s/: John Morrissey

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s/: Maxine Brookner, President

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3.The Petition for Probate requests that: STEVEN BAILEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

fornia statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

10. (X) Attorney for Petitioner:
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(209) 333-8061

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 504798

The following person(s) doing business as: SMITH DF1, 11501 Dublin Blvd #200, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Peter Smith, 11501 Dublin Blvd #200, Dublin, CA 94568

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Signature of Registrants

s/: Peter Smith

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 505141

The following person(s) doing business as: Chivamex Soccer, Inc., 3900 International Blvd., Oakland, CA 94601, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Chivamex Soccer, Inc., 3900 International Blvd., Oakland, CA 94601

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants

s/: Minerica C. Monnar, President

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

HENRY BAILEY

Case No. RP15769037

1.To all heirs,

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HENRY BAILEY

2.A Petition for Probate

has been filed by: **STEVEN BAILEY** in the Superior Court of California, County of AL-

June 4, 11, 2015.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 503802

The following person(s) doing business as: J & L Janitorial Services, 2042 Walnut Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Julie A. Pinzon, 2042 Walnut Street, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by an individual
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Julie A. Pinzon
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505220

The following person(s) doing business as: Fit For Life, 8647 Galindo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Jeffery King, 8647 Galindo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568 This business is conducted by an individual
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Jeffery King
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504917

The following person(s) doing business as: Custom Sofas 4 Less, 4354 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Diego Nazzal
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505260-261

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Calvary Tri Valley (2)Calvary Chapel Tri Valley, 2013 Research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Calvary Chapel of Livermore, 2013 Research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/29/2015.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Pastor Addison Clay Worrell, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504890-2

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Tai-Cal Investment Enterprises (2)New Vision Investment Enterprises (3)Tai Family Investment Enterprises, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Tai-Cal Real Estate LLC, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/2015.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Khurram Tai, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504847

The following person(s) doing business as: LuxeDesign Events, 3928 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
(1)Kawaianani Bomben, 3928 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550 (2) Jenna Libbe, 1453 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by a general partnership
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Kawaianani Bomben, Partner
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The following person(s) doing business as: The Screen Machine and Christmas Decor, 4159 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Jim's Screen Machine Inc, 4159 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a corporation
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Signature of Registrants :s/ James Theofaropoulos
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REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

The Important Role of An Escrow Officer

By Cher Wolland

When you buy or sell real estate, chances are the transaction will go through escrow and you will deal directly with an escrow officer.

In Northern California, your escrow officer will be affiliated with the title company that handles your transaction.

"We're the neutral third party handling all the funds in a transaction and taking instruction from each side," explained Danielle Glock, an escrow officer with Old Republic Title Company in Pleasanton.

The escrow officer keeps track of all necessary documentation, orders the title report and title insurance, and holds onto deposits and other funds while the transaction is finalized.

The title report establishes that the seller or sellers are the lawful owners of the property, and thus have the right to sell it. The title insurance serves as a guarantee to the buyer.

"The title officer pulls the information on the property so the escrow officer knows if there are any liens or encumbrances on the title," Glock said. "We want to make sure we are providing clear title on the property."

Title and escrow companies are licensed through the California Department of Insurance (www.insurance.ca.gov) and are subject to the provisions of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, also known as RESPA.

The escrow officer is responsible for confirming that buyer and seller fulfill all obligations as specified by the sales contract before releasing funds. She or he will provide mortgage holders with necessary documentation regarding taxes and escrow, order homeowners' association documents, if any, plus ensure compliance with local, state and federal rules.

Escrow officers must possess "strong customer service skills and flawless integrity," in addition to organizational skills, an understanding of relevant computer software, and excellent communication skills, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Additionally, most escrow officers are licensed notaries, allowing them to witness document signing.

A good escrow officer is knowledgeable about RESPA rules, liens and encumbrances, and is familiar with standard real estate contracts.

"I go over everything to see what's in the contract, including any addendums," Glock said.

To "open escrow," the buyer delivers an earnest deposit to the escrow account. The amount of the earnest deposit is part of the purchase agreement. Usually the buyer has three days to do this, and can either deliver the funds to one of the title company's offices or arrange a wire transfer.

Meanwhile, one of the Realtors – usually the buyer's agent – provides the escrow officer with a copy of the contract along with contact information for all parties.

Legally, the party that pays the title and escrow fees is entitled to choose the company they want to use. Usual and customary practice varies from county to county.

As a practical matter, the decision about which company – or even which escrow agent – to use, as well as which side pays the fees, is often decided in the course of negotiating a sales agreement.

Throughout the transaction, the escrow officer needs to be kept up-to-date with any changes in the contract, mortgage terms, time frames, etc.

"It's important to keep clear lines of communication with everyone," Glock said. "You might have provided information to one party, but you'll have to provide it to another. The Realtors, the lender, the escrow officer, everyone is working toward one goal: to smoothly close the transaction."

Not getting information in a timely manner is the biggest problem an escrow officer encounters.

"I need payoff information from the seller, vesting and insurance information from the buyer," Glock explained. "Getting everything upfront is the best way to ensure that we close on time, with no delays."

Towards the end of the escrow period, the escrow officer will arrange for buyers and sellers to sign all necessary paperwork, including the buyer's loan documents.

For that, the escrow officer will need:

- A copy of the signed purchase agreement – the buyer's agent typically provides this.

- As well as proof of identity (such as valid driver's licenses) for all parties.

- The seller's Social Security number, and immigration and marital status.

- The name and contact information for any lenders with liens on the property.

- In probate or trust sales, evidence that the person signing as the seller has legal authority to do so.

- Contact information for the buyer's lender and insurance agent.

- In the case of more than one buyer, the escrow officer will need to know how they plan to hold title to the property.

In situations in which one or more of the parties are out of area or cannot sign during regular business hours, the escrow officer can arrange for a bonded and insured notary to assist in the signing, usually at a small additional cost.

Once the escrow officer has all necessary information and buyers and sellers have signed, the escrow officer sends the required documentation to the buyer's lender. The lender will then wire funding to the escrow account.

The escrow officer's next job is to arrange for the loan (or loans) and new deed to be recorded with the county.

She or he will then use proceeds in the escrow account to pay all liens on the property, including seller's mortgages and property tax bills, plus title and escrow fees, broker fees, transfer fees, HOA fees, and any repairs, inspections or other costs that have been "billed to escrow."

The remaining funds are then disbursed to the seller, either by wire transfer or by check.

After the transaction closes, the escrow officer will send out final closing packages, tax information for the sellers, plus final HUD statements for both buyer and seller, which they will need to come tax time.

Of course, sometimes things don't go so smoothly.

"One of the biggest stumbling blocks we encounter is docs (documents for the buyer's mortgage) that come in late. It ends up being a rush at the close," Glock said. "That means everyone really has to be on the same page."

Glock has been in the industry 15 years. During that time, she's seen many changes.

"There are a lot more disclosures required now," she said. "A lot more laws in place to protect the consumer. That does equal more paperwork, but it's worth it."

Later this summer, new mortgage disclosure regulations, designed to ensure consumers receive accurate cost estimates in a timely fashion, will kick in. While some industry professionals are leery of these changes, Glock is not.

"We won't be in as much of a rush because everything will have to be in place before we can go to loan docs," she said. "But it also means no last minute changes in the loan, conditions or contract between parties will be allowed. It will take getting used to, but, in the long run, I think it will be extremely beneficial to all parties."

Glock is passionate about helping her clients understand the escrow process.

"They can contact us anytime if they have questions," she said. "If we don't know the answer, we will find out."

"It should be an amazing, fun experience to buy a house or to sell a house and start a new chapter."

Cher Wolland is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties in Livermore.

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Idea Put Forth to Purchase the Sunset Office Plaza

Livermore attorney, Rosmary Bartsch, has an ambitious vision for the office complex currently known as Sunset Office Plaza on the corner of Holmes and Concannon.

Sunset Development Company, which owns the 13+ acre site, has been trying to have it rezoned to allow for housing. If it were rezoned, the office plaza would be demolished. The planning commission will vote on the matter on June 16th.

The plaza was built in the

early 70's and contains more than 78,000 square feet of office space in ten buildings. Bartsch points out that this is a very unique property. There are medical, legal, financial and other professional businesses located there. It is spacious, serene, and nicely landscaped. The feel is very open with ample parking and a wonderful landscaped open space between the complex and the neighborhood.

"It is a one of a kind property with tremendous potential if guided and nurtured. They don't build this kind of office complex anymore," she commented.

Bartsch said she hadn't considered the possibility of purchasing the property, but shared her plan with Alex Mehran, Sr., Chairman and CEO of Sunset Development Company. "He wished me luck and told me to bring him an offer. I may not be successful. However, I would love to get investors together and make a go of it."

She knows that Sunset has not been marketing the site. The company is not taking on new tenants. Leases aren't renewed, creating the impression that an office use is not successful for that location. She realizes that if the site were rezoned for housing, her offer would not be competitive.

If she were to purchase it, Bartsch envisions adding a restaurant where businesses could meet with clients. A coffee shop/café would also be a terrific addition to support the businesses. She suggested that the property could evolve over time to use up to an additional currently zoned 35,000 square feet to add a second story to the lower elevation buildings or those closer to Holmes and away from the residential area.

She shared her vision for the future of the plaza, "It will start with a philosophy of 'radical inclusion' of all the tenants, current and future, to work together in community and collabora-

tion to help grow each other's businesses, as well as, give back to the community.

She points out that her own experience in the office plaza demonstrates that a new business can thrive and grow in a very cost effective and consistent manner. "My business, Bartsch Law, began with a home office, as initially my clients were mostly outside of the area. Once I began to grow my Livermore business, I needed a small office space to meet clients and while I searched all over Livermore, I kept coming back to this complex—the Financial Center side was my first location. As I grew and needed more space, again I searched all over Livermore and found the perfect office at Sunset."

She envisions the businesses collaborating to use the site to host neighborhood events, charitable events to support our local charities, business networking and learning events and com-

munity collaboration events and more.

"I'm working really hard to find the additional investors needed to make this purchase happen," Bartsch stated.



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Planning Commission to Take Up Sunset Plaza Rezoning

The latest proposal for rezoning the Sunset Office Plaza to allow for housing will be heard by the Livermore Planning Commission on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue.

Sunset Development Company is requesting a general plan amendment to change the land use from office commercial to urban medium residential on its 13 acre property at the corner of Concannon Blvd. and Holmes St.

The proposal to rezone the land has been controversial, with neighbors opposed to previous plans. They objected to the density, citing traffic and school impacts as two concerns. They also declared there is a need for the office buildings.

The latest version of Sunset's plan includes an office component.

Sunset proposes to subdivide the property for the development of 42 detached single-family

residences and a 19,600+-square foot office building. They would replace the existing office buildings and adjacent open space on the site.

Approximately 1.99 acres will retain the Office Commercial General Plan designation and Commercial Office zoning classification.

Improvements would include new public streets, sidewalks, and utilities on site; modifications to the median on Holmes Street; addition of bike lanes on Holmes Street; traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Holmes Street and Catalina Drive and the intersection of Concannon Boulevard and Evans Street; new sound walls, landscaping, and public utility connections in the Holmes Street and Con-

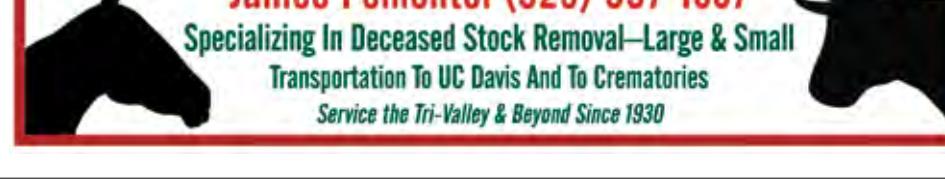
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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Supervisor Scott Haggerty Selected Recipient of LVPAC Inaugural 'Arts Champion of the Year' Award

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has selected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as the inaugural recipient of the "Arts Champion of the Year" Award. The newly-created award will be presented annually by LVPAC to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to supporting the cultural and performing arts in the Tri-Valley. The inaugural "Arts Champion of the Year" award will be officially presented to Supervisor Haggerty at the third annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake on Saturday, September 12, 2015. The organization's largest fundraising event of the year, the Lobster Clambake is held each fall at Wente Vineyards in Livermore with proceeds going to support both the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center.

Last year, Supervisor Haggerty played a key role in the process as LVPAC worked to resolve outstanding debt on the Bankhead Theater and make the transition to an independent theater model. "On behalf of Alameda County, Scott worked closely with LVPAC, the City of Livermore, and the Bank of New York/Mellon to develop a solution that would ensure the Bankhead Theater could remain a vibrant centerpiece for the arts in Livermore and the entire Tri-Valley," said Denise Watkins, vice president of the LVPAC Board of Directors. "His clear understanding of the contribution the arts makes to a community, and his dedication in keeping the Bankhead a priority, was invaluable during the process and instrumental in helping us reach a successful outcome. As the premier arts organization in the Tri-Valley region, LVPAC is delighted to honor Supervisor Haggerty as our first "Champion of the Arts" in recognition of his support and commitment to strengthening the arts in our community," Watkins added.

Haggerty was elected president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors earlier this year. First elected as Supervisor in 1996, he represents the First District which includes Livermore, Dublin, most of the city of Fremont, and unincorporated areas of East Alameda County. Haggerty is active on a number of regional boards and commissions and has extensive experience in traffic and transportation issues, as well as public safety. He represents Alameda County at the National Association of Counties in several leadership capacities, including vice chair of the Large Urban County Caucus.

The new "Champion of the Arts" award was introduced during LVPAC's annual Season Announcement event on May 27, 2015. The LVPAC Presents 2015-2016 season, which opens at the Bankhead Theater in September, will offer more than four dozen shows across a range of performing arts, including music of nearly every

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen



Through a community partnership with Mendenhall Middle School in Livermore, local wineries donated aging wine barrels to the school's Woodshop. These barrels were transformed into coffee tables, bistro tables, and other one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture. The pieces were sold during Mendenhall's Open House on May 27 to raise money for new work-benches needed in the woodshop. This project was organized by Larry Carrillo of Sandia National Laboratory Livermore, in partnership with Ed Santero, Woodshop teacher at Mendenhall Middle School. Local Winemaker Mark Clarin of McGrail Family Vineyards was instrumental in organizing a response from a handful of local Livermore wineries who donated and delivered the barrels. During Livermore's Principal-for-the-Day event, Larry realized an opportunity to mobilize the community to support the woodshop. One week later, 15 wine barrels arrived at the Mendenhall woodshop.

LVEF Unveils New Logo

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) has a brand new logo, thanks to Enikoe Bihari.

LVEF sponsored a logo design contest, open to all Livermore district high school students, and Enikoe, a senior at Granada High School, submitted the winning entry. LVEF awarded \$100 to Enikoe, and \$400 to the GHS art department.

Enikoe's light bulb logo won out over entries from runners-up Emily Harrison and Kevin Mains.

"This logo represents the bright future that LVEF provides for Livermore students with programs

in the arts, academics and athletics," explained Enikoe. "And, it fits nicely with Livermore's historic Centennial Light Bulb in Fire Station #6."

LVEF Board member Jon Williams came up with the idea of the logo contest. "LVEF could not be more thrilled with the outcome of the contest," said Williams. "With our new logo we are proud to reflect and represent student ingenuity within our roots. We look forward to creating more opportunities to validate and affirm the amazing talents in our student community."

The logo was unveiled at the May 19 School



Board meeting. During the meeting, GHS Principal Rambo surprised Enikoe by informing her that she had been selected Valedictorian for GHS class of 2015. Congratulations Enikoe on these two fantastic achievements!



Pictured left to right are Enikoe's mother Emese Bihari; Enikoe Bihari; GHS art teacher Laura Thournir; artist Nova Starling, LVEF volunteer who helped digitize the logo artwork; and LVEF President David Jonas

Mardi Gras Style Gala to Benefit Foundation Leadership Program

The Mony Nop Foundation (MNF) has announced plans to present Leading the Way! Mardi Gras Bash 2015.

It will be held at the Shrine Event Center in Livermore on Friday, June 26, 6:30-11pm. This will be the foundation's first annual gala fundraiser. The festivities will include dinner, dancing, raffle prizes, and silent and live auctions.

Sponsorships are available at various levels, from \$500 to \$10,000. Tickets are now on sale at \$100 person, and \$800 per table. All proceeds will benefit Mony Nop Foundation's Leadership Programs. Please see www.monynopfoundation.org to purchase sponsorships, tickets and to register for the event.

The Mony Nop Foundation provides Tri-Valley middle and high school students with leadership development training, volunteer experiences and financial scholarship support to attend youth enrichment camps and program in Arts, Athletics, and Leadership. The Foundation strives to open doors of opportunity to influence positive change in young lives and grow the next generation of leaders in our community and beyond.

The Mony Nop Foundation believes that the middle and high school years are a pivotal time in a child's life. The foundation's leadership development programs are life-changing for teens, providing support and helping them to realize their aspirations to "lead the way" in the future. To date, the organization has provided leadership training to over 350 middle and high school students through day-long programs at Livermore middle schools.



The organization has begun significant planning and development of the Mony Nop Foundation Leadership Academy.

Granada High School student Frances Carcellar, teen guest speaker at this year's MNF gala, eloquently

inspired middle school students when she spoke at MNF's Leadership Awareness Day held last March at Mendenhall Middle School: "Wherever you come from, your dreams are valid. Embrace who you are. No matter what your race or background is, you are amazing. What's on the outside is irrelevant... who you are at the core is what matters. Recognizing this is how you can make an impact and help other people become who they are as well."

Also featured during the evening's program will be Master of Ceremony Ed Tracy and guest speaker Livermore City Councilmember Stu Gary.

Mony Nop, a survivor of the Cambodian Killing Fields, as a young boy walked across Southeast Asia and crossed the Pacific Ocean to immigrate to America in search of a better life. Nop says that his early hardships and experiences have instilled in him a sincere passion to give back and invest in youth in the Tri-Valley's communities.

Proceeds from the gala evening will assist the foundation in developing leadership education opportunities. For more information, please contact Mony Nop, Founder and President, at mony@monynopfoundation.org or by phone (925) 575-1602. See www.monynopfoundation.org for ticket sales and sponsorship information.

The Shrine Event Center is located at 170 Lindbergh Ave. Livermore, CA, 94550.

The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. Tax ID# 46-2438663

Hispanic Heritage Center to Stage First Evening on the Green



"Evenings on the Green," a family friendly free concert series, opens on Tuesday June 9 at 6:45 pm for a 12-week run. Featured will be two groups arranged for by the Hispanic Heritage Center.

The series is sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Performances will take place on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Dago Y Su Tormenta Musical, a Livermore band, performs unique cumbia songs from the region of "Costa Chica de Guerrero," Spanish for Small Coast of Guerrero. Their songs inspire audience members to get up and dance as cumbia is a very inviting dance rhythm noted for its quick beats and a tropical flair. Other songs that Dago brings are romantic, and canción ranchera or mariachi type.

Founded in 2001 they have performed in Livermore schools and northern California. Main singer,



piano and bass player is Kevin García. The second singer and piano player is Julio Pérez. Hector García is the composer and "la tarola" or timbales player. The invited musician is Esteban Trujillo who plays "la tumba" (African drums) and "el güiro" (gourds).

Grupo Folklórico Tlapalli was founded in 1996. Their mission is to spread Mexican traditional dances to new generations who may not have the opportunity to live them first hand.

Originally based out of Hayward, CA, Tlapalli opened its doors to a new group of children in Livermore in late 2007. Most of Tlapalli's members have been with the group almost since its inception. They use this aspect to create a family oriented

atmosphere. As a result, the group has participated in many of the dancers' family events, including baptisms, quinceañeras (celebration of a girl's fifteenth birthday), and weddings.

To date Grupo Folklórico Tlapalli has performed at various community events, including the San Francisco 49er half time

show, school assemblies and children fairs. A few of its annual events are the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Hayward, the Day of the Dead celebration at the Sun Gallery in Hayward and the Day of the Virgin celebration in Livermore.

Next Tuesday, "Evenings on the Green" continues with Jack Quigley Souled Out, featuring hit songs from the past decades.

Absolutely No Alcohol Will Be Allowed outside of the permitted restaurant areas because the Livermore Police Department is now strictly enforcing the ordinance on public alcohol possession and consumption through its alcohol safety and awareness program.

Art on the Green Looking for Participants

The Bothwell Arts Center has made plans for a new mini-arts gathering called Art on the Green, slated to be held every third Saturday from 2-5:00 from June through September. Art on the Green will occur on the lawn ampitheater directly in front of the Bankhead Theater on First Street in Livermore.

Anne Giancola, the Bothwell Arts Center's "Project Pilot," conceived of the idea after discussions with several local artists about the lack of downtown exposure for visual artists after having lost several art galleries and exhibition spaces in the past several years.

"Artists are Livermore's treasures," says Giancola. "They add magic to this city. Artists show us the beauty around us in a new way. They create ways to make us feel more beautiful. Come to Art on the Green," she adds, "and bring home the beauty."

Artists, makers and fine crafters are invited to apply, \$20 for a 10x10 booth space, by contacting Giancola at agiancola@livermoreperformingarts.org. Family friendly art accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Benefit Set for Paws in Need



Paws In Need "Tips for Change" dinner and raffle will be held at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon on Monday, June 8th, 2015 from 5 to 9pm.

Dinner at this Italian bistro will be served by Paws In Need (PIN) volunteers. "Tips for Change" is a unique way for PIN to raise funds by keeping all the tips the volunteers earn the night of this event. "Over-tipping" is always welcome.

All proceeds will benefit local pets and animals. PIN's Spay/Neuter and Just Like New programs rely solely on public donations. Contributions from the community provide financial assistance for veterinary medical needs to prevent unnecessary euthanasia of animals in the Tri-Valley area.

For reservations, call Gianni's at 925-820-6969 or go to OpenTable.com. Contact event coordinator Lisa Williams at 925-216-1621 or lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com for more information.

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Postcard from Livermore (and the Rest of the World)

By Frank Rainer

This coming June 11 is a significant milestone in my life since it is exactly 50 years to the day when I graduated from Worcester Tech in Massachusetts with a degree in physics. Within less than a week, I first set sight on Livermore that was to become my home for the past half century. That is why it is fitting that my wife Sigrid and I commemorate this event with an Armchair Traveler program on this day about our experiences both here and in the rest of the world.

After graduation my college buddy Ed Neister "Rabbit" and I had hopped into my little Karmann Ghia VW and zoomed across the country in just four days, so anxious were we to get to California. This was a novel experience for me since I had to that date never been west of Niagara Falls. In the little town of Livermore, I was to become a summer intern at the "Rad Lab" for two successive years. I parlayed that into a permanent job as a "junior physicist" the following year, working on every fusion-directed laser at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). I had ulterior motivation to stay in Livermore especially since by then I had met another Livermore resident back in a small Lutheran church in Rochester, New York. When I looked her up during my second summer, I took her on our first date to "The Fastest Rodeo in the West." A little over a year later we were married, and Sigrid has become my helpmate and travel companion for almost half a century.

People advised us not to travel too much on our honeymoon, but we ignored that advice as we drove down the coast of California to Mexico. In subsequent years we set up an almost permanent stake for a supposed relaxed life in Livermore. However, we

had been bitten by the travel bug and almost never failed to travel to some exotic destination every year. During this half a century of travel, between the two of us, we have visited every single country in the world. We have journeyed from global extremes on every continent including setting foot on both the North and South Poles and we visited both the most remote uninhabited island in the world and also the most remote inhabited island group. However, we always returned to our home in Livermore and watched its population grow by a factor of six.

Our travels in North America took us all over the Bay Area, California in general and on over two-dozen drives across the continent. For the latter we now usually took more relaxed drives, ranging in length of up to almost a month. However, we did cross the continent from ocean to ocean in as short as one-and-a-half hours as part of our drives from the Yukon River to the Panama Canal. We have driven many of the classic highways of the Americas, but most germane of all was a retracing of as much of the original route as possible of the first highway across the United States, the Lincoln Highway. That highway, established 102 years ago, is of course significant for Livermore since on its course from Lincoln Park in San Francisco to Times Square in New York City it passed right through our community. This year we even celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Duarre Garage in Livermore, intended to service the old Studebakers, Packards and Model-Ts as they motored across our land.

Overseas our travels took us to all seven continents many times. Although we can claim to have lived in Livermore for half a century (and Sigrid even longer), we did

in fact spend over 10% of that time away from home. That included a one-year circumnavigation of the world over four decades ago, partially organized by Livermore wine maker Rick Corbett when he was then a new travel agent here in town. On that trip, after a ten-week overland bus trip from Asia to Europe, we settled down in Germany for four months in a little apartment and got jobs to help finance our wanderings. I inspected engine blocks on an assembly line at VW and Sigrid played Lucille Ball, packing chocolates on a conveyer belt. However, travel costs money and it has been a long time since one could cover Europe on \$5 a day. We resettled down in our little home in Livermore but still took almost annual trips to some far-flung corner of the world on our more abbreviated vacation schedules after resuming our respective jobs at LLNL and the Tracy Unified School District. Sigrid even conducted two high-school-student trips to Europe in those early summer days. Over the past eight years we have shared our experiences with you with over 15 slideshows at Armchair Traveler events. In a just completed three months through five continents I joined some of the most obsessive world travelers, often referred to as country counters. However, Sigrid and I have typically strived to explore in greater depth rather than just checking off a destination and then hopping on a plane to the next one.

The couple will share their adventures in Livermore and the rest of the world at 1:30 pm on June 11, 2015, at the Livermore Library's monthly Armchair Travelers program, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The slideshow is entitled, "Half a Century in Livermore and Around the World in 20,000 Days."



Peter Small as Franklin Roosevelt

Spend An Evening with Franklin Roosevelt at the Firehouse in Pleasanton

Museum on Main welcomes 32nd President of the United States to Pleasanton in "An Evening with Franklin Delano Roosevelt" at the Firehouse Arts Center on Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm in the evening. Peter Small takes the stage as the 32nd President of the United States in this one man stage performance which is sure to sell out.

Elected as President in 1932, at the depth of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt helped the American people regain faith in themselves. He brought hope as he promised prompt,

vigorous action, and asserted in his Inaugural Address, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Roosevelt served four terms as president and died in 1945.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors (65+)/Students (with valid ID), \$5 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets pur-

chased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

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

For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call (925)462-2776.

Discovery Shops Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The American Cancer Society, Discovery Shops are celebrating their 50th year, Golden Anniversary.

The Pleasanton Discovery Shops are located in Pleasanton's Mission Plaza on Santa Rita Road. On Friday June 12 at 10AM, there will be a ribbon cutting as Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne officially opens the new expanded location.

Drawings will be held every hour for a chance to win discounts throughout the day. The celebration continues Saturday and Sunday, June 13 -14 when everything in the stores is 50% off.

Since 1965, funds raised by the Discovery Shops of the American Cancer Society, Inc., California Division, have helped to save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early when it's most treatable; helping people get well by being there during and after a diagnosis with comprehensive information and support; by finding cures through groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back through public policy.

That's All There Is—“Mad Men’s” Surprise Happy Ending

By Linda Milanese

If you've never watched "Mad Men" and plan to finally treat yourself to a summer marathon of the series, read no further. And try to forget the title of this commentary because it will influence your expectations for the show's finale.

After eight years with our '60s Madison Avenue TV friends, we loyal fans had to say a final goodbye on Sunday, May 17. It's over. The props and costumes are on their way to the Smithsonian, the permanent bench with the Don Draper statue is in place in midtown Manhattan, and the actors have moved on with their careers. The media lead-up to the finale—the excitement, anticipation, predictions—has died down. Now everyone is left to simply deconstruct the ending, a bittersweet alternative for fans used

to years of indulging in character analysis and plot forecasts.

I'm going to miss the show. Being an overly devoted "Mad Men" fan is probably as close to a Trekkie as I'll ever be.

So why was it so addicting? Why so many bloggers, so much media analysis? I think viewers had as much fun talking about the show as watching it. Its ambiguous and unpredictable plot and characters naturally inspired post-show analysis and second guessing. "Why'd he say that? . . . What does that mean? . . . Wow! I didn't see that coming! Now what?" Plus, Matthew Weiner and the other writers never lost sight of the big picture with the end in sight. Looking back, there were always clues for the unexpected plot twists and surprises. The writing was

smart, the characters engaging, and the plot filled with ambiguity, humor, and historical accuracy.

Speaking of historical accuracy, a New Yorker article by George Packer says, "Mad Men" presents a world that's alien enough to be interesting as anthropology . . . the last years of a social order . . . about to come undone." Yes, the unapologetic smoking and drinking, sexual harassment, restrictive roles of men and women, neglectful parenting, blatant homophobia were all part of the '60s. The show covered that decade from the not-so-distant alien past, one that many viewers lived through with oblivious acceptance.

Just before the last episode aired, AMC showed a fast-moving "slideshow" of characters and memorable scenes starting from the

very beginning. I realized that I'd never once felt teary during the eight years of the series, but that slideshow really struck a nostalgia chord—not for the 60s but for the end of Don, Betty, Joan, Peggy, Meagan, Pete, Roger and all the office crew we'd become attached to. The retrospective highlighted the swift passage of time not only for them but also for us. And seeing pictures of Sally, who at 15 years old had spent most of her life as a cast member, was the most striking. They hit it lucky to have cast such an adorable child actor who stayed adorable for eight years.

It would take forever to summarize where each character started eight years ago, so I'll just summarize where they ended up. It's October 1970 (I can tell by the Halloween decorations) and after months of *On the Road* aimless wandering, Don finds himself at the unlikely location of an Esalen type retreat in Big Sur. The finale's title is "Person to Person." Don makes three person to person calls to the women in his life—Sally, Betty, and Peggy—in which it becomes clear that his relationship with each is less than meaningful. Sally tells him her mother Betty is dying of lung cancer, but she doesn't want him to come home. Betty tells him the children need to keep things normal, so they'll live with her brother's family. Peggy clearly no longer sees him as a mentor. At this point Don becomes almost catatonic, and it appears that the predictions were correct: he'll probably be jumping off a cliff into the ocean in the few minutes that remain of the show.

But a counselor takes his hand and leads him into

a group meeting where he hears a nondescript man in a blue sweater talk of the pain of his empty, invisible, loveless life. Don feels a real human connection with the man's story and they embrace, both sobbing to the scene's end.

Cut to a montage of the happy endings for each of the major characters:

- Pete and Trudy are back together and boarding a private plane for a wonderful new job in Wichita (really, Wichita?)

- Joan is starting her own production company out of her apartment. She has chosen her career over the security of being taken care of by a chauvinistic rich husband.

- Roger is in a French restaurant married to Marie (the mother of Don's ex-wife Meagan!) He's ordering champagne and lobster in fluent French and looks very content with his older wife.

- Betty has lung cancer, but the last shot of Betty with perfectly coifed hair, smoking a cigarette and flipping through a newspaper while Sally washes dishes makes us laugh. She's still crazy Betty.

- Peggy has unexpectedly found love with Stan, the art director, so she'll be able to have both a career and love. She happily looks up from her typewriter for a kiss.

And, the last happy image is of Don. He's sitting outdoors in a lotus position with other New Age folk, and a Yoga instructor's voice says, "We are thankful for the lives we get to lead. It's a new day, new ideas, a new you. Ommm." And Don's serene smile is one of peace and contentment.

Then the screen fills with that famous Coke ad—the one with every nationality represented,

Coke in hand, standing on a hillside and singing, "I'd Like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony . . ." The ad, by the way, was created in 1971 by the actual agency Don has been working for in New York.

There's been a lot of debate about Don's enigmatic smile. Should we assume that Don went on to create the ad? If so, the cynical argument sees the old Don smiling because he realizes he can turn this whole New Age experience into advertising dollars. After all, he was slated to take over the Coke account.

However, I think the smile is the real thing. He's never smiled like that in all the eight years of the show. He happens to be good at advertising, so from his new peaceful place, I think we can assume he went back to his old job and he created the Coke ad. He's a new man, a better man . . . for now.

The happy ending was very satisfying—unexpected, as always, but satisfying.

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style and genre, as well as theater, dance, comedy, and other events.

Presentation of the "Champion of the Arts" Award to Supervisor Haggerty will be a highlight at the Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake on September 12th. The casually elegant event offers attendees an authentic New England-style menu, award-winning wines, musical entertainment, and both live and silent auctions.

For more information regarding sponsorship, table reservations, or single tickets for the event, call (925) 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org/clambake



Bob Moorefield, the Band Director at Foothill High School from 1972 to 2009, was the Guest Conductor at Foothill Band's 2015 Spring Concert on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Moorefield started Foothill's band program in 1972 with 17 students. He also started a marching band, concert and symphonic bands, two jazz bands, percussion and color guard, and choir classes, retiring in 2009. In the photo, Moorefield conducts the Wind Ensemble.



Last month during Earth Week, students at Fairlands Elementary School helped educate parents on the harmful affects of idling their cars. Over 75 students took to the sidewalks in front of the school with posters stating: Please remember - Schools are idle-free zones! Turn off your car if idling more than 10 seconds! Idling pollutes the air more than driving 10-20 mph. It is not only harder on the environment, but also increases wear on an engine. Car exhaust is the #1 source of summertime air pollution in the Bay Area. Please remind friends and family to simply turn off their cars while waiting to pick someone up at school or the library, while sitting at a drive-through, gas station or car wash, or checking emails and voicemail. - Messages from the Green Team at Fairlands Elementary School

Local Singer/Songwriter Releases Debut Single

Singer and songwriter Michele Saunders, born and raised in Livermore, has released her debut single, "Feelin You."

Michele, a dancer, used hard work and determination to become the Captain of her senior year dance team. However, her dream growing up was always to sing. Inspired by the High School Musical series, she knew she had to conquer her incredible shyness, and at age 12 she took up singing lessons.

"Vanessa Hudgens was someone I looked up to greatly because she was half Filipina and so am I.



Michele Saunders

I thought, if she could do it, so could I. Not only do I want to sing, I want to

be in movies and dance in concerts. It's too strong of a passion to let go," according to Michele.

The video for the 'Feelin You' depicts a fairytale love story of rich girl meets poor boy. It has already generated over 130,000 views on YouTube and is currently #3 on the Billboard hot singles sales chart.

Complex Magazine describes Michele as, "the fresh breath of air music needs in 2015." Her debut album 'Set Me Free' (available on Lash Money Records, iTunes, and Amazon) presents a first look

inside Michele's music.

Michele has the backing of music industry entrepreneurs Wally Roker Music with Karvin Johnson and Lori Taylor Johnson of KES Music & Video Distribution, one of the most successful full service entertainment companies in the US, with 30 years of experience in the music industry. Alongside Jones & O'Malley, KES and Sister Company National Marketing and Promotions (NMAP) division are handling music marketing and international distribution for Michele Saunders.

O'Neill Foundation Members Invited to Share Ideas at Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Two members of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, have been invited to offer presentations at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival this summer.

Eric Fraisher Hayes and Eileen Herrmann will share their ideas about playwright Eugene O'Neill at the Noon Speaker Series in Ashland.

As part of its season, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival has included two plays related to O'Neill on its schedule this summer in Ashland. The Festival is performing O'Neill's family drama *Long Days Journey into Night* this summer, along with *The Count of Monte Cristo* (by Alexander Dumas; adaption by Charles Fletcher and James O'Neill) -- the swash-buckling drama that Eugene O'Neill's father, actor James O'Neill, performed over 5,000 times in tours around the country in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Hayes, director of artistic programming for the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in Danville will provide the noon lecture on June 20 in Ashland, speaking on "Eugene O'Neill: Evolution of an Artist – From Princeton to Tao House."

Herrmann, Bay Area O'Neill scholar and author, will focus her presentation on September 5 on "Eugene O'Neill's Journey: The Past is the Present and Future Too."

"It's quite appropriate that the Ashland Festival has reached out to two of our long-time Board members, asking them to share their knowledge about Eugene O'Neill," said O'Neill Foundation Co-President Gary Schaub. "Both Eric's and Eileen's long experience with O'Neill and his plays, means that Ashland patrons will have meaningful insight into the complex world of O'Neill."

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, based in Danville, is a national organization dedicated to promoting the legacy of the playwright recognized as the "Father of American Drama." Writing in the first half of the twentieth century, His influence on other American playwrights, including Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, August Wilson and Edward Albee, is widely recognized.

"The impact that Eugene O'Neill made on the American theatre can be felt even today," says Eileen Herrmann. "He introduced dramatic elements and approaches that are at the very core of the work of today's playwrights. His dramatic development culminated, many believe, in *Long Days Journey into Night*. This is what I plan to present to Ashland audiences."

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation works in partnership with the National Park Service at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville where O'Neill and his wife Carlotta lived from 1937-1944. It was at Tao House where O'Neill wrote his most notable plays, including *Long Days Journey into Night*, *The Iceman Cometh* and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*. During his lifetime (1888-1953), O'Neill was awarded three Pulitzer Prizes for Literature, and is the only American playwright to be presented the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Information about the Eugene O'Neill Foundation is available online at www.eugeneoneill.org.

Sandia Researcher Receives \$2.5 Million Early Career Award from DOE

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

Kliewer's winning submission describes a way to examine the complex surface chemistry involved when gas-phase combustion interacts with solid or liquid interfaces. His proposal is titled "Interactions between Surface Chemistry and Gas-Phase Combustion: New Optical Tools for Probing Flame-Wall Interactions and the Heterogeneous Chemistry of Soot Growth and Oxidation in Flames."

"I'm interested in interfacial combustion phenomena, like when a flame interacts with a wall. These heterogeneous processes dominate some of the most stubborn and technologically critical problems in combustion, yet they are not well understood," said

Kliewer. "This is due in part to the lack of experimental approaches capable of probing locations very close to an interface, especially in the hostile environment of combustion."

In engine and power generator combustors, flames interact with metal walls during the combustion process. These interactions produce pollutants, such as unburned hydrocarbon and particulate emissions. They cause aging and failure in engines and generators. Kliewer's project would develop a new nonlinear optical surface scattering technique to capture the dynamic chemistry of the flame-wall interactions.

This tool will be further developed to correct a deficit in existing experimental techniques for studying soot particles collected from flames. Nearly all of these techniques require ex-situ analysis, meaning a sample must be removed from the flame to be studied. The act of removing the soot changes both the sample and the surrounding combustion, limiting the accuracy of results.

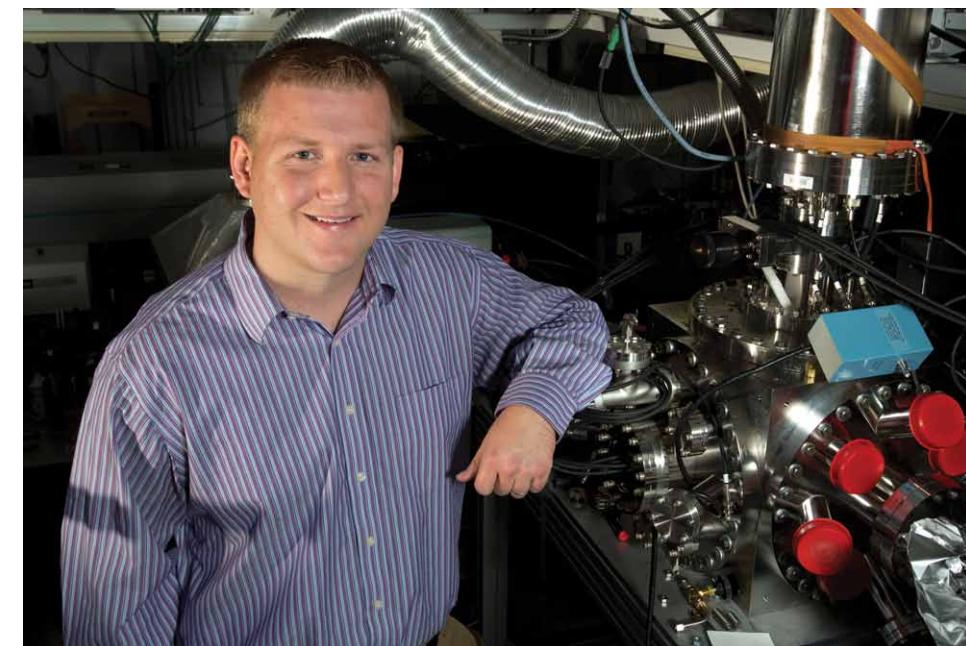
Ultimately, new insights into the chemical

mechanisms of flame-wall interactions and soot growth and oxidation will inform combustion chemistry models that increase the fidelity of predictive numerical simulations of combustion devices, chemistry and processes. Better simulations can help designers optimize engines and other devices to reduce pollution formation and increase efficiency.

The project uses and builds on other recent advances in Kliewer's lab, such as two-dimensional gas-phase coherent anti-Stokes Raman spectroscopy (2D-CARS). The technique developed by Kliewer and Sandia researcher Alexis Bohlin increased the capability of this optical diagnostic tool from capturing a CARS spectrum at a single point in space to a planar array of thousands of points within a single laser pulse.

"We developed that technique for gas-phase combustion," he said. "Now we're applying that technique to better measure and define the chemistry occurring at the interfaces."

Kliewer joined Sandia in 2009. He has received two distinguished paper



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awards from the Combustion Institute for articles presented in optical diagnostics at the 2010 and 2014 International Symposium on Combustion. His paper on 2D-CARS, coauthored with Bohlin, was the most read paper in the Journal of Chemical Physics for June 2013. He earned a doctorate in phys-

ical chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon.

Kliewer is one of 44 winners of the Early Career Research Program award. The winners, who are from various DOE labs and U.S. universities, were selected

through a peer review process. The Early Career Research Program, now in its sixth year, is designed to bolster the nation's scientific workforce by providing support to exceptional researchers during the crucial early career years when many scientists conduct their most formative work.

O'Neill Studio Retreat Expanded; Applications Being Accepted

Fledgling playwrights and actors interested in developing their own short plays and having them performed will be interested in the O'Neill Studio Retreat, taking place at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site this summer in Danville.

The newly expanded workshop runs from Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, July 19, with a day off on July 13. Applications for the program will be accepted through June 22.

The O'Neill Studio Retreat is a unique program, designed to encourage creative production by the students as well as to provide a more thorough understanding of Nobel Prize winning playwright Eugene O'Neill and his place in American drama.

Sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao

House, in partnership with the National Park Service, the intensive workshop provides the opportunity for young writers and actors to work collaboratively with professional playwrights and stage directors in the development of original ten-minute plays. The program is geared for advanced high school students, and has been expanded this year to allow for a more comfortable timeframe to develop and prepare the emerging scripts for presentation.

A limited number of writers and actors can be accepted into the intensive workshop. The O'Neill Studio Retreat meets daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 from July 9-19, and culminates with a performance in the Old Barn Theatre before a community audience on the final afternoon.

This is a collaborative workshop in playwriting and acting, led by two experienced theatre professionals. Pub-

lished playwright Ignacio Zulueta will oversee the writing track. In addition to having his work produced around the country, Zulueta has been recipient of an Emerging Playwrights Award and a Fellowship from San Francisco Playground. Professional actor and educator Chad Deverman will also return to lead this summer's acting program. Deverman is a professional actor who has worked with many local groups including Berkeley Rep, San Jose Rep, TheatreWorks, and California Shakespeare Theatre, as well as several film and television companies.

Applications for participation in the July 9-19 workshop are available online at www.eugeneoneill.org (click on "O'Neill Studio Retreat").

The O'Neill Studio Retreat is supported by grants from the Wood Foundation and the Dean and Margaret Lesher Foundation.

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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League

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

Fresh Works #5: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery. On view through Saturday, June 6. This annual juried installation features 73 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Philip Linhares, retired Chief Curator of Art at the Oakland Museum. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinezan@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. Hours May 9: 11:00-3:00 p.m.

GeoJango: Geography & Art Gone Wild, a new art exhibit opening at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street Livermore. **Emerging Artists**, an exhibit of visual art featuring works by students from the four District High schools; Granada High School, Livermore High School, Del Valle Continuation School and Vineyard High School. The exhibit will be open from May 6 – June 13 and will be on view for patrons who attend any performance or event at the Bankhead Theater. Receptions are free. Proceeds from art sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Freeze Frame Exhibit, top 25 finalists from the Tri-Valley Conservancy's 2014 Freeze Frame photo competition will be on display at Cuda Ridge Winery. This is a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. The exhibit runs from May 1 through July 31, 2015. Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

A Collection of Sharon Wood's Photography will be open for public viewing at the Robert Livermore Community

Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, from June 2- July 30th. There will be a reception June 2, 7-8:30 pm.

Repurposed, Firehouse Arts Center, June 24-July 22. Opening reception Tues., June 23, 7 to 9 p.m. Using cast off and discarded materials, artists featured in this exhibition have a unique and subtle ability to engage the viewer in thinking about the objects casually thrown away. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Art on the Green, Bankhead Plaza Green, 2400 First St., Livermore, third Saturday of the month June-September. Sponsored by the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Event open to all artists displaying artist-only products. All art must be family acceptable. \$20 fee, information contact Anne Giancola at agiancola@livermoreperformingarts.org to RSVP.

Art Under the Oaks, July 18 and 19, sponsored by Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No admission charge. Art displays and demonstrations. www.livermoreartassociation.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

General meeting, Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, 7:30 p.m. June 8, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Program by Daniel Riley, contemporary abstract painting. No admission charge. www.PAL-ART.org or www.livermoreartassociation.org

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

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

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge /The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.com

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist

models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Calina'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 \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer

Art, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years.

Sessions: June 22/26; July 27-31; Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443-8755 or frank.a@comcast.net

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond

- Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., June 29th 9:30 to Noon for five weeks and Tues., June 30th, 6:30 to 9PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388.

Paint Your Pet, Friday, June 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Valley Humane Society fundraiser. Bottle & Bottega East Bay artists will guide individual efforts to create a personal masterpiece of a pet. Don't have a pet...or a picture? Photos of Valley Humane Society's adoptable animals will be available for re-creation. Check-in is from 6 – 6:30 pm; BYOB...snacks will be provided. All proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Cost \$40 per person includes all materials, instruction and portrait to take home. www.valleyhumane.org

WINE & SPIRITS

The Chef & The Winemaker - A Celebration of the Bay Area's Most Acclaimed Women Chefs, Wente Vineyards Restaurant. Four dinners, 6 to 9 p.m. : Gayle Pirie, Chef/Co-owner of Foreign Cinema, Laszlo, and Show Dogs, Cookbook author, James Beard Nominee, June 4; Tanya Holland, Executive Chef/Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen, TV personality, cookbook author, 2013 California Chef of the Year, Sept. 10; Joanne Weir, James Beard Award Winner, TV Personality, cookbook author, Chef/Partner of Copita, Nov. 12. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; event information 925.456.2424; dinner reservations at 925.456.2450 or www.wentevineyards.com/restaurant

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, June 5th, "Evening in the Vineyards" concert at Las Positas Vineyards from 6-9pm featuring Evan Thomas & Pappas Garage. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages and artisan pizza's hand crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted). Tickets at www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited. Sunday, June 7th, "Sunday Funday" wine & cheese & herb-marinated olive pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. Details at 925-449-9463 or curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Fleece Food and Fun

- Spinning with the Treadles to Threads Guild, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Bring your spinning wheel and a pot-luck dish to share for lunch. "Try it Out Circle" for those who would like to learn to spin. Raffle prize drawing at 2:00. \$5.00 per person. 925-447-8941

Craft Beer Dinner Summer Series

at Wente Vineyards: Grill Chef Owen Natress meals paired with beers from local brewers; June 12 - Altamont Beer Works, Livermore & Fieldwork Brewing Company, Berkeley; July 24 - Eight Bridges Brewing Co., Livermore & Black Diamond Brewing Company, Concord. Both events 6:30-9:30 p.m. limited to 50 people. Reservations required. \$79 Club Members/\$89 Non-club Members. 925.456.2424.

The Grill at Wente Vineyards, 5040 Arroyo Road, Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

Wine Country Ranch Dance

Murrieta's Well historic barrel room. Live music by the Michael Beck Band and line dancing. Ticket price includes a glass of Murrieta's Well estate wine and delicious food bites. June 19, 6:30-9 p.m. \$60 club members, \$65 nonmembers. Father's Day Festivities wine, food and relaxation, special Father's Day flight, \$25. June 21, noon to 5 p.m. 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore, (925) 456-2395 or www.murrietas-well.com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Annual Father's Day Picnic

11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave,

Livermore. Table decorating contest and win prizes for the most sumptuous, the most colorful and the most creative table. There will also be prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids and maybe for the Dad who can carry the most kids. \$10.00 per adult. Due to popular demand, this event is by reservation only. 925-447-89341.

Charles R Vineyards events

: celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st from 11:30 am - 4:30pm. Challenge Dad to "Giant Jenga" and other lawn games. Bring a homemade picnic and sip some Charles R wine on the patio. Wine by the glass and bottle available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd./5800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. "4th Friday Free Summer Concert Series!" June 26, 5:30 to 8 p.m. with live music by Mud Daddy. Wine by the glass or bottle.

Wente Vineyards, Sundays in the Round

, three new food experiences paired with Wente Vineyards wines . \$60 club members, \$65 non-club, per guest, per experience. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Clam Bake: June 21, 11-2; Dim Sum: July 12, 11-2; Festival of Lights, Indian cuisine, Aug. 16, 11-2 925.456.2405 or www.wentevineyards.com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Independence Day Celebration

July 4 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

Taste Our Terroir

, July 23-26. Thursday July 23, 2015 is the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence paring 19 winemakers with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. Thursday night tickets: VIP \$125/\$85 advance through 7/10, \$95 after; weekend event tickets available from \$35-\$100. Livermore Valley Wine-growers Association. www.lvwine.org.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band

appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue--the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Steve Fread performances

: 6-25 5:30-7:30 Cuda Ridge Neil Young set. **New World Music Academy** of Pleasanton invites all to attend a public recital featuring the piano students of Markus Pawlik. Saturday, June 6 at 1:30 in the afternoon at Resurrection Lutheran Church (7557 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin 94568). Admission is free.

Dancing Harp Strings

: Presented by the American Harp Society, winners of the Northern California Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Harp Competition in concert. On Sunday, June 7, 2:00 p.m. the Firehouse Arts Center will host young harpists ages 9 to 18 in a concert featuring a wide variety of music. Special guest harpist Arielle Herman will perform Ravel's beautiful Introduction and Allegro, accompanied by 6 colleagues on flute, clarinet, violin, viola and cello from YPSO (Young People's Symphony Orchestra). Reserved seating tickets \$12 - \$20. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Hot Clubs of Cowtown

, hot jazz and western swing. 8 p.m. Fri., June 12.

Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Fleetwood Mask

, Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, Danville's Village Theatre on Friday June 12, 2015 at 8 pm. The Band will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1975 breakout "white" Fleetwood Mac album. Tickets can be purchased at villagetheatreshows.com or (925) 314-3400

Baby Love: The songs of Diana Ross and the Supremes

, 8 p.m. June 20, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

JOEL: the songs of Billy Joel

, featuring Kyle Martin, June 20, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Jinx Jones and the Jazz-A-Billy-Allstars

, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, June 21, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

A Tribute to the Broadway Divas

, Vol. 1, Featuring songs of Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Bernadette Peters, Angela Lansbury, July 18, 8 p.m. and July 19, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

New West Guitar Group

, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, July 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Puerto Candelaria

, the vibrant rhythms and dance of the rich, exuberant Columbian culture. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

The Skin of Our Teeth

, May 22-June 14. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. www.dmtonline.org or 510-881-6777.

Douglas Morrison Theatre presents

4th annual Playwrights' Cagematch, five playwrights square off; audience will vote by token to determine the

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winner. Mon., June 15, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$5 per token. Information and box office (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Romeo and Juliet, Free Shakespeare in the Park presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, 7:30 p.m., June 27, 28, July 5, 11 and 12. Special performance July 2. Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Road and Black Ave., Free admission.

As You Like It and Sense and Sensibility will be performed on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. The Clorox Company Foundation Family Nights will be held on Thursday, July 2 (Sense and Sensibility) and Thursday, July 16th (As You Like It) with \$5 youth tickets (under 18). For tickets call (925) 443-BARD or visit www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Girls Night: The Musical - Desperate Housewives Meets Mamma Mia! July 9, 7:30 p.m., July 10, 8 p.m., July 11, 2 and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The King and I, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 19, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; Aug. 1, 2; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, 8 p.m., July 23-26, Las Positas College in newly renovated outdoor amphitheater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositas-college.edu/performingarts/index.php>

COMEDY

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. July 11, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 925-447-8934. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

Summer Comedy Night, July 25, 8 p.m. featuring Joe Klocek. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. through June 2015 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. June 4, My Left Foot. Theme Almost True, presented by Las Positas College coordinator of the Humanities Candace Klaschus, a film historian. Pleasanton Library meeting room. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Note that some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. 931-3400, ext. 4.

DANCE

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 are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

Valley Dance Theatre Spring Rep, Spring celebration of dance with repertory pieces both classic and contemporary featuring highlights from Sleeping Beauty and a swinging salute to the 1940's. Music accompaniment is provided by The Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. May 30, 7 p.m., May 31, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/REGISTRATIONS

Auditions, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production, Jekyll & Hyde. Auditions, Sunday, June 7th at 6:00pm or Tuesday June 9th at 7:30pm. Callbacks by invitation only, June 14th at 6:00pm. Production dates, Oct. 24-Nov. 8. All auditions will be held at 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 in Pleasanton. All roles open. Prepare a brief (16-32 bars) Rock or Pop ballad of your choice, showing range (please do not sing from Jekyll and Hyde). Bring sheet music, but no a cappella or taped music. Accompanist provided. More information including the audition form can be found at: <https://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/jekyll-and-hyde>

CHORAL

Cantabella Children's Chorus, annual spring concert, These Things Can Never Die, at 1pm and 4pm on Saturday, June 6 at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, 9015 South Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon. The award-winning young singers (K-12th) will perform folk, sacred, classical and contemporary selections in various languages. Tickets are available at cantabella.org/tickets (\$18) or \$20 at the door. Admission is free for children under 18 (up to three per adult). Call 462-2766.

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions **We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the We're Talkin' Books! Club.

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word

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

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series

An Evening With... Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Tuesday, June 9th 7pm: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, commonly known as F.D.R., takes a look back at his accomplishments as an American statesman and political leader who served as the 32nd President of the United States.

Peter M. Small, a former educator, has portrayed historical characters, including F.D.R., for audiences nationwide. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. 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.

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 13, 10

a.m. downtown Livermore. Livermore-parade@yahoo.com

Livermore Rodeo

June 13 and 14. Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. <http://www.livermorerodeo.org/>

Alameda County Fair

June 17 through Sunday, July 5, Tuesday through Sunday each week. A complete schedule is available on the Fair's website at www.alamedacountyfair.com. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways. For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

Bonsai Show at Alden Lane

Valley Bonsai Society will present its 7th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a young tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, please contact Charles Harder at 980-3438.

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series

State of the City address by Livermore Mayor John Marchand, June 25, 11:30 a.m., Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org

Cheza Nami, 2nd annual Diversity and Cultural Awareness Camp

at Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, in the multi-purpose room from July 27th – July 31st, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. The camp will introduce students to cultural diversity through performing and visual arts which includes African dance, African drumming, and crafts. To register for Cheza Nami's Diversity Camp visit www.ChezaNami.org.

[chezanami.org](http://www.chezanami.org) or call 925-398-3827. Scholarships for need based students available to qualified students.

4th of July Family Fireworks Celebration

Sat., July 4 downtown Livermore, 6 p.m. street closure, 9:30 p.m. fireworks. www.livermoredowntown.com

Tri-Valley Ducks Unlimited Chapter

30th annual fund-raiser and banquet, Sat., July 11, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Includes happy hour, raffle games and prizes, live and silent auctions, dinner catered by Kinder's Meats, custom shirts and glasses. 5 p.m. doors open. Tickets \$75; \$50 (under 17), \$125 couples. For information, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800

or kmbandassociates@sbcglobal.net. Tickets online at ca.ducks.org.

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series

An Evening With...

Laura Ingalls Wilder, Tuesday, July 14th, 7 pm: Born in 1867, the name Laura Ingalls Wilder brings to mind life in the big woods, in a little house on the prairie, and on the banks of plum creek. Judith Helton portrays Wilder in this one-woman program presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. 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.

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Milestones



Music students of Kim Luty performed a spring recital on Saturday, May 16 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore. The afternoon included music by Bach, Chopin and Debussy.



Magician Bill Herz entertained a crowd of around 100 at Stoneridge Creek senior living community on May 6th. Herz, an award-winning magician, performs each year at more than 200 events. He's known to mix classic tricks and large-scale production in every act. "I had a great time at Stoneridge Creek," said Bill Herz. "The people were so great to work with. I hope I can visit the community again."

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Rodeo Dinner Dance, Elks Lodge Livermore, Sat., June 13, cocktails 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Dancing to the music of the Richard Dorff Trio at 7:30 p.m. Menu includes certified Angus Choice slow roasted prime rib, baked potato and all the fixins', corn on the cob, bread, salad, and fruit cobbler ala mode. Chicken upon request. Tickets \$24 advance purchase. Public invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets and reservations, call 455-8829 or email secretary2117@comcast.net.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Ron Filion to speak on SFGenealogy.com on June 8, at 7:30 at its meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. He has been involved in genealogy since he first started working on his Boy Scout merit badge. He recently complete a book 'Eaten by Cannibals' a true story of a Victorian native San Franciscan and her adventures in the Pacific Ocean. He is found of SFGenealogy.com Presentation will give an overview of the website, explore its major databases and discuss the joys and challenges of operating such a website. No charge, all are welcome to visit this presentation.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., June 15 at the IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Denis Cuff, writer for the Contra Costa Times, will talk about the drought, water cutbacks, and the Governor's tunnels. Discussion & Q&A, refreshments, public invited.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, June 10, 1 p.m. lunch in Sunol, RSVP by June 8 to Hilda, 398-8808. June 13, 11 a.m. brunch in Dublin, RSVP by June 11 to Janet, 443-3317. June 14, noon brunch in Fremont, RSVP by June 12 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. June 15, 1 p.m. lunch in Dublin, RSVP by June 13 to Janet, 443-3317. June 18, 5 p.m. Happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 16 to Mary, 736-2350. June 20, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, Livermore, RSVP by June 13 to Harriett, 447-8229. June 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 21 to Janet, 443-3317. June 28, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 25 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, June 18th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at

<http://trivalleycares.org>
Retired Public Employees Association, meets Thurs., June 4, at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit & Grill, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore, at 10:45 p.m. Speaker will be Jeff Katz from Heritage Estates speaking on how to downsize. For information or to RSVP, contact Muriel Springer, 447-1920 or MSpring991@aol.com or Val Olson, 449-5807 or volson582003@yahoo.com

Livermore Citywide Garage Sale, Sat., June 20, 8 a.m. to noon. Register sale online at LivermoreSanitation.com or at 449-7300. Participants registered by June 11 will receive free advertising. Hosted by Livermore Sanitation as part of Livermore Recycles.

Film showing benefits veterans, June 14, 1 p.m. at the Pleasanton Veterans Building, 301 Main St. The film, "Humor VS Action 2," was created by a local student. Pre-order tickets at \$7 by email nn.films.media@gmail.com or \$10 at the door. Food and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237.

Paint Your Pet, Friday, June 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Valley Humane Society fundraiser. Bottle & Bottega East Bay artists will guide individual efforts to create a personal masterpiece of a pet. Don't have a pet...or a picture? Photos of Valley Humane Society's adoptable animals will be available for re-creation. Check-in is from 6 - 6:30 pm; BYOB...snacks will be provided. All proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Cost \$40 per person includes all materials, instruction and portrait to take home. [www.valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org)

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 11, 6:30pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton. At 6:30 will be a potluck of finger foods, followed by the business meeting. The speakers will be Janie and Roger Chapin, members of LAVGC, who spent six weeks touring English gardens. They will show photographs of the beautiful gardens that they visited. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated hosts a dinner and speaking presentation by Stephen Frank, publisher of California News and Views. Stephen is a frequent guest on the KSFO Brian Sussman morning radio show, is a Vietnam Veteran, and developer of the POW/MIA bracelet with Bob Dornan. He worked seven years in negotiations for releases on behalf of POW and MIA families with North Vietnamese, Viet Cong, and Khmer Rouge Pathet Lao in Europe and Asia.

Stephen writes about water issues, educational concerns, property taxes, government subsidies, and tax schemes against Prop 13, to name a few. He will discuss the 2014 elections and what they mean for the 2016. All are invited to the event on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. 6:30 social time, dinner

at 7 pm. \$30 members/\$34 guests. Contact Linda at Krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com or phone 925-426-1474 for reservations by Monday, June 8.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/ head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan.sdcanfield@comcast.net or Cheryl.cerry415@aol.com.

Earth friendly demonstration garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Alameda County Master Gardeners present talks on a variety of topics., 10 to 11 a.m. June 13: getting your garden through the summer heat; July 11: dealing with pests and diseases that bloom with the summer heat (1 p.m.); Aug. 8: ABC's of garden design; Sept. 12: bulbs: the best drought resistant garden color; Oct. 10: multiply and divide perennials; Nov. 14: roses - selecting, planting and pruning. Gardening advice and guided tours 2nd Saturday of each month. Garden open to public every day during daylight hours. No admission charge.

Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA) seeking volunteer host families for high school boys and girls from various countries for the upcoming school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a foreign teenager. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children living at home are all encouraged to apply.

The exchange students arrive from their home countries before the current school year begins. Each FIEA student is fully insured, brings his/her own spending money and expects to bear his/her share of the household responsibilities as well as be included in normal activities and lifestyles. For information contact your Local Representatives Carol or Susan Berger at 209-502-7443 or by e-mail arielpdog@charter.net. Information: www.forexchange.org.

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to

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

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

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

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

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

Pleasanton Lions Club- welcomes

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

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church). Information at www.dbsalliance.org/ or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

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

Livermore Military Families, a

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

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore

Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

United Christian Church, www.ucliv.org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more information.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Cannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoreadsa.org All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocht.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. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. www.saintbarthsLivermore.com

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

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based

practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore. Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service with their parents. 10:30 contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointe-church.org (925) 846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtvalley.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.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Children are welcome in all services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer

at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnewood.org or visit website at [www.lynnewood.org](http://lynnewood.org).

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springfield ward, 1 p.m.

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

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

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

Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister, www.unityoftrivalley.org/ 925.829-2733.

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

Dealing with death workshop, Those dealing with grief due to a death are invited to attend bi-monthly meetings. St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Bi-monthly meetings will be held at St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 11th and 25th, July 9th, and 23rd and August 13th, And 27th 2015. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday June 6, at 12:00 PM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer

Milestones



Students at Saint Michael School in Livermore recently participated in the 23rd Annual Young Authors Faire sponsored by the Diocese of Oakland. A total of 72 books were submitted for pre-judging at the school. Twenty-six local winners were then sent for the diocesan level judging. Of those sent, 17 were winners. On Saturday, May 16, awards were presented to: Grand Prize for Buddy Book: Kindergarten and 7th Grade; First Place Fiction: Evan Mathews, 2nd Grade; Honorable Mention Class Book: 2d Grade Class; Honorable Mention Fiction: Karson Knuth, Josie Gallo, Natalie Barbosa 3rd Grade; 2nd Place Special Genre: Morgan Studebaker, Gianna Salerno, Mila Salcedo 3rd Grade; 2nd Place Graphic Novel: Kaitlyn Hu, Danielle Hanley, Dani Fazio 3rd Grade; 2nd Grade Special Genre: Amira Sain 4th Grade; Honorable Mention Class Book: 6th Grade; 2nd Place Class Book: 7th Grade; 2nd Place Autobiography: Grace Leary, 8th Grade; Honorable Mention Poetry: Maddy Flores, Adrianna Ramirez 8th Grade; 2nd Place Special Genre: Faith Mahallati 8th Grade; 2nd Place Book with a Religious Theme: Mallorie Stiner 8th Grade; 1st Place Children's Picture Book: Savanna Nelson 8th Grade; Honorable Mention Children's Picture book: Alexandra Hendrickson and Ilona DeSzily, 8th Grade, 1st Place Class Book: 8th Grade Class, Honorable Mention Class Book: 8th Grade.

Foothill DECA Students Bring Home Top Awards

Foothill High School DECA chapter members won top honors at DECA's annual International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL on April 25th to 28th, 2015.

Students receiving recognition at the international level were Andrew Nam & David Xu, Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making, 1st Place; Emily Topielski, Financial Consulting Event, 7th Place; Nihar Patil & Edward Im, Sports and Entertainment Operations Research, 4th Place; Ashwin Kumar, Retail Merchandising Series Event, 8th Place; Jackie DiPiazza & Cassidy Hager, Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making Event, Top 20 (advanced to final round).

During the school year, Foothill DECA student members competed at conferences in San Ramon and Santa Clara. Top 3 win-



Foothill High School DECA students

ners in all categories at the States Career Development Conference moved on to internationals, in which they competed against top win-

ners from all over the United States, Canada, Guam, China, Korea, Mexico and Spain for top honors. In addition to competitive events, some of our Foothill members also engaged in leadership academies, which included training sessions focused on improving team management and decision making skills.

During the school year, approximately 120,000 of DECA's 210,000 student

members take part in the organization's competitive events program, allowing them to compete for local and regional titles. The competitions are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. The top state and provincial winners put their talents to the test during the program's final round of competition in Orlando.



AAA Northern California donated 274 car seats to families in-need at Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Livermore. AAA Northern California was joined by the local Livermore Police Department not only to gift the car seats to the parents and children, but also to provide education on how to install the car seats correctly.



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