See Inside Section A

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

TVLC Is **Progressing** on Running Tighter Ship

By Ron McNicoll

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) board discussed possibilities for more progress in setting up better procedures and practices in the administration of its four public charter schools.

Policies to be considered will deal with such areas as the TVLC relationship with California Preparatory Academies (CPA) and Chinese students, and finances.

Meeting on June 9, the board voted to instruct interim CEO Lynn Lysko to negotiate with CPA on sharing the new quarters at 3090 Independence Drive, which is expected to open in August. The building will be occupied by CPA's foreign-student high school and TVLC's public charter school Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP).

The two entities work under a MOU, which is renegotiable every year. It is already known that the 40 rooms in the building will be apportioned one-half to each school. Certain common rooms, such as lunch rooms will be shared.

Board members said it's important to define how the building will be shared ahead of time, such as how long does each school get the lunch room, how many parking places will be allotted to each

Even more important would e more clarity concerning the terms of rent. There has been a "handshake deal," in the phrase of a past CEO John Zukoski. Under that agreement, LVCP would not pay more rent than the \$17,000 per month that it pays now at the old Portola Elementary School. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) provides the Portola School. With more non-Livermore students in the future, that rent could grow somewhat, but all that could be

(See CHARTER, page 10)

Council Votes to Permanently Close Springtown Golf Course

The Springtown Golf Course will be closed permanently; the process to create a master plan for the area will begin. In addition, a ballot measure will be placed on the November ballot to ensure that the land remains as permanent open space.

Those were among the unanimous actions taken by the Livermore City Council at its meeting on Monday.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will serve as the lead agency in the master plan process. The city will fund a master plan consultant up to \$250,000.

Separate parcels were also established for the Springtown Library and land belonging to the Springtown Homeowners Association.

The council directed staff to prepare a maintenance plan for the golf course area during the 12 to 18 months that it is projected it would take to complete the master plan process.

Guidelines for interim open space use of the property were approved in a resolution. At the

request of members of the public, who spoke during the public hearing, the guidelines will be adopted as an ordinance at a future meeting. The ordinance will include information on enforcement and

The guidelines include no golfing, no motorized vehicles, no

(See GOLF COURSE, page 2)

Pleasanton Voters Say 'Yes' to Lund **Ranch Plan**

Measure K, on the June 7 ballot, asked voters to determine whether the 43-unit Lund Ranch project in Southeast Pleasanton should be approved. Voters answered "yes" by a margin of 9,928 to 9,303.

The counts reported are as of 5 p.m. on June 13.

Backers of Pleasanton's Measure K reported over \$226,412 in contributions and expenditures as of May 31. Three entities in favor of Measure K filed reports.

Greenbriar Homes Communities, Inc. and affiliates reported a total of \$157,617 in expenditures and contributions since January 1. Protect Pleasanton Neighborhoods reported \$3,020 and "Yes on Measure K," \$65,775. The \$65,000 was donated by GHC Lunch Ranch LLC of Fremont.

The Save Pleasanton Hillsides, which backed "no" on Measure K, reported \$58,630. Contributors of over \$7000 each included Luis Beas, Timothy Chu, William Lincoln, David Melaugh, Greg O'Connor, Greg Wohlenberg and Allen Roberts.

In other election results, the three incumbent Zone 7 Water District Board members were returned to office. Sandy Figuers led with 22,622 votes; Angela Ramirez Holmes was second with 16,887, and Dick Quigley third with 14,748. Other candidates and votes include Jacqueline "Jacquie" Williams-Courtright 12,755; Eric Thiel, 11,826; Victor Karpenko, 8,938; and Alfred Exner, 8,093.

In the race to represent District 4 on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, incumbent Nate Miley was easily re-elected with 39,955 votes to 24,173 for challenger Bryan Parker. District 1 incumbent Scott Haggerty was unopposed.

All of the local school bond measures were approved by the (See ELECTION, page 4)



Members of the class of 2016 at Foothill High School paused to take a photo during graduation on June 10. Other high schools in the area held graduation exercises the same day.

The Challenges of Dealing with Dementia

By Carol Graham

In her diary, Amy Iver wrote of her 86-year-old husband, "He had his shoes on the wrong feet again after his nap. I no longer mention it unless he's going out. It doesn't seem to hinder him in any way. More and more his tray is covered with food as he eats, with more food on the floor as well. I have to remember to wipe down the chair where he touches it, as his hands are greasy and messy from his using them to eat."

Two days later, she added, "During dinner, Tom was tidier than usual, but then tried to take a bite out of the paper bowl his potpie had been in. Evenings are

becoming more challenging for to behave appropriately, reason, him.'

After nearly 30 years of marriage, the Livermore couple is facing the ever-growing challenges of Tom's dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease. It is easy for neither patient nor caregiver, though the longest and most difficult period had been not knowing.

Amy first noticed changes in her husband's behavior in 1999. He became easily agitated and started making odd decisions. Still, it took 11 years to receive an official diagnosis of Alzheimer's and frontotemporal dementia, a progressive, degenerative brain disease that leads to an inability empathize with others and carry out daily activities.

It is a diagnosis that more and more Americans receive each year. As the population ages, dementias continue to rise at a staggering rate. Today, 5.2 million Americans live with Alzheimer's disease, the cause of approximately 70 percent of all dementia cases. That number, barring the development of a medical breakthrough, is expected to more than triple by 2050.

'Things changed a bit after Tom's diagnosis," said Amy. "He became nicer, which was a great relief to me. But I felt sad for him. Not only does he have dementia,

(See CHALLENGES, page 4)

IKEA to Hear from Public on **Plans for Dublin Land**

IKEA will host two open houses for residents and business owners in Dublin aimed at providing project information and receiving community input about its proposed retail project in Dublin.

The open houses will take place on Tues., June 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional Street; the second on Wed., June 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Dublin Ranch Golf Course, 5900 Signal Hill Drive.

Community members can stop by any time during an open house to speak with project representatives about a variety of proposalrelated topics.

IKEA also has launched a project website for residents to learn more about the proposal and to provide feedback online. The website can be found at www. ProposedDublinCA.com. In addition to suggestions regarding

the proposed IKEA Dublin store, IKEA is seeking public input on ideas for the potential retail, restaurant, and entertainment options on the additional six acres it owns adjacent to the proposed IKEA Dublin.

A supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) is currently being prepared for the application.

At the council meeting where the work on the EIR was approved, Dublin residents expressed opposition to the IKEA plans. Increased traffic is cited as the major reason. Tom Cignarella, a Dublin resident, started an online petition opposing the plan.

Proposed for 27 acres at the northwest corner of I-580 and Hacienda Drive, the IKEA project includes an approximately 350,000-square-foot IKEA store. The development also would fea-

(See IKEA, page 2)

Conversation to Provide Insight Into Muslim Life and Beliefs

By Carol Graham

Though the event had been scheduled well before the most recent act of violence rocked the nation on a sleepy Sunday morning, it could not be taking place at a better time.

"Our deepest condolences are with those affected by the horrific attacks in Orlando, Florida," said Pleasanton's Alisha Shaik, 15. "We hope people come to our event so we may develop an understanding for each other, and stand in solidarity against these attacks."

Shaik coordinated a "Meet a Muslim" event Saturday, which is free, open to the public, and will take place on June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. It will be held at New York Pizza, 690 Main Street, Pleasanton.

ground along with 'Islam 101,'

(See MEETING, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

"We will briefly give our back- Ruth Gasten converses with Alicia Shaik during a recent Pleasanton 1st Wednesday Street Party.



PET OF THE WEEK

Denim will pair quietly with just about any family who is willing to earn her trust. The three-year-old silver tabby enjoys gentle petting; if you are patient, you will get all her affection! Once comfortable, this casual kitty will weave herself into the fabric of your life. Try Denim on for size 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

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ceiving \$4.5 million from

the state on cap and trade

(revenue). At the same time,

BART will receive \$5.5 mil-

lion less because of a cut in

another state fund. Our only

option is to ask voters to

reinvest in this system," said

Gail Murray, who seconded

Saltzman's motion, said,

"We are taking control of our

destiny. That's what we did

in the 1960's. It was funded

by the counties, not federal

or state money."

Contra Costa director

Family night has become a popular event. The Livermore Rodeo Stockmen's Association hosts the evening as part of rodeo week. Fans watch local team roping and wild cow milking competitions.

BART Will Put \$3.5 Billion Bond on November Ballot

BART has placed a \$3.5 million general obligation bond on the November ballot to raise funds to create new infrastructure that will restore the system's reliability, and modernize it.

The vote by the board was a unanimous 9-0 at at its June 9 meeting. In November, the measure will need a two-thirds vote for passage.

Directors approved a list of six priorities for spending the money. In descending order, they are renewal of trackage, power infrastructure, tunnels and structures, mechanical infrastructure, replacement of train controls, and increase in capacity, and a renewal of stations.

Two categories were below the top six: expansion of safe access to stations, and the relief of crowding and traffic congestion. The belief is that improved system reliability will build more ridership and remove more traffic from roads.

Directors, and virtually all of a dozen or so audience speakers from non-profits, business organizations, and government agencies, pointed out how critical it is to create a new, local fund in the three BART counties --Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco.

Director John McPartland, whose district includes the Valley, said, "This is long overdue." The money would keep BART cars from breaking down. Further, expansion efforts to east Contra put this board in conflict with each other, because of the lack of funds. This will relieve some of the pressure.

Livermore City Councilmember Steven Spedowfski

took exception to McPartland's assertion in a story in last week's Independent that expansion of BART to Livermore would be dependent on passage of the bonds. At Monday's council meeting, Spedowfski stated that Livermore has paid into the system. "It is not appropriate to ask a community for additional money. The two issues are separate." He added, that people are working on a solution that would bring BART to Livermore.

tional roadblocks.' Stuart Cohen, founder of TransForm, which lobbies for smart growth and public transportation, said at the audience podium that the group has been one of BART's critics, especially about expansion of the system, especially at the cost of deferred maintenance. "We are paying for it today. " TransForm has offices

"We don't need any addi-

in Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento. "I think this is a turnaround from a few years

ago. This measure will help 400,000 riders, and is preparing us for another 400,000. We think BART is heading in the right direction," said Cohen.

Director Rebecca Saltzman, who made the motion, said that even if BART could use 100 percent of its capital budget for the infrastructure, it still would not be enough. Transit use is increasing, but BART gets Costa and to Livermore have less money from the federal and state governments. Saltzman represents district 3, which includes portions of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"I read about BART re-

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littering, no alcohol, no

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weapons, or no aircraft. In addition, dogs must be on a leash, and people must clean up after their pets. Air-filled devices such as jump houses are prohibited. The area would be open from dawn to dusk with no use after sunset or overnight camping permitted. The council vote also bans any commercial use of the property and amplified music. Those who use the open space are asked to stay near the middle of the open space when walking or biking rather than along the edge of the property and rear yards of homes.

The impact on those with rear yards adjacent to the golf course was the main concern raised during the public hearing. The yards are shallow and most do not have fences.

Betty Murillo, a golf course advocate, said her concern was for the 260 residents with houses on the golf course. They have to deal with dogs off leash running around in their yards. She then asked how the city planned to handle parking as the area becomes open to everyone.

Gail Travers, who campaigned to retain the golf course, told the council she believes the closure is unavoidable. She noted that she and others are opposed to any development on the land and urged the council to move forward as quickly as

possible to protect the area as permanent open space. In addition, she asked that the guidelines be adopted as an ordinance. "As a resolution, there are no consequences for lack of compliance."

Travers also wanted to know the process for public involvement in the creation of the master plan.

She was told that LAR-PD, the consultant and city would establish a process.

Stacey Swanson, a member of the North Livermore Alliance, said she agreed with the need to create an ordinance to protect homeowners adjacent to the golf course. The Alliance led the campaign to convert the golf course to open space that everyone could use.

One speaker asked whether or not the library parcel was large enough for potential expansion.

City Manager Marc Roberts noted that the current library building takes up only one-third of the site.

A.C. Clements wrote to the Independent with comments that were also raised during the public hear. He his statement, he said, "I am appalled by the decision of the City Council to agree with Staff recommendation to permanently close The Springtown Golf Course and deem it Public Open Space."

He pointed out that people purchased their homes on a golf course, not open space. The backyards are small. He described one time while his family was eating dinner, people stopped and

watched us eating. "This is creepy and unacceptable.'

Clements declared that the lack of maintenance is impacting his property. Foxtails now grow in his yard. The pond is disgusting due to lack of care. Fish are dead.

The future of the duck pond is up in the air. With the closure of the golf course, which provided water for the pond, the water level has dropped.

The council approved language, which will appear on the November 2016 ballot. It asks: "Shall the ordinance affirming and readopting the open space designation "OSP Parks, Trail Ways, Recreation Corridors and Protected Areas" in Land Use Element for the 2003-2025 City of Livermore General Plan for the Springtown Golf Course, except for the Springtown Library and the Springtown Association parcel, be adopted?"

Councilmembers Stewart Gary and Steven Spedowfski will write the arguments in favor of the measure.



Interfaith Community To Pray for Peace

In response to the tragedy of hatred and violence in Orlando, Florida, Sunday, June 12, the interfaith community will gather Thursday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. Speakers will include Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer (Lynnewood UMC), Rabbi Larry Milder (Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton), and Iman Hamze (Muslim Community Center East Bay, Pleasanton). Congressman Eric Swalwell has also been invited

to speak. Community members gathered once before at Lynnewood Church on December 9, 2015 to mourn the loss of lives in San Bernardino, CA, December 2, 2015 and to commemorate the anniversary of the killing at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. December 14, 2012.

Sunday's killing of 50 innocent people at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, continues the list of crimes of hatred and gun violence. At such times, people feel the need to come together to express their grief and to pray for respect for the law and for human decency. The Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association wishes to stand in solidarity against hatred toward the LGBTQ community and with peace-loving Muslim neighbors in the Tri-Valley. Dave and Sheri Dumas will lead singing, and faith lead-

ers will say prayers. Lynnewood United Methodist Church is located at 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, across from the aquatic center. Parking is available on the street and in a lot behind the church. For more information, contact the church at www. lynnewood.org, or 925 846-

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square feet of other special-

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rants, which IKEA is in the

IKEA will evaluate potential on-site power generation, among other sustainability initiatives being considered. In addition to the more than 500 jobs that are expected to be created during the construction phase, approximately 350 co-workers

would join the IKEA family

when the new store opens.

IKEA previously secured City approvals for a Dublin store, at the same location, more than ten years ago. However, IKEA decided the market was not quite developed enough to support a Tri-Valley store, and subsequently sold the land. Since that time, the population has grown and the land remained available. IKEA recently repurchased the parcel from a private local developer to pursue the current iteration of the IKEA project.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Smoking Age Now 21

The minimum age of sale for tobacco products in California has increased from 18 to 21. For the first time e-cigarettes are added to the existing definition of tobacco products. California is the second state in the nation, following Hawaii, to raise the minimum age for tobacco sales to 21.

To help retailers comply with these new laws, a series of educational materials has been developed, including age-of-sale warning signs, window signs reminding customers of the new law and tips to help clerks **Police Chase** check identification.

cigarettes as tobacco products, e-cigarettes, from Alameda County Sheriff's Office to "be e-liquids including vaping devices and acceson the lookout" for a stolen vehicle that may sories can no longer be sold in self-service be in the Pleasanton area. It was reported that displays. E-cigarettes are not allowed in the stolen vehicle was driven by a subject locations where smoking has long been prohibited, including public transit, worksites, restaurants, schools and playgrounds.

want to quit smoking at www.nobutts.org or driver refused to pull over, a pursuit began. call 1-800-NO BUTTS

Spedowfski Leads LAVTA Board

The Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of Wheels bus service, elected Steven Spedowfski Board Chair and Karla Brown Vice Chair for its Fiscal Year 2017 beginning July 1st.

Spedowfski served as Vice Chair on LAVTA's Board of Directors in Fiscal Year 2016. He was elected to the Livermore City Council in November of 2014. Prior to serving on the City Council,

Brown was elected to a four-year term to serve on the Pleasanton City Council in November, 2012.

EBRPD Board Meets Earlier

Beginning with its July 5, 2016 meeting, the East Bay Regional Park District Board summer months

of Directors will start its meetings at 1 p.m., instead of 2 p.m. Closed session will begin at 11:30 a.m., instead of 12:30 p.m.

The changes were approved unanimously at the Board's May 17 meeting, as a way to increase efficiency.

The 7-member Board meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month at District headquarters, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. Committee meeting times remain unchanged.

On Thursday, June 09, 2016 the Pleasan-As part of the new law defining e- ton Police Department received an advisory wanted for assault with a deadly weapon in addition to stealing the vehicle.

Pleasanton Police officers spotted the ve-Resources are available for those who hicle and attempted to pull it over. After the After several minutes the pursuit ended in a collision at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Crestline Road.

> The suspect, 35 year old Christopher Mero was taken into custody without further resistance. Nobody was injured during this incident.

Work Begins on Stanley Blvd.

Construction has begun on a project to reconstruct and renovate the old part of Stanley Blvd. between First and Main streets,

Undergrounding of overhead utilities will take place at the beginning of the project, followed by street reconstruction, This will include new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes, parallel parking on the north side, street lights similar to those downtown, and

Work is anticipated through most of the

Pleasanton to Install New Water Meters

The Pleasanton City the sole purpose of reading Council last week voted to authorize installation of a Pleasanton for all residential vote was unanimous.

Infrastructure (AMI) project the cloud-based computer has been on the City Council system; and a new customer Workplan Priorities list since web portal, which will en-2013 in recognition of the able water users to access fact that most of the current their real-time and historic meters are all older and have consumption data from any a diminished capacity to smart device or computer. provide accurate readings. Additionally, the current ter reading technology is the manual-read method is la- latest in the evolution of this bor intensive and adversely type of technology," said impacts the city's carbon Kathleen Yurchak, Director footprint due to the number of Operations and Water of fleet vehicles out in the Utilities. "Not only will it field on a daily basis for

water meters.

The system is comprised new automated water meter- of new meters fitted with ing infrastructure throughout meter transmission units (MTU), which collect water and commercial users. The data every hour; 16 data-collector units (DCU), The Automated Metering which transmit this data to

"This state-of-the-art me-

automate meter reading and provide accurate data, but also it will promote water conservation, reduce operating costs and improve customer service.'

The project cost total for the AMI procurement and installation of up to 22,000 new water meters is just over \$7 million. It has been paid for through the city's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) fund and the Water Enterprise Fund.

Installation of new meters and lids will begin in August. Additional information on the project can be found on the City's website at www.cityofpleasantonca. gov under Hot Topics.



Dear Dublin residents and local business owners, we want to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Please join us at one of our upcoming community open houses to learn more about the proposed IKEA Dublin store at the northwest corner of I-580 and Hacienda Drive.

In addition to your suggestions regarding the proposed IKEA store, we also want to hear your input on ideas for the potential retail, restaurant and entertainment options on our additional six acres. The meetings will be organized as open houses, so feel free to stop by any time to speak with IKEA representatives about a variety of topics.

Community Open House #1

Tuesday, June 28 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Holiday Inn 6680 Regional Street Dublin

Community Open House #2

Wednesday, June 29 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Dublin Ranch Golf Course 5900 Signal Hill Drive Dublin

You can learn more about the IKEA retail proposal and provide your ideas and suggestions online at www.ProposedDublinCA.com

IKEA Systems B.V 2016 Inter

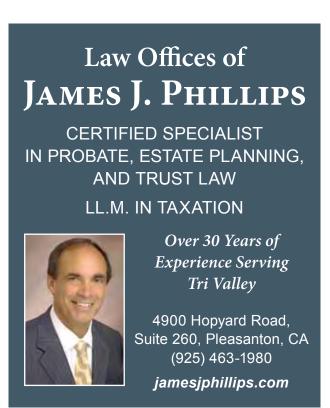
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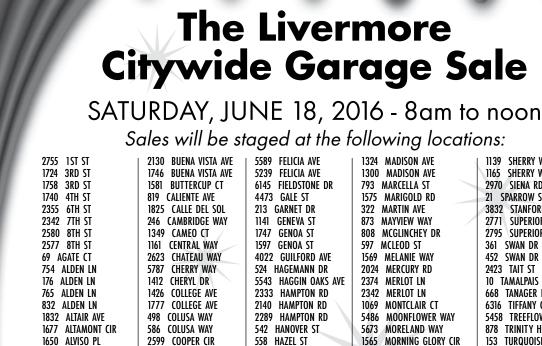
Gene Morgan Insurance Agency is helping local residents prevent identity theft by offering a free paper shred on Saturday, June 18th. Stop by their downtown office from 10 am - 2 pm with up to 5 boxes per household. Shredding is the easiest way to prevent identity theft, so bring old bank statements and other private documents. Light refreshments will be served.

No RSVP is needed but arrive early to ensure space for documents.

More information is available by contacting Michelle Morgan at (925) 447-2565 ext. 218 or michelle@genemorganinsurance.com.







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EDITORIAL

Tolerance and Understanding

The Tri-Valley has responded to the mass killings in Orlando, Florida.

The interfaith community will gather Thursday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. Speakers will represent Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

In a press release, it was noted that the Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association wishes to stand in solidarity against hatred toward the LGBTQ community and with peace-loving Muslim neighbors in the Tri-Valley.

A Meet a Muslim event will be held June 18 in Pleasanton. The organizer, Alisha Shaik, age 15, states "We hope people come to our event so we may develop an understanding for each other, and stand in solidarity against these attacks."

One of the scheduled speakers noted that there are many acts of violence that are not attributed to the religion of the perpetrators. For example, no attention was given to the religious views of the shooters from Columbine, Newtown, Charleston, or Aurora.

Organizers hope to make the point that Islam is a universal way of life. It is not owned by people who come from the Middle East.

Spreading messages of hate and fear only breeds more hate and fear. We are proud to see the Tri-Valley focusing on a message of tolerance and understanding.

Proposed Alameda County Budget Closes \$72.2 Million Funding Gap

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi has proposed a \$2.8 billion County Budget for FY 2016-17 that would include modest funding increases to community service providers, allow the County to continue building its financial reserves and expand resources for affordable housing, while supporting a workforce of more than 9,600 employees.

The proposed spending plan is balanced and would close a \$72.2 million funding gap without significant program reductions or staff layoffs. While this year's funding gap is smaller than those recorded during and just after the Great Recession, its size is daunting, given the relatively positive conditions in which growth in the national and local economies is providing some boost to County revenues. County officials said the challenge of keeping County finances in balance is not likely to ease in the coming years with a growing wage gap keeping a large number of residents reliant on government services and numerous forecasts suggesting the public safety programs. economy could fall back into recession in the near future.

Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, commented, "High demand for safety net services administered by the County will continue to strain our resources, as rising home values and rents reduce the stock of affordable housing and require residents to devote larger and larger shares of their incomes to housing costs."

Rising real estate values have fueled a 7.1 percent increase in the County's assessment roll, resulting in a boost in general purpose revenues for the County. They also are helping the County to fund increases to many of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that receive County General Fund support. As proposed, annual spending by the County will grow to about \$500 million for nearly 250 CBOs providing health and human services, as well as housing, community development, and

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ters published in Mailbox

are those of the author and

Even with boosted property tax revenue, this year's \$72.2 million funding gap suggests that Alameda County has a structural deficit in which State and federal funding combined with County's limited discretionary revenues will continue to fall short of rising costs.

Governor Brown continues to emphasize building a Rainy Day Fund to pay down debt and prepare for the next economic downturn, which will limit the State's ability to restore safety net programs administered by counties that were cut dramatically during the recession years. This will only intensify the strain on local government resources as demand for services remains large.

In Alameda County, demand for food assistance, subsidized health care, cash aid and other support continue at a high level, despite an unemployment rate that has fallen to 4.3 percent. This fact suggests that Alameda County is home to growing numbers of working poor whose wages are failing to keep up with accelerating

Soaring housing costs are one of the biggest factors squeezing residents with low incomes. The Board has committed \$5 million to \$7.5 million per year of limited discretionary funding towards affordable housing programs across the County. The Board also is considering placing a Housing Bond on the November ballot that would raise hundreds of millions dollars more for affordable housing programs.

Alameda County Supervisors and department heads will use the coming weeks to study the Proposed Budget and will participate in Budget Hearings held by the Board of Supervisors June 22-24. The Board is scheduled to adopt the final Alameda County Budget for 2016-17 on Tuesday, June 28. All sessions will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Oakland.

CHALLENGES

he knows what is coming. then relief," said Amy. "The He's watched other family members go through this."

Although the terms Alzheimer's disease and dementia are often used interchangeably in casual conversation, they mean different things. Dementia is an overall term for symptoms associated with a decline in mental processes that impair a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease is one cause of dementia, along with other diseases like Parkinson's and Huntington's, and brain injury, medication side effects, alcoholism and drug abuse, thyroid abnormalities and vitamin deficiencies.

"My first response to the books while cleaning, and diagnosis was numbness, was unable to use the mi-

crowave and coffeemaker. assessment team said that Amy's initial relief faded patients being nicer after the as caring for her husband diagnosis is typical because became a 24/7 commitment. they want to prove how good they can be. Now at least we can talk about the elephant in the room, which was

"There is so little freedom to live and do as I once did. No impromptu dates for coffee, lunch, dinner, a movie," Amy said. "The stress is truly great and subversive; it sneaks up on caregivers - adding up, bit by bit, so they can miss how stressed they've become. Be very careful when dealing with caregivers. We often look normal and seem normal, but we are not normal. We are often on the edge of falling apart or blowing up or . . .

Caring for someone with dementia can be a long, allconsuming and intensely emotional journey. In the United States, about 15 million people care for someone with dementia. As loved ones' cognitive, physical and functional abilities diminish, it's easy for caregivers to become overwhelmed and neglect their own health and well-being.

"Often the caregiver becomes ill. I've read that around 55 percent of caregivers die before the person they're caring for," said Amy. "Challenges for me are keeping up my health while my life has become very narrow and restricted. The long journey has caused me to feel wounded and less able to cope. Things like an outside motion-detector light going out, a broken toilet seat or a plumbing problem can feel like one thing too many. Life is just so different."

Studies show that nearly all dementia caregivers feel anxiety, loneliness, sadness and exhaustion. Additionally, many experience highlevel stress, depression and burnout. As the number of people affected by dementia increases, more support groups are being offered through medical facilities and research organizations, churches and counseling centers, and senior and com-

munity programs. "If your parent, friend or significant other seems to have become a different person or does some odd things, run - do not walk - to get help," said Amy. "For me, a support group for caregivers has been an oasis, a respite and a blessing. The sharing, the ability to talk with others who truly 'get it,' and having others who can laugh and cry about it all is invaluable."

To find local support groups, www.alz.org/care, and www.larpd.org.

Next week The Independent will publish the third of a three-part series on dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

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anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be submitted by e-mail to editmail@compuserve. **Refusal to Protect Area**

> semblymember Catharine Baker's and Senator Steve Glazer's refusal to support protecting Tesla Park, 3,100 acres of pristine wilderness outside of Livermore that is part of a designated Audubon Society "Important Bird Area." The State Parks Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) division wants to expand nearby Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area into Tesla making it an off-road ve-

Erika Johnston

I am puzzled by As-

Pleasanton

hicle park. Home to golden eagles, and the first nesting area south of the already impacted Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area, Tesla is also part of the Diablo Range Critical Linkage Habitat Corridor. There are three nesting pairs of golden eagles that use Tesla. None use Carnegie cycle park and it is obvious why if you go to Carnegie. Do we want the eagles to be pushed out of Tesla too?

The California Audubon Society and Sierra Club, as well as over 25 other environmental, historic, and Native American groups support the effort to save this land. The County of Alameda and City of Livermore are among the local agencies that support protecting Tesla with no off-road vehicle use. Why won't our elected state representatives do the same?

Town Square **Glenn Stewart** Livermore

In response to Nancy Rodrigue's Downtown Livermore letter in the June 2 Independent Mailbox. I agree with all six of her points about the location of a parking garage, lack of open space, too many condos, an entrance on Livermore Ave and the lack of green space, water features and a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or a glass of wine.

I feel the vacant lot development lends itself to a town square. My letter, A Public Square, was published in the April 28 paper. Anyone who's been to any European cities has probably walked through the town square or sat outside a café. Town squares have always been a destination where people can socialize, do business and where civic

life happens.

The town square at ground level would have a few upscale shops like the ones in San Jose's Santana Row, a couple food places, cafes, and other businesses where people can window shop, etc. The selected businesses should be ones that attract people to come to the square. Above the retail level would be a mix of 2 or 3 level condos and office space.

Could the parking structure be outside of the town square at the southwest corner or the southeast corner of Railroad and L Street and maybe 1 or 2 levels of parking below grade?

Driving Livermore Ave between Railroad Ave and 4th Street is a pain in both directions due to poor timing of the traffic lights, two lanes and on-demand pedestrian crosswalks. Having an entrance/exit from Livermore Ave should be out of the

Having 6 to 8 pedestrian entrances and exits into and out of the town square would help with the flow of people. The square would be smaller than area to be developed so that a delivery street would wrap around the town square. Inside the square would be seating, water features, trees, etc... something to give people a sense of inclusion, that you're part of the community. What about a roof structure in the center for small gatherings, meetings, shade, benches, etc.

If done right, Livermore could boast of having a town square that people from miles around would want to come and visit... not to mention the economic benefits. What do other residents think?

Neighborhood Impacted Michael & Darlene Miller Pleasanton

Although you may like going to parties, you probably never expected your neighbor on the other side of your backyard fence to morph into a commercial party business and financially profit by renting their backyard for large public parties (up to 600 people, including serving alcohol), while creating a noise nuisance for you—and that the City would condone it. Think living next to Chuck E. Cheese during the day and your local bar at night.

That is what is happening to us. A Masonic lodge, located in the Valley Trails neighborhood of Pleasanton, remodeled and turned their backyard into an outdoor entertainment area to supplement their income. This change has destroyed the peace and tranquility of neighboring residents. This is contrary to the zoning codes and the use permit that the Planning Commission approved in 1977. Of course, large parties and commercial businesses have their place – but it shouldn't be in residential areas. In

fact, commercial businesses are never supposed to be allowed in residential areas. A hearing is being held on June 22 by the Pleasanton Planning Commission. Please join us in telling the City that it's wrong for the City to allow commercial businesses to destroy the peace of residential neighborhoods, and that a dangerous precedent is being set which allows commercial enterprises to mushroom into residential

Public Input Missing Susan Steinberg Livermore

Why has the Livermore City Council failed to keep its promise to the residents who elected them?

Many months ago, we were told there would be public hearings on the plans for a new Downtown Development. No such meetings have been held, while public discussions of the Isabel Avenue project were scheduled as promised.

Instead, the public was invited to a Council meeting where lengthy presentations by the development finalists stretched out for hours. No limit was set for their elaborate proposals.

Finally when public comment was allowed, speakers were limited to 1 minute statements because "it was so late" and "so many wished to offer their points of view.

We had expected a true oublic hearing - a Town Hall-type exchange of ideas as in previous community discussions on city proposals. Several hundred citizens turned out to speak, but more than half had to leave before having their say.

Residents accustomed to civil discussion of such important issues are offended and outraged by this farce.

We have a proud civic history of defending landuse values to opt for open space, the Urban Growth Boundary and SouthLivermore Plan. We have supported the Tri-Valley Conservancy's land preservation and fought off enticing offers like Pardee's Plan.

Will the City council sell us short by limiting public input, as it has so obviously done so far?

Developers want more and more housing, since that's where they profit. They dismiss requests for underground parking as "too expensive", but have not shown actual figures to prove it. Putting the hotel on the west side of the parcel, as so many suggest, is also "pricey" but no hard numbers have been cited.

Livermore deserves a great civic downtown, with open space rather than expanses of hot concrete. We deserve more parking than the developers' proposal, which barely increases the spaces presently filled completely on a daily basis. This is obviously inadequate to serve the patrons of retail,

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necessary 55% vote in favor. Cook-Kallio (D). Both will In Livermore, Measure J passed with 66.35% of the ballot. vote, 13,246 to 6,719. Dublin's Measure H received 59.61% of the vote, 5,547 to 3.758. Measure A. the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District bond, passed with 64.19% of the

vote, 78.558 to 43,835. Dublin Superintendent Stephen Hanke wrote, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank the Dublin community for once again demonstrating its extraordinary commitment and support for our schools. We are very grateful for the passage of Measure H. We will now be able to move forward with critical funding support as we continue to meet the challenges of rapid growth."

Bay Area voters approved Measure AA, a regional ballot initiative that will generate \$500 million to the November election. for restoration of San Francisco Bay wetlands. Over the independent, bipartisan the next 20 years, Measure AA will raise \$500 million to fund conservation and flood protection projects, including helping to restore wetlands and create numerous new Bay trails.

California State Assembly District 16 incum-56,679 for challenger Cheryl two finishers move on.

be on the November 2016

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Tom escalating into anger.

Yet I have been repeatedly

warned about the potential

for violence, and not to walk

in front of Tom, especially

when going down stairs, lest

he push me, as has happened

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clear that Tom could no

longer be left by himself.

He would throw away fam-

ily photographs and antique

Around two years after

with other patients."

Cheryl Cook-Kallio commented, "We had a strong showing in the primary election and are positioned to win in the general election

in November." She added, "On a personal note, few teachers have the privilege of applying what they taught to thousands of students. In this case, I have been the recipient of active participation in addition to practicing what I believe. I look forward to working hard alongside you as we head to November."

Catharine Baker commented, "Thank you, Assembly District 16, and all of the wonderful volunteers and supporters for your help in the Primary. Our hard work has given us a great boost as we head This showing affirms that approach to which I am com-

mitted resonates.' Incumbent Steve Glazer (D) will face Republican Joseph Rubay in November for the State Senate District 7 seat. Glazer led the with 110,126 votes, followed by Rubay with 55,353 and felbent Catharine Baker (R) low Democrat, Guy Moore, received 65,745 votes to third with 35,505. The top

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Arkin to Seek Third Term on Pleasanton School Board

Pleasanton Unified School Board Trustee Valerie Arkin will seek a third term on the school board. Arkin was first elected to

the board in November 2008 on a platform of supporting the highest quality academic programs for students, and transparency about school

Freedom of Information **Federal Lawsuit Filed**

Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment) filed a Federal lawsuit in United States District Court for the Northern District of California last Friday against the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) and its National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The suit charges the two failed to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which requires federal agencies to respond to public requests for information within 20 days.

According to the complaint, Tri-Valley CAREs alleges four separate instances the DOE and NNSA failed to provide responsive, unclassified documents regarding operations at the agencies' Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The information that is the subject of the litigation is overdue by up to two years, said a press release.

The group's lawsuit asks the judge to issue a court order appointing a Special Counsel to investigate the pattern of abuse wherein DOE and NNSA fail to comply with the law. The Special Counsel would then determine whether disciplinary action is warranted and against whom.

"The DOE and NNSA are egregiously out of compliance with the law," noted Tri-Valley CAREs' Staff Attorney, Scott Yundt. "This frustrates the public's basic right to know."

Yundt added. "In some cases, important opportunities for public input have elapsed and projects have gone forward while the group's information requests went unanswered."

Tri-Valley CAREs brought similar FOIA litigation to compel the release of documents under the Freedom of Information act in 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2013. "We should not have to file lawsuits in order to obtain public information," said Yundt.

issues for residents and par-

"As a parent of three children who went through Pleasanton's public school system, and as a longtime school volunteer, I understand the need to keep parents completely informed about decisions that will affect their children and that are being conducted using taxpayer money. During my two terms on the board, I am very proud of the great progress that we have made in improving the communications conduit between the district and the community,' said Arkin. "It is still a work in progress, but I will always continue to lobby for greater advances in the arena of communication."

High academic achievement as well as fiscal responsibility are two areas of focus for Arkin.

Among the many other contributions Arkin points to during her tenure have been the involvement of student board members to help adult board members better understand the student perspective in board decisions, an update of district policies, initiating more reading intervention programs, having a member of the public serve on the audit committee, and an evaluation of the district's

legal services.

She is endorsed by Congressman Eric Swalwell, who represents the 15th District of California. "Valerie works to ensure that all students have the resources they need in order to reach their maximum potential. Valerie is honest, respectful, and objective and she encourages stakeholder input in order to make informed

decisions."

As a school board trustee, Arkin serves on the Special Education Local Plan Area Board and the City of Pleasanton Liaison Committee. She has also completed two terms on the Pleasanton Library Commission and is a past member of the Board of Managers for the Tri-Valley YMCA.

Arkin holds a bachelor's

degree in Health Science from California State University Northridge, and an MBA from California Lutheran University. She also completed the Governance Training program of the California School Boards Association.

For more information about Valerie Arkin, visit valeriearkinforschoolboard.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING

On November 8, 2016, the City of Livermore will hold a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Council Members.

The City Clerk's Office will hold an information meeting for persons who are interested in running for office. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the election, such as the nomination process, conflict of interest and campaign reporting requirements, the City's election ordinance and campaign signs.

Livermore residents interested in running for office, their campaign managers, treasurers, and other interested parties are invited to attend this informational

> DATE: Wednesday, June 22, 2016

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: **Council Chambers** 3575 Pacific Avenue Livermore, California

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925.960.4200 or

cityclerk@cityoflivermore.net.

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The World's Fastest Rodeo came out of the chutes in Livermore with fast-paced nonstop action on June 11 and 12. The 98th annual Livermore Rodeo included a week of events, culminating with the competition at Robertson Arena. Events included bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.



Live Action Sports at the Fair

Live Action Sports return to Alameda County Fair this year with more featured shows and an expanded spectator arena.

tertainment can look forward to a different featured show each weekend including Monster Trucks, Demolition Derby and Extreme Rodeo, plus Freestyle Motocross shows daily. Special one-day events, Fiesta Del Charro and RV Demolition also return, plus Flat Track Quad Racing, Trick Roping and the K-9 Kings Flying Dog Show, all new to the Fair this year.

"The extreme action shows were such a hit last year, we are not only bringing it all back, we are offering more of it this year along Fans of high-octane en- with a bigger arena and more seating," said Judy Carrico, Operations Manager. "It's

still all free with admission. The newly expanded Action Sports Arena offers 1,000 more seats than last year. All nighttime shows will begin an hour earlier at 7:00 p.m. this year so guests can also attend the featured Big O Tires Concert at 8:00 p.m. if they choose. Visit www.alamedacountyfair. com for more information

and updated schedule.

Action Sports Arena Shows: Extreme Rodeo, June 17-18, 7 p.m.l Fiesta Del Charro, June 19, 7 p.m.; Monster Trucks, June 24-26, 7 p.m.; demolition derby, July 1-2, 7 p.m.; RV demolition, July 3, 7 p.m.

Trick Roping featuring "El Charro" Tomas Garcilazo, June 15-16, 1:30, 4 and 6:30 p.m.; June 21-23, 1:30, 4, 6:30 p.m.l K-9 Kings Flying Dog Show, June 28,29, 30, 1:30 and 4 p.m.; Freestyle Motocross, June 15-July 3 at various

Chamber Golf Outing Taking Entries

The front nine is routed Center and New Leaf Comthrough the valley and the munity Markets, is a great back nine sits on a higher elevation with the Happy Valley Creek winding throughout. Superior views of Mount Diablo fill the sky line to the north and incredible sanctuaries dedicated to the Callippe Butterfly are a tee sign with company displayed. This is Callippe Preserve Golf Course, where the annual Chamber Golf Outing will be on Friday, August 5, 2016.

The Chamber's Golf Outing, sponsored by Barry Swenson Builder, Big O Tires of Pleasanton, Black Tie flight. This Corporate VIP Transportation, Irby Ranch, John Muir Health - San sive, full-service package Ramon Regional Medical that includes golf, raffle tick-

opportunity to engage and provide more exposure for a business. The event is open to the public and sign-ups are coming in daily.

Sponsorship opportunities include everything from name out on the course to the leaderboard, where a logo is in front of every golfer while they're in their golf cart.

Golfers have the option to participate as an individual, part of a foursome or in the Corporate VIP Challenge Challenge is the all-incluets, putting contest, lunch, dinner, snacks and drinks on the course as well as a tee sign and leaderboard sponsorship.

On top of 18 holes of scramble golf, golfers had lunch, on-course tacos, margaritas and mai tais just to name a few followed by dinner and raffle prizes. Contests for putting, long drive, closest to the pin and hole-in one were part of the outing as well as a tee prize for each golfer from great participating restaurants.

For more information and to sign-up for the golf outing, visit www.pleasanton. org and click on the link for August 5 Golf Outing or email susie@pleasanton.org.

Bocce Tournament Offers Prizes

On June 25th and 26th, any Bocce player from across the United States will be able to compete in Campo di Bocce of Livermore's Dash for Cash Bocce tournament with \$11 000 in prize money. Celebrating Campo di Bocce's tenth anniversary, and as a kickoff for the week-long United States Bocce Championships. All Bocce players are eligible to compete. Just build a team of 4 and register at www.campodibocce.com. Click on Dash

for Cash for information and registration forms. Deadline for registering is June 1.

Brainchild of Ben Musolf, COO at Campo di Bocce, "This DASH FOR CASH tournament is specifically designed to get new players into the sport, and with this type of prize money, I think we'll get lots of new players interested."

This event will kick off the National Bocce Championships, June 25 through July 2nd, when Bay Area birthday!' Bocce enthusiasts can visit

Livermore and see Bocce's cream of the crop compete in the Championship finals.

'The Championships are free and open to the public daily," says Musolf. No excuse not to show up -we'll be serving appetizers at half off our regular prices from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Championship tournament weekdays; we'll have draft beer for \$3 and wine by the glass for \$6.00 or less, what a way to celebrate our tenth

SPORTS NOTES

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team hosted the Long Course Senior II meet at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center on June 4-5, 2016. Swimming for the Pleasanton

Seahawks; Elisabeth Balicanta (14), Emily Chen (13) with 3 new personal best times, Jacqueline Davis (16), Caroline Eckel (15) 1BT, Hannah Franzwa (15), Lauren Jhong (12) 1BT, Olivia Kim (12) 1BT, Marissa Lawrence (15) 2BT, Mackenzie Lee (13) 1BT, Sofia Moufarrej (16) 1BT,

(13) 1BT, Sofia Moufarrej (16) 1BT, Stephanie Shao (14), Ryane Skinner (18), Claire Suen (14) 2BT, Paulina Umansky (15), Emma Valentine (15) 2 BT, Ellen Wang (13), Emma Washam (14) 2 BT, Gwyneth Wong (13), Mary Woods (18), Sophia Xing (13) 3 BT, Danielle Zacharias (18), Nja Zuniga (15), Mattias Blanco (15) 4BT, Brandon Brown (17) 2BT, Nathan Caparaz (16) 5BT, Calvin Chui (15), Calvin David, Do Hyun (14) 1 BT, Ryan Kobayashi (13) 3BT, Tyler Lu (15), Robert Mitu (14), Franco Moufarrej (14) 3BT, Lleyton Plattel (13) 3BT, Alex Ren (13) 6BT,

Plattel (13) 3BT, Alex Ren (13) 6BT, Nick Skinner (15) 5BT, Sam Smith (15) 2BT, Ben Sproul (16), Robert Torres (15) 3BT, Justin Tsai (14) 2BT, and Nick Del Western Tsai (14) 2BT, and Nicholas Wonosaputra (15) with 1 new Personal Best Time.

Livermore Aquacowboys

The Livermore Aquacowboy Swim Team competed at three venues simultaneously resulting in several superb performances.

LAC Senior Elite swimmers Anna

Friedrich, Dante Demayo, Brandon Fischer and Trent Trump all made finals-placing in the top at the Santa Clara International Grand Prix, a meet that brought Olympic and National team members from around the world

Anna made finals in 200 free, 100 fly, 100 back and 200 back and earned a USA swimming Bronze qualifying time in the 200 back. Dante swam unshaved best times in the 100 fly and 50 free and made finals in the 200 fly. Brandon got season best times and qualified finals in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Trent achieved best times in the 100 fly and 50 free and made finals in the 50 and

At the Pleasanton Senior 2 meet, LAC had several breakout performances including best times by Matthew Hayes, Jared Tovera, Chris Gonzalez, Dante Demayo, Paige daCosta and Paige Chew. Paige Chew finished 2nd overall at the meet in the 400 IM and Paige daCosta finished 2nd overall in the 1500 free.

LAC's Varsity, Junior, and Novice groups captured some top times at Timing Day with outstanding swims by Alina Ellis, Natalie, Audrey, and Olivia Gravestock, Rivers and Skye Dominguez, Claire Mckinnon, Dominic Persi and Max Ghiglieri, who swam at the top of their age groups for all races.

Dolphins Swamp

Marlins

On June 11, 2016 the Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins swam to victory in their first meet of the season against the Club Sport San Ramon Marlins with a final score of 1186 to 394.

The following were first place

swims, which represented nearly every event at the meet:

100 Yard Medley Relay: Girls 6 & under: Emily Montgomery, Addison Montoya, Alana Rauscher, Genevieve Schmidt; Mixed 6 & under: Ansel Kading, Delaney Willardson, Poppy Buser, Daniel Heid; Girls 7-8: Mia Trejo, Regan Braga, Elisabeth Gersich, Kaia Hoyman; Mixed 7-8: Jared Risher, Thatcher Douwes, Joshua Salonga, Landon Kenney; Girls 9-10: Beti Terpstra, Zoe Allen, Katie Salonga, Elizabeth Williams; Mixed 9-10: Nathan Bodensteiner, Colin Braga, Kevin Franck, Evan Shackelford

200 Yard Medley Relay: Girls 11-12: Alyssa Lam, Sophia Kang, Elena Bolt, Katrina Terpstra; Mixed 11-12: Jackson Risher, Daniel Kim, Ethan Braga, Evan Grell; Girls 13-14: Zoe Reid, Kaylee Dillon, Julia Gonsman, Vanessa Montiel: Mixed 13-14: Jacob Lawrence, Nathan Yu, David Gjerde, Devin Guinee: Girls 15-18: Brooke Christian, Meg MacGregor, McKenna Harris, Ally Wu; Mixed 15-18: Chase Sinclair, Nathan Williams, Carter Person, Alan Thomas 25 Yard Free: Girls 6 & under: Ad-

25 Yard Free: Girls 6 & under: Addison Montoya; Girls 7-8: Mia Trejo; Boys 7-8: Landon Kenney 50 Yard Free: Girls 9-10: Katie Salonga; Boys 9-10: Nathan Bodensteiner; Girls 11-12: Katrina Terpstra; Boys 11-12: Jackson Risher; Girls 13-14: Julia Gonsman; Boys 13-14: David Gjerde; Girls 15-18: Meg MacGregor ; Boys 15-18: Chase Sinclair 25 Yard Butterfly: Girls 6 & under:

Addison Montoya; Boys 6 & under: Armando Hall; Girls 7-8: Elisabeth Gersich; Boys 7-8: Landon Kenney; Girls 9-10: Katie Salonga; Boys 9-10: Colin Braga
50 Yard Butterfly: Girls 11-12:

Alyssa Lam; Girls 13-14: Julia Gonsman; Boys 13-14: David Gjerde; Girls 15-18: Ally Wu; Boys 15-18:

Carter Person 25 Yard Breaststroke: Girls 6 & under: Emily Montgomery; Girls 7-8: Regan Braga; Boys 7-8: Landon Kenney; Girls 9-10: Zoe Allen; Boys 9-10:

Colin Braga
50 Yard Breaststroke: Girls 11-12: Sophia Kang; Boys 11-12: Daniel Kim; Girls 13-14: Kaylee Dillon; Boys 13-14: Nathan Yu; Girls 15-18: Meg Mac-Gregor; Boys 15-18: Nathan Williams 100 Yards Individual Medley: Girls 9-10: Katie Salonga; Boys 9-10: Colin Braga; Girls 11-12: Katrina Terpstra; Boys 11-12: Daniel Kim; Girls 13-14: Kaylee Dillon; Boys 13-14: Jacob Lawrence; Girls 15-18: Ally Wu; Boys

15-18: Chase Sinclair
25 Yard Backstroke: Girls 6 & under: Emily Montgomery; Girls 7-8: Regan Braga; Boys 7-8: Landon Kenney; Girls 9-10: Katie Salonga; Boys 9-10: Nathan Bodensteiner

50 Yard Backstroke: Girls 11-12: Alyssa Lam; Boys 11-12: Jackson Rishe; Girls 13-14: Julia Gonsman; Boys 13-14: David Gjerde; Girls 15-18: Brooke Christian; Boys 15-18: Chase Sinclair

100 Yard Free Rela: Girls 6 & under: Addison Montoya, Genevieve Schmidt, Alana Rauscher, Emily Montgomery; Girls 7-8: Olivia Kang, Addison Hobizal, Enakshi Devasarma Regan Braga; Boys 7-8: Laird Muise,



The Livermore Little League Majors: On June 4, Royals survived the Pirates' rally, and escape dwith 2-1 victory to clench the Championship title for the Majors division. The Pirates were never able to get over the hump and overcome their troubles against the Royals after falling behind by two runs in the fourth inning. The Pirates scored one run in the fifth inning. Chanston B. baffled the Pirates, striking out 12 batters. He allowed one earned run on two hits and two walks over 4 1/3 innings. Riley S. came in to finish the game for the Royals. There were many great hits by the Royals, but the Pirates' defense kept the runners from scoring more than 2 runs the entire game. Picturd are the Livermore Little League's Major Royals, who finished in 1st place in the regular season won the Major Division Playoffs.



Pictured are Tri-Valley Elite (TVE) wrestling club team members who competed in the Kids' Freestyle State Championships.



Pictured are Livermore Aquacowboys Senior Elite swimmers Anna Friedrich, Dante Demayo, Brandon Fischer and Trent Trump and Coach Alex Silver taken

in WPSL action last Friday Night at Mountain House Stadium. Wildkatz

started the game off strong and got on the scoreboard early with beauti-

ful passing and well orchestrated ball movement. Local Tracy High School

star Ashley Hallen received a heal pass from Delanie Sheehan and laid off a

perfect pass to Sydni Lunt who blasted

into the corner of the net. Second goal

would be much of the same ball movement between Sheehan and Devyn

filfoy before Lauren Sisneros rattled the side post with a shot into the side net. Wildkatz went up 3-0 with a long throw from Rebekah McCarthy to Lo-

cal Livermore resident Jessica Hufford who slammed it home. Wave would get

one back with a fast counter at the end of the half making it 3-1. Second half

young players started, replacing all players heading to Idaho to represent

Northern California as state champions

for Far West Regionals. Wave took

advantage of the inexperience and

put in two goals to even the score at

3-3. More adjustments made a huge

impact as youngster Kayla Grisham

(14) drew a foul on the right flank

Megan Amick stepped up and launched

a game winning rocket shot over the GK head and into the back of the net.

This makes two victories on the year so

far for Wildkatz placing them tied for

2nd in Northern California conference. On Sunday, Wildkatz took on

SF NightHawks at the historic Kezar

Stadium on Sunday. Wildkatz were

impressive scoring two beautiful

goals. Rachel Leonard scored from a

nice ball from Camilla Fonseca for the

first goal and youngster Kayla Grisham

(14 years old) gets her second goal of

Andres Hall, Zachary Benson, Jared

200 Yard Free Relay: Girls 9-10: Sydney Seipel, Kennedy Morgan, Makayla Rauscher, Clair Gersich; Mixed 9-10: Evan Shakelford, Eli Morris, Noah Trejo, Nathan Bodensteiner; Girls 11-12: Norah Dooley, Sarah Baer, Marta Wilbrink, Alyssa Lam; Mixed 11-12: Evan Grell, Matt Baranek, Hudson Terpstra, Dustin Schmidt; Girls 13-14: Savina Deleo, Michaela Hoyman, Sarah Banholzer Vanessa Montiel: Mixed 13-14: Jacob Lawrence, Will Bosse, Evan Thomas. Devin Guinee: Girls 15-18: Brooke Christian, Rachel Baer, Anna Bosse, McKenna Harris: Mixed 15-18: Cole Markley, Carter Person, Daniel Huang, Matthew Dotson

Tri-Valley Wrestling
The Tri-Valley Elite (TVE) wrestling club travelled to Fresno, CA to compete in the Kid's Freestyle State Championships. "Kid's" essentially covers the ages of 8-13 years old. Freestyle is the International style & rules of wrestling, which will be showcased in the Olympics this summer. TVE had 8 kids compete at the State tournament, and came away with 5 state placers.

Carter Bailey won his first 3 matches, earning a spot in the Finals, where he lost, placing 2nd in State.

EJ Parco dropped his first match of the tournament, but battled back, winning 4 straight matches. EJ made it to the Consolation Championship match, where he lost, placing 4th in State.

Donovan Lucente had a really

tough weight class, but battled hard to earn 7th place in State. Donovan had just placed 5th in Folkstyle State this past March, his first State placing ever Caleb Tatad and Jordan Bets both fought hard, earning their first State placings ever. Both Caleb and Jordan placed 7th in State.

Three other competitors; Gavin Fernandez, Zavion Fernandez and State as well.



SPORTS NOTES



Dolphins Sophia Falcione and Kate Dooley in a pre-race hug (above). In the lower photo, a Dolphin is shown starting off the blocks.



the year off a nice cross from Kasidee Wiley. The Nighthawks managed two late goals to tie it up 2-2 at the historic Kezar Stadium in San Fransisco.

West Coast Soccer announced 21 of their graduating seniors earning college scholarships at halftime of their game. This is a new NPL record for the most players moving on to play college soccer from any 1 club in Northern California.

Slowpitch Softball

The City of Pleasanton Community Services Department offers over 20 slow pitch softball leagues. Registration begins soon.

Leagues are open to all skill levels and run from Sunday through Friday evenings. A new Women's League with Monday night games will be offered. In addition, the City also offers Coed Business Leagues on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with all games begin at 5:15 p.m.

All games are played at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex (5800 Parkside Drive). Games begin August 2nd. For further

information, please visit www.pleas-antonsports.org.
• Early bird registration (open to all teams) is May 31st – June 22nd. • Open Registration (fees increase \$50) is June 23rd – July 8th. • Registration deadline is July 8th

(space permitting). For further information, please contact the Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or at nvelazquez@cityof-

Fusion Soccer Club

Registration is now open online for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club fall recreational and select soccer. Programs are available for children ages U5-U19. Visit fusionsc.org for more information or to register.
Visit the office at 1976 Fourth

Street in Livermore to learn more about programs.

Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. The season starts in late August and goes through October. No prior experience necessary. To learn more, visit the website at lgsa.org or email info@lgsa.org.

Mavericks FastpitchTryouts

Mavericks Fastpitch, a cometitive travel ball team based out of Livermore, competes in ASA, NSA & USSSA tournaments. Program seeks volunteers to volunteer time and offer a helping hand to organizations throughout the local community.

Looking for motivated, competitive, dedicated players who want to play and compete at the highest level for the 2016 Spring, Summer and

Currently scheduling tryouts for our 10U, 12U and 14U programs. To register for tryouts send emails to: mayssoftball121@gmail.com or call 650-922-2165

Annual Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host its 23rd Annual Father's Day Spirit Run on June 19. It will be held in Street Arch. This Dads' day family tradition funds college scholarships for Pleasanton Graduates, as well as

community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

There is a race or walk event for

everyone: 10k/run 8am, 5K walk/run 8:15am, and a Kids challenge 9:30am. The 10k and 5k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved scenic Arroyo Trails. The Kids challenge (2-8yrs) is a series of sprints

down Main Street.

Event T-Shirts will be given to very 10k and 5k participant, finisher ribbons go to all Kids Challenge runners, trophies for top male and female and masters(over 50), awards three deep in designated age groups for male and female participants. Raffle prizes and giveaways galore, along with post-race refreshments including fruit, ice cream and face painting are part of the event.

Register online by June 13th or mail in by June 10th. Pick up race packet and T-Shirts at Fleet Feet Sports, 34#A Main Street Pleasanton: Friday. June 17th noon-7pm and June 18th 10am-2pm. To register go to www.

Fall Softball Offered

Livermore Girls Softball Asso-ciation is offering a Fall Recreational season again this year. Registration is already open, go to www.Livermore-GirlsSoftball.org to register. Season starts late August/early September and ends in early November.

Run San Ramon

The annual Run San Ramon will be held on July 4. This Independence Day classic offers a race or walk for all participants, with a 5K Run/Walk and a 10K Run. Proceeds from Run San Ramon will benefit the City of San Ramon's community program

The two courses feature flat, fast. and paved surfaces, running through out the monitored streets in the Bishop Ranch area of San Ramon (East of 680). In addition, both events will be chip-times by On Your Mark Events. Participants will receive commemorative T-shirt, beverages, snacks, and

goodies provided by the sponsors.

Mayor's Cup trophies will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male and female of the 5K and 10K events. Mayor's Crown trophy will award the lowest combined times of the 2015 Bah Humbug Run and 2016 Run San Ramon preregistered 5K runner (male and emale). Medals are given to the first three (male/female) finishers in each

All events per person: \$35.00 (postmarked by June 24). Entry increases to \$40 from June 25 through

All events per person family rate: \$30.00 per person (3 persons or more) Must be immediate family only, and all entry forms must be submitted at the same time, (postmarked by June 24). Entry increases to \$40 from June 25 through race day.

Registration information at www sanramon.ca.gov/parks/events/races.

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:45 a.m., at the San Ramon Central Park Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon-same location of the races' start and finish lines. Both the 10K Run and 5K Run/ Walk will start at 8:00 a.m.

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

There were moments of joy at Sauced in downtown Livermore as the Golden State Warriors took on the Cleveland Cavaliers in game 3 of the NBA playoffs. The Warriors lost the game, but went on to take game 4. On Tuesday, the Cavaliers won sending the series back to Cleveland for game 6.

Mom Follows Kids in Pursuing Degree

Doreen Wagner of Livermore wasn't your stereotypical student-athlete at Las Positas College, but this energetic 45-year-old mother of five had a lasting impact on the Hawks' swimming and cross country teams. On Friday, May 27, Doreen became a graduating college student, and was awarded an Associate degree in the field of Kinesiology.

'Las Positas College has been a real gift in my life,' says Wagner. "The diversity of the students in background and age, and the high quality of education that we all benefit from is just amazing.'

Two years ago Wagner, a native of Crystal Lake, Illinois, decided it was her turn to go to college and enrolled at Las Positas. She had spent two decades home schooling her children --- three of whom are currently in college, along with one college graduate, and one child still living at home.

In the fall of 2014, Wagner joined the Las Positas Hawks cross-country team under the guidance of Coach Steve Navarro. Her hard work earned her the coveted Coach's Award in her first season, and a designation as team captain this past season. Wagner enjoyed running over hills and trails with the cross-country team, typically logging more than three miles at a time.

However, collegiate swimming in the spring season represented a much bigger challenge. Wagner didn't know how to swim before taking a Swimming for Fitness class at Las Positas one year ago. She was taught proper techniques, including non-competitive and competitive swim strokes, by Las Positas swim and dive coach Jason Craighead. She has come a long way in a short time.

Training for the swim team was really tough. I have a new appreciation for what athletes have to go through," according to Wagner. "There is an enormous amount of training required for the sport, you have to compete in all weather conditions, and factor in the time it takes to travel to meets. It can be grueling but I just looked at it as a great



Doreen Wagner and family wearing their college shirts. from, left to right, are Doreen Wagner (Las Positas), Amanda Wagner (UCLA, daughter in-law), Zachary Wagner (UCLA Alumni mathematics), Jordan Wagner (high school) Julian Wagner Barrett (Honors College ASU, Math / Bio degree) Sydney Wagner (United States Coast Guard Academy, math degree) and Caleb Wagner (UC Irvine, engineering degree).

opportunity and it turned out to be very, very rewarding," she added.

Wagner was among 53 competitors in the powerful Hawks men's and women swim program. Host Las Positas repeated as men's and women's team champions in the Coast Conference meet, before competing strongly in the CCCAA State Championships in East Los Angeles, May 5-7. A fledgling swimmer, Wagner tackled several challenging distance events this season, including the 1,650-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

"Doreen has made tremendous improvement and has always displayed a good work ethic and a desire to challenge herself," Craighead says. "If you remove the fact that she is a mother of five who is 45-yearsold, she was very similar to half the team coming into the season—lacking selfconfidence and unaware of her actual abilities.'

Those days of insecurity are now gone, says Wagner, who is looking to finish a certification as a personal trainer and perhaps pursue a bachelor's degree at Cal

State East Bay or San Jose

"Las Positas College offered me the flexibility to pursue my goals, and I was astounded by the level of expertise that my instructors had. Most were professors with a doctorate, and one of my health instructors was an actual medical doctor," said Wagner.





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Isabel Neighborhood Plan **Public Open House**

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca (North) 4444 East Avenue, Livermore

The City of Livermore and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District are working cooperatively to extend BART service along I-580 to a new station at Isabel Avenue. The City is preparing the Isabel Neighborhood Plan to guide development in the area surrounding the station.

Please join us at the Open House (anytime between 4:00 PM -7:00 PM) to learn about the Draft Preferred Plan, ask questions, and provide feedback!

Spanish translation will be provided upon request. This item has been tentatively scheduled for Planning Commission on July 5 and City Council on July 25. Additional information is available at: www.cityoflivermore.net/BART. For questions, please contact BART2Isabel@cityoflivermore.net or call Bob Vinn at 925-960-4500.







MAILBOX

hotel, convention center planned for the area, much less the housing.

We have not worked so hard to preserve open space around our borders just to see our downtown overwhelmed with the clustered housing being planned and the traffic that will add to street congestion.

The new housing that is being demanded can be built on many empty parcels throughout the city. We have only one downtown to develop. Let's plan something to be proud of instead of a crowded mini-suburb.

Workshop Needed Patricia Mann Livermore

The City Council's agreement to consider having a workshop regarding plans for development the First Street/Livermore Avenue area is a helpful offer.

The concept of "buy in" to assure citizen support for a project has its origins in New England Town Hall meetings where members of the town could learn about and react on the spot to what is presented by proponents. Every citizen was invited, allowed to speak, and hear discussed his ideas and those of other people. The citizens might be persuaded by the proponents or might reject all or part of the proposed plan, budget or policy.

If the proponents were successful, a consensus was reached and citizen support of any extra requirements on their part was likely. If consensus was not reached, proponents might have faced considerable opposition.

I hope this workshop will clarify the following? Are we planning for what current residents want and need or for the wishes of occasional visitors/attendees at special events? What features would citizens like to see in the limited space? What are the unmet needs of the center of town? Do the plan options take into account unique needs of children, youth, disabled, and elders? How costeffective are the components of the plan as envisioned by members of the community? What "look" do people want for the area: design, color,

variety? I also hope that the Council will take a minute to list rules for the day, e.g. a mechanism to allow citizens to speak in an orderly way without having to submit speaker cards, and a very limited time, e.g. two min-

utes, for developers to speak.

As we celebrate our opportunity to have some change or development at this location, let's meet it with careful thinking as well as enthusiasm.

The Homophobic Roots Rev. Lucas Hergert Minister, Unitarian Universalist Church, Livermore

The shooting at the Orlando nightclub was a horrific act. I am heartbroken for the victims and their families. It is hard to fathom the amount of destruction done on that single night.

Since then, people have discussed different sources of blame. News outlets and officials have argued over lenient gun laws and what to do about ISIS.

But if there is another thing I hope that people remember, it's that this was an attack on a gay and lesbian nightclub. It was a hate crime against the LGBTQ community.

As a gay man and as a minister committed to equality, I have watched with discomfort as some politicians and news outlets failed to name it for what it is.

If our society is going to alleviate the possibility of such atrocities happening in the future, it is important to acknowledge the role homophobia played in the incident.

It is a painful reality that LGBTQ people still struggle against hatred and ignorance. But it exists, and it needs to be challenged in our schools, workplaces, and houses of worship. We need to strive for a world where people are loved for who they are and not targeted

That's something we can all do, and we can start by naming and challenging those times when it does not happen.

Celebrate Freedom! Lori Martin

Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. We proudly celebrate the freedom and independence our brave soldiers fought hard to gain and keep.

Some abuse their freedom by driving drunk. Driving drunk can limit the freedom of victims.

When I was 16 in 1992 and a junior at Tracy High, a drunken driver hit me. Schooling and playing sports

against other San Joaquin county schools ended.

The crash put me in a coma for 100 days with broken and dislocated bones, paralysis, and brain injuries that affect me daily. I spent a month at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stockton then six months at Golden State Rehabilitation Hospital in San Ramon. 17 months of therapy followed.

I lost my freedom to live independently. I cannot drive, do certain jobs and it is difficult touring the beaches, deserts, forests, and fields of beautiful California because my hearing, talking and walking are impaired.

Show your American spirit by designating a sober driver if you drink. Do not drive drunk. Freedom does not include cuffs and steel

Let's Do It Right Sally Bystroff Livermore

The very verbal crowd that attended the Council meeting on May 30 is testimony to the excitement and involved interest in our community feels for its future.

Because there were so many with good ideas with suggestions and vision for the future of our downtown please act thoughtfully and with more than enough information about the issues to be considered at forthcoming community planning opportunities. We do seem to need a Hotel downtown with conference space; more parking is necessary and a large off street plaza. This is possible, which sounds good for the Lucky site. There are actually a number of sites in the downtown area where surrounding land owners no doubt are hoping may be part

of the planning. Livermore still has enough land areas within the city limits to see residential growth. I hope the downtown area is not considered for housing. We have a real opportunity to think towards Livermore being a destination town for weekend excursions because the downtown is a drawing card. If people want big box

shopping we already have it. Can we save the old Livermore Train Station building? It has some class and makes a case for use like local stories, artifacts and historic restoration. It adds flavor.

it right, together.

Japanese American, Internment Camp Survivor and Author to Speak

The Museum on Main welcomes Tadashi Kishi for an author talk on June 23rd at 7:00pm. Kishi at the age of 20 was living with his family in the Los Angeles area when Pearl Harbor was attacked. His family, along with thousands of Japanese Americans, both citizens and non-citizens, living along the west coast were sent to internment camps or concentration camps in the spring of 1942. Kishi and his family were sent to a camp located in Manzanar CA. Kishi was a physics teacher in the camp's high school for a year and then left his family in camp to work for the Military Intelligent Service teaching Japanese to members of the Army Reserve.

After the War, Kishi, like so many Japanese Americans who were sent to the camps stayed silent about their experiences. It is not until his granddaughter asked him to share his experience with her class did he begin to discuss what happened to his family in WWII. Kishi eventually decided to write a memoir about his time in Manzanar entitled, Ringo-En; My Internment at Manzanar, CA. On June 23rd, Kishi will be at the Museum on Main to discuss his book, as well as the factors leading up to the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, his experiences in camp, and his family's experiences in camp after he left. Kishi will also be discussing the impact



Tadashi Kishi

Japanese internment camps had on his life, as well as the lives of other Japanese Americans who were held in these camps.

The talk will be held in the museum's gallery space, which is currently displaying The Art of Survival; The Art of Tule Lake. Tadashi Kishi's book will be available for purchase in the museum store and he will be available for signing after the talk. Tickets are free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please

call the museum or stop by to reserve your spot for this very special event!

For more information phone the Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call (925)462-2776

Library Plans Special Programs

The Livermore Public Library will host a free Peanut Naturally Festival, put on by the Charles Schulz Museum on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Drop by for hands-on science and art stations.

With up to 15 naturerelated interactive exhibits, children will explore and learn about the environment by doing activities such as making recycled paper, ex-We have a future- lets do to launch rockets, excavat- in science.

ing the past, and creating art and animation. This free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is geared toward ages 4 and older.

A free, Fun with Science program will be put on by the Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 10:30am at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Ave. There will be demonstrations and ploring animal and plant hands-on activities intended clude storytimes, crafts, adaptation, using chemistry to spark children's interest

Children will participate in experiments performed by a LLNL scientist to reinforce basic concepts about electricity, chemistry, density, air pressure and states of matter. This free program is geared toward elementary-aged students

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages.

Scheduled events throughout the summer inconcerts, puppetry, and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2016 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.

MEETING

followed by questions and Judaism, a Catholic guerrilla answers," said Moina Shaiq, 57, one of three panelists. "It's extremely frustrating and scary to be misunderstood. That Muslims are violent terrorists and extremists is the biggest misconception, no doubt resulting from the stereotyping and bashing the media gives Islam. Muslims routinely condemn acts of violence, and issue press releases that are never picked up by the media.'

Shaiq stated that the world's Muslim population is around 1.2 billion - or 1 out of 5 people worldwide.

"Muslims compose a vast range of races, nationalities, and cultures from around the globe - united by their common Islamic faith," said Shaiq. "Only about 18 percent live in the Arab world. Six million live in the United States.'

Shaiq began organizing Meet a Muslim Community Conversations to strengthen relationships with neighbors and community members, to share information about Muslim life and beliefs, and to counteract the stereotypes

that inundate today's media. 'When a gunman attacks

sets off a bomb in an urban area, or Serbian Orthodox militiamen kill innocent Muslim civilians, these acts are not used to stereotype an entire faith," said Shaiq.

"Never are these acts attributed to the religion of the perpetrators. Yet how many times do we hear the words 'Islamic' and 'Muslim fundamentalist' linked with violence?'

Observers note that the point is well made. Virtually no attention was given to the religious views of the shooters from Columbine, Newtown, Charleston, or Aurora.

"It really sucks always having to prove your humanity, to justify your right to live in the States, and to be expected to be apologetic when accusations against a Muslim population of 1.6 billion are highlighted on the news," said panelist Jehan Hakim, 35. "Muslims are Americans. I was born and raised in San Francisco. We watch basketball games, shop at Target, and worry about our children's educations. We value life and the lives of all creations. Islam a mosque in the name of is a universal way of life,

and is not owned by people who come from the Middle East. Muslims are scared right now; we feel ostracized and rejected. We would like to be appreciated for our similarities.'

Event attendees are invited to ask any question during the discussion with assurance that the panelists will not be offended. Likely questions for the two-woman, one-man panel include: Are women oppressed in Islam? How do Muslims practice their faith? What factors contributed to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism?

There are many mis-

conceptions that need to be cleared up, a major one being that violence is a part of Islam. The Quran states, 'Whoever kills a person unjustly, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves one, it is as if he has saved mankind entirely,'" said Shaik, an Amador Valley High School junior. "As a Muslim American teenager, it is scary to be living through these times, especially when the actions of individuals overshadow the beliefs and values of more than a billion people. Often after these attacks, Muslims fear going to work or school. I wear the hijab,

a religious head covering for Muslim women, so I have to be even more conscious of where I go. At school I feel vulnerable to remarks."

"We are as much victims of terror as anyone else," added Shaiq. "We are your neighbors, doctors, engineers, teachers, Marines, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and law-abiding citizens. We are all the same. We are all together in the war on terror."

To learn more, visit www. facebook.com/MeetAMuslimCommunity.







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SHORT NOTES

Full Moon Hike

A Full Moon Hike will be led on Sat., June 18 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 8 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Summer is the perfect time for an evening hike into Sycamore Grove Park. The group will set out at sunset and hike into the hills under the light of a full moon. Watch the stars and hopefully see a few owls and bats. Hike will be approximately 3 miles on unpaved trails.

The daily parking fee has increased to \$7 per vehicle at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified.

Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Scholarship Winners

The Tassajara Scholarship Fund has announced the firstever winners of the Fund's college scholarship program for high school students in the Dublin Unified School District.

Barbara Inderbitzen, the fund administrator, stated, "It gives us great pleasure to award these scholarships to our deserving recipients and I wish them success and happiness as they begin their college careers and follow their dreams.

The three winners will each be awarded scholarships of \$3,000 to help cover their educational expenses. The recipients were chosen from a host of applicants with outstanding academic records who had demonstrated a financial need.

The winners include:

• Cindy Won. Cindy, a Dublin High School senior, has served as a volunteer for the Stanford Asian Liver Center. raising awareness about Hepatitis B, and has worked with the Freshmen Mentoring program and Kids Against Hunger. Cindy is attending Brown University to nursue a Public Health degree.

 Alexandria Pitts. Alexandria has volunteered in various leadership groups as well as the California Scholarship Federation. A senior at Dublin High School, Alexandria has also volunteered in her church outh group, working in soup kitchens and serving on mission trips, and was the captain of the school lacrosse team. She will be attending the University of Texas to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine.

• Angelina David. Angelina is a graduate of Valley High School, where she participated in many youth group activities as a resident guitar player and kitchen volunteer. She is interested in helping troubled youth and will be attending Las Positas Community College in the fall to study Psychology.

The Tassajara Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by real estate developer James Tong with an initial \$500,000 endowment. The scholarship is open to all high school seniors in Dublin who will be attending a four-year college, community college or technical school during the 2016/2017 school year.

Ducks Unlimited

Tri-Valley Ducks Unlimited Chapter will host its 31st Annual Fund-raiser and Banquet on Sat.,

This family event will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The evening includes a pre-event

happy hour, raffle games and prizes, a Greenwing raffle for ages 17 and under, a special ladies only raffle, live and silent auctions, dinner catered by Kinder's Meats, and custom shirts and classes

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$50 ages 17 and under, \$125 for a couple and \$700 reserved sponsor tables.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with happy hour and games beginning at 5:01 followed by dinner at 6:30 and live auction and raffle at 7:15 p.m.

For more event information, contact Craig Reali at craigdutrivalley@aol.com or 250-0020. Tickets can be ordered online at ca.ducks.org.

Bike Repair Day

The Livermore Public Library will host the BikeMobile for a free bike repair day on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 11am to 3pm at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon

Youth are invited to bring their bikes to this fun event. The BikeMobile staff provides free bike repairs, teaches mechanics and safety, and provides free bike accessories and decoration supplies. The BikeMobile can fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, and even replace broken or worn out parts like chains, seats, and tires. The only thing it can't do is replace missing wheels or gears. The event also includes a workshop teaching how to repair a flat tire. The BikeMobile will serve as many people as possible, but the first 20 people are guaranteed assistance.

For further information, call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.net.

Eleanor P. Silva 4/19/31-6/4/16

Eleanor Silva passed away in Reno, NV on June 4, 2016 following a recent illness. She was born in Fall River, MA to Manuel and Mary Souza.

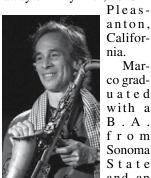
She spent most of her life in California as a happy wife, mother and home maker. With her husband's retirement they moved to Nevada. Her favorite hobbies were camping, fishing, baking, cooking and gambling (she never wanted to miss her free play once a week), and the love she had for her dogs Jackson and Jack. Her chocolate pound cake and whoopee pies were legendary to the entire family, but saved for her grandkids-hands off to everyone or else! Her daughters loved her razza pizzazzas and just recently learned there's no such thing.

She is survived by her sister Beverly DosVais, Westport, MA; beloved husband of 62 years, Richard Silva and daughters: Sheryl Abbott, Reno, NV; Bonnie (Ken) Hegarty, Livermore, CA; Lori Silva, Reno, NV. Grandchildren: Russell (Aja) Hegarty, Prescott Valley, AZ; Robert Abbott, Reno, NV; Richard (Jamie) Abbott, Scottsdale, AZ; Steven (Lena) Walker, Temple, TX and Samantha Walker, San Diego, CA. Great grandchildren, Tyler and Juliann Hegarty, Garrett Abbott, Steven Michael Walker III and baby girl Walker on the way; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; special close family friend and gambling partner Kathy Alford.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday August 6, 2016 at 11:30 in Reno, NV. Contact Bonnie Hegarty for further information at hegarty76@yahoo.com

Marco Eneidi

Marco Eneidi was born on November 1st, 1956 in Portland, Oregon and passed away on May 24th, 2016 in



California. Marco graduated with a B . A . from Sonoma State

anton,

and an M.A. in Composition from Mills College.

He began his music career from a very young age beginning with the clarinet, then the saxophone, and on to many other instruments. Marco performed and recorded with many of the great jazz musicians in New York City in the mid-90's and then formed the American Jungle Orchestra, a big-band ranging in size from 15-40 musicians, who performed on cross country tours with smaller groups.

During the 2000's he lived in Vienna, Austria for many years with a long running weekly improv session at Celeste as the Artistic Director of The Neu New York/Vienna Institute of Improvised Music and toured all across Western and Eastern Europe performing at many concerts and festivals including Konfrontationen and the Venice Biennale. He most recently lived in Cuernavaca, Mexico for the last few years performing with a trio called the Cosmic Brujo's and had upcoming shows scheduled in Mexico, SF, NYC and Europe through the Fall.

He is survived by his mother Margaret of Livermore, sister Andrea (Mitch Shandley) of San Rafael, girlfriend Daniela of Austria, son Nicco of Oakland and granddaughter Yzobella of Vermont.

There will be a memorial service held at his childhood home in Livermore on Sunday, June 26th at 2 p.m. where sharing of memories and stories will be encouraged and appreciated. His ashes will be spread across the country in memory of his love of travel and nomadic lifestyle.

For memorial service information and details, contact nicco@eneidi.com.

Rosalyn Marcia Dickie

Rosalyn Marcia Dickie, 78 years old, of Pleasanton, passed away on May 24th, in Pleas.



Visitation/ Vigal will be held on June 16th, C a 1 laghan Mortuarv.

Funeral service will be held at St. Michaels on June 17th with Rev. Paul Minnihan of St. Augustine's officiating. Burial/Interment will follow at Memory Gardens.

Rosalyn (Rosie/Roz) Marcia Dickie was born in Los Angeles, CA to Carmen and Geraldine Giannelli on May 26, 1937. She went to St. Mary's Academy high school and graduated in 1955. Her pride and joy was always her family and pets. She is very proud to belong and assist on the committee to the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF). Rosie donates to many charities, her favorites being St. Jude, ASPCA and the Humane Society to name a few. She enjoyed music, dancing (her profession as a child), playing the piano (with her grandkids). She loved traveling, Italy, Hong Kong, Switzerland, traveling across the US, on boat, cruise ship, river boat, train and airplane. She had that personality that could get to know the life of a stranger and visa-versa, in 3 minutes or less.

Rosalyn possessed a sweet simple honest demeanor that won the hearts of many, a contagious smile and entertaining sense of humor. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling and laughter will never be forgotten.

Rosalyn is preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Jameson of Sacramento, husband Sid Dickie Los Angeles, son-in-law Tom Snedigar Livermore, mother and father Geraldine and Carmen Giannelli of Los Angeles, and her beloved pets Holly and Ruski.

Rosalyn is survived by her brother Antonio (Tony) Giannelli of Texas, daughters, Roberta (Bobbie) Snedigar of Livermore, Lorrie Champ-husband Kendall Champ of Livermore and Sue Dickman-husband Mike Dickman of Sacramento. Eight grandchildren, Jason Snedigar, Jennifer Snedigar, Peter Gonzales, Christina Gonzales, Stephanie Sladehusband Tony Slade, Jeff Dickman, Travis Champ, Rebecca Jensen-husband Brad Jensen. Great grandchildren, Kaiya and Jayden Jensen, Bryce Oreshkin, Sloan Slade, Liam Jackson, her loving dog and companion Ria, and the many that called her Grammy (and it was MANY).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude (https://www. stjude.org), ASPCA (http:// www.aspca.org/ways-togive) or Humane Society (https://secure.humanesociety.org).

David A. Augustine

David A. Augustine of Livermore California, passed away on June 9, 2016. David Augustine was born



in Erie Pennsylvania on October 2. 1964 to mother la J. Augustine, father Joseph A. Au-

gustine Sr., and an older brother Joseph A. Augus-

He was survived by his father, brother, three nieces (Jennifer, Jessica, and Carla) and a nephew Joey.

David accomplished many things in his life. Early in his life he was active in sports, including softball and karate. David was an avid chess player. He was employed by the Santa Margarita Water District as a water meter reader. One fateful day in February 1987 he was involved in an almost fatal accident that left him paralyzed. He spent the next 29 years as a quadriplegic. In spite of his condition he went on to graduate from the University of Texas with a Master's degree in Psychol-

He brought joy to so many people's lives. He was a giving and loving person, who will always be remembered for his kindness by all who had the privilege to meet him.

David will be cremated, and his ashes will be transported to Erie, Pennsylvania where services will be held with family and friends.

Nanci Jenay McCormick

Nanci Jenay McCormick, 38, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2016 at home in Livermore. Nanci was the wife of Justin McCormick and loving mother to three beautiful children. They shared 16 years of marriage together.

Born in Livermore, Nanci was the daughter of Lloyd and Frances Lynn Block. She graduated from Granada High School in 1995 and at-



Cresco Equipment Rentals and worked in their corporate office for the past 15 years, most recently as Risk

Manager. fundraising at her children's school, spending numerous hours raising money through bingo, served on the Granada Little League Board, volunteered her time coaching youth soccer and never missed watching her children play sports. Nanci was not about herself, she was all about others, whether it was family, friends or coworkers. She gave without wanting anything in return, there were no strings attached to her helping out.

Nanci will be remem-

Nanci is survived by her husband Justin McCormick and their children Nolan, Maci, and Mitchel; her Father Lloyd Block, Brother Nick Block, Sister Lori (Ryan) Street; Grandmother Betty Block; In-Laws Mike and Karen McCormick, Matthew McCormick, and Kelli (Jeff) Passama; several nieces and nephews she adored, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Block on May 1, 2016. The Memorial Service will be held on Friday, June 24th at 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church located at 2020 5th Street in Livermore. A reception will follow at Robert Livermore Community Center, Cresta Blanca room, located at 4444 East Avenue.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be made to support the McCormick family at https://dm2.gofund.me/zbg8wp4s

Please consider sharing a memory, condolences or a moment you shared with Nanci at MemoriesofNan-

Charles was born in



Nanci was involved with

bered for her outgoing spirit, athleticism, beautiful smile, strength, dedication to work and family, the love she had for her children and always putting others first.

Nanci was predeceased by her mother Frances Lynn

ci@gmail.com

Charles Lewis Irby Nov. 18, 1921-June 4, 2016

Douglas Arizona. He moved



Oakland. Charles attended Fruitvale Grammar, Bret Harte Junior and Roosevelt High School, graduating in 1939. He met the love of his life, Dorothy Peterson in a teen group at Fruitvale Presbyterian Church. They married two years later, raising four children in Oakland and eventually moving to Pleasanton in 1969. Charlie worked at Moore Dry Dock before serving in the Army during WWII. He served in the Philippines, New Guinea and Japan. While in the Army Charlie played football, he also played softball and basketball in high school and took up tennis in his fifties, something he and

Dorothy enjoyed together. After the war, Charlie trained to be a painter, working for private contractors and at UC Berkeley for 25 years, retiring as Lead man in 1985.

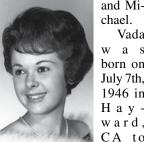
In his retirement he enjoyed oil painting, traveling with Dorothy in their motorhome and spending time with his grandchildren. Charlie loved camping, music, art and a good joke, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, hosting many barbecues and parties over the years.

He leaves behind his wife of 76 years, Dorothy, his daughters Carolyn and husband Don Colburn, Doreen and husband Paul Swift. He was predeceased by his children, Steven and Susan. He also leaves his grandchildren, Debra Colburn and David (Racine) Colburn, Dawn Irby and Sean (Crystal) Irby, Adam, Joseph and Lukas Swift, six great grandchildren and four great-great grandsons. He will be dearly missed by all. Services will be private.

Letty Arvada "Vada" Carnes

Letty Arvada "Vada" Carnes died at home on Friday, June 10th in Livermore, CA at the age of 69.

Vada in survived by her husband of 51 years Joe Carnes, her two children Kevin and Joelle Carnes, daughter in-law Monika Carnes, her brother Robert Frost sister Vivian Mathews, and 5 grandchildren Hailey, Brittany, Ashley, Tulsa,



chael.

Vada w a s born on July 7th, 1946 in Hayward, CA to Dorothy

and Roy Frost. She graduated from Tennyson High School in 1963. Vada married Joe Carnes, a petty officer in the United States Navy, in June of 1964. After moving to their home in Livermore in 1969 she went on to raise her children and grandchildren. Vada was viewed as a mother figure to countless friends of the family, and lent a helping hand in the upbringing of many.

Visitation will take place on June 17 from noon to 1 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary. A funeral is scheduled for Friday June 17th, from 1:00-2:00 pm at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Vada's life.

Vera Bessie Cunningham Aug. 19, 1913-June 10, 2016

Vera Bessie Cunningham peacefully passed away on June 10, 2016 at the age of 102 in Pleasanton, CA. She was born on August 19, 1913



ın Dallas, TX to parents John and Nora McGibboney.

Vera is survived by her daughters Sheri Cunningham-De-

tlefsen and Linda Reed, son-in-law Doug Detlefsen and grandchildren Connor and Taylor Detfelsen. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy O. Cunningham and daughter Diane DeRocco. Vera will be dearly missed by all who know and love her.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 17, 2016 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Heritage Chapel at Lakewood Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 2:30 pm with burial to follow after in the Honor Garden at

Lakewood Memorial Park. Family and friends are invited to share their memories and condolences at www. lakewoodhughson.com.

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Horses, marching bands, floats and specialty entries were all part of the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade in the downtown last Saturday. The event is presented by the Livermore Rotary Club.

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spelled out more formally, said directors. There is no CPA has made a specific efrent paid for facilities to fort to recruit students from educate students who reside China, where there is a big in Livermore.

Rent payments of \$1.1 million are due every six months. CPA has covered the entire payment for the first half of this calendar year. CPA will also pay for parking lot and traffic flow improvements in the vicinity of 3090 Independence Drive. That cost was estimated at \$400,000 to \$1 million. As soon as that work is completed, the two high schools can move into the Independence Drive building. That will enable CPA to start collecting tuition money, and bear the brunt of the rent, as promised previously by CPA manager Bill Batchelor.

Batchelor said that he is working as a volunteer now, and won't be compensated as CPA manager until the school opens.

Earlier estimates of CPA tuition were \$29,500 annually. A new figure will be determined, said Batchelor. market for American study.

The topic came up at the meeting when Lysko informed the board of a response to a notice of concern from LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers about allegedly passing off LVCP as a school in China, specifically at a campus in Hengshi City in Hebei Province.

Lysko's letter, dated June 6, told Bowers that there has never been a TVLC school in China. TVLC has not hired teachers in China, or opened schools in China. Web pages have shown misinformation. TVLC is concerned about violation of its copyright, Lysko told Bowers.

Further, an announcement on the TVLC web page notes that there are not partnerships or sister school relationships with any educational programs in China, says the letter. Running pictures of LVCP students appears to be a way for Chinese schools to advertise partnerships. However,

only one was contemplated between a Chinese school and LVCP, and it was never finalized.

Lysko says that she contacted Batchelor, who formerly was CEO of TVLC, about the pictures. They were taken last fall, months after he left TVLC. "They displayed the LVCP logo. The pictures were published without my knowledge. They have taken them down," the letter quotes Batchelor.

A woman in the audience said she saw such an LVCP/ Chinese page that very day. Lysko said she would get that taken down.

Lsyko also reported about the TVLC response to the New Jerusalem Unified School District's (NJUSD) concerns about TVLC teacher credentialing. NJUSD sponsors the two Acacia schools, which TVLC operates in Stockton.

NJUSD said that TVLC appeared to be violating state credentialing law by hiring teachers who were without the proper credentials. Further, TVLC was not paying into the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) for six of its teachers, said NJUSD.

Lysko's letter to NJUSD says that several practices have been put in place to ensure that there will be full compliance with regard to credentialing law.

Lysko replied that there will be weekly meetings between colleagues and the administration, daily monitoring of instruction, lessonplanning, and assessment by administrators.

On the lack of STRS payments to six teachers at the Acacia schools, Lysko said that the previous administration was operating with incorrect information. "A few teachers had not been immediately included in STRS.

TVLC has ensured that all teachers employed by TVLC are enrolled in STRS. The delinquent payments for the six teachers will be paid within 60 days. "By putting this plan in place, we believe we are now in compliance," states the letter. CSMC, a talks with ACRE.

back-office finance firm hired recently by TVLC, is assisting in ensuring all payments are timely and accurate, continues the letter.

CSMC is conducting a thorough examination and coordination of TVLC books. It expects to have a report, possibly as soon as the regular board meeting June 23.

One complaint in the NJUSD Notice of Violation was that TVLC was paying too much rent compared to the market in Stockton. In an effort to change things, TVLC has been negotiating with the landlord real estate investor ACRE.

TVLC had been paying \$134,000 per month for portables and buildings. Last year that was reduced to \$120,000. Lysko brought a new proposal of \$58,000 per month, and forgiveness of all of the base rent that was owing up to June 1. Directors said it was good, but perhaps further negotiations could bring it down further. Lysko agreed to continue

Dublin Budget Has \$7 Million **Surplus**

The Dublin City Council unanimously approved the city's 2016-17 budget.

Acting at its meeting June 7, the council okayed a budget that in the coming fiscal year will total \$104 million. It includes \$78 million in operating expenses and \$26 million in capital projects.

The projection leave the city with an estimated surplus of more than \$7 million.

The council voted 4-0 to appropriate \$7000 to go to Dublin Partners in Education, with Councilmember Don Biddle recusing himself, because he is on the board.

The city's total fund balance at the end of 2016-17 is projected to be \$195 million, compared to \$186 million for the end of the current fiscal year June 30. The improvement resulted from an increase in general fund revenue and lower capital project expenses for 2015-

The council also approved an increase in residential garbage collection fees, which are paid on the property tax bill twice per year. The new fee will be \$23.14 per month. a boost of \$1.08 per month. That compares to a Tri-Valley average fee of \$32.05, said Dublin staff.

The council selected the design for public art in front of Bay West's apartment development now under construction at the corner of Dublin Boulevard and Golden Gate Drive.

The art consists of an aluminum metal sculpture, nearly six feet tall and 25 feet wide. It depicts the flight of 30 orange crown warblers, which are native to Dublin and Northern California, said Sean Murphy of builder Bay West.

The art piece is expected to draw school class visits. It will be located in front of an expected restaurant at the location, said Murphy.

Page Mill Winery: Dane Stark and Family Celebrate 40 Years

By Laura Ness

to be in any kind of business. It's a testament to the human spirit, that despite going through many changes, including relocations, a complete overhaul of cellar processes and a thorough about-face when it comes to wine grape sourcing philosophy, the Page Mill Wine brand lives on.

It most certainly is not what it was originally. Dane Stark recalls that his Dad's first attempt to make Chenin Blanc was so wretched, they dumped it. Now, in the firm hands of Dane, Page Mill is a brand that is maturing and getting comfortable in its Livermore Valley home and its rather attractive Livermore Valley skin.

Dane is asking himself a lot of questions about what has been and what is to be. He observes that to the outside world, it might appear that Page Mill has been, as he says, "Buying great grapes and trying not to screw them up." But there have been many shifts, some subtle, some dramatic, as the business morphed to its present phase, which Stark defines as Phase 3.

Stark defines Phase 1, a 28-year run that began as a way for his Dad, Dick, to do something "fun" when he retired. Only Dick and his wife, Ome, (Dane's Mom), realized it wasn't as much "fun" as it was work, so they redefined their expectations.

For 28 harvests, wines were made beneath the house on Page Mill Road. There never was a "winery" proper at this tiny spot in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Instead, they bought grapes and did all the production in the driveway. Dane recalls that barrels were pyramid stacked up to the rafters by the time they left. No questions this was "old school" winemaking.

The neighborhood did

Forty years is a long time Mansions grew up around Sauvignon Blanc, a variety ing gold medal wines from is intriguing and begging the old house and the areas culture changed until it was no longer recognizable to Dane's folks. They decided they wanted out.

In 2004, Dane and his wife, Angela, moved to Livermore. Dick and Ome retired to the Foothills, beginning Phase 2 of the winery's existence. Dane says they spent a decade learning new ways of making wine, discovering new vineyards and finding themselves in new appellations. That was back when there were only 24 wineries in the Livermore Valley.

They rented space for a year at Charles R and worked with Randy Bartlett, looking for a suitable place to purchase. When the Perry's put their old place on the market in 2005 and moved out east of Greenville, Dane bought what became the present home of Page Mill Winery.

The basket press was retired to the front of the winery where it still sits as a subtle reminder of the past, the way old rusted plows and deteriorating tractors rest forlornly in the fields of someone elses' misspent

Dane says Phase 3 began when he realized that not only might there be some good wines possible from Livermore Valley, but he was making them alongside fellow winemakers who were as committed as he is to help this place realize its full potential.

One of the realizations he had came at harvest when he was hauling grapes from all over, as far south as Bien Nacido in Santa Barbara to the Pope Valley up north, was that this fruit outsourcing just involved too much driving. Were there not perfectly respectable vineyards to tap right here in Livermore Valley?

One of the first Liver-

not remain old school: Mc- more grapes he tried was he feels is one of Livermore's true stars. He'd always liked the Livermore Semillon that his fellow Santa Cruz Winemakers, Val and Dexter Ahlgren made, and decided, after 27 years of sourcing Sauv Blanc from Paso's French Camp vineyard to switch to Livermore

Valley fruit. He's been making Sauv Blanc from the Livermore Valley since 2007. The 2015 Ghielmetti Sauvignon Blanc is absolutely spot on, a genuine pleaser packed aromatics of citrus blossomes, lime and mandarin, and packed with guava, creamsickle, candied grapefruit and pineapple on the palate. He's also getting some from a home vineyard on Kalthoff Commons.

Stark believes that the Livermore Valley has a bright future for Chardonnay and is committed to bringing out the best that Bordeaux blends can do here. He's already won gold with the 2013 effort and thinks it's just going to get better from

Of particular interest is the desire to develop a voice for this appellation. He'd like to help create wines that are so very specifically Livermore Valley that they simply could not be made elsewhere. That's where the concept of his "GPS" comes into play.

His first blend of Grenache, Syrah and Petite Sirah happened in 2008. It was Stark's first attempt to create a wine that says "Livermore." In what would be a typical "GSM," Stark replaced the Mourvedre with one of Livermore Valley's favorites, Petite Syrah. "It should be 'SPG,'" jokes Stark. "But heck, it's my 'location wine!'

He just released his 2014 version of the wine. It's filled with dark-berry and dried plum intensity with a definitive note of charcoal.

this valley. I am not making these wines side by side with the old guard vineyards, I am diving into the possibility that is Livermore Valley. I am not discovering the essence of the Livermore Valley, but rather doing everything possible to bring life to the appellation."

Tasting through the 2015's still in barrel, one clearly sees that Dane is into Livermore grapes with both feet. The Collier Canyon Syrah is rich with smoky plum, insanely ripe with a licorice finish; the 2015 Walker Cabernet from Kalthoff Commons is superb, lively and fun, with oodles of blackberry and

As Dane climbs the barrel stacks, thief in hand, he wonders, what is our grape? We talk about Malbec: it could

Says Stark, "I am mak- be a contender. The 2015 ebration, Sat. June 18 for further exploration with its notes of cigar, currant, chestnut, curry and caraway. Clearly, Petite Sirah, ar-

guably one of Livermore's strongest ambassadors, has found a very sweet spot in Dane's heart. From a new American oak barrel (he pretty much relies on American as his barrel regimen), the 2015 Petite is nothing short of domineering.

Says Stark, "I'm more excited about my 2015 reds than ever. I want to craft wines that blow people away. I've tried to make ageworthy wines in the style of Bordeaux. But maybe I am becoming more Californian. Petite Sirah is so unctuous. Maybe I will marry the two styles. Give me another 27 vintages: I need more time!"

40th Anniversary Cel-

Celebrate with Dane and

the Stark family on Sat. June 18th from 6:30-9:30 p.m., when they will treat guests to their award winning wines, food by Simply Elegant and entertainment with Meredith McHenry.

Page Mill will also release its 2012 Blanc de Blanc (\$75). He made 55 cases of this Brut style sparkling, from 100% Chardonnay grown in Dry Creek. He's considering using Livermore Valley Sauvignon Blanc for future sparklings.

Tickets for the celebration are available now in the Tasting Room. Call 925-456-7676 or stop by 1960 S Livermore Ave, Livermore. Underground Wine Club members are \$15; nonmembers, \$25.00. Space is limited. Stark's vision for the future, however, is not.

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June 2, 9, 16, 2016.

Signature of Registrant(s) :s/: Gino Landavazo This statement was filed with June 2, 9, 16, 2016. the County Clerk of Alameda on May 17, 2016. Expires May 17, 2021.

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ing business as: Pleasanton

Properties Management,

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Construction Development &

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The Fictitious Business

Rd, Livermore, CA 94551.

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act business using the ficti-

tious business name listed

Signature of Registrant(s)

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STATEMENT OF

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by an Individual

above on 8/24/2011

:s/: Daisy Borba

May 13, 2021.

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Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 7/13/2015 n the County of Alameda The full name of Registrant: Jobert G. Verceles, 5607 Firestone Rd. Livermore. CA 94551

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Jobert G. Verceles This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 3, 2016. Expires May 3, 2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 517911-913

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This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant has not yet









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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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:s/: Huev Chieu Tang

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARLENE K. HAINES, aka MARLENE KATHARINA **HAINES** Case No. RP16818427

1.To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors. contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARLENE K. HAINES, aka MARLENE KATHARINA HAINES

2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MELVIN E. HAINES, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

3.The Petition for Probate requests that: MELVIN E. HAINES, JR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

6.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as

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Date: 7/27/2016

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

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

8.If you are a creditor or

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

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10. (X) Petitioner: MELVÍN E. HAINES, JR. 2111 DALIS DRIVE CONCORD, CA 94520 (916) 213-0855

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Pleasanton Council Questions Student Population Forecast

Several members of the Pleasanton City Council questioned the assumption of a report that no new school facilities would be needed over the next ten years. The concern related to the numbers of students projected at the schools.

A demographic report prepared by Davis Demographics & Planning, Inc. (DDP) for the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) was presented at last week's council meeting.

According to the report, recent demographic trends combined with changes in the high density development and the council's decision to halt the East Pleasanton Specific Plan have changed the ten year resident student forecast for the District.

Currently, the PUSD operates a total of 9 elementary schools, three middle schools and two comprehensive high schools. Based on the report, DDP determined that no additional middle school or high school facilities would be needed over the next 10 years or at

maturity

Isaac Johnson from DDP told the council that some of the factors that have gone into lowering the predicted number of students include the declining birth rate and the high cost of housing in Pleasanton. Fewer younger families are able to afford to move into the city. Given the predicted decline, there will no longer be a need for a new elementary school. School enrollments would be kept at an average of 600 to 700 students. The nine elementary schools would be sufficient for the next ten years; at maturity, eleven elementary schools could be needed.

Councilmembers pointed to examples of populations at elementary schools in the report in questioning the prediction that there would be no need for new facilities. There are 950 students at Donlon today, 967 in 2025 and 1238 at maturity; Fairlands, 809, 828 and 875; and Walnut Grove, 758, 649 and 790.

cilities would be needed over the next 10 years or at would keep an eye on birth

rates, development and student yields form transit oriented development and new apartments.

Councilmember Kathy Narum, a member of the school district-city liaison committee who asked that the report be presented to the council, commented that she had been surprised by the steep drop in the forecast of the number of students who would enroll in Pleasanton schools.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin noted that the city's general plan calls for 600 students per school plus or minus ten percent at the elementary school level; 1000 students per school in middle schools and 2000 students per school at the two high schools. Pentin said that school sites exceed maximum enrollment target numbers already. "Even with the predicted decline in enrollment, the numbers are still above our general plan numbers. The question is do we need to change the general plan. If we do, why?"

Councilmember Karla Brown said the state lists maximum enrollment guidelines for K-6 schools at 600 students per school. Many schools in Pleasanton are very large. Donlon shows 771 students and Fairlands 646 students. In 2020, the prediction for the Donlon student population shows 965. At what point does the district look at additional facilities, Brown asked.

Micaela Ochoa, District Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, told the council that the report was for information only, not for a policy discussion. A policy discussion would need to take place during a joint meeting involving the city and school district. Ochoa said there are no violations of any education code within the district.

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked if the predictions looked at Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) numbers and the "by right" laws the state is considering.

Johnson said that the RHNA numbers were included in the prediction.

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Thorne pointed out that the current RHNA cycle

ends in 2022. There will be changes with the numbers not based on zoning, but on the number of homes built. "Things are going to get

worse.

Pentin asked whether previous demographic reports had been accurate. Johnson responded that the prediction for 2012 was 14,910, actual 14,923; in 2013 the predicted student population was 14,829, the actual 14,801; in 2014, predicted 14,881, actual 14.706; and in 2015, 14,272 predicted and 14.754 actual.

Brown said, "We want to work together. Let us know how the city can work with the district to provide the best education."

During the public hearing, resident Sandy Yamaoto pointed out that Amador Valley High School is ranked high in the state with an A plus in the academics guide. However, in the resource and facility guide, the school received a B; in the extracurricular and activity guide, a C, and in the sports and fitness guide a B minus. "Academic achievement is only one contributor to a well rounded student we want to produce," she said. She felt that large schools made it

more difficult for students to become involved.

Open House Set for BART Station Housing

Livermore continues to work with BART to extend service to Livermore at I-580/Isabel Avenue. Preparation is underway for the Isabel Neighborhood Plan to guide development in the area surrounding the proposed station.

A Draft Preferred Plan has been created. An open house will be held June 28 to provide information on the plan.

The open house will take place between 4 and 7 p.m. Members of the public can come any time between those hours.

The presentation will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

For additional information, visit www.cityoflivermore.net/BART or email the project team at BART2I-sabel@cityoflivermore.net.

Comment Sought on Proposed Names for New Elements

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) opened a public comment period last week for the recommended names of elements 115, 117 and 118.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia (JINR) were credited late last year for discovering elements 115 and 118. LLNL, JINR, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Vanderbilt University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas were credited with the discovery of element 117.

Moscovium (Mc) is provisionally recommended for element 115 in recognition of the Moscow region and honoring the ancient Russian land that is home to JINR. Moscow is the capital of the region.

Tennessine (Ts) is proposed for element 117, recognizing the contribution of Tennessee research centers ORNL, Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee to superheavy element research.

The provisional name for element 118 is Oganesson (Og) in recognition of the pioneering contributions of Yuri Oganessian to superheavy element research. Oganessian created this opportunity for the significant expansion of the periodic table and knowledge of superheavy nuclei.

The provisional names will undergo a statutory period for public review before the names and symbols can be finally approved by the IUPAC Council – likely later this year.

"I'm proud of all of the hard work that this group has done over the years performing these experiments," said Dawn Shaughnessy," LLNL's principal investigator for the Heavy Element Group. "It's a huge accomplishment for the entire group that we are recognized for our efforts in accomplishing these highly difficult experiments and for the years of work it takes to successfully create a new chemical element."

LLNL teamed with JINR in 2004 to discover element 115. LLNL worked again with JINR in 2006 to discover element 118. The LLNL/JINR team then jointly worked with researchers from the Research Institute for Advanced Reactors (Dimitrovgrad), ORNL, Vanderbilt University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to discover element 117 in 2010.

This discovery brings the total to five new elements reported by the Dubna-Livermore team (114, 115, 116, 117 and 118, the heaviest element to date).

The new elements and nuclei will complete the seventh row of the periodic table, and provides evidence for the long sought "island of stability" for superheavy elements.

The concept of the "island of stability" was originally proposed in the 1960s. It predicts increased stability for superheavy nuclei at higher neutron and proton numbers. The new nuclei produced in this research exhibit substantially increased lifetimes consistent with approaching the island.

These new elements were discovered using the "hot fusion" approach, developed and implemented by Oganessian at JINR. This approach involves heavy ion reactions of an intense, high-energy calcium beam on rare actinide targets including berkelium and californium at the Dubna Gas-Filled Recoil Separator.





SECTION A

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Road Led From Livermore to 'The Path'

By Carol Graham

When Kyle Allen first read the script for a new Hulu series called The Path, he had a feeling he'd be part of the show.

"I just kind of knew," said Allen, 21. "I don't understand it, I just knew when I read it I was afraid of it, and somehow that's why I would get it. Maybe it's because I believe life likes to shove your fears at you until you realize how silly they are."

Allen's intuition was correct. He joined actors Hugh Dancy, Aaron Paul and Michelle Monaghan forces. That puts him in a desperate situation and, like anyone in that scenario, he jumps from one extreme to another. He's trying to find security and a sense of who he is - different ways to identify himself."

Allen's own background was considerably more stable. He grew up in Livermore, attending Valley Montessori, Almond Avenue Elementary School and Our Savior Lutheran School.

"He was always funny, inventive in the most unusual ways, quick witted, charming, very kind and

"... Maybe it's because I believe life likes to shove your fears at you until you realize how silly they are."

to star in The Path, which debuted on March 30 and has already been picked up for a second season.

Even before its launch, the series - part family drama, part psychological thriller - was drawing attention as the first hourlong original series for the streaming service Hulu. The Path follows a family at the center of a controversial cult as they struggle with relationships, faith and the gravitational pull of belief.

About the teenager he plays, Allen said, "Hawk is trying to figure out who he is. He has grown up in an environment where he's been pulled in different directions by different

down to earth," said mom Karen Sprague. "He was on the Junior National Acrobatics Gymnastics Team. His older sister was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame last August. They had the usual mom and dad. We had nothing to do with their successes, we only followed them in their interests."

After Allen took up hip hop dance, he was encouraged by a Russian dance teacher to pursue ballet. For grades 8-12, he studied at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C.

"I remember being in my senior year at the Kirov, watching 'Singing in the Rain' in a dance history class, and realizing I



Kyle Allen on the red carpet.

wanted to do so much more than ballet," recalled Allen.

"When Kyle began to act it seemed perfect for who he is. He fell right into it," said Sprague. "He was in print ads and commercials, Pepsi sent him to Chile and Japan to film. His picture was on a huge poster in Apple stores throughout the U.S. He modeled for Barney's New York and did a music video - all of which is information that, as his mother, I had to dig out of him."

Locally, Allen worked a summer job at Retzlaff Vineyards.

"I loved it. There are pine trees on the side of the vineyard that I planted. They're like 15 feet tall now!" he said. "I wonder if that's what it's like to have children."

Today, Allen lives in New York where he most enjoys being on set. "There is nothing like it. It's a bunch of creative and weird people coming together to make something that's hopefully entertaining," he said. "That's literally what I get paid to do. It blows my mind every day.

"I love actors with the ability to make you believe that they are the bizarre characters they play, like Robert Downey Jr., Ralph Fiennes and Benedict Cumberbatch. The most powerful performances I've seen were when I felt understood while watching them. It's a pretty damn beautiful feeling, so that would be cool if The Path's viewers can take that from the show," he added. "Also, not to join cults."

With the success of The Path, Sprague will have the opportunity to watch more of her own favorite actor.

"I love to watch Kyle. I probably watch every episode at least five times," she said. "When he first started acting, he was Kyle and when he gave his onscreen mother a dirty look I thought, 'I've seen that look before.' Now he becomes the character and I forget that it's Kyle."

For an actor, that is the truest compliment. For his parents, Allen has a compliment of his own.

"Oh my gosh, I could write a novel," he said. "But I'll keep it simple. Above all else I would like to thank them for letting me be myself, no matter what."

To learn more, visit www.hulu.com/the-path, or www.imdb.com/name/nm6563873/

Golden Follies' Rousing Show at the Firehouse

The Golden Follies variety show returns to Pleasanton in a new show titled "Curtains Up!" The troupe plays the Firehouse Arts Center in two big shows, Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, both at 2:00 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehouse-arts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance.

With new routines in a new show, the Las Vegasstyle revue features a large 25 member cast of seasoned performers ages 60-91 from all over Northern California. According to co-founder and director Susan Bostwick the show is "full of talent, energy and pizazz, and packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies, striking women, and a rousing, flag waving tribute to our fabulous USA." Glamorously

costumed, the troupe execute stylish choreography as they tap, kick, strut and dazzle with their radiant smiles and showmanship. Featured with the Golden Follies will be S.F. chanteuse Wiggy Darlington.

The Golden Follies was founded 18 years ago by sister team Diane Stawicki and Susan Bostwick, who are behind all aspects of the show, including direction, choreography, concept, and costumes. Both have extensive professional performing backgrounds, having traveled throughout the US and Europe appearing with such artists as Wayne Newton, Robert Goulet, the Pointer Sisters, Rita Moreno, Paul Anka, Jack Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dolly Parton to name just a few.

The troupe members hail from all walks of life, according to director Susan Bostwick. "The majority are retired, having been teachers, real estate agents, medical techs, administrators for the VA and Safeway Corporate, city and county employees, NASA folks and restaurant owners."



Golden Follies return to Pleasanton.

She goes on to say that "all are homemakers, wives, mothers, grandmothers, and in some cases, great-grandmothers. These energetic,

enthusiastic and talented seniors are active in their respective communities and committed to the Golden Follies. Besides their dance involvement, they share life experiences, love, and friendship with each other."



Nominate a Local Hero

Nominations are being accepted for two local heroes who will be recognized on stage during the Rock Stars & Stripes concerts Aug. 6 and 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

The American Rock Experience takes audiences on a rock 'n roll road trip across America with a full-blown live concert celebration of the greatest American rock music of all time. Featuring vocalist/guitarist David Victor, formerly of the multiplatinum band BOSTON, this patriotic rock takes the audience to the musical hotbeds of the U.S. and honors both the hometown heroes who have served communities and the artists who created our soundtrack of freedom.

To nominate a hero, submit a paragraph or two (250 words MAX) about why the person is inspirational, along with a photo of the nominee to krista.white@cityof-pleasantonca.gov using the subject line "Hometown Hero-[Nominee Name]," or call 925-931-4847.

Deadline to submit a local hero's name is July 6. Winning nominators will also receive free ticket to concert.

More info, go to www.firehousearts.org, http://rockstarsandstripesshow.com

Annual Bonsai Society Show at Alden Lane

The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore.

A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled.

For additional information, contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Preview of Summer Productions at the Library

A preview of Livermore Shakespeare
Festival's productions of Jane Austen's Persuasion and Shakespeare's The Tempest will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m. today, Thurs., June 16 at the Livermore Civic Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Producing Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and company members will share rehearsal strategies and practices, demonstrating some of the fascinating processes that create a professionally staged production.

The program is presented as part of the Friends of the Livermore Library Authors and Arts Series. There is no admission charge.

For information about the full productions, go to www.livermoreshakes.org

Historic Depot to Be Moved

On Tuesday May 31, Livermore's Planning Commission gave the final approval for the relocation and refurbishment rehabilitation of the historic railroad depot. The depot, which sits in the parking lot at L-Street and Railroad Ave., will be relocated to the transportation center, adjacent to the railroad tracks. It will be returned to service as Livermore's depot for ACE trains and LAVTA (Wheels) buses.

The original Transcontinental Railroad came across Livermore's (Altamont) Pass. A station was built on twenty acres of ranchland donated to the railroad by William Mendenhall. That station became the nexus of the town of Livermore, which grew up around it. Rail service, which began in September 1869, helped change Livermore from a frontier outpost to a thriving village. The major cities in the region, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento, which had been several days away by wagon, were now only hours away by train.

A small depot building constructed at the station in 1870 burned to the ground in 1891. The present depot



Southern Pacific Railroad's Livermore depot, in 1969, looking very much as it will again after the refurbishment. Photo by John Harder courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild.

building was completed, by the Central Pacific Railroad in 1892 and stands today where it was built. It served passengers until 1941 and freight until 1971. In 1976 the tracks were moved away from the depot several blocks to the north. In 1973 the Southern Pacific Railroad started demolition of the depot. The newly formed Livermore Heritage Guild interceded preventing its total destruction,

though they did not have the wherewithal to convert it to a museum.

Since 1973 the depot has seen many uses and changes. It initially became a restaurant that failed after a few years. It was subsequently a real estate office, architect's office, dance studio, interspersed with periods of dereliction and homeless hangout. It was most recently and is currently the office for

Livermore Downtown Inc. Physical changes to the building have for the most part not been historically relevant or accurate. Much of the historic fabric of the structure was covered or removed.

Once the building is relocated it will be refurbished to serve many more passengers than ever before, but no freight. The exterior will be restored to look as it did for much of

its history. The interior had been largely stripped by previous owners. It will be reconfigured to best serve its repurposed need using all existing original materials and original designs wherever possible. The passenger waiting area will include a historic display.

This project has been awarded Federal Surface

Transportation Program funds via a Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transportation for Livable Communities grant. The City of Livermore is managing the project, in addition the City will continue to and now owns and will manage the depot into the future.





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Heritage Guild to Host Talk on History of the Depot

Livermore Heritage Guild is hosting the second in its series of Summer History Talks on June 22, 2016 at the Livermore Main Library at 7:00pm.

Local Resident Alan Frank will be presenting: Livermore's Railroad Depot, History, Refurbishment and Reuse.

Frank will provide the audience a history of the changes and the plans for the future of the depot.

He is a retired from LLNL where he was a Physicist

and project leader. He recently retired as Curator and Historian for the Niles Railway, where he led the project to restore the 1884 Sunol Depot.

Additionally, he was a founder of Livermore Valley Opera and past president of the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

The event is free of charge. The Livermore is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Donations gladly accepted.

TELEVISION

"Grace and Frankie" Season 2

by Linda Milanese

Netflix recently released its second season of "Grace and Frankie." I'm certain the series will continue for as many seasons as its aging cast can handle.

Season one introduced Grace (Jane Fonda) and Frankie (Lily Tomlin), who are forced to live together after their husbands, Robert (Martin Sheen) and Sol (Sam Waterston), divorce them to marry each other after a secret 20-year relationship.

It's a comedy with most of its humor based on the odd-couple pairing of the two women. Grace is an uptight Type A, and Frankie is a pot-smoking artist.

The first season ended with wedding preparations for the men and a tentative acceptance by the women. I feared then that the writers' work was done for these septuagenarians, and another season could only deteriorate into a frivolous TV sitcom.

Last year in a TV interview, Jane Fonda said the show is about aging and the ability to go on and live life after a trauma. She said it shows "how you can come through a crisis and be forgiving and be OK and still love life." Season 2 goes a step further: yes, it shows that life goes on, but it also shows that time is running out.

They're in their 70s and could easily surrender to their La-Z-Boy loungers and give up any hope for a future. Instead, this season we see the women still very much in the game of life, facing their old age with vibrant optimism—not only with a carpe diem mindset but with a refusal to compromise or settle for anything less than what they really want.

The new season introduces some serious subjects into the comedy to further remind them to enjoy their golden years. Significant subjects like a heart attack, euthanasia, alcoholism, and dementia are touched on; and, thus, make the tone less wacky than that of Season one. When Robert and Sol reconcile after a long fight, Sol says, "There's only so much time we have left, and look how much time we've wasted."

There's still plenty to laugh at.

Like Frankie's negotiations with Brianna, Grace's daughter who's running her mother's cosmetics company now, on how to market her female lubricant. Frankie's initial happiness at entering the business world shows her thinking of catchy names for her product like "Vagicadabra" and "Slip N'Side." Her happiness takes a turn when she realizes the formula has been tampered with to include palm oil to extend its shelf life—an ingredient that goes against her environmental principles. Harkening back to her '60s activism, Frankie indulges in some unexpected Guerrilla Theater at an important business meeting, smearing ketchup blood everywhere. When that doesn't work, she returns with her lawyer son Nwabudike ("Bud") looking for a loophole in the contract with Brianna—"I'm hopped up on ginkgo biloba and ready to rumble!"

Eventually, Frankie relents and says, "The whole point of my lube is to have less friction in the world. I'm sick

of fighting." But she draws a firm line at allowing the product to carry her intimate "self portrait" which closely resembles Georgia O'Keeffe's flower art.

Speaking of which, the women often say the "V words" aloud (v-g-na and v-br-tor), so be forewarned. In fact, they entertain the idea of creating v-br-tors for women with arthritis.

There's so much I like about this new season of "Grace and Frankie"—good laughs, weightier subjects, a clearer direction, and more defined characters.

I like that the women remain very different from each other but are no longer adversarial. They've moved on past their husbands' betrayal; they've grown and become friends . . . most of the time. When Frankie learns about a true love from Grace's past, she says, "Tell me more. I always thought you were my uptight friend who led an uninteresting life. Now I know you were my uptight friend who might have been interesting."

I like the changes that the Jane Fonda character experiences this season. At one point she gets rid of her old clothes right around the time she decides to ditch her old "friends" who talk badly about Frankie. Once she wore the same shapeless beige sweater for two episodes—her frozen hairdo stayed in place, but at least she wasn't focused on her wardrobe.

I like the funny little details that are part of every scene.

For example, the women are jealous of the extravagant wedding gifts they see piled up in their ex-husbands' house. Guilt-free, they steal the unopened Vitamix blender they've always wanted.

Or when Coyote's birth mother, a fundamentalist Christian, comes to lunch to meet the family—Frankie, Sol, and Bud. She brings Frankie a hostess gift—a figurine of Jesus playing soccer with children.

"I don't have one of these!" exclaims Frankie. "You'd think he'd trip on that robe."

"What kind of Christians are y'all?" asks Crystal. "The Jewish kind."

"Oh, the original Christians!"

Or the scene where Bud pretends to text a mock message to the entire wedding guest list including way too much disastrous information that would open up about five cans of worms and . . . bam! . . . it accidentally gets sent. A catastrophe until they find out that "auto-correct," that gratuitous feature on smart phones, has reworded the message into complete gibberish.

Fingers crossed these old actors don't break a hip because I'm looking forward to many more seasons with them. The downside is there are only thirteen 30-minute episodes in Season two, and since they're produced by Netflix, they're all released at the same time. It's too tempting to binge-watch the 6 ½ hours in a couple of days and then have to wait another year for more.

But I'm planning to rewatch it from the beginning. It's that good.

Three Scholarships Granted

Livermore Filipino-American Organization presented scholarship awards to three graduating senior students during their May festival on May 21 held at the Asbury Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

First place went to Jared Maranon of Granada High School who received \$1,000; second place is Mariel Chiong of Livermore Charter School who received \$750; and third place is Nicholas Sobrepena who received \$500. "These three students are highly motivated and talented. We are proud to give these scholarship awards and wish them well in college," says Raquel Holt, scholarship committee chair.

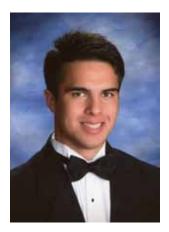
Jared Maranon of
Granada High School is a
member of the school symphony band and received
outstanding recognitions in
his freshman and sophomore years and Outstanding
Musician in the Jazz Band
in his junior year. He plays
the saxophone. Jared has
earned a GPA of 4.19 and
plans to enter the University of San Diego this fall.

Mariel Chiong of Livermore Valley Charter School was president of the school council in her sophomore and junior years, and is a member of the following organizations: Thespian Troupe, Interact, and Feminist Club. She garnered three Best of Class and seven first place awards for digital photography at the 2015 Alameda County Fair. With a GPA of 3.9, she will attend Santa Fe University of Art and Design.

Nicholas Sobrepena of Livermore Valley Charter School is with the school's Thespian Group, ran with the school's track team, and at graduation received his 200+ hour honor cord for community service. He has also earned the Life rank in



Jared Maranon



Nicholas Sobrepena



Mariel Chiong

Boy Scouts. Nicholas has been taking classes at Las Positas College and will continue at the college until he transfers to a university. He has a GPA of 3.8.

Las Positas College Foundation Gala Raises over \$100,000



Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology Program Coordinator David Everett receives the "Best of the Best 2016" best wine pairing award from Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. Attendees of the Foundation's annual fundraiser vote on their favorite restaurant/winery pairing.

Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director, Kenneth Cooper, announced that the 13th Annual "Best of the Best" Gala, held on Saturday, April 23rd at the college, raised over \$100,000 for the benefit of the LPC campus community. Held annually as a fundraiser for the LPC Foundation, the Best of the Best gala highlighted local eateries, including Posada Contemporary Southwestern restaurant and Casse-Croûte Bakery and Livermore Valley wineries while showcasing students in LPC's dance, theater, vocal, music and interpretive speaking departments.

At the black tie optional event, over 200 guests, includ-

ing civic and educational leaders, new and long-time supporters of the LPC campus and community, had the opportunity to vote on the People's Choice Award for their favorite food item and wine before enjoying student performances and capping off the evening with champagne and desserts.

"Each year our Foundation Board, comprised of community leaders, dedicates many volunteer hours planning for our signature fundraising event. This year's Best of the Best brought together some of the area's finest wineries and restaurants allowing guests to savor cuisine from throughout the Tri-Valley," said Cooper. "We also enjoyed highlighting our excellent academic programs at Las Positas College. Students from our Performing Arts program wowed attendees with numbers from the musical "Chicago" and guests also heard how our faculty and staff provide innovative programs to increase LPC student success."

In addition to ticket sales and a pre-event online auction, a special "Fund-A-Need" auction held at the event raised over \$12,000 in support of the College's innovative "Math Jam" program. "The funds raised from The Best of the Best are so important because we use them to address the most critical unmet needs in our college community," said LPC President Barry Russell. "That includes scholarships, innovation grants and support for programs that provide truly exceptional educational experiences for our students and campus community."

Bidders had the opportunity to win tickets to the Battle of the Bay (San Francisco Giants versus Oakland Athletics), two Disney Resort one-day park hopper passes, two season passes to the Mertes Center for the Arts and a Castlewood Golf Package, among other fantastic auction items that include winery, restaurant and excursion packages.

Proceeds from the Best of the Best will benefit the students, staff, faculty and community, which LPC serves by supporting students who would otherwise be unable to afford many of the expenses of attending college including textbooks, living costs, and family support. Most of



Zephyr Bar & Grill Manager Brittany Thompson Accepts the "Best of the Best 2016" favorite restaurant award from Las Positas College Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. Attendees of the Foundation's annual fundraiser vote on their favorite restaurant/winery pairing.

the food, wine, liquor and auction items for the event were donated and the lighting, decorations and rentals for the event were provided at or below cost to minimize overhead and ensure the maximum funds reach student beneficiaries.

Zephyr Bar & Grill and the Las Positas College Cellars were voted the best restaurant and winery pairing by event attendees.

Top sponsors of this event were: Platinum: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, and Sandia National Laboratories; Gold: TopCon.



Livermore students gathered with family and friends earlier this month at the Shea Homes Plaza in beautiful downtown Livermore to celebrate becoming 2016 Pedrozzi Scholars – recent awardees of Pedrozzi Scholarships. The Pedrozzi Foundation awarded \$437.000 to 114 Livermore students who will be attending an array of community colleges, universities and vocational training programs in the fall. (Photo - John Lankes)

Recognition Program Celebrates 25th Year at Sandia

High School Girls Recognized for Math, Science Accomplishments

Celeste Rohlfing, chief operating officer at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), presented Sandia National Laboratories' 25th annual Math and Science Awards to 28 young women from San Francisco Bay Area high schools. Rohlfing, a chemist at Sandia for 11 years, was one of the original founders of the awards.

"I am very proud of the hard work and academic accomplishments of this year's winners," said Marianne Walck, vice president of Sandia's California site. "I hope this award and the connections made with Sandia mentors will inspire and encourage them throughout their professional journeys."

The Math and Science Awards program encourages high-achieving young women to continue studying STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) subjects and creates mentoring opportunities with Sandia employees. Teachers from 15 northern California high schools in Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca and Oakland nominated students they deemed outstanding in math and science.

"Twenty-five years ago we realized that while young women were exceling in their high school math and science classes, we weren't seeing them in similar numbers in senior positions in industry or academia. The Math and Science Awards was our way of helping to address that problem," said Cathy Branda, one of the awards' organizers and manager of the Systems Biology group.

The winners were recognized with certificates from Sandia and State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

Those honored, families and teachers mingled with Sandia researchers and learned about different careers in math and science. Kicking off the ceremony, Rohlfing spoke about the history of the awards program and her career path, which also included serving as the assistant director for physical sciences at the White House Office of Science and Technology and deputy assistant director at the National Science Foundation.

"I gave the inaugural address at the first Math and Science Awards 25 years ago," said Rohlfing. "I am overjoyed to see that



Celeste Rohlfing, chief operating officer at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, congratulates Audrey Kurz, a student at Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory, for her outstanding achievement in math. Rohlfing was one of the founders of Sandia's Math and Science Awards. (Photo - Randy Wong)

these awards have not just endured but become bigger and better."

Rachelle Hamblin shared her journey from Math and Science awardee to college intern to technologist in the Systems Biology group. She credited her exposure to the people and research at Sandia with inspiring her to pursue a dual medical degree and master's degree in public health at the University of Texas at San innovative," said Hamblin.
"And network, network,
network."
The winners of the 2016
Sandia Math and Science

"Keep an open mind, never

take 'no' for an answer, be

taking advantage of the

exciting years to come.

Awards are:
Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics: Alyse
Coonce, Amador Valley
High School; Ana Lapota,
Coliseum College Prep
Academy; Liubou Klindziuk Dublin High School:

High School; Ana Lapota, Coliseum College Prep Academy; Liubou Klindziuk, Dublin High School; Emily Allendorf, Granada High School; Rania Ibrahim, John C. Kimball High School; Ayzher Ocsona, Lathrop High School; Samantha Dukes, Livermore High School; Audrey Kurz, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory; Jasmine Jaring Angeles, Merrill F. West High School; Dayanara Salinas, Millennium High School; Margaret Austin,

Oakland Tech High School;

Eunice Han, Skyline High School; and, Alexandra Uskov, Tracy High School

Outstanding Achievement in Science: Sandhya Kalavacherla, Amador Valley High School; Naomi Montenegro, Coliseum College Prep Academy; Navya Peddireddy, Dublin High School; Allison Kifer, Granada High School; Autumn Armstrong, John C. Kimball High School; Farhat Khairzadah, Lathrop High School; Raina Jaing, Livermore High School; Shannon Meyer, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory; Jordan Hensley, Manteca High School; Jennifer Lukban, Merrill F. West High School: Alexis Diaz. Millennium High School; Merissa Bridgeman, Oakland Tech High School; Miranda Becerra, Sierra High School; Tiffany Wong, Skyline High School; Erika Pulliam, Tracy High School

Antonio.

She imparted some advice to the awardees for

This fall ership academy nunicipal opera-

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Croce Elementary School in Livermore held its annual hoedown last Wednesday, June 8. Students, who had been practicing their square dance moves entertained visitors and parents. The hoedown is held each year during Rodeo Week in Livermore.

Dublin Leadership Academy Planned This fall

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 2016 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 PM to 8:30 PM, and one Saturday field trip) beginning Saturday, October 1, 2016. Class size is limited to the first 20 candidates (candidates must be 18 years of age or older, and live or work in Dublin).

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

Family Days Programs Begin with Life on the Ranch on June 18

Museum on Main announces 2016 Family Days, free weekend events open to the public where children, parents, and grandparents, enjoy hands-on history fun. Adults and children will take part in activities such as crafts and art activities, demonstrations, music and other special treats. Activities at Family Days are free of charge. No reservations are required. The first family day is this Saturday, June 18th.

2016 Family Days:

Life on the Ranch- Saturday, June 18th from 11am – 1:00pm: Bring boots and spurs to the Museum on Main for an afternoon of family fun on the ranch. Learn what it was like to live in an adobe structure during the Californio and Rancho periods of California's history. The entire family will be able to practice roping skills, build adobe bricks, make butter from scratch, decorate and

stamp leather and much more

Kids just want to have fun.- Saturday, July 16th from 11am – 1:00 pm:
Learn how children had fun in the past and try your hand at some old time toys and games. There will be a game of graces, tabletop nine pins, vintage old maid, dominos, hopscotch, and much more. There will also be stations where everyone can make their own old time toy and doll to take home.

Life in the City- Saturday, August 20th from 11am - 1pm: The hustle and bustle of historic Pleasanton will be the focus of an afternoon of fun activities and demonstrations. While at the museum, stop by the "milliner" to make a hat or the "barber" to get a shave. Other activities include washing clothes at the "laundry," gambling at the "saloon," and practicing letters at "Pleasanton's first school," and matching historic pictures of Pleasanton with modern images.

Plant and Animal life

in Pleasanton- Saturday, September 17th from 11am - 1pm: The museum is partnering with the Alviso Adobe Park for a day of fun at the Museum on Main. This will be an afternoon of learning about the plant and animal life in the Amador Livermore Valley. Pet a tarantula, plant native seeds for your garden, and learn how generations of people living in Pleasanton used the land to survive.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.



Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, along with the Foothill High School chapter of the Secular Student Alliance, celebrated "Week of Action," by taking action to do something positive in our community. Members brought donations for the youth living at the Avalon Program at Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland, CA. The program serves adolescents in a specialized residential program for low income youth with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems. For donations, the group collected games, books, and art supplies, along with necessities like toothpaste, shampoo, and body wash.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Mony Nop Foundation presented four checks in the amount of \$7000 to four different non-profit organizations at Joe Michell School. The organizations were chosen because they meet the Mony Nop Foundation's mission, particularly in the areas of arts, athletic, and leadership.

Foundation Presents Grants

The Mony Nop Foundation (MNF) has announced its Leading the Way Scholarship Awards for 2016. The foundation is awarding \$7,000 to four different organizations or schools whose programs or projects align with the Mony Nop Foundation mission to support youth in the areas of arts, athletics and leadership education.

The awards ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 8:45 am, at Joe Michell School, Livermore.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) receives \$2,000 of MNF funding to enable up to 200 students and accompanying teachers to attend sporting events. See www. lvef.org for more information regarding LVEF's support for LVJUSD programs.

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Livermore Shakespeare
Festival was given \$2,000
of MNF funding to support the organization's "So
Wise, So Young" in-school
education program serving
all second graders throughout the LVJUSD. This
10-week, districtwide program introduces students
to William Shakespeare
and his history. Students

learn about Shakespearian scenes and themes along with language study using the text of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The program was created to align with Common Core Literacy standards. See http://livermoreshakes.org/in-school-programs for more information.

Joe Michell School Leadership Program received \$2,000 of MNF funding to support the school's leadership education for students enrolled in the fourth through eighth grades, led by Julie Ashworth. For more information about Joe Michell School, see https://joemichell.schooloop.com

Joe Michell School received an additional \$1,000 of MNF funding to support the school's involvement with Discovering East Africa Classroom Connection program, whose mission is to connect classes of students around the world with students and programs in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. MNF funding will be designated to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students in these three countries in Africa.

The award is designed to offer LVJUSD students the opportunity to learn about countries outside of the United States and to experience the value of becoming leaders by connecting with and making a positive impact on other students' lives around the world. See www.discoveryineastafrica. org for more information about Discovering East Africa.

The foundation's leadership development programs encourage students to realize their aspirations to "lead the way" in the future. To date, the organization has provided leadership training to over 350 middle and high school students through day-long programs at LVJUSD middle schools.

For more information, contact Mony Nop, Founder and President, at mony@monynopfoundation.org or (925) 575-1602. See www.monynopfoundation.org for information about MNF Leadership Programs. The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID# 46-2438663. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

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 Hopvard Road. Pleasanton: US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin: and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimingham at (510) 877-8154

The Romance of the California Ranch, a photographic exhibit by Susan Gerber. Cuda Ridge Wines, through June 30. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appointment by calling 510-304-0914.

Feeling Good: Art of Local Artists, juried fine art exhibit showcases works by members of Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, May 4 to June 27, noon to 6 p.m. the visitors area of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No admission charge. Art and wine reception Sun., June 5, 1 to 4 p.m.

Backyard Beauty, New multi-platform invitational exhibit opens at the Harrington Gallery June 15, on display through July 13. With the inspiration of plant life, insects and other backyard commonalities, the 7 artists in this installation have included pieces in glass sculpture, oils, acrylic, watercolors, graphite, and metalwork. 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. Suggested \$5 donation.

"Spectrum" at the Blackhawk Gallery, May 6-July 10 2016. Open to the public. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville; 648-8023 www.blackhawkgallery.org

From My Heart, paintings and drawing by artist Kathleen Hill. June 1 through June 30. An artist's reception, which is open to the public, will be June 5 from 1-3 pm at the winery located at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, in Livermore.

To the Point 11 showcases the work of Maryann Kot and 21 of her students, featuring images of plants, birds, animals and other subjects. Included in the display is an informative panel

describing the process of creating a lifelike drawing. The show is also open for viewing through July 10 at Berkshire Hathaway HomeService realty, 1983 Second St., Livermore during regular business hours or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com.

Asian American Women Artists Association, art exhibition, July 28-Sept. 3, Harrington Gallery, Friehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception, July 28, 7 to 9 p.m. www.firehousearts.org.

Art Under the Oaks, July 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association, art, demonstrations, entertainment, etc. No admission charge.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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 Eightt St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by some of the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 – 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin d@ hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks

offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info

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

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

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

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2016 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. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@ comcast.net.

WINE & SPIRITS

Valley Humane Society's 2016 Yappy

Hour, local venues compete to see who can raise the most money to help homeless dogs and cats. June 18, noon to 7 pm, Eight Bridges Brewing, Inc., 332 Earhart Way, Livermore. June 23, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., McKays Taphouse and Beer Garden, 252 Main St., Pleasanton. http://valleyhumane.org

Nottingham Cellars, Live music Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., wine by the glass and bottle, 5 to 8 p.m. Schedule: 6/16, Kylle Thomasson; 6/23, Eric Eckstein; 6/30, Tom Duarte. Saturday music on the patio 1 to 4 p.m. 6/18, Kylle Thomasson; 6/25, Chris LeBel. June 30 6-9pm Music in the Orchard at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa returns for its 4th season benefitting The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation. Meredith and the Mercenaries return as the series opener. Food will be available from Sauced, wine from Nottingham Cellars and beer from Altamont Beerworks. Tickets \$14 presale online www.purpleorchid. com \$20 at the door. Tickets may

also be pre-purchased at Nottingham Cellars. Outside Beer, Wine and Food Prohibited.

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., June 17, Evening in the Vineyards concert, 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Kingsborough. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages. along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase (sorry no outside food & beverages permitted) To purchase tickets please visit www.laspositasvineyards. Space is limited. Sat., June 18, featured food pairing flight of Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing Flight, Sun... June 19, Celebrate Father's Day with a special Hot Dog, Sausage, Potato Chip & Wine Pairing Flight. Tasting Room will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 n m. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com



Music by Maddy Hudson at Cedar Mountain

Grill & Chill, Summer BBQ & Music

Events, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works; 6 to 9 p.m., bring own food to grill. Wine by the glass/bottle and non alcoholic beverages, salami, cheese, and crackers will be available for purchase. Call for more information at (925) 373-6636. Fee is \$5 per/person. (cash collected when parking). All fees go to the band. No outside alcohol on the premises. June 17: Maddy Hudson; July 16: Bigfoot & The Moon Bandits. August 20: band TBD; Sept. 3: Chris Ahlman; Sept. 17: band TBD. 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore. www. cedarmountainwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards, Á Vintage Father's Day Celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun., June 19. Special "Dad's only tasting" of Vintage 2006 Tawny Port at the outside wine bar. Challenge Dad to a game of corn hole and enjoy watching him as he shows his skills at the famous dart board game. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville). Livermore.

Last Friday Sip by Sunset, Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery invites neighbors and Club members to Last Friday Sip By Sunsets. On Friday, June 24 from 5 to 8 PM, come enjoy a glass or bottle of wine. Try especially summer-friendly wines, including our 2013 Pinot Grigio, 2012 Nebbiolo and 2011 Sangiovese. Last Friday Sip by Sunset start Friday June 24, 5 to 8 PM. If you can't come by in June mark calendars for Friday, July 29 and Friday, August 26. Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Winery and Vineyard, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. www. rmwinerv.com

Charles R Vineyards, "4th Friday" Free

Summer Concert Series continues on the patio. Unwind and rock on Friday, June 24th from 6pm - 9pm with "Greg Lamboy's" awesome acoustic rock! No outside alcoholic beverages please, but picnics are welcomed. Upcoming concerts: July 22nd with "Souled Out" - August 26th with KNR Band - September 23 with Afterglow. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (end of Greenville) in Livermore

Album Preview Party, 11 a.m. July 2, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery. Hear the newest live music from Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters and Crawdad Republic. Doors open at 11am. Wines by the glass and bottle and food from The Wood Fire Kitchen available for purchase. No outside beverages or food permitted. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore Valley. www. wentevineyards.com

Summer Wine Stroll, Downtown
Pleasanton, July 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted
by Pleasanton Downtown Association,
information at www.pleasantondowntown.net

Taste Our Terroir, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, July 21-24. July 21, annual food and wine pairing, Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. Thursday night tickets VIP \$125, \$85 (\$95 after July 14th); weekend event tickets \$35-\$125.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Concerts In The Park, June 3 to August 26, 7 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets, downtown Pleasanton. No admission charge. Pleasanton Downtown Association. www.pleasantondowntown.net

Evenings on the Green, series of free performances Tuesday evenings from June through August 16 on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

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

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

Ira Stein Trio, The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the Ira Stein Trio in concert from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Ira Stein on piano, Joe Hébert on cello, and Dann Zinn on soprano saxophone, will perform improvisations on Bach chorales and original compositions. Suggested donation is \$10. For information, go to catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Bee Gees Gold — A Tribute to the Bee Gees. At Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Sunday, June 19, 2:00 p.m. show added. John Acosta's Bee Gees Gold Tribute is the ultimate salute, and delivers a complete live concert that is authentic and engaging, much like the experience of seeing the Bee Gees in their prime. Saturday, June 18 (sold out). ADDED SHOW: Sunday, June 19, 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets \$20, \$25, \$30. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Curtain Up- The Golden Follies Revue. 2 big shows: Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, both shows 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in



Shawnette Sulker Opera in the Park

The East Bay regional opera company Festival Opera is bringing its Opera in the Park to San Ramon. Festival Opera is partnering with the City of San Ramon to present a family-friendly summer afternoon of fine music, picnic lunches, and a Community Fair featuring children's activities. It's all still free.

Featured artists include soprano Shawnette Sulker. Musical director and emcee is conductor John Kendall Bailey.

The event will be held Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m. The program gets underway at 4 p.m. in the amphitheater, so arrive early to stake out a good spot. Chairs, blankets, coolers, non-alcoholic beverages and food are all welcome, but note that no alcohol or cooking gear is permitted in the park.

San Ramon Central Park is located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon.

For more information, visit www.festivalopera.org or call 925-944-9610.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Drunken Shakespeare, featuring the Bard's famous drinking scenes, will be performed on Thursday, June 16th at 6 p.m. on the new bandstand in Carnegie Park during Livermore Downtown Inc.'s Thirsty Thursday at the Farmers Market. There is no charge. Pictured are (from left) Nikolai Lokteff, Caitlin Evenson and Gregg Le Blanc. The public is invited to attend. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com.

Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$15, \$20, \$25. The sparkling Las Vegas-style revue features seasoned performers ages 60-91 from all over northern California. Full of energy and pizazz, the show is packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies, striking women and a rousing, flag waving tribute to the USA. Featured with the Golden Follies will be S.F. chanteuse Wiggy Darlington. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Well Strung, July 8, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Evening with George Winston, 8 p.m. July 23, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org

firehousearts.org.

The New Christy Minstrels, July 27,
Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.,
Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org
or 373-6800.

John Waite, The Wooden Heart Tour, 8 p.m. July 29. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Joni Morris Presents: A Tribute to the Music Of Patsy Cline, 2 p.m. July 31. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts. org.

ON THE STAGE
Preview of Livermore Shakespeare
Festival's productions of Jane Austen's Persuasion and Shakespeare's
The Tempest. Thursday. June 16

7-8PM, Livermore Civic Center Library. Producing Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and company members will share rehearsal strategies and practices, demonstrating some of the fascinating processes that create a professionally staged production. 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. No admission charge.

Charley's Aunt '66, Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents Staged Reading of Charley's Aunt '66 by Scott Munson, after Brandon Thomas. The fourth Bare Bones series in the 2015-2016 Season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. June 27, 2016; 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating.: (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents The Winter's Tale for its 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park. Performances in Pleasanton are July 2-17 on Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at Amador Valley Park. Admission is free. For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit www.sfshakes.org

2016 Livermore Shakespeare Festival,

The Tempest by William Shakespeare, Jane Austen's Persuasion, adapted by Jennifer Le Blanc. July 7 — August 7, 2016 Preview of Persuasion on July 7, Persuasion Opening Night Performance on July 8th. Persuasion performances are July 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, and 24 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 7th. The Benefit Gala, Auction and Performance of Persuasion will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 5:00 PM with the performance at

8PM. Preview of The Tempest will be on July 21st, with performances of The Tempest on July 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, August 4, 5, 6, and 7 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 21st. All performances begin at 7:30PM with the exception of the Benefit Performance of Persuasion on Saturday, July 16th at 8PM. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, \$50-\$25. Benefit performance with dinner and auction on July 16th \$150. Livermore Shakes Family Night (Persuasion) on July 7th (The Tempest) on July 21st; Family Night Kids Tickets \$5 Pre-Show Buffet Price: \$49/person added to price of show ticket - available July 9, 23, 30 and August 6. (925) 443-BARD or www.LivermoreShakes.org

Mary Poppins, weekends July 16 through 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Las Positas College, outdoor summer music, food trucks, July 28-31, 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.laspositascollege.edu

Bound East for Cardiff presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville on July 30-31. Tickets for public performances will be available online at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's website at www. eugeneoneill.org in March.

COMEDY Stand Up Against Cancer Comedy Fundraiser (ages 16 and up) 8 p.m.

July 9. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

Dublin "Picnic Flix" Free Summer Movie Series at Emerald Glen Park. Food, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 PM, and movies begin at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring lowback chairs and/or blankets. June 24: Minions (PG); July 22: The Goonies (PG); August 19: Frozen (PG). For more information, call 925-556-4500.

Movies in the Park, free, all begin at dusk. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. July -Minions, PG; July 14, Labyrinth, PG; July 21 - Mulan, G; July 28 - Inside Out, PG; \Aug. 4 - Ant Man, PG-13; Aug. 11 - ET the Extra Terrestrial, PG. http://cityofpleasantonca.gov

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyards, 5 p.m. July 17, Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Casual "bring your own picnic" event. Sampling of favorite arias sung by talented Bay Area opera singers 925-462-6964 www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

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

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a membercentered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the We're Talkin' Books! Club.

Alameda County Fair, "Spirit of Summer," June 15 to July 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibitions, entertainment, extreme sports, food, etc. www. alamedacountyfair.com

Bonsai Show, Valley Bonsai Society Annual Show. Going on June 18th and 19 starting at 1:00 PM you can see master artists demonstrate and display bonsai styles and techniques at Alden lane nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Not only the demonstration tree but other items and prizes are also going to be raffled off. Admission is free

Hagemann Ranch Open House,Sponsored by the Livermore Heritage

Sponsored by the Livermore Heritage Guild. July 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore. All welcome. Free admission. Featuring Cece Otto, 21st Century Vaudeville Singer; free BBQ, 1944 fire engine, games and petting zoo, meet volunteers, site tours and historic displays, raffles. Meet Ranch partners, Del Arroyo 4-H, Fertile GroundWorks, and Sunflower Hill; Special guest: Cactus Corner Youth Square Dancers; Livermore Heritage Guild HistoryMobile.

4th of July Family Fun Fireworks
Celebration July 4th, 2016 Livermore
Downtown, 4pm Street Closure 9:30pm Fireworks. www.livermoredowntown.com

An Evening With...Emperor Norton,
Tuesday, July 12, 7pm. Museum on
Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series,
Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad
Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10
general admission, \$7 seniors (65+)/
students (with valid ID), \$5 members.
Tickets may be purchased online at
www.museumonmain.org, at Museum
on Main during regular operating hours
or by phoning the museum at (925)
462-2766. For more information on the
Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.
museumonmain.org or phone Museum
on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Annual Benefit Gala at Wente Vineyards, July 16, dinner, hors d' oeuvres and a silent auction. Fund-a-need will benefit Livermore Shakespeare Festival's youth education programs. At 8pm, guests watch Jane Austen's Persuasion. Tickets and information at livermoreshakes.org Innovation Tri-Valley's Innovation Forum

& Expo, July 28, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Livermore

Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon Series. For tickets or additional information, go to www. livermorechamber.org

Entries Being Accepted for Annual Pooch Parade

The 19th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 In downtown Pleasanton.

This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" Sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration begins at 5PM and the parade starts at 6PM at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter any size pooch in any of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide

Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.





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EDUCATION

Nicole Yozzo of Pleasanton, was among the students who received the Contribution to Student Life Award at Lehigh University in Spring 2016 This award recognizes students who have significantly contributed to improving of the quality of student life during their time at Lehigh. Criteria includes: good academic standing and specific contributions to student life through involvement in campus activities, academic initiatives, student governance, community service, leadership and their pursuits to support and empower their peers.

Oregon State University will hold its 147th commencement on Saturday, June 11.

Local students graduating this June from Oregon State include: Dublin: Julie M. Leonard, Bachelor of Science, Speech Communication.

Livermore: Joseph D. Iacono, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design; Barret C. Neumayr, Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering Management.

Pleasanton: Ronald H. Capilla, Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering Management; Sara D. Howard, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Management; Kyle A. Monson, Bachelor of Science, Business Information Systems; Olivia R. Pipitone, Master of Public Health, Public Health; Dean A. Rosenberg, Bachelor of Science, Marketing.

Oklahoma City University has announced that Shilpa Stanley of Dublin, has been named to President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2016 semester. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain a GPA of 3.9 or higher to meet the President's Honor Roll requirements.

Rachel Henderson of Pleasanton, graduted from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, on May 14, 2016. Henderson earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Business. Cardinal Timothy Dolan was the featured Commencement Speaker for the event.

Ani Nahapetian of Pleasanton, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Bioengineering from Lehigh University in Spring 2016. During Commencement ceremonies on May 23, 2016, Lehigh conferred 1,159 bachelor's, 519 master's and 80 doctoral degrees to nearly 1,700 graduates.

Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Rachel Henderson of Pleasanton, was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring semester, which ended in May. Any full time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average through the spring term is named to the President's list.

Noor Shahzad recently graduated from Albion College, receiving a degree in international studies and a minor in economics. Shahzad is the daughter of Shahzad A. Chaudhry and Nighat Shahzad of Livermore.

Kevin Silky earned a spot on the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University. Silky is a Junior Chemistry (Pre-Health - Biochemistry) major from Dublin. Silky was one of 426 students named to the Dean's List. To qualify, a student must complete 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., has named Benjamin Morgan of Livermore to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring 2016 semester. Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Joshua D. Valdix of Pleasanton was named to the Spring 2016 Dean's List at Samford University. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Paige Lommerin, Livermore, graduated from Bucknell University on May 22, 2016. Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineer-

ing, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class.

Soo Young Son, of Dublin, was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the Spring 2016 semester. Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

Marie McCoy-Thompson of Pleasanton, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. McCoy-Thompson was initiated at University of Southern California.

An Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) student from Livermore, will be a special presenter at Oregon Tech's commencement ceremony. Jeremiah Lipp will graduate with dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Renewable Energy Engineering and Electrical Engineering and be featured as a graduating speaker.

Simpson University named more than 240 students to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or higher. The following local students were named to the Dean's List:

Ryan Holmes of Livermore. Holmes's major is Mathematics. Sierra Lout of Pleasanton. Lout's major is Psychology. Aleia Villanueva of Dublin. Villanueva's major is Pre-Nursing.

Shubhi Badjatiya, who was raised in Pleasanton, received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Financial Women of San Francisco (FWSF) to help her pursue a degree in business and finance at Saint Mary's College. She was honored by San Francisco's financial community at FWSF's Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

FWSF awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 11 undergraduate and graduate students at Bay Area colleges and universities to help further their education for careers in financial services. Of the 11 scholarship recipients, seven are graduate students who will receive \$10,000 each and four are undergraduate students receiving \$5,000 each respectively. Beyond financial support, scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to be mentored by FSWF members and attend career development and networking events.

Of the nearly 9,900 graduates who walked across the stage during San Diego State University's Commencement Ceremonies, only a select group earned recognition as honors graduates.

Based on a 4.0 GPA scale, the distinction of summa cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.8; magna cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.65; and cum laude is awarded to undergraduate students with an average of at least 3.5.

Students earned a summa cum laude distinction include:

Katelyn Madar from Livermore received a degree in Political Science and graduated summa cum laude.

Hope Wortham from Pleasanton received a degree in Interior Design and graduated cum laude.

Kara Matsune from Pleasanton received a degree in Management and graduated cum laude.

Emily Diggins from Pleasanton received a degree in Nursing and graduated magna cum laude.

Emily Alberts from Pleasanton received a degree in Sociology and graduated magna cum laude.

Justin Edward Gibson of Pleasanton, Calif., a junior majoring in civil engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for the 2015 Spring semester have been announced.

To be eligible for the honor roll, undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded hours in a single term at WSU and earn a grade point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative GPA based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

Local students on the list are: Livermore: Eric Alan Carnes, Joc-

elyn Natasha Hart, Kyle P. Tucker; Pleasanton: Jamaun Jody Charles, Cassidy Elizabeth Hager, and Brian Michael Soto.

The following students graduated from the University of San Diego on May 22.

Brandon DeFazio of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Economics. DeFazio completed the requirements for graduation in January of this year.

Meghan Hall of Dublin earned a a bachelor's degree in International Relations and English. Hall graduated magna cum laude. Hall 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.

Allison Pluschkell of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Marketing. Pluschkell graduated magna cum laude.

Jonathon Richardson of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Accountancy.

Christina Sarich of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Sarich completed the requirements for graduation in January of this year.

Sia Stompro of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Neuroscience.

Shreeram Suresh of Dublin earned a a bachelor's degree in Finance and Business Economics. Suresh 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.

Laura Zollars of Pleasanton earned a a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies.

Edward Achziger of Dublin, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Marist College the weekend of May 20.

Scholarship Awarded

Senior, Amy Truong, is this supports and/or donates to year's winner of the \$500.00 scholarship given annually to a Livermore senior by the Livermore Lioness Club. Amy plans to pursue a degree in Biochemistry for pre-med and hopes to eventually become a neonatologist.

In addition to her studies, Amy has been the main caretaker for her mother after she suffered an Aneurysm Stroke during Amy's sophomore year. The struggles that followed her mother's rehabilitation included translating medical and pharmaceutical information between her parents and doctors, and keeping the household running smoothly for her father and four siblings.

The Livermore Lioness Club is proud to recognize this outstanding young woman and help her on her way to a full and rewarding life.

The Livermore Lioness Club is sponsored by the

Granada High School Livermore Lions Club and local high school scholarships. The Ronald McDonald House, Tri-Valley Haven. Sheperd's Gate and needy families, veterans, and seniors throughout the year.

> New members are welcome all year long. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Rock Restaurant on Wednesday, July 6.



Amy Truong

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 theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Food Preservation, presentation, 11 a.m. to noon on June 18 at Asbury United Methodist Church; 4743 East Ave; Livermore. Presented by FertileGround Works Garden of Grace - free to the public.

Lunafest®, a film festival dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers, and bringing women together in their communities, will be hosted by Tri-Valley Haven at the Vine Cinema & Ale House in Livermore on June 22, 2016. VIP Reception with filmmaker Anna Schumacher at Zephyr's Gribat 1736 First Street in Livermore from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.,followed by Lunafest at the Vine Cinemas, at 1722 First Street from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 student, \$25 general, \$40 VIP. All proceeds from Lunafest® will benefit Tri-Valley Haven and the Breast Cancer Fund

"Trains for Autism" fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun., July 17. The event is a showcase of a model railroad train empire. Over 1100 feet of track, 150 structures, 300 people, 4 towns, 14 trains and so much more. Kids of all ages love trains, and kids on the Autism spectrum seem to have a certain fascination for them. There will be games for the kids, lunch and refreshments will be provided, and great raffle prizes donated by local businesses. A \$30 donation per family is requested. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore.

27th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sunday, September 25, 2016, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

Grief workshop, Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. Eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 pm June 23, July 14, 28 and Aug. 11, 25 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

Valley Bonsai Society will present its 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, please contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., une 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 22 to Gloria, 846-8320. June 26, 1 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 23 to Harriett, 447-8229. June 30, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by June 27 to Vickie, 510-656-1166.

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd

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

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

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

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 http://sirs34.org/ and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

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 ericscorner org

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for meeting location: Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fundament. Beauty meeting are held on the

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy
Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday
of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor
movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement
Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley
Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts
are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or 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 longlasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

American Legion Post 237, is looking for new members, Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Bring a copy of discharge document DD-214 to a meeting. Mailing address is Amer. Leg. Post 237, P.O. Box 823, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566.

Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch
Bunch meets Mondays at noon, conference
room, 2157 First St., Livermore. Learn to
develop communication and leadership
skills in a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence and personal growth.
www.livermoretoastmasters.org.

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contempla-

tive Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.

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

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

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

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

events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Andrew Lobban: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 18.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer worship schedule begins on June 12th with one morning traditional service at 9:30 a.m., and one evening contemporary service at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is provided at the 9:30 a.m. service. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnewood.org or visit our website

at www.lynnewood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake, Sunday services—1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) — 8:30 AM. Communion — 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

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

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

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

Unity of Tri-Valley - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. www.trivalleyunity.org (925.829.2733).

GraceWay Church will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, this spring and summer while it's new home is being refurbished and updated. GraceWay services include band-led worship music as well as choir anthems. Sunday School is offered to infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. GraceWay will move to its new home at 1183 Quarry Lane later this year. For information about GraceWay,, see www.graceway.faith or call (925

Milestones

UNCLE Credit Union Announces Election of Board Leaders

UNCLE Credit Union elected Board Chairman Chung Bothwell and Vice Chairman Randy Werner to oversee the financial cooperative for the 2016-2017 term in its mission of promoting the financial success of its members. Bothwell begins her eighth term in this principal role and was elected by unanimous consent, as was Vice Chairman Randy Werner. As veteran officers that have both served in various capacities on the board for more than two decades, Bothwell and Werner are an integral part of a stable leadership team that has guided the credit union on its path of continued growth while ensuring its financial security.

"Both Randy and I are fortunate to serve with a group of individuals who share a deep understanding of the needs of our members, and of the importance of putting the financial well-being of members first in all major decisions," said Bothwell, who holds an advanced law degree and Master of Business Administration and has more than 33 years of

UNCLE Credit Union elected Board Chairman Chung experience in strategic planning, business operations and thwell and Vice Chairman Randy Werner to oversee the financial management.

In addition to Bothwell and Werner's re-election as key officers of the board, UNCLE elected its former Board Secretary Lee Neely as Treasurer for the 2016-2017 term. Mila Shapovalov, who has served as a director on the board since 2014 and a member of UNCLE's Supervisory Committee since 2013, succeeds Neely as Secretary. Board Directors Bob Corey and John D. Freeman, Jr. also retained their seats for a third consecutive term as Hugh Bussell was named the board's newest member.

Former senior police executive Mark Weiss, who served with the Livermore Police Department for 34 years, was also re-elected as Chairman of UNCLE's Supervisory Committee. Weiss will continue to work in collaboration with other Committee members to safeguard the accuracy of the credit union's financial statements and soundness of its operating policies and procedures.

Roadrunner Transportation Systems to Locate to Marathon Center

Marathon Business Center in Livermore will be the new home for Roadrunner Transportation Systems that will occupy an 86,700 square foot build-to-suit that's scheduled to be completed in October 2016.

Scannell Properties is currently developing the modern

Hope Hospice Adds Board Member

Ellie Lange, a long-time resident of the Tri-Valley, has been elected to the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. She joins the 15-member board, each of whom is elected to a two-year term, up to three consecutive two-year terms.

"Ellie has been an active volunteer in the local community and has assumed leadership roles with business and civic organizations," says Craig Eicher, president of the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. "That, along with her business skills, makes her a wonderful resource for Hope Hospice, the community and the families we serve," he adds.

Currently the owner and manager of several commercial properties in Dublin and Pleasanton, Lange has an extensive residential and commercial real estate background in marketing, sales, training, management and office ownership. Her late husband Jim Lange was a pioneer in the development, building and growth of Dublin's commercial community.

"In the early days, Hope Hospice's office was in a building that my husband developed and built. At the end of his life, Hope Hospice was there to guide us through a very difficult time," says Lange." We've come full circle with Hope Hospice, so my heart is with this organization and I am pleased to be able to make a contribution to the community through serving on the board."

A graduate of Sonoma State University, Lange has lived in Danville for the past 27 years. Prior to that, she lived in Pleasanton for 24 years. She has four adult children, all of whom live in California with their families.

warehouse in the Marathon Business Center in Livermore at 7600 Patterson Pass Road. This location is unique as there are few industrial centers in the San Francisco East Bay area that have the capacity for tractor trailer maneuvering, loading and staging along with modern building amenities like ESFR fire suppression system, cross-dock capability, separate employee parking and extensive trailer parking.

Headquartered in Cudahy, Wisconsin, Roadrunner is a leading asset-light transportation and logistics service provider offering a comprehensive suite of global supply chain solutions, including customized and expedited less-thantruckload, truckload logistics, intermodal solutions, freight consolidation, inventory management, expedited services, air freight, international freight forwarding, customs brokerage, and transportation management solutions.

"We are very pleased to be developing a build-to-suit facility for this national company," said Todd Berryhill, Director, and Scannell Properties. "We're excited for the opportunity to deliver Roadrunner a modern building that meets their specific needs."

NEW FACES

The following children were born at Stanford Health-Valley Care in Pleasanton:

A daughter, April 23, to Shannon Lee French and Derrick Hayes of Tracy

A son, April 7, to Amber Lynn Hobdy and Nicholas Ostrander of Dublin

A son, April 7, to Jessica and Colin Kinlund of Livermore A daughter, May 8, to Neha and Yogesh Singhal of Pleasanton

A son, April 26, to Stephanie Stemplewski and Joseph Hagen of Dublin

A son, April 11, to Thayara Abibe Zeuss and George Zeuss Hiller of Dublin

MILITARY



Tim Darlington

Tim Darlington Serving in the Navy

By Lt. Robert Kearley, Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs

A 2005 Valley Christian High School graduate and Livermore native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo (CFAS).

Petty Officer 3rd Class Tim Darlington is a personnel specialist serving with the Personnel Support Detachment at Commander Fleet Activities Sasebo, operating out of Sasebo, Japan.

A Navy personnel specialist serves as the expert in pay entitlements, allowances, administrative requirements, and processing for all incoming and outgoing sailors.

"I like helping sailors to maximize their pay and award entitlements, ensuring they receive what they deserve to be paid," said Darlington.

With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy's presence in Sasebo is part of that long-standing commitment.

Including the forward deployed ships, Fleet Activities Sasebo is home to more than 25 commands, and more than 5,900 military members and their families as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces.

"Forward deployed means always being on the ready, while sometimes working in less than desirable circumstances with limited resources to get the job done," said Darlington.

"Serving in the Navy has taught me new skills, expanding upon my college education and broadening my understanding of the world at-large," said Darlington.