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Country Legend to Perform at the Bankhead Theater

Program to Explore the Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie

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

## Audit of TVLC Says There 'May Be' Fraud, Mismanagement

An audit of Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) shows that the operator of the two public charter schools in Livermore may have mismanaged the corporation's finances, and may have committed fraud.

The report from the state's Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) went to Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Karen Monroe, who had made the formal request for

the audit. She was asked to do so by TVLC CEO Lynn Lysko in November 2016.

The FCMAT report is careful to say that mismanagement of funds "may have" occurred. It does not make accusations against the central figure in the document, Bill Batchelor.

Among the audit's findings were that TVLC management "may have" failed to disclose "numerous conflict of interest relationships, diverted commingled and/or misappropriated public funds with various private entities, including tax-exempt public bonds totaling over \$67 million, and contributed to an environment of significantly deficient internal controls."

Further, TVLC "may have" diverted \$2.7 million of public school funds as off-book transactions, diverted and commingled funds among three entities created by Batchelor.

Other findings were that TVLC "may have" misled independent auditors, failed to fully disclose affiliated or related parties to the school district and the TVLC auditor, and filed incomplete conflict of interest forms.

There may also have been failure to file IRS Form 1099s for host families when LVCP hosted foreign students, primarily from China. Records show the families

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## Committee to Work on Plans

The Livermore Downtown Steering Committee will take information it has received at previous meetings and use it to put together development plans for the 8-acres in the core of the downtown.

At the June 8 meeting, the committee will be divided into three groups. Each group will create an option with the proposed hotel on the eastside of Livermore Avenue and one with the hotel on the westside. Other elements to be considered include parking, housing, retail, open space and amenities such as a museum and galleries.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers. The agenda includes a presentation of concept plan prepared by Steve MacCracken for the Community Group and the presentation of a hotel concept plan by Presidio Companies.

The main charge of the committee has been to devise a public outreach approach that can be implemented this fall when the public will be presented with four development options to consider. The four plans will be based on the committee's input.

At the June 6 meeting, the committee heard information on housing options, retail, open space, and other amenities. Previous sessions included presentations on a hotel, conference center, parking and traffic.

David Zehnder from Economic & Planning Systems provided background on key consumer groups, downtown market trends, development prototype analysis and opportunities, constraints and recommendations at the June 6 meeting.

Zehnder started his presentation by noting that parking is 90% of

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Livermore Rodeo Parade marched down Second Street on Saturday. It is hosted by the Livermore Rotary Club. Local organizations, schools, businesses, politicians, performers and bands all participate. In one photo, a trick rope expert demonstrates his skill; in the other, a 4-H Club member rides in the parade. For another photo, go to page 10.

## Pedestrian/Bike Plan Updated in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton City Council adopted the new Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan by a unanimous vote last week.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin, who describes himself as a bicycle guy, comments, "This is a great document. It gives us a place to go and accomplish what we want to do. Roads were built for cars. Riding bicycles represents a culture change." He and others brought up climate change. They said that the plan provides an opportunity for people to get out of their cars,

helping to reduce emissions. The plan update was spearheaded by the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC).

Eighteen months in the making, two new goals were added. The first one aims to create a "Low Stress" bicycle and pedestrian network that may be enjoyed by all users and abilities. The second involves focusing improvements on corridors in order to complete them.

Completion of these corridors will allow all users to reach all

major destinations within the City, eliminating gaps and providing a comfortable alternate travel mode to driving. Specific examples of a low stress network include protected or buffered bike lanes and separated sidewalks.

The addition of looking at the network through a lens of complete corridors involved the creation of a detailed scoring matrix. The matrix identifies 16 corridors in Pleasanton's bicycle and pedestrian network, along with an 18-point

(See PLEASANTON, page 5)

## New Global Health Effort From Hertz and Gates Foundations

Livermore-based Hertz Foundation announced the creation of a Fellowship in Global Health and Development based on a \$5 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The first two recipients of the

new Fellowship are Rebecca Carlson, who will begin a PhD program at MIT in the fall, and Alyssa Ferris, who is in a PhD bioengineering program at Stanford.

Both are Hertz Fellows already – a prerequisite to qualify for the

Global Health Fellowship.

Carlson hopes to create better ways to understand and prevent autoimmune diseases, while Ferris's research aims to increase the nutritional content of food crops.

The Global Health and De-

velopment Fellowship is getting underway during the Hertz Foundation's 60th anniversary year.

The Hertz Foundation was created by John Hertz, an Austrian immigrant whose careers ranged from news reporting to car sales

and who invented the car rental business, founded Yellow Cab and created a company that became Checker Motors.

In 1957, he and his wife created the Foundation to help support the

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## LVPAC to Launch 'Amplify the Arts' Fundraising Campaign

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will mark the end of its fiscal year, June 30, 2017, with the "Amplify the Arts" fundraising campaign geared towards the goal of reaching 150 gifts in the final 15 days. Gifts can be of any size. Board and staff donations at major milestones will work to amplify the total giving. After the first 50 gifts, Development Director Chris Carter will donate \$1,000. After the 100th gift, Executive Director Scott Kenison will donate \$5,000, and at 150 gifts Board Chair Jean King will donate \$10,000. The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center shifted to a June year-end schedule last year to better align

the administrative and budgeting process with the theatrical season.

The fundraising campaign comes as the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center reaches the close of a successful 12-month period that has seen positive momentum in show attendance, educational program participation, and major sponsorship commitments. The first show in the 2017 Summer Series, comedian Paula Poundstone on July 7th, is already sold out. Member presales for the just announced 2017-2018 season at the Bankhead were nearly 70 percent higher than sales last year in the same time period. Tickets

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High School class of 2017 graduates posed for pictures prior to the ceremony last Friday.

## Dubliners Sound Off to Council About Schools

By Ron McNicoll

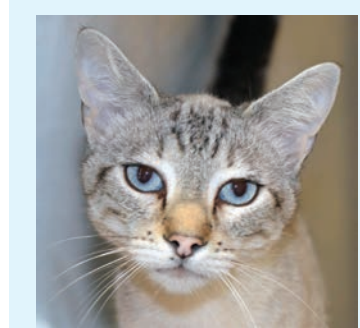
Dublin residents told the Dublin City Council how strongly they feel about the need to make building a second high school the top priority.

More than a dozen speakers addressed the council at the June 6 meeting. Since the topic was not an agenda item, the council did not comment.

The school board has allocated \$15 million to Cottonwood Creek K-8 school in Dublin Ranch, and \$7 million for the engineering hub extension building at Dublin High School. Not funding has been specified for a second high school, because the board wants to determine a site for it first.

Dublin High School has an enrollment of 2062. High school

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### PET OF THE WEEK

With eyes like big blue saucers, Sukie takes it all in. The one-year-old Siamese tabby mix is on the lookout for her forever home. Sukie loves people and is very tolerant. She can be quite playful, yet is always considerate. Visit and adopt Sukie today at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## State of the City Talk

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting Livermore Mayor John Marchand, who will present a State of the City address at its 2017 Wine Country Luncheon on Wednesday, June 21 at the LARPD Robert Livermore Community Center.

Mayor Marchand plans to give an update on how Livermore rates on quality of life issues.

The monthly luncheon series is set at various venues throughout the Livermore Valley wine region. Held May through September, the luncheon themes include topics and issues relevant to the economy at the local, regional, state and national levels.

For information and to make reservations for the June luncheon and LVCC luncheon series visit [www.livermorechamber.org](http://www.livermorechamber.org) or call 925-447-1606. Luncheon tickets are \$48 for LVCC members and their guests and \$58 for "Not-Yet" LVCC members.

## Karla Brown to Lead LAVTA Board

The Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Val-

ley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels and Rapid bus services, voted unanimously to elect Karla Brown to serve as Board Chair for the coming fiscal year. Brown, a Councilmember with the city of Pleasanton, has served on the LAVTA Board since 2013. She was Vice-Chair during FY 2017 and serves on the agency's Projects and Services Committee.

Upon being selected Chair, Brown acknowledged outgoing LAVTA Chair Steven Spedowski, stating "I am very pleased to assume the Chairman of the Board, a position vacated by Vice Mayor Steven Spedowski. Steven led the Board with a mixture of reserved leadership and delightful humor, as LAVTA's organization navigated through the Comprehensive Operational Assessment (COA) this past year. Steven's rise from LAVTA college intern to Chairman of the Board meant he had a unique understanding of transit systems, and now years later, he served as our accomplished leader."

The Board elected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty to the position of Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

## Dublin Council Chamber Renovations

Beginning June 21, the City of Dublin Council Chamber at City Hall will close temporarily for renovation. Council and Planning Commission meetings normally held in the Chamber will relocate to Ambrose Hall at the Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin), effective June 27, 2017.

Chamber upgrades include audio-visual technologies, seating, carpeting, and general room modifications.

## Corrections

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The following corrects the errors. Certain types of ADUs can be built in any single family residential zone in the unincorporated areas of the county, so the potential in the Valley applies to any place there is a single-family residential zone.

There are also three small areas that are designated on

a map as a Secondary Unit (SU) district. Two of the areas are west of Sunol, north of Niles Canyon Road, and the third on Foothill Road.

The county's intention is to go through the public meeting process to develop long term countywide regulations. The goal of a projected series of meetings is to present long-term regulations to supervisors. The expectation is to make the presentation to supervisors in late 2017 or early 2018, depending on the number of public meetings that are needed and the amount of public input that is received.

A story on The Wave's water slides in Dublin's Emerald Glen Park said that Fire Department staff was inspecting six water slide rides at the park daily before opening. However, The Fire Department inspected only the two speed slides at The Wave, prior to its opening May 27.

Both of the slides — The Emerald Plunge and the Dublin Screamer — have been closed since opening day, when a 10-year-old boy was slightly injured in the run-out area at the bottom of the Emerald Plunge. Both rides are 45 feet in height.

The city is reviewing the accident, and the rides are expected to reopen sometime after The Wave staff completes its inspection training.

## HEALTH

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promising undergraduate engineers that they felt were needed by the U.S.

At the urging of Edward Teller and others, the Foundation's focus soon shifted to the support of graduate students in the physical sciences. Hertz built a classroom at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for graduate studies in applied science, a University of California at Davis program that ended in 2011.

The Hertz Foundation today includes major support for biological as well as physical sciences.

Beyond very high academic qualifications, the selection process for Hertz fellowships tends to favor applicants who have shown an entrepreneurial spirit, often reflected in patents awarded and even companies founded.

Hertz Fellowships today are among the most prestigious and successful in the U.S. About a dozen are awarded in a typical year, although the Hertz Foundation is happy to offer more to qualified applicants when funds are available.

The Foundation's support -- \$50,000 per year for five years -- accompanies them if they change schools.

According to Robbee Kosak, President of the Hertz Foundation, the new global health fellowship program came about because scientists and leaders at both the Gates and Hertz organizations know each other's work and interact on a professional basis.

Past collaborations between the two organizations have been highly productive, she said. The Gates Foundation was "particularly interested in connecting more directly early on with this pipeline of very talented and elite minds in science and technology to see what kind of creativity these elite young people could bring into the program in global health and global development."

There can be four internships at time, with each internship lasting two summers, she said. A comparable internship program is available for Hertz Fellows through the Draper Laboratories in Cambridge, Mass.

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# EDITORIAL

## Promoting Learning

Las Positas College represents a great asset to the community.

In addition to preparing students to transfer to four year institutions, the school helps to develop skills that lead to additional educational or job opportunities.

At times, the college steps up to fill a need. For example, the Adaptive Horticulture Summer Program for students with special needs offers training, horticulture therapy and experience with learning at a college campus. Propagating new plants, learning about plant water requirements and installing a new landscape on the college campus are among the planned activities.

The college is also there for the community with summer camps for both adults and children. These classes have no exams, no pressure, and are non-credit classes. They do not require admission to the college.

For kids, summer offers an opportunity to take beginning fencing, attend a computer coding camp or camps focused on chemistry and physics. One adult summer camp will focus on Civic Engagement where campers will learn how to responsibly and civilly participate in the political process in today's climate.

Information about these and other classes can be found at [www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu).

The college notes that the classes help to foster a climate of discovery, creativity and personal development and promote life-long learning. We believe the college deserves an A plus for its efforts.

## Assembly Supports Baker's Bills

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) announced that bills AB 229, AB 1444, and AB 1674 passed the Assembly floor with strong bipartisan support.

AB 229 will help combat human trafficking by funding effective vertical prosecution programs to get human traffickers off the streets. This bill requires the Governor's Office of Emergencies Services (OES) to award funds to up to 11 county district attorney

offices to employ vertical prosecution programs for the prosecution of human trafficking crimes.

AB 1444 authorizes the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority to conduct a pilot demonstration project for testing of autonomous vehicles at and around the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. The bill passed 54-13 with bipartisan support. "I am excited to help bring this testing to the Tri-Valley to continue leading technical innovation and bring jobs

to our community. These autonomous shuttles can be an innovative way to connect commuters to BART."

Assemblywoman Baker was also a joint author of AB 1674, which would require out-of-state students applying to UC to meet or exceed academic qualifications of California students to gain admission. This bill corrects a trend UC had been following to have easier admission standards for out-of-state students compared to California resident students.

The Livermore City Council heard an update on the Downtown Steering Committee's status to date.

Five meetings have been held during which the committee has been provided with background information on a variety of topics. They include parking and traffic, hotel feasibility, hotel design and siting, conference feasibility, housing, open space, retail, office and museums.

A summary of the information was presented to the council at its Monday meeting, after which the council and members of the public asked questions and made comments.

The council's direction to the steering committee was to develop a public outreach program for issues related to the development of eight acres of city owned property located on either side of South Livermore Avenue. The initial area of focus was to be the development of a downtown hotel and parking, including discussions on related land use issues necessary to facilitate decision making.

Councilmember Steven Spedowski noted that he believes it is important to look at the feasibility and timing of everything. He said his hope is that all could agree on the facts when making decisions. "There are interpretations, so consensus will be key."

Councilmember Bob Woerner said he wanted to focus on one factor that has a major impact on what the community decides to do, housing. "It is clear from the presentations to the steering committee that housing can bring a number of benefits." It has the potential to pay for all of or a significant portion of the land; some amount of housing is probably needed to support existing and new retail; and perhaps housing could also help fund the construction of community open space and other amenities that require subsidies.

He pointed out that last year he voted for a motion by Spedowski that failed to pass to study options that would limit housing to 130 units or less on the Lucky site. He said of housing, the community may want to proceed in stages, rather than build everything at once. "A staged approach would be less disruptive and could lessen the financial burden. However, some might argue against a measured approach out of fear that more housing than desired would eventually be built." With that in mind, he asked staff to come back with tools that would lock-in the amount of housing once there were agreement on the maximum amount as a community.

Spedowski said of Woerner's proposal to develop tools to lock in housing numbers that it would assure that people are not talking

about 300 to 500 units. He said, "One of the potential problems I see if a hotel were located on the eastside, people would be afraid that the westside would be a superblock."

Councilmember Bob Coomber wanted to see all of the pieces in place. He supported the idea of one plan that is phased.

Mayor John Marchand pointed out that it was the council's direction to look at a hotel and parking first. "I heard loud and clear that the community wanted parking solved first. I hear a lot about planning the whole thing." He added that the community doesn't want to solve the whole plan. People want something that actually works. The committee would continue its original direction, to work on the hotel and parking, then work on other components.

He said that the committee will use outreach, not advocacy when taking options out to the community.

The other councilmembers, with the exception of Bob Carling who was absent, agreed with the proposal by Woerner to look at tools to lock in the housing numbers.

Both Woerner and Spedowski expressed interest in a more thorough analysis of traffic numbers.

The city council will hold a special meeting on July 31 to discuss plans to take out to the public. Once the public has weighed in and a final plan developed in the fall, City Manager Marc Roberts said that staff would come back with a project level of analysis of traffic, along with tools to lock in the housing numbers.

All but one member of the public who spoke sup-

ported creating a plan incorporating all of the uses. Jean King read a statement from Lee Younker who said that it is important that a hotel be planned with and coordinated with land uses around the site. Some have suggested an incomplete plan with focus on the hotel and the rest to be determined later. All elements are inter-related and should be planned together.

Carol Wahler said she agreed with the statement, noting that the process of preparing a complete plan provides a fantastic opportunity to create a fantastic downtown.

William Dunlop said it is important to make sure that all of the parts work together.

Jeff Kaskey, a committee member, stated that the public has asked for a great downtown with a hotel. The city council first needs to proceed with parking. This could include negotiating with private owners for use of lots by the public in evenings; standardizing parking limits and enforcing them; and allowing temporary use of adjacent lots. The public would likely allow the hotel to happen once there is a plan for what the entire area will look like and parking is solved.

Rachel Snedecor, committee member and executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc., offered a different view, urging the council to move forward with the hotel. She pointed out that a site for the hotel has been selected as part of the specific plan. Building a hotel can make Livermore a better place. Designing the land on the westside of Livermore Avenue will allow the public to create a remarkable place.

## MAILBOX

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

### Costco & Transparency George Reid Pleasanton

City Council Members—By now you have probably read the Guest Opinion by Matt Sullivan in the Pleasanton Weekly (June 9, 2017). Matt Sullivan has a reputation as an honest straight-shooter, elected and reelected to the City Council.

He makes good points about the process of dealing with the Costco developers and the lack of transparency where Pleasanton citizens should be able to review the process and make sure they are being fairly represented.

1) Why have secret negotiations? Why does Pleasanton need to subsidize an \$80-billion company?

2) A break-even period of 20 years for subsidies sounds like some bad negotiations by Pleasanton representatives.

3) The one-sided favorable coverage by our local conservative newspapers of the Costco development means we need honest transparent info, which now seems to be only coming from Matt Sullivan.

4) It is time to make the City government more open and balanced. There are no Democrats on the current City Council and

City Committees appear to be dominated by persons advocating for excessive growth without adequate concern about protecting the small-town character of Pleasanton and preservation of our historic Downtown (Walnut Creek should not be the model). During the last election campaign I talked to many residents who said they had applied to be on City Committees or wanted to apply but were turned down or discouraged from applying because they were not tied to the Chamber of Commerce. Previous mayors had more balance on City Committees and Task Forces. Pleasanton could benefit from some Slow-Growth Progressive representation, with fresh ideas and concerns about the environment, excessive growth, overcrowded schools, traffic problems, etc.

### Climate Change Rich Buckley Livermore

Atmospheric Scientists have absolutely no one to blame but themselves for the total lack of acceptance of their work, by a large, well read, and significant portion of the population, all of whom want clean air and clean water.

Surely there's a path for progress. They still have their jobs and can resign in protest if they have something important to emphasize.

### Dublin School Board Lisa Yang Dublin

Open letter to the District: Request to Create a School Site Selection Committee to Include Community Members for Dublin's Second

Comprehensive High School

I believe the school site selection process followed by the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees (the District) was the wrong approach. Given the huge impact of school overcrowding on the community and the dire need of a second high school, the District would have been much better positioned had it utilized and instituted a site selection team comprising members of the District, its staff, and members of the community.

According to the California Department of Education (CDE), there are two approaches available to choose a site: (1) through a staff selection process or (2) through a site selection team to include members of the community. (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf/schoolsiteguide.asp#determine>). The District did not form a school site selection team to include community members; instead it chose to pursue a

staff-selected site. On February 23, 2016, the District voted to begin the planning process to build the second high school. After that vote, the District and staff, working through a hired consultant, Scott Sheldon of Terra Realty, determined a list of potential sites that were available to the District for purchase and reviewed them against certain site selection criteria, to include:

- Timeline for potential school opening;
- Costs to develop and build on each site;
- Educational program opportunities; and
- Developing site opportunities and constraints

Approximately a year and a half later, after working with staff and hired consultants, the school site selection process used by the District failed to produce a viable option for Dublin's second comprehensive high school. On May 23, 2017, the District held a regular meeting to vote on a site selected by staff, through the hired consultant. At the meeting, Scott Sheldon of Terra Realty gave a presentation on the site selection process that lacked substance and detail. The presentation

left many with more questions than answers. The site ultimately selected based on this process was extremely small, at 13 acres, located within a corporate complex on the corner of Hacienda and Gleason Drives. The site consists of a building and a wrap around parking lot - no open spaces whatsoever. Across the street from this site is a very large, brand new courthouse that will handle an extremely busy docket and court-related business. This new courthouse will undoubtedly bring lots of traffic to that area. Additionally, less than one mile walking distance is the Santa Rita Jail, the 3rd largest jail in California and the 5th largest jail in the United States.

After hearing public comments, of which there were approximately 70+ (commenters cited concerns over the fact that a comprehensive high school would not be possible given the site's size, the overall safety of children, and the increased stress the location may cause students, teachers and staff), the District voted 3 - 2 against signing a purchase agreement for the site. The community was relieved, to put it lightly, that the District did not choose this site. <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/dublinusd/Board.nsf/Public> and video recording of meeting available here: [http://pbtech.org/clients/dublin\\_cc/dublinusd05232017.html](http://pbtech.org/clients/dublin_cc/dublinusd05232017.html).

I understand the District put in a lot of time to select a site for the second high school; however, based on the above, it is clear something about the process was very wrong. I believe the community needs a more comprehensive approach to the second high school site selection process, to include increased transparency and overall clearer communication. Moving forward, I call on the District to partner with the community by creating a school site selection committee to include staff members, District members and community members to review all documents and information necessary to fully vet all potential land sites available (i.e., promenade, Chen, and Fallon

Sports Park phase 3) to the District for the purpose of building a second comprehensive high school. Many of the community members have a wealth of experience who could bring their professional backgrounds and expertise to bear and contribute tremendously to the process. There is no doubt in my mind that including community members would make a huge difference and improve the overall school site selection process to yield a viable result.

### Paris Accord David Marco Livermore

It's Good to Pause the Paris Climate Accord

For the last few weeks we've had headlines in the Independent and other papers declaring bad tidings for leaving the Paris Climate accord. I'd like to raise some questions about that position. Various data has been trickling out of the scientific community lately that make a very good case for questioning the Paris accord. Here are a few of those items and a few thoughts.

1) Climate models are just not all that accurate - there is tremendous room for bias and errors based on what data you choose.

2) Calculations based on UN and other pro-climate change data bases and computer modeling show that if the Paris accord is fully implemented, it will have negligible impact on global warming by the end of the century, yet the US will have spent trillions of dollars.

3) There seem to be other ways of reducing global warming that are much cheaper and much more effective. Why aren't they being explored?

4) There have been some very credible arguments recently questioning the supposedly toxic and detrimental effect of CO2, including a lack of data to support significant global warming since the early 1900's.

5) I'm very concerned about where those dollars are going for such an insignificant effect? Whose pockets are getting filled with taxpayer's money? Politicians? Is that why some strongly

back the accord?

6) I'm very concerned that for decades there has been a strong bias in government grants and funded academic research. If you support global warming and all that argument entails, your applications have a good chance of being accepted. If not, then you have no chance of getting these grants and being funded or published. That creates biased "experts."

7) Statements like "97% of scientists agree with global warming" are simply propaganda - there is much of that in the climate debate.

8) The US has extremely clean skies and water compared to rising manufacturing centers like China, India, Russia, and others. Why not find a way to make it harder for real polluters to succeed? Punishing those who do well is proven to fail.

9) If we're going to spend all that money, there needs to be a vigorous, open, public debate. Believers must not be allowed to shout down the unbelievers.

10) No President can enter such an accord without ratification by congress. That hasn't been done, and it's not clear that it would be ratified even if Obama were still in office.

In summary, there seems to be good reason to question the extremely high cost for minimal results, lack of open dialog, and where all that money is going. Putting the brakes on this agreement looks like a great idea.

### Great Events John Shirley Livermore

Livermore just had two great events, perhaps the best ever.

The Rodeo Parade was one of the best. Chairman Paul Szymd and his large committee of Rotarians did an excellent job putting the parade together.

We also had one of our best rodeos. I have seen most of them in the last sixty years and this one was excellent. We had lots of fine cowboy and cowgirl participants. The bucking stock was excellent, yet some were ridden.

Congratulations to all.

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# FAILED

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Bill Batchelor served as CEO of TVLC from 2008 to 2015. He was mentioned

prominently in an audit conducted by a school auditing agency in examining the

schools' financial practices. (See story on FCMAT audit.) The auditors say in the report

that there "may have been" fiscal mismanagement, and perhaps also fraud.

Batchelor's publicist said that the audit statements were vague, and he will comment after he has read the whole report.

Batchelor offered his view of the TVLC demise. "After I left as CEO in 2015, the enrollment numbers dwindled and they ran into financial problems, resulting in bankruptcy."

Batchelor loaned TVLC \$800,000 earlier this year to allow the schools to stay in operation. He was committed to lend a total of \$1.4 million, according to a joint Batchelor-TVLC news release cited in the FCMAT report. However, Batchelor said that once he learned that the Livermore school district decided not to renew the schools' charter, there was "no reason to try to keep the doors open."

Van Schaack said that he thought the reason for the TVLC failure was "financial mismanagement." He commented, "A lot of the issues go back to financial difficulties. When you are not providing instructional materials for classes because you can't afford them, and you have to lay off teachers, it goes back to not enough money. There was an over-extension of debt, which led to the inability to match

expenses with revenue," said Van Schaack.

"When they took out \$67 million in bonds, it was significantly more debt than could be managed," said Van Schaack. He was referring to bonds to finance the leasing of a converted 3-story office building at 3090 Independence Drive in Livermore. Batchelor's plan was to have a private academy split the facility with LVCP. That did occur. Eventually the private school, Squaw Valley Academy Bay Area (SVABA), was paying 90% of the rent.

Batchelor told a reporter that the folding of LVCP will not affect SVABA "significantly." Asked about the future of the elementary and high school buildings, and

whether they would be for sale for commercial purposes, Batchelor said that it "would be premature to say."

Van Schaack said he did not know about future property arrangements for the buildings. He did comment that if the private school had "taken off" in enrollment, they would have had the revenue to pay off the debt. "But the idea of 500 students at the private school was never realistic, and never came to fruition," said Van Schaack.

Batchelor has not disclosed the SVABA enrollment. However, on-line is an annually required document that showed enrollment at fewer than 40 students in 2016.

# PLEASANTON

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ranking system to assess the following issues: safety, safe routes to schools, connectivity, demand and feasibility. The top two priority projects are West Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road.

While the focus will be on corridors, the city will have the ability to work on high priority projects not in a corridor during street improvement work.

The capital improvement projects budget for the coming fiscal year contains \$900,000 for the West Las Positas Boulevard improvements.

Others corridors in order are 1-580 and 1-680 Overcrossing Improvements; Foothill Road, Stanley Boulevard, Bernal Avenue, and Stoneridge Drive; East Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Downtown; Downtown Access; Arroyo de Laguna and Iron Horse Trails Connection Feasibility Study; Valley Avenue Alternatives and East Side Bicycle Boulevards and Centennial Trail to Iron Horse Trail; Arroyo Mocha Trail to Downtown Bicycle Boulevards; Sunol Boulevard; and West Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Downtown. The plan recommends a goal of five years to complete the corridors.

However, the total cost for these improvements at \$69 million far exceeds the current available funding. Additional grants and other sources of funding will be sought in order to complete the network.

Members of the audience expressed support for the plan during the public hearing. It was mentioned that making it safer for people to ride and walk will take cars off the road, helping to reduce congestion and a need for parking.

They noted that currently bike paths start and stop in the middle of a block leaving cyclists stranded in high volume traffic. David Fish commented, "Cycling to me

is a means of transportation. I have had many close calls."

BART representative Rachel Factor expressed disappointment that the plan would not provide access to the two Pleasanton stations more quickly. Both are in the list of corridors to be addressed.

## PLEASANTON BUDGETS

City Manager Nelson Fialho noted that the operating budget has some challenges related to revenue, primarily sales tax. In the spending category, pension obligations are the greatest challenge.

The budget includes the addition of two new police officers.

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) addresses everything related to the council's priorities, either partially or wholly funding them.

Taxes represent 84% of the city's income. Sales tax is starting to slow down. In the area of business and industry, the city has seen a 12.2% drop in sales tax income and in general consumer goods an 8.1% decline, mainly due to online sales and retail in nearby cities. The San Francisco Outlet Malls in Livermore were described as the highest grossing mall in the East Bay.

The concern with pensions and post retirement benefits involves changes to come from CalPers. The estimated payment would be \$700,000 in 2018-19. By 22-23, the city would have to contribute \$5.5 million above what it is doing now. However, the final figures will not be known until sometime in July, when CalPers will release its latest information, said Fialho.

## JOHNSON DRIVE

Councilmember Karla Brown raised the issue of why \$6.4 million for Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone improvements was included in the CIP,

when there is no project.

Fialho said that the money comes from traffic impact fees (TIF) paid in the area. They can't be used for mitigations caused by Costco. Once a project were approved, the developer or property owner would have to pay the mitigation cost estimated at \$21.4 million. "It's a moving target. We are still in negotiations. There is no firm proposal. I am pessimistic at this time of having a project move forward," stated Fialho.

Brown asked where the mitigation money would come from for Costco and the two hotels identified in the plan.

Fialho said the city could borrow internally, seek a commercial back loan, or shift a portion of sales tax revenue collected from Costco back to the company to repay it for fronting money. It will be a policy discussion the council will undertake.

## ARTS AMBASSADOR

As part of the consent calendar, the city council approved the position of Literary Arts Ambassador.

The designation replaces the Poet Laureate, a role the city has been unable to fill lately.

The mission of the Literary Arts Ambassador Program will be to raise awareness of the importance of literature as it relates to lifelong literacy and education toward the development and enhancement of the lives of Pleasanton residents.

The Ambassador would share appropriate poetry and/or literary pieces at public events and dedications, as well as conduct literary workshops, readings and events. One of the goals, will be to serve as a supportive mentor to the city's current Teen Poets Laureate.

# DUBLIN

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attendance in seven years is expected to reach 4500, according to a demographer's report.

One speaker said that 4500 on the Dublin High School campus, if it were expanded, would be so big that there would not be room for anyone regardless of whether they live on the East Side or West Side.

An earlier attempt to buy a commercial building for \$47 million and convert it to a high school for around 1800 students failed on a 3-2 board vote. An overwhelming majority in an audience of 600 said it would be unsafe because of its proximity to a jail and new courthouse, although Sheriff's department statistics show it is as safe as any other Dublin neighborhood.

Several speakers at the June 6 council meeting said that the city should encourage the school district to obtain the 43-acre Chen parcel near Fallon Road.

The district considered the Chen property in a list of site alternatives. However, the parcel has topographical issues, which would require extensive grading. The property also is due to be involved in the extension of Dublin Boulevard. The alignment has not yet been determined. The site is also

located within an airport flight safety zone, with no guarantee it could be given a waiver to comply.

The district and council have been meeting at the committee level to try to work out solutions for the high school and elementary sites.

## GARBAGE RATES ARE RISING

The council also voted to raise garbage rates by 7.8% for the new fiscal year. That will bring the fee for a 32-35 gallon can up from \$23.14 to \$24.94.

The Dublin rate compares to Livermore's \$37.67, beginning July 1; \$33.80 in Pleasanton; and 27.94 in San Ramon. Larger single cans in Dublin are rising by 8%.

In other action, the council approved a proposal for the painting of Dublin-oriented scenes on nine city-owned utility boxes. After seeing the success of a pilot program that hired professional artists to paint six boxes, the council agreed with staff to authorize nine painted boxes in the coming fiscal year. Cost for six boxes already was earmarked in the public art fund budget for \$6900. The remaining cost for three more boxes can also come from the public art fund, said staff.

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## LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

### Notice of a Public Workshop Regarding Medical Cannabis Dispensary

The City of Livermore will be holding a public workshop on June 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., on a prospective ordinance to permit medical cannabis dispensaries. The workshop will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca Room, located at 4444 East Avenue. The workshop is open to the public and will focus on receiving community input on whether a medical cannabis dispensary should be permitted in the city and how it might be regulated.

At this time, the City of Livermore has no plans to permit the commercial cultivation of medical cannabis or the commercial cultivation or sale of any recreational cannabis products.

An RSVP is strongly encouraged, but not required to attend the workshop. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the City of Livermore Planning Division at (925) 960-4450 by phone or [sslee@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:sslee@cityoflivermore.net) by email.

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5828 ARLENE WAY	3847 DARTMOUTH WAY	292 JEANNIE WAY	642 MOJAVE AVE
634 AUSTEN WAY	1655 DE LEON WAY	952 JESSICA DR	1868 MOUNTAIN DIABLO WAY
1722 AUTUMN OAK DR	2107 DEL MONTE ST	669 JOYCE ST	355 MULQUEENEY ST
1812 AUTUMN OAK DR	782 DEL NORTE ST	669 S K ST	753 MURDELL LANE
784 BARLETA LANE	768 DEL NORTE ST	1346 KATHY CT	1233 MURDELL LANE
5578 BECK LANE	856 DELAWARE WAY	1346 KATHY CT	432 NIGHTINGALE ST
5574 BERWIND AVE	5825 DRESSLAR CIR	1346 KATHY CT	1061 NORFOLK RD
2384 BETTONA ST	1005 DUBLIN AVE	2780 KENNEDY ST	1245 NOTRE DAME CT
5409 BETTY CIR	1154 DUNSMUIR PL	341 KENSINGTON CMN	1231 NOTRE DAME CT
5446 BETTY CIR	231 EL CAMINITO	4646 KIMBERLEY CMN	153 OBSIDIAN WAY
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4764 CINDY CT	658 HANOVER ST	589 S M ST	
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4194 COLGATE WAY	932 HANSEN RD	1300 MADISON AVE	
2497 COLLEGE AVE	1922 HAWK ST	1660 MARALISA CT	
		846 MARICOPA CT	
		852 MARICOPA CT	
			1775 ROSE GATE CMN
			2877 RUTHERFORD CT
			2230 SAINT MARGARETS CT
			3937 SANTA CLARA WAY
			6381 SCENIC AVE
			683 SHADOW MIST CT
			1197 SHERRY WAY
			2263 SHETLAND RD
			5563 SHOREHAVEN CIR
			2870 SIENA RD
			2750 SILVERADO CT
			667 SONOMA AVE
			1270 SPRUCE ST
			577 SUMMERTREE DR
			649 TEAL CT
			619 TRAVISO CIR
			668 TRINITY HILLS
			750 TRINITY HILLS WAY
			776 TROUN WAY
			958 TURINO ST
			153 TURQUOISE WAY
			1428 TURQUOISE WAY
			1478 VANCOUVER WAY
			1569 VANCOUVER WAY
			1580 VANCOUVER WAY
			982 VENTURA AVE
			903 VERONA AVE
			963 VIA DEL PAZ
			1223 VIENNA ST
			274 VISTA ST
			884 WAGONER DR
			1540 WAGONER DR
			1759 WALNUT ST
			1783 WHIPOORWILL ST
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## PLANNING

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planning. It can be expensive and take up space, but it is important to the success of a project. At the same time, surface parking should not take up a great deal of space.

In looking at potential homebuyers, Zehnder spoke of millennials and the "silver tsunami," those age 65 and older. The housing market for these groups tends toward smaller homes featuring little or no yards with downtown living a favorite destination.

Currently, Livermore housing stock consists of 81% single family and 18% multifamily. "Development of downtown won't radically change that balance. The idea is to provide a bit of diversity for emerging groups to buy-in," he said.

Housing options he commented on included townhomes and multifamily. Zehnder noted that there is market support for a full range of prototypes. Residential development has economic strength to facilitate retail, restaurants and other uses.

Zehnder addressed retail trends, noting that there is a major transformation underway due to online sales.

Near-term, downtown Livermore provides a concentration of restaurants, bars and entertainment. Diverse and robust retail industry categories are underrepresented, but are plentiful in the city and/or region, such as the Outlets. High end boutiques are several years away in the downtown. There appears to be niche opportunities for smaller specialty food stores. He did not recommend stand-alone retail due to ongoing market shifts towards online shopping and a robust regional supply. Retail would best be positioned as ancillary ground floor uses with locations favoring high visibility.

Museums and galleries are not self-sustaining uses continued Zehnder. They need a subsidy to build and operate.

In answer to a question from the committee, he said that a hotel surrounded by residential could work. "It's all in how you do it."

He concluded his remarks listing the constraints to developing housing. They include parking, rising construction costs, a limited labor pool, development

fees, and uncertainty of community acceptance.

Continuing the conversation related to housing, Michael Pyatok of FAIA Pyatok Architects, discussed senior, co-housing, micro units and artist live-work options.

Senior housing could accommodate active baby boomers who are moving to downtown cores where they can walk to night life. He suggested 35 to 50 units per acre with 1 to 2 bedrooms.

Co-housing would represent an option for those who don't want to buy condos. In this category, groups get together and develop their own products, creating a more communal way of living. Those liking this lifestyle tend to be highly educated and are activists in the community, said Pyatok. Density could range from 15 to 35 units per acre.

In response to a comment from a committee member, he agreed that some developers are interested in building co-housing, a product that would resemble a rooming house with shared areas.

Micro units would work for opposite ends of the income spectrum at 275 to 375 sq. ft. studios. At the high end are consumers who tend to be young techies who don't have any stuff or kids. They just want to play, according to Pyatok. Downtown workers will spend the majority of their income where they live.

Artists live-work units would need a subsidy. Options range from rental studios to townhome ownership products. A variety of spaces would accommodate a wide range of artistic endeavors from dance to sculpting. Ground floors can become creative sites where artists can earn extra income by selling their work or teaching classes.

The final topic of open space was addressed by Greg Tung. He provided examples of open space/plaza development in a range of sizes. He listed issues to consider when planning for open space in the downtown. Major public open space on the Lucky site can be, but does need to be a major formal civic plaza; the Bankhead Theater Plaza already performs this role.

Open space should be central and sizable enough

to anchor the center, be a place of arrival and have its own identity. The character should complement the core density with greenery, especially larger shade trees. There should be easy and visible pedestrian access from all four edges of the block with no large blank wall edges, such as a parking garage.

Tung said that a concentration of housing creates a captive population to support the continued vitality of the downtown. He found that 30 to 50 units per acre could be accommodated in 3 to 4 story development with

varied massing. Some parking like a semi-sunk podium may be less obtrusive than parking structures.

When it comes to connectivity, Tung suggested bridge walkways over roads may not be the best option. People tend to avoid walking up, crossing, and walking down; instead they jaywalk.

Committee member Jeff Kaskey said one message he heard was that housing will be a tough sell to the public, but it helps pay for other uses of interest. Dale Kaye said millennials need housing. They are essential to the future. We need to

house them so they don't move elsewhere.

With regard to the level of housing, several noted that the numbers needed to support the downtown shouldn't just be built on the Lucky site. Nearby developments, such as Livermore Station and the Groth Bros. site, also provide consumers. They questioned whether housing in the downtown could be affordable.

Prior to the start of the meeting, vice chairman Bob Woerner stated that he believes that an article in last week's Independent did not accurately reflect what he

said at the May 25 committee meeting. He declared that the city council direction to the committee was to develop a public outreach process with focus on a downtown hotel and parking. Timing of the hotel should be addressed by the council. There is a need to hear from the community before making a decision on a hotel. Woerner said he made his remarks in response to comments from a committee member, who stated clarity is needed concerning moving forward with a master plan for the entire site or moving forward with a hotel.

## SPORTS NOTES



Nina Fillari, who runs with the St. Michael's CYO Parish team of Livermore, placed 1st in the 100m race and 2nd place in the 200m race in the 8th-grade girls 2017 Oakland Diocese CYO Championship on May 13, 2017. The competition was held at James Logan High School.



Granada High School Track and Field sent several athletes to the Meet of the Champions for the North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) held at UC Berkeley. Of that group, a final cut was made for the final competition. The girls 4x100m relay team of Cassidy Bates, Mia Smith, Giovanna Duley, and Lindsey Philips qualified for the finals and came in seventh place. Cameron Priest and John Bennett qualified for the boys 3200m race taking ninth and tenth places. Bennett also qualified for the boys 1600m race taking third place. Colleen McCandless competed in the girls 3200m race and came in second place. Mark Silverthorn made it to the finals and got third place in boys shot put. Emily and Claire March qualified for the girls discus and got thirteenth and twenty first places. Bennett, McCandless and Silverthorn will advance to the state level competitions. Pictured is Mark Silverthorn on the podium receiving his medal.



On Sunday, June 4, the Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Black wrapped up their spring season by defeating Dublin United 6-0 at Kellman Field. The boys exhibited great teamwork on offense and defense during the dominating win. Goalkeeper James Garcia made two amazing first half saves to help keep the sheet clean. Pictured are the U10 Boys Black team with Coach Nick Menezes after defeating Dublin United.

### Livermore Smoke

The 12U Smoke Fastpitch team based out of Livermore captured the Gold bracket of the USSSA Summer Slam Softball tournament held at the Fremont Sports Complex the weekend of June 3rd. This was the first tournament for the newly created team. The girls competed at an extremely high level for their maiden tournament. The pitching was stellar giving up 10 runs in 6 games while striking out 22 batters in 22 innings. The offense put across 40 runs including 8 doubles, 2 triples and a homerun. Their 5-1 weekend was highlighted by a 10-0 victory over Gavilan Buzz and finally a hard fought game in the Champion-

ship over NorCal Team Bownet by a score of 7-4.

### PVC vs. Sunset

Jump starting their season on a relatively chilly June morning this past Saturday the Pleasanton Valley Club (PVC) beat the Sunset Cabana Club swim team with a tally of 1127 to 650. The leader among the large pack of PVC swimmers who won multiple races that day was David Gjerde, winner of four swims. Alana Rauscher, Kevin Franck, Franny Hawkins, Jackson Risher, and Julia Gonsman each won three races. Thatcher Douwes, Laird Muise, Makenzie Moore,



Livermore Fusion U9 Boys Maroon completed an undefeated spring season and finished first in their division. In the final game on May 21, Fusion defeated Pleasanton Ballistic 7-0.



Pictured are Fusion Scholarship winners (left to right) Ethan Shang, Kali Mesarchik, Andrea Vallejo, with Director of Coaching, Ben Graham



Livermore Smoke 10U-C took 2nd Place at the Del Soderholm Classic. In their first C tournament of the year, the 10U girls played outstanding all weekend long. On Saturday, they started the weekend with wins of 28-5, 16-3 to finish bracket play with a 7-3 win to head into Sunday undefeated. The hitting and exceptional pitching continued Sunday with a 13-0 win. In the semi-final game, the girls fought back from being behind three different times and won on a walk-off triple in the bottom of the 6th (9-8). In the championship game, Smoke ran into an extremely talented Union City Fury team and came up short of winning the championship. Pictured are (bottom row) (Bottom Row) Jordynn Booe, Madison Hom, Carly Pine, Maggie Pyke and Hannah Armaz; (top) Delaney Aumua, Saskia Raab, Reagan Wolf, Caitlin McNeill, Lainey Macosky, Romy Palmer; (missing) Jordan McCafferty; (coaches) Ron Aumua, James Booe, Ed Macosky; (missing) Chrissy Booe, and Mike McCafferty.



David Gjerde swimming the butterfly for the Pleasanton Valley Club. Photo - Gjerde family.

Makayla Rauscher, Dustin Schmidt, Katrina Terpstra, and Gabriel Falcone each won two.

Also worthy of note was Cole Willardson's swim in the 9-10 boys 200 free relay. After an impressive leap off the blocks Cole's goggles got knocked off. Did he pause for even a moment with hesitation? No. He powered through his swim.

### LGSA Registration:

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

### Baseball Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting two summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from

coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 5-12 year old camps that cost \$150. The two dates are: June 12-16 and July 10-14 and run from 9-12 each day. For more info to sign up, contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or [dperotti@yahoo.com](mailto:dperotti@yahoo.com) or check website [www.eteamz.com/lvb](http://www.eteamz.com/lvb)

### Fusion Seniors

On Thursday, May 25th, Livermore Fusion Soccer Club hosted its annual dinner to honor graduating seniors. Each senior received an alumni jacket and eight seniors were honored with the Fusion Pride Award. These seniors have all been playing soccer for Fusion SC since they were US: Alexandria Cantril, Claudia Chavira, Lucas Coppock, Audrey Cordisco, Zachariah Eme, Dillon Eng, Charlie Mitchell, and Jamie Zogarc.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Fusion Student-Athlete of the Year Award. This award and scholarship is given to the top male

## AUDIT

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were paid \$1000 per month. Batchelor helped organize TVLC in 2008. He left the CEO position in 2015, after forming a private charter school that now shares a building with the TVLC high school.

Because of the possibility of misappropriated assets, FCMAT recommended to Monroe that she send a copy of the report to the office of District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

Also on the notification list were State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson, who has been following TVLC issues closely; the Livermore school district; the state controller's office; and TVLC.

The Livermore district oversees the two charter schools. The district sent out notices of violations to TVLC noting areas where the charter schools were not in compliance with the charter agreement. On May 4, 2017, the district notified TVLC of its intent to revoke the charters.

The charter schools are K-8 Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), founded in 2008, and secondary Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP), begun in 2012.

Before Lysko asked Monroe for the audit, TVLC already had planned to conduct its own outside audit, but deferred to the FCMAT arrangement, which did not cost TVLC any money. The audit says that Lysko was concerned about what the report describes as "conflict of interest and self-dealing by Batchelor as well as other close privately held business associates and a network of companies that either participated in or were party to bond transactions, loans and lines of credit."

The report continues that Lysko was concerned about "potential financial mismanagement, misappropriation of funds and conflict of interest regarding the issuance and expenditure of publicly issued tax-exempt bond funds."

Lysko was unavailable for comment about the report.

Lysko was not the first to look for answers about declining finances at TVLC, which eventually showed a \$3.5 million loss, after a thorough audit was paid for by TVLC. The total included two Stockton schools, which are leaving TVLC.

Some Livermore parents took up the cause with questions to school board members about an apparent lack of transparency when it came to some of the TVLC dealings. Some questions were not answered. Several reform candidates were elected to the TVLC board, but resigned when they saw that appropriate change would not happen.

Some of the parents reported what they considered violations to the Livermore school district. The district included them in Notices of Violation sent to TVLC.

### BATCHELOR INNOCENT, SAYS STATEMENT

Batchelor's San Francisco-based publicist released a statement that said, "Mr. Batchelor is innocent of any wrongdoing, and this audit doesn't change that fact. One thing is clear: the audit's conclusions are vague and are based on a series of inaccurate assumptions."

"Mr. Batchelor is combing through the audit to identify the false allegations, and will respond in more detail as soon as he has had sufficient time to review it," said the publicist.

# SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Fusion U15 Maroon Girls closed out the NPL Spring Season with back-to-back wins over the CVSJ Earthquakes 03 and Force North 03. Fusion controlled both games from start to finish. Against the Quakes, goals from Gracie Ackerman and Danielle Castro sealed the 2-0 victory. Facing Force North, Lily Redell landed a hat trick with assists from Athena Lewis and Danielle Castro. Fusion never let up, focusing on both aggressive and powerful play throughout the game, ultimately claiming a 4-1 win. U15 Maroon Girls closed out the spring season with two big wins.



Smoke Fastpitch 12U team includes (top row) Hailee Hartman, Skylar Jester, Kayla Urrutia, Sophia Palomo, Mckenna Kibbe, Alizabeth Ruiz, Sierra Black, Alex Mello and Kaitlyn Aguilar; (bottom row) Emma Hatcher and Audrey Sweet; and Manager: Elvis Aguilar. Assistant Head Coach Keith Sanck, Coaches: John Kibbe, Eric Sweet, Dan Ruiz and Rigo Zapien.



Livermore Fusion U13 Boys Maroon finished the spring season undefeated and as league champions. On Saturday, May 20, the team, ranked first in their bracket, played a road game against #2 Union City Premier. Fusion prevailed 3-2. The next day, Fusion hosted Tri-Valley Soccer in a mismatch won by Fusion, 8-1. The following Sunday, June 4, the team closed out the season by traveling to Newark and downing Elite Soccer 6-1. Marcos Valdez led the offense down the stretch with a "triple triple" - a hat trick in each of the last three games.



Triple A Livermore Little League baseball players pictured are, from left to right, Jack Whatley, Hayden Druba, Tommy Brown, Jace Sekany, Jace Whatley along with T-Ball ball player Jhett Whatley). Although rivals on the field for the championship game, these boys are pals off the field. Red Sox won their game, 10 to 7.

and female applicant who exhibit the qualities that Fusion encourages in all of its players: academic excellence, athletic determination, and community involvement.

In addition to winning a \$1000 scholarship, the recipients were given a plaque, and their names will be added to the perpetual trophy in the Fusion office. This year's winners were Kali Mesarchik and Ethan Shang. Kali will be going on to continue her studies at Sonoma State in the fall. Ethan is continuing his studies at UC Berkeley. The other finalist, Andrea Vallejo, was honored with a \$500 scholarship.

Andrea will be pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice from San Jose State.

### Annual Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host its 24th Annual Father's Day Spirit Run—presented by the accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo—on Sunday morning, June 18 (Father's Day), in downtown Pleasanton. Produced by the Pleasanton Rotary, this community tradition supports college scholarships for Pleasanton students and community and international projects of The Rotary Club of Pleasanton.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Fans gathered at Sauced in downtown Livermore Monday night to cheer on the Golden State Warriors as the team captured the NBA title with a 129-120 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers in game five of the playoff series. The Warriors recorded a 16-1 record during the playoffs, losing only to the Cavs in game four.

## TV30 Hands Out High School Athletic Awards

TV30's Seventh Annual Outstanding High School Athletic Awards event took place on Thursday, May 25, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Sixty-four total awards were presented. The high school "Player of the Week" awards to athletes, the schools themselves, and the "Coach of the Year" were honored for their accomplishments. Sponsored by Tri-Valley Community Television and its Foundation, the event featured guest speaker, Bip Roberts. Introduced by Tim Sbranti, Roberts was an MVP in Major League Baseball and former standout player for the San Diego Padres and the Oakland A's. He is now the color commentator on television for the A's.

Each week throughout the 2016-17 school season, an outstanding varsity high school athlete was selected and highlighted on TV30's weekly sports program, "Tri-Valley Sports Final." Those student/athletes and their families were invited to attend the awards ceremony and reception. Over 300 people came, including Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and LVJUSD president, Craig Bueno. Tri-Valley school superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches from the high schools were also present.

"This is a really wonderful event," said Craig Bueno, the president of Livermore's Board of Trustees, and himself a JV football coach. "It recognizes and honors the really great scholar/athletes across the Tri-Valley. My thanks go to TV30 for producing this one of a kind television presentation"

The surprise emcee was Sherry Davis, who became the very first professional baseball woman stadium announcer in the country. She won out over five hundred other candidates, including experienced announcers. Ultimately recognized in the Baseball Hall of Fame, she announced for the S. F. Giants.

There were 6 "Game of the Week" awards given to each of the high schools to keep in the awards cases of Amador, Foothill, Dublin, Valley Christian, Granada and Livermore high schools. There were 57 "Athlete of the Week" awards presented to the players.

A TV30 highlight of the program was the giant-screen video of each student's award winning play. Then the athletes received their awards from "Tri-Valley Sports Final" hosts Ian Bartholomew and George "Dr. B" Baljevich. They were also personally congratulated by guest speaker Bip Roberts, Mayors Haubert, Thorne, and Marchand, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Sherry Davis presented each award winner with personalized commendations from Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblymember Catharine Baker, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and Supervisor Nate Miley. The Alameda County Fair, Garré Vineyard and Winery, and Visit Tri-Valley also assisted in the success of this production.

The "Coach of the Year" award was presented to Coach Chris Kim from Amador Valley High. The Coach of the

Year was picked by popular vote. His varsity boys' volleyball team was undefeated in league play this season and won the championship. The team is ranked 18th, nationally.

Photos are provided at no charge for download on TV 30's web site and DVDs are available for purchase at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org). The full program will be shown on TV30 in mid June. Air dates and times to be announced.

"I am glad we have prioritized a very special night with the sole purpose of honoring the students and their families for their enduring dedication and effort. TV30 appreciates the support of those who participated in producing this annual event. They have given the awardees a positive experience they will remember for the rest of their lives," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director of TV30.

## Katie Lucas Knocks the Ball Out of the Park

Katie Lucas of Livermore can hit a softball a long way. Her skill was recognized in a story in USA Today published on May 23.

Lucas played for the Livermore Valley Charter Prep.

As a power hitter, Lucas, launched 19 home runs in 56 at-bats in 14 games this season. The feat led the nation in home run hitting per at-bat. Among the 19 round-trippers were two four-homer games, a three-homer game and three two-homer games.

Lucas commented, "The thing that I love most about softball is how competitive it gets in close games and that I have a whole team backing me up."

She says, "To train, I mostly hit off the tee to work on my mechanics, which helped me get more power behind my swing."

Lucas, who wears No. 00, versatile in the field, playing catcher, shortstop, and in centerfield. She takes on other sports as well, including basketball and volleyball.

She is a baseball fan. Her favorite player is Brett Gardner, because of his speed in the outfield. Plus, he is one of the Yankees most consistent hitters."

She plans to try out as a walk on at Grand Canyon University this fall. In high school, she missed most of the travel ball season between her junior and senior year, typically when players are seen by college coaches, due to a thumb fracture from sliding head first.

She plans to major in government with an emphasis in law and then go to law school after completing her bachelor's degree.

There is a race or walk event for every member of the family, including the 5K Run/Walk, or the 10K Run. In addition, there will be three separate Kids' Challenge Races—for children ages 2-8. The 5K and 10K certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and un-paved Arroyo Trails. The start and finish lines are located under, or very close to the Pleasanton arch, located on Main Street. The Kids' Challenge is a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the arch.

Participants of the 10K and 5K events will receive commemorative dry-blend T-shirts, beverages, snacks and entry into a raffle that will have more than \$5,000 in Door Prizes. Finisher Ribbons and cookies will be given out to all Kids' Challenge participants. In addition, refreshments and award ceremony will be offered for everyone.

The 10K Race will start at 8:00 a.m., with the 5K Run and Walk beginning at 8:10 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 9:30 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m., will be held at the parking lot of Workbench True Value Hardware at 652 Main St, Downtown Pleasanton.

Registration available on the day of the race. Registrants may designate \$5 of their registration fee to benefit a Pleasanton Unified School District school of their choice.

Race-day registration opens 6:30 a.m., 10K starts at 8:00 a.m., 5K follows at 8:10 a.m., and the Kids' Dashes will commence at 9:30 a.m.

For more Spirit Run information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website.

### Tri for Fun

On Saturday, June 17, a field of close to 600 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick-off On Your Mark Events' 30th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, in Pleasanton.

The Tri For Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail).

After the novice athletes master the first three prior Tri For Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event – the Tri For Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 19-mile bike, and 4-mile run. The Tri For Real is also professionally chip-timed for all participants.

The 2017 On Your Mark Tri For Fun Series dates are June 17, July 15, and August 19. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 17. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

The three Tri For Fun triathlons are non-timed and non-competitive. A clock is provided at finish line for participants to view their personal time. Triathletes can choose to participate in this mode, or they can be officially chipped-timed. Should participants choose to be timed, their results will be recorded and posted on the On Your Mark Events' website's results page.

On Your Mark Events will be crowning a Series Champion (must be timed for all four events). The top male and female entrants will be announced and awarded at the Tri For Real in September.

Entry fee for the three Tri For Funs is \$75 (non-timed) and \$80 (chip timed) in advance, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Preregistered

entry for relay teams is \$210 (non-timed) and \$215 (chip timed), \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. For September's Tri For Real, all participants are chip timed (\$85.00 advance, and \$95.00 day-of). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$240 race-day. The Tri For Real includes the same goodies as the Tri For Funs, with addition of trophies and medals.

Check-in and registration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about the Tri For Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit [onyourmarkpleasantontriathlonseries.itsyourrace.com/](http://onyourmarkpleasantontriathlonseries.itsyourrace.com/)

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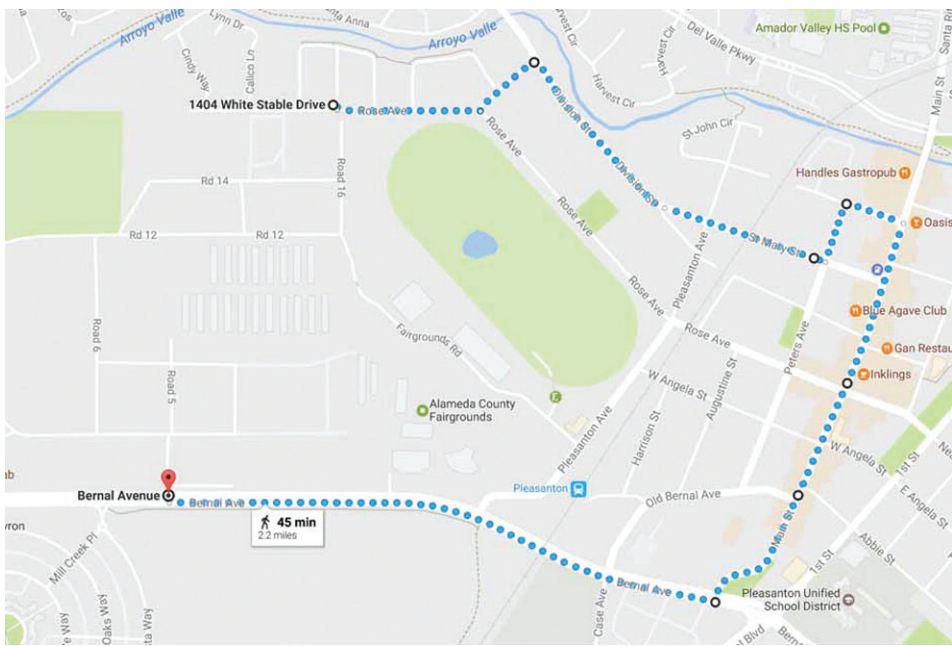


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## Cattle Drive to Launch Alameda County Fair

The Best. Summer. Ever. starts in Pleasanton on Friday, June 16, as the Alameda County Fair opens its 2017 season with a real, live cattle drive through Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

"This is a first for Alameda County Fair and Downtown Pleasanton," said Jerome Hoban, the Fair's CEO. "After months of planning, we are excited to bring a real, western experience to our community. A hundred and fifty head of cattle forging their way through downtown will be a fun and unforgettable sight for kids and grownups alike. Bring your family and friends -- you won't want to miss this one."

The route has been re-configured since first announced and will now start from the Fairgrounds at Rose Avenue. The team of 60 riders, 150 steers and a pack of cattle dogs, will enter Main Street near the Rose Hotel at approximately 10:30AM. The procession will continue through downtown and back to the Fairgrounds for the official open at 11AM.

Main Street from Del Valle Parkway through Bernal Avenue will be closed during the event starting at 9:30AM, while side streets will implement rolling closures to keep traffic moving.

Teams will be on hand to clean up after the animals on the spot.

Many of Pleasanton's downtown businesses will offer free tickets to the Fair on opening day, while supplies last. The Museum on Main will host western-themed crafts and activities for kids starting at 8:30AM. In addition, Main Street Pediatric Dentistry will host children's coloring activities and United Business Bank will be giving out free Cattle Drive backpacks.

The fun will continue with special attractions through Sunday for the Fair's Western Weekend celebration with rodeo games and events in the Action Sports Arena.

Super group Sugar Ray will perform opening night to kick off the Big O Tires Concert Series for 2017.

Visit [www.alamedacountyfair.com/entertainment/cattle-drive](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com/entertainment/cattle-drive) for complete schedule, map and updates.

Free Fair tickets will be given away at the following Main Street businesses while supplies last: Comerica Bank - 600 Main St.; Girl Friends Boutique - 549 Main St.; Gourmet Works - 420 Main St.; Main Street Pediatric Dentistry - 55 W. Angela St.; McKay's Tap House & Beer Garden - 252 Main St.; Murphy's

Paw - 410 Main St.; Sole Desire - 310 Main St, Ste. C; Strizzi's - 649 Main St.; Towne Center Books - 555 Main St.; Wealth Management Associates - 400 Main St.; Legacy Real Estate & Associates - 608 Main St. Ste. G; and United Business Bank - 465 Main St.

The fair runs June 16-July 9 (closed June 19, 20, 26, 27), open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Horse racing will take place June 22-25, June 30-July 4, July 4 & July 7-9.

Free concerts are offered 8 to 9:15 p.m. each night with a fireworks show immediately following at Concert Lawn.

On Tuesday, July 4th, a Blues Festival takes place from 1 to 9 p.m. Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland East Bay Symphony, begins at 9:30 p.m. at the grandstands.

For ticket information and special admission days, go to [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com)

The Alameda County Fair is operated by the non-profit Fair Association without any tax funding from the government. It is ranked one of the Top 50 North American Fairs and is the 7th largest Fair in California. The Fairgrounds is home to the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.

## SHORT NOTES

### Dublin Leadership

Beginning this fall, the City of Dublin will host Inside Dublin, a leadership academy designed to provide community members with advanced knowledge of municipal operations and community activities. Residents interested in the program are encouraged to apply now to be part of the 2017 Inside Dublin class. The goal of the academy is to inform the participants about City services and the issues (present and future) facing the community, and to encourage community involvement at all levels. The program will include presentations on topics such as public safety, infrastructure, education, local government, and community services.

Inside Dublin is a seven-week program, six Thursday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and one Saturday field trip, beginning Saturday, October 7, 2017. Class size is limited to the first 20 candidates. Candidates must be age 18 years or older, and currently live or work in Dublin.

Interested parties may contact Taryn Gavagan Bozzo, Executive Aide, at 925-833-6650, or fill out an application from the City's website at <http://www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin>.

### Snake Stories

Snake Stories will told on June 18 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer and open space volunteers at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051

Wetmore Road.

Come meet a few of our local snakes at this family-friendly program. Hear a snake story and make a snake-related craft.

There is a \$7 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Family Campouts

The City of Dublin offers three Family Campouts each summer. The first Campout will be held June 24-25 at Emerald Glen Park. The second Campout takes place July 15-16 at Alamo Creek Park; and the final Campout of the summer will be held August 12-13 at Schaefer Ranch Park.

Here's what to expect: Check in begins on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Activities begin at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Campfire & S'mores start at 8:00 p.m. Breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m. Check out Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

The cost is \$22 for residents and \$26 for non-residents. Prices are per person. Bring your own tent. Pets are not allowed. Call 925-556-4500 for more information.

### Police Academy

The Livermore Police Department is now accepting ap-

plications for its 32nd Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The 17 week academy will begin on August 2, 2017 and will end on November 29, 2017. There are no physical requirements for most activities and no costs charged to the participants.

The CPA provides participants with a unique inside look at the Livermore Police Department and the law enforcement community. Participants will be presented with a variety of topics, including patrol operations, communications, evidence collection, hiring and recruitment, traffic, animal control, laws of arrest, search and seizure, use of force, investigations, crime analysis, police procedures, ethical issues, and many others. The sessions are designed so that participants get involved asking questions and doing hands-on activities. A tour of the police facility is included in the first session. There will also be opportunities for ride-a-longs with patrol officers and sit-a-longs with police dispatchers. The program also includes a Range/SWAT day that will be on a Saturday or Sunday, date yet to be determined.

To apply, complete your application online at the following link: <http://btr.im/at414>

For information, contact Police Support Services Manager, Lesli Prado by phone at (925) 371-4936, or by email at [lprado@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:lprado@cityoflivermore.net). Applications must be submitted by July 12, 2017.

## Wheels Offering Shuttle Service to the Fairgrounds

For the first time, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) will be offering a special shuttle service between the East Dublin Pleasanton BART Station and the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The shuttle, operating as Wheels Route 52, will provide hourly service June 16 through July 9 on days the Fair is open.

The first trip from the Pleasanton side of the East Dublin Pleasanton BART Station will be at 10:22 am and last trip from the Alameda County Fairgrounds Yellow Gate will be at 11:13 pm. Regular Wheels fares apply.

Livermore residents can also leave their cars at home and catch the bus to go to the

fair. Livermore fairgoers can board any westbound Rapid Route 10R bus at Rapid stops along Railroad Avenue and Stanley Boulevard or at the Livermore Transit Center located at 2500 Railroad Avenue in Downtown Livermore. Ample free parking is available on the third level at the Livermore Valley Center Parking Garage adjacent to the Transit Center. Riders will need to exit the bus on Peters Avenue in downtown

Pleasanton and walk approximately four blocks to the Fair 1 S Yellow Gate entrance on Pleasanton Avenue.

Special coupons valid for two for one fair admission will be available on the Route 52 as well as all other LAVTA Wheels and Rapid buses.

For complete route and schedule information go to [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com) or call 925.455.7500.

## DSRSD to Invest in Infrastructure

The Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors adopted operating and capital improvement budgets for the next two fiscal years and a 10-year plan to guide investments in infrastructure. Operating expenditures are budgeted at \$63 million in 2018 and \$65 million in 2019. Capital spending over the two years is budgeted at \$66 million.

DSRSD plans to add eight new staff positions in 2018, all but one focused on operations, deferred maintenance, and future preventive maintenance of its water, sewer, and wastewater treatment systems. In 2018, the \$1.1 million cost of salaries and benefits for these positions will be partially offset by \$477,000 in reduced spending on contract and temporary employees. DSRSD has operated with approximately 113 full-time positions since 2009. Over the same period, the District's service area population grew by 12 percent, and miles of water and sewer pipes maintained by DSRSD staff increased 10 percent. The additions will increase staff to 121 full-time positions, below the District's pre-recession peak of 134.

Rate increases in 2018 and 2019 will be moderated by the effects of new development. A growing customer base spreads fixed costs over more accounts and generates fee revenue

dedicated to infrastructure. Residential wastewater rates did not increase in 2017; they are proposed to increase by 3.9 percent in fiscal 2018 and 5.4 percent the following year, primarily due to increased spending on maintaining and rehabilitating the sanitary sewer system and increasing capital reserves for rehabilitation.

DSRSD will do a rate study in 2018 to establish water rates for the following five years.

The separate \$66 million two-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget authorizes 64 projects for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and is a component of a 10-year CIP plan.

Capital improvement projects planned for the

next two fiscal years include replacement of existing infrastructure, as well as expansion needed to serve additional customers. Major projects already in progress or scheduled to start in 2018 include:

Expansion of the water recycling plant to meet rising demand for irrigation water (\$8.4 million, DSRSD's share of an \$18.2 million regional project).

Rehabilitation of the Dublin trunk sewer, a major pipeline installed in 1960, to extend its life by 50 years (\$6.7 million)

Construction of a fourth anaerobic digester and a receiving station for fats, oils, and grease to expand treatment capacity for wastewater solids, provide needed

redundancy for maintenance and reliable operations, and improve biogas production for generating electricity (\$13.1 million)

Building a four-million-gallon drinking water reservoir to replace a smaller reservoir built for Camp Parks in the 1940s (\$7.6 million)

Expansion of and enhancement of the primary wastewater treatment to improve efficiency and effluent quality and capture more biosolids for generating electricity (\$10 million).

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# Del Valle Park Locked Down For One Hour

Del Valle Regional Park was locked down for about an hour on June 2. No one was permitted to leave the grounds, apparently because of a dispute with a boat owner who refused to have his boat inspected.

People who launch their boats into Lake Del Valle must have them inspected first. The park district wants to prevent an infestation of the quagga mussel, which boats can pick up in some California lakes. Quagga is an invasive species that kills other mussels, and can affect the taste and odor of drinking water. Some of the Valley's water to be processed for drinking is stored by Zone 7 Water Agency in Lake Del Valle.

Lt. David Phulps of the East Bay Regional Park District police explained that after the boat owner refused a search to see if any Quagga mussels were present, he started an argument, and made threats toward staff. He left the park with his boat. About 40 minutes later, an anonymous caller phoned the park, stating that an outlaw motorcycle gang was going to go to Del Valle.

The East Bay Regional Park District, which operates the park, took it as a serious threat. The Livermore Police and the Alameda County Sheriff's department were called on for mutual aid. Seven cars were in the park, ready for trouble.

A Livermore man told The Independent he was with a

group of hikers, who were told to stay in place. They did so, until they were given the word to leave. He said he did not see any trouble, or anyone, except the police.

Police decided that the phone call was a prank, probably connected to the boat inspection incident, said Phulps.

Zone 7 Water Agency has participated in a program with EBRPD since 2008 to support the inspections by specialists, in order to prevent mussel infestation. Zone 7 obtains water from the South Bay Aqueduct, which can carry the mussels from the Delta to Del Valle. The mussels thrive when certain calcium and pH levels are present in the aqueduct.

Water districts in Fremont and San Jose also use the aqueduct and contribute toward the cost of the inspection program.

## OBITUARIES

**Josephine C. Murrell**  
Resident of Pleasanton  
June 23, 1932 - May 19, 2017

Josephine passed away on Friday May 19.

She worked as a server for Denny's restaurant for 43 plus years. She was a very hard worker and a single mother who did a great job raising her family. Josephine could always brighten a room with her big loving smile. She had such a big heart. She loved doing things and was respected by so many people.

Josephine is survived by her daughters, Joanne Dollarhide of Brentwood, Judy Dollarhide of Pleasanton and Janet Coppedge of Dublin; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother Connie Murrell; two sons Jack Jacobs in 1997 and James Dollarhide in 2003. Also, two grandsons Joshua Montana in 1991 and Jason Coppedge in 1995.

Josephine is survived by her daughters, Joanne Dollarhide of Brentwood, Judy Dollarhide of Pleasanton and Janet Coppedge of Dublin; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother Connie Murrell; two sons Jack Jacobs in 1997 and James Dollarhide in 2003. Also, two grandsons Joshua Montana in 1991 and Jason Coppedge in 1995.

**Glenn Houston**  
March 20, 1949 - June 7th, 2017

Glenn resided in Antioch, CA with his wife till his death.

Glenn spent most of his adult life in Roseville, CA with his son and daughter. Glenn and Monica spent the last 12 years married in and shared many happy memories with friends and family. Glenn enjoyed working on cars, building car models and cooking. He was an amazing father and husband and was always willing to offer a helping hand. He fought a long battle with many health complications, but always found the joy in life and was comical to the end.

Mr. Houston is survived by his wife, Monica Houston, sons Ed Houston and Bill, daughters Melissa Stice, Carol Clark, Natane Engle and Tiffany Whipple, and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held June 8th, 2017 in the home of Monica Houston for close friends and family.

**Marie Rose Remillard**

Marie Rose Remillard née Malicky born June 16, 1922 departed this world June 5, 2017. Marie is survived by her children Anne, Teresa, Mary, Robert and Cheryl Remillard, as well as her grandchildren (Anne's children), Patrick and Teresa (Tess) Mulligan. She was predeceased by husband Robert (Bob), and siblings Valda Gross, Melvin, Marvin and Howard (Bus) Malicky.

Marie was born in Barstow, Nebraska to Frank and Annie Malicky. She spent most of her childhood in Burwell, Nebraska, with her siblings. She proudly served for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) during World War II and later went on to achieve her Bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of Nebraska.

After Marie married, she and her husband resided in South Bend, Indiana. Later they moved to California where they lived in Santa Paula. When her husband accepted a position in Northern California, they moved to Livermore, where they bought a home and raised their five children. Marie

and her husband made many personal sacrifices to send all five of their children to college, where each obtained their Bachelor's degree.

Marie enjoyed travelling and was an active member of the Livermore Senior Citizens Club. She also frequently attended local WAVES reunions. Marie also enjoyed shopping (especially for jewelry) on excursions with a friend to San Francisco and elsewhere.

After suffering severe medical setbacks, Marie moved to Rosewood Gardens, an assisted living facility in Livermore. Marie lived there for ten years and enjoyed playing bingo, listening to musical performances, and taking trips to local theaters and restaurants. Very late in her life she explored her interest in computers by taking the course on PCs there. Many of the caregivers and staff at Rosewood remarked on what a sweet woman Marie was. Just 11 days shy of her 95th birthday, she peacefully passed away in her sleep. Her children will fondly remember her.

As she requested, Marie will take her chosen place in Cottonwood Cemetery, perpetually at rest across from the graves of her beloved parents, and close to the graves of her younger brother Bus and her twin brothers and their spouses, Marvin and Margaret, and Melvin and Vernetta.

A private memorial will be held locally for family members.

**Richard Alan Frydendal**

In memory of a beloved son, brother, and friend. Born on February 17, 1955 in Livermore, California, he lived most of his life in Livermore and died in Livermore on May 29, 2017. He was a 4th generation Livermore native. He was preceded in death by his father, Cornelius A. Frydendal and survived by his mother, Margaret "Peg" Frydendal; his older sister, Linda Olson, (Bruce) and their three children Brandon, Jeremy, and Katie; and his three younger brothers, C. Paul (Jayanthi) and their two children Neil and Riya; Chuck (Corie) and their two children Rachele and Hunter; and Mark (Carol) and their three children Mark, Eric, and Kelly.

Rich graduated from Granada High School in 1973 and lived in Napa and Stockton, but returned to live in Livermore in 1991. Growing up, he worked on the family farm and ranch and enjoyed the outdoors. Later, he worked at Nob Hill from 2000-2005 and at a Christmas Tree Lot during the holidays.

Rich had many hobbies and interests. His number one joy was to be helpful and he loved to laugh. His smile was biggest when he had a story to share or had found a lost treasure. He enjoyed recycling and would always be looking out for cans and bottles. He loved playing pool and watching all type of movies, but his favorite was old Westerns. He enjoyed baseball and

was an A's fan. Most people would remember Rich after meeting him, because he was extremely friendly and talkative. One of his favorite pastimes was hanging out at "R Place Music Club," where he would sing with bands, help out the bouncer, and talk to everyone. He will be greatly missed.

A small private service will be held for family. Please donate to the charity of your choice.

**Dennis George Knoll**

Dennis George Knoll age 75, loving husband and father and resident of Livermore, California, passed away peacefully in his home on June 8th, 2017 following a courageous 6-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

Dennis was born in 1941 to George and Josephine Knoll in North Dakota. He moved to Minnesota where he graduated High School and then he proudly served his country in the Navy. Dennis moved his family to California due to a job transfer in 1973. He eventually started his own business in the Arborist Industry, where he is still known today. In 1988, he married Joan and they spend the next 29 years together.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Dennis loved traveling and he was a devoted Warriors, Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins fan.

He was a fan of fantasy football. He was tough, a true fighter. He was funny and thoughtful, always had a joke ready! He was intelligent—a true comrade among his friends. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Joan and her three children, Shelly Spencer, Denise Dills and Daniel Spencer and his devoted daughter Cari Holsworth and sons Denny Knoll and Steve Knoll, along with sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary on June 21st at 2:00pm., 3833 East Ave., Livermore. 925-447-2942.

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

**Moses "Sandy" Sandoval**  
Oct. 15, 1931 - June 9, 2017

Sandy passed away peacefully at home in Livermore, CA surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his three daughters Michele Clark and her partner Austin Clampitt and their two daughters Melissa Sandoval-Clampitt, Rebecca Sandoval-Clampitt, and Melissa's fiancé Steven



DePina; Julie Sandoval-Perry and her husband David Perry; Tina Broussard and her children

Juliana, Martina and Josiah Broussard. Sandy is also survived by his ex-wife Paula Sandoval and his siblings David, Daniel, Elias, Becky and Eva. He was preceded in death by his brother Sam.

Sandy was born in San Ramon, CA to parents Trinidad Sandoval and Martina (Reyes) Sandoval. He spent his early years in San Ramon followed by two years in the Army and then about ten years working for the railroad. During these years he attended college and acquired a teaching credential which allowed him to join the Pleasanton, CA school district first as a Spanish and business teacher followed by many years as a school administrator leading the Regional Occupation Program across both the Pleasanton and Livermore school districts until his retirement.

During his life Sandy was a devoted Christian active in his church. As a young man he attended Shilo Church in Oakland, Ca. In his middle years he was an elder at Calvary Temple in Livermore, Ca. The last 20 years of his life he was an elder at Christian World Church in Livermore, CA. While at Christian World, Sandy helped found and operate a day care that has been very successful with some of his first attendees now returning with their children to carry on with the fine traditions of the pre-school.

Sandy was a first class chef, always the primary contributor to the many family gatherings throughout the year, and always preparing enough food for everyone to take home leftovers. Sandy was also an avid gardener tending to his beautiful garden with the many rose bushes that surround his home. Sandy has passed on the love of family, food and gardening to his children and his grandchildren.

A memorial service followed by a reception will be held at 2:00PM on Monday, June 19th at Christian World Church, 3820 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. A small family burial service will be held Tuesday at Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, CA.

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

**Antonia (Ann) M. Austin**  
July 5, 1932 - June 10, 2017

Antonia (Ann) M. Austin passed away on June 10, 2017 in Medford, Oregon at the age of 84.

Ann is survived by her children Bonnie (Mark) Weiss of Rio Vista, CA and

Don (Lori) Austin of Central Point, OR, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son James Austin.

Ann worked at Livermore High School for many years. She was affectionately known as "Big Red" for her red hair and strong Italian personality.

The family is working with Rogue Valley Funeral Home in Medford, Oregon. Services will be private. For those who wish, Ann's family request donations to be made to Alzheimer's Association or Providence Hospice of Medford, Oregon.

**Dorothy Veronica Dentici Cavalli**  
Nov. 12, 1931 - June 9, 2017

Dorothy was a Livermore native, born in the same house as her mother; built by her grandfather. She began working in the insurance industry at a young age in San Francisco; where she met her husband and father of her two daughters; Janice Veronica Cargio and Marilyn Catherine Jones.

She was continuously employed until the age of 60; after making a career path change to the State of California Prison System working at Deuel Vocational Institution as a Records Supervisor, where she retired after 25 years. In her retirement, she enjoyed taking care of her newborn granddaughter, family time, golf, reading, bridge and the friendship of many dear friends.

She is survived by her two devoted daughters, son-in-law Dave Cargo, adored granddaughter Elyse Veronica Cargo, grandson-in-law Justin Peterson, her beloved brother Louis Dentici, sister-in-law Margaret Dentici, many, many much loved relatives and friends.

Dorothy always had a ready smile for everyone, great class and style. Her sharp mind, witty humor, avid reading, and keen interest in topics of the day made her a great conversationalist. She passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones.

Mass will held at Saint Michael's Church in Livermore, July 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Donations may be made to Saint Michael's Church Livermore or Hope Hospice Dublin, CA.

Please join the family for a "Celebration of Her Life" at Dave and Janice Cargo's home at 657 Sixth Street, Livermore, CA 94550

**Mary V. Dickerson**

Mary V. Dickerson died at her home in Bermuda Village, Bermuda Run, NC, on June 12, 2017. She was born in Greeneville, TN, March 15, 1934 to the late Floyd and Willie Ethel Dearstone. She went to high school at Washington College Academy, Limestone, TN and enrolled at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) where she graduated in 1955. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a Master's Degree and accepted a faculty position at



ETSU. In December 1956, she married Marvin Dickerson and they both

taught at ETSU until 1967 when they enrolled in graduate school at Florida State University. After graduating with a PhD in Speech-Language Pathology, she moved to California with her husband and accepted a faculty position at San Jose State University. She taught there until she retired as a full professor in 1993. She then taught part time at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose until she retired again in 1996. After she and her husband retired they stayed in the Livermore, CA area until 2009 when they moved to Bermuda Village, Bermuda Run, NC.

While at SJSU, Mary V. served as chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and she was very active in the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association serving as state president for 2 years. She was also active in her national organization, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, serving as chair of several committees and representing California on the Legislative Council for 12 years.

She enjoyed singing, and arts and crafts. She was an expert in cross-stitch, machine embroidery and painting wooden figures, including a full nativity scene. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, sister Barbara Jean Smith, and her nephew Danny Smith, Santa Ana, CA, her sister-in-law, Barbara Stanley, Richmond, VA, her brother-in-law, Richard Dickerson, Summerville, NC, four nephews and one niece.

A memorial service is planned for 11:00AM, June 17 at the Clemmons Presbyterian Church, 3930 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, NC, 27012. A service is also planned at the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Columbarium, Greeneville, Tennessee, July 9, after the regular 10:45AM Sunday Service.

In lieu of flowers, donations for education are accepted at the following organizations: Dickerson Family Fund for Alzheimer's Disease Research Office of Development & Alumni Affairs

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**James E. Faulkner**  
1926-2016

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I would love to thank all of Bruce's friends and family who attended Bruce's service.  
Love to all, Willie Orcutt  
RIP Bruce - Love you and Miss you



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Livermore Rodeo Princesses were on hand to greet those attending Family Night festivities last Thursday. Those attending saw team roping and wild cow milking.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
The Livermore Rodeo was viewed by stadium full of fans over the weekend. They watched action that included bareback bronc riding, bull riding, and the grand entry. Other events included barrel racing, steer wrestling, local team roping, and wild cow milking. The Livermore Rodeo Foundation board rode into the arena in a stagecoach.



Rope skills demonstrated during the parade.

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**FILE NO. 531148-531154**  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Goodguys 2) Good Guy Enterprises 3) Good Guys 4) Goodguys Rod & Custom Association 5) Goodguys Goodtimes Gazette 6) Goodguys Vintage Drag Racing 7) Goodguys AutoCross, 1071 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Goodguys Enterprises, Inc., 1071 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by a Corporation The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 01, 2017 Signature of Registrants: /s/ Andrew Ebel, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2017. Expires May 16, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4134. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**FILE NO. 480521-523**  
The person(s) listed below has/have abandoned the use of the following Fictitious Business Name: 1) Rhodes Business Services 2) BizBreak Services 3) One Great Cup, 2142 Rheem Dr., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588. The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership filed on 07/15/2013 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: BizBreak Services, Inc., 2142 Rheem Dr., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This Business is Conducted by a Corporation Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kenneth Rhodes, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2017. Expires May 16, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4135. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 530781**  
The following person(s) doing business as: House on the Hill, 49 Golf Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1) Jennifer Hines 2) James Hines, 49 Golf Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by a Married Couple The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531258**  
The following person(s) doing business as: ACT AUTO TRANSPORT BROKER, 4000 Pimlico Dr 114-295, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Anthony Garcia, 4000 Pimlico Dr 114-295, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by an Individual The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Paula Cavagnaro This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4140. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531005**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Skin, 264 Spring St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Laura Kell, 264 Spring St, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Laura Kell This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2017. Expires May 11, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4138. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531293-531294**  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Skin Philosophy 2) Skin Philosophy by Kelly, 411 S. L St. #G, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly Herrera, 4012 Compton Ct., Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Kelly Herrera This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022. The Independent Legal No.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531301**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Real Estate Services, 3563 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paula Cavagnaro, 3563 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Paula Cavagnaro This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4140. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531469**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Brothers Inspections Services, 2418 Armstrong Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brothers Inspections Services, 2418 Armstrong Street, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a Corporation The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Cody Wallace, CEO/Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2017. Expires May 25, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4141. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531518-522**  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Toyota Material Handling Northern California 2) Toyota Material Handling 3) Toyota Golf and Industrial 4) TMHNC 5) TMH, 6999 Southfront Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RJMS Corporation, 6999 Southfront Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by a Corporation The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: April 1, 2017 Signature of Registrants: /s/ Mark Andres, President & CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 26, 2017. Expires May 26, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4142. Published June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531527**  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531662-531661**  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) GEONETZ.CITY 2) GEONETZ-ITY, 841 Montevino Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Richard G. Pascual, 841 Montevino Dr, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A Signature of Registrants: /s/ Richard G. Pascual, Custodian This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2017. Expires June 1, 2022. The Independent Legal No. 4144. Published June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 531662-531663**  
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Signature of Registrants: /s/: Richard G. Pascual, Owner

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# REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

## Why Home Ownership Rates Are So Low

By Cher Wollard

One year ago, the U.S. rate of homeownership hit a 50-year low of 62.9 percent.

Despite steady improvements in job rates and historically low mortgage rates, that percentage has risen only marginally -- 63.7 percent at the end of 2016 and 63.1 percent today -- but remains far below the peak of 69 percent in 2004, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In California, those numbers are consistently more than 10 points lower, especially in urban areas.

June is National Homeownership Month. To coincide with that, a new white paper studying the impediments to this important aspect of the American Dream was released at the National Association of Realtors' Sustainable Homeownership Conference held last week at the University of California, Berkeley.

"The decline and stagnation in the homeownership rate is a trend that's pointing in the wrong direction, and must be reversed given the many benefits of homeownership to individuals, communities and the nation's economy," William E. Brown, president of N.A.R. and a Realtor from Alamo, told participants at the conference. "Those who are financially capable and willing to assume the responsibilities of owning a home should have the opportunity to pursue that dream."

Chief Economist Lawrence Yun and Berkeley Hass Real Estate Group Chair Ken Rosen also spoke at the conference.

The study, titled "Hurdles to Homeownership: Understanding the Barriers," was commissioned by NAR, prepared by Rosen Consulting Group, or RCG, and jointly released by the Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics at the University of California, Berkeley Haas School of Business.

It identified five main reasons homeownership rates are currently so low:

1. Difficulty in obtaining a mortgage  
In reaction to overly loose lending standards that lead to the collapse of the housing industry, both government rules and lenders' internal policies have, in many cases, shifted too far in the opposite direction, according to many industry insiders.

There are tighter restrictions on what types of income can be considered in qualifying for a mortgage, for example. And with more people self-employed or working as contract employees, these restrictions mean more people have fewer options when shopping for home loan.

Guidelines regarding appraisals required to obtain a mortgage also have become stricter.

The concern is how mortgages can be made more available without opening the door to the excesses of the pre-Recession market.

The House recently passed the Financial Choice Act on a party-line vote that would ease the way for smaller institutions to offer mortgages. But other provisions of that bill make passage in the Senate uncertain.

2. High student loan debt

Forbes magazine describes U.S. student loan debt as "A \$1.3 Trillion Crisis." Loans to pay for higher education is now the second highest consumer debt category behind mortgage debt. It is higher by far than either credit card debt or auto loans, and impacts 44 million borrowers.

The average graduate last year was saddled with \$37,172 in student loan debt. In California, it's a "mere" \$22,191.

That debt impacts mortgage eligibility, even if the graduates can afford to purchase a home.

3. Post-foreclosure stress disorder

During the Recession, 9 million American families lost their homes to foreclosure. Millions more sold their homes under duress or struggled to hang on.

Many of those folks have been reluctant to re-enter the housing market. And, young people who would normally be leading the market by purchasing their first homes, are hanging back, having witnessed the hardships of their elders, Yun said.

The good news is, this generation of young adults appears to be less likely to take on more housing debt than they can afford.

4. High cost of homes

Home prices tend to increase. Historically, they have risen about 4 percent per year nationally. In 2016, they went up 5.8 percent.

Home values rose in 253 of 276 cities tracked by Clear Capital last year, going up by double digits in about one-fifth of them. The cities with the biggest gains include Deltona, Fla. (with a gain of 14.7 percent), Austin, Texas (14.5 percent), Salt Lake City (12.3 percent), Seattle (11.4 percent) and Portland, Ore. (11.4 percent).

Bay Area prices increased about 9 percent, but prices here were already among the highest in the nation.

The average sales price of an existing U.S. home sold this year is \$244,800 -- up from \$236,600 a year ago. New home prices are about 50 percent higher, averaging \$368,800.

In the Bay Area, where jobs wages are high and "Help Wanted" signs plentiful, typical housing prices are well above the million dollar mark in many communities. Entry level single-family homes in Livermore start in the high \$400,000s.

And as the economy continues to improve, prices will only climb.

Low interest rates on mortgages helps affordability, of course, but the higher the price of the home, the fewer potential buyers can afford to purchase it.

5. Lack of inventory

Fewer available lots, difficulty finding skilled labor and higher construction costs are the reasons cited by N.A.R. for why housing starts have not ramped up to meet the growing demand.

"Single-family home construction plummeted after the recession and is still failing to keep up with demand as cities see increased migration and population as the result of faster job growth," according to Rosen. "The insufficient level of homebuilding has created a cumulative deficit of nearly 3.7 million homes over the last eight years."

In California, developers are building about 80,000 new units a year. But we need 180,000 new units to keep up with demand, according to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The department's report "California Housing Future: Challenges and Opportunities" blames the shortage on a variety of factors, including regulatory barriers, high permitting costs and diminishing public resources.

"Low mortgage rates and a healthy job market for college-educated adults should have translated to more home sales and upward movement in the homeownership rate in recent years," Yun said. "Sadly this is not the case."

"Obtaining a mortgage has been tough for those with good credit, savings for a down payment are instead going towards steeper rents and student loans, and first-time buyers are finding that listings in their price range are severely inadequate."

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Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties, Livermore.

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## ARTS

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for the new season went on sale to the public June 14th.

"In everything we do, we are focused on sharing the arts and building relationships within the community," said Chris Carter, development director. "We truly want to 'Amplify the Arts' and this campaign allows everyone to participate in doing that. Any gift counts towards the total, even if you've already made a gift this year, and donors of more than \$125 will receive member benefits. Best of all, every dollar helps us bring great artists to the stage, support resident companies, offer student art classes, and put free cultural arts events on the plaza," he added. "The campaign only runs for 15 days, so the time is short, but the benefits are long."

The past 12 months have also seen an increase in key sponsorships. This year's annual Brilliance at the Bankhead Gala in September, featuring Grammy Award-winning folk-pop duo the Indigo Girls, already has three "Presenting sponsors": the Fletcher family, Jean King, and the Priem Family Foundation. In addition, there are more than a dozen sponsors at other levels and total sponsorship dollars are significantly higher than for last year's event.

Another gift recently seeded a new initiative, "The Producer's Circle." As a non-profit, independent arts organization, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is not part of the City of Livermore and depends on donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. As with nearly every arts center in the country, ticket sales cover just 60 percent of the total cost of presenting performances and events. Deciding what shows to present each season is a complicated calculation. Choices must fit the bud-

get, artist availability, open dates, and other factors. It can be difficult to find the right balance between repeating shows that have an established audience and introducing shows that are fascinating but unfamiliar. Some artist fees are above the price range. Marketing costs for unknown artists can be high. The new Producer's Circle aims to help alleviate these challenges, providing the ability to present shows at a higher level while keeping prices affordable. The fund, made up of gifts of \$5,000 or more, will help minimize the financial impact of more artistically adventurous choices.

Carter believes the Producer's Circle will be essential to supporting great art at the Bankhead, while keeping the organization on its path to long-term sustainability. "What makes the Producer's Circle special is that members will have opportunities to participate at key points in the planning process," Carter said. "They'll attend select meetings, help solicit suggestions, and provide input on artists under consideration. Being part of the process gives a fascinating inside view into how the organization works, a better understanding of our challenges, and a sense of the fun we have bringing great shows to the Bankhead. They'll know they played a role in making it happen."

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Jerry Jeff Walker and his son Django Walker. Photo - Jim McGuire

## Country Legend to Perform at the Bankhead Theater

Following Livermore's Annual Rodeo in June, the Bankhead Theater will keep the western theme going with a special Father's Day event featuring country legend Jerry Jeff Walker and his son Django Walker. Perhaps best known for his hit song "Mr. Bojangles," Jerry Jeff Walker's folk-rock spin on country music has inspired subsequent generations, including Django, whose own style has been called "classic rock with undertones of good old Southern Comfort" by The Vail Daily. The two generations will unite their talents in "Father and Son: Up Close and Personal" on Sunday afternoon, June 18, 2017. All seats for the Father's Day event are just \$40 with \$16 tickets for students and active military personnel.

With a style of folk-rock country music shot through with a touch of the "outlaw," Jerry Jeff Walker has been introduced as a man who has broken more new ground in the field of having fun than anyone else. A powerful songwriter who covers all of life's ups and downs, from rowdy odes to drinking to mournful ballads for a misspent life, his concerts have been described as "like hanging out at your favorite Irish pub."

Walker left his hometown in upstate New York for the Florida Keys where he and another young musician named Jimmy Buffett discovered a lifelong love for the tropical atmosphere. He sang on street corners in New Orleans, filled small cafes in Greenwich Village, and crossed Canada on a motorcycle with his guitar

on his back, before settling into Texas and the new country sound taking root in the 1970s. With a blend of a little less bluegrass and a lot more rock, his music landed Walker in the realm of other singer/songwriters such as Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard and Hank Williams. Their larger than life, rough and ready "outlaw" personalities brought a new sense and style to country music. In the decades since, Walker has released more than 30 albums and built a large and loyal audience. His signature tune, "Mr. Bojangles," has been covered by nearly four dozen artists from all musical genres.

Django Walker, named after the famous guitarist Django Reinhardt, started following in his father's

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## Program to Explore the Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie

Legendary folksinger, storyteller, and autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller performs a free concert exploring the life and songs of American balladeer Woody Guthrie at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

In his short life, Woody Guthrie (1912-1967) wrote over 1,000 American songs, and he didn't use an original melody for any of them. Adam Miller's Tribute to

Woody Guthrie: American Balladeer, tells the story of the man who wrote, "This Land is Your Land," one of the most widespread English language folk-songs. Miller has performed this program across the United States. A reviewer in Brentwood, Tennessee, wrote, "Mr. Miller's Woody Guthrie tribute was among the best edutainment experiences I've ever had. Exceptionally inspiring to witness this true master of eclectic art forms

and keeper of the flame of endangered American traditions like secular group singing." The Syracuse News Times said his performance was "mesmerizing." The late Pete Seeger called it "Wonderful storytelling." The Grand Traverse Insider called Miller "...a National Treasure." Frank Hamilton, co-founder of the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago and former member of folk quartet The Weavers said of Miller,

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ADAM MILLER

# Alameda County Fair Participates in Facebook's Small Business Council

By Carol Graham

Facebook believes that when small businesses succeed, communities thrive. In 2014, the social network started its U.S. Small and Medium Business (SMB) Council, a group of small-to-medium business owners who provide input about their needs and feedback on Facebook products while receiving tips and tools to help them make the most of the platform.

This year, the Alameda County Fair was chosen to be a part of SMB Council.

"In 2017, just 11 businesses from across the nation were chosen, and the Alameda County Fair was one of two from California," said the fair's Marketing & Communications Manager Angel Moore. "I started the fair's Facebook page in 2009, and our team has grown the page to over 102,000 followers, and over 10,000 followers on Instagram (which is owned by Facebook)."

The Alameda County Fair began in 1859 in downtown Oakland before moving in 1912 to Pleasanton. This year the 20-day fair runs between June 16 to July 9.

"Facebook is the number one way people say they hear about the fair. We use Facebook to promote and target customers, as well as to offer customer exclusives," said Moore. "Being a member of the SMB Council, we were invited to two days of learning from and teaching Facebook about our businesses. We are given the latest rollouts of products and advertising, then tell Facebook what works in the platform and what would be great to have in the future."

Moore has done much to take the county fair into the digital age. She started as a receptionist ten years ago, before stepping into a marketing coordinator position. The first item she tackled was launching a Facebook page. Today, she and her team focus their Facebook efforts on driving sales of season passes. In 2016, sales increased from 400 to 1,000 season passes. Additionally, the team tested ways to share the fair experience with community members, including streaming a LeAnn Rimes concert on Facebook Live that attracted more than 100,000 viewers.

"We are part of the community and we truly love putting on the fair and inviting guests to create memories with their families," said Moore. "The fair is a great community event with a rich history. There is literally



Angel Moore worked with Facebook.

something for everyone including rides, horse racing, antiques, shopping, livestock, agriculture, gardening, music, exhibits, education and food. Everyone loves fair food and boy, do we have a lot this year – turkey leg tacos, flaming Cheetos corn dogs, gelato donut ice cream sandwiches, mac and cheese balls, Doritos corn on the cob, sweet and sour chicken, and so much more."

Moore learned in late February that the Alameda County Fair had been chosen to be a part of Facebook's SMB Council.

"I was incredibly impressed by Facebook's commitment to connecting businesses to their communities, and helping us tell our stories and connect with our followers," she said. "It is my personal passion to work with

small businesses in the community to pass on my belief that anyone can create a successful business using social media. Facebook makes it easy and I show people how. I've worked with local Chambers of Commerce to offer training sessions for small businesses, and spoken at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, Western Fairs Association, and the Sponsor Summit about how to build greater partnerships utilizing social media.

"Facebook really takes the time to listen and learn from the small and medium-sized businesses about what they use on the platform, and how to improve Facebook and Instagram for businesses."

To learn more, visit [www.facebook.com/alamedacountyfair](http://www.facebook.com/alamedacountyfair), and [www.facebook.com/business/e/smb-council](http://www.facebook.com/business/e/smb-council).

## GUTHRIE SONGS

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"Your storytelling is so entertaining and engaging - it rivals Garrison Keillor's."

One of the premier autoharpists in the world, Adam Miller is widely recognized as an American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. He accompanies his singing with finger-picking acoustic guitar and autoharp melodies.

George Winston calls him "one of the great autoharpists and folksingers of our times." The Walnut Valley Festival described his performance as, "An outstanding slice of American folksongs performed with his perfectly suited voice and tasty autoharp accompaniment." A concert promoter in Melbourne

Beach, Florida, observed, "It will charm even the most die-hard iPod-loving kids or reluctant significant-others." Maine Public Radio called him "a master of the autoharp."

Adam Miller began his lifelong pursuit of collecting old songs while still in grade school. Armed with an audio-graphic memory

and a good ear for melody, his childhood ambition was to learn every song he heard. He has now amassed a remarkable repertoire of over 5,000 songs.

Traveling 70,000 miles a year, this 21st-century troubadour performs over 200 concerts annually, from the Everglades to the Arctic Circle. Miller has

recorded eight CDs that receive airplay across North America and Europe. Over 1.5 million American K-12 students have attended his "Singing Through History" school assembly programs. And he has performed in over 2,000 American public libraries in 48 states.

A performer who

enlightens as well as entertains, he points out connections between events in history and the songs that survived them. Adam Miller explains it this way: "I have always had a great interest in how folksongs travel through history, and how history travels through folksongs."

# Firehouse Theater Performance Recognizes Pride Month

Since June has been designated as Pride month, the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will present *The Kinsey Sicks*. For over 20 years, America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet has served up a feast of music and comedy to audiences at top venues around the world.

The "girls" bring their critically acclaimed Off-Broadway hit "Dragapella!" to the Firehouse on Saturday, June 24, at 8:00 p.m. First produced at New York's legendary Studio 54, the show features stunning four-part harmonies, subversive satire, and of course outlandish drag. That production has received a nomination for a Lucille Lortel award (the Off-Broadway Tony) as Best Musical and a Drama Desk nomination for Best Lyrics.

Reserved seating tickets are \$17 - \$27. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and



**KINSEY SICKS**

in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance if

not sold out. Recommended for audiences 18+ (language)

The Kinsey Sicks began in 1993 as a group of friends who went to a Bette Midler concert in San Francisco dressed as the

Andrews Sisters. Assuming they'd be among many drag queens, they found themselves to be the only ones. They were approached that night to perform at an upcoming event. Their reply - "we don't sing" - was

quickly disproved when they realized that all of them had musical backgrounds. They began singing and harmonizing that night, and the seed for the Kinsey Sicks was planted.

Playing top theater and concert venues both at home in the U.S. and abroad, their shows have drawn the attention and devotion of unexpect-

edly diverse audiences. The Kinsey Sicks are the subject of two feature films, have been profiled on national television (including 20/20 and CBS Early Show with Bryant Gumbel), and had a big cover feature in the arts section of the New York Times. Their extended run at the Las Vegas Hilton was ranked by critics as one of the best shows in Vegas.

## LEGEND

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footsteps from an early age. By age 16, he was already performing his first song "The Road You Choose" on stage at his father's shows and his debut album "Down the Road" was released when he was just 21. His song "Texas Longhorn" was adopted by the college football team of University of Texas, and his song "Texas on my Mind" was recorded by Pat Green and reached number one on the Texas Music Chart.

Curtain time is 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale now through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore, by phone (925) 373-6800, or online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## Art & Wine Intertwined Set for June 25 at the Bankhead

"Art & Wine Intertwined" will be featured at the Visitor's Center and Gallery at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore on Sunday afternoon, June 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The casual wine tasting will include local offerings from Fenestra Winery, Mia Nipote, and Wenté Vineyards. The event is free and open to the public. Tastings are \$2 each or three for \$5. Light appetizers will be served.

The Hurricane Band, with lead guitarist Fred Musser, will provide music

during the event. A high energy band, they present a collage of sound reflecting the best in blues, classic and contemporary rock music.

The event coincides with the close of the "Creative Rhythm" exhibit, which has been on display in the Gallery at the Bankhead since early May. A colorful mix of mediums, styles and color palettes, including works of photography, acrylics, oils, and watercolors, the exhibit reflects both literal and figurative interpretations of how artists translate


rhythm visually in their work.

Hosted several times each year by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, "Art & Wine Intertwined" events welcome the community to the Bankhead Theater and support LVPAC's goal to build awareness and share the visual and performing arts.

The Visitor's Center and Gallery is staffed and open to the public seven days a week from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org)

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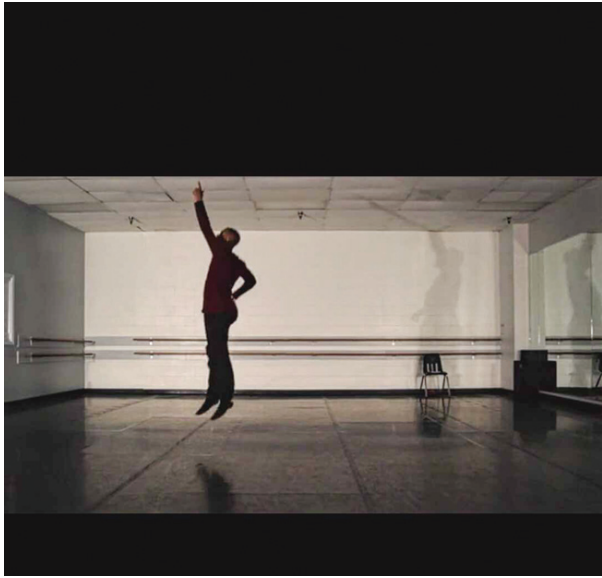
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## ConDanza Competed in International Event



**David Maurice in Liminal Red**

Two representatives from the ConDanza Repertory Company in Livermore traveled to Gdansk, Poland last week to be part of an international choreography competition Gdanski Festival Tanca. David Maurice, Resident Artist, presented his choreography with a performance of "Liminal Red." This piece premiered in Santa Barbara in May where it was received with praise. Maurice is one of two choreographers representing the United States at this festival.

ConDanza founder and artistic director César R' Degollado traveled with David, who has mentored for the past seven years.

"This is an exciting time because he is now developing as a choreographer. After ripping his achilles tendon a year and a half ago, emotional doubts can take over body functions that can make think a career as a dancer can be over; but I refused to accept it. I asked him to come work with ConDanza as an excuse to rehabilitate his mind and his body. We worked tirelessly to find that mental fortitude that allowed his body to respond in old way and new ways after having to re-teach his body a ballet and contemporary foundation" Degollado explained.

David stated, "Liminal Red blossomed after I found myself unsure and dispassionate towards dance. It was a self issued challenge to determine whether I wished to continue my career as a performer. I hoped to eliminate the chance of memory or nostalgia to placate or persuade me in either direction."

The solo is described as episodic in its presentation; within intimate scenes there is a shifting landscape of common threads linking one tableau to another. David notes, "Liminal Red purposely swings between implicit imagery and discernible kinetic images so that my sensations and inner conflict can become perceptible and the audience can start to see themselves reflected in the performance."

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/gdanskifestiwaltanca/](http://www.facebook.com/gdanskifestiwaltanca/)



Pictured above, Fame, and at right, Elite.



## Dancing Through the Decades at the Bankhead

Livermore School of Dance (LSOD) presents Dancing Through the Decades at the Bankhead Theater the weekend of June 23 and 24.

Directed by Liz Roberts, this dance showcase will feature the entire Jazz Division of LSOD.

Three shows are planned, starting Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th at 7:00pm with the Junior showcase on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00pm.

All styles of dance will be featured including, Jazz, Musical Theater, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Contemporary

Lyrical, Tumbling, and Student Choreography. Also, back by popular demand, in all three shows, the Dads' Dance Crew and new this year, the Moms' Group. A variety of popular music will be used, starting from the 1920s decade to the present music of today.

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

## Family Days at Museum Begin with Fair Theme

Museum on Main schedule of 2017 Family Days schedule has been announced. The Museum on Main's staff and volunteers invite families for an afternoon of fun on the Museum lawn. On the 3rd Saturday of each month (June– September) from 11am-2pm, children, parents, and grandparents are encouraged to join the Museum for free hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and activities that relate to each month's theme.

"Our goal for each Family Day is to provide families with free, unique, and fun learning experiences during those long summer days," states Education Director Sarah Schaefer. "This year, with help from our Community Sponsors, the Pleasanton North Rotary Club Foundation and Cheza Nami, we are bringing back some old favorites from last year and adding two new themes," notes Schaefer.

The first Family day take place June 17th. It will celebrate all things County Fair. The Alameda County Fair has been a huge part of our community since 1912, and the museum is excited to celebrate that long tradition with free fair-themed activities and crafts. Participants will learn about exhibition booths and animal judging and try their hand at making quilt squares, winning at carnival games, and picking the winning horse at the races.

Other Upcoming 2017 Family Days:

July 15: Games and Toys: From the Past to the Present: an afternoon playing with toys and games at the Museum on Main. Participants will be making corn husk dolls,



**Museum volunteer Sarah Hollister with Family Day participant**

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## Artists' Work Focuses on Structure

A collection of work by two very different artists, related by the theme of "structure" will be on display at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton from June 15 to July 15.

Pieces by award-winning Northern California artists Angela Johal and Holly Savas will be featured in the triple-storey Grand Atrium Lobby, Hallway, and Mezzanine exhibition spaces.

Both artists will be on hand at the opening Artists' Reception on Thursday, June 15, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to explore the pieces, and meet and chat with the artists. There is no admission charge.

Harrington Gallery Di-

rector Julie Finegan stated, "I invited both of these interesting artists to exhibit in this special showing because the linear nature of their work is very strong." She went on to note that their approach syncs well with the art that will be in the Harrington for the 'Along the Lines' exhibit running concurrently.

Holly Savas is a San Francisco artist whose work has made several appearances in the Harrington's popular annual Fresh Works exhibition. "In times of uncertainty we cling to the familiar, and for me, that's collage," she states. These works are part of her new series 'I Love Structure,' which she says is a response to "the turmoil I've experienced as a result of recent political and social events in the U.S. The optics of each individual

collage are not obviously political; rather, with a nod at geometry, the work offers a colorful filter for making sense of the world we live in: jumbled shapes stand in for jumbled feelings, and jagged lines represent uncertainty over how to move forward."

Savas has exhibited at the Studio Gallery in San Francisco, the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica, and the Chico Art Museum, as well as galleries in Santa Monica, Pt. Reyes, and Laguna Beach.

Angela Johal of Livermore is familiar to the Tri-Valley arts community as a working artist, teacher, and arts community mentor and leader. She has also previously participated in a Fresh Works exhibit, and several other Harrington Gallery installations. In Johal's current pieces, she



Swizzle by Holly Savas

"aims to create a visual grammar that all people ... can understand. Paintings should resonate with a quick intuitive understanding and bring joy to the viewer, and this can happen when both the physical and spiritual worlds are given a more equal emphasis." Painting with striped diagonal or circular bands of color "forces illusionistic



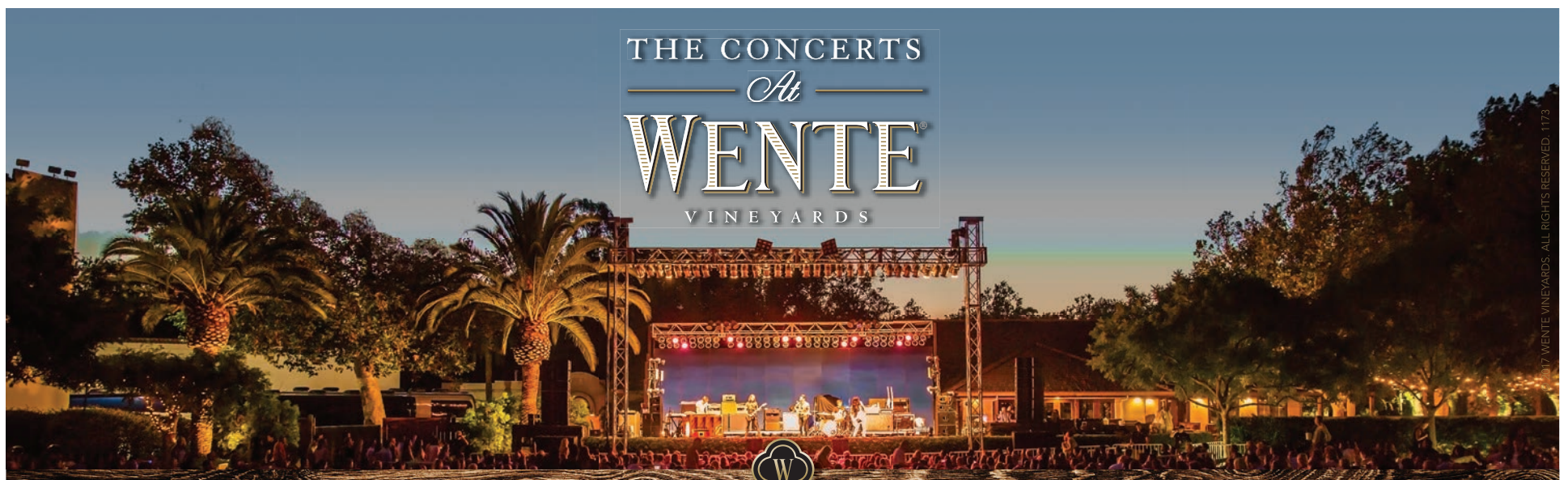
Converging Colour by Angela Johal

space," in her words.

Angela received her BFA from San Jose State University, and is represented by Slate Contemporary in Oakland and SF MoMa Gallery at Ft. Mason, San Francisco.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center,

4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Donations appreciated. For more information: [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)



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# Annual Luncheon Recognizes Pleasanton Community of Character Honorees

By Carol Graham

Foothill High School senior Mikayla Tran isn't afraid to stand up for what she values.

"I believe being a person of character signifies a commitment to serving one's community as well as helping those who may not have the same opportunities," said Tran. "No matter a person's race, gender, sexuality or political beliefs, everyone can connect on the common wavelength of striving to better the world."

Tran was one of seven honorees at the 10th annual Community of Character Luncheon which took place on May 24 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Pleasanton. The event was hosted by the Community of Character Collaborative, a group of community volunteers, school district officials, city representatives and various service clubs, churches and businesses working together to create a community culture built on integrity.

"The luncheon is a celebration of good things accomplished by the recipients of the awards," said Ken Mano, a collaborative board member. "Many friends and family attend so there is an atmosphere of good feelings, and the desire to promote community service."

Each year, the collaborative honors three adult community members and an organization, and awards three \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors.

Honorees this year are Bruce Bird, Gary Howell, Ruth McAninch, the Open Heart Kitchen, and seniors Mikayla Tran, Joshua Ott and Lauren Ho-Tseung.

"There are so many people in Pleasanton doing



Pictured are Gary Howell, Ruth McAninch and Bruce Bird. Photo - Chuck Deckert

wonderful things, I was privileged to be selected," said Bruce Bird. "Volunteerism is the heart of the community. The joy and self fulfillment you receive by giving blesses your life and the lives of those you serve. As you lose yourself in helping others, your own problems seem to go away."

Honorees are nominated by any member of the community, including nonprofits and churches.

"I was both surprised and quite humbled," said Ruth McAninch. "I am just one of so many people giving so much of themselves for others in this Tri-Valley area. How blessed we are to live in a community that affirms and encourages these traits of character!"

The Community of Character Collaborative is a Pleasanton nonprofit that launched in 2002 with the mission of: inspiring individuals, families and organizations to take respon-

sibility for their choices and actions; motivating others to make a difference in the world around them; and recognizing residents for modeling the character traits of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity.

"Today we focus on the 'recognizing' part," said collaborative President and luncheon emcee Kelly O'Lague Dulka. "The mission of the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is to create a community culture built on values, goodwill and community-accepted character traits."

The annual Community of Character Luncheon is held in honor of Juanita Haugen, a nationally-known public-schools advocate and the longest-serving member of the Pleasanton school board, who passed away in 2007.

"My mom, Juanita

Haugen, volunteered with the City of Pleasanton, the Chamber of Commerce, the Pleasanton school district, the faith community, the YMCA, senior support



Lauren Ho-Tseung and Josh Ott with portrait of Juanita Haugen. Photo - Lars Ho-Tseung

services, and other groups interested in creating and sustaining a community of character," said Heather Haugen Rizzoli.

This year's organization

award went to Open Heart Kitchen, a Tri-Valley nonprofit that has been feeding the area's hungry for more than two decades.

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## Scholarship Awarded to Village High Senior

Community of Character Collaborative scholarship has been awarded to Village High School Senior, Abigail Bee Richardson

The Juanita Haugen Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Juanita Haugen, founder of the coalition, who died in 2007 due to cancer.

Abigail Bee Richardson has been a community leader on the Village High School campus. When she is not contributing to classroom discussions, Bee is buzzing around the hosting Leadership fundraisers and putting together videos for our school assemblies.



Abigail Bee Richardson

Bee has single-handedly made morning announcements a more engaging means of communication. She represents well the character traits of the Com-

munity of Character, which are: compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity, and self-discipline.

Previously announced were representatives from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools: Mikayla Tran from Foothill High School, daughter of Anh and Diane Tran, Joshua Ott from Amador Valley High School, son of David Ott and Laura Melchionne, and Lauren Ho-Tseung of Amador Valley High School, daughter of Lars and Kristen Ho-Tseung. An online auction is currently in progress to increase scholarship funds,

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## AWARDS

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"Open Heart Kitchen was the culmination of years of work by the Tri-Valley's interfaith community, citizens and city officials who saw the rising tide of hunger and wanted to respond to it," said Dulka. "Ever since it's official inception in 1995, OHK has been committed to finding resources – staffing, financial supporters, facilities and volunteers – to find creative ways to push back against hunger in the communities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. They now serve more than 350,000 meals a year."

Funds raised by luncheon ticket sales, auction and raffle are used to fund scholarships awarded to Pleasanton high school seniors who have demonstrated excellent citizenship and service to the community.

"It's a great honor to be named a person of character, especially in memory of Juanita Haugen because she contributed so much of her life to making the Pleasanton school district and community a better place," said Amador Valley High School senior Joshua Ott. "I will be attending UC Berkeley, majoring in mechanical engineering and participating in the Air

Force ROTC program."

Fellow Amador student Lauren Ho-Tseung stated, "Being named a person of character is really humbling. I was shocked and super honored. I'll be attending UC Berkeley in the fall studying biology and hoping to pursue something in the medical field. I have to thank my parents for shaping me into who I am today, and our community for this honor and opportunity. I am so grateful to have grown up in this amazing community."

Tran, too, will be attending UC Berkeley, possibly pursuing a pre-law track with an eye to working for a nonprofit that focuses on women's rights.

"I am grateful to have received this award," she said. "I would have never been able to cultivate such a love for humanity and commitment to service if it were not for my supportive family, inspiring teachers and empowering peers who push me to be the best version of myself every day. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this scholarship; I truly appreciate the care you put into this award."

To learn more, visit [www.communityofcharacter.org](http://www.communityofcharacter.org).

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some great bargains are available by going to [www.biddingforgood.com](http://www.biddingforgood.com) then input "Pleasanton" into the search box to get to access the auction.

Bidding will help the scholarship grow to increase the value of the scholarships and number of awards, and continuing the legacy of Juanita Haugen.

Dinner with the Mayor, another fundraiser to benefit the Scholarship Fund will be held on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2017. Tickets are \$75

per person, and the intention is to keep it to a small intimate group of about 30 attendees. Tickets may be reserved by going to the Chamber website, [www.Pleasanton.org](http://www.Pleasanton.org).

The Community of Character is sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and other faith and non-profit groups. Their mission is to promote the values within the schools and community.

## Livermore Valley Wine Country

# McKahn Family Cellars Debuts on Vasco

By Laura Ness

The wine corridor that is Vasco Road is expanding. The newest brand in the mix to open a tasting room is McKahn Family Cellars, formerly located on Leisure Lane. Wine-maker, Chuck McKahn, whose day job is making wine at William Harrison in Napa, declared, "I couldn't be happier about how this all came together. When my parents moved here from Lodi two years ago, we saw the possibilities. When this space came available we jumped on it."

McKahn Family Cellars officially opened its doors in early May. It is open Fridays from noon to 7 p.m. and on weekends from noon to 4:30pm, by appointment only. Please use [VinoVisit](http://VinoVisit.com) to schedule a tasting in their brand new digs, at 2245-A S. Vasco Road, Livermore, where the tile shop used to be. They're right next to Occasio, and two doors down from Nottingham/Vasco Urbano, which makes them two doors or so up from Longevity.

Chuck says the space has a semi-industrial feel, with hardwood floors and the same bar made from barrel supports that was used in the original tasting room. Here, six can stand comfortably. There are four tables that seat four, along with a large table that can accommodate 12 for private seated tastings. Visitors will be able to purchase wines by the glass or bottles to enjoy outdoors at a couple of bistro tables as well.

Although Chuck, who earned his Enology degree at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, makes Bordeaux wines as his day job, he's a enormous fan of Rhones. He explains that although the current portfolio includes things like Chardonnay and Zinfandel, he's decided to toss his hat entirely into the Rhone Ring as of vintage 2016.

He was particularly thrilled to get some Petite Sirah in vintage 2016 from Casa de Vinas, farmed by Julio Covarrubias, and is loving the way the wine is tasting. Hopefully, he can get more Petite from Julio this harvest. He expects his first Petite to be released in 2018.

He's also jazzed to be sourcing Grenache and Syrah, hopefully, from Ghielmetti Vineyard, and some Mourvedre from the Riboli Vineyard, which is farmed by Wentz, all for 2017.

People will have to be patient as the Livermore Valley wines mature and come on line. Meanwhile, they can sip on the 2105 Russian River Chardonnay, barrel-fermented in 20% new French for 11 months (\$29), a 2016 Viognier from the Russian River Valley (\$32), 2014 Zinfandel from the Redwood Valley of Ukiah in Mendocino (\$27) and a 2014 Syrah from the St. Helena district of Napa.

There's also a very limited 2016 Grenache Rosé,



not open for tasting, but available for purchase for \$26. Only 66 cases were made of this neutral-barrel fermented rosé. A red wine version of this Grenache is resting patiently, or perhaps, impatiently, knowing the headiness of Grenache, in barrel.

Rhones first turned Chuck's head while attending college adjacent to the

Rhone-rich winegrowing region of Paso Robles, where he remembers some impressive wines from L'Aventure, Tablas Creek, Tolosa, where he worked two harvests while at Cal Poly, and Clos Selene. Among his favorite Rhone producers at the moment is Jonata out of Santa Barbara.

"I really like ripe, warm climate Syrah," he says. "I also appreciate the peppery quality it can have. My wines are on the larger end of the spectrum." He does not macerate and presses off "sweet," before the wine reaches total dryness. Right now, he feels that 2014 Syrah from St. Helena is drinking beautifully.

McKahn notes that in Napa, many growers are ripping out Syrah to plant Cabernet Sauvignon for primarily economic reasons. In fact, he lost his original Syrah source to this very same trend, and feels very lucky to have found some in a vineyard on Spring Mountain. "Syrah is rapidly disappearing. I begged the owner not to rip it out," he says.

While he is very happy with the Amador Foothills Grenache he got from his buddy and former colleague at McMannis Family Wines, Jeff Runquist, he's really looking forward to how Livermore Valley Grenache will perform, bemoaning the fact that there is just so little of it planted here. "Less than 1% of the vineyards here are planted to Grenache." He's really hoping to get 3 tons from Ghielmetti Vineyard this coming harvest.

Will he add more Rhone whites? Yes, he says, admitting that he really likes Grenache Blanc over Marsanne and Roussanne, and hopes to eventually score some from Katy's Corner in the Russian River Valley, a renowned vineyard for Rhone whites.

It looks like Collin Cranor's Vasco Urbano brand has some good company in the Rhone camp. Vasco Road is definitely the place to be if you want to enjoy the good life and score at least three very different 100% Grenache rosés from Vasco Urbano, Occasio (sold out, darn) and now McKahn Cellars. Add the Debr-u-vée from Longevity, technically a GSM, and make it a foursome.

We can start calling this vinous vortex of convergence, "The Rhone Zone."

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

**Visual Rhythm**, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, May 3 to June 27 at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society** Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit Syncopation on view seven days a week through July 9th, 2017. Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville, California, in the Blackhawk Plaza. Telephone: (925) 648-8023.

**East Bay Open Studios**, 6 local artists showing at the Bothwell Arts Center and several more in their private studios throughout the area from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 17 and 18. Printed guidebooks are available at Way Up Art & Frame and many locations in downtown Livermore, or download an app for smartphones at [www.eastbayopenstudios.com](http://www.eastbayopenstudios.com) to

help find and explore the artworks of the 200+ artists on the tour.

**Along the Lines**. New installation at Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. On display June 16 through July 15, 2017. Bringing together 5 very different artists whose works somehow feature "lines:" curvilinear or stick-straight, broad or fine, integrated or thematic. The artists: Jenny Balisle (Richmond), David Fought (San Francisco), Howard Hersh (San Francisco), Jeff Snell (Vallejo), Mel Prest (San Francisco). Free public opening reception with the artists on Thursday, June 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated. "Along the Lines" class for young people ages 5-11. Guided exhibit exploration, plus hands-on art work activities. Thursday, June 22, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com), Code 2050.

**Special Art Exhibit** — Angela Johal & Holly Savas. In conjunction with "Along The Lines" installation. On display June 15 – July 15, Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton. Award-winning artists Angela Johal (Livermore) and Holly Savas (San Francisco). Thematically related works will be shown, with focus on abstract structure and geometric expressions. Reception on Thursday, June 15, 7-9 p.m. All are welcome to meet the artists and explore the exhibits. Light refreshments will be served. Free, no tickets required. The Firehouse installations will be located in the triple-storey Grand Atrium Lobby, Hallway, and Mezzanine exhibition spaces, and open to the public during regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations appreciated

**Pleasanton Art League**, fall members' exhibit at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. July 27-Sept. 2. Reception and awards, July 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Bothwell Arts Center, ongoing art classes:** figure drawing, drawing and painting, colored pencil, oils, collage, portraiture; beginners through intermediate and beyond.

Contact Anne Giancola, [www.bothwell.lvpac.org](http://www.bothwell.lvpac.org) or email [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org)

**"A Summer Colored Pencil Experience"** This class will combine colored pencil and graphite using several techniques and drawing surfaces. Some colored pencil experience helpful. Instructor Maryann Kot. Starts Mon., June 19th, 9:30-noon for 6 weeks at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Adult Fee \$145 for six classes. Contact [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up.

**"Colored Pencil Class for Beginners"** Students will learn the properties of the colored pencil, color theory, and how to create realistic drawings. Students will create their own projects during the six week session. Instructor Maryann Kot. Starts Thurs., June 22nd, 9:30-noon at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Adult Fee \$145 for six classes. Contact [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up.

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

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

**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 - [micoangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:micoangelo@earthlink.net).

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

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

## WINE & SPIRITS

**Wente Vineyards: Garden Tour & Workshop Series:** Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk. Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Fall Vegetables; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Sensory Herb Class; Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, The Art of Composting. Price per guest, per session: \$20 Entertainment Club, \$25 Non-Club. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2424 or visit [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com)

**Wente Vineyards**, celebrate Dad at the Estate Winery & Tasting Room and The Winemakers Studio. Wine by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. The Wood Fire Kitchen will also be offering riblets and potato salad for purchase. Music by touring and recording artist Triton. Friday, June 16th, 6 to 9 p.m. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**Retzlaff Estate Winery**, Annual Father's Day Picnic, Sunday June 18. Reservations required. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

**Cedar Mountain Winery, summer grill and chill series** featuring BBQ and music, 6 to 9 p.m.: June 24: Chris Ahlman; July 8: Jack Quigley Souled Out; July 29: MusicLore. Winery supplies the hot coals; bring grilling food; wine by the glass/ bottle, nonalcoholic beverages, salami, cheese and crackers available for purchase. For information, call 373-6636. Fee is \$5 per person cash collected at the winery; all fees go to the band. [www.cedarmountainwinery.com](http://www.cedarmountainwinery.com)

**Taste Our Terroir**, Thursday, July 20, 2017 - Sunday, July 23, 2017, food and wine affair spans four days. On Thursday July 20, 2017 is the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence which has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors at Casa Real. Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org)

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

**Bluegrass open mic and pickup band;** The Bandstand in Carnegie Park, 4th and K Streets, Livermore. 2 to 4 p.m. first Sunday of each month until Oct. 1, 2017.

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

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola

Avenue-- the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

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

**Jerry Jeff Walker with Django Walker in "Father and Son: Up Close and Personal,"** Sunday, June 18, 2017 (Father's Day) 3 p.m Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, \$40 all seats, \$16 students and active military. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 925-383-6800

**The Kinsey Sicks - America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet** presents "Dragapella!" Saturday, June 24, 8:00 p.m. Since June has been designated as PRIDE month, the Firehouse Arts Center is pleased to present The Kinsey Sicks! Performance record includes an Off-Broadway show, an extended run in Vegas, two feature films and two concert DVDs, nine albums, and appearances throughout the US (in over 40 states), Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Australia. Dragapella has served up a feast of award-winning a Capella singing, sharp satire and over-the-top drag, earning The Kinsey Sicks a diverse and devoted following. Reserved seating tickets \$17- \$27. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848 [Call: 925-931-4848], or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton if not sold out. Recommended for audiences 18+ (language)

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, July 4, noon to 2:30 p.m. All-Time Favorite Patriotic Music. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**The Lettermen**, July 21, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Hadleigh Adams: "Classical Broadway"** 2 p.m. July 23. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**5,6,7,8...The Golden Follies 2017!** July 29 and 30, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## ON THE STAGE

**CIRQUE DES BÊTES**, Fri., June 23, 7 p.m. Circus Performing Arts and Burlesque Show. Open to age 21 +. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

## Sip & Shop at Outlets

San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore will host a Summer Sip & Shop from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wed., June 21.

Live music and a sidewalk sale will be part of the event.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets include wine tasting, a commemorative glass and tote bag with discounts at participating retailers. Participating wineries include: Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine / Stony Ridge Winery, Ehrenberg Cellars, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Page Mill Winery, Rios-Lovell Winery, The Steven Kent Winery and Wente Vineyards.

Must be age 21 or over for wine tasting. Tickets can be purchased at [www.lvwine.org/event-tickets/3020/summer-sip-and-shop](http://www.lvwine.org/event-tickets/3020/summer-sip-and-shop)

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org or 373-6800.

**Honky** By Greg Kalleres, Role Players Ensemble, script-in hand performance, June 24 at 8 p.m., June 25 at 2 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Honky is a provocative and hilarious take on the language of race and racism. Political correctness goes out the window as five people, both black and white, muddle through one of the most difficult discussions of our time. Each performance will be followed by an open discussion of the play's themes featuring the artists and experts working on this presentation. Directed by: Eric Fraisher Hayes. Featuring: Michael L. Grayson II, Danielle Levin, Dorian Lockett, Aaron Murphy, Edward Nattenberg, Kimberly Ridgeway, Aaron Wilton. Tickets: \$25.00; online at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com). Full Season Information: [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com)

**Summer Show Series @ Firehouse Arts Center** in Pleasanton: The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella!" Saturday, June 24, 8pm — \$17-\$27; Hadleigh Adams: "Classical Broadway." Sunday, July 23, 2:00 p.m. — \$15-\$25; "5, 6, 7, 8..." The Golden Follies 2017. Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30, 2:00 p.m. — \$15 - \$25; "The Music of Simon & Garfunkel" by AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli. Saturday, August 12, 8:00 p.m. & Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m. — \$15 - \$25. Visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) for show and ticketing details, or call or visit the venue Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, 925-931-4848.

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

**Elvis Has Left the Building,** a farce/comedy written by Duke Ernsberger

and Virginia Cate. Chanticleers Theatre production. 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. June 30-July 23, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sundays. (510) SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or online at [www.chanticleers.org](http://www.chanticleers.org)

**Hamlet,** San Francisco Shakespeare Festival 35th Anniversary Free Shakespeare in the Park program at Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park on July 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. Admission is free. For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit [www.sfsakes.org](http://www.sfsakes.org)

**The Wizard of Oz,** Tri-Valley Repertory Theater production, weekends July 15-30, 2017. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 373-6800 or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## COMEDY

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

**Comedy Uncorked,** 7:30 p.m. June 24, Jeff Applebaum, Mickey Joseph, Tessie Chua, Justin Lockwood. Retzlaff Estate Winery, 1356 So. Livermore Ave. Benefit for Open Heart Kitchen. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

**Paula Poundstone,** 8 p.m. July 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**The Classic Film Series,** Pleasanton Library will feature a range of genres. "On the Islands," themed films will be shown the first Monday of each month through June 2017. 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Free admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925)

931-3400, extension 4. Visit [www.pleasantonlibrary.org](http://www.pleasantonlibrary.org) for a list of films and more information.

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Vita Voci,** an 8 voice a cappella group, is currently auditioning experienced Tenors. Please contact Susan Anderson at [vitavocimadrignals@gmail.com](mailto:vitavocimadrignals@gmail.com) for more information or to schedule an audition. [www.vitavoci.org](http://www.vitavoci.org)

## OPERA

**Opera In The Vineyard** at Retzlaff Vineyards, July 16, 5 p.m. 1356 So. Livermore Ave., <http://livermorevalleyopera.com>

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

**Bonsai Show** at Alden Lane. The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from

start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, contact Charles Harder at [bonsainut@comcast.net](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)

**Alameda County Fair,** June 19 - July 9, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibits, concerts, 4th of July fireworks, contests. (closed June 19 and 20 and June 26 and 27). Tickets and schedule at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com)

**4th of July Celebration,** Downtown Livermore, fireworks and fun. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**1st Wednesday Street Party,** 6 to 8 p.m. downtown Pleasanton. Theme for July 5, "Salute to Public Safety." [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**An Evening with George Washington:** Tuesday, July 11th, 7 pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular

operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

**Summer Wine Stroll,** 5 to 8 p.m. downtown Pleasanton, July 15. Listen to live music, taste a variety

of local wines and small bites. Information, Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.downtownpleasanton.net](http://www.downtownpleasanton.net)

## MUSEUM

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propeller toys, and playing with a variety of old time and retro toys.

**August 19: Life in Early Pleasanton:** Take a step back and learn about life in Pleasanton without modern conveniences. The event will include making adobe bricks, dipping candles, stamping leather, and much more.

**September 16: Celebrate Community- Taste Africa:** Join the Museum on Main and Cheza Nami for an afternoon dedicated to the great continent of Africa. Participants will be making

shekere shakers, learning about African instruments, face painting, and playing with African toys and games.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone 925.462.2776.

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# EDUCATION

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Amanda Crofton of Pleasanton was initiated at University of California, Davis

Ariadna Dang of Livermore was initiated at United States Naval Academy

Courtney Starr of Dublin was initiated at Saint Mary's College of California

Franklin Kerstetter of Livermore was initiated at University of California, Davis

Jennifer Wilson of Pleasanton was initiated at University of California, Davis

Martha Watt of Pleasanton was initiated at University of Southern California

Nicole Powers of Pleasanton (was initiated at Saint Mary's College of California

Rachel Lortz of Pleasanton was initiated at University of California, Davis

Sabrina Nguyen of Pleasanton was initiated at Saint Mary's College of California

On May 28, 2017, Nisha Grewal of Pleasanton graduated from Wesleyan University with a BA degree in Physics.

Students named to the spring semester 2017 Deans List were recently announced by the Office of the Registrar at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Pratima Thapaliya, Dublin,

was named to the Deans List at the U of M Crookston for spring semester.

To qualify for a place on the Deans List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Lena Costello, of Dublin, was named to Susquehanna University's dean's list for the spring 2017 semester. The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours. Costello is a music performance-vocal major in the Class of 2020. A 2016 graduate of Holy Names High School, she is the daughter of John and Sylvia Costello.

The following students graduated from the University of San Diego on May 28.

Bruno Andres of Pleasanton earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Christopher Garcia of Pleasanton earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing.

Megan Goodman of Pleasanton earned a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Spanish. Goodman graduated cum laude. Goodman participated in the university's Honors Program designed to provide smart, passionate and engaged students with challenges and opportunities to allow them to achieve their intellectual goals. The program

emphasizes teaching excellence, small seminar-style classes, and a core curriculum of innovative courses.

John Jaureguito of Livermore earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy and Finance.

Kemberly Kantor of Pleasanton earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Real Estate. Kantor graduated cum laude.

Tatianna Mercurio of Pleasanton was among over 180 students whose exceptional academic work was showcased during Baldwin Wallace University's Ovation Festival 2017. Mercurio, a graduate of Foothill High School majoring in film studies, presented a video titled "Experimental Animation."

Justin Edward Gibson of Pleasanton, received a bachelor of science degree with distinction in civil engineering from Clarkson University on May 13.

Henry Pittman Person of Pleasanton was awarded a B.A. with honors in philosophy and a B.A. in biochemistry, summa cum laude, at the University of the South's 2017 commencement ceremonies held in All Saints' Chapel on the Sewanee campus on May 14. He also received the Hugh Harris Caldwell Jr. Award for excellence in philosophy, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society. Person is the child of Cecilia and Greer P. Person Jr.

## LVEF Elects New Board President

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) has elected Dana Rowley (pictured) as Board President.

He grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire. After graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a BS in Physics, he received a Masters Degree in Physics from the University of New Hampshire, then returned to Rensselaer to earn a PhD. in Nuclear Physics. He joined the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories in 1981, and held numerous positions,

primarily in the Lab's nuclear weapons program, before retiring in 2013.

He is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys gardening, bicycling, canoeing, and sailboat racing.

"Dana has the right qualities and skill set to be a great Board President," said outgoing LVEF President David Jonas. "He has extremely strong leadership skills, a very even temperament, and a highly collaborative style."

Dana commented, "I hold a strong belief in quality public education. I am



eager to help the Foundation grow its ability to enhance educational opportunities for Livermore students."

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Free! Social Justice Day** on Sunday, June 18, 11:30-3 with speakers, barbecue lunch, and kids' activities. At St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way (off Portola) Livermore. Questions, email: barbara.nichols.reynolds@gmail.com; or, call the church 925-447-3289. All are welcome.

**Pooch Parade**, Wednesday, August 2, 2017, Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers will be holding its 20th Annual Pooch Parade in downtown Pleasanton. Proceeds generated from this event are used to purchase equipment, supplies, dog food and transportation to San Francisco and other Bay Area locations where puppy raisers socialize and expose their pups in training to new situations, sounds and smells. The Pooch Parade is held in downtown Pleasanton during the 1st Wednesday Street Fair. More information can be found at <http://trivalleyguidedogs.com/pooch-parade>. \$10 tax deductible entry fee to enter in the parade.

**Learning Series Talk**, 11 a.m. to noon on June 17. Planning, Planting and Caring for Your Summer Food Garden. Presented by FertileGround Works Garden of Grace - free to the public. Asbury United Methodist Church; 4743 East Ave; Livermore.

**LHS Class of 1992 25th Reunion**, July 15, 2017, The Barn - 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Dinner/Dancing/No host wine & beer. \$45/ticket now through 6/30. \$55/ticket starting 7/1. \$60 at the door. Buy a ticket using PayPal. LHSscowboys1992reunion@gmail.com. Questions? Email LHSscowboys1992reunion@gmail.com

**Dublin Community Blood Drive** - The American Red Cross is in need of blood and platelet donations. 1 Blood Drive on Friday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Community Room at the Dublin Library (200 Civic Plaza). Drop-ins are welcome during the six-hour window, or schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), entering the sponsor code, DublinCommunity. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-800-REDCROSS.

**Pacific Center for Human Growth** (Pacific Center), Alameda County Behavioral Health Services is continuing to fund an expansion of services for older adults. A program to provide topical therapeutic peer support groups for isolated LGBTQ older adults in the north, east and central regions of the county. "Older & Out" groups have started at two Alameda County Senior Centers: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Senior Services - Tuesday afternoons, starting July 11th 2017, 1:15 - 2:45 pm. The groups are free, run for 90 minutes on a rotating 8 week cycle of topics for up to a year, with an ideal of 10 members per group. Groups are facilitated by a team of Pacific Center clinician interns assisted by trained Peer Specialists. Group members decide what topics to cover. Suggested

topics include: loss of friends, wisdom that comes with aging, going back in the closet to survive, dating, invisibility in the LGBTQ community, family acceptance challenges, loneliness, resilience, and how to find other services in Alameda County.

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, June 16, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. The summertime is a particularly difficult time to collect blood. Please come donate, bring a friend or family member to the drive and give the gift of life to our friends and neighbors who need it. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, June 25, 1 p.m. lunch in Sunol, RSVP by June 22 to Ruby, 462-9636. June 29, 1 p.m. lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by June 26 to Marsha, 830-8483.

**Bonsai Show at Alden Lane.** The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, contact Charles Harder at [bonsainut@comcast.net](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)

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

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

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

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is June 20, from 10 am to 3 pm at Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew,

arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**Have you been affected by someone's drinking?** Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.AlanonTriValley.org](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org), 925-277-7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto:help@AlanonTriValley.org).

**Grief Workshop** - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 pm now through August 24, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For additional information please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

**Recovery International Support Group** was developed by Abraham Low, MD. This group uses the cognitive-behavioral, peer to peer, self help training system to help individuals gain skills to lead more peaceful and productive lives. Meetings every Sunday at 4 pm. Leader: Barbara Sterrett. [www.recoveryinternational.org](http://www.recoveryinternational.org)/ Meetings take place at Arbor Vista: 1300 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

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

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

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

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

**Italian Catholic Federation**, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

**ClutterLess Self Help Support Group**, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays

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except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Come or call a volunteer at (925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: [www.clutterlesseastbay.org](http://www.clutterlesseastbay.org)

**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 p.m. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

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

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleysesir.org](http://www.trivalleysesir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call CarAmerican 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 veterans' causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans 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:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericcorner.org](http://ericcorner.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](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

**Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard**

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

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

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

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

**Overtreaters Anonymous.** All are welcome. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. No weigh-ins, free will donations for rent. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925)337-9118.

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

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

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

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share

concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact [PMFSG.ca@gmail.com](mailto:PMFSG.ca@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

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

**Kiwani Club of Pleasanton,** meets Fridays at noon at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. This is a Tri-Valley Club with members from Dublin and Livermore, as well as Pleasanton. The motto is "To serve the children of the world." All are welcome.

**RELIGION  
First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

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

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

**Congregation Beth Emek,** Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

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

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church,** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is changing to 10:00 a.m. Bring children to participate in childcare and children/youth Sunday School. For information visit our website at [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950.

**Calvary Tri-Valley,** Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org) or 925-447-4357.

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

**Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermoresda.org/](http://www.livermoresda.org/) All are welcome.

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

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

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

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

**Little Brown Church,** United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church,** 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically

based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. [www.pathway-communitychurch.org](http://www.pathway-communitychurch.org) (925) 322-1222.

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

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

**Valley Bible Church,** Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

**Valley Bible Church,** Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 South-front Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

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

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

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer schedule is one service at 9:30 a.m. May 28-Sept. 3. Childcare provided. Contact the church office at (925) 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Livermore Stake:** Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave. Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St. Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

**Livermore Quakers:** Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). [www.LivermoreQuakers.com](http://www.LivermoreQuakers.com)

**St. Francis of Assisi,** 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) — 8:30 AM. Communion — 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfrancisanglican.church](mailto: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 1886 College Ave., Livermore. For more information contact [revharrietl@yahoo.com](mailto:revharrietl@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://csllvlighthouse.org>.

**St. Matthews Baptist Church,** 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://www.smbclive.com) or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ,** gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton). Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

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

**GraceWay Church** worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road while its new facility is being prepared. Services include band-led worship music, Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. [www.gracewaylife.org](http://www.gracewaylife.org) (925) 846-4436.

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

**Discovery Church of the Nazarene,** 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM

**Gateway Church,** 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://gatewaylivermore.org) or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

# Milestones

## Quilt of Valor Awarded

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Jeff Harvey has received one of these quilts for serving as part of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (SEABEES).

Harvey was born in Tokyo, Japan. His father was in the Air Force. His family lived in Japan and Florida before moving to Livermore, when Jeff was five. After graduating from high school, Jeff joined the United States Navy. He served as a Storekeeper 2ND Class (E5) for four years. He served on the U.S.S. Niagara Falls, a combat stores ship, and completed a Western Pacific cruise.

After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Jeff was hired by the Alameda County Sheriff's



Jeff Harvey

Department (ACSD) as a Deputy Sheriff. He spent five and a half years with ACSD as a booking officer, transportation officer, and patrol deputy.

In 1988, the Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) hired Jeff. Jeff worked at PPD for nine and a half years. Jeff worked in patrol, crime prevention, and investigations as a detective. Jeff was a drug recognition expert, a member

and leader of the PPD's SWAT team, a field-training officer, and an evidence technician.

In 1997, he was hired by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office as an Inspector. During his career at the D.A.'s office, Jeff was assigned to the trial preparation teams at Wiley Manual and Rene. C. Davidson Courthouses in Oakland and the Hayward Hall of Justice conducting felony Trial Preparations. Jeff was also assigned to the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), serving on the arrest team.

Upon retiring after 28 years in Bay Area law enforcement, Jeff began his career with the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission three days later in Chicago, IL as a Supervisory Product Safety Investigator. He and his wife just returned to the Bay Area in March 2014 and now live in Livermore.

Jeff has been married to his wife, Lori, for 37 years and has three adult children and one grandson. The oldest daughter, Lacey, is a stay at home mom. His son, Joshua, is a Police Officer with the Fremont Police Department. Jeff's youngest daughter, Linzey, is a Construction Scheduler for DPR Construction.

On weekends, Jeff can be found serving wine at Cedar Mountain Winery. Come in and say hello.

## Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

On June 3, 2017, Marilyn and Jerry Russell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Cedar Mountain Winery along with 70 long time friends and family members.

They met at the Oakland Airport observing burrowing owls in the areas between runways as part of a UC Berkeley graduate research project led by Lise Thompson Jones.

Marilyn was finishing her Zoology major and Jerry was already at work at Lawrence Livermore Lab. They both enjoyed the outdoors and watching wildlife, but the biggest connection was their shared love of the 5000+ acre Sagehorn Ranch of Marilyn's family north of Willits in Mendocino County. This is still their favorite vacation and camping destination which they often share with family and friends on major holidays. The past year, Marilyn & Jerry have been deeply involved in insuring that this beautiful land will be preserved in perpetuity through a Conservation Easement with the California Rangeland Trust. In addition to watching the Holleman family who lease the ranch work the cattle & horses in the gentle, historical Californio style, there is also a dynamic research group of young scientists from UC Berkeley exploring the relationships of water, trees, soils and microbes on a section of the ranch. This combines Marilyn & Jerry's love of the livestock industry with their careers in science.

After graduation, Marilyn taught Biology and Field Biology at Livermore High School for 33 years, retiring in 2000 to care for her Mom and begin managing the family ranch which has become a full time career along with Jerry's help. Jerry retired from the Lab in 1993 after 30 years. He was a mechanical technician and very skilled in creating, building or repairing almost anything. His work is precise and invaluable for maintain-



Marilyn and Jerry Russell

ing our country lifestyle. They both loved to travel, Jerry often on hunting trips, Marilyn either riding long distance endurance rides or enjoying biological expeditions. Marilyn has visited most of the major continents watching wildlife, especially birds. Archeological sites, particularly ancient cave art has also been a high priority for her. She always says that "Jerry is the wind beneath my wings," because he has always encouraged her to follow her dreams (so many of which have come true). Their long devotion to each other may be because they spent so much time apart!!!

Their favorite destination has been Africa for game-viewing, taking three trips shared with long time friends. As an avid hunter, Jerry is a keen & enthusiastic observer of wildlife and often first at spotting something new. He was always helpful in making sure everyone in the group also saw what he found. This skill was much appreciated on the field trips with the high school stu-

dents, too.

Although child-free, many wonderful young friends have lived in the Russell household and experienced many adventures with them. Several were an integral part of the celebration. Commander Dr. Mark Nguyen (US Navy, active duty), Masha Bychkova Grohman, Jennifer Dzakovic Byous, Pattie Seale Davis and Missi McKeand Hawkins...Now there are several additions to these families and most are eager to ride horses and travel like Granny M and Grandpa Jer.

Although distant travel is no longer possible due to some health issues for both, they are visiting Safari West in Santa Rosa as a local destination to celebrate this milestone in their lives & a reminder of viewing incredible wildlife & great migrations on the plains of Africa. However the ranch and their home in the Livermore hills bring them much peace and joy along with their horses, dogs and cats and the next generation of youngsters.

## Thank You Dr. Tony

Thank you Dr. Tony: As we all know our wonderful, caring Dr. Alvarez is retiring after 40 years. Most of his staff has been there with him too, caring for patients. This is what we were destined to do, and we loved it, and to be there with Dr. Tony. We knew this day would come, but it is very difficult and emotional to accept as it is for him. He has taken care of us all in so many ways. We were all special to this wonderful man. His wife, Terry, with her kindness will also be missed. We wish nothing but the best for your future with your family, and of course, "your fly fishing." We will never forget you.

All our love and hugs, from your staff and patients.