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Shakespeare in the Park Presents 'Romeo and Juliet'



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Includes notices of art and entertainment events as well as club and church information. Shakespeare in the Park is the cover story. Inside look for Scout activities and a column about a local couples experience with the Berlin Wall.

## Versatile Bio-detector To Look For Pathogens

By Jeff Garberson

A bio-detector is under development at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory with the goal of identifying any pathogen, from deadly human disease germs to viruses that endanger ranch animals and agricultural crops.

Today, the bio-detector can identify more than 10,000 species of patho-

gens – mostly bacteria and viruses, but also parasites, fungi, protozoa and primitive bacteria called archaea, according to Tom Slezak, who leads the computational side of the bio-detector development effort.

Slezak described the bio-detector, called the Lawrence Livermore Microbial Detection Array, to a monthly meeting of the Valley

Study Group last week in Pleasanton.

Because it can identify so many pathogens, typically in a day or less, the Array is a valuable addition to existing methods of examining medical or environmental samples – in the case of an epidemic, for example, or a potential terrorist attack.

The system works by applying sophisticated data

analysis techniques that compare the genetic structure of pathogens to detailed information that has been collected from databases compiled by universities, research laboratories and governments around the world.

If a bacterium or virus has been “sequenced” – that is, if the detailed pattern of molecules that make up its

genetic DNA or RNA has been analyzed and published – it is in Livermore’s database, making it possible for a viable sample to be identified by the Microbial Detection Array.

Key to the process has been development of hundreds of thousands of “probes” that recognize and combine with segments of

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## LAVTA Seeking Input On Transit

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is conducting a study to analyze bus routes and transportation demand to make improvements to the public transit system. The comprehensive planning effort is titled Wheels Forward.

LAVTA operates the Wheels bus system.

The highest priority for the planning efforts is a

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## Increasing Demand for Safety Net Services a Concern

The proposed Alameda County Budget for FY 2015-16 totals \$2.7 billion for programs and services and supports a workforce of more than 9,500 full-time equivalent positions. The proposed budget closes a funding gap of \$65.1 million without significant program reductions or staff layoffs.

Administrator Susan S. Muranishi said the funding gap is the smallest the County has faced in eight years. However, she noted, optimism about ongoing economic growth must be balanced with concerns about continued high demand for safety net services and the reality that surging State revenues will result in little additional support for these programs.

The Budget includes a \$71 million increase in General Fund spending over 2014-15. It also provides 3 percent increases for many of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that receive County General Fund support. This brings annual spending by the County to about \$485 million for CBOs providing a range of services to County residents, including health and human services programs, as well as housing, community development, and public safety programs.

The improving economy has helped to boost County revenue streams as well as the State’s fiscal situation. Even with boosted property tax revenue that comes from a surge in local home prices, the County’s \$65.1 million budget gap is still significant and reflects a structural deficit in which State and federal funding combined with County’s limited discretionary revenues fail to meet rising costs.

Higher state revenues will go almost entirely to education as required by voter-approved Proposition 98. Relief to safety net programs that were pared

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Floats were part of the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade held last Saturday in downtown Livermore. The parade is presented by the Rotary Club of Livermore. For more photos, go to page 5.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Tributes Pour Out for Ahmadi at Last Meeting

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi spent her last school board meeting listening to tributes recognizing her work on behalf of the district for the past five years.

District employees and community members talked about the difference she made in leading the district. All five school board members recognized her service with their own compliments at the June 9 meeting.

Helping make Pleasanton an inclusive district was a theme for some of the sentiments. Trustee Jamie Hintzke said that she first knew Ahmadi when Ahmadi was an assistant superintendent in Fremont, and she encouraged Ahmadi to apply to Pleasanton.

Hintzke said that when she first ran for the school board in 2008, one of the planks in her platform was, “Institutionalized racism was something to be addressed in this district. I knew Parvin could address that, and she did, and that put us on a different track. I’m grateful.” Hintzke was the first Asian-American elected to the Pleasanton school board.

Trustee Joan Laursen sounded a similar theme.

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## Court Sides with Tri-Valley Learning Corporation

A controversy involving Old Town Academy (OTA) in San Diego and the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which oversees the OTA school, has developed resulting in lawsuits filed by both sides. The judge in the case has agreed with TVLC.

The OTA board voted

unanimously to accept an offer to join TVLC effective July 1, 2014. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed on July 30, 2014 by OTA and on Aug. 2 by Chief Executive Officer Bill Batchelor on behalf of TVLC.

One lawsuit filed in San

Diego Superior Court by a law firm claiming to represent Old Town Academy (OTA) and the OTA President and Executive Director Thomas Donahue alleges that Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) and OTA Board Member Christopher Celentino violated

the Brown Act by making decisions that were not legally noticed.

A restraining order was requested to prevent TVLC from having access to the OTA school site, records and bank accounts.

Tri-Valley Learning Cen-

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## Eastside Planning Taken Off Council Priority List

Planning and environmental work for the Eastside Pleasanton Specific Plan was officially ended on a 3 to 0 of the Pleasanton City Council. The vote included removing the plan from the council’s priority list for at least two years.

Kathy Narum was absent for vote at Tuesday’s meeting. Arnie Olson was recused because he lives adjacent to the planning area.

In addition to ending all work on the plan, the resolution includes a provision to disband the Eastside Task Force after thanking it for its work. At such time as a council may want to restart the process, the proposal would be part of a priority setting session.

The effort has been controversial since it began. Issues raised by members of the public during the process include the availability of water, school overcrowding, traffic, and the need to move the urban growth boundary to accommodate growth. In

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

During the public hearing on Tuesday, Kay Ayala suggested that before the plan goes back on a priority list, the proposal should be agendized and considered in a very public way.

In other action, the council approved an increase in developer user fees. The building and development permit fees cover the costs of plan review, engineering associated with site development, fire prevention, inspections, and other costs incurred in the building development process.

The vote was 5 to 0, with one change in staff’s recommendation. The new fees become effective August 17, 2015.

The change resulted from council’s concern that rais-

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## Celebrating One Million Hours of Service

By Carol Graham

Although it took 100 years to happen, it turned out to be a party worth waiting for.

“We had hoped for 200 people, and nearly 1,000 showed up,” recalled one organizer of the 2001 party. “At 3:30 in the morning, I

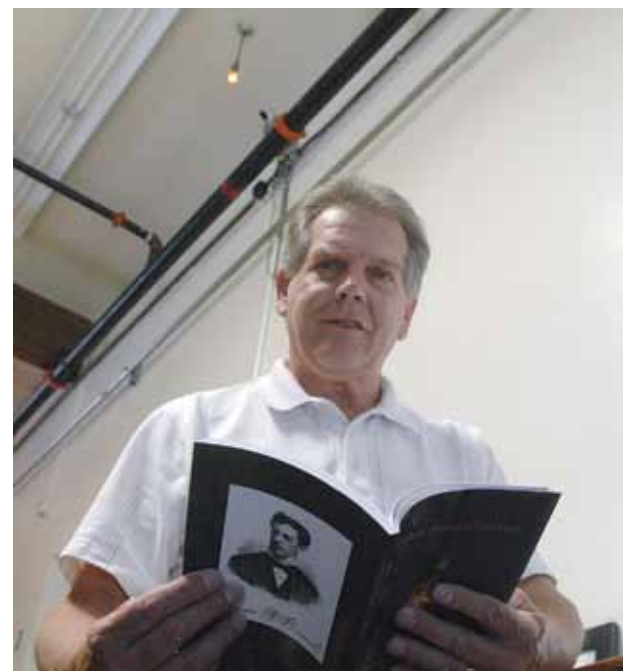
received a call saying I better get down here. CNN was here. ABC was here. NBC and CBS were here. There were live feeds to Katie Couric and Peter Jennings in New York.”

The guest of honor was positively glowing, just as it had been since 1901. The honoree, you see, was a light bulb – the Centennial Light Bulb, the longest burning light bulb on the planet.

“People love items with a good story, and we’re intrigued by pieces of our past that persist in our present,” said Jeffrey Kaskey, President of the Livermore Heritage Guild. “Also, there’s the ever-present element of suspense; it could go out at any instant.”

This year marks another milestone in the Centennial Bulb’s existence: one million hours of service. On Saturday, June 27th, all are invited to a free, family-friendly celebration hosted by the Centennial Light Bulb

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Tom Bramell looks through his book about the Centennial Light Bulb.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Have a ball with happy-go-lucky, Humphrey! This five-month-old Cocker Spaniel will brighten your day with his playful demeanor and smiles! Come give Humphrey a home! He is available at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. Adopt Humphrey today and immortalize him on Friday, June 19 at Paint Your Pet. For more information, please visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz



# BUDGET

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significantly during the recession will be further limited by required State contributions to a Rainy Day fund in order to pay down debt and prepare for the next economic downturn.

These financial commitments mean the County will continue having to shoulder significant budgetary strain as it maintains safety net programs that have been reduced dramatically in recent years, even when demand for these services remains stubbornly high.

There is growing evidence that people at the bottom of the economic ladder are falling further behind, even as the overall economy surges. In Alameda County, demand for food assistance, subsidized health care, cash aid and other support remains high. This is true even though the County's unemployment rate has fallen to 4.5 percent, or about half what it was just a few years ago. This suggests that Alameda County is home to growing numbers of

working poor whose wages are failing to keep up with accelerating costs.

Rising home prices also pose a kind of double-edged sword for the County. Figures show that average housing costs in the County have returned to pre-recession levels. This brings good news for County finances, in the form of a 6.47 percent increase to the County assessment roll that is bringing in much-needed general purpose revenue.

At the same time, increases

in home prices and rents further limit the availability of affordable housing. This has resulted in residents having to devote larger portions of their income to housing. As a result, larger portions of the population must turn to government assistance to cover other basic needs.

Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, said the County has been actively trying to address the problem by setting aside significant sums for affordable housing and rapid re-housing programs.

"In spite of our best efforts, more and more working poor need government assistance," Haggerty said. "This is at least partly attributable to the rapid increases in housing costs we are seeing across this region."

Furthering the need for continued caution are a number of unfunded obligations facing Alameda County.

These include including almost \$1.2 billion in pension costs for current and future retirees; more than \$600 million in debt associated with construction of the new Highland Hospital Acute Care Tower project in Oakland; and pension obligation bond debts totaling \$378 million.

The Board is scheduled to adopt the Final Alameda

County Budget for 2015-16 on Friday, June 26.



Dublin High School held graduation ceremonies on June 11 at Gaels Stadium. The event included speeches and presentations by Dublin High School Gael Scholar Zachary Schmidt, City of Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Principal Carol Shimizu, School Board President Amy Miller, Dublin High School teacher Tim Sbranti, Senior Class President Sobhon Khairy, Senior Class Vice President Serena Patel and Senior Class Secretary Karina Gurusiddaiah. The Dublin High Color Guard and Band, the Dublin High Choir, bagpiper Jeff Campbell and members of the Air Force Color Guard performed during the ceremony.

# LIGHT BULB

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Committee. It takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Station 6, at 4550 East Avenue. More than 2,000 community members and visitors are expected to attend the event.

"The majority of interest comes from curiosity about a product that was made to last, as we've all experienced products that fail shortly after the warranty expires," said Tom Bramell, retired Deputy Fire Chief and committee chairman. "The longevity of the light bulb is not a prank, and it represents a legacy and heritage of the firefighters who have proudly and courageously served under this light for more than one hundred years."

The hand-blown bulb, made by the Shelby Electric Company in Ohio, was donated to Livermore's volunteer firefighters in 1901 to serve as a nightlight in the hose-cart shed. When the fire bell called the "Livermore Fire Boys" to a nighttime fire, the amber bulb provided enough light to make it easier and safer for firefighters to turn on their kerosene lamps, get their equipment together, and get to the fire quickly.

For seven decades, the bulb quietly went about its business until, in 1972, Mike Dunstan, a reporter for the Livermore Herald and News (who will attend at the 1M-hour party), shed light on the longevity of the bulb. It has since been featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not and the Guinness Book of World Records, as well as on dozens of TV shows including MythBusters, and in countless magazine and newspaper articles and books. It's even starred in a movie, the gorgeous and entertaining, "Century of Light."

"What's impressive is that this bulb didn't start getting the care and concern it does now until later in its life," said filmmaker Chris Leps (also attending the party). "The firefighters used to tap it for good luck on the way to a call. It was used for Nerf ball target practice as well, not to mention all the earthquakes and tremors California has had over the past 110 years. It's not as if the bulb has been in a vacuum-sealed display case at the Smithsonian. It exists in the real world. It's extraordinary."

The little bulb is so popu-



lar it even has its own website, with up to a million hits each year, and a live 24/7 "bulbcam."

"Folks come from all over the world to see it as vacation stops, and families write in about kids seeing it in textbooks," said webmaster Steve Bunn. "On Facebook, people think I'm pretending to be the bulb talking. If only it had a voice: 'Hey guys, it's hot up here!' or 'Stop throwing things at me, I'm a senior!'"

The 1M-hour party will feature vintage and antique fire apparatus, a fire safety house, the history mobile, a timeline banner, music by the band TNT and The Singing Winemaker Steve Powell, a Boy Scout troop presenting the Colors, and a birthday cake.

Items for sale include T-shirts, books, Century of Light DVDs, and a BBQ hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighter Foundation. All proceeds will go to the families of fallen firefighters, and to area burn centers.

For the first time, replica Centennial Bulbs will be available for \$10, as well as paperback copies of Bramell's recently-published book, "A Million Hours of Service."

"Though I probably learned more about light bulbs than anyone would ever want to know, it was inspiring to meet so many people who truly are curious about the Centennial Bulb's longevity," said Bramell. "No scientific answer has been able to be established to explain it."

Over the years, committee member Dick Jones has contributed photographs and information to a variety of national and international media about Livermore's most famous celebrity, which, at the party, will hold court inside the fire station,

18' in the air.

"Come, have food, drink, sing happy birthday, visit with folks, relax and enjoy the moment," said Jones, before reflecting on the importance of the honoree. "This is more than just a bulb. It's a symbol that things can be built right and last long and provide service."

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

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# Display in Sacramento Highlights Attractions in Alameda County

Alameda County has produced a display featuring videos and photographs about favorite places in the County – as well as projects that enhance community life – that is now being showcased at the California State Capitol in Sacramento. The multimedia display on the first floor of the State Capitol features a large flat-screen monitor showing short videos about innovative Alameda County pro-

grams and services. It also includes a tablet displaying photos of places that reflect Alameda County's scenic beauty and culture. In addition, Alameda County youth have a special opportunity to have their ideas featured in the display through a new social media project, "My Alameda County." The project encourages youth participation in two ways. First, youth are in-

cluded to tag their photos of their favorite places in the County on Twitter and Instagram, using #acsnap. Second, youth are invited to create fun, one-to-two-minute videos about what they love about Alameda County and post them on YouTube with a title including "My Alameda County." Chosen photos and videos will be featured in the State Capitol display and on the Alameda County website.

The display is part of an exhibit featuring shadow-box-style displays created by each of California's 58 counties. The displays line the walls of the Capitol's first-floor exhibition area, through which approximately 480,000 visitors pass each year. Organizers of the Capitol exhibition say Alameda County is the first and only County to have remotely monitored and controlled, instantly updatable technology in its display.

"My Alameda County" offers a great way for local youth to use social media and new technologies to share their views of what makes this community a special place," said Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "It is also a chance to tap into that community pride that everyone feels when they talk about



Display is open to visitors.

their neighborhoods, their favorite places, their Alameda County."

In addition to its electronic features, the display offers an array of printed photographs celebrating Alameda County's diversity. The printed photos feature residents who participated in the 100 Families Program, a series of family art-making workshops sponsored by the Alameda County Arts Commission. Images for the

State Capitol display were photographed at County Library locations in Albany, Castro Valley, Fremont, Newark, San Lorenzo, plus the Bookmobile site-visit at Warm Spring Community Center in Fremont.

To view the Alameda

County display, and those of California's 57 other counties, visit the State Capitol Building at 1315 Tenth Street in Sacramento. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free.

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### New Water Rules Proposed

New California yards and commercial landscaping would use far less water under the rules of a model landscape ordinance updated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) at the direction of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

The updated draft rules would prohibit installation of turf unless it is used for a specific function such as sports fields or gathering areas, require the installation of efficient sprinkler nozzles, ban turf in street medians and parkways with few exceptions and require use of compost to improve the water-holding capacity of soil.

In all, DWR's draft revisions to the landscape ordinance are expected to reduce the water use of a new home by 16,000 gallons a year, or 30 percent. Water use on new commercial landscapes would be cut by approximately 40 percent under the draft rules proposed by DWR.

The draft revisions to the model ordinance reduce the size threshold for landscapes subject to the ordinance to 500 square feet for both commercial and residential property. Land-use agencies also would be required to report on ordinance adoption and enforcement each year.

DWR seeks public comment on the draft revisions to the model ordinance. June 19, 2015 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 9th Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento. To join this meeting: <https://resources.webex.com/resources/j.php?MTID=m6aa000d2b9905eda9f9dbae9d86dc2c1>

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Public comments are due by Friday June 26, 2015. Send comments to: [julie.saare-edmonds@water.ca.gov](mailto:julie.saare-edmonds@water.ca.gov)

### Robbery Arrest

Pleasanton Police arrested 22-year-old Trevon Elsworth, a transient from Indiana, for robbery.

Police were called to the Chevron gas station on Santa Rita Road at about 1 p.m. on June 15. Elsworth reportedly passed a note threatening he had a gun and demanded money. The clerk was able to convince Elsworth to leave without the money. Elsworth stole a pack of gum and left the business.

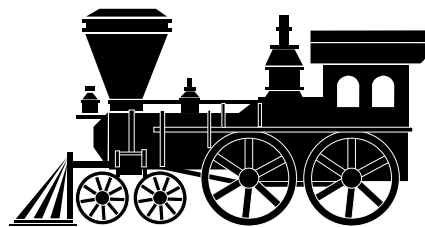
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# EDITORIAL

## 60 Years of Service

After 60 years, the Livermore Amador Valley League of Women Voters announced that it would go out of business.

During those 60 years, the League has provided a valuable service in helping to educate citizens and encourage participation in government.

The first League was established nationally to provide an opportunity for women to become involved in government and politics. Over the years, membership was open to men.

In hosting candidates' nights, the League provided a nonpartisan platform where candidates could present their views on issues of the day. Now the task of presenting candidates in an open forum has been taken on by chambers of commerce and newspapers, which tend to have political points of view.

We have appreciated the local League's service and its open discussion and education regarding government and politics continues.

## DETECTOR

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the pathogen's genetic molecules – somewhat like being able to match portions of unknown fingerprints against a huge and carefully constructed database of known fingerprint fragments.

In the search for pathogen identification, the probes are dyed with a fluorescent stain that allows an automated reader to signal which pieces of DNA or RNA have been chosen.

Multiple probes and sophisticated data analysis are vital because samples from the real world are never perfect matches for the databases, Slezak said.

The challenges are many. "There are all sorts of missing (molecular) links that you don't know about," he said. "When you do sequence something from the wild, it is never exactly like your reference database."

He said that there are "genetic near-neighbors" among pathogens whose DNA sequences may look much like "the deadly ones," but "this one doesn't kill you, that one will."

Slezak identified other "wild cards" in the identification process such as the tendency of viruses to mutate, something like a criminal whose fingerprints change from one year to the next; the ability of bacteria and viruses to cause disease at such low concentrations that it may be difficult to get an adequate sample for testing; and the possibility of new or engineered pathogens that have never been seen before.

"This is a pretty complex game in a lot of different dimensions," he added.

Still, the progress has been impressive. Development of the Array started in 2007 using internal Laboratory funding, Slezak said. Agencies that might be expected to offer support had a hard time believing that so many pathogens could be identified by a single unit, nor were they sure why anyone would want to do so.

Operational models able to identify around 3,000 pathogen species first became available about five years ago. Today's versions, able to identify more than 10,000, follow an "explosion of genomic information," Slezak said.

"When we say that we can detect everything, we mean that if somebody sequenced a virus for aardvarks, we've got it" in our database, he added.

As a result, many skeptics are becoming believers. Today, research sponsors include the Defense De-

partment, the Department of Homeland Security and NASA.

A wide range of organizations have now collaborated with LLNL in pathogen research and identification. A few of these are the Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administration, the Naval Medical Research Center and universities with major medical campuses like the University of California and the University of Texas.

Not surprisingly, one focus of governmental interest is in being able to respond to possible terrorist attacks, which in turn demands the ability to identify a pathogen quickly and tell whether a disease outbreak is natural or malicious.

The Defense Department is supporting research in which teams including Livermore investigators aim to improve models of how combat wounds heal based on the presence or absence of certain pathogens. These are identified by the Lawrence Livermore Microbial Detection Array. (Surprisingly, preliminary findings suggest that the presence of "gut-like bacteria" in a wound are likely to be associated with faster healing, Slezak said.)

Livermore researchers using the Microbial Detection Array were part of an international team that identified a particular virus, called Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus, in certain human bladder cancers.

In a forensic archaeology project involving DNA preserved by a tooth for more than 600 years, the Microbial Detection Array Examining DNA identified yersinia pestis – plague bacteria – as the cause of a 14th Century death in England. It also confirmed that a 19th Century death in Philadelphia resulted from cholera.

One apparent area of future interest is general medicine, where doctors and hospitals might find great value in the ability to identify many pathogens in a single sample. The challenge, Slezak believes, would be for the medical system to learn to deal with multi-pathogen test results when it is accustomed to responding to more easily labeled single illnesses.

To improve future performance, the Laboratory has partnered with a pioneering biotechnology company, Affymetrix, to develop an array that can test many times more samples at once and cut costs at least tenfold.

## LARPD in Good Shape Financial

The district is on very good financial footing at this time, stated Livermore Area Recreation and Park District General Manager Tim Barry.

His remarks referred to the district's preliminary budgets, which were approved by the Board of Directors last week.

The 2015-16 operating budget shows revenues and expenditures totaling just under \$18.9 million, a 7 percent increase over the last fiscal year. The budget includes a 17.5 percent reserve fund.

Staff will receive a 3.5 percent cost of living adjustment to all salaries, both full and part time. In addition, the district will pay an additional \$200 per month to full-time staff's medical contribution and \$75 to part-time benefited staff.

The improved revenue comes from increased property taxes as well as earned

income from programs, rentals, camps, aquatics and various services.

Directors approved a three year capital improvement plan budget for 2015-2018. Total expenditures come in at just under \$6 million, with \$2.4 million programmed for the 20-15-16 fiscal year. Thirty-six projects are planned for the three years.

Major focus areas include playground renovations at May Nissen, Big Trees and Pleasure Island parks, as well as at Jane Addams preschool. These parks are 30 years old or more.

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year lists Sycamore Grove Park projects such as interpretive nature education, trail connections and trail improvements; and large capital asset repairs including finishing the roof replacement at May Nissen Pool, upgrading ESS (extended student services)

building exteriors and the Robert Livermore Park Snack Shack.

Barry noted that funds are available for enhancements and initial studies for the Garaventa Wetlands. Other upcoming projects include addressing parking demands at the new Cayetano Park and a new master plan for Bill Payne Park. The new master plan is needed because of the development taking place in the area. Fees from the development will finance the new plan, said Barry.

In other action, directors passed a Mobile Communications Policy that addresses both district-owned and employee-owned mobile communication devices used for District business. Employees would be reimbursed from \$15 to \$50 for use of their own mobile devices. Supervisors would determine if an employee is eligible for the reimburse-

ment.

The Board presented the 2015 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts' Award of Distinction to the Tri-Valley Conservancy. The TVC was recognized as an Outstanding Community Organization for its instrumental part in obtaining 74 additional acres for Sycamore Grove Park, which allows access for a regional trail.

In another awards presentation, the California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity presented the 2015 Ted Winslow Safety Award to LARPD. This award commends the District for proper procedures, record keeping and risk management. It also gives LARPD an annual discount on its insurance.

(For a photo of the TVC award presentation, go to page 10.)

## Baker, Glazer Comment on Budget Bills

The California State Legislature passed a budget plan bill of \$117 billion on a straight party line vote. Lawmakers are expected to take up the actual budget, based on the plan, on June 19.

State law requires that the Legislature pass a budget bill by June 15, or they are not paid. The budget plan bill met the deadline. It passed the Assembly with 52 Democrats in favor, and 28 Republicans opposed. In the Senate, the vote was 26 Democrats in favor, and 13 Republicans opposed.

Gov. Jerry Brown negotiated with Democratic leaders in the Legislature, who have reportedly agreed to use Brown's revenue estimates, instead of those put forth in the June 15 bill

by the Legislative Analyst's office. Brown's revenue estimate is \$3 billion lower than that of the Legislative Analyst.

The understanding in the Capitol regarding the plan budget was that it was an interim bill, said Democratic Sen. Steve Glazer, who represents the Valley as part of the 7th Senate District. Glazer said that he has heard that the new bill will be based on a balanced budget, and will be used in part to pay off state debt. It also will give more money to the CSU and UC systems, allowing for 15,000 more students in those systems, said Glazer.

Glazer said that he wants to see the final details of the plan, but if it were fiscally conservative, he would vote

for it.

A press release from Republican Assemblymember Catharine Baker, whose 16th District includes the Valley, said that she was urging Brown to "reject the plan's imprudent spending recommendations." She said it would promote new spending for ongoing programs that "we cannot sustain in a downturn."

More money should have been allocated for "priority needs, like water infrastructure or school facilities," instead of devoting more funding for the high-speed rail project, and redirecting highway funding from "critical infrastructure projects."

Baker told The Independent later that another problem that she had with the budget plan bill related

to exempting the High Speed Rail Authority from having to report to the Legislature every year, as it is currently directed to do. Instead, the period would be every two years, which would take the reporting obligation out of the current legislative session, she said.

Baker said that she was glad to see inclusion of "strong education funding, and an increase in Medi-Cal reimbursements to help address the provider shortage California is facing."

Baker stated that she would be reading the new agreement between Brown and legislative Democrats "to see if it's a responsible budget, worthy of a 'yes' vote, or does not serve Californians well, by going on a spending spree."

## COURT

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ter (TVLC) filed a counter-suit, stating that the charges in the OTA suit were false and asked for a restraining order to prevent Donahue from accessing the school site.

After reviewing both lawsuits, Judge John S. Meyer issued a temporary restraining order against Donahue. Under the order, Donahue is to refrain from engaging in any activities on behalf of OTA and from entering the school campus or OTA sponsored events, other than as a parent. He was ordered to turn over all passcodes used by the school and his school laptop computer without deleting or altering any charter school data or files.

TVLC was directed to continue operating the school. The judge ruled that the memorandum signed by both parties in 2014 represented a binding contract.

According to the TVLC suit, once the MOU became effective, OTA's employees became employees of and receive pay and benefits from TVLC. At the same time, TVLC assumed financial responsibility for OTA's financial obligations and control of OTA's bank accounts.

In a statement in its suit, TVLC alleges that Donahue this May unlawfully seized control of a public school, OYA, and its employees, including its website and physical facilities.

Donahue stated that it was his understanding that the MOU was not enforceable and that OTA had a year to determine if it would merge with TVLC. Donahue officially left his post as of June 5, 2015.

Donahue's suit refers to decisions made at a May 27, 2015 meeting that expanded the OTA board from five to seven members and formed a site council. The OTA suit claims that there was no noticed action to increase the number of director seats or to appoint the two new board members; therefore, the decisions were not legal because they violated the Brown Act. The suit states that TVLC and Celentino

continued to waste assets, to take actions that affect the welfare and safety of the students and teachers of OTA, and to exclude OTA officers from OTA property.

The court was asked to prohibit TVLC from taking possession of OTA assets and entering OTA properties, possessing any and all OTA property, including all financial records, and from interfering with the day-to-day operations of OTA and management of OTA.

Batchelor wrote in an e-mail, "While I normally wouldn't comment on legal action, I can say that the action requested from this suit has already been denied, and the claims are false."

## MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish 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.com.)

### Vaccinations Donna Fortner Livermore

I was elated to see that the bill that would reverse California's liberal vaccine exemption law was overwhelmingly approved by the state Assembly Health Committee. To all those people that wanted to keep the status quo, you must think of others also. By not vaccinating your children you are putting every child, every sibling and every parent in jeopardy.

Recently there was research done at an accredited University that determined that the risk of autism diagnosis in a second-born child rose more than threefold when the child was conceived within twelve months of the birth of the first child. Let's let the research con-

tinue before we start conjecturing what causes this condition.

### Unprepared S. Dodich Springtown resident

Living in Springtown for the past 7ish years, we have noticed several traffic patterns for those who do not know the area. Last Monday there was a horrific accident involving a small plane that unfortunately crashed in the nature preserve at the end of Bluebell drive. Whenever there is a backup on 580, many drive uncontrollably fast on a residential street attempting to avoid traffic, causing serious potential injury to pedestrians, pets and children.

On 6/1/2015, an unfortunate plane accident occurred where a small Piper plane lost control and crashed into the nature preserve located between Springtown and N Livermore exits. Living in Springtown & hearing the sirens, I witnessed more than a dozen emergency vehicles traveling in excessive speeds attempting to reach the disaster site to the end of the road; which has a locked gate.

Not one of the emergency vehicles- fire, police, nor ambulance-had a key to open the gate, causing these EMT to attempt to find other

options-returning again at excessive speeds.

Really? In this particular instance, this saddened disaster would not have mattered. Eventually the fire services did an excellent job to curtail the fire that could have caused massive destruction, and our neighborhood is grateful to our firefighters.

In a disaster, we have a minimum of 3 emergency services who do not have a key to open a gate to assist in a disaster? Where are we in emergency preparedness? This does not settle well in our community, and should be addressed immediately (along with continued education) so emergency issues like this do not occur again!

### Very Clever Tom Crabtree Livermore

Since the Independent doesn't have a comics section, thank you Mr. Buckley (Letters to the Editor, 11 June), for giving me a good laugh and making my day. Your tongue-in-cheek exposure of supremely illogical conspiracies of HAARP and chemtrails was very clever.

### Kolb Mural Annie Giannini Dublin

What a lovely article with

accompanying color photo to see in the June 11th issue ... reporter Carol Graham wrote a very lovely report especially with a short time to go to print ... Her fine work is very much appreciated by the school students, staff, and parents ... each classroom was delivered a paper to be read to the students.

### Cronyism William Kasten Livermore

It was without surprise, but with intense disgust, that I read the article, "Sbranti Named to Lead Swalwell's District Staff" in the June 11, 2015, edition of The Independent. Blah, blah, blah, how great this is, droned the Swalwell press release.

In my opinion Swalwell is setting union-flack Sbranti up in a cush and very flexible political job until such time Sbranti can take a shot at the Assembly seat he lost to Catharine Baker, or at the State Senate seat recently won by Steve Glazer.

Had he continued as a school teacher, Sbranti would have much less freedom to "campaign in advance" whereas as home district Deputy Chief of Staff for Swalwell he has no such limitation. Swalwell's hiring

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The Historic Livermore Rodeo Stagecoaches were part of the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade held last Saturday in downtown Livermore. Riding in the first stagecoach were parade Grand Marshals Lynn and Joan Seppala. Lynn worked as a scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 37 years and has led many of the Tri-Valley's community, cultural, and social programs. Joan is the founder and publisher of The Independent newspaper, focused on protecting ranch lands and vineyards. She is also a founder and president of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Riders in the stagecoach included cousin Richard Yates, niece Kay Ward and grandnieces Moli, Madi, Maci Ward and their friend Summer Scott.



Marching bands from both Livermore (bottom photo) and Granada High Schools took part in the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade. Also on hand to greet visitors was the 2015 Livermore Rodeo Queen Bailey Laughlin.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

## TRIBUTES

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"Many of us didn't understand privilege and the racism that exist, and what our students who didn't come from wealthy families face, but we had good intentions. We thought we had the right things put in place, but we didn't understand the institutional barriers that we allowed unconsciously to occur. Our eyes have been opened by Superintendent Ahmadi and by this cabinet," said Ahmadi.

Laursen added, "I don't want to see any fallback to complacency and the status quo." Laursen said she and the other trustees plan a thoughtful process on hiring the next superintendent.

Trustee Chris Grant talked about the financial stability of the district during Ahmadi's tenure, which dealt with a rough economy, and the high academic results that contributed to a magazine's rating of Pleasanton as the fourth best city of its size in the United States. Grant said that he has even higher expectations for the next superintendent to continue to carry the district higher in achievement.

Trustee Mark Miller said that although he has been in office only six months, he has seen Ahmadi in classrooms, and admired her passion and compassion. "You are stellar. You are really visible in the community."

Board president Valerie Arkin said one of her first experiences with Ahmadi was teaming up on a listening campaign while going to a new level with the district's Strategic Plan. "That was the first thing that set you apart," said Arkin.

Foothill High School graduate Areli Labra thanked Ahmadi and Deputy Superintendent Luz Cázares for making Latinos "feel welcome as part of the district. As a Pleasanton district graduate, I can tell you, we never felt a part of the community. When you arrived, you met with us, listened to us, and gave us a seat at the table. I ask the board to reach out and hear our voices. We want to be part of the community that chooses our next superintendent."

Classified employees union official Bonnie Kas-

san, who is retiring this year after 20 years' service, stated, "Nobody has ever done for classified employees what Superintendent Ahmadi has done.

"You have given us a place in this district in the forefront, not in the background, so people know who we are and what we do. It has been extremely important for us," continued Kassan.

Other plaudits came from teachers union president Janice Clark, former school board member Jeff Bowser, and Bowser's wife, Patty Bowser, who is teachers union vice president this year.

Ahmadi responded to all by saying, "It has been an honor to serve students in Pleasanton. I had the pleasure working with senior staff. They have taken risks that we have all shared. What we have accomplished as a district have been the efforts of a team."

No announcement has been made about an interim superintendent, who would serve until a permanent one is appointed.

The board appointed an interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at a special meeting on June 12. Dianne Howell, who retired from the district in 2011 after 24 years' service, will serve in the position. Bill Farghan is retiring, and the board is looking for his successor.

In other action at the June 9 meeting, the board approved a study required by law to justify setting a new development fee. Pleasanton operates at Level 1, which is the lowest of the three growth impact qualifications for charging developer fees. The new fees will be \$3.35 per square foot of residential development and 54 cents per square foot for commercial and industrial covered and enclosed space (fees were previously \$3.04 per square foot and \$.47 per square foot).

The board also approved the first reading of new categories that it will fund under the Local Control Funding Formula. The topics in the funding were discussed at earlier meetings. They included a Spanish-speaking

social worker, a reduction in class sizes for English Language Learners, and restoration of community-based English tutoring, which is expected to help the skills of the parents of English Language Learners. The allocations also include an outreach worker for the Mandarin community, the second highest population of the district's English as a Second Language students. A final reading is expected at a later meeting.

## PRIORITY

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ing the fee to \$3000 impacted small businesses seeking to locate in Pleasanton. Staff had suggested creating an administrative CUP of \$750 for some uses. However, its implementation wouldn't take place until a zoning code review was completed. In the meantime, all applicants would be paying the \$3000 fee.

The council supported setting the fee at \$750 pending completion of a zoning code study. At that time the fee would be reviewed.

The majority of the fees had not been increased since 1980. Pleasanton deferred an increase in 2011 to allow time for the economy to recover. Currently, the city collects just 48% of such fees annually.

Last year, \$4.5 million came from the general fund to subsidize the fees.

Finance Director Emily Wagner, now on special assignment for this and other financial projects, recommended moving forward with the proposed increases at a recovery rate of 79%.

That would provide approximately \$2.7 million annually in additional fee revenues, reducing the general fund subsidy. Annual increases, beginning on January 1, 2017, would move towards a goal of 100% cost recovery of development fees.

Fees would further be reviewed every two years as part of the city's two year budget process.

Planning fees would see a big jump. For example a negative declaration would go from \$25 to \$2100.



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# SPORTS NOTES



Members of Fusion 00Girls Gold team took first place in their age group at the Pro-Am Beach Soccer tournament in Santa Cruz on June 6-7. They went undefeated for the weekend. The team includes Coach Eric Harnish, Lauren Moore, Abby Harnish, CeCe Aredo, Lindsay Harnish, Kalea Bartolotto, Abby Frasier, Taylor Kirkpatrick and Kaitlin Krakoski.



West Coast WildKatz player Delanie (Dezu) Sheehan connects with Devyn Gilfoy for the game winner versus Primero of Sacramento.



The Livermore Fusion U10 Girls Gold closed the Premier Spring League claiming 1st place. Last game of the season was June 6 against Tri -Valley SC Blues. First half of the game, Fusion trailed 1-0. The second half was a different story, Fusion came back strong, scoring 3 times, two goals by Brooke Gale and one by Maddie Snodgrass. Game finished in a 3-3 tie. Pictured are (from left) Alexis Traynor, Rivers Dominguez, Sophia Simonds, Sierra Bradford, Brooke Gale, Lauren Stoneberger, Berina Husic, Kyliya Oki, Jessica Gutierrez, Maddie Snodgrass, Coach Rico Virchis; not pictured: Brittany Hahn, Avery White and Cassidy Bartolotto.



Northern California Invitational Karate Tournament was held May 17 in Cupertino. Pictured are members of Tri-Valley Karate Pleasanton (from left) Sanjit Mandal (Instructor), Nitya Ayyagari, Neela Mandal, Ramya Ayyagari, Yezzen Alrawi, Aditi Sharma, and John Crose (Instructor). Results: Neela Mandal, 6-7 Girls Beginners/Novice, 2nd Kata, 2nd Kumite; Nitya Ayyagari, 10-11 Girls Beginner/Novice, 3rd Kata, 3rd Kumite; Ramya Ayyagari, 12-13 Girls Beginner/Novice, 3rd Kata, 2nd Kumite; Aditi Sharma, 12-13 Girls Beginner/Novice, 1st Kata, 1st Kumite; Yezzen Alrawi, 12-13 Boys Beginner/Novice, 2nd Kata, 1st Kumite

Guardian Knights wrestlers turned in outstanding performances at the California Greco Roman state championships. The team came in second, trailing by only seven points. The team finished the year tied for second in the California freestyle state tournament and second in the California Greco tournament. The team includes state champions and 134 state placers. 2015 Greco are Edwards, Bryar Champion; Perez, Jonah Champion; Dukleth, Dustin 3rd; Lin, Darren 4th; Gueye, Ahmet 5th; Phillips, Justin 5th; Atchinson, Logan 5th; Linney, Jacob 6th; Bartlik, Connor 8th; Martinez, Anthony 7th; Stewart, Zachary 7th; Kilner, Jack 7th; Fuerter, Matt 7th; Curley, David 7th; Griffin, Alex 8th



The Mavericks Fastpitch 12U team won the 12U Division Championship this past weekend in the Hayward Bash Tournament. The girls went 5-0 through the weekend, scoring 52 Runs and holding their opponents to a total of 5 runs. Pictured are (front, from left) Shelby Straume, Taylor Trafton, Bella Rosa, Zoe Richards; (middle) Juliana Santiago, Sara Morris, Nikki Thomas, Annette Rizzo, Bianca Pahler; (back) Coach Joe Petrovich, Coach Jim Rizzo, Caitlyn Foster, Haley Petrovich, Delilah Corral, Jr. Coach Robyn Dobson, Mgr. Jose Santiago; not present Katherine Keenan and Peyton O'Callaghan.



The Giants captured first place in the Livermore National Little League AAA Division. Pictured are Asst. Coach Dave, Coach/Manager Eddie and Asst. Coach Mark. Middle row: Cameron Angotti, Christian Cordero, Yahir Morales and Coby Elola; (front) Kytler Green, Louis Wright, Connor Morgan and Joey Lombardo. (Not pictured: Ethan Trogdon and Danilo Jackson).



Livermore American Little League Division A Rangers with the first place regular season trophies.



The Livermore Smoke 8U softball team were champions of the annual Smoke Memorial Day Weekend Tournament. Pictured are Sydney Aguilar, Jessica Barger, Victoria Dela Cruz, Madelyn Funk, Maliah Lincoln, Caitlyn McNeil, Lauren Melton, Saskia Raab, Gabrielle Sands, and Delilah VanderBeek, with coaches Ryan Melton, Alex Sands, Dave VanderBeek, and Rob Dela Cruz. Not pictured: Danielle Hanley and Joely Wolf.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the Brentwood Seawolves Zone 2 Long Course C/B/A+ swim meet on June 13-14, 2015 in Brentwood.

Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Brooke Bennett age 7 with 3 new best times; Alexis Mesina (7) 5BT; Brooke Sanders (8); Jessica Tsai (7) 2BT; Raghav Vats (8) 1BT; Paige Bennett (9) 4BT; Adorable Do (10) 2BT; Aria Harris (10) 6 BT; Breuklynn Harris (10) 6 BT; Alcina Kenny (9) 4 BT; Aven Lee (10) 1BT; Kaitlin Lee (9); Sydney Lu (10) 1 BT; Angelina Ma (10); Rhea Oswald (10) 1 BT; Sofia Pedersoli (10) 5BT; Mithra Senthil (9); Christina Tsai (10) 4BT; Dahlia Versteeg (10) 6BT; Joanna Zhu (10) 4BT; Aaron Caparaz (10) 3BT; Aayush Gupta (9) 4 BT; Brycen Martin (10) 5 BT; Sahil Mehta (9) 5BT; Karan Saini (10); Alexander Suen (9) 5BT; Ethan Wang (10) 7 BT; Camille Demange (11) 5BT; Emily Harris (12); Lauren Jhong (11) 3BT; Olivia Joung (11); Olivia Kim (11) 5BT; Jocelyn Martin (12) 5BT; Julie Qian (12) 4BT; Vasuki Rao (12) 5BT;

Vivian Sun (11) 4BT; Emily Tsai (11) 5 BT; Crystal Wang (11) 4BT; Mattias Bengtsson (11) 2BT; Akshay Gupta (11) 4BT; Peter Hui (11) 2BT; Tom Li (11) 2BT; Alexander Smedley (11) 4BT; Ronin Tsang (11) 3BT; Madhav Vats (12) 5BT; Ernest Wang (11) 4BT; David Yang (12) 3BT; Morgan Gallagher (14) 2BT; Cloe Gosselin (13) 2BT; Kaela Lee (13) 5BT; Mackenzie Lee (13) 2BT; Victoria Luo (14) 3BT; Rachana Mukkamala (13) 5BT; Isabelle Smedley (14) 6BT; Calvin Chui (14) 4BT; Kyle Kenny (14) 3BT; Aaron Lee (13) 2BT; Aaron Lin (13) 2BT; Alexander Luo (14) 5BT; Aditya Mehta (13) 7BT; Justin Tsai (13) 6 BT; Hudson Tsang (14); Alison Martin (15) 3BT; Amanda Mobley (15) 5BT and Niklas Bengtsson (15) 3BT.

## Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

**A Division:** 5/21 - Yankees 15, Angels 11: Yankees ended the regular season strong with a win over the Angels. Strong hitting by Luke Mederos, Vincent Betonio and Daniel Correa. Mickey Creeden made a game saving catch in the bottom of the last inning to halt a potential comeback. Yankees' Star of the Game: Mickey Creeden

5/28 - Yankees 11, Reds 17: With impressive playoff-level defense and equally impressive offense, the Reds continued to stay alive in the consolation bracket by dispatching a hardworking Yankees team. The first six batters for the Reds (Ashton Marr, Tyler Duprel, Colt Piazza, Ronnie Gomez Jr., Wyatt Watson-Bird, and Sam Flynn) all come up with 3 hits each and combined for 4 doubles and 11 of the 17 RBI's. Additionally, Alex Michail came up big by adding 2 hits and an RBI of his own to that total. Reds' Star of the Game: The entire Reds team!

5/30 - Angels 5, Rangers 10: Landon Dattilo picked a good game to break out of his recent slump and helped get the Rangers on the board

early with a lead-off single and a run in the bottom of the first against a very competitive Angels team. That run was the only one on the board for either team until the Rangers added 4 more in the bottom of the third. After the Angels battled back and tied the game by the top of the 5th, Devin Ingersoll and Noah Blake put what turned out to be the final nails in the Angels' coffin by hitting a double and triple, respectively, and combining for 4 RBI's in the bottom of the 5th. Rangers' Star of the Game: Landon Dattilo 6/1 - Cardinals 9, Reds 12: The Reds didn't do themselves any favors in the top of the first inning against the Cardinals by allowing the first 6 batters to reach base safely and quickly spotting them 5 runs. They settled down defensively and blanked them in 3 of the Cardinals' 5 remaining innings. Offensively, the Reds chipped away at the deficit until they finally took the lead in the bottom of the 5th in a 5-run outing. Wyatt Watson-Bird lead the team offensively going 2 for 3 with 2 doubles, 3 RBI's, and 2 runs scored, and Amelie Hart broke out of a 5-game slump and added 2 hits of her own. Tyler Duprel was a machine at second base recording 1 out and 5 assists. Reds' Star of the Game: Tyler Duprel

**AAA Division:** 5/16 - Athletics 12, Rangers 8: Coming off the tie game rematch against the A's, the Rangers first game ended in an impressive 15-10 win. The Rangers rallied in the last inning of the second matchup, but lost 8-12 to the A's. Coach praised Alec Schlenker for excellent pitching during his first show on the mound. Rangers' Stars of the Game: Owen Omweg, Tyler Orth, and Alec Schlenker

5/16 - Giants 10, Yankees 7: It was a close contest as the Giants and Yankees battled to win the last game of the regular season. The Yankees took an early lead and were ahead 6-3 at the bottom of the third. Great defense by infielders T.C. Hill, Dominic Shepard and Andrew Arante kept the Giants in check for the first half of the game. The momentum shifted in the top of the fourth when Giants' hitter Joe Lanci cracked a 3 RBI double into centerfield. Solid hitting by Giants Adam Sahn and Chase Paulo coupled with strong pitching by Bobby Alvear, helped the Giants to finish the game with a win. Giants' Star of the Game: Joe Lanci

5/30 - Rangers 4, Orioles 9: The Rangers made great defensive plays but the Orioles had some impressive big hitters. The Rangers rallied for a near comeback in the fifth inning. Good season! Rangers' Star of the Game: Tyler Delisle for hitting; Owen Omweg for hitting; and Tyler Bury for pitching

5/30 - Yankees 3, Giants 9: The Giants and Yankees battled it out in the third round of the AAA division playoffs. Led by Andrew Navarro, Dominic Shepard, and TC Hill, the entire Yankees team played top notch defense and made several outstanding outs throughout the game. However, a 3 RBI in the park home run by Bobby Alvear in the 1st inning gave the Giants an early lead that was hard to overcome. By the end of the first inning Giants were ahead 5-1. Alvear's second AB was a triple and other big hits were seen by Giant Chase Paulo (triple) and Dwayne Noel. The Yankees started

to rally back in the fourth inning, but an unassisted double play by Giants' first baseman Adam Sahn placed the momentum solidly in favor of the Giants, and they won the game 9-3. Giants' Star of the Game: Bobby Alvear

## Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

**AA Division:** Red Sox vs. A's: For the A's, Viliam Nowicki stopped a hard hit and threw to 1st for the out and then struck out 2 batters. He struck out 3 batters in the next inning. John Maloney hit a single to bring in a run. On defense, he got 2 players out on 1st. For the Red Sox, in the bottom of the 1st, Daniel Sabbino-Corral had a huge hit to left field driving home a run. Jace Whatley pitched a great inning in the top of the 2nd with 3 batters up and 3 batters down.

A's 12, Rangers 7: The A's played their hearts out in the last game of the season. Makana had 3 strong hits including a double in the 2nd and singles in the 4th and 5th. Gavin Nunes walked, then stole 2nd and raced home on a teammate's hit. On defense, Dominic Hurtado assisted on an out at 1st and struck out 2 batters in the 4th. For the Rangers, Luke Mifsud was on fire as the starting pitcher, hurling a scoreless first inning for the Rangers. Grant Vonheeder took over in the second in his first outing as a pitcher and also pitched extremely well. He recorded a strikeout against the first batter he faced and got one more strikeout to end the inning. The Rangers scored two runs in the bottom of the second on hits by Quinn Wetzel who smoked a grounder to centerfield, a walk to Jack Eaton, an RBI single by DJ Santiago, and a line drive RBI single to centerfield by Luke. Jack, DJ, and Dylan Garcia also enjoyed their first stints pitching. Thank you to Beckett Kohn, Cody Terpstra, DJ Santiago, Dylan Garcia, Enzo Battaglia, Grant Vonheeder, Jack Eaton, Luke Mifsud, Quenten Wetzel, Sam Milochik, Seph Freitas, and Trevor Straume for your outstanding season.

Giants 6, Rangers 1: Defense was the star for the Rangers in their playoff game against the Giants. In the first inning, Grant Vonheeder snagged a long fly ball to right field to record the out and keep the base runners from advancing. DJ Santiago also made a nice play at second on a ground ball to end the inning. In the third inning, Sam Milochik was the star while playing second base. He made a beautiful catch of a high fly ball. On a tough day batting for the Rangers, he showed a good eye to lead off the fourth with a walk. Grant continued to play well defensively in the fifth when he made a nice play on a ground ball to second for the out. The Rangers scored their only run of the game on a single to Dylan Garcia who stole two bases, just beating the throw on the second with a great slide, and walks to Seph Freitas, Trevor Straume, and Grant for the RBI. Enzo Battaglia and Trevor had strong outings as pitchers, but it was not enough as the Rangers fell 6-1.

Giants vs. Red Sox: The Red Sox played a great championship game against the Giants on Saturday. Although the Sox came in second, they

took first in the regular season. The Sox made some great defensive plays on Saturday. In the top of the 1st, Daniel Sabino-Corral scooped up the ball in right field and threw it to Dylan Jones at second for the out. In the top of the 2nd, Jace Whatley caught the ball on the mound for the 3rd out of the inning. The plays continued as Hayden Druba caught the ball at 3rd base for the out in the top of the 5th.

**A Division:** A's vs. Diamonbacks: Both teams played well after a nice Memorial Day holiday break. In the first inning Zyston Bright started the team off by hitting a single down right field advancing Graham Shawler to home. Graham Shawler, at first, recorded two outs with the help of his teammate stopping the D's backs from scoring. Chase Johnson was amazing at bat hitting a single out to right field and RBI to advance his teammate to home.

A's vs Yankees: An amazing showing for the A's this week against the Yankee's. The A's started on defense. Kaison Pastorius at second base stopped two amazing grounders by the Yankees. That ended the first inning after the fourth Yankee player. Ayden Silva hit a fast and strong bouncer past second base. Silva gained a single and advanced his teammates. Caden Romero hit a nice pop fly to centerfield running aggressively to first base. Romero also pitched well and stopped a grounder, throwing to his teammate at home for the out.

Giants vs. Dodgers: Last game of the season and it was amazing. For the Dodgers on offense, Cameron Coll, Amauri McCune and Raul Moreno all had huge hits for triples. Parker Pompilio and Tyler Harris also hit doubles. On defense, Mason Pappas made an extraordinary and rare 5-4 triple play. Also on defense Jacob Green make awesome outs at catcher and 3rd base. It was a perfect season ending game. Great job boys.

Dodgers vs. Red Sox: What an exciting day on the big diamond of Granada High School for these boys. For the Dodgers on defense, Justin Thomas made keys plays at short stop, Thomas Harris caught a pop fly at pitcher and Parker Pompilio caught a hard hit at first base all for outs. On offense, Javyn Meafou had a huge hit to deep centerfield for a double, Noah Mena and Justin Thomad also had big hits for RBI's.

Rockies vs. Nationals: The Rockies and Nationals had an exciting night at the ballpark Wednesday. They got to play on the big field at Livermore High School and the game came complete with a talented announcer, music, and plenty of dancing. The Nationals were hitting the ball but it was on defense where they shined. Nicolas Baxter #4 showed great effort behind the plate, nearly catching a pop fly completely outstretched. The catch by Jordan Andrews #2 at first from Anthony Yazurol #12 at pitcher was a thing of beauty. And Zander Denis #14 caught a high pop fly and made two outs in the game. And Christian Millies #7 playing third scooped a bouncing line drive down the 3rd base line for an out. The Rockies were swinging the bat well. Highlights include doubles by Jordan Aldape and Corbin Kuhn and a triple by Jacob Smithson. Defensively, the highlights were high pop flies caught



Alec Schlenker of the Livermore American Little League Division AAA Rangers gets ready to pitch.

by Orlando Espinoza and Jackson Perotti. Lots of fun was had by all.

Rockies vs. A's: All around a great game. The Rockies made some major plays. Jackson Perotti fielded the ball and got the runner out at first. Corbin Kuhn made a running catch on a pop fly. Pitcher Mike Griego stopped a ball and threw to Jackson Perotti, who tagged the runner out at first. Jordan smacked a line drive past second base to the outfield. Jacob caught 2 foul pop ups. Mike Griego fielded the ball at 3rd and tagged the bag for the force. Jacob Smithson sent a heater to outfield flying past third. Jordan Adalpe caught a line drive for the out. Jacob Smithson threw to Mike Griego at first for a great double play. For the A's, Jake Bradley and Matteo Lortie displayed great teamwork when they got two runners out at third. Jake Bradley was at the pitcher position and Matteo Lortie was on third base. In back-to-back plays, Jake caught the ball and threw to Matteo to get the runners out at third. Harmon Skeen had many powerful hits as usual. While playing catcher, Kaison Pastorius caught a pop fly, foul ball to get the batter out.

**T-Ball:** Athletics vs. Rockies: To close out the season, all Rockies had happy faces and were awarded game balls on Saturday. Lefty Landon Borja hit 3 singles off the pitch and drove in 3 runs. Gavin Mills hit 3 singles and 1 off the pitch and also drove in 3 runs. Both Landon & Gavin made stops in the infield and delivered the ball to try and make plays. Notable outs were made by Kaylee Bruan, Kade Wilder, Cohen Knuth, and #3 Dylan Stites.

Phillies vs. Rockies: For the Rockies, game balls were awarded to Evan Vandersea & Sarah Theberge. Evan got three nice hits off the tee and hit a double in the 3rd inning. He also stopped a couple grounders at short stop and 2nd base. Sarah stopped 2 grounders and tagged out a base runner. She also ran down a bunt and a grounder to left field. She hit a double and 2 singles all off the pitch. Joshua Ghre stopped a grounder at 1st base and tagged a force out in the 1st inning. Kade Wilder also made 2 outs in the 3rd inning at 1st base.

Giants vs. Phillies: It was an amazing last home game for the Giants. Everyone has made great progress this year. Lucas Soto caught two pop flies during the game. Ben Voltz had solid hits off the pitcher each time at bat. He hit a double in the third inning. Tyler Tabaracci hit a triple off the pitcher in the second inning. Ethan Neill and Jack Davis showed great teamwork to get the runner out at first.

## West Coast Soccer

West Coast WildKatz recorded their first win of the season. WildKatz play in the WPSL Women's League which is the largest women's league in the world. WPLS teams are made up of professional, amateur, college and some youth players.

"Our goal here at West Coast is to develop players through our youth organization to be able to compete with world class athletes and players," says Troy Dwyak head coach and director of WildKatz WPSL. We are almost to that level now." Sixteen of the 17 rostered players



# SPORTS NOTES



## Granada Grad Drafted by White Sox

Richie McWilliams, a 2011 Granada High graduate and former member of the varsity baseball team, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in Major League Baseball's 2015 first year player draft on June 10. This was the 50th anniversary of the Major League Baseball draft.

McWilliams, a junior, pitched for the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos this season. He and his teammates won the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference, the NCAA Western Region tournament, and travelled to Cary, NC to play for the NCAA Division 2 national championship where they took third place.

He will report to the White Sox facility in Arizona to begin his first professional baseball season, then will return to southern California this fall to continue his education during the off-season.

on the WildKatz were all West Coast current or Alumni players this past weekend.

Some of the competition that the WildKatz face include current National Team players for other countries that are playing, staying sharp and fit in the WPSL league due to their country not qualifying for this year's World Cup.

"I can't believe I was on the same field as my idol Sissi former World Football player of the year and Brazilian superstar, I had to mark her in our game and I learned so much" said Demi Gonis who also plays on West Coast National & three time state championship U17 team Wild.

For more information on West Coast WildKatz & the Women's Premier Soccer League visit: www.westcoastsoccerclub.com

## Slow Pitch Registration

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

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

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

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

## Triathlon Series

On Saturday, June 20, a field of close to 700 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick-off On Your Mark Events' 28th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, in Pleasanton.

The Tri For Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail). Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and non-competitive atmosphere, the Tri For Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes.

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

The 2015 On Your Mark Tri For Fun Series dates are June 20, July 18, and August 15. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 20. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

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

Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, plenty of refreshments and snacks, and entry into the always-exciting raffle (must be present to win).

Entry fee for the three Tri For Funs is \$75 (non-timed) and \$80 (chip timed) in advance, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210 (non-timed) and \$215 (chip timed), \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. For September's Tri For Real, all participants are chip timed (\$85.00 advance, and \$95.00 day-of). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$240 race-day. The Tri For Real includes the same goodies as the Tri For Funs, with addition of trophies and medals. Multiple-triathlon discounts are available.

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

To register or to receive more information about the Tri For Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832.

## Baseball Camps

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

## Spirit Run

The 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton will be held on Father's Day, June 21 in downtown Pleasanton. It includes a 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge.

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

This year the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is celebrating 50 years of community and international service. This race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students. The last two years giving has been expanded to include, Wheelchairs, Rotaplast, The Valley Humane Society, The Tri-valley YMCA, victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy, Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Amador Valley High School Robotics and Competition Civic Clubs and Assistance League of Amador Valley. The 10K run begins at 8 a.m. under the arch on Main Street, followed by the 5K run/walk and Kids' Challenge at 9:30 a.m.

More information and registration can be found at www.SpiritRun.com

## 4th of July Run

The City of San Ramon will host its annual 4th of July Run San Ramon 10K Run/5K Fun Run and Walk. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course. The Run San Ramon will be a chip timed race. This is a fun, flat, and fast paved route beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, and right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road.

All events per person: \$35.00 (postmarked by June 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 through race day.

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 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 through race day.

Online pre-registration discount deadline is June 23. Race-day Registration: All events per person: \$40.00

Registration is available online at www.active.com, search "Run San Ramon." Online registration is available until June 23rd. Race day registration opens at 6:45am.

Mayor's Cup trophies will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male & female of the 5K & 10K. Mayor's Crown trophy will be awarded to the lowest combined times of the 2014 Bah Humbug! and 2015 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5k runner (male and female). Medals are awarded to the first three finishers in each age division. All pre-registered participants will receive a short sleeve commemorative shirt.

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

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

# Racing One of the Attractions at the Fair

The racetrack at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton was built in 1858, making it the oldest one-mile (1.6 km) horse racing track in the United States.

The Bernal family built the original racetrack on its 52,000-acre ranch, which was part of the Northern California land grant, Rancho Valle de San Jose.

Looking to turn his newly acquired racetrack into profit, businessman Rodney G. MacKenzie approached a group of county businessmen and ranchers with a proposal to hold a county fair on his property.

Today that historic track still hosts racing as part of the annual Alameda County Fair. This year, racing features \$1.7 million in purses and six stakes races over the 12-day race meet. The Oak Tree at Pleasanton meet, run during the Alameda County Fair, begins Thursday, June 18 and runs through July 5.

Race dates are Thursday-Sunday each of the three weeks. Post time will be 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, with the first race going off at 2:15 p.m. on each Friday.

The meet marks the second consecutive year of the partnership with Oak Tree, the Alameda County Fair and the California Authority of Racing Fairs. Oak Tree is a not-for-profit association with a mission of "horsemen helping horsemen."

"Oak Tree Racing Association is looking forward to our second meet with the



Heading around the track during the 4th race last year.

Alameda County Fair, commencing June 18, 2015," said Sherwood Chillingworth, Executive V.P. of Oak Tree. "Together with the Fair staff we will be initiating some new events that should be helpful to existing horseplayers, and introducing activities that could appeal to the Fair-goers who have not been previously involved."

Alameda County Fair CEO Jerome Hoban stated, "We are very excited for our second year of partnering with Oak Tree. Last year the partnership provided fair attendees and racing fans a popular and exciting 12 days of racing at the Alameda County Fair. This year promises to be every bit as fun and is a can't-miss experience." The signature race of the

meet will be the \$100,000 Oak Tree Distaff to run on Saturday, June 27, which is sponsored in part by the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

The Daily Handicapping Seminar is back as well this year. With co-host handicapper Dennis Miller and new track announcer Dave Rodman the voice of the Preakness joined by special guests each day. The seminars start at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. On Fridays, the seminars will start at 12:30 p.m.

Closing day - Sunday, July 5 - in addition to two Thoroughbred stakes races, there will be a pair of Arabian stakes as well. The H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup and

the H.H. Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) are scheduled for the second and third races.

Back again this year are a number of popular events. The Win, Place or Show contest and the \$10,000 Putting Contest highlight the daily promotions.

Father's Day will be celebrated between races. Fathers will compete after the first and third races, while the children (ages 7-10) will compete after the second and fourth races.

New this year to the Fair and the race meet is the "Spin to Win" contest. After entering the green admission gate to the Fair, fair-goers will have the chance to spin a wheel for prizes that will be redeemable in the Budweiser Grandstand. Racing education will be available for new fans in the redemption area.

Stakes races: \$50,000 Oak Tree Handicap, Saturday June 20; & \$50,000 Pleasanton Oaks, Sunday June 21; \$50,000 Oak Tree Distaff, Saturday June 27; \$50,000 Juan Gonzalez, Saturday July 4; \$50,000 Oak Tree Sprint, Sunday July 5; \$50,000 Everett Nevin Stakes, Sunday July 5.

The Fairgrounds is home to the Oldest One-Mile Race Track in America.

For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.



According to reports, nearly 100 people gathered at Sauced Barbecue and Spirits in Livermore for an official Golden State Warriors game four watch party. Fans were loud as the team went on to capture game four to tie the series with the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Warriors' quest for the NBA Championship. Golden State took a 3 to 2 edge in wins with a victory on Sunday.

## LAVTA

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more user-friendly transit system that achieves greater efficiencies and an increasing number of riders.

The nine-month study will include extensive public outreach, including on-board surveys, phone surveys and two rounds of public workshops in each Tri-Valley city. Additionally, a website, www.WheelsForward.com is available for continued information on the planning effort and as a convenient way to offer comments.

LAVTA Chairman Don Biddle states, "The Wheels bus system has been a great community partner in the Tri-Valley for the past

30-years. There's never been a better time for residents to get involved as we plan for an even more successful Wheels moving forward."

Wheels Forward will produce both a short and long-range plan for the transit agency, offering a multi-phase blueprint of improvements for future services of the Wheels bus system through the year 2040.

LAVTA will be working with San Francisco based Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates on the Wheels Forward planning effort. For more information, including answers to Frequently

Asked Questions, visit www.WheelsForward.com.

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A view of Hanson Hills

## Save Mount Diablo Adds Hanson Hills' 76 Acres

As communities grow, habitats and pathways for wildlife can become smaller and disconnected. Save Mount Diablo works to protect oases of land like the new Hanson Hills property along a wildlife highway of sorts.

Hanson Hills' 76 acres include a rare desert olive grove, local grasses and wildflowers, and amazing views in all directions from Long Canyon's tall oak covered ridges. The land was named for those striking ridges and for the Hanson family who wanted to protect their property so that everyone could enjoy it as they have. A rare and critical need for wildlife these days, a stream, flows right into Marsh Creek. That section of Marsh Creek that the stream flows into is located on property that Save Mount Diablo protected last year, Big Bend. It is another connection in the highway for wildlife.

The Marsh Creek corridor runs from the headwaters on Mount Diablo east to the delta. Hanson Hills is right in the middle of it. Publicly protected natural areas lie to the north of Hanson Hills as well. It's just one property away from the East Bay Regional Park District's future Deer Valley Regional Preserve.

According to Save Mount Diablo Executive Director Ron Brown, "That's important because an oasis is necessary not only for the wildlife to survive but to thrive and they need more than one isolated oasis. They need a continuous corridor of connected and protected wilderness."

The creek is a natural draw for wildlife seeking water and tends to be a popular pathway for them to the next protected oasis they need on their journey, "imagine a wildlife Route 66," said Brown.

To learn more about Hanson Hills and Save Mount Diablo visit [SaveMountDiablo.org](http://SaveMountDiablo.org).

## Students Learn the Character Traits of the American Cowboy

By Carol Graham

"Cowboy Up!" originated as a cry from the chute during rodeo, signifying that a rider was seated on the bronco or bull and was ready for the gate to open.

Over time, the expression has evolved to encompass a broader meaning: to become physically and mentally prepared for challenges, to take personal responsibility, to not give up and to get the job done.

The students at Joe Mitchell K-8 School in Livermore got a fun-filled introduction to the concept at a Cowboys & Kids REACH (Rodeo Education and Character) "Cowboy Up" assembly on June 11.

"What better role model is there in sports than a kind-hearted, polite cowboy or cowgirl who knows how to give it their all with a healthy dose of self-worth and humility?" said Principal Laura Lembo. "There is a certain charm to a simplified way of life where working hard builds character, and character reflects confidence. In today's world of anonymous social media, it's good to be reminded of some core values that will help children deal with some of life's difficulties with confidence and respect."

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Janet Lemmons shows a Joe Mitchell student how the rope is held during the bull riding event.

more Rodeo Association, the assembly used a western theme to highlight the character traits of the American cowboy - inner strength, determination, camaraderie and respect - with today's "cowboy" referring to anyone, rural or urban, regardless of sex, race, creed, color or background, who believes that character counts.

"It is our hope students learn the skills and values to become successful in life," said Cowboys & Kids' California representative Janet Lemmons. "Everyone has a little cowboy or cowgirl in their heart.

It's about individualism and independence - being able to be successful no matter what the challenges."

The assembly presenters used visual, auditory and hands-on teaching methods to engage students ranging from Transitional Kindergarten through fifth-grade.

"The presenter did a fan-

tastic job of relating the lessons to the lives of the students," said Amie Hauselt, Mitchell's International Baccalaureate (IB) Coordinator. "She talked about students making their own paths, and related that to the choices they make. The presentation was also great in terms of wrapping up our year of IB units. It related to our studies, across all grade levels, of who we are, how we share the planet with other organisms, how we express ourselves, where we are in place and time with a better understanding of Livermore's history, and how we organize ourselves and our local economy."

As an added bonus, each student was given a ticket to the Livermore Rodeo, which took place June 13 and 14.

"Rodeo is a culture. It strengthens tradition, along with family and community connections," said second-grade teacher Jennifer Jow.

"I want my students to learn about their community and the history of rodeo, and to know that rodeo and agriculture are a big part of Livermore's past and continue to be important today. I enjoyed seeing the children participate. It's fun for them to put on the gear, sit in the saddle, and try to keep the posture of the bull riders."

Teachers, administrators and presenters alike are confident the students will move into summer and the next school year with skills allowing them to stand up against bullying, walk away from the dangers of drugs and gangs, and to understand the importance of staying in school.

"With the challenges and diversities today," added Lemmons, "it is so important that kids can share in one common goal - to Cowboy Up."

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



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The 97th Livermore Rodeo was held Saturday and Sunday with competition at the Robertson Park rodeo grounds. Events included bucking horses - both bareback and saddle; wild cow milking; a rousing grand entry; and a chance for the younger set to meet cowboys.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Croce Elementary School in Livermore held its annual hoedown last Wednesday, June 10. Students, who had been practicing their square dance moves entertained visitors and parents. The hoedown was held as part of a Cowboys & Kids REACH (Rodeo Education and Character) "Cowboy Up" assembly.

On Sunday, June 28th after our 10am worship service we will be having a celebration of Kinderkirk and Raymie's retirement in the Fellowship Hall of our church. We expect the festivities to start around 11:15am and end around 12:30pm. We are inviting everyone from our church community as well as all Kinderkirk students and families (past & present) to join us for this occasion.



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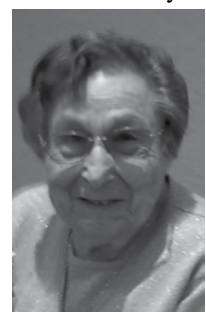
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# OBITUARIES

## Bernice Art

Bernice Art passed away peacefully from complications of surgery on June 5, 2015. She was a most remarkable woman. Wherever she went, she made friends. She knew everyone and everyone



like her.

She was born in Chicago in January, 1922 and lived through many bitterly cold winters and the depression. She was college educated, a rarity in her time, and she worked many years as an administrative assistant for executives of insurance companies. She married Sam Art in San Antonio, Texas just before he was shipped out to Europe for WWII where he was an officer and a bombardier.

She was a great lover of music - opera, classical, theater, and enjoyed attending performances while in Chicago and later on here in the Livermore area. She came to Livermore about a year after the death of her beloved husband in 1992. She was an active member of the Livermore Lioness Club, the Livermore Senior Center and Congregation Beth Emek. She was also a world traveler and had been to Europe, Australia, Thailand, the Panama Canal and other places too numerous to mention.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Celia Leland, her brothers Benn and Ray Leland, sister-in-law Zeldia Leland and her son Robert Art. She is survived by her sister-in-law Nona Leland, son James Art of Pleasanton, daughter-in-laws Karen Art of Portland and Ruth Van Art of Pleasanton, grandchildren Cindy Marten of San Jose, Brian and Emily Art of Portland. She is also survived by countless relatives and friends all over the United States who will miss her bright smile and gentle manner.

## Mark W. Boyd

Mark W. Boyd, 58, of Livermore, California passed away peacefully in his home while sleeping on April 12th, 2015. He is survived by his daughters: Alison Ingram and Jenna Long, with their



spouses and his four grandsons: Levi, Lucas, Mason, and Brady. He is also

survived by his five siblings: Dana Boyd-Rubke, James Boyd, Tim Boyd, John Boyd and Janice Peachey, their families, and his long-time companion Maggie Cunningham. Mark was formerly married to Toni (Politz) Camarata with whom he raised two daughters. They remained united in friendship as their daughters grew and shared many milestones together.

Mark was predeceased by his parents, Calvin and Martha Boyd in 1975 and missed them dearly for the rest of his life. May they be embracing in the peace that follows life.

Mark was born July 20th, 1956 in Maryville, MO as the fifth child in a brood of what would become six. Both parents were teachers and eventually left farm life behind, pursued their careers and moved the family to California. Mark attended Sonoma elementary school followed by Livermore and Granada High School where he may have socialized more than studied, but made many lifelong friends.

Being the handy, intelligent, and analytical person that he was, Mark soon entered his chosen field as a Machinist for Wagner and Son Automotive. Mark's daughters have fond memories of driving past fields of wildflowers to meet with their Dad on his lunch break

at the shop during those early family days. Mark soon returned to school at Chabot College where he earned his transfer degree and went on to graduate from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He was recruited shortly thereafter by Westinghouse and began his long and versatile engineering career. Mark worked as a Mechanical Engineer for several years with Westinghouse, followed by Environmental Engineering for Kaprelian Engineering Inc., he then returned to Mechanical Engineering with Lockheed-Martin and eventually Northrup-Grumman Marine Systems in Sunnyvale, Ca. It was at Northrup-Grumman where Mark landed and excelled into advanced positions, earning several awards and recognitions that he humbly accepted without much announcement to his family. He braved the dreaded Bay Area traffic daily and showed up for work with an inspired passion.

Mark enjoyed life outside of work and had many interests, hobbies and stories to tell. He enjoyed many trips abroad to Germany and Italy. He loved working on classic cars with his brothers Tim and John as well as his brother-in-law and friend, John Rubke. Mark had recently purchased a shiny 1940 Ford which had fortunately brought the brothers together often in recent months. Mark had many fond memories of the annual fishing trips he went on with his colleagues from work. He truly looked forward to those trips and spending "man time" away from the city with these friends. He dabbled in flying lessons, went bike riding, and he had a passion for music and was an avid fan of blues, bluegrass and rock. He loved: ZZ Top, Chris Isaac, Jimmy Thackery, Sublime, Eric Clapton, Stone Temple Pilots and much, much more. He went to many live music shows and enjoyed every minute. Mark was also continually intrigued with History and Science. He would share new bits of knowledge with an urgency and excitement that was truly unique to Mark. Over the years he would call friends and family to be sure they were planning to get up during the night to watch the latest astronomical event. His passion for these various interests was contagious.

More than anything, Mark loved his daughters and family. He spent many happy holidays and weekends with his California family. He looked forward to family reunions in the Midwest and wished he could spend more time with his brother Jim and the rest of the distant family members. He had many fond memories and funny stories about his siblings and planned to spend his retirement visiting everyone he loved.

Mark was reliable, helpful, loving, dedicated, happy and exuberant. He was the first to jump up with a helping hand for anybody who ever needed one. Even when you didn't need help, Mark still tried his hardest to find something he could do for you. His smile could light up a room and he was simply thrilled to be alive each time he was in the presence of loved ones.

Friends and family are reeling far and wide at the sudden loss of such a kind-hearted, caring soul. The world was not yet ready to say good-bye to Mark, and it is with deep sadness that we endure this reality. Mark was loved and accepted for exactly who he was, and that love continues. His memory lives on in the lives created as well as the many lives he touched... he will be remembered for his smile

ing face and his enormous, unwavering heart.

Mark's Celebration of Life will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Sat., June 20 at Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Club House Dr., Livermore, CA.

Join family and friends in honoring Mark's life and sharing food and memories together.

## Mary Margaret Cunningham

Mary Margaret Cunningham, age 73 passed away peacefully on Tuesday June 9 at her home in Dublin, CA, after her struggle with Pancreatic Cancer. Mary was born February 22, 1942 in Grass Valley, CA, the daughter of Thomas and Betty Ivey.

Mary is survived by her sons Jeff and Dan, sisters Pat and Bonnie, brother Ralph (Leslie), nephews Scott, David and Josh and niece Sarah. She was the proud grandmother of Blake, Reese and Danielle. Mary was the beloved mother-in-law to Jennifer (Jeff) and Karen (Dan). Her husband Myles Cunningham passed in 1991 and brother-in-law Dave Henderson passed in 2005.

Family and close friends were her passion. She opened her home to her son's friends and family and become a "surrogate" mother to several of Jeff and Dan's friends growing up in Dublin.

Her service will be held Friday June 19 at 11 am at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA with a celebration to follow at the residence of Jeff and Jennifer Cunningham.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Richard D. Feil Resident of Livermore, CA Oct. 10, 1929 - June 8, 2015

On June 8th, Richard D. Feil passed away in his home, with his devoted wife by his side, after a courageous battle against cancer. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.



Richard was born in San Francisco, CA to Hanke and Erna Feil, immigrants from Germa-

ny. He served in the United States Coast Guard for three years, and three years in the reserves. On February 17, 1951, he married the woman of his dreams, Izola Boyd. At the young age of 21, he met his 17-year-old sweetheart at a roller rink, and the rest is history. Although they were told it would never last, they proved everyone wrong. The two soul mates remained married for 64 years, and demonstrated the real meaning of true love; they did everything together.

Richard attended San Francisco City College while working full time and supporting his wife and four children. Even while balancing such a busy lifestyle, he graduated with the second-highest grade average in the college. Upon graduating, he began his career at Sandia National Laboratory. He retired in 1989 after almost 30 years of dedicated work.

Richard held his family and friends near and dear. All that knew him would say that Richard was "always there." Anytime that he was ever needed, for whatever reason, he would always be there without a question asked. His commitment to his family was clearly made obvious as he served as a Scout Master, Little League coach, and even made an honorary member of the Girl Scouts. He was also known as "Mr. Fix-it." If something was ever broken,

he could always fix it. He often spent his time working on cars: changing oil, replacing brakes and even installing engines. You could always find him at his workbench in the garage, working on whatever needed to be fixed next. He was certainly a jack of all trades and an extremely talented man.

If Richard couldn't be found at his work bench, he could certainly be found in front of the TV while his favorite teams were playing. He was a diehard fan of the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers; it could certainly be said that he "left his heart in San Francisco." He always looked forward to watching the teams play each season, and was thrilled to see the Giants take the World Series one more time.

One of Richard's favorite hobbies was fishing. He was an avid fisherman and had owned many fishing boats in his lifetime. He enjoyed ocean fishing with his friends, but mostly took pleasure in casting a line wherever there was a bite. He loved the outdoors, and fishing was an added bonus to many of his camping trips. He started out tent camping with his family and worked his way up to owning multiple RV trailers. With a love for travel, he and Izola made it to 49 of the 50 US States; Alaska being the one left unvisited. Eventually they both joined the Sunny Roamers RV club. As a dedicated member for 16 years, Richard deeply cherished the group and the many fond memories that went along with being a part of it.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Izola; devoted children Susan Groskopf (Joel) of Manteca, CA, Linda Thorne (David) of Livermore, CA, Mark Feil of Tracy, CA and Richard Feil (Karri) of Grass Valley, CA. Loving grandchildren Heather Bays (Carl) of Del Mar, CA, Kevin Groskopf of Manteca, CA, Tabitha Allen of San Leandro, CA, Jeni Hill (Chris) of Lincoln, CA, Andrea Feil of Foresthill, CA, Kalina Feil of Neligh, NE, Taylor Thorne of Tustin, CA and 11 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Ernest Feil of Petaluma, CA, brother Bill Feil of Penngrove, CA and sister Stormy Hope of Lake Los Angeles, CA. His infinite love and strong spirit will always remain in the hearts and memories of all who knew him.

Richard was preceded in death by his sister Margaret Reese, brother Walter Feil and daughter-in law Donna Feil.

Funeral service were held June 15th at Callaghan Mortuary. Burial took place on June 16th at National Cemetery Administration, 32053 West McCabe Rd., Santa Nella, CA.

Donations in Richard's name can be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Go to [www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org/](http://www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org/) donate to make a donation.

## Robyn Jill Kimura 9/7/62 - 6/6/15

Robyn passed away peacefully with her family at her side. She had been brave and courageous throughout her 12 year battle with breast cancer.



Robyn leaves behind her daughter Rachel (17), her husband David, her parents, Luis and Faye Melendez, and siblings, Mark Vegotsky, Jessica (Jeff) Ceremony, Arturo Melendez, and Luis Melendez, Jr.

A private memorial will be held on June 20, 2015 for family and close friends. An additional celebration of life will be held on June 28, 2015 from noon to 5 p.m. at her parents' home in Livermore, CA.

For any information, you may contact Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward or log into the website and write Robyn Kimura.

## Dean Henry Miller

Las Vegas, Nevada May 1, 1954-June 3, 2015

Dean H. Miller passed away from Lymphoma June 3, 2015 at Centennial Hills Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was preceded in



death by his father Harry E. Miller and his son Troy M. Miller. He is survived by his mother Faye Miller of Livermore, CA; daughter Andrea Miller of Tucson, AZ; brothers Dale Miller of Pas Robles, CA and Doug Miller of Livermore, CA; nieces Tara Miller of Sacramento, CA; Emily Ziedes des Plantes of Los Osos, CA, Dana Miller of Los Osos, CA; and nephews Michael Miller of Santa Cruz, CA, and Austin Miller of San Francisco, CA.

Dean was a 1972 graduate of Granada High School in Livermore, CA and was an Eagle Scout. He went on to earn his BS in biology at UCLA while participating in the Air Force ROTC program. He served honorably in the USAF flying SAC missions in B-52 bombers. Dean continued his education throughout his career as a registered nurse achieving another bachelors and two masters degrees. At the time of his death, he was pursuing a PhD. Dean also enjoyed teaching as nurse instructor at the Veterans Hospital in Las Vegas, NV, where he worked.

The Las Vegas Veterans Hospital held a celebration of life for Dean on June 12. The family will have a private service.

Donations in Dean's honor can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS.org) or the Wounded Warriors Project ([woundedwarriorsproject.org](http://woundedwarriorsproject.org)).

## William Joseph Brockman

William Joseph Brockman, aka "Pops," 65, of Livermore, died Monday, June 8, 2015, with his family by his side.

He was born to Inez and Bill Brockman on September 7, 1949, in Albuquerque,



New Mexico. Joe graduated from Wilcox High School in Santa Clara, California, and went

on to graduate from Saint Mary's College. Joe became a San Jose Police Officer in February of 1971, and worked there until he retired in March of 2000. After retirement, Joe continued to do service work when he went on to become an Investigator for the Santa Clara County District Attorneys Office until his second retirement

in 2006.

Joe married Cathy in 1974. They have resided in Livermore for the past 38 years where they raised their two sons, Jarod and Brent.

In 2013, Joe and Cathy purchased a lake house in Lake Tulloch where they spent many happy times entertaining friends and family. In addition to having the lake house, Joe enjoyed taking trips with his fifth wheel.

Joe is survived by his wife Cathy, his two sons and their wives, Jarod and Harmony of Tracy, CA, and Brent and Maria of San Diego, CA with their three children, Lilliana, Adriana, and Damian. Joe also leaves behind his brother Jim and wife Barbara, his sister Linda, his brother Ed, and his brother Mike, as well as many nieces and nephews. Joe's beloved dog, Riley, will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 26th, at the Police Officers' Association Hall in San Jose, 1151 North Fourth Street at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that donations be made to Wounded Warriors, or Disabled Veterans.

## Marie Barbara Schlick (née Braun)

Marie Barbara Schlick (née Braun) died peacefully while praying aloud on June 1st, 2015 in Fremont, CA at the age of 97.

Marie was born on September 20, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois



as Theresa Braun (née Kieninger) and William Braun.

She married William Schlick, a Chicago firefighter in 1939. After moving to California, she and her husband always lived with or near her daughter Barbara. She was very involved in her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's lives.

Marie was a beloved family member and friend. She worked many jobs, the longest being a teacher at a nursery school before retiring in the 80's. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. She was a generous individual who volunteered regularly and loved to bake. She loved her family and delighted in children in particular.

Marie is survived by her granddaughter Jamie Heston, (née Muszalski), Jamie's husband Kurt and her great grandsons Jakob, Ashton and Kaleb with whom she lived for the last ten years of her life. She is also survived by her son and his wife Robert and Pam Schlick, and grandchildren Alexander Schlick and Madison Schlick as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband William E. Schlick (1998), her daughter Barbara C. Muszalski (1992), son-in-law Jim R. Muszalski (2002), her grandsons Brett Muszalski (2002) and Walter Muszalski (2011) and her sister Teresa Kaiser (2003).

A memorial service is scheduled for 3pm Friday, June 19, 2015 at Memory Gardens Cemetery on East Avenue in Livermore. Dea-

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con Bill will officiate. A private celebration of life will follow; contact Jamie at 510-305-8878 to RSVP. All are welcome to attend the graveside memorial and celebrate Marie's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

### Daniel Marc Gogny Born June 20, 1938 Died May 25, 2015

Daniel Marc Gogny left this earthly life on Memorial Day, May 25, 2015. He died peacefully with his family by his side. Daniel was busy working on a scientific demonstration at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, where he was a part-time consultant, the week before he passed and was very pleased that he had completed his demonstration.

Daniel told the story of how he became a theoretical nuclear physicist this way. He said he was walking in the streets of Paris and ran into an old friend, who said "Hey there, what are you doing?" Daniel replied, "Not much, why?" The friend said, "Well, I'm going down to sign up at the University to become a physicist, why don't you come along with me?" Daniel said, "O.K. Why not, I've nothing better to do right now."

That is how it began. Forty-one years later he had devoted his life to working for the Atomic Energy Commission of France, inventing the Gogny Force, still in use today. In September 1991, he received the Prix Joliot-Curie, for that invention, and was named Chevalier dans l'Ordre de Palmes Academique, in 1996. In 1999, he was awarded the biennial Lazare Carnot scientific prize, and in 2006 was recognized by the CEA (Atomic Energy Commission of France) for the body of his work (more than 40 years), and contribution to scientific advancement in France.

In 1998, he was appointed by the CEA to be Scientific Liaison to the French at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and he and his family moved to California from Bordeaux, France where he had been Director of Scientific Life for the Centre d'Etudes Scientifiques et Techniques d'Aquitaine at Le Barp, France.

Daniel retired from the CEA in 2004 but continued to mentor doctoral students and work with his collaborators such as Walid Younes, at LLNL, for the next 11 years. Daniel enjoyed his friends, his garden, his cats, and his "petit coup," glass of wine. He was known for his barbecues, especially lamb brochette, his ratatouille, and his love of a party. His model-thin figure and silver hair remained a source of pride throughout his life. Daniel never questioned his responsibilities and duties in life but carried them out elegantly and graciously. He thanked God daily for his abundant blessings. He was devoted to his wife, Patricia and son, Jordan, and to his many friends, students, and colleagues. He will be

missed by all of them.

A Celebration of the Life and Work of Daniel Marc Gogny will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at 11:00AM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, California. Friends and colleagues of Daniel are cordially invited to attend the service. A reception will be held immediately following in the church hall. The family would appreciate any memories or anecdotes about Daniel that you wish to share in writing for a memory book.

### Michael Nugent Resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. June 11, 1964 to May 7, 2015

Michael was born in Livermore, California. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1983. He graduated from Heald Business College and received a degree in Accounting. Michael spent the last 8 years working for the O'Reilly Auto Corp. in Las Vegas.

Michael spent time with his friends and enjoyed going to the casinos in the area. Michael's true passion was his birds. Over time he cared for 4 parrots- Max, Chucky, Groucho and Murphy; 2 Love birds- Jake and Greenly; and, 2 Cockatiels- Sunshine and Silver.

Michael is survived by his father Thomas J. of Livermore, CA; aunt/uncle Carol and William Dibbern of Oro Valley, AZ.; Brother Thomas of Livermore, CA; brother, sister-in-law and niece Daniel, Nicole and Alexandra of Concord, CA; Aunt Mary Shrum of Sonoma CA; uncles/aunts Richard, Amy of Alamo, CA; William, Brian of Chino Valley Az.; Kevin, Leslie, and Cousin Mark of Pollock Pines, CA; cousin John, wife Kimberly, children Katherine and Sean of Placerville, Ca.

Michael is preceded in death by his mother Carmela Anna "Millie" Nugent (1934-2001) of Henderson, NV, and Livermore, CA.

Michael passed to soon in Life and will be missed by all.

Services will be held on June 19th at 3:00 PM. at Palm Eastern Mortuary, 7600 So. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89123; 702-209-0602

In lieu of flowers, friends can make donations to their choice of cancer charities.

Messages can be sent to Tom Nugent of Livermore at Tnugent25@comcast.net

### In Memory



### Arthur Eugene Strope Jr 10/24/38-02/14/15

The family will be hosting a "Celebration of Life" Party on Sat. June 27, 2015 1pm to 6pm at Art's home 1015 Miranda Way in Livermore. Please join us in remembering this remarkable, funny, loving, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

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of his former high school civics teacher is just plain politics-as-usual cronyism.

### Fee Parking J. Healy Livermore

As Livermore residents, we were appalled to see so much of the available parking lots taken up by Fee Parking during the wine country festival. We arrived downtown at 10:10 a.m. We drove into the old Lucky Store parking lot only to find a large section of it, and the old Oldsmobile facility taken up by Fee Parking.

We drove around and around looking for a spot. We went to the garage, and were finally lucky to park there. As a result, I am sure many people left, and did not attend the festival. We don't know who was benefitting from these parking fees, but it was not appreciated by the residents.

People attending Livermore events are used to free parking. It is hard enough during these events to find parking without many of the available area being taken up by, we have to assume, private vendors.

Please get rid of this practice for all future events.

### Support Re-zoning Heather Quinkert Livermore

I am writing in response to a letter written by John Stein, posted June 10, 2015 entitled "Sunset Plaza Decision." In regards to the proposed re-zoning of the Sunset Office Plaza here in Livermore, I believe it would be in Livermore's best interest to utilize this space for homes. There is no doubt that South Livermore is a desirable place to live. Easy access to Highway 84/680 and Isabel/580 makes commuting simple. Sandwiched between two fire stations and the police station, residents feel safe and secure. The area is within walking distance to all downtown Livermore has to offer and is near multiple bike paths, parks and wineries. The one thing missing is affordable housing. I am not talking about Section 8 or other low-income housing; I am referring to first-time home - buyer affordable housing. With the economy still in recovery, many residents are opting not to sell their homes, which for many is their only asset. This makes a difficult situation for first-time home - buyers because there is so little on the real estate market. Sure, there are many new town homes and condos being built on Railroad and Old First Street but these are priced from the 500,000s to mid 600,000s, out of reach for many first time home-buyers. Even with special loans available, many banks still require 10% down. With rents ever increasing, it is difficult for many to save for this down payment. I believe the re-zoning of the Sunset Office Plaza will make way for many first time home-buyers to set their roots in Livermore.

I understand the concerns posed in Mr. Stein's letter, specifically "Maintaining Quality of Life." Mr. Stein's concern is that Livermore's "small-town charm" will be affected if this area is re-zoned for homes. Livermore's small town charm is not determined by what is being built but by the

people who live here. My mom was raised here, I was raised here and I would like to raise my son here. This is how a town's charm develops, by generations living here, being able to walk down the street and know at least one person who knows you or someone you know. The charm did not go away when the Premium Outlets were built, it did not go anywhere when downtown was revamped and it will not change if the Sunset Office Plaza is re-zoned.

Another issue presented by Mr. Stein is that the re-zoning of the Sunset Office Plaza will not follow two policies set by the Livermore City Council, to "Encourage Business and Expand Revenue Base" for Livermore. It is understandable that the businesses that rent offices in the plaza will have to move. The Sunset buildings are over 40 years old and in desperate need of repair. However, there are options and the businesses would not necessarily have to leave Livermore. The old Nob Hill building on S. Livermore has been abandoned for twenty plus years and could easily become a new office plaza. This area of Livermore is now thriving thanks in part to the new library and the many wineries just minutes away. If the planning committee took a look at the Nob Hill building, they would see it could definitely be torn down and replaced with smaller offices, enough to accommodate the businesses of Sunset Plaza. This location would see a lot of commerce as people use S. Livermore to get home from work and to get to highway 84 and 680 in the morning.

This area has a large parking lot that is easily accessible from S. Livermore and Dolores and it is near the police station, which makes safety a non-issue.

Although the worries of Mr. Stein and others in the community are valid, I feel that this isn't the "end all" situation that Mr. Stein's letter makes it out to be. Re-zoning the Sunset Office Plaza is a step in the right direction to make affordable homes available for the next generation.

### Hazardous Waste Jo Ann Frisch Livermore

Recently, I attended a public hearing run by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. It was about issuing Livermore Lab a permit renewal to store and treat very dangerous hazardous wastes, including those mixed with radioactive materials.

As currently written, the draft permit would allow on-site treatment of 600 tons of hazardous wastes per year. Even more waste could be stored at the Lab.

All of this would be near community parks and homes, including mine. Therefore, I was shocked to discover that the state is not planning to conduct an Environmental Impact Report before issuing a new permit. Instead, the state will depend on Livermore Lab data that is a decade or more old and wildly out of date.

For example, the draft permit doesn't consider the newest USGS seismic information, which shows that Livermore Lab is at a

greater risk than previously considered from ground motion and, potentially, liquefaction. Using outdated earthquake risk analyses, the draft permit allows incompatible wastes to be stored as close as two and a half feet apart and stacked two barrels high.

Livermore Lab is already one of the most contaminated locations in the United States. It is a national EPA Superfund cleanup site. Any new hazardous waste permit must be strongly regulated to protect our community and Lab workers from nuclear exposures.

The state will accept written comments until August 3rd. More information can be found at [www.trivalley-cares.org](http://www.trivalley-cares.org). Join me in insisting on an Environmental Impact Report before any new permit is issued.

### Trash Talk Ken Bradley Livermore

Who says our Livermore City Council is not compassionate?

By now you may have received a notice that your trash rates are going up again. One of the reasons this time, is that a for profit contractor that handles recycling for Livermore Sanitation has employees that make less than \$20.00 per hour. In order to correct this, our council decided to give them a couple of million dollars more each year.

Yes, a lot of Livermore residents also make less, but our council knew you wouldn't mind paying the extra dollars.



Livermore's population is growing. Photo - Bob Frizzell.



Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) representatives accepted the CARPD award, Pictured, from left to right, are TVC Treasurer Michael Fredrich, TVC Secretary Connie Campbell, TVC Director Clay Widmayer, TVC Director Melody O'Shea, TVC Board Chair Jeff Williams and TVC Executive Director Laura Mercier.

## We are Official!



A ribbon cutting was held last week to celebrate the merger of ValleyCare into the Stanford Health Care organization. Those on hand were asked to sign a banner marking the occasion. The affiliation agreement was completed in May. ValleyCare Health System was renamed Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare.

## Hope Hospice Adds Associate Medical Director

Hope Hospice announced Epi DeLeon, MD as its newest Associate Medical Director. The Associate Medical Directors, along with Hope Hospice Chief Medical Officer Maureen Dudgeon, MD, MA, FACP, are responsible for the overall medical direction of the hospice program. As members of Hope Hospice's Interdisciplinary Team, they are responsible for patient care and are the coordinators for developing, maintaining and monitoring all policies and standards of care relating to the medical activities of Hope Hospice.

"Dr. DeLeon is a wonderful man with deep roots in the community," says Hope Hospice Chief Medical Officer Maureen Dudgeon, MD, MA, FACP. "Compassion and understanding are the hallmarks of his practice."

DeLeon is vice president of Rossmoor Medical Associates in Walnut Creek. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, and is on staff at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek where he serves on the Ethics Committee. Dr. DeLeon earned his medical degree from the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco where he served on the Ethics Committee and completed End-of-Life Management training.

"Caring for someone in their final stages of life is a privilege," says Dr. DeLeon. "You have to blend the golden rule with the person's cultural beliefs to provide the most peaceful and spiritual experience attainable. Hope Hospice shares this philosophy, and does it professionally and compassionately. I'm proud to be joining their team."

He joins our other two associate medical directors Kuljeet Multani, MD, HMDC; and Jatinder Pal Singh Marwaha, MD, HMDC.

Patients or family members wishing more information about hospice services or an evaluation can call Hope Hospice at (925) 829-8770 or visit [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com).



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This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Minerva C. Monnar, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2015. Expires May 19, 2020.

The Independent Legal No. 3810. Published May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2015.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 503802

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

The following person(s) doing business as: Fit For Life, 8647 Galindo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffery King, 8647 Galindo Drive, Dublin, CA 94568  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Jeffery King  
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The Independent Legal No. 3813. Published June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504917

The following person(s) doing business as: Custom Sofas 4 Less, 4354 Las Positas Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diego Nazzari, 466 Starbridge Ct, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Diego Nazzari  
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The Independent Legal No. 3814. Published June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505260-261

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Calvary Tri Valley (2)Calvary Chapel Tri Valley, 2013 Research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Calvary Chapel of Livermore, 2013 Research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Pastor Addison Clay Worrell, President  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504890-2

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Tai-Cal Investment Enterprises (2)New Vision Investment Enterprises (3)Tai Family Investment Enterprises, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tai-Cal Real Estate LLC, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539  
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Khurram Tai, President  
This statement was filed with

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504847

The following person(s) doing business as: LuxeDesign Events, 3928 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Kawaiainiani Bomben, 3928 Dartmouth Way, Livermore, CA 94550 (2) Jenna Libbe, 1453 Valley Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by a General partnership  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Kawaiainiani Bomben, Partner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 8, 2015. Expires May 8, 2020.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505739

The following person(s) doing business as: Coconut Custodial, 3499 Norton Way #2, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jim's Screen Machine Inc, 4159 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551  
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The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/18/2010.

Signature of Registrants :s/: James Theofanopoulos  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2015. Expires May 7, 2020.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505739

The following person(s) doing business as: The Screen Machine and Christmas Decor, 4159 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jim's Screen Machine Inc, 4159 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/18/2010.

Signature of Registrants :s/: James Theofanopoulos  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2015. Expires May 7, 2020.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505111

The following person(s) doing business as: Padilla Masonry, 315 Swan Dr., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Salvador Padilla, 315 Swan Dr., Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Salvador Padilla  
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using the fictitious business name listed above.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504879

The following person(s) doing business as: Wolf Pack Games Store, 1569 Olivina, Ste 105, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Philip Filippi, 4172 Wilson Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546 (2) Robert Watkins, 1610 Flower Garden Ln, San Jose, CA 95124 (3)Nicomodem Marucit, 29590 Dry Creek Drive, Menifee, CA 92585  
This business is conducted by a Co-partners  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Philip Filippi, Partner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2015. Expires May 11, 2020.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505739

The following person(s) doing business as: Coconut Custodial, 3499 Norton Way #2, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Gerald Frank McKinney (2) Martina Celeste McKinney, 3499 Norton Way #2, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Gerald Frank McKinney  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505718

The following person(s) doing business as: Meridat Law Firm, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Keliang Zhu, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business

using the fictitious business name listed above.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 505718

The following person(s) doing business as: Meridat Law Firm, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Keliang Zhu, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
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Signature of Registrants :s/: Keliang Zhu  
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# SHORT NOTES

## Relay For Life Events

Relay For Life of Livermore is part of the American Cancer Society's signature event where participants walk for 24 hours because cancer never sleeps and neither will we until we can defeat it.

This is the 30th Anniversary of Relay For Life. Livermore has held this event for 14 years. This year's event will be held June 27-28, 2015 at Livermore High School's track. The relay begins at 9:00am on June 27th with the Survivor Lap. There is no cost to enter the event.

At 11:00 am on the Main Stage Relay welcomes Maddy Hudson. Maddy, 17 yrs. old, singer/songwriter and street performer from Pleasanton, who made it to the top 48 of American Idol Season XIV. At noon, the sounds of the Good Time Band can be heard followed at 3 p.m. by Mattea Overstreet and at 7 p.m. Gina Meconi Band.

From 10:00am until Dusk, the Kids' Camp will offer Ping Pong Toss, Ring Toss, Frisbee Golf and Corn Hole for \$5 all day play.

Those who want to become involved, start a team or volunteer, check out the Livermore's Relay website at [www.relayforlife.org/livermoreca](http://www.relayforlife.org/livermoreca). Or "Like" the Facebook Page.

## New Sr. Vice President

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties has named Frank Trifeletti Senior Vice President. Trifeletti brings over 40 years of industry experience to his new position and is an active member of the Contra Costa County Board of REALTORS®. He combines a driven personality with a detailed approach to achieve outstanding results.

In his new role, Trifeletti will be responsible for managing the operations of the 30 branches and will oversee the managers in their day to day efforts throughout Northern California.

"My primary focus in real estate has always been helping my clients achieve sound home buying and selling results," said Trifeletti.

## Kiehl's Opening

Kiehl's Since 1851, the

venerable New York-based purveyor of fine quality skin and hair care preparations, will open a new retail store in Pleasanton at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

"We are extremely excited to give our Bay Area community a new opportunity to discover our heritage and history, our philanthropic mission, our sampling and service-oriented approach to retail, and of course, our full line of skin, hair and body care for women, men, children, and even pets," said Chris Salgado, President, Kiehl's USA.

Kiehl's Stoneridge mirrors the unique ambiance found in the company's original New York Flagship, which began as a neighborhood apothecary in 1851. The new store brings a modern New York apothecary to Pleasanton, referencing the company's original East Village roots and blending antique apothecary fixtures with modern flair.

For more information about Kiehl's, please visit [www.kiehls.com](http://www.kiehls.com).

## Award Announced

The Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) Cal State East Bay Diablo Chapter recognized four winners at its annual awards dinner at the Brass Door in San Ramon on May 29th.

Art Krakowsky of Livermore received the 2014-15 Service to Education award for his work with the Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) program. This program provides scientists and engineers to give lessons in elementary schools and other educational programs from the Central Valley through the Tri-Valley to Santa Clara county.

PDK is an international organization promoting leadership, research, and service in education. For information on the local chapter, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/csueastbaydiablochapterpdk/>.

## Nature Programs

Night Hike: Adults Only program on Sat., June 20 will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8 p.m. at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore

Grove Park.

Tonight is the "big" kids' turn to participate in a no-lights hike. Adults are invited to explore some differences between nocturnal, diurnal and crepuscular animals while keeping their eyes, ears and noses alert to critters of the night. Do not bring a flashlight, but do bring a childlike curiosity. Advanced reservations are required by e-mailing [peole@larpd.org](mailto:peole@larpd.org), including your name, number of people and phone number.

Nature Stories at May Nissen Park will be offered on Sun., June 21. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer and representatives of the Livermore Library at 10 a.m. at May Nissen Park, 685 Rincon Avenue.

Come to May Nissen Park for a special storytime featuring stories about nature and wild animals. Rangers and special guests from the Livermore Public Library will entertain families with fun readings of children's books. After the stories, there will be nature things for kids to examine and maybe go on a "bug hunt" to search for nature right nearby.

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

## Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for "The Great Race," the Vacation Bible School at Centerpointe Church.

The race will run from July 13-17 and is designed for children three years old through students entering the sixth grade.

The race starts at 2 Timothy 4:7-8--"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is a crown waiting for me. It is given to those who are right with God."

Daily programs include Bible studies, worship and drama, crafts, games and more. The program starts at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at 12:15 p.m.

The registration fee of \$50 includes a t-shirt, musical CD and all activities. Financial

assistance is available upon request.

To register, go to registration/volunteer forms at <http://www.centerpointechurch.org/centerpointe-kids/vacation-bible-school> to fill out the registration form, print it and return it to the Centerpointe of office at 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

## New Technology

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The collection of products includes InTouch, a client relationship management (CRM) platform; TouchCMA, a comparative market analysis (CMA) platform; and CB | ONE, a proprietary intranet. All three platforms use innovative technology to improve agent productivity and professional success.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's new InTouch product is a CRM, lead management, agent website, and drip marketing platform all in one. It provides agents with access to an enhanced communication and lead management system, plus an integrated multi-channel marketing center.

TouchCMA is a state-of-the-art presentation tool that's flexible and customized for each agent's image and marketplace. The product will handle all agent presentations on all of their devices, producing attractive client reports.

This new intranet will offer agents a clean, simple interface, but at the same time a powerful platform that provides access to all marketing and business-building resources. CB | ONE includes an intuitive Google-like search function and simple step-by-step instructions and resources for everything from

building an agent's business to prospecting for clients to working with buyers and sellers.

## As You Like It

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents scenes and a discussion of "As You Like It" at the Friends of the Livermore Library Board Meeting.

The summer season, staged at Wente Vineyards, will feature As You Like It and Sense and Sensibility.

The library event will be held Thurs., June 18 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There will be a wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m. followed by a brief board meeting. The Livermore Shakespeare Festival presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.



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# Shakespeare in the Park Presents 'Romeo and Juliet'

*San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Annual Event in Pleasanton*



Carl Holvick and Lauren Spencer as Romeo and Juliet. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc

Romeo and Juliet will be performed by the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival in partnership with the City of Pleasanton for the 33rd season of Free Shakespeare in the Park. The performances take place at Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park. They run June 27-July 12 on Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., plus an added show on Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. (No shows July 3 and 4.)

The park meadow is located at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The performance lawn is behind the aquatics center. Audiences are welcome to bring blankets and picnics to enjoy free professional theater under the stars.

William Shakespeare's remarkable genre-defying play soars to the heights of 'romantic comedy,' then plunges by the final curtain into desperate heartbreak. Meaningless prejudices inherited from past generations, combined with the pervading culture of violence, leads the players to commit terrible acts. The younger characters inhabit secret lives unknown to their parents, and love, kill, and die without most of the older generation knowing why.

Artistic Director

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## Safety Around Dogs Program Offered in Dublin

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and the California Federation of Dog Clubs will hold a “Safety Around Dogs” workshop on Saturday, June 20 in Dublin. She will also provide an update on animal safety and welfare legislation for those who wish to learn more.

K-9 Ambassadors from the American Kennel Club will demonstrate to dog owners, including parents and children, the important skills and techniques necessary to safely and confidently interact with dogs. At the end of the presentation, Assemblywoman Baker and the California Federation of Dog Clubs will provide the children with special certificates for completing the workshop.

“As a mother of two young children, and someone who grew up with a family dog, I know that developing social skills, and maintaining healthy activity are important parts of childhood,” said Baker. “Teaching our children how to interact safely around their family dog and other dogs is

an important part of that development,” she added.

The “Safety Around Dogs” workshop will provide a fun way for dog owners, including parents and kids, to learn how to improve their dog’s behavior, interact with other dogs, and ultimately increase community safety where animals live.

“Our K-9 Ambassadors look forward to helping parents and children better care for and interact with their beloved dogs, and we are pleased to join with Assemblywoman Baker for this event,” said Chuck Bridges, President of the California Federation of Dog Clubs.

The K-9 Ambassadors will bring trained dogs for the demonstration, so attendees are asked to leave their dogs at home.

The event will take place at Bray Commons Park, 3300 Finnian Way, Dublin from 10 a.m. to noon.



Victoria Tower, Laguna Beach by Sherry Hennes

## Photographs by Sherry Hennes Featured at LAA Gallery

The work of Sherry Hennes is on display at the Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery through the end of June. Sherry, a Livermore resident, specializes in landscape photography. Her love of landscapes developed in her per-adolescent years while living in Texas with her grandmother. She obtained her first Canon SLR camera while living in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and her passion for photography ensued.

After moving to Livermore Sherry began exploring the beauty and serenity of the local rolling hills and trees. Her goal is to capture photos that reveal the essence of this lovely local landscape.

The LAA Gallery is located at 2155 Third St. in the old Carnegie Library building. Hours are 11:30 am to 4:00 pm; Wednesday through Sunday. Admission to the gallery is always free and open to the public.

## Concert in the Park Series Presented Fridays in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Downtown Association’s (PDA) Concert in the Park series kicked off Friday, June 5 with classic rock from OTR to several thousand people stretching across Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks at the corner of First Street and Neal Street. The free concerts are featured every Friday in June, July and August from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

Families are encouraged to pick up dinner “to go” from one of Downtown Pleasanton’s many restaurants and bring it with them to the park. Concert goers are invited to stop by the PDA information table near the stage at Lions Wayside Park to enter a free raffle for a chance to win gift cards and special prize baskets from local businesses.

While guests are allowed to put out blankets and chairs (at their own risk) in Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks, they are asked to wait until the morning of the concert to do so. The use of rocks to hold down blankets is prohibited, as large rocks can damage lawn-mowing equipment. Also, the use of plastic tarps is not allowed.

2015 Concert in the Park Line-Up:

June 19 –Crawdad Republic, Folk and Bluegrass.

June 26 – Georgi and the Rough Week, Rockin’ Blues.

July 3 – Ruckatan Latin Tribe, Latin Rock.

July 10 – West Grand Boulevard, Classic Soul

and Motown Hits.

July 17 – the CoolTones, Big Band & Swing.

July 24 – The Banned, 80s Hits.

July 31 – The Apes, Contemporary Rock.

August 7 – Tommy and the 4 Speeds, 1960s.

August 14 – Max Cruise, Rock, Pop and

R&B.

August 21 – Magic Moments, Hits of the 50s & 60s .

August 28 – Public Eye, High Energy Rock & Rol.

More information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association is available at (925) 484-2199 or [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).



Photo Courtesy: Chuck Deckert



## Blues Revue Featured at June 23 'Evenings on the Green'

Evan Thomas Blues Revue will be featured at the Tues., June 23 family-friendly free concert series "Evenings on the Green." The performance begins at 6:45 p.m.

Organized by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, this series will be presented on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater.

The Blues Revue has performed at countless fairs, festivals and Blues Clubs throughout California, Nevada and Canada. Evan is recognized and respected as an outstanding musician and guitarist, playing dynamic, funky, soulful and high energy blues. He captures a down home essence, the foot stomping, and head-nodding style, of the old Mississippi delta blues tone. It's the grit, in his soulful voice and his crying guitar which sets him apart. He

plays Chicago style Blues in its form like artists Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, Jimmie Rodgers and Bo Diddley. Chicago blues is a type of urban blues, evolving from classic blues as a result of the great depression in the first half of the twentieth century.

Evan Thomas's classic, electric blues guitar style is influenced by some of the great guitar players of our time, BB King, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Kenny "Blue" Ray and Jimi Hendrix. Evan Thomas Blues Revue features some of the best Blues musicians from in and around the greater Bay Area. See a video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYbFEg0luEI/a>

Next Tuesday, "Evenings on the Green" continues with Matt Finders & Element 116, along with Spencer Sussman, both jazz performances. Additional sponsors are Sanctuary Ultra Lounge Restaurant,

Catering and Events; Wine-makers Pourhouse Beer Garden; and Sauced BBQ and Spirits.

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



## Wine Blending Event Planned by Friends of the Vineyards

Friends of the Vineyards will host a wine blending event on June 28, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Participants will learn the art of blending different varietals to create the perfect bottle of wine. The program includes instruction and a hands-on workshop during which participants, working in teams, will blend component varietals together to craft their team's perfect bottle. Judges will select the best blend, and the winning group will each take home a small personal-size bottle of their blended wine.

The program will be presented by FOV Vice-President, Norman Petermeier, Enologist with Ruby Hill and Rubino Estates Wineries and winemaker at Villa Per Due Winery. Light Refreshments will be served.

The cost for the program is \$30 for current FOV members/\$40 for non-members. Advance registration is required. Tickets will not be available at the door. To purchase tickets, go to [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

Friends of the Vineyards, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the vineyards, agricultural lands, and open spaces of the Livermore and Amador Valleys and adjacent regions.



## Gala to Benefit Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) will hold its annual PCRT Gala Fundraiser on Sun., August 2 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be wine and gourmet hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by vignettes from the upcoming 2015-16 season of professionally produced, Broadway musicals.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$75 each and are available at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or online at [www.pcrproductions.org](http://www.pcrproductions.org) or [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

The Gala Fundraiser will begin with a selection of wines provided by the Cellar Door and gourmet hors d'oeuvres provided by Pastas Trattoria, both located in historic, downtown Pleasanton. A silent auction featuring a wine pull and a variety of items will take place from 4pm to 5:15pm. This will be followed by a series of vignettes in the Firehouse Theatre from the upcoming 2015-16 Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre season of professionally produced, Broadway musicals.



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# Yesterday into Today

by Sarah Bobson

## THE BERLIN WALL

Christa Schneider and her husband Dieter, a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Lab, both Livermarians since 1987, experienced the Berlin Wall firsthand. Although living in the British-controlled sector of West Berlin at the time, they, nevertheless, experienced the lack of freedom and deprivation the Wall imposed for the 28 years it remained in place from 1961 to 1989. Recently, I sat down with these two, now in their 70's, in their lovely two-story home filled with books and chatted about their experiences.

Dieter, an engaging man with shortly cropped grey hair, who radiates warmth while he secretly seems to be probing some physics problem, remembers the first stage of the erection of the Wall.

"I was bike riding with a friend over in the East. I didn't have a passport at this time. All of a sudden we noticed that people rushed over to the Wall area. We were curious, not really afraid. We saw some of the People's Republic Army, I guess you would call them, taking up their posts, guards standing a certain distance from each other while they put up barbed wire. There were still openings so people could rush back into the West, which is what we did. Later, we heard on the news that they were putting up, not really the Wall, but barbed wire and fences."

What Dieter remembers is the first stage in the building of a barrier between East and West Berlin: the erection of a barbed wire fence in 1961. The night before, at the stroke of midnight, the police and units of the East German army had begun to close the border and, by Sunday morning, August 15th, the border with West Berlin was closed. East German troops and workers began to tear up streets running along the border to make them impassable to most vehicles and to install barbed wire entanglements and fences along the 156 kilometres (97 mi) around the three western sectors, and the 43 kilometres (27 mi) that divided West and East Berlin. Over the course of the next 19 years, several layers of reinforcements, chain fences, walls, minefields and other obstacles would be installed to create a huge no man's land providing an impassable barrier.

The Berlin Wall was actually the result of a long chain of events that began after the end of World War II when the allied forces divided this city that floated like an island in East Germany into West and East. West Berlin consisted of the American Sector, the British Sector, and the French Sector, and East Berlin consisted of the Soviet Sector. In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began supplying food and other commodities to West Berlin. The Soviets objected to this because it created a huge imbalance in the quality of life between

not only the two Berlins but the two parts of Germany. As a result, East Berliners and East Germans began evacuating to West Berlin and Western Europe. The Soviets imposed restrictive measure after restrictive measure to curb this movement. Border crossings from East to West Germany became difficult to cross, except for the border between East and West Berlin. By 1961, the 3.5 million East Germans who had left totalled approximately 20 percent of the entire East German population. With a huge brain drain of professionals, engineers, technicians, physicians, teachers, lawyers, and skilled workers, the Soviets could no longer tolerate the situation.

I asked Dieter if he and his friends anticipated that the border would be closed.

"Yes, there was a feeling among the population that something would happen. There were, of course, all the interactions between the Americans and the Soviets. There was a desperate situation in the Eastern government. They saw their people going away."

Christa, sporting a dark bob hairstyle, sharply decked out in a paisley dress, dark jacket and pearls, a woman equally as warm and engaging as her husband, added her thoughts.

"They were fleeing East Germany by the thousands per day. Especially younger people. That was, of course, devastating because they were needed to keep the economy alive."

"East Germany was pretty well recognized as an important trade partner for the other Eastern governments (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary)," Dieter said, picking up on the thread. "That was diminishing. They always had the Soviets at their back. At that time, from a rational point of view, I think that one could understand that they would do that. Of course, nobody liked that separation. Then there were all the atrocities that happened at the Wall. They were big time in the Western news. I think some of the worst part was actually the border controls that went along with putting up the Wall. Everything was tightened up. In the past, people could be smuggled out along the pathway from West Berlin into West Germany. There were, I think, four autobahns all together, and people were smuggled from the East through those channels."

Dieter explained that the autobahn, Germany's rapid-transit highway system, had checkpoints all along its path. "A West Berliner exiting the autobahn was stopped, checked, and waved through the Western point, and then stopped and checked on the Eastern point. That's where you had to do your paperwork each trip that you took." This could take hours. "At vacation time," Dieter said, "people wanted to get out. That was

really a bad part for the entire population because you had to wait, you had to go through the hassle, and sometimes they were very unfriendly. You got the feeling they did that on purpose, to discourage people from traveling back and forth. There were different channels and different lengths, but it took anywhere between two and four hours each way to get through."

Christa added: "When we wanted to go on vacation, we had to cross East Germany and West Germany, depending on where we wanted to go. At the borderline out of Berlin, when we drove out a guard would come to the car and ask for the passport and take it away. You were in line with your car and your passport was going away somewhere, you never knew where and whether you were going to get it back. It was uncomfortable."

The Wall imposed numerous other impediments and stresses to everyday life. Read the rest of Dieter's and Christa's stories in Part II of this interview in my July column.

## Bonsai Program Slated

A program on the Living Art of Bonsai will be presented on June 28 at the Livermore Civic Center Library.

The event, part of the Authors and Arts program, begins at 2 p.m.

Learn the history and art of bonsai at this free event. Charles Harder, teacher and president of the local Valley Bonsai Society, will give a brief discussion and demonstration on the history, art and technique of bonsai. From its possible origins to present day, he will touch on some of the styles and techniques in the art, and will perform an initial styling of a tree.

Founded in 2008, the Valley Bonsai Society is an organization established to create a group of local bonsai enthusiasts with all levels of experience or expertise. For information, go to [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com).

The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

## Open Mic for Writers

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

This will be an evening of food, wine, and writing. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "Support local writers and have fun in a welcoming environment."

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/WhistlestopWriters> or call 925-890-6045.



## JUST KIDDING



### Just Kidding Music Set for Rincon Library

The Livermore Public Library will present Just Kidding Music on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 2:30pm at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Ave., Livermore.

Just Kidding Music is one of a variety of free performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Just Kidding Music provides an introduction to traditional American music through song, instruments and movement. Lynn Quinones and Jill Cruey are musicians and music educators who encourage

an awareness of the music they love through the use of play, party games, old-time fiddle tunes, story songs and parody. Audiences are encouraged to participate in the music and mood by playing along with a variety of folk instruments.

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs

are geared toward children ages 4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, storytellers and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2015 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or call 925-373-5504.

## SHAKESPEARE

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Rebecca J. Ennals returns with her historically-based yet 'relevant to now' approach. She notes, "While the doomed young lovers will always be remembered for their romantic devotion, this tale of five young lives needlessly wasted could have come straight from today's Twitter or Facebook feeds." She continues: "So how does a community recover from this 'culture of violence' mode? Shakespeare leaves us with the possibility of hope and healing, a message much needed today."

The play stars resident artists Carl Holvick-Thomas as Romeo, and Lauren Spencer as Juliet.

Cast members are Sean Garahan, Phil Lowery, David E Moore, Carla Pantoja, and Valerie Weak. Newcomers to the Free Shakes stage include Michael J. Asberry, Gwen Loeb, Regina Morones, and Mohammad Shehata.

Valerie Weak, who plays Lady Capulet, grew up in Pleasanton, attending Alisal Elementary, Walnut Grove and Harvest Park Middle Schools, and graduating from Amador Valley High School. She performed in a variety of community theater shows, including with the Children's Theater Workshop, founded and directed by Andy Jorgensen.

The show is appro-

priate for all ages. No tickets or reservations are required, so come early for choice vantage points on the lawn. No seating is provided; blankets and low chairs are permitted. Snacks and beverages are for sale at the Free Shakes Concession Stand, with all proceeds going directly to support the program. And BYO picnicking is encouraged!

Each performance is preceded by a 15-minute Green Show, starting a half-hour before show time, featuring the Intern Company, which provides additional background on Shakespeare and the play in a lively family-friendly format.

## Valley Humane Society Offers Critter Camp's Kitty Caretaker Class

Young pet-lovers seeking the purrfect summer activity are invited to take part in Valley Humane Society's Critter Camp! Starting June 22, Critter Camp offers fun, friendship, and rewarding animal interaction. There's still time to register for the first session, Kitty Caretaker, an in-depth introduction to everything feline. Kitty Caretaker runs June 22-26 from 2-5 pm at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Tailored to ages 12-15, Kitty Caretaker is a feline-focused camp covering cats from tip to tail. Through hands-on activities, campers learn shelter care and feeding procedures, explore cat behavior, and practice cat-socializing techniques to keep feline friends happy and healthy. In addition, campers will have the opportunity to create an adoption campaign to help a favorite feline find a forever home.

Critter Camp offers three different week-long day camps in six sessions throughout the summer, emphasizing compassion, respect for life, and responsible pet care. Pet-loving youth ages 7-15 will interact with adoptable cats and find inspiration and education through games, art, and craft projects that influence a shelter pet's chances of adoption. Visits from animal experts will cover a variety of topics such as veterinary work, animal control services, the environ-



Pictured are two young volunteers.



ment, police K-9 units, and therapy dogs.

Critter Camp is \$250 per child, per session, and includes a camp t-shirt. Sign up with a friend today and save \$25 off the cost of both tuitions. To register for Kitty Caretaker or other Critter Camp sessions, please visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org), or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

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**Valerie Jonas, Axis Chief Development Officer, Nadine Horner and Charles Hartwig, Rotarian Foundation, Charlotte Salomon, Axis Capital Campaign Chair, and Splend Splendorio, Rotarian Foundation, celebrate the successful Rotarian Foundation of Livermore fundraising campaign for Axis Community Health.**

## Rotarian Foundation Donates Funds for New Axis Care Health Center

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore recently presented a check for \$29,000 to Axis Community Health for its new Tri-Valley health center. The Foundation's successful February 2015 Bella Rosa Ball at Garre Winery generated this contribution towards the Axis Community Health \$1.7 million "Fund the Need" capital campaign.

The evening included dinner, dancing, and donations. "The Bella Rosa Ball was an elegant, magical evening. The venue was lovely, and the CoolTones Big Band kept my husband and me dancing all night," stated Pleasanton resident Lynn Gunney. "It was gratifying to help support Axis Community's Center's new facility. I was surprised to learn that Axis is the only health care facility in the Tri-Valley area that accepts Medi-Cal patients, so it's a critical resource for the uninsured and underinsured in our community."

The Bella Rosa Ball proceeds and two other local Rotary grants raised a total of \$45,000 for the Axis campaign.

"Axis is extremely honored to have received this outpouring of support from Livermore Rotarians," said Valerie Jonas, Axis Chief Development Officer. "The new community health center is critical to our ability to provide care to thousands of low-income families, and we greatly appreciate receive these funds raised at the Ball to help make the center a reality. This donation, along with other contributions to the project from Livermore Rotarians, brings the total support to our capital campaign to an astounding \$45,000."

For more details on the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, visit [rotarianfoundationlivermore.org](http://rotarianfoundationlivermore.org). To learn more about Axis Community Health services, visit [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

## Livermore School District Lists New Administrators

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has announced following administrative appointments, all of whom begin their official duties July 1, 2015:

**Jennie Lee Kordes, Assistant Director, Special Education:** Jennie Lee Kordes comes to Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District with 25 years of experience in special education. The majority of Jennie's professional career has been in the public school system. She has worked not only as a Speech-Language Pathologist (preschool through middle school), but also as a Kindergarten Special Day Class teacher. Jennie has spent the last 16 years working as a Program Specialist, which provided opportunities to work with a broad range of special education specialists, students and programs. She has been instrumental in the development of Response to Intervention procedures for Speech and Language Departments, standardizing assessment forms and procedures, and providing ongoing support and supervision of Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) seeking their State licensure and national certification. Jennie lives in Pleasanton with her two children, Kellie and Walker, who attend or graduated from the Pleasanton Unified School District. She enjoys spending time with her children, whether it be with Girl Scouts, gardening, or hiking and fly fishing in the High Sierras. She is actively involved in PEO, a philanthropic educational organization for women, and has held a variety of positions within her local organization in the Tri Valley area.

**Vicki Scudder, Livermore High School Principal:** Vicki Scudder transitions to LHS from within the District where she has been Principal at Leo Croce Elementary for the past three years. Prior, she held administrative positions at East Avenue, Junction, and Christensen Middle schools, as well as a counselor and teacher at Junction. Vicki is a highly skilled leader, whose breadth of experience and outstanding communication skills foster connections with and for all members of the learning community. Her educational and counseling background, coupled with her sincere passion to enhance learning for all students, while always supporting staff, make her highly respected by her peers, staff, students, and parents, and within the community. Vicki has mentored many upcoming leaders and is eager and always willing to be a trailblazer to expand educational opportunities for students and staff.

**Alberto Solorzano, Marylin Avenue Elementary School Principal:** Solorzano graduated from New Haven's James Logan High School (Union City) and completed his undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University. He earned his masters degree in Educational Leadership from California State University East Bay and recently completed four years through the Stanford Principal Fellows Program. Before coming to Livermore, he faithfully served 17 years as a teacher, soccer coach, house principal and eventually middle school principal at Cesar Chavez Middle School. Under his leadership at LHS, new courses in Latin, Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science, AP Music Theory, Sociology, Agriculture Chemistry, and The Write Team were implemented. The agriculture program grew to

more than 200 Future Farmers of America members; the Green Engineering Academy doubled in enrollment; enrollment of Latino students into honors and AP courses increased; and a new Independent Living Skills Center for moderate to severe special education students was created.

**Helen Gladden, East Avenue Middle School Principal:** Helen Gladden is an East Bay native who came to work for the District in 2005 after working for the federal government for 20 years. She was an English teacher at Livermore High School from 2005–2011, during which time she served as department chairperson, wrote the school's successful Distinguished School Application, and was the school's Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Coordinator. For the past four years, Helen has been a vice principal at LHS. She was recently named as the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) 2015 Co-Administrator of the Year for the region comprised of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Her nomination was then forwarded to the State level, where she was selected as the California Co-Administrator of the Year.

**Kendra Helsley, Leo Croce Elementary School Principal:** Kendra Helsley has spent 28 years in public education, earning her B.A. degree from California State University, Hayward (CSUH) in Liberal Studies with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She continued at CSUH to earn her multiple subject teaching credential. As an elementary teacher in the Newark Unified School District, Kendra routinely included students with special needs into her classroom. Kendra developed original fine arts programs for her students annually. Committed to serving the community, she partnered with the local American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) group to launch the "Seniors in Schools" program which paired retired persons with classrooms and students, among other projects. When assuming the Literacy and Reform Coach position, Kendra worked directly with Mosaic of Thought author Ellin Keene to implement critical thinking and comprehension strategies in all subject areas. Kendra worked with the Bay Area Schools Reform Collaborative (BASRC), and was a member of a teacher-researcher group at her site. During this time, Kendra presented at several regional and State conferences highlighting the reform efforts and accomplishments of her school, as well as demonstrating effective instructional methodologies. During her tenure in Newark, Kendra Helsley was selected as the District's Teacher of the Year.

Kendra is fully trained in the Guided Language Acquisition and Design (GLAD) instructional strategies, specifically targeting the needs of English Learners. Under her leadership, Dent Elementary hit the coveted "800" score on the API. During the 2014-2015 school year, Kendra served as Director of Student Services, overseeing Special Education, English Learner, and Intervention programs for the District. She was instrumental in bringing the California Seal of Biliteracy program into the district, as well as restoring English Language classes for adults. While it was a tremendous learning experience, Kendra found herself missing the day-to-day interactions and energy of an elementary campus.



## Wheels Adding Service Times for Bus to the Alameda County Fair

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus system, is adding service on its Route 8 to/from the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to the Alameda County Fairgrounds during the annual fair, June 17-July 5. Late night service is also being extended on Route 8 to accommodate passengers attending nightly concerts and the Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular show.

Each passenger riding

Route 8 will receive a 2-for-1 Fair admission voucher. Just ask your Route 8 operator for the voucher when boarding at the Fairgrounds bus stop.

The historic Rideo bus is on display at the fairgrounds. This 1966 General Motors Coach bus was originally operated as part of the City of Livermore's Rideo bus system. Wheels acquired the historic Rideo bus from the City of Livermore in the late 1980s. Since then, Alameda County Supervisor

and Wheels Board Member, Scott Haggerty, played a major role in the rehabilitation of the Rideo bus, securing state and federal funding in 2011 to restore the bus. The Rideo bus will be on display next to the grandstands at the fair. In addition, you can get free giveaways and transit information at the Wheels booth on June 18, 25 and July 2, next to the Rideo bus.

For trip planning assistance and extended schedule information, call Wheels Customer Service at (925)

455-7500 or visit us online at [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com). For Fair hours and event information, visit [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com).

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Wheels cash fares to the Fair are: \$2 adult/youth, \$1 age 65 and over with valid

ID, disabled with a valid RTC discount card, children under 6 are free with a paying adult.

## Snackdown at the Fair on June 19

The Snackdown is back at the Alameda County Fair.

Top concessionaires will go toe-to-toe, each in hopes that their newest taste sensation will be crowned top dog. Eight vendors with 14 total entries will compete at the Fair's Grandstand stage on Friday, June 19 at 4 p.m.

Liam Mayclem, KCBS's "Foodie Chap," will host the live event, along with a judging panel of Bay Area food writers and personalities. The Fair's Facebook page will run a contest later this week giving food fans

a chance to win a spot at the judging table.

Food vendors were invited to participate in the competition earlier this year. First-round judges selected the finalists from entries received. Contestants are allowed to enter as many different items as they wish, but all entries must be original creations and new to the Fair.

For the first time, the Fair will provide food vendor maps at the information booths.

2015 finalists are Deep

Fried PB&J Cheesecake w/ Bubblegum Frosting; Bacon Wrapped Pork Belly on a Stick; Deep Fried Wood Fired Pastrami Pizza; Deep Fried Carmelized Bananas Foster; Cap'n Crunch Shrimp on a Stick w/ Sweet Sriracha Sauce; Funnel Cake Cheeseburger; The Red, White & Blue; Frosted Flakes Chicken w/ Maple Syrup; and Chipotle Shrimp Avocado Bites

The fair runs June 17 to July 5. It is open 11am - 11pm Daily.

For more information, go to [alamedacountyfair.com](http://alamedacountyfair.com)



The Southern California-based Eagles tribute, The Boys Of Summer, will appear in concert at the Alameda County Fair, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., on Tuesday, June 23. The Boys of Summer are James Williamson, drums-vocals; Darrel Monson, guitar/vocals; Craig T. Fall, guitar/vocals; Chris Turbis, keyboards/saxophones/acoustic guitar/vocals; and Bill Winkler, bass/vocals, five hardworking musicians who play and channel some of the greatest music ever created and produced on the West Coast, that being from legendary rock group, the Eagles. The group recreates the sounds, harmonies, and the feel of Eagles concerts. All Concerts start at 8pm. Seating in the amphitheater is first come, first serve. Overflow seating, located outside the amphitheater, is available on the Concert Lawn Jumbotron

## Tower of Power Among Concert Performers

Tower of Power will perform at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton on June 26.

All concerts are held in the amphitheater starting at 8pm. They are free with paid admission. Seating is first come, first serve. Overflow seating, located outside the amphitheater, is available on the Concert Lawn Jumbotron

Tower's musical odyssey actually began in 1968 when Emilio Castillo met Stephen "Doc" Kupka in July of that

year. When Doc auditioned during a band rehearsal at Emilio's house, Emilio's father called him into the kitchen and offered the following advice: "Hire that guy, he's got something." Doc and his signature baritone sax sound were now in the band, and on August 13, 1968, Tower of Power began playing gigs, and soon became very well known in the area.

Tower celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008 at a reunion show at the Fill-

more Auditorium in San Francisco.

Band Members Include: Emilio Castillo – Band Leader – Tenor Saxophone; Stephen "Doc" Kupka – Baritone Saxophone; Francis "Rocco" Prestia – Bass Guitar; David Garibaldi – Drums; Tom Polizer – Tenor Saxophone; Adolfo Acosta – Trumpet/ Flugel Horn; Ray Greene – Lead Vocals; Sal Cracchiolo – Trumpet; Roger Smith – Keyboards; Jerry Cortez – Guitar.

For information, go to [www.towerofpower.com](http://www.towerofpower.com)



Tower of Power



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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

**A Collection of Sharon Wood's Photography** will be open for public viewing at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, from June 2- July 30th.

**Repurposed: Creative Re-Use of Otherwise Discarded Items.** New installation at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Works by 4 Northern California artists using diverse processes, motivations, and cast-off materials to create sophisticated fine art pieces. Includes origami, assemblage wall pieces, free standing sculpture, collage incorporating old sheet music and books, and a large installation work not to be missed. Open to the public June 24 through July 23. Free public opening artist reception will be held on Wednesday, June 23, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the gallery. The public is invited to explore the works and chat with the artists. Light refreshments will be served. Young@Art Event: Thursday, June 25, 4:30-5:45 p.m. "Recycled Fun" Young @ Art Youth Gallery Program. Ages 5-11. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com), code 60159. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

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

**Art Under the Oaks**, July 18 and 19, sponsored by Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No admission charge. Art displays and demonstrations. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org)

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**Piano and keyboard lessons**, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) 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 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

**Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer Art**, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years. Sessions: June 22-26; July 27-31; Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443- 8755 or [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net)

**Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond** - Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start

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

## WINE &amp; SPIRITS

**The Chef & The Winemaker - A Celebration of the Bay Area's Most Acclaimed Women Chefs**, Wente Vineyards Restaurant. Dinners, 6 to 9 p.m. Tanya Holland, Executive Chef/Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen, TV personality, cookbook author, 2013 California Chef of the Year, Sept. 10; Joanne Weir, James Beard Award Winner, TV Personality, cookbook author, Chef/Partner of Copita, Nov. 12. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; event information 925.456.2424; dinner reservations at 925.456.2450 or [wentevineyards.com/restaurant](http://wentevineyards.com/restaurant)

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Livermore, Fri., June 19, Evening in the Vineyards concert, 6 to 9 p.m., featuring Tumbledown House. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages, Artisan pizzas handcrafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, go to [www.laspositasvineyards.com](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com). Space is limited.

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

**Retzlaff Vineyards, Annual Father's Day Picnic**, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Table decorating contest and win prizes for the most sumptuous, the most colorful and the most creative table. There will also be prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids and maybe for the Dad who can carry the most kids. \$10.00 per adult. Due to popular demand, this event is by reservation only, 925-447-89341.

**Release Party at Tesla Vintners**, Sat., June 20, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by Mas Mojo. Tesla Trio with glass \$25. The Singing Winemaker releases 2012 Barbera; Ehrenberg Cellars the 2012 Amador County Barbera and 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Pat Paulsen the new Lodi Cabernet. 5143 Tesla Rd, Livermore, 606-9463.

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

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

**Charles R Vineyards** hosts a free Summer Concert Series this Friday, June 26th from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Live music on the patio by Mud Daddy, a five piece Rock cover band. Sip, sing & sway the evening away. Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd./5800 Greenville Rd. in Livermore.

**Retzlaff Vineyards**, Independence Day Celebration, July 4 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

**Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards**, exclusive tour of The Restaurant's 1/2 acre organic production garden followed by a special two course lunch utilizing ingredients from the garden. Space is very limited. Price per guest, per session: \$45 public, \$39 Club (Plus tax and 18% service charge). All events are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; dates are July 8, August 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com)

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

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**Steve Fread performances:** 6-25 5:30-7:30 Cuda Ridge Neil Young set.

**"Baby Love": The Songs of Diana Ross & The Supremes**, Top Shelf Classics returns to the Firehouse Arts Center with this spectacular celebration of songs that epitomized the classic Motown sound and sophisticated style! Featuring hits like "Where Did Our Love Go," "You Can't Hurry Love," "Stop! In The Name of Love," and many more. Saturday, June 20, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$15.00-\$25.00. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**JOEL: the songs of Billy Joel**, featuring Kyle Martin, June 20, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Jinx Jones and the Jazz-A-Billy-Allstars**, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, June 21, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**A Tribute to the Broadway Divas**, Vol. 1, Featuring songs of Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Bernadette Peters, Angela Lansbury, July 18, 8 p.m. and July 19, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**New West Guitar Group**, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, July 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Puerto Candelaria**, the vibrant rhythms and dance of the rich, exuberant Columbian culture. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**Romeo and Juliet**: Free Shakespeare in the Park in partnership with the City of Pleasanton present Shakespeare's timeless classic. The tale of young lovers doomed by their family's historical culture of meaningless prejudices and violence. The remarkable genre-defying play soars to the heights of 'romantic comedy' before plunging into heartbreak. Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., June 27 - July 12 in Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. Special Performance: Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. (No performances July 3 and 4.) The performance



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lawn is next to the Aquatics Center. Bring family, friends, a blanket and a picnic. For more information, visit [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).

## As You Like It and Sense and

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

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

**The King and I**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; Aug. 1, 2; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

## COMEDY

**Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked**, 6 to 10 p.m. July 11, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to [www.comedyuncorked.com](http://www.comedyuncorked.com) for updates.

**Summer Comedy Night**, July 25, 8 p.m. featuring Joe Klocek. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## MOVIES

**Movies in the Park**, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Free. Movies begin at dusk. All are PG. July 9: Pee Wee's Big Adventure; July 16: The Neverending Story; July 23: Big Hero 6; July 30, Maleficent; August 6, Back to the Future; August 13, Into the Woods. <http://cityofpleasantonca.gov>, or 931-4826.

**Picnic Flix**, Emerald Glen Park,, Dublin. Food, beverages, snacks available for purchase 7 p.m.; movies begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. All are PG. June 26, Dolphin Tale 2; July 24, When the Game Stands Tall; August 21, Big Hero 6.

556-4500 for more information.

## DANCE

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

## OPERA

**Sing Out For Dad**, Festival Opera's Tribute to Fathers, Marriott Opera in the Park and Community Fair, Father's Day, June 21 Featured artists are soprano Shawnette Sulker, baritone Daniel Cilli, and tenor Jose Hernandez with conductor and musical director John Kendall Bailey. Seema Shah's Indian dance troupe will perform Bollywood dance. Sunday, June 21, 3 p.m. Civic Park at Civic & Broadway in downtown Walnut Creek, free admission. [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org) or call 925-944-9610.

**Opera in the Vineyards**, Retzlaff Vineyards, 6 to 10 p.m. July 19, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Livermore Valley Opera program. Go to [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for ticket information.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

**Alameda County Fair**, runs through Sunday, July 5, Tuesday through Sunday each week at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. A complete schedule is available on the Fair's website at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com). Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways. For more information, visit [www.AlamedaCountyFair.com](http://www.AlamedaCountyFair.com), or call (925) 426-7600.

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

**Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series**, State of the City address by Livermore Mayor John Marchand, June 25, 11:30 a.m., Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Tickets and information at [Livermore Chamber of Commerce](http://LivermoreChamber.org), [www.livermorechamber.org/](http://www.livermorechamber.org/)

**Backyard Model Railroad exhibit benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation**. Saturday, June 27, 10 am til 4 pm. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore. The "Great Lodestone Railroad Empire" has 16 trains, 1100 ft. of track, 4 towns, 300+ people & many more exciting features. Admission \$40 per family includes refreshments, lunch & "I Spy" games for kids. Raffle tickets on sale: need not be present to win prizes.

**Cheza Nami, 2nd annual Diversity and Cultural Awareness Camp** at Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, in the multi-purpose room from July 27th – July 31st, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. The camp will introduce students to cultural diversity through performing and visual arts which includes African dance, African drumming, and crafts. To register for Cheza Nami's Diversity Camp visit [www.chezanami.org](http://www.chezanami.org) or call 925-398-3827. Scholarships for need based students available to qualified students.

## 4th of July Family Fireworks

**Celebration**, Sat., July 4 downtown Livermore, 6 p.m. street closure, 9:30 p.m. fireworks. [www.livermore-downtown.com](http://www.livermore-downtown.com)

## Tri-Valley Ducks Unlimited Chapter,

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

## The Museum on Main 2015 Ed

**Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With...** Laura Ingalls Wilder, Tuesday, July 14th, 7 pm: Born in 1867, the name Laura Ingalls Wilder brings to mind life in the big woods, in a little house on the prairie, and on the banks of plum creek. Judith Helton portrays Wilder in this one-woman program presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

## Additional Art OKed by Pleasanton Council

The Pleasanton City Council recently approved two items that will increase the presence of art in the city.

The council approved seven new designs for Project Paint Box" a utility box beautification program that celebrates local artwork.

All artists chosen for this project are compensated \$750 per utility box through the Public Art Acquisition Fund.

The seven designs were chosen from among fifteen applications. The themes, artist and locations are as follows:

"A Sunflower Day" — artist, Robby Houghton, the utility box located at Bernal Avenue and Case Avenue near Pleasanton Middle School. Artist Thomasin Dewhurst will assist Robby in painting the box.

"The Nature of Pleasanton" — artist, Mehdi Zaid, the utility box located on Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road near Alisal Elementary School.

"Happy Faces" — artist, Austin Willis, the utility box located at Santa Rita Road and Amador High School.

"Wildflowers and Native Butterfly" — artist, Bianca Nandzik, the utility box located at the corner of Del

Valle Parkway and Main Street.

"Twilight" — artist, Diana Diaz, the utility box located at Kottinger Drive and First Street.

"The Most Pleasant Hills" — artist Robert Heubel, the utility box located at Sunol Boulevard and Mission Drive.

"Hummingbirds" — artist Irma Grant, the utility box at First Street and Stanley Boulevard.

The council also ap-

proved the installation of a new work of art at the Pleasanton Library.

The art piece, "On the Count of Three," is a bronze sculpture valued at \$64,600. It has been donated to the City by Nancy and Gary Harrington.

During the review of the work, the Civic Art Commission stated that it liked the family concept of the piece and felt it would have a connection to the Library.

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## Correction

A story on Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn at Concanon Vineyard stated that yoga mats would be available. That is incorrect. A limited number of yoga mats will be available and will be provided on a first come, first served basis. The fundraiser for Element 116, a jazz band made up of Livermore middle and high school students will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. For more information about "Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn" and to purchase tickets go to <http://dragonflyyogawellness.com/>.



# Milestones

## Scout Earns Eagle Rank

Chase Barkdull, of Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 947, recently completed his Eagle project and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Barkdull's Eagle project was to work with a non-profit organization in Oakland, California called Beyond Emancipation, which assists former foster youths with guidance, education, and housing once they age out of the foster system. Barkdull says that he chose this particular project over other donation projects because, "I wanted to find an organization where I could make a difference in the lives of local youth. I was grateful to find the Beyond Emancipation group, knowing [that] the backpacks and school supplies were in great demand."

Barkdull's Eagle Project goals were to collect a goal of 40 backpacks that would each contain two notebooks; two pencils; a red and blue pen; and a hand sanitizer bottle. Members of Troop 947, including Barkdull, stood outside a local OfficeMax, passing out fliers and explaining the Eagle Project to people entering the store for possible donations. The following week, Barkdull organized a call



**Chase Barkdull**

day to neighbors, friends, and family members for more donations. The entire scout troop with parents collected and assembled the backpacks with the necessary supplies. In the end, Barkdull collected and delivered 87 backpacks, each containing two notebooks, one folder, four blue pens, four red pens, six pencils, one black pen, and a hand sanitizer bottle.

"Delivering the backpacks was the highlight of my project," Barkdull stated, adding, "education is a huge part of finding success in life. One of the things the organization creates is a desire to receive an education and you need the proper tools to be educated." Barkdull believes that the youth need the supplies to bring education, and therefore, success into their lives.

Christopher Walker, Beyond Emancipation Community Engagement Specialist expressed his appreciation to the new Eagle Scout as he said, "I just wanted to thank you again for all the hard work with the backpack drive. I'm not sure you have any idea, how much that meant for the youth that I work with. Thank you again for thinking of Beyond Emancipation."

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

**Leading the Way! Mardi Gras Bash 2015**, Fri., June 26, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Includes sit down dinner, raffle prize drawings, live and silent auctions, live band and dancing. \$100 per person, benefit for Momy Nop Foundation, which provides leadership education opportunities for teens through middle school Leadership Awareness Days; in the planning stage a Leadership Academy, a two week-long summertime pilot program for middle school students with internships available for high school students who are interested in leadership training. The Momy Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. www.momynopfoundation.org

**Trains, Trains, Trains**, Backyard Model Railroad exhibit benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Saturday, June 27, 10 am til 4 pm. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore. The "Great Lodestone Railroad Empire" has 16 trains, 1100 ft. of track, 4 towns, 300+ people & many more exciting features. Admission \$40 per family includes refreshments, lunch & "I Spy" games for kids. Raffle tickets on sale: need not be present to win prizes.

**Livermore High School freshman football parent meeting** on Monday, June 22nd at 6PM in the Main Gym at LHS, 600 Maple Street. All interested players and parents or guardians please attend Questions? Contact Head Coach, Rico Richardson, at rico265@hotmail.com

**3rd annual BBQ / Pub Night fundraising**, June 27 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Activities include bocce ball, darts, swimming and more from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$30 adults, \$15 children age 12 and under. Hosted by Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter. Tickets or information, contact Edith - 925-998-3500 or Jenny 925-484-1273. Proceeds will benefit the DBE established British Home & Local Charities

**Reducing Alzheimer's: Healthy Body, Healthy Brain**, class offered Saturday - June 27, 2015 by Heritage Estates, Kindred, and Professional Healthcare At Home. Classes will be held in the Assisted Living Activities Room on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Heritage Estates, 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call Heritage Estates to RSVP at 925-373-3636

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club Summer Potluck BBQ**, 11:30 a.m. Sun., Aug. 2 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. www.trivalleydems.com

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring

sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

**18th annual Pooch Parade**, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers in downtown Pleasanton. Over 200 dogs are expected to participate in this year's event. 5:30pm at Lions Wayside Park. www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

**Livermore Community Blood Drive**: Friday, June 19, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every day, Bay Area hospitals need hundreds of units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Summertime donations go down because schools are out and people are on vacation. Come donate, and bring a friend or family member to the drive. There's no easier way to help save a life than donating blood. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Wisely Watering Your Vegetable Garden**, presentation 11 a.m. to noon, June 20. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

**The 90 minute documentary film, "Pump"** will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., June 20 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Special guest speaker will be David Blume, author of "Alcohol Can Be a Gas" and major consultant on the film "Pump." The film explores the world of alternative fuels and has gotten rave reviews wherever it has been shown. Q & A after the film. At 6:30 PM, potluck dinner. This event is open to the public and is free; although, \$3.00 donations are accepted. The IBEW Hall has lots of parking, A/C, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information on this event, call 925-462-3459 or email flickknight@gmail.com. For more information on "Pump," go to www.pumpthemovie. For more information on David Blume, you can go to www.alcoholcanbeagas.com.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** will present Debbie Shields who will speak on 'Getting Organized!' on July 8, at 7:30 at its meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. The discussion will be about the needs to get organize genealogical papers, different ways to sort things and how to figure out what works for you. She is currently the Secretary of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogy Society, manages their member database and teaches part of the semi-annual beginner's seminar. Debbie has also served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. No charge, Visitors are always welcome.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, June 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 21 to Janet, 443-3317. June 28, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 25 to Ruby, 462-9636.

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

**Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School**: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan.sdcanfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

**Volunteer drivers are needed** for Pleasanton and Dublin routes. Donate a couple of hours weekly or every other week to help end senior hunger. Call 925-931-5385 for details.

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

**Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA)** seeking volunteer host families for high school boys and girls from various countries for the upcoming school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a foreign teenager. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children living at home are all encouraged to apply. The exchange students arrive from their home countries before the current school year begins. Each FIEA student is fully insured, brings his/her own spending money and expects to bear his/her share of the household responsibilities as well as be included in normal activities and lifestyles. For information contact your Local Representatives Carol or Susan Berger at 209-502-7443 or by e-mail arielpdog@charter.net. Information: www.forteexchange.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of

each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. 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](http://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. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy**

**Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program** offers services to Veteran families, including housing assistance. The program can offer rental deposit assistance for those veterans who are ready to move in and simply need move in cost covered. The program is looking to work with landlords who will accept rental deposit assistance from the program, who can provide a safe clean apartment complex and landlords who are willing to work with Veterans who may have housing barriers. Reina Brunson, SSVF Housing Specialist, (510) 358-5866, [rbrunson@abodeservices.org](mailto:rbrunson@abodeservices.org)

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sunset Community Church, 2200** Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, 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.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org).

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

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

**Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243** Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermoresda.org/](http://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., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

**Trinity Church, 557** Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://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](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678** Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. [www.saintbartsLivermore.com](http://www.saintbartsLivermore.com)

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

**Pathway Community Church, 6533** Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org) (925) 829-4793.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486** S. J Street, Livermore. 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 [pjmrueller@gmail.com](mailto:pjmrueller@gmail.com) for more info.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481** East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. [www.trivalleychurch.org](http://www.trivalleychurch.org).

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

**Centerpointe Church**, During the summer months, Centerpointe Church will hold a single worship service at 10 a.m. in the worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The summer schedule will run throughout June, July and August. Two worship services will resume on August 23. Sunday school and a full range of youth programs will be held each Sunday. For more information, please see [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org) or call (925) 846-4436.

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://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](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

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

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. offers a

friendly congregation where all are welcome. One service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit our website at [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

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

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

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

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

**Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567** Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829.2733.

**St. Francis of Assisi, 193** Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfrancisanglican.church](http://stfrancisanglican.church).

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.org>.

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

**Eckankar**, "Living in the Spirit of God's Love" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, June 21, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.



# Milestones



**Cadette Girl Scout Troop #33248 met with Agape Villages Foster Care to provide Foster Kids with much needed underwear, socks, and books that they collected while hosting a Girl Scout Movie Day at the Vine Cinema in Livermore. The girls plan on an ongoing effort to help Foster Kids while earning their Silver Award. Pictured from left to right are Amanda Shingler, Katie Darling, Alyson Machi, Janet (Agape Villages), Jazmin Garza, Marisa Mayfield, and Ashley Nortman. Missing from photo, Maddie Allum. Please contact [www.agapefostercare.org](http://www.agapefostercare.org) for more info. on how to help Foster Kids or to become a Foster Parent.**



**Livermore Mendenhall M.S. Girl Scout Troop #33248 received a donation of flower seeds from Orchard Supply Hardware to pass out at their Earth Day Event held at the Vine Cinema in April. The Cadettes worked on their Breathe Journey by hosting a Movie Day honoring Earth Day. They talked with other Girl Scouts about protecting the earth and promoted planting to benefit the environment. Pictured from left to right are Robert Voellinger, Assistant Manager (OSH), Marisa Mayfield, Jazmin Garza, Katie Darling, Maddie Allum, Amanda Shingler, Alyson Machi, Ashley Nortman, Natalie Harris (OSH), and Patrick Mocelin, Assistant Manager (OSH)**

## Dublin Scouts Celebrate Last Year of Scouting

Dublin Girl Scout Troop 31414 is celebrating. The young women in this troop are completing their Senior year at Dublin High School and their last year of Scouting.

The troop started with Daisy Girl Scouts in Kindergarten at Murray Elementary School in 2002. Through the years the troop added and lost members, but at one point during the Brownie years, there were as many as 26 attending regularly. At the core were 3 girls who started in Kindergarten and another who joined in 4th grade who have each stayed for the life of the troop.

Amanda Godwin, Courtney Varela, Julie Shahan and Manasa Uppili are the cur-

rent members of the troop.

Over the course of time, these young women grew into the young adults they are by participating in many years of camping, community service projects, parades, badge workshops and group activities. The Girl Scouting program helped these girls make lifelong friends and experience activities that they would not normally get to do. The program helped them develop important skills and become leaders in the process.

Troop 31414 received both Bronze and Silver Awards for community service. For their Bronze Award, as Junior Girl Scouts, the girls planned out and carried through on



**Pictured above are the four Scouts who have moved on; below are three of them as they entered Scouting.**

a group project of collecting needed items for the local animal shelter. For their Silver Award, as Cadette Girl Scouts, they introduced a recycling program to their old elementary school.

In April 2015, the members of Troop 31414, participated in their final bridging ceremony with Crossroads Association of Dublin, Pleasanton and Sunol. They



## Programs Promoting Health Earn Recognition for Jackson Avenue Elementary School

Jackson Avenue Elementary School in Livermore has been awarded Bronze status by the Healthier US School Challenge (HUSC) in recognition of the school's efforts to promote a healthier school environment. HUSC was initiated in 2004 as part of the USDA's Team Nutrition program and in 2010 was incorporated into First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Campaign.

The award was presented June 10 at Jackson Avenue Elementary School. The day began with breakfast from 8:00 – 8:15 am followed by the ceremony from 8:45 – 9:15 am including the

awards presentation, student performances, teacher led activities, prizes and more.

This achievement is the result of hard work on the part of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Campus Catering, the staff and faculty, and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). In order to meet the goals of Team Nutrition and HUSC, Jackson School has worked to provide students with more healthful dining options. These improvements include offering an increased variety of fruits and vegetables, incorporating more whole grain foods into menu items, and only offering low-fat or fat-free milk.

Jackson Avenue Elementary School has added several components to their school day and school culture to promote healthy lifestyle choices. Kaiser Permanente funded the Healthy Active Stingray's Grant, which was the catalyst to change. There is a Walk/Run Club that meets in the morning before school starts, Safe Routes to School, which encourage kids to 'roll' safely to school using bikes, scooters or by walking. There is also a Food Bank on Campus and a variety of recess activities that are facilitated by a staff person to make sure students are involved and active.

bridged to Adult Girl Scouts by walking across the Girl Scout Bridge for the final time.

The girls are all planning on attending college as their next adventure. Julie Shahan will be attending Cal State East Bay and plans to study Environmental Science; Courtney Varela will be attending the University of Portland and plans to study English; Manasa Uppili will be attending University of Minnesota and plans to study Psychology; and Amanda Godwin will be attending the University of Portland and plans to study English Literature and Psychology.

Cathy Shahan and Lori Godwin have shared the role of Troop Co-Leaders for all 13 years.