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

## LAVTA Looking at Driverless Service

Driverless shuttles may be in the Valley's future.

The shuttles are one of two innovations introduced by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority as part of the changes in service approved recently by the board.

LAVTA will partner with transportation network companies (TNCs), such as Uber and Lyft, to reach commuters in neighborhoods big buses cannot serve and explore driverless shuttles to solve first and last mile issues to connect people to stations.

Customers will receive a discounted rate when they use Uber, Lyft, or a taxi participating with the transit agency within the project areas.

"The City of Dublin is excited about the participation of TNCs in our transit system," says Dublin Mayor David Haubert. "Real time, dynamic ridesharing in more suburban communities of the Bay Area is an increasingly popular and efficient transportation option that can reduce congestion."

The LAVTA Board also approved and directed staff to seek partners and funding for a near future driverless shuttle demonstration project in Dublin.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty commented, "Electric, driverless shuttles are being tested throughout the world as viable short-trip solutions to connect people to mass transit. With high density residential and business centers near the two BART stations in Dublin, the envisioned demonstration project will cover areas where conventional means of transportation simply aren't viable, especially given the limited parking."

The board approved major changes to the Wheels public transit system that are designed to provide more frequent buses and new routes in Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. "These changes feature a dramatic new way of

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# City Council Urged to Place Initiative on November Ballot

Council Urged to Place Johnson Drive Initiative on November Ballot

The petition drive to place an initiative on the ballot to limit the size of retail stores in the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) has gathered over 7,000 signatures from Pleasanton voters. Needed

to qualify the measure were 4,017 signatures.

The initiative was submitted to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and Pleasanton City Clerk on June 13th for signature verification.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, speakers urged the council to place the initiative on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot.

They noted that the issue should be decided by the voters as quickly as possible. They also pointed out that holding the vote in November would cost the city much less than it would if the vote were delayed until Spring 2017.

Friday, August 12 is the deadline to place an item on the ballot.

Bill Wheeler, head of Citizens for Planned Growth (CFPG), sponsors of the initiative, referred to the initiative as polarizing. "I've heard great arguments on both sides. I hope the council will let the process proceed and not make it a political issue. Place it on the ballot. By doing so, we will find out

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One participant relaxed for a moment at the Alameda County Fair while waiting to show goats. For more photos, go to page 6.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

## Zone 7 Sets 10% Voluntary Goal to Save Water

Zone 7 Water Agency has officially terminated its drought state of emergency, but has gone on record as urging water customers to voluntarily save water at a rate 10 percent lower than the baseline year of 2013-14.

The vote was unanimous at the June 15 directors' meeting.

Carol Mahoney, manager of Integrated Water Services, said that the Valley water retailers, who are the customers of Zone 7, have either taken a similar position, or intend to do so soon.

The State Water Resources Board is allowing jurisdictions to self-certify that if they have enough water supply for the next three years, they can bypass the existing state quotas.

The exception relates to efforts to promote conservation, such as not watering lawns more than twice a week, not hosing off driveways, and not washing vehicles, unless the hose has a controlling spray nozzle on it. All agencies and their customers are expected to follow those rules.

The Pleasanton City Council voted on June 7 for 10 percent voluntary conservation, but did not terminate the state drought declaration, said Pleasanton Director of Operations and Water Utilities Kathleen Yurchak. From a practical standpoint, not ending the official state drought emergency is a semantic difference, since the 10 percent voluntary conservation will guide residents.

The Livermore city staff will bring the issue to the City Council at its June 27 meeting, also requesting Stage 1, which is the 10 percent voluntary conservation, said Livermore Water Resources Manager Helen Ling.

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## Dublin, Fremont Schools Join Proceedings on Level III Fees Suit

The Dublin and Fremont School Districts petitioned a court to join a lawsuit against the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) to be allowed to file an

amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief.

Filing the brief would not make the two school districts direct parties to the suit enabling them

to present evidence. The State Allocation Board (SAB) had issued an order that says developers are subject to paying Level III fees,

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## Signs of Dementia Can Appear Early

**By Carol Graham**

Tom Iver was recently shocked to learn he turned 86 last December. He thought he was younger. Then again, he has also told his barber he's over 100 years old.

Such serious confusion about time, dates and places is one of the early signs of dementia, a condition that has been challenging

Livermore residents Tom and his caregiver wife, Amy, for 17 years.

"Tom was only 70 when he changed," recalled Amy (names have been changed for privacy). "Those changes were the first signs of dementia. His medical assessment team said they are finding out, more and more, that symptoms start appearing as much as ten

years before diagnosis."

That was certainly true for Tom. For more than a decade, Amy had despaired over Tom's increasingly hostile moods and uncharacteristic behavior. She longed for the man she had married, and began writing in a diary to help her cope with an incomprehensible situation. Then,

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## Empathy Theme of TEDx Livermore

TEDxLivermore team has chosen empathy as the theme for its 2016 meeting.

TEDx will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on June 25th at Las Positas College in Livermore. Global thought leaders, entrepreneurs, authors, artists, innovators and scientists will present their ideas on the topic: "The Economics of Empathy: Empathy as Currency for Building Community"

TEDxLivermore is supported by ReImagine Science, the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Innovation Tri-Valley, Common SciSense (Livermore), and i-GATE Innovation Hub.

One of the organizers, Dale Kaye, CEO of Innovation Tri-

Valley and the Chamber, notes that at home and abroad, the world appears increasingly divided. Income inequality, global and domestic terrorism, mass migration of displaced people, escalating racial tensions, and an increasingly partisan and incendiary political environment are just some of the challenges. Kaye states, "It's time to talk about kindness and empathy. We felt that a TEDx with the theme of empathy as a currency could help to illuminate the need for collaboration over competition."

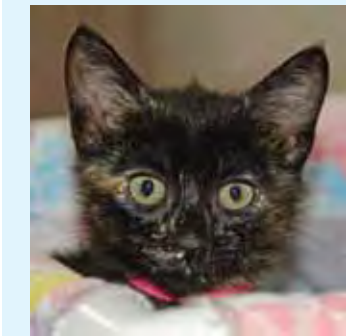
Kaye adds, "National politics are disturbingly unemphathetic. If we can make a dent in this narciss

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Spirit Run took place in downtown Pleasanton on Father's day. This was the 23rd running of the event with proceeds to support college scholarships for Pleasanton students plus community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. Participants had a choice of events, including a 10K run, 5K run/walk and a kid's challenge.



**PET OF THE WEEK**

A veritable platoon of kittens has taken over VHS, and two-month-old Pharah is leading the offense! The spy tortoiseshell is currently issuing commands from our lobby: they plan to infiltrate homes all over the Tri-Valley with cute and cuddly maneuvers. Line up and move out to adopt your next kitten from Valley Humane Society today! 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656.

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# TEDx

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sistic way of thinking, we would be doing something really important."

The Greater Good Science Center has defined empathy as "the ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling." In order to work constructively and collaboratively toward solving large-scale problems, it is necessary to understand the human impacts they are creating.

Kaye said she proposed the theme of empathy after attending a TEDx event in Canada and returning home and hearing from school superintendents.

In Canada, "The True American," was the theme of one of the talks, she explains. It tells the story of Raisuddin Bhuiyan, a Bangladesh Air Force officer, who dreams of immigrating to America and working in Technology. Days after 9/11 he was working at a mini-mart in Dallas, when an avowed "American Terrorist" named Mark Stroman shot him in the head. He survived. Two other victims, also from the middle east, died.

Ten years after the shooting, an Islamic pilgrimage seeded in Bhuiyan a strange idea, recalls Kaye. If he were ever to be whole, he must re-enter Stroman's life. He publicly forgave Stroman in the name of his religion and its notion of mercy. He waged a legal battle to have his attacker spared from the death penalty. "It was one of the most stunning illustration of empathy I have ever heard," said Kaye.

The other concern that inspired the empathy theme, explains Kaye, relates to the pressure parents put on children to succeed in school, creating a highly competitive atmosphere that encourages an elitist attitude and discourages collaboration.

Among the speakers, will be Alexandra Ivanovitch, Ph.D., CEO of Simorga. She talk about and demonstrate Simorga's virtual reality (VR) technology. Ivanovitch's development of VR technology for teaching empathy placed her and her team among the winning circle of the XPRIZE Visioneers. The XPRIZE Visioneers challenge invites competitors to identify a Grand Challenge facing the world, then collaborate with other competing Visioneers to design a prize. Ivanovitch will know if her challenge wins in October of 2016.

"My company, Simorga, is a social impact startup leveraging the potential of VR to enhance human development. I believe the absence of empathy in places with empathy fatigue, like hospitals, or empathy challenges, like prisons, is at the core of many problems humanity faces," states Ivanovitch. "Virtual reality helps us see the world through the eyes of other individuals to widen our scope of analysis, building our empathy as if a muscle," she observes.

Some of the other presenters include the following:

Gina Lujan, Founder - Hacker Lab and Code for Hood and Lorian Pratt, PhD, Founder of Quantellia, a company providing intelligence methodology and award-winning World Modeler™ software. Their talks will focus on empathy as the core for exerting influence in communities and making decisions in complex environments.

Edward Kleinbard, Law Professor, USC, Author, "We Are Better Than This: How Government Should Spend Our Money," with a look at U.S. fiscal policy through the prisms of public finance economics, technical tax and budget rules, and moral and political philosophy.



A participant in an empathy building exercise organized by Dr. Ivanovitch using VR technology.

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Jeff Smith, Director, "Save Me Mine, " Alexandra Krauz, UN Refugee Agency, and Jeanie Haigh, Chair - Good News Bears will discuss how they use personal experience to give comfort and help others see their lives through a different lens.

Kris Billeter, an adventurer and a successful businesswoman accepted an invitation to spend time in prison producing a tale of courage, learning, empathy and healing, along with some little known facts about felons and prisons. Snigdha Banda will relate what happens when a high school freshman researches science curricula, calls principals to see if she can teach what she loves to elementary students, does so for 4 years, and discovers a whole new universe. Student activist Isabella Ordaz will share how she challenged racial

hostility in the classroom by developing a critical awareness of issues concerning diversity in society.

TEDxLivermore is open to the public. It will be held on June 25th at the Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College. Tickets are available at \$85 per attendee and include Saturday's day long discussions and lunch.

Those who wish to be a supporter of TEDxLivermore through a tax-deductible donation, contact Kennan Salinero at (925)584-8788.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.TEDxLivermore.com](http://www.TEDxLivermore.com).

TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

# Superintendent Selected to Lead Dublin Schools

Leslie Boozer, Ph.D., was appointed the new Superintendent of Dublin Schools on Tuesday night by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees.

She has served as the Superintendent of the Fontana Unified School District since 2013. Boozer succeeds Stephen Hanke, the Dublin Superintendent since 2006. She will begin her tenure before the start of the 2016-17 school year on a date still to be determined. Hanke's last day is June 30.

Boozer becomes the 5th Superintendent to serve Dublin students since the District was unified on July 1, 1988, and the third in the last two decades.

"I am deeply honored to be joining the Dublin Unified School District," Boozer said. "I look forward to partnering with the students, staff, families and community as we continue to ensure that all students receive the best preparation for college and career."

An Indiana native, she served as the Superintendent in Fontana, located about 50 miles east of Los Angeles beginning in November 2013. Under her leadership, Fontana Unified

saw a significant increase in graduation rates, A-G completion rates and student achievement.

In addition, she has overseen the construction and the instructional planning for a Pre-International Baccalaureate/Dual Immersion elementary magnet school, which will open August 2016.

"The Board of Trustees is excited to appoint Leslie Boozer as our next Superintendent after a thorough and thoughtful process," said Board President Dan Cunningham. "Her strong background and leadership will enable the district to continue its mission of assuring all Dublin students are college and career ready."

Boozer began her professional career as a business litigation attorney in Ohio. She transitioned to education and began her teaching career as a high school teacher in South Los Angeles. Dr. Boozer was then accepted to the prestigious Urban Superintendents Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, wherein she earned a Master's degree in Education and a Doctorate of Education.

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

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

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

### Community Open House #1

Tuesday, June 28  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Holiday Inn  
6680 Regional Street  
Dublin

### Community Open House #2

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

Dublin Ranch Golf Course  
5900 Signal Hill Drive  
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You can learn more about the IKEA retail proposal and provide your ideas and suggestions online at [www.ProposedDublinCA.com](http://www.ProposedDublinCA.com)

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Groundbreaking for Memorial

Groundbreaking for the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial will take place Mon., June 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Pioneer Cemetery. Veterans, Mayor Jerry Thorne and the Pleasanton City Council will be on hand. The cemetery is located at 5780 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Fund raising for the memorial has been ongoing The Veterans Group is roughly 20 percent away from its stated goal. For more information on the memorial and how to donate, visit [www.pleasantonveteransmemorial.com/index.html](http://www.pleasantonveteransmemorial.com/index.html)

## Work on Iron Horse Trail

The East Bay Regional Park District will be performing pavement maintenance and improvements along a 16-mile reach of the Iron Horse Trail between Alamo and Dublin this

summer. These improvements will be between the Rudgear Staging Area in Alamo and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station. While the work is underway, segments of the trail will be closed at various times between June and August of 2016. The majority of the closures are scheduled to take place between June 20 and July 28.

The improvements include resurfacing, the removal and replacement of damaged asphalt, crack sealing, leveling, micro surfacing, slurry sealing and seal coating.

The work on Contra Costa portions of the trail will be funded by Measure J, and the Alameda County segments will be financed through the Park District's general fund. Overall, the project will cost \$341,000.

At the conclusion of this project, the trail will be much smoother and more enjoyable to the thousands of pedestrians and bicyclists who depend on the Iron Horse Trail for

recreation and exercise, or as a transportation corridor to get to and from work, school or other important destinations.

For specific information regarding trail closures, contact the Contra Costa Trails Park Supervisor at 510-544-3027.

## Correction

As stated in The Independent on June 9, Assemblymember Catharine Baker voted for AB 2501, which would grant higher density bonuses to developers as an incentive in certain situations where they could provide affordable housing.

However, the story said that the bill included provisions that gave developers "by right" status to build, if local government imposed certain requirements. The "by right" language was in the original bill, but was removed before Baker's vote, and therefore she did not vote for "by right" housing.

# Dublin Urges Caution in Use of 4th of July Fireworks

Benefiting local non-profits and service organizations, "Safe and Sane" fireworks will go on sale in Dublin beginning June 28, 2016, at 12:00 PM. The City of Dublin and its public safety departments would like to promote fireworks safety and urge extreme caution in their use.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks require the use of several safety precautions, and their use is limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. on the 4th of July only, in the following City parks:

1. Alamo Creek Park (Dougherty Road and Willow Creek Drive)
2. Dublin Sports Grounds (Dublin Boulevard and Civic Plaza)
3. Emerald Glen Park (Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive)
4. Shannon Park (Shannon Avenue and San Ramon Valley Road)

Dublin property owners may use their "Safe and Sane"

fireworks at any time during the sales period. No fireworks of any type (including "Safe and Sane") are permitted at Dublin multi-housing units or at any undesignated Dublin park, other City facility, or public school.

Those who purchase fireworks should keep the following precautions in mind:

Always read and follow the safety directions. Never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks. • Never allow children to use fireworks without adult supervision. • Only light one device at a time, and remain a safe distance away after lighting the device. • Never try to re-light or handle "dud" fireworks (faulty and unexploded fireworks).

Fireworks should always be used in safe, open areas and away from buildings, combustibles, dry vegetation, and, especially, people and animals.

A connected garden hose should be ready nearby and a pail of water kept handy for disposal of spent fireworks and "duds."

Pet owners should keep pets indoors on July 4, as many animals become extremely agitated by the sights and sounds of fireworks. Some of these pets will even run into the streets and away from home in an attempt to flee fireworks activity that is distressing to them.

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, always pose a higher threat, as sparks from illegal fireworks may ignite a fire on dry vegetation or rooftops. Dublin will be increasing enforcement efforts. There will be law enforcement and firefighters overseeing the parks, as well as other officers patrolling elsewhere throughout the City. Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include stiff fines and jail time.

To learn more about firework safety, go to [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks).

## Pleasanton Plans Workshops on New Metering

The City of Pleasanton will hold two community outreach meetings to discuss its new Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. Installation will be done in phases and will begin in August.

The project, a City Council priority, is the latest in the evolution of this type of technology to give consumers the ability to have real-time data at their fingertips. Customers will be able to access current and historic water consumption data from any smart device or computer. Not only will the data be more accurate, it will also promote water conservation, reduce operating

costs and improve customer service.

The first AMI Community Outreach Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Operation Services Center in the Remillard Room, located at 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton.

A second meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 301 Main Street in Pleasanton.

The system is comprised of the following components: new meters fitted with meter transmission units (MTU), which collect water data every hour; 16 data-collector units (DCU), which transmit this data to the cloud-based computer system; and a new customer web portal, which will enable water users to access their real-time and historic consumption data from any smart device or computer and enable them to set notifications for abnormal usage alerts that could predict potential leaks in a user's system.

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

Additional information on the project can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) under Hot Topics.



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# EDITORIAL

## Vote on Uses

With the decision to permanently close the Springtown Golf Course, a process to determine future uses of the land in North Livermore as permanent open space will begin.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will serve as the lead agency in the master plan process.

There are two things to consider: the impact of potential uses on homeowners who live on the former golf course and public participation.

The yards are shallow and most do not have fences. As homeowners point out, they purchased homes on a golf course, not open space. There are already negative impacts on the homeowners, including dogs running loose and lack of maintenance.

With the amount of interest shown in the area, we urge the district, the city and whatever consultant is hired to establish an open, interactive process to determine the uses.

In Pleasanton, uses for the Bernal property were approved by the voters and can only be changed by the voters.

Livermore already plans to place a measure on the ballot to designate the land as permanent open space.

We suggest that once uses are identified through the master plan process, they also be placed on the ballot for voter approval.

## LAWSUIT

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now that there is no more state bond money to help districts build schools. It was the first such ruling in SAB history.

The SAB decision was to have gone into effect immediately. However, the CBIA prevented it by obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in a Sacramento court freezing the SAB ruling. A hearing on whether the TRO will remain in effect is scheduled for July 8 in Sacramento. A TRO usually precedes further court action intended to overturn a ruling.

If the SAB order were overturned, it would mean that Level II fees would remain as the highest that could be collected. Level II fees require developers to pay 40 percent of school

construction cost. Level III fees make developers responsible for the entire school construction finance.

The Dublin school board and administration led an advocacy drive, starting in January, to convince the SAB to declare the ruling in favor of requiring Level III fees. Dublin and Fremont have been impacted by fast growth. The state bond approved by voters in 2006 has run out of money, thereby setting the stage for invoking Level III fees.

The amicus brief would enable Dublin and Fremont to show the judge what the impact of fast growth has had on their school construction, including the fact that no state bond money has been available to build facilities.

## County Seeks to Expand Ban on Plastic Bags

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste) has recommended expansion of the ban on plastic bags to include all retail stores and restaurants.

The Pleasanton City Council received an update on the ordinance from the StopWaste staff at its June 21 meeting.

Goals of the ordinance are to reduce litter and keep plastic bags out of local waterways.

Currently, the reusable bag ordinance applies to grocery, drug and liquor stores in Alameda County that traditionally distribute a high volume of single-use bags. Since implementation of the ban, there has been a decline in overall bag purchases by 85 percent, a doubling of shoppers bringing their own reusable bags or not using a bag at all, and a 44 percent decrease in plastic bags found in Alameda County storm drains.

The expanded ban would apply to commercial establishments operating from a permanent enclosed structure that sell perishable or nonperishable goods directly a customer, including, but not limited to, clothing, food and personal items. The intent is to capture all types of retail stores, any place where a shopper can walk into a "brick and mortar" store and purchase a tangible item.

Also included are res-

taurants, take-out food establishments or other businesses that receive 90% or more of its revenue from the sale of prepared and ready to consume foods and/or drinks to the public. This includes food trucks and vendors who distribute food in bags.

Exemptions include bags that are integral to the packaging of the product, or bags without handles provided to transport produce, bulk food or meat from a department within a store to the point of sale. Stores operating in a certified farmers' market registered with the California Food and Agricultural Code are also exempt.

The ordinance currently includes a requirement that a minimum of 10 cents be charged for each paper bag or reusable bag distributed at point of sale, itemized on receipt. Under the new ordinance, public eating establishments are not required to charge customers if distributing recycled content paper bags, but must charge a minimum of 10 cents for a compliant reusable bag.

StopWaste will vote on the ordinance in September with the second reading scheduled in October of this year. All member agencies are automatically opted in. Any member agency choosing to opt out must do so by a resolution of its governing body by December 9, 2016.

# Pleasanton School Board Restores Library Assistants

Library assistants will be back at Pleasanton elementary and middle school levels at their previous numbers. However, the Pleasanton Unified School District was not able to find enough money to pay the salaries of four technical positions.

On a 4-0 vote, with Chris Grant absent, trustees funded the library assistants for three years at its budget hearing. The board is scheduled to approve its final budget at its June 28 meeting. The money for the assistants comes from savings on reductions in the school furniture budget, canceling a \$10,000 Education Summit event, reducing legal fee expenditures by \$15,000, and voting to end a district subsidy of lunches for all-day work-related staff events.

The district is convert-

ing as many one-time only funding positions to three years of funding, as much as is possible. One-time state funds have been declining. Trustees said the only reliable way to keep positions going would be for the district cover the cost.

The board's savings brought back 2.6 full-time equivalents (fte), which will allow library staffing of elementary and middle school assistants at five hours per day, an additional three hours per day above the previous budget discussion. Library assistants and other advocates attended several school board meetings to make their case for restoration.

Efforts to restore laid-off computer technicians fell short, but the board told staff to look for other potential cuts that could

help restore those positions. Former trustee Jeff Bowser suggested at the audience microphone that the board consider foregoing their stipends. Each board member currently is paid \$4800 per year, or an aggregate board total of \$24,000.

Ten tech positions were not at issue in the funding, because they were not based on one-time funding. However, the board wanted to restore three site tech positions, which are due to expire on June 30, and also fill the vacant district headquarters trainer.

The board gave direction to staff to find money to fund those positions. Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Micaela Ochoa said that she will look at the potential for borrowing from the district's Sycamore Fund, which has its annual inter-

est committed to support technology. She will also look at any further savings that might be found in the budget.

No one from the public spoke. The public brings its concerns to various board meetings in the spring, when board and staff are putting together the spending plan.

Ochoa went over highlights of the budget for the board. The district's pension contributions will rise by nearly \$2 million to \$12.6 million, the state-granted Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will be zero. There will be a \$4.8 million rise in the Local Control Funding Formula.

On the whole, the net budget for the coming year is about the same as the current year, a balance between revenue and expenditures, Ochoa told The Independent.

## ZONE 7

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The private California Water Services was set to change its rules to 10 percent sometime this week, said Livermore manager Frank Vallejo.

DSRSD was also set to hear a staff recommendation on June 21 to terminate the drought emergency. However, because of uncertainty about state water supplies next year, DSRSD would proceed with its own stage 1 voluntary conservation goal of 10 percent," said General Manager Dan McIntyre.

The board also approved its first two-year budget on a 6-1 vote, with Sandy Figuers dissenting. He had issues with the way some reserve funds were being counted. He said that the Drought Emergency Fund was unnecessary, as was the Asset Management Plan (AMP).

According to Figuers, the problem with both funds is that they continue to mount up each year. He said there could eventually be \$10 million or \$20 million "socked away" keeping the ratepayers money out of their pockets. If a shortfall were coming, directors should simply raise rates.

Assistant General Manager of Finance Osborn Solitei replied that in the past couple of years of the

drought, with 44 percent conservation cutting deeply into Zone 7 revenue, reserves were spent down from \$30 million to \$6 million. Without that reserve, we wouldn't be here, said Solitei. Further, you can't just turn around on a dime, and raise rates.

Since Zone 7 will be going for general bond financing to borrow money for its ozone plant construction, it's important to have a reserve that bond sellers respect, said Solitei.

Further, the drought surcharge has a sunset date at the end of the calendar year. It can be renewed only by a vote of the board. The board will be looking at it in the fall, when it makes a decision about water rates for the next calendar year.

Director James McGrail said he agreed with both Solitei and Figuers. It is good not to put away big sums out of customers' reach. However, he said he respects Solitei's financial abilities, and can see his point about reserves, since a good credit rating is important.

Director Angela Ramirez Holmes said the board needs to discuss reserve policy, to learn about the different reserve funds and what is

good to keep and what may not be necessary. The best way to do so would entail a detailed examination by the Finance Committee, which has not met since January.

Director Bill Stevens, who like Ramirez Holmes serves on the Finance Committee, said that the committee's recommendation would go to the board where it would be examined by all directors.

### SITES RESERVOIR NEW WATER SOURCE

The board unanimously approved an application to the state Water Resources Board to be considered as a potential partner, if the New Sites Reservoir were constructed.

The application does not commit Zone 7 to spend any money. It would provide new water because there is no other reservoir in northeastern California.

Zone 7's non-obligatory place-holder for a consideration involves 10,000 acre feet of water, which could cost as much as \$600 per AF. That's about double what Zone 7 pays now for Delta water, but cheaper than other alternatives.

On another item, McGrail said he attended a function at the Livermore Valley

Winegrower Association where Carol Mahoney made a presentation in support of the Delta Twin Tunnels plan. In addition to Mahoney, Tim Hunt, who does work for Zone 7, was present. McGrail wondered why public funds were being used to pay Hunt to speak in favor of the twin tunnels for a few minutes when there was a staff person who was very capable and very professional at the meeting.

McGrail asked what the district had received for the \$50,000 it was paying Hunt each year for the past five or six years.

After the meeting, McGrail questioned why Zone 7 staff continued to express support for the tunnels when the Zone 7 board had decided not to take a position until the draft environmental impact report for the project was completed this fall.

Duerig said Hunt provides support in interfacing with Gualco, Zone 7's lobbying firm in Sacramento. Hunt also oversees some of the district's local outreach efforts.

The contract with Hunt expires June 30. Zone 7 is hiring an international firm, ICF, to undertake its community promotional activities, said Duerig.

## MAILBOX

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### Voters Thanked Dublin Superintendent Stephen Hanke

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank the Dublin community for once again demonstrating its extraordinary commitment and support for our schools.

We are very grateful for the passage of Measure H. We will now be able to move forward with critical funding support as we continue to meet the challenges of rapid growth.

I am confident that the Board will work in concert with our new Superintendent to allocate these important new resources as prescribed in the priority list that was approved by the Trustees this spring.

We will also keep up our efforts to maximize funding from all sources so we are able to meet the needs of our students and offer them

the world-class educational settings and learning environments that they deserve.

I want to extend my gratitude to those who worked tirelessly on the passage of Measure H, from the phone banks to precinct walks, to distributing lawn signs and handing out car magnets, to support online and in conversations with neighbors and friends. Thank you especially to Denis King and Sobia Qureshi, who led the effort as campaign chairs, for their sacrifice and work on this Measure.

Thank you again Dublin for your support. This is a remarkable community.

### Community Workshops? Don & Linda Milanese Livermore

We attended the May 23 City Council meeting at which the Council selected Lennar to develop our downtown project. The large number of citizens who filled the Shrine Center and the 80 speakers who responded to the proposed development show how much our community cares about what happens to this prime property in the center of town.

It is our understanding that the Council intends to hold community workshops with Lennar to gather further input from Livermore's very interested citizens. It's an

essential final step in completing our downtown in the best way possible. We, and many others, are anxious to know when and where the workshops will be.

### Who Paid for Land? Erika Johnston Pleasanton

Some off-highway enthusiasts believe that they bought the Tesla property with their own money, so I think it's important to set the record straight.

Eighty percent (80%) of the money used to purchase Tesla came from gas taxes paid by anyone who drives an ordinary SUV, mostly average families throughout our state driving on highways or to camping and fishing that has nothing to do with off-road vehicle parks.

That's why it's incumbent on all California citizens to make sure that off-highway parks are placed where they will not destroy fragile and valuable ecosystems and cultural resources.

### Support Cook-Kallio Chief Craig Steckler Fremont Police Department, Ret.; Past President International Association of Chiefs of Police

After more than four decades in law enforcement, including 20 years as Fremont's police chief, I know what it takes to keep a community safe. I've seen the devastation gun violence can

bring to a community and as police chief I worked hard to protect the Bay Area from violent crime. That is why I'm so disappointed with Assembly Member Catharine Baker's leadership on gun safety issues.

With the recent mass shooting in Orlando, it's clear there is a strong need for comprehensive, common sense gun control laws in our nation. If such laws existed, it's very possible the deranged gunman would have been prevented from purchasing the weapon that killed dozens of people at the nightclub in Florida. In this most recent instance and so many others before it, lives could have been spared.

To their credit, the California Assembly is voting on smart gun control laws, such as AB 2607, which allows mental health workers to petition to have guns removed from dangerous individuals, and SB 468, which requires armed security guards (like the gunman in Florida), to complete a psychological examination to receive a firearms permit. Assembly Member Baker voted against both these laws and others like them. Again and again, she stood with the NRA and not for protecting the residents of her assembly district.

Her district deserves a leader who will fight for common sense gun control in Sacramento.

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WHEELS

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thinking about mass transit,” stated Wheels Board Chair Don Biddle. “With these improvements, an additional 6,000 households and 5,000 employees will be within an easy 5-minute walk of high-quality, frequent bus service, while areas that cannot support big buses will be served with innovative partnerships and ultimately driverless shuttles. These changes will be a significant catalyst for residents to explore their transportation options.”

Called Wheels Forward, the planning effort was led by Nelson\Nygaard, an international transportation planning firm. By focusing on making it easier and more convenient for riders, the team restructured Wheels bus service to provide more direct routes to key destinations with buses arriving more often. A major improvement is the addition of the agency’s second route with 15-minute all-day bus frequency that will receive signal priority at intersections for quicker service.



What the shuttle might look like.

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

According to Wheels Executive Director Michael Tree, the bus route improvements were designed without an increase to the agency’s budget, which meant trade-offs had to be made, including the elimination of bus service in areas that could not support fixed-route service. In all, almost every route had changes. Six bus routes were eliminated in the system redesign. They

are routes 3, 9, 12/X, 401, 402 and 403.

Wheels improvements approved for fiscal year 2017 include the addition of Wi-Fi to Rapid and express buses, the implementation of individualized marketing in target areas of the transit system, the development of a new phone app and website to include integration with TNCs, and a rebranding of Wheels services.

Full details on the service changes can be viewed at: [www.wheelsforward.com](http://www.wheelsforward.com)

Mertes's Estate to Benefit Las Positas College Foundation

The Las Positas College Foundation in Livermore has announced its largest bequest to date from the estate of Drs. David and Barbara Mertes, two long-time benefactors and champions of the campus.

The initial gift from the estate is valued at \$450,000 and will establish two endowed scholarships: the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to an LPC student or students majoring in a performing arts discipline transferring to a four-year institution to obtain an undergraduate degree in a performing arts discipline. The Barbara and David Mertes Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an LPC student or students transferring to a four-year college or university to obtain an undergraduate degree.

"The incredible legacy of Dr. Barbara Fracisco Mertes and Dr. David Mertes continues at Las Positas College with this remarkable gift from their estate," said LPC Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. "The students of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District were always at the forefront of their many efforts to improve and elevate both campuses. These scholarships will continue the Mertes' spirit of stewardship through the student beneficiaries who will advance their college education through this gift."

David Mertes was a founding member of the LPC Foundation and served on its board of directors for 11 years following a distinguished career in the field of education. He served as

chancellor of the California Community College system from 1988 to 1996, and was the chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District, superintendent/president of Santa Barbara City College, and president of the College of San Mateo.

Barbara Fracisco Mertes had a career in the field of higher education with a special focus on Las Positas College, where she was a founding member. She served as the District Vice-Chancellor and secured more than \$100 million in competitive grants and allocations for the early growth and development of facilities and programs at Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. Upon her retirement, Dr. Mertes served on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board of Trustees for 14 years.

School Kids 'Sheltered' in Camp Parks Intruder Search

A lockdown at Camp Parks resulted in three Dublin schools going on "shelter in place" status. No intruder was found at the Army base.

Sheriff's deputies responded with a SWAT team and the Parks' grounds were searched.

Dublin holds summer sessions at three schools -- Dublin High School, Dublin Elementary and Amador Elementary -- and though they're not near Camp Parks, the heavy activity in Dublin concerned the schools' administrators.

Unlike a school lockdown, the schools' "shelter in place" status allowed parents to pick up their children at school, said school district spokesperson Michelle McDonald.

Charter School Principal Moves to Altamont Creek

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has announced the following administrative appointments effective July 1, 2016:

Tara Aderman will become Principal of Altamont Creek Elementary School. Most recently she served as principal of the Livermore Valley Charter School for nine years.

She has a record of cultivating excellent teachers and establishing innovative programs for students. Aderman has been an educator for over fifteen years, including teaching at East Avenue Middle School. She earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and her Administrative Credential from Chapman University.

As an administrator, Aderman gained expertise in designing interdisciplinary learning models that promote individual student success, nurture curiosity, encourage creativity, and foster compassion. She is well-versed in early literacy and writing across the curriculum. She believes effective communication, innovative enrichment programs, and school volunteer opportunities build essential strong partnerships with families and the larger community.

She considers one of her top accomplishments as a principal to be creating a school climate in which the parents and educators work

in partnership as a team, so that students thrive, and kids come first. She is particularly enthusiastic about the enhanced Project Lead the Way STEM focus of Altamont Creek Elementary, which earned the school a 2016 CA Gold Ribbon Award.

Alex Eckert will take the lead as Principal of Vineyard Alternative School and Livermore Adult School. He has successfully served as Mendenhall Middle School Vice Principal for the past two years. Prior to his Mendenhall assignment, Eckert served as a Vice Principal at Livermore High School. Earlier in his career, Eckert taught high school math for eight years, where he was guided by the belief that students should be informed about, and involved in, every aspect of their learning.

Eckert took a leading role in the District-wide initiative to inform parents about Common Core math and hosted several Parent Information nights throughout the District. Additionally, Eckert has coached football, served as a site technology lead, and coordinated mentorship programs for students.

Matthew Hart will become Vice Principal of Granada High School. For the past year, Hart has been the Vice Principal at Joe Michell K-8 School. As Vice Principal, Mr. Hart helped implement a new advisory period for middle school

students, which provides lessons on goal-setting as well as time for academic support. He was also instrumental in establishing a new performing arts program, whereby every student in grades six through eight will experience either Theatre Acting or Stagecraft. In addition, he has worked with teachers throughout the school on State and District assessments, data analysis, and the continued growth of the school's TK-8th Grade International Baccalaureate Programme, for which the school won a 2016 California Gold Ribbon Award and 2016 Academic Achievement Award.

Before moving into administration, Hart taught English at Granada High School for sixteen years.

Joe Michell K-8 School new vice principal will be Risha Krishna. She earned a Master's Degree in Education from Stanford University and worked for sixteen years as a California educator. As a Bay Area high school history teacher, Krishna created and developed an A-G elective course, Ethnic Studies, which was approved by the University of California system. This award-winning, multicultural course has now been adopted by many school districts in California as it focuses on developing students to become culturally sensitive citizens.



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Livermore High School graduates wait for their names to be called to receive their diplomas. The annual rite of passage took place Fri., June 17 at the school.

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The Alameda County Fair is in full swing at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Visitors have been entertained by specialty performances, such as Chinese acrobats, tried out the midway rides, watched demonstrations including antique printing by Barry Schrader, live horse racing, and many displays. They have also had a chance to view livestock raised by 4-H and FFA club members. The fair runs through July 4, Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Event schedules can be found at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com)

## SIGNS

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finally, after 11 years, the couple received the diagnosis: Tom had frontotemporal dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

This February, Amy entered in her diary: "I write less often now as time is tighter. I am more tired, and so much is repetition. This evening, when I asked Tom for his hearing aids as he was going to bed, he first touched the wrist where he usually wears his watch, then the other wrist, then each hand. After going back and forth like that a bit, he went to his ears to take out the hearing aids."

This is the final article in a three-part series featured in June to coincide with "Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month." The Go Purple campaign is designed to increase awareness of, education about, and research funding for dementia and brain diseases.

While nearly everyone has moments in which they question dates, times, names and places, the key measure that these lapses may indicate dementia is adding the phrase "severe enough to interfere with daily life." Early signs include confusion with time and place, memory loss, difficulty completing familiar tasks, decreased or poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities, changes in mood or personality, misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps, challenges in planning or solving problems, and new problems with words when speaking or writing.

"If someone is showing early signs of dementia, it's better to know. Knowing can somewhat relieve that living-in-a-crazy-house feeling," said Amy. "Plans can be made while the person is still here. Get a trust done, a will made, and save money for help around the home or care for the one with dementia. Figure out how to get some relief for the caregiver, too - the one without dementia. At times that person probably feels like they have it, too."

When Tom's behavior grew increasingly aggravated in 1999, Amy worried about the cause. Still, the diagnosis he received six years ago took the couple by surprise.

"Most challenging for Tom has been the frustration

of knowing what is happening to him. His grandmother went through this, and so did his mother," said Amy. "He so did not want to go this way, and often said that he wanted me to shoot him if he got like his mother. In frustration, he's cried out that he just wants to die."

Although researchers continually make enormous strides in the fields of science, medicine and genetics, the brain continues to be something of a mystery. What is known is that dementia is caused by damage to brain cells, which hinders their ability to communicate effectively with each other, resulting in altered and often erratic thought processes, emotions and behavior. Risk factors for dementia include age, vascular problems, alcoholism, brain injury, drug abuse, medication side effects, thyroid functioning abnormalities and vitamin deficiencies. The last two which may be reversed with appropriate treatment.

Alzheimer's disease, which causes up to 70 percent of all dementia cases, is not reversible and, therefore, always fatal. It is believed to be linked in part to genetics; those who have a parent, sibling or child with Alzheimer's are more likely to develop the disease - a risk that increases when more than one family member has the illness.

Along with age and genetics, other risk factors for developing both dementia and Alzheimer's disease include unhealthy lifestyle choices, like smoking, lack of exercise, poor diet, obesity and high cholesterol.

Complicating matters further is the fact that, despite excellent tests, dementias are tricky to diagnose while patients are alive. When an individual exhibits symptoms, doctors conduct a thorough screening including blood tests (to rule out things like vitamin deficiencies), a mental-status evaluation, neuropsychological testing, and sometimes a brain scan. Although this can lead to an accurate diagnosis in 90 percent of dementia cases, Alzheimer's can be diagnosed with complete accuracy only after death, using the microscopic examination of brain tissue, which checks for plaques and tangles. One case in point is that of Robin Wil-

liams. His 2014 autopsy report noted the actor had a common but difficult to diagnose condition known as Lewy Body Dementia, which doctors believe was the critical factor that led Williams to commit suicide.

What is certain is that diagnosis at the earliest possible time is critical. Treatment of Alzheimer's and other dementia-causing diseases is typically most effective when started early in the disease process. Some symptoms may be reversible, as previously noted for thyroid abnormalities and vitamin deficiencies. Even though some causes of cognitive decline are not reversible, they might be treatable, stopping or slowing the rate of further decline. While at this time there is no treatment to cure, delay or stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease, there are FDA-approved drugs that can temporarily slow the worsening of symptoms for up to a year for about half of the individuals who take them.

As researchers across the world endeavor to discover cures for dementia and Alzheimer's disease, their focus has broadened from treatment to prevention strategies. They've discovered that it may be possible to prevent or delay the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through a combination of healthy habits (called the Six Pillars): regular exercise, healthy diet, mental stimulation, quality sleep, stress management and an active social life.

For Amy, sharing her story with others eases some of the heartache of what she calls, "living with a ghost."

"If others feel less alone, spurred to action, or have more understanding, I feel good about sharing," she said.

Yet even now, in the ever-increasing dark times, there still come moments of light and magic.

"Tonight, as we did the strange hand-gesture, face-making 'good night' that has become our custom, Tom said 'mokey,'" Amy wrote recently in her diary. "I have no idea what he meant, but he was smiling - and his eyes were smiling, too."

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

## SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Valley Club swimmers pictured are Addison Montoya, girls 9-10 Medley Relay, and Joshua Benson (foreground), and Michael Stephens (background).



Alexis Aying, age 12, from Livermore, has been selected to compete at the World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO) Juniors World Championships. She has secured a spot on the WAKO USA Juniors Team. The WAKO USA Juniors team will compete in Dublin, Ireland on August 28 - September 3, 2016. Aying, who trains under the instruction of her father, Vince Aying, will compete in the 10-12 year old girls, 103 lbs. and under, point sparring division. The WAKO USA Team coaching staff held numerous team trials across the country. Aying secured 1 of only 2 spots available on the team in her division. Before heading to Ireland in August, Aying will compete at the WAKO North American Open, which is being held at the UFC Fan Expo in Las Vegas, NV on July 8-10, 2016.

### Student Named to Under-19 National Football Team

Wide receiver Ndem Okoro of Livermore Valley Charter Prep has been named to the U.S. Under-19 National Team and will compete in the 2016 International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Under-19 World Championship. Games kick off on June 30.

Okoro is one of 44 to be selected for this honor to represent Team USA in the sport's Under-19 World Championship in Habrin, China.

The 2016 U.S. Under-19 National Team was assembled by USA Football, the sport's national governing body and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. It features the top student-athletes in the nation.

The U.S. Under-19 National Team includes athletes representing 20 states and will compete in a field against national teams from Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Japan and Mexico. The U.S. team took home the gold medal in the 2014 IFAF Under-19 World Championship in Kuwait City, Kuwait, defeating Team Canada 40-17 in the championship's final game. The United States has won two of the three IFAF Under-19 World Championships to date, losing the Gold Medal Game to Canada in 2012.

The world championship, held every two years, will culminate in a Gold Medal game on July 11.

An exemption granted by the NCAA allows high school seniors to play for the U.S. National Team and not have their participation count as one of two permitted all-star game appearances.

### Dolphins vs. Sharks

The Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins swam to a win this past Saturday against the Rhonewood Sharks with a final tally of 1052 to 750. Many Dolphin swimmers dropped times at this meet that are worthy of note.

Addison Montoya deserves special recognition. Addison was the winner of the girls 6 and under 25 freestyle who, while shaving 1.24 seconds off her previous time, set a new team record in that event.

Mia DeMichael, Adriana Hall, and Megan Risher each improved their times in two separate events. Megan's swims were especially dramatic; she sliced off 9.53 seconds in the 25 backstroke, and 13.25 in the 25 butterfly.

Several dolphin siblings also saw dropped times at this meet including Daniel and Oliver Heid, Alexandria and Nicholas Maehr, and Addison and Sam Montoya.

Other Dolphins with notably improved times include:

Kaitlin Miller (10.53 in the 50 freestyle); Jake McMillin (7.09 50 butterfly); Greta Wogsland (6.71 in the 25 breaststroke); Jack Hopkins (4.38 in the breaststroke); Molly



Navina Bernardi of Pleasanton will be one of the competitors.

## Bocce Championship Competition Slated

The best of Bocce and the best Bocce players in the Nation will be in action in Livermore. From Saturday June 25th through Saturday July 2nd Bay Area Bocce fans can join the United States Bocce Federation's 2016 Bocce Championships.

Campo di Bocce of Livermore, host to the event, is inviting members of the public to watch some of the top players in the United States. It's open to all and free of charge.

Each day, play will start at 8:00 am, and continue until 12:00 p.m. Events will include Open Bocce, Punto, Raffa, Volo (the International game) and Raffa shooting – an exciting ball smashing competition.

Navina Bernardi, the Pleasanton local who placed 4th in the 2015 World Championships in Rome (top finish ever by a U.S. player), will be competing on June 29, 30 and July 1.

For an event schedule visit [www.campodibocce.com/](http://www.campodibocce.com/) championship.

Campo di Bocce of Livermore is located at 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livermore.

Wildy (4.03 in the 25 backstroke); and Josiah Terptr (3.62 in the 50 backstroke)

### Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 10B Summer Travel Ball team finished in 2nd Place at the Del Holson Fast-pitch tournament in Benicia, CA. A shorthanded Smoke team took it on the chin on Saturday winning one game against a solid Santa Rosa Red Barons 3-2 in walk-off fashion. Losses to Pleasant Hill Panthers and Pleasanton Phantom made for a tough road to hoe on Sunday. Starting 8:00 AM on Sunday Smoke avenged the loss to Pleasanton Phantom by a score of 15-3. In the semifinals, Smoke faced the #1 Seeded All American Sports Academy. An exciting game that saw the ladies from Smoke erase a 7-2 deficit and win 8-7 as time expired propelled the girls into their second straight Championship game.

The #2 seeded San Jose Quick-silver took the championship game but that did not overshadow a hard fought weekend of softball for the young guns from Smoke. Smoke was led offensively by a host of batters that posted above .400 batting averages for the weekend: London Moody (.500), Kaitlyn Aguilar (.500), Elizabeth Ruiz (.417), Hailee Hartman (.400) and Jae Cosgriff (.400). On defense Smoke was led by Delilah VanderBeek and Sierra Black with fielding percentages approaching .900. Kaitlyn Aguilar managed to pitch to a 3-1 record with 23 strikeouts in 15 innings of work. Elizabeth Ruiz threw out 7 runners attempting to steal bases. This 2nd place finish comes on the heels of their Championship in the Smoke Memorial Day Tournament.

Livermore Smoke 12B brought home another 1st place trophy. Smoke 12B went 4-0-1 at the 2016 Benicia Del Holson Tournament June 11-12, 2016. After ending their first game of the tournament in a tie against the Pleasant Hill Panthers, Smoke 12B went on to run-spree defeating the ABGSL Sting 12-0. Nayeli Tia went 2-2 with a double, a triple and 5 RBIs. Kendall Vaughn and Karen Castro also went 2-2. Winning pitcher Melissa MacDonnell threw a quick 3-inning shutout.

Meeting the Pleasant Hill Panthers again later in the day, Smoke 12B avenged their earlier tie by winning 8-1. Nayeli Tia maintained her streak going 3-3 at the plate with a single, double and triple. Sadie Wolfe and Iliza Shields went 1-2 with singles.

On championship Sunday, Smoke 12B was matched up with ABGSL Sting again for the semi-final game. On 15 hits, Smoke 12B outscored Sting 11-2. Nayeli Tia homered, Keana Castro Lincoln went 2-3 with a single and a triple. Brooke Bowles went 1-1 with a single.

In the championship game against Union City Fury, Smoke 12B fell behind by 8 runs in the 3rd inning. With time expired in the bottom of the inning, Smoke 12B rallied to score 9 runs and take home the trophy. Erika Beakey went 3-3 at the dish. Zoey Figlenski showed off her skills as a slap hitter, going 1-2 with a single, an RBI and a walk. Melissa MacDonnell, going 3-3, led the team with 4 RBIs and had the winning, walk-off hit. Every player on the team contributed to the win and they are proving to be a force to be reckoned with within the travel ball world.

### Volleyball

The Kamana girls 16-1 volleyball team finished third at a weekend tournament. Several of the matches went to three games and one game reached a score of 30-32. Kamana 16-1 started out 5th in the Copper Division and ended up in 3rd place after this tournament which moves them up to the next division for their final games in Reno. There wasn't any one big moment to speak of but despite being short on players, having some really long tough matches, they never gave up and the last match of the day was probably the best match of day. They played as a solid team each doing their part in perfect harmony; securing a third place victory.

Kamana will finish up their season with two more tournaments in Reno, NV. After that, they will head to Hawaii to play in the Aloha Classics. The girls have been fund-raising all season to earn the money to go to Hawaii.

Kamana girls come from all over the East Bay to make up the volleyball club. For more information about Kamana Volleyball Club please contact Kehau Stancil.

### Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the "2016 Pacific Swimming Long Course Meter C/B/A+" meet hosted by Orinda Aquatics at Campolindo High School in Moraga, CA on June 11-12, 2016.

Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks were the following: Brook Bennett age 8 with 4 new Best Times, Alexis Mesina (8) 6BT, Jessica Tsai (8) 6 BT, Christopher Wang (7) 2BT, Faith Carroll (10) 5BT, Kaitlin Lee (10) 2BT, Cynthia Li (10) 5BT, Jacqueline Phan (9) 1BT, Vanessa Quan (10) 2BT, Brooke Sanders (9) 3BT, Nabil Danandeh (10) 5BT, Aayush Gupta (10) 3BT, Samuel Wang (10) 1 BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (10) 6BT, Zoe Chu (11) 2BT, Adora Do (11) 4 BT, Aria Harris (11) 4 BT.

Breuklynn Harris (11) 5BT, Lauren Jhong (12) 6BT, Olivia Joong (12) 4BT, Sydney Lu (11) 6 BT, Sophia Pedersoli (11) 3BT, Jasmine Phan (11) 3BT, Adrianna Triffletti (12), Christina Tsai (11) 4BT, Dahlia Versteeg (11) 2BT, Mica Wang (11) 5BT, Akshay Gupta (12) 5BT, Brycen Martin (11) 5BT, Alexander Quach (11) 6 BT, Ethan Wang (11) 3BT, Aiden Wong (11) 4BT, Jolenny Canela (13) 1BT.

Jocelyn Martin (13) 2BT, Emily Nie (14) 3BT, Kylie Peters (13) 4BT, Navya Singh (13) 1BT, Andrew Li (14) 5BT, Aaron Lin (14) 5BT, Gregory Quach (13) 6BT, Alex Ren (13) 4BT, Andrew Wang (13) 4BT, Justin Wang (13), Ryan XU (13), Bolyun Yun (14) 3BT, Alison Martin (16) 3BT, Darron Dai (15) 5BT, Bryce Wong (15) 5BT and Nicholas Wonosaputra (15) with 3 new best times.

### Slowpitch Softball

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

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



# SPORTS NOTES



The Cobras recently celebrated winning the Phantom Girls Softball U10 Teal Division Championship Game. After an amazing season, the Maverick Networks, Inc. Cobras took home the U10 Teal first place trophies. The Cobras are (left to right) Abby Harmon, Sydney Muther, Amanda Penate, Abbie Kent, Erin Tsui, Sierra Titensor, Nisa Kincaid, Ava Schulz, Alexia Garcia, Skylar Azevedo, Caitlyn Sinclair, Ellen Glaser, and Keira Gossett. Coaches (left to right) are Steve Harmon, Johnny Gossett, and Joe Titensor, Scott Glaser.



Members of the Livermore Fusion U14 Girls Gold team placed second in the Santa Cruz sand soccer tournament that took place June 11 -12th. Pictured, left to right, are Shay Vadney, Emma Searcy, Layla Yassin, Melissa Dooley, Marieke Moyers, Amber Feduniw and Jessica Warren, Mychaela Thomas not pictured.



Granada High School student Jonny Stalie competed in the 2016 CIF State Diving Competition. He came in 19th in the state.



Pictured are Smoke 10B team members Kaitlyn Aguilar, London Moody, Sierra Black, Alizabeth Ruiz, Delilah VanderBeek, Audrey Sweet, Sophia Raridan, Sydney Aguilar, Hailee Hartman, Jae Cosgriff and Rhiannon San Miguel. Coaches: Dave VanderBeek, Steve Black, Rigo Zapien, Manager Elvis Aguilar, Dan Ruiz. Not pictured: Eric Sweet, Julian Cosgriff and Maggie Robinson.



Smoke 12B pictured are (from left, top row); Iliza Shields, Melissa MacDonell, Emma Hatcher, Brooke Bowles (center row) Kendall Waugh, Karen Castro, Nayeli Tia; (bottom row) Keana Castro Lincoln, Erin Schrader, Zoey Figlenski, Erika Beakey, and Sadie Wolfe.



Pictured are members of the Granada High School 2016 CIF State Swim Team. Nathaniel Sproul (not pictured) who had an outstanding meet and finished 9th place in the 400 Yard Free Relay.) His relay team mates were Maxime Rooney who finished 3rd in the 200 Yard Free Relay, Michael Eckles 3rd in the 200 Yard Free Relay, & 15th in the 200 Yd Medley Relay, and Ryan Eckles 3rd in the 200 Yd Free Relay. Other great swimmers were by Dante De Mayo, 15th overall in the 100 Butterfly & 15th in the 200 Yd Medley Relay, along with Matthew Hayes who in addition to the 15th place in the 200 Yd Medley Relay finished 9th in the 400 Yd Free Relay and Jared Tovera 3rd in the 200 Yard Free Relay. The Granada High School Girls had some outstanding state finishes in swimming: The 8th placed 400 Yd Relay Team consisted of Caroline Eckel, Anna Friedrich, Miranda Heckman & Sofia Moufarrej. The 6th place 200 Yard Medley Relay team included Anna Friedrich, Miranda Heckman, Tori Kaleta & Sophia Krafcik. Anna Friedrich finished 16th in the 100 Yard Backstroke. Miranda Heckman finished 1st in the 500 Yard Free Relay & 3rd in the 200 Yard Freestyle; the freshman tied (a senior) for the female top point earner in the state with 40 points. Tori Kaleta finished 16th in the 100 Yard Backstroke and helped lead the Granada women's team to an 8th place of all swim teams in California.

All games are played at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex (5800 Parkside Drive). Games begin August 2nd. For further information, please visit [www.pleasantonsports.org](http://www.pleasantonsports.org).

• Open Registration (fees increase \$50) is June 23rd – July 8th.

• Registration deadline is July 8th (space permitting).

For further information, please contact the Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or at [nivelazquez@cityof-pleasantonca.gov](mailto:nivelazquez@cityof-pleasantonca.gov).

## Youth Track Club

FTC Track Club, a USATF (USA Track and Field) certified club that specializes in youth athletes from ages 7 to 18, is building a team to compete this winter/spring in USATF track meets including a meet at the national level in July. The organizers are looking for athletes of all ages and different events, especially relays. Visit [www.ftctrackclub.com](http://www.ftctrackclub.com) or contact Coach Jorge Quero, [jquero@ftctrackclub.com](mailto:jquero@ftctrackclub.com) or (925) 209 7520.

## Fusion Soccer Club

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

Street in Livermore to learn more about programs.

## Mavericks Fastpitch Tryouts

Mavericks Fastpitch, a travel ball organization based out of Livermore, is scheduling tryouts for all three levels, 10U, 12U & 14U for this upcoming Fall season. Register early.

To schedule a tryout or for more information send emails to: [mavs-softball121@gmail.com](mailto:mavs-softball121@gmail.com) or call 650 922-2165

## Fall Softball Offered

Livermore Girls Softball Association is offering a Fall Recreational season again this year. Registration is already open, go to [www.Livermore-GirlsSoftball.org](http://www.Livermore-GirlsSoftball.org) to register. Season starts late August/early September and ends in early November.

## Run San Ramon

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

The two courses feature flat, fast, and paved surfaces, running through the monitored streets in the Bishop

Ranch area of San Ramon (East of 680). In addition, both events will be chip-times by On Your Mark Events. Participants will receive commemorative T-shirt, beverages, snacks, and goodies provided by the sponsors.

Medals are given to the first three (male/female) finishers in each age division.

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

24). Entry increases to \$40 from June 25 through race day.

Registration information at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/events/races.htm](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/events/races.htm)

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

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

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## Play Bernal Signs Up Sponsors to Help Fund Sports Complex

The Play Bernal Campaign has secured its first two major sponsors for the new Sports Complex at the Bernal Community Park, expected to open later this year. The 16-acre, multi-purpose facility will be the first of its kind in Pleasanton.

Patelco Credit Union and Stanford Children's Health have joined forces with the City and local sports groups in support of youth fitness programs and the health benefits that come from leading an active lifestyle.

Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton City Manager, stated, "We're very excited that these two heavy hitters have come out swinging in support of fitness in our community. This homerun wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and commitment from the Play Bernal group."

With the support of these two major donors, the Play Bernal Campaign has commitments and donations from families and businesses that put them over half-way to their nearly \$2 million commitment towards financing the Sports Complex at Bernal Community Park. "We are grateful that these two quality organizations are partnering with us to support active youth in Pleasanton," said Jon Asmussen, who is spearheading the fundraising efforts of the Play Bernal Campaign.

He added, "Thanks in large part to our sponsors, we will soon have our first synthetic-turf, lighted sports fields in Pleasanton."

In recognition of the contributions, the Sports Complex will be named the Patelco Sports Complex. One of the fields will be named the Stanford Children's Health Stadium Field. The Patelco Sports Complex will feature stadium lighting for extended hours of play and three lighted synthetic-turf sports fields available for year-round play. It will also provide play space within the greater network of Pleasanton's fields for youth sports practices and games. The complex is part of the larger 54-acre Bernal Community Park, which will also include nearly 40-acres of oak woodland area, as well as the Stanford Children's Health Stadium Field.

Erin Mendez, President and CEO of Patelco, stated, "Along with financial wellness, hunger, and housing, improving children's health is one of Patelco's top priorities, and we're proud to be the primary partner on this important project. Sponsoring the Patelco Sports Complex not only reflects our long-standing efforts to promote healthy youth and families, but it also provides Pleasanton with a venue worthy of this great community. The opportunity for Patelco to support this valuable, local initiative as we celebrate our 80th anniversary speaks to everything we value."

The donation provided by Stanford Children's Health for the Stanford Children's Health Stadium Field at the Patelco Sports Complex will support the latest technology in the evolution of sports fields and marks a recent commitment by the pediatric healthcare system to the Tri-Valley. Stanford Children's Health has several pediatric specialty and primary care practices in the area, including a Children's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center clinic just across the street from the new Sports Complex, as well as in Emeryville and Walnut Creek. "We are very excited to have this opportunity to support sports in the community," said Shaun Keefer, Director of Children's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center – Stanford. "Stanford Children's Health sports medicine experts – doctors, athletic trainers, and therapists – are in the neighborhood to ensure young athletes are getting the very best in care."

Two additional field sponsorships are available, as well as individual contributions. To learn more about individual contributions or to become a sponsor, please visit the Play Bernal Campaign's website at [www.play-bernal.org](http://www.play-bernal.org).

The Play Bernal campaign is a consortium of field sports organizations in Pleasanton, California, representing over 8,000 youth sports participants and 3,000 families. Funds raised through this campaign will help offset the sports clubs' obligation towards financing of a new sports complex at Bernal Community Park that will include three synthetic-turf, lighted, multi-purpose sports fields. One field will include concrete stadium style seating.

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# Alameda County Fair Livestock Auction Adds a Special Lot to Benefit Young Boy with Cancer

By Carol Graham

Jennifer Cowell knows that her young nephew is destined for greatness, if only he has the chance.

"This little guy lights up the world of everyone he encounters," said Jennifer. "His energy, when he's feeling good, is contagious. He cares so much about others that even as sick as he's been, he's most concerned about his little brother, Murphy, and he focuses on other family members above himself."

She is talking about 5-year-old Keegan Cowell-Lyons, who celebrated his June 1st birthday in isolation at the UCSF hospital.

"He's the sweetest kid, the light of my life, and he's gone through absolute hell the past few years," said Jennifer. "Keegan was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 21 months old. He had his first bone-marrow transplant when he was two. He was considered pretty healthy for the next year, post-transplant, then had a relapse last summer."

To add to his distress, Keegan unexpectedly lost his grandma "Ammma" last fall. She had been an integral part of his care, often staying with him at the hospital so his parents, Kimi and Sean, could look after Murphy and work.

By December, he was so sick that his doctors discussed sending him home on hospice.

"Our family was having none of it," declared Jennifer, the spokesperson for the hard-working family with ranching roots in the Tri-Valley. "A prayer request went out to the masses, and the masses responded like



Mom Kimi Cowell-Lyons, Keegan and Murphy

you wouldn't believe."

Keegan rallied, showing some improvement, but then suffered relapses that required rounds of radiation and chemotherapy, followed by a second bone-marrow transplant.

"He's been isolated from everyone but immediate family. He has such horrible sores in his mouth he can't eat, drink or swallow. To say he's miserable is the understatement of the year," said Jennifer. "We spend all of our time praying and hoping the new marrow will soon be stronger than the leukemia. While we're as optimistic as possible, we're also terrified."

When longtime family friend Kelly Prentice-Allen and her son Ty Cooper Allen learned about Keegan's illness, they wondered how they could help, how they could relieve the burden in some small way. And then it came to them.

"If I had the resources, I would write a check now," said Kelly. "But Ty Cooper has pigs. He suggested that we auction a pig at the fair and donate the proceeds to Keegan's family."

For the first time this year the Alameda County Fair is allowing an FFA youngster to run a pig through the auction to benefit Keegan's family, according to Nan Prentice, Kelly's mother.

Ty Cooper, 12, bred the dark red Duroc pig that is now five months old, 280 lbs., and bears the name Courage.

"Courage got his name because you have to have courage to keep pushing through the tough times," said Rachel McIntyre, 18, the FFA Livermore High School senior who is raising Courage. "Raising Courage for the auction has been exciting. I'm responsible for working with and preparing him for the show ring by strengthening his endurance and teaching him the needed commands. It takes a lot of time to raise an animal - feeding, watering, bathing, brushing, and giving him vitamins and minerals to help keep him healthy and strong. Your animal comes first."

It's a commitment Kelly understands.

"The amount of time and energy it takes to get animals



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Rachelle McIntyre (right) and Ty Cooper Allen with Courage.

ready for fair is tremendous. School and pigs, that's it - no other extra activities. No friends, vacations or sports," said Kelly. "I hope this benefit brings attention to what these kids do, which cannot be taught in a classroom. As a learning and business venture, these young men and women have worked hard to present a superior product to be judged and sold. These kids are our leaders of tomorrow, preserving an agriculture tradition with deep roots and history in Alameda County."

Yet for Kelly, and everyone involved, the uppermost goal is to bring a measure of monetary relief to Keegan's family.

"They are shouldering a burden that most of us never have to," said Kelly. "They

have suffered in silence for the most part. There is a real chance that we could, working together as a community, make a positive change."

All monies raised will go to Keegan's family, aside from a small commission that goes to the Junior Livestock Auction Boosters.

"You can't begin to imagine how expensive absolutely everything is when dealing with a chronic and potentially terminal illness," said Jennifer. "There's no cutting corners with this type of situation. It adds up very quickly, and can become financially devastating in the blink of an eye."

For those unable or not wanting to participate in the auction, it is still possible to donate.

"Folks wishing to help

need to register as a New Buyer, which is very easy to do," said Kelly. "Contact the Auction Office at 925-426-7606 or auction@AlamedaCountyFair.com, and someone will guide you through the steps. Make sure you let them know it's for Keegan Cowell-Lyons and Courage."

"Keegan is the toughest kid I know. He wants nothing more than to be healthy enough to go to school," said Jennifer. "We want so much more - to see him have a long life full of happiness and good health. If it takes a village to raise a child, it would seem it takes the world to heal him."

To learn more, visit "Team Keegan!" on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/groups/189253051223965](http://www.facebook.com/groups/189253051223965).

## County to Upgrade, Modernize Santa Rita Jail

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved \$116.9 million in upgrades to the County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. The upgrades will provide improvements in access for people with disabilities, create a new medical wing to provide improved healthcare and mental health services to inmates and enhance jail security.

The extensive capital improvement program for the jail actually incorporates three separate projects:

One involves \$24.1 million for series of improvements and renovations to the jail would meet the needs of people with physical disabilities. The project would include upgrades to housing units, restrooms, dining areas, visitor areas and other facilities at the jail.

The second would be

the construction of a state-of-the-art Health Program and Services Unit (HPSU) to provide a wide array of physical and mental health services to men and women incarcerated at Santa Rita. This will include the addition of space for educational and rehabilitative programs as well as private spaces for individual therapeutic and group counseling. This Unit will be operated in conjunction with County agencies and community based treatment providers. The project totals \$61.6 million, of which \$54.3 million is being funded through a grant from the State of California.

The third, a \$37.14 million project will replace outdated, 1980s-era security systems at the jail. It includes upgrades to the jail's fire alarm system and automated security network to enhance the safety of inmates, staff

and the surrounding community. County officials said the new systems will save significant staff time that is currently required to maintain the existing security systems.

County officials said the projects will result in a decrease of 18 beds at the jail, which has a capacity of about 4,000 inmates. The reduction is the result of additional space needed for the new HPSU. In addition, they said consolidating the three distinct projects into one will minimize disruption to inmates and jail operations, and save taxpayers approximately \$6 million in construction costs.

The Board's approval came amid several looming deadlines that County staff said required the projects to move forward. These include terms of a legal settlement reached in April requir-

ing numerous upgrades to the jail to bring the facility, which opened in 1989, in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The settlement requires some of the upgrades to be made by April 2017.

In addition, Alameda County faced a June 24 deadline to approve the project in order to secure the

\$54.3 million the State has designated to help pay for the Santa Rita HPSU.

County officials said security upgrades and disabled access improvement projects will be funded through capital improvement funds the Board has been setting aside each year to help pay for needed upgrades to County

facilities.

The County's contribution to the HPSU project includes \$1.6 million from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office budget and a \$5.7 million "in-kind" match that includes the value of the County-owned land at Santa Rita and staff and administrative support costs.

## Legislators Comment On Budget Passage

The California Legislature's passage of a \$122 billion budget on time met a deadline set by law. However, the bill must still be signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

The budget bill, SB 826, was passed on the afternoon of June 15, hours ahead of the midnight deadline set in voter-approved Proposition 25. Failure to meet the deadline would have meant that legislators could not collect any pay past that June 15.

Prop. 25 also lowered the budget approval to a simple majority from a former two-thirds vote of each house. The budget vote this year was largely on party lines, with Democrats carrying the measure in the Assembly 53-27 and one Republican, Anthony Cannella of Ceres, joining them in the Senate on a 26-13 vote.

Assemblymember Catharine Baker, whose district includes the Valley, said in a prepared statement, "This budget has too many unsustainable spending increases that I could not support. SB 826 rightly sets aside \$2 billion for the Proposition 2 Rainy Day Fund. I commend my colleagues for this prudent funding."

"This budget, however, increases spending by 6

percent over last year, and last year's budget was a 7 percent increase over the previous year," said Baker.

"SB 826 fails to invest in our transportation infrastructure. It also allocates nearly \$200 million to cover Medi-Cal benefits for undocumented immigrants at a time when legal residents already cannot get timely access to care and the Medi-Cal provider network continues to shrink," said Baker.

"Revenue intended to pay down transportation bond debt is diverted to other spending. The budget also fails to address unfunded liabilities, placing a greater

burden on future generations," Baker stated.

Sen. Steve Glazer, whose district includes the Valley, said, "Overall, the budget is balanced with prudent reserves. It continues our reinvestment in our higher education system. It provides a tuition freeze for both (UC and CSUC) systems, so kids and their families can be assured that fees and tuition won't go up."

"It expands the slots for California residents that can get into our higher education system. So, on balance, it's a good budget for the state and for higher education," said Glazer.

## LARPD Approves Preliminary Budgets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board approved the Preliminary Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for 2016-2017 at last week's meeting.

The preliminary Operating Budget is balanced with revenues and expenditures totaling \$20,169,844, an increase of \$1.3 million or 7 percent over the 2015-2016 budget. It includes a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for all classification ranges and a modification to vision and hearing plans, which were also approved at Wednesday's meeting.

The Board approved the three-year Preliminary Capital Improvement Plan Budget for 2016-2019, set at \$3,882,789. The 2016-2017 portion is budgeted at \$1.6

million. Due to an unusually high influx of funds from development, the District is able to budget for more park projects than in recent years. LARPD will work on the Springtown Golf Course Reuse Master Plan, which will be paid for by the City of Livermore. The plan includes renovating the playgrounds at Jane Addams Preschool, as well as at May Nissen, Big Trees, and Pleasure Island Parks.

Approval was also given to revise the Personnel Rules and Regulations with regard to District pay week, pay period and payday. These changes are being made in an effort to obtain better compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, as well as to be consistent with the Alameda County Employ-

ees' Retirement Association (ACERA). The payroll, currently administered semi-monthly (twice a month), will transition to a bi-weekly (every other week) pay period. Revisions on pay week, pay period and payday will go into effect July 17, or as soon as feasible.

The Board also approved a resolution calling for the District's election for two Director seats on Nov. 8, 2016. The two seats up for election are currently held by Steve Goodman and Beth Wilson. The seats will be four-year terms ending December 2020.

The Board honored retiring Aquatics Supervisor Sharon Grant with a Resolution of Commendation. Grant served the District for 35 years.

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# 3-D printed polymer turns methane to methanol

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists have combined biology and 3-D printing to create the first reactor that can continuously produce methanol from methane at room temperature and pressure.

The team removed enzymes from methanotrophs, bacteria that eat methane, and mixed them with polymers that they printed or molded into innovative reactors.

The research, which could lead to more efficient conversion of methane to energy production, appears in the June 15 edition of Nature Communications.

“Remarkably, the enzymes retain up to 100 percent activity in the polymer,” said Sarah Baker, LLNL chemist and project lead. “The printed enzyme-embedded polymer is highly flexible for future development and should be useful in a wide range of applications, especially those involving gas-liquid reactions.”

Advances in oil and gas extraction techniques have made vast new stores of natural gas, composed primarily of methane, available. However, a large volume of methane

is leaked, vented or flared during these operations, partly because the gas is difficult to store and transport compared to more-valuable liquid fuels. Methane emissions also contribute about one-third of current net global warming potential, primarily from these and other distributed sources such as agriculture and landfills.

Current industrial technologies to convert methane to more valuable products, like steam reformation, operate at high temperature and pressure, require a large number of unit operations and yield a range of products. As a result, current industrial technologies have a low efficiency of methane conversion to final products and can only operate economically at very large scales.

A technology to efficiently convert methane to other hydrocarbons is needed as a profitable way to convert “stranded” sources of methane and natural gas (sources that are small, temporary, or not close to a pipeline) to liquids for further processing, the team reported.

The team found that isolated enzymes offer the promise

of highly controlled reactions at ambient conditions with higher conversion efficiency and greater flexibility.

“Up to now, most industrial bioreactors are stirred tanks, which are inefficient for gas-liquid reactions,” said Joshua Stolaroff, an environmental scientist on the team. “The concept of printing enzymes into a robust polymer structure opens the door for new kinds of reactors with much higher throughput and lower energy use.”

The team found that the 3-D-printed polymer could be reused over many cycles and used in higher concentrations than possible with the conventional approach of the enzyme dispersed in solution.

Other Livermore team members include: Jennifer Knipe, Craig Blanchette, Joshua DeOtte, James Oakdale, Amitesh Maiti and Jeremy Lenhardt. The LLNL team collaborated with Northwestern University researchers Sarah Sirajuddin and Professor Amy Rosenzweig.

The Laboratory Directed Research and Development program funded the research.

## SHORT NOTES

### Love and Logic in Parenting

The Livermore Public Library presents a free introduction to Parenting with Love and Logic. Presenter Laurie Erceg will give an overview of a variety of techniques and more, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday June 29, 2016.

Parenting with Love and Logic was created by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D. This system uses humor and real-life examples to teach parents how to deal with difficult situations. Parents learn how to discipline teens while still showing the love and respect children need to grow into responsible adults.

No registration is required for this free event. For questions or more information, call Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Play Minecraft

Play Minecraft at the Livermore Public Library every Tuesday, from 1pm-3pm, June 7 through August 9, 2016, at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The library has a limited number of laptops and log-ins for the game. Personal laptops can also be used to participate.

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

For further information, pick up a 2016 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library’s three locations, check online at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or call 925-373-5504.

### Nature Programs

A Creek Walk will be offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

ranger staff on Sat., June 25. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Sycamore Grove Park finally had a wet winter, and spring has been bursting out all over the park. Join a walk along the creek to look at what all that water has brought us. Participants can also talk about and observe the effect of water flows (both natural and artificial) and the drought’s impact on the park. This will be a 2- to 2.5-mile walk on flat trails. Bring water and a camera if you like.

A Snake Picnic will take place on Sun., June 26. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer and open space volunteers at 1 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd.

Bring a picnic lunch or some snacks and come meet a few of the local snakes at this family-friendly program. Hear a snake story, and make a snake-related craft.

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

### Advances in 3D Printing

Livermore Lab researchers, along with a team from UC Santa Cruz, have devised a method for doubling the performance of 3D printed graphene-based supercapacitors.

The method, which involves sandwiching lithium ion and perchlorate ion between layers of graphene in aerogel electrodes, substantially improved the capacity of the electrodes

while still maintaining the devices’ excellent rate capability, the researchers discovered. Their findings were published online and is featured as the back cover for the June edition of the journal ChemNanoMat.

“This is a unique method that significantly raises the performance of our previous graphene aerogel supercapacitors,” said LLNL engineer and paper co-author Cheng Zhu. “We’ve modified the devices and found the best recipe.”

LLNL researchers provided the UCSC team with the 3D-printed graphene aerogel electrodes built using a direct ink writing process. Graphene-based materials are increasingly being used in supercapacitors because of their ultra-large surface area and excellent conductivity.

The findings are the next step in creating more complex architectures using aerogels, enabling more powerful supercapacitors that could someday be used in custom-built electronics.

The Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) program funded the effort.

To read the paper, visit <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cnma.201600107/abstract>

### Learn Cycling Skills

Learn smart cycling skills on Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 6-8pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. This free, fun and entertaining workshop is taught by a Bike East Bay instructor certified by the League of American Bicyclists.

Learn basic rules of the road, how to equip a bicycle, fit a helmet, take a bike on transit, and avoid crashes by riding predictably, visibly, and communicating with other road users by actions and signals. No

bike required.

For details and registration go to the website at [BikeEastBay.org/education](http://BikeEastBay.org/education) or call 510-845-7433, Ext. 2. Free reflective vests for all registered attendees.

Additional programs and events can be found on the library’s website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Bicycles Donated

The East Bay Regional Park District police department on Tuesday donated 35 bicycles to an East Oakland non-profit that recently lost several dozen bikes to theft.

The Park District bikes are former evidence from criminal cases or unclaimed property from the lost-and-found. The District ordinarily keeps such bikes in storage until they’re auctioned, destroyed or in some cases, donated.

Cycles of Change is a non-profit organization that started in Oakland’s San Antonio neighborhood in 1998, taking young people on after school bicycle adventures. The group also provides after-school Bike Clubs, as well as programs for youth and adults across the East Bay in bike repair, bike safety, and environmental projects like creek restoration and community gardening.

On Jan. 7, 2016, a rented U-Haul parked in front of the group’s headquarters was stolen. It contained 52 bicycles and 350 helmets intended to teach bike safety to Oakland middle- and high-school students as part of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program. Macfadyen, who oversees evidence for the Park District police department, read about the theft in the newspaper and wanted to help. He contacted Cycles of Change and arranged the donation.

Anyone wishing to donate to Cycles of Change, or learn

## OBITUARIES

### Kendra Rochelle (Gross) Pope

Kendra Rochelle (Gross) Pope passed away suddenly on June 3, 2016 in Dublin, CA. She was born on July 14, 1979 to Ken and Diane Gross in Lodi, CA.

Kendra attended Galt High School, Delta College, Sacramento State and U.C. Davis where she graduated with bachelor’s degrees in both exercise science and psychology. She then went on to Samuel Merritt University and received her bachelor of science degree in nursing. She became an emergency room nurse and at the time of her death worked at San Jose Regional Hospital in San Jose, CA. She met her husband, Clayton, while precepting him for his clinical paramedic internship. They were married in a private ceremony on May 12, 2016. They were planning a large wedding in the near future. They lived in Livermore and Dublin.

Kendra enjoyed all outdoor activities including

camping, fishing, crabbing and boating. Throughout her life, she also enjoyed dancing and gymnastics along with going to sporting events such as 49er, Giants and A’s games with her husband, family and friends who all knew to expect her to be late. She also enjoyed spending time with her husband at Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Livermore, CA.

Kendra is survived by her husband Clayton, her parents Ken and Diane Gross, the Clayton Pope family, sister Tami (Jarrod) Iverson, nephew Hudson, grandparents Bonnie and Otto Gross and an extremely large extended family. She was a very caring, supportive and protective person with beautiful eyes and smile and will be missed by all.

There will be a celebration of Kendra’s life held on June 26, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on Woodbridge Road in Acampo, CA. She was laid to rest in a private ceremony at the Galt Cemetery on June 13, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Kendra (Gross) Pope Memorial Nursing Scholarship at Samuel Merritt University. There is a Go Fund ME Page established for this purpose

and also to cover expenses for the funeral.

### Alan Carl Skinrood

Alan Carl Skinrood, 85, passed away on 6/16/16 surrounded by family members.

He is survived by his wife Mary, son Carl, daughter-in-law Kim, granddaughter Kelly, and great-grandchildren Calvin and Karianna. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Joan, brother Don, and sister Claire.

Alan graduated from Northwestern University in Illinois with a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for Sandia National Laboratories for 37 years until his retirement in 1993, primarily

at its Livermore location. Alan and Mary moved to Livermore in 1959 and have lived there in the same house ever since.

Alan was a stock car racer in his college years in Illinois, earning the nickname “Schoolboy Skinrood.” Alan’s love for racing never left him as he spent many years as an adult traveling the country attending sprint car races. Alan always had a smile on his face, never complained, and always did what he thought was expected from him. His intelligence and sense of humor were always there. He loved saying “Whoa” whenever you told him something he thought was amazing. Alan loved working out, daily walking, a nightly martini, having a soda, studying up on finance and politics, and watching sports. Alan enjoyed traveling domestically and internationally with his wife Mary, especially on

cruises. Alan was a very devoted family man who gave his all to his family. He will be deeply missed and will forever be in our hearts and memories.

There will be a viewing of Alan this Saturday, June 25, at 1pm with a Celebration of Life at 2pm, at Calaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue in Livermore. All who knew Alan are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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# Circles for Change Graduates Its First Class

By Carol Graham

As the woman with the million-dollar smile shook the mayor's hand, it was hard to imagine she had a care in the world.

Perhaps we all look like that to one another.

"In our culture, we tend to get the glossy story about people's lives," said Lucas Hergert, minister of Livermore's Unitarian Universalist Church. "But what I have found is that the glossy stories are not the ones that are the most inspiring. Challenges can be where we learn our most important lessons, find our courage and our faith, face down our fears, locate our compassion for others who are in need, and discover how to ask for help."

On June 1, Hergert was the keynote speaker at a graduation ceremony held for the first class of Circles for Change, a community-based program that assists Tri-Valley families in achieving financial self-sufficiency. A dozen graduates were honored for having completed an intensive four-month curriculum focused on assessing current situations, identifying what abundance looks like, learning how to budget, and setting life goals for the immediate future.

Before shaking Mayor John Marchand's hand, graduate Gail Gilbert addressed those in attendance.

"I would like to extend a warm and sincere thank you to all who have supported us during this time of transition and crossover," said Gilbert. "We appreciate immensely the mercy and love that has been demonstrated throughout this group and within the community on a weekly basis. Our souls have gotten stronger and our confidence is rising as we prepare to step into the hopeful positivity that awaits us, following the hard groundwork we have done together."

Gilbert, who joined Circles after a loss of income led to homelessness, said the most important lesson she's learned is, "to be open to change, willing to change, and to embrace change. I love the people that I'm



Pictured are Mayor John Marchand and graduate Gail Gilbert. Photo - Doug Webb.

growing with during this transition, and the community's awareness as they become enlightened to the plight of many cities, not just Livermore."

Executive Director Shana Peete said there are many reasons participants join Circles for Change.

"The roads that lead to a program like Circles can start from generational poverty or situational poverty that stunts a person's or family's growth and ability to plan for the future," she said. "While issues like illness or car trouble are a speed bump for folks of means, they can be catastrophic to individuals and families living in or at the poverty line. Their lack of family or friend support contributes to the magnification of issues such as these. We are here to help establish connections and put participants in our program on a path to financial health."

The graduation ceremony marked the completion of the first phase for the participants, who are known as Change Leaders. Next, each graduate will be matched with 2-4 community Allies to create a circle of support during weekly meetings that will continue for up to two years while graduates meet their goals.

"Ideally we would like to

have 3-4 Allies, but due to the large demand for entry into the program, we are a bit short on Allies," said Peete. "This is an ongoing opportunity for community members looking for a place to serve a direct need right here in the Tri-Valley."

Since the nonprofit's launch in February, Peete noted there are several questions she's asked most often.

"Is it too late for me to be an Ally?" No, Allies are still welcome for the current session and the one starting August 31st. Allies don't need to be therapists or life coaches. Come as you are, training is provided," she said. "If you're curious about whether our program is right for you (in the role of Change Leader or Ally), reach out to us. We will set up a time for you to visit one of our weekly meetings to get a better idea of how you may fit into the picture."

"Will this be too much of a commitment for me?" The 'circle' of support is key. Providing graduates with multiple sources of support rather than partnering on a one-on-one basis, helps to prevent Allies feeling overwhelmed or burned out. It also enriches the skill sets and points of view graduates are exposed to."

In addition to Mayor Marchand, Livermore Chief

of Police Michael Harris and Congressman Eric Swalwell representative Sarah Peterson attended to celebrate the graduates' accomplishment.

"It was such a joy to have the support and presence of these insanely busy leaders," said Peete. "To know they value the hard work our group has been engaged in means the world."

Circles for Change sponsors include: Open Heart Kitchen, providing weekly meals; Twin Valley Learning Center, providing child care; City Serve, offering referrals and resources; and, though the program is secular, ongoing support from Asbury United Methodist Church, Lynnewood United Methodist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Church.

"I am so proud of our graduates! They have done much of the heavy lifting to create the life of their dreams," said Peete. "Everyone was asked to be vulnerable and introspective, and to bravely face making serious life changes, which is a tall task. Graduation celebrated their courage. This program has a great track record, and the graduates are ready to step up and secure their place in our collective victory over poverty."

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

## REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

### Summertime Is Ideal Season for Homebuyers

By Cher Wollard

The great investor Sir John Templeton once said the key to success in the stock market is: "When others are selling, buy. When others are buying, sell."

That may be good advice for those considering buying or selling real estate as well.

A home, of course, is more than just an investment. It is a place to live, to raise a family, to set down roots and establish connections within a community. But it is also the largest financial investment most people will make in their lives, so it pays to be smart about it.

Many people believe that July and August is the busiest time for real estate sales.

Not so. California real estate tends to roller coaster through the year, with the "high season" being February through May.

By mid-June, the pace of sales slows dramatically as families focus on finals, graduations, weddings and vacations.

In fact, in a typical year, July is the second-slowest month for real estate sales, after December.

That's excellent news for would-be homebuyers.

Here are at least six good reasons buyers should shop for a new home now:

#### 1. More to choose from.

Inventory has throughout the Bay Area has been critically low for the past three years. But builders are starting to catch up with demand and more sellers are listing their homes for sale.

While in February there were only 84 homes on the market in Livermore, as of this week that number had more than doubled with 174 residential properties active on the local Multiple Listing Service. By July, we can expect an increase of another 20 percent or so.

A balanced market in Livermore would have approximately 250 homes on the market, so it is still a seller's market, but odds are a little better for buyers now than at the height of the season.

#### 2. Less competition.

There is more to choose from in part because more sellers are selling. But a bigger reason is that fewer buyers are out looking. Less competition means a greater chance of actually having an offer accepted.

Hot properties will continue to attract multiple offers. But perhaps fewer than in the spring. So buyers, prepare. Make sure the pre-approval letter from your lender and your bank statement proving you have the funds to close are current. You'll want to take advantage of the relative slowdown in activity.

#### 3. Pace is slower.

With more homes to choose from and fewer buyers looking to purchase them, the pace is likely to slow. In April, for example, the average Livermore home was on the market a mere 11 days. That's a frantic pace that means buyers may not have time to give due consideration before making an offer.

We can expect to see selling times slow to an average of about three to four weeks over the summer. That's fast compared to the rest of the nation, but leisurely by Bay Area standards.

Remember, though, these are averages. Entry-level homes are more likely to sell quickly and with multiple offers than higher-priced homes. And the best properties – those that show well and are priced right for the market – will almost always go fast, even in the dead of summer.

#### 4. Your Realtor has more time.

Successful agents are often juggling four, five, six transactions at once in the Spring. By July, business may have slowed a bit and so he or she will have more time to focus on your search for the right home.

You'll also experience easier access to other professionals – appraisers, inspectors, lenders, escrow officers, movers, etc. That means a smoother, more efficient transaction once you get into contract.

#### 5. Interest rates remain at historic lows.

One expected downside to waiting until Summer to purchase a home was higher interest rates. But that hasn't materialized. In fact, the Fed announced recently that it plans to keep rates down at least one more quarter.

Lower interest rates mean more buying power. The interest rate you are offered on a mortgage will depend on the price of the home; the size of your down payment; and, most importantly, your individual income, debt ratios and credit history.

But given that average rates on mortgages today are about half the historic average of 8 percent, chances are you will be able to lock down a killer rate on a long-term mortgage.

#### 6. Still time to move before school starts.

It's believed that one of the reasons most people choose to purchase a home in the Spring is that they want to get their families moved and settled before the kids start back to school.

But even if you purchase a home in late June or July, there's still likely plenty of time for you to move before the school year starts. Just don't wait too long. Most transactions involving mortgages take four to six weeks to close.

If you are thinking about buying or selling this Summer, contact your local Realtor today.

Housing starts level off nationally

Single-family housing starts were up about 10 percent year-to-year in May, but the level of new housing starts -- including both single-family and multifamily units -- leveled off to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.16 million nationwide, according to data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commerce Department.

The issuing of permits is one of the first stages in building new units and an indicator of future construction.

"Despite May's relatively flat report, our builders are telling us that the market is improving and consumers are more ready and willing to make a home purchase," Ed Brady, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders, told Realtor magazine.

The West saw by far the largest gains in housing starts, with an increase of 14.4 percent month-over-month. This compares with a 1.5 percent increase in the South, and decreases of 2.5 percent in the Midwest and 33.3 percent in the Northeast, primarily due to decreases in multifamily starts.

NAHB's chief economist, Robert Dietz, blamed the slowdown primarily on the lack of buildable lots and shortages in labor, rather than a decrease in demand.

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

## INITIATIVE

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what citizens really want."

The City Clerk has completed her count of the signatures and sent the petitions to the Registrar of Voters. There are 30 days allowed to verify the signatures. The initiative will then be submitted to the City Council at either a July or August meeting. The council can vote to place the initiative on the ballot or vote to adopt it. The council could also request a report from staff of the impacts of the measure on the city; then, the council would take one of the previous actions.

The Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ) involves a proposed change to existing land-use policies and regulations for 40 acres of and (including 20 acres left vacant by Clorox's departure)

that primarily front Johnson Drive, near Interstate 680 and Stoneridge Drive.

Of the 30 residents who spoke during an April 12 workshop, three-quarters were opposed to the rezoning that would allow Costco or other big-box retailers to locate there. The main concerns related to traffic and pollution.

The Johnson Drive Initiative, sponsored by CFPG, calls for a limit of 50,000 square feet on any retail store wanting to be a part of the JDEDZ. When placed on the November ballot, it will ask citizens to vote "yes" if they want to see a limit on the size of any retailer in the JDEDZ, or "no" if they do not. If the "yes" vote prevails, a large Big Box store such as Costco (averaging 140,000 to 160,000 square

feet) could not be included in the JDEDZ plans.

"We have heard a lot of comments from Pleasanton citizens about Costco in the JDEDZ—mostly against the Big Box, but also some for it," said Wheeler. "Now it is up to the City Council to approve putting the measure on the ballot and give everyone the opportunity to express their opinions on this important issue through their votes. We are confident that this will easily be accomplished in the time frame we have until the election."

Wheeler added, "We want to thank the team members of Citizens for Planned Growth who worked so tirelessly to gather the signatures from Pleasanton voters. They did a great job in a short amount of time."

"And we want to thank

the citizens of Pleasanton who, during this busy political season, took the time to learn about our initiative and joined the effort to get their voices heard."

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has been discussing the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone since 2014. The idea of including a Costco and Costco Gas Station was introduced in 2015. Since then, opposition to the plan has developed. According to members of CFPG, the organization CFPG was formed to formalize actions necessary to make this particular zoning change process more responsive to the will of the public.

For more information about the Initiative, go to [www.citizensforplannedgrowth.com](http://www.citizensforplannedgrowth.com)

## Hintzke to Run for Re-election

Pleasanton Unified School Board Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke will seek re-election to the Board in November.

Hintzke listed her priorities as ensuring that students reach their greatest potential by providing learning that is innovative, irresistible, creative, relevant and rigorous. Hintzke believes that a successful school district requires support for the superintendent to build and maintain high functioning teams, strong communication, deepened school/parent partnerships, strict budgetary oversight and continued transparency.

"The Pleasanton community deserves Trustees

who have a deep understanding of the public education system, our local schools and the challenges facing them. I believe this is my greatest strength as a Trustee," Hintzke said. "At a time when we are rebuilding from the great recession, the community needs a Trustee with experience and institutional knowledge of the school district's operations. I have served for the past eight years with a strong record of involvement including insisting on a new district audit firm selection process and putting a public audit committee in place."

Alameda County Board of Supervisor, Nate Miley

endorsed Hintzke. "Jamie Hintzke gets public education. She walks the walk when it comes to improving education and accountability in Pleasanton. There is no one I trust more to guide the Pleasanton Unified School District."

Hintzke also serves on the City of Pleasanton Economic Vitality Committee, has been elected for a second term as a delegate to the California School Board Association's (CSBA) delegate assembly and in January 2016 was appointed by the CSBA President to the Legislative Committee.

Hintzke attended Pleasanton public schools and her two children have attended

school in PUSD, kindergarten through high school.

Prior to taking office in 2008, she was PTA President at Alisal Elementary PTA, Harvest Park PTA and the Pleasanton PTA Council. Hintzke served on several PUSD Committees including the Excellence Committee, the Budget Advisory Committee, and the Lifetime Planning Committee.

Hintzke is employed by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency as a Community Relations Coordinator, working at what is considered to be one of the most innovative youth centers in the County, located in an unincorporated and high poverty area of the County.



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HAINES

Case No. RP16818427

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: 7/27/2016  
TIME: 9:30 AM DEPT: 201  
at:  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
County of Alameda  
2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
Probate Division**

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

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

attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

10. (X) Petitioner:  
**MELVIN E. HAINES, JR.  
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CONCORD, CA 94520  
(916) 213-0855**

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STATEMENT OF  
ABANDONMENT  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME

**FILE NO. 504890-2**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: (1) Tai-Cal Investment Enterprises (2) New Vision Investment Enterprises (3) Tai Family Investment Enterprises, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539. The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 5/12/2015 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Tai-Cal Real Estate LLC, 45389 Rutherford Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Khurram Tai / Pres, Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2016. Expires June 15, 2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 518848**  
The following person(s) doing business as: D & D Real Estate Photography, 552 Hanover St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): D & D Group Services LLC, 552 Hanover St, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business

using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrant(s): Dawn Haukland, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2016. Expires June 1, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 3965. Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2016.

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## Livermore Police Issue Challenge to Increase National Night Out Participation

The Livermore Police Department will participate in the annual National Night Out campaign on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

National Night Out, a yearlong community building campaign, is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for participation in local anticrime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. This campaign will send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In the City of Livermore, National Night Out is celebrated with a variety of neighborhood events; such as block parties, barbecues, and ice cream socials. Last year 42 neighborhood communities participated. This

year the department would love to increase that number and is putting forth a challenge to communities by entering the City of Livermore in the National Night Out Awards Competition. So, gather neighbors, plan an event and get that information to the department on or before the deadline of July 15, 2016.

A Kickoff BBQ will be held at the Barn on July 19, 2016 for the Neighborhood Block Captains and organizers of each event. "Put the City of Livermore on the National Night out map and bring home the award for "Rookie of the Year" and/or a Category #3 win for cities with populations between 50,000 and 99,999."

Livermore Police Officers and staff will be visiting and celebrating with

these communities as well as members of the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department.

Any Livermore organizations, community groups, or neighborhoods interested in participating, should contact Crime Prevention Officer Nicole Aguon at (925) 371-4978 or [naguon@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:naguon@cityoflivermore.net)

In 2015, Police-Community Partnerships, citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from 15,728 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide joined forces to celebrate the "32 Annual National Night Out." Nationally, 38.3 million people participated. National Night Out 2016 is expected to be the largest event ever.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Curriculum Department hosted a Summer Fun Festival to provide students and families with ideas on how to stay cool, have fun and stay healthy this summer. Interactive stations provided participants with a variety of fun experiences including a "Pedal Powered Smoothie" station with a bicycle powered blender, a hula hooping station, and a fresh grilled vegetable station with farm-fresh produce provided by Fertile GroundWorks.

## Dublin Residents Invited to Sign Up for National Night Out

Dublin Police Services, City of Dublin officials, and Alameda County Fire Services will join residents in celebrating City pride during National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Every first Tuesday in August, residents and businesses throughout Dublin display their community spirit by organizing potlucks, ice cream socials, or block parties, while receiving friendly visits from police and City officials throughout the night.

The annual National

Night Out campaign is designed to enhance police-community partnerships and strengthen neighborhoods by bringing together those who are committed to preserving the quality of life in Dublin.

Dublin Police Services invites neighborhoods in Dublin to sign up to be a part of the event. Groups that would like the opportunity to receive National Night Out visits from Dublin Police, Fire staff, and/or City of-

officials should register their parties no later than July 19, 2016.

To learn more about the event and how to register, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/nno](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/nno). Visits will take place between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on August 2.

For more information about Dublin's participation in National Night Out, please contact Dublin Police Services' Crime Prevention Unit at (925) 833-6677 or (925) 833-6686.

## Summer Fun Festival Held

A Summer Fun Festival was held June 17 on the Marylin Avenue School playground in Livermore. The Summer Fun Festival was created by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) District Advisory Committee (DAC).

The event, open to all LVJUSD families, featured healthy summer snack options, smoothie bikes, vegetable grilling, and a hydration station to promote drinking water as the beverage of choice. Additionally, there were stations providing ideas for simple, fun, and inexpensive activities to engage children in behaviors that promote communication, collaboration, competition, creativity and critical thinking. Activities included beach ball baseball, bubbles, flower making, hula hooping, jump roping, marshmallow/spaghetti structures and more.

Donations were secured for much of the food and materials, as well as free swim

passes for those attending. Community organizations also provided staff to manage the stations, and provide families with information on community resources.

## Stanford Health Care ValleyCare Recognized

Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare has been designated a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology (ACR). This designation is given to breast imaging centers that have earned accreditation in mammog-

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Lily Narbonne in Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, adapted by Jennifer Le Blanc. Costumes by Jonathan Singer. Photo by Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com

## Livermore Shakes Brings Together Bay Area Talent

"My idea of good company...is the company of clever, well-informed people" says Anne Elliot of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. Austen's heroine would approve of the company Livermore Shakespeare Festival is keeping this season with playwright Jennifer Le Blanc and veteran actor Lawrence Hecht. Like any good Austen or Shakespearean plot, Hecht and Le Blanc have a history with each other.

Le Blanc, known to Livermore Shakespeare Festival audiences as its perennial leading lady, having played Beatrice in *Much Ado* and Katarina in *The Taming of the Shrew*, among others, is serving as playwright this season as the company produces her adaptation of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*.

Le Blanc's original connection to Hecht occurred at the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver, where Le Blanc received her Masters in Fine Arts degree and Hecht served as head of its acting program. After retiring from his 18-year post at the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver, Hecht moved back to the Bay Area. Livermore Shakes cast him as Prospero in the upcoming production

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## Free Shakespeare in the Park Presents 'The Winter's Tale'

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents *The Winter's Tale* for its 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park. Opening night is Sunday, July 3.

There is a preview performance on Saturday, July 2, 7:30 pm.

*The Winter's Tale* runs Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 pm through July 17. Shows take place at Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park,

Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue.

Luminous and heart-breaking, tragic and gloriously funny, *The Winter's Tale* is the crowning achievement of Shakespeare's late career, a magical tale that swoops across continents, generations, and genres to its bittersweet and beautiful conclusion.

King Leontes of Sicilia trusts his own paranoid beliefs against all evidence to the contrary, plunging

his kingdom into a chain of tragedies – culminating in Shakespeare's most famous stage direction "Exit pursued by a Bear." But in the play's darkest hour, a baby girl survives to grow up in the happy kingdom of Bohemia, ignorant of her noble past. Thanks to the wisdom of his loyal servant Paulina, Leontes learns that not all losses can be reversed, but redemption is possible. Music, dance,

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Phil Wong as the Clown and Phil Lowery as the Old Shepherd in San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of *The Winter's Tale*.

(Photo: Jay Yamada)





Oakland Jazz Choir



George Cole



Lee Waterman &amp; Jazz Caliente

## Library's Jazz in July Features Variety of Performances

Jazz in July, an annual Livermore tradition, takes over the Civic Center Library for five programs by top jazz artists. All programs are on Sundays at 2pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. They are all free of charge, thanks to the Friends of the Livermore Library. No reservations required. Parking and seats are limited.

This year's lineup:

### July 3: Dmitri Matheny kicks off Jazz in July

Celebrated for his warm tone, soaring lyricism and masterful technique, American musician Dmitri Matheny has been lauded as "one of the most emotionally expressive improvisers of his generation" (International Review of Music).

First introduced to jazz audiences in the 1990s as the protégé of Art Farmer, Matheny has matured into "one of the jazz world's most talented horn players" (San Francisco Chronicle).

This season Matheny celebrates the international release of JAZZ NOIR—his eleventh album as leader—a fresh spin on crime jazz, film noir and timeless classics.

### July 10: Duo Gadjo: Jazz with a French Twist

Isabelle Fontaine was born in France. Jeff Magidson was born in San Francisco. Together they are known as Duo Gadjo. Their music celebrates the union of two cultures, largely inspired by the sounds of the 20s and 30s, when jazz was the thing and Paris was the place to be. They accompany themselves on guitars, revisiting the American songbook Gypsy style. They also pay tribute to the music of New Orleans. They perform as a duo, trio (add upright bass), or a quartet (add violin, or accordion). Jeff and Isabelle are members of the band, The Hot Club of San Francisco.

### July 17: Lee Waterman & Jazz Caliente

Jazz Caliente is an all-star ensemble whose members

have appeared with a Who's Who of musical luminaries including: Tito Puente, Whitney Houston, Eddie Palmieri, Linda Ronstadt, Michael Bolton, Madonna, Jon Faddis, Tom Scott, and Pete Escovedo.

Band members include Lee Waterman (guitars), Alex Murzn (sax and flute), Michaelle Goerlitz (percussion), Tommy Kesecker (vibraphone), Bill Lanphier (bass), and Bill Belasco (drums). All the band members are terrific ensemble players and exciting soloists.

### July 24: Oakland Jazz Choir

This multicultural, multi-talented group of people has been singing and bringing innovative and unique vocal jazz to the Bay Area since 1992. Oakland born and bred, they are one of just a few community jazz choirs in the nation singing cool original and standard jazz material in a distinctive choral jazz setting. All volunteer their time, energy and skill to produce some of the sweetest harmonies around. Choir membership includes 16 singers, as diverse in age, religion, and race as their hometown.

### July 31: Cole Sings Cole

The sound and style of the original Nat King Cole Trio recreated. Cole Sings Cole is a vibrant and engaging show performed by the George Cole Trio with George Cole on guitar and vocals, Larry Dunlap on piano, and Jim Kerwin on the upright bass.

All songs have a heaping helping of impeccably executed guitar, piano, and bass. The show highlights some of Nat's big hits of the forties, fifties, sixties, and Great American Songbook compositions.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten the Jazz in July series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).



Dmitri Matheny



Duo Gadjo



# George Winston Brings His Unique Piano Style to the Firehouse

Grammy Award winner George Winston comes to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton with an evening of solo piano on Saturday, July 23, at 8:00 p.m.



His three self-described main styles are currently: melodic folk piano, New Orleans R&B piano, and stride piano.

The concert is currently sold out. More information online at [www.firehouse-arts.org](http://www.firehouse-arts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

George says he is most inspired right now by the great New Orleans R&B pianists Henry Butler, James Booker, Professor

Longhair, Dr. John, and Jon Cleary. He is also in the process of working on interpreting pieces on solo piano by his favorite composers, including Vince Guaraldi, Professor Longhair, and the Doors, as well as Dr. John, Allen Toussaint, Ralph Towner, Sam Cooke, Randy Newman, Al Kooper, Jimmy Wisner, Arthur Lee, Frank Zappa, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Wes Montgomery, John Coltrane, Cal Tjader, John Hartford, Oliver Schroer, Taj Ma-

hal, Philip Aaberg, Henry Butler, James Booker, Jon Cleary... and others.

Having grown up mainly in Montana, George Winston also spent his later formative years in Mississippi and Florida. During this time, his favorite music was instrumental rock and instrumental R&B, including Floyd Cramer, the Ventures, Booker T & The MG's, Jimmy Smith, and many more. Inspired by R&B,

jazz, Blues and Rock (especially the Doors), George began playing organ, then switched to the acoustic piano after hearing recordings from the 1920s and the 1930s by the legendary stride pianists Thomas "Fats" Waller and the late Teddy Wilson. In 1972 he recorded his first solo piano album, *Ballads and Blues*, for the late guitarist John Fahey's Takoma label.

## Well Strung Performs Fusion of Classical Music and Pop Songs at the Bankhead

Described as a "genius mash-up" of classical string quartet and boy band vocal group, New York-based Well Strung will appear at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, July 8, 2016 to kick off the annual LVPAC Presents Summer Series. With resumes in instrumental performance and musical theater, the four members of Well Strung effortlessly straddle the musical world between classical music and current pop. They will appear at the Bankhead for one evening only on July 8th at 8:00 p.m.

In the spring of 2012, Well Strung made its debut at Joe's Pub in New York City. That summer, they developed a dedicated and loyal fan base in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and have since found a following across the country. The all-male group was conceived by producer Mark Cortale and Chris Marchant, who plays second violin. Marchant is joined by violinist Edmund Bagnell, Trevor Wadleigh on viola and Daniel Shevlin on cello. The four classically-trained musicians put their own spin on a wide range of music with clever arrangements that move seamlessly from Mozart, Bach and Dvorak, to Pink, Taylor Swift and Kelly Clarkson. When their self-titled debut album was released in 2013, *The New York Daily News* called them "the hottest things with a bow since Jennifer Lawrence in *The Hunger Games*."

Well Strung aims to make classical music more accessible, presenting audiences with music they may or may not be familiar with in a new way. Well Strung's second album, *POPssical*, debuted at number eight on *Billboard's* Classical Crossover Chart last year. The group has appeared twice on *The Today Show*, on *Watch What Happens Live*, and performed in concert with such artists as Kristin Chenoweth, Audra McDonald and Neil Patrick Harris.

The LVPAC Presents Summer Series continues with the return of Bankhead audience favorite, *The New Christy Minstrels* on July 27th, followed by a group of pop rock stars starting with John Waite on his *Wooden Heart* acoustic tour July 29th, Juice Newton on August 5th, and David Cassidy on August 12th. Other shows in the series include the return of *The Official Blues Brothers Revue*, jazz keyboardist Keiko Matsui, and the solo comedy show "Late

Nite Catechism: Sister's Summer School." LVPAC Presents' Tenth Season will open the second weekend of September with comedian Kathleen Madigan on Friday evening, followed by folk legend Judy Collins, who will headline the "Brilliance at the Bankhead" Gala on September 10th.

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



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**Nancy Cassidy**

## Children's Musician to Perform

The Livermore Public Library will host a performance by children's musician Nancy Cassidy on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Springtown Library, located at 998 Bluebell Dr..

Stop by to hear children's folk and Nancy's original songs that encourage families to sing and laugh together.

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. This performance is 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 events throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, concerts, puppetry, and a wildlife presentation.

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

## Celebrate Baseball Season

Celebrate baseball season at the Livermore Public Library. The Rincon Branch Library will show a fun baseball related film on Friday, June 24, 2016 at 1:00pm at the Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

This film is rated PG. There is no charge to the public to view and enjoy free popcorn during the movie.

Licensing restricts the library from including movie titles in outside advertising.

See the library website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) or call 925-373-5540 for details.

## Tickets Available for Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine Stroll

Over 30 downtown locations will become tasting rooms on Saturday, July 16th from 5-8 p.m. for Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine Stroll. Sample wine and tasty bites while musicians entertain on Main Street.

Each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass, event map and tastings at 34 locations. Presale tickets are available now for \$35 online at [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net) and also at The Rose Hotel located at 807 Main Street and at Studio Seven Arts at 400 Main Street. Friday, July 8, ticket prices will increase to \$40 through Friday, July 15. If not sold out, remaining tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$45 (cash only) at the event starting location – the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Tickets must be redeemed on July 16 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center.

A variety of wine will be offered by BoaVentura de Caires Winery, Boisset Wine Living, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine & Stony Ridge Winery, Ehrenberg Cellars, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garré Vineyard and Winery, Leisure Street Winery, McKahn Family Cellars, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well,



**Ehrenberg wines were offered at a recent wine stroll.**

The Mead Kitchen, Roudon-Smith Winery, Terra Sávia and Wenté Vineyards.

A limited number of designated driver tickets the night of the event for \$10 cash. Event is rain or shine, no refunds. The PDA is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen tickets.

## Music in the Orchard Summer Concert Series to Benefit Pedrozzi Foundation

On the last Thursdays of June, July, August and September the Fourth Annual Music in the Orchard Summer Benefit Concert Series will be held at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax under the olive trees of Livermore's finest resort at 4549 Cross Road to enjoy talented musicians while supporting local students.

The Pedrozzi Foundation is once again a beneficiary of the outdoor concert series presented by the Purple Orchid, Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beer Works, and Sauced BBQ. The Foundation was established by Livermore businessman Mario Pedrozzi, so it is appropriate for local businesses to join together to support local students.

This year's line-up includes: Meredith and The Mercenaries on June 30, Michael Beck Band on July 28, Crawdad Republic on August 25, and Toree McGee on September 29. All concerts are from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Wine by Nottingham Cellars, beer by Altamont Beer Works and food by Sauced BBQ will be available for purchase. A portion of proceeds from ticket, beverage and food sales will support the work of the Pedrozzi Foundation. No outside food or beverage allowed.

The concert proceeds help expand the Foundation's impact. In addition to awarding scholarships to Livermore students, the Foundation works to help create a career and college bound culture among all Livermore students and families – especially those in underrepresented and underserved communities. Partnering with the school district to fund PSAT testing for all sophomores and host-

ing free workshops on paying for college and applying for financial aid are a few ways the Foundation is helping students reach their potential. The Foundation recently awarded \$437,000 in scholarships to 114 local students. Learn more at [PedrozziFoundation.org](http://PedrozziFoundation.org).

Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at [PurpleOrchid.com](http://PurpleOrchid.com). Advanced tickets also available at Nottingham Cellars, 2245 C So Vasco Rd and Altamont Beer Works, 2402 Research Rd, Livermore.

## First of Downtown Story Times This Friday at the Flagpole

The Livermore Public Library will offer two free open-air storytime sessions in downtown Livermore this summer. Drop by for action-packed stories, songs, and science. All ages welcome. Library storytimes are free of charge.

Family Storytime at the Flagpole will take place on Friday, June 24, 2016 at 6pm on the grass at First St. and S. Livermore Ave.

A second session will be held Family Storytime at the Flagpole – Friday, July 15, 2016 at 6pm on the grass at First St. and S. Livermore Ave.

For further information, call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).



# Students Use Creativity To Decorate Bus Shelter

By Carol Graham

The dedication ceremony did more than celebrate art; it showcased the ability of a group of teens and a city to work together to beautify public space.

On the afternoon of June 2, "Wheels - Ticket to Paradise" was unveiled on the bus shelter located on S. Vasco Road near Mesquite Way. The artwork was created by ten Granada High School art club students who designed and painted the shelter panels during lunch periods and after school under the guidance of art teacher and club advisor Laura Thournir.

"It's amazing knowing that something I helped create is out in the public view," said freshman Caitlin McCool. "Driving by and seeing it brings a whole new feeling of accomplishment."

The project was funded by Wheels at a cost of around \$300, according to Thournir.

"Artwork in public spaces enhances the beauty of our community's streetscape and makes waiting for the bus enjoyable," said Wheels' Director of

Planning and Communications Christy Wegener. "It also deters vandalism."

Around 30 people attended the dedication ceremony, which was officiated by Mayor John Marchand and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Board Member Laureen Turner. Each of the young artists was awarded a certificate.

"It's really awesome," said junior Oluwakemi Awosanya. "It's like I did something that would leave my mark on this town and honestly, that is the best feeling to have."

The process began last fall when the teens started planning and sketching the design.

"We chose a scene of pyramids and a galaxy to get the feeling of another world, and incorporated the Wheels bus flying in the air like the Magic School Bus," said freshman Jodi Bryant. "When I drive by and see all of our hard work and determination painted on the bus shelter, I feel proud of our school and of our beautiful community."

After the design earned

approval from the City of Livermore Commission for the Arts, the shelter's plexiglass panels were delivered to the school to be painted on campus.

"We painted like mad for about 30 days," said Thournir. "This is not a class, but a lunch-time art club. Toward the end, it was an extended after-school-everyone-who-can-possibly-help kind of crunch. I guess we thrive on the rush of making the deadline."

The hard work paid off. During the ceremony, passing cars honked their horns in acknowledgement and appreciation.

"The whole mural is beautiful and, with its magnificent colors, stands out from the drab sidewalk," said junior Mary Carmona. "Driving by and seeing my art is fantastic. It's also so cool to say, 'Hey, I did that.'"

"These young artists are amazing," said Commission for the Arts member Sally Dunlop. "They've done beautiful artwork on all ten of the bus shelters they have painted. They're all enthusiastic and dedicated



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Students look at work they created.

to their art. I know they will continue to be creative after their high school years because of these artistic and bonding opportunities."

Group projects help students gain valuable experience both as artists and collaborators.

"Through this project, I gained experience sharing ideas, improving my painting skills, and learning how to cooperate more with my

team," said junior Bailey Ye.

"Blending acrylic is a bit of a pain," noted Carmona, "but with hard work and dedication it can smooth out into one big, beautiful, blended masterpiece."

In addition to the bus shelter project, Granada's art club members regularly join with the Memory Project to create keepsake portraits for disadvantaged

and orphaned youth around the world.

"Art gives students a sense of community," said Thournir. "It develops teamwork and leadership skills, and provides an opportunity for teens to share their artistic talents."

McCool added, "The Wheels project helped teach me that even though I'm a student, my art can still have an impact."

## Comedy Uncorked Session Set

Kabir Singh, Jill Maragos, and Anthony Medina will be featured at the June 25 performance at Comedy Uncorked.

The event will be held at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Grounds open at 6 p.m. with the show getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen.

Kabir "Kabeezy" Singh is described as one of the fastest rising Stand-Up Comedians in the US, headlining some of the most famous clubs in California

including the Hollywood Improv, Hollywood Laugh Factory, Long Beach Laugh Factory, SF Punchline, SF Cobbs, and selling out many other clubs all over America.

Jill Maragos developed her sense of humor and knack for story-telling as a survival tactic for growing up with a crazy family in Buffalo, NY. With degrees in Broadcast Journalism & Mechanical Engineering, she made the natural progression into Stand-Up Comedy.

She was a semi-finalist in the 36th Annual Seattle

International Comedy Competition, has appeared on Laughs, Comedy Time for The Ice House in Pasadena, and West Coast Comedy & she performs all over the country.

Anthony Medina, a South Central Los Angeles native, has been performing comedy since Obama has been president. As CEO of True Hustle Entertainment, he produces over 300 shows a year, throughout the Bay Area.

For tickets and information about upcoming Comedy Uncorked events, go to [www.comedyuncorked.com](http://www.comedyuncorked.com)

## Competition for Young Musicians Announced

The schedule for the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 44th Competition for Young Musicians has been announced.

The application deadline is Sunday, September 18, 2016. (Applications will be accepted starting on September 9.)

The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon.

Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered.

The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on February 18, 2017. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500.

Applications must be accompanied by an \$8.00 application fee and a recording for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from [www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org) or by contacting the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

## 'Minions' First Film at Picnic Flix in Dublin

The City of Dublin's free outdoor summer movie series, "Picnic Flix," begins on Friday, June 24. Showing will be "Minions" (PG). Food, beverages, and snacks will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk. Bring low-back chairs and/or blankets for sitting, and dress warmly. No pets are permitted.

Picnic Flix take place in Emerald Glen Park. There is no admission charge.

Other movies in the series include: "The Goonies" (PG) - Friday, July 22; "Frozen, Sing-Along Edition" (PG) - Friday, August 19.





**Davern Wright as Florizel and Rosie Hallett as Perdita in San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of *The Winter's Tale*.** (Photo: Jay Yamada)

## THE WINTER'S TALE

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and a trio of delightful clowns all make this romance a treat for the whole family.

Artistic Director Rebecca J. Ennals returns to direct this late romance from Shakespeare's canon. She continues her commitment to casting at least 50% women and 50% actors of color, as well as her accessible text-based, historically-informed approach. The cast includes SF Shakes Resident Artists Stephen Muterspaugh, Carla Pantoja, Maryssa Wanlass, David Everett Moore, Phil Lowery, Sarah Shoshana David, and Anne Yumi Kobori, with additional guest art-

ists Damien Seperi, Lizzie Calogero, Rosie Hallett, Davern Wright, Phil Wong, and Maya Drooker. The design team includes Jay Lasnik (Scenic Designer), Eva Herndon (Costume Designer), Ryan Lee Short (Sound Designer), and Miyaka Cochrane (Puppet Master).

Audiences can further their enjoyment of this production by attending a 15-minute Green Show, Shakesbear's Picnic, at 7:00 pm, 30 minutes before the 7:30 pm performance. Shakesbear's Picnic, written by Rebecca J. Ennals, provides context and historical background for the play in a fun, family-friendly format.

## LIVERMORE SHAKES

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of *The Tempest* at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room.

Hecht has a long history with the Bay Area theater scene as he spent over 20 years at American Conservatory Theatre with countless memorable performances. Hecht has taken on many of Shakespeare's best characters on some of our country's great stages, including the title role in *King Lear* at Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Claudius in *Hamlet* at Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and Puck in *Colorado Shakespeare Festival's A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He is also known to fans of the *Scream* horror film franchise as "Neal Prescott" in both *Scream* and *Scream 3*.

Le Blanc, who introduced Hecht to LSF, shared,

"I can't wait to see Larry as Prospero this summer. His classes at the National Theatre Conservatory in Denver are still some of my favorite that I've ever taken. And as an actor, Larry is brilliant, his *King Lear* at Shakespeare Santa Cruz broke my heart."

Hecht is equally fond of Le Blanc as he states, "Jennifer Le Blanc's artistic reputation grows by leaps and bounds. I love her... I expect we'll all be working for her someday soon, when she's running the world."

Livermore Shakespeare Festival artists are beginning rehearsals in Livermore. Other members of this "good company" include MFA candidates from the renowned program at A.C.T. and artists from the North Bay, including

director Mary Ann Rodgers, the Peninsula and Stockton. "It's heartening that so many artists are willing to come out to Livermore to perform with us. It's a testament to the welcoming community Livermore offers," added Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival will produce Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, adapted by Jennifer Le Blanc and directed by Mary Ann Rodgers from July 7th – July 24th, 2016 and William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, directed by Lisa A. Tromovitch from July 21st to August 7th, 2016 at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room on Tesla Road in Livermore. For more information visit [LivermoreShakes.org](http://LivermoreShakes.org) or call (925) 443-BARD.



**Larry Hecht and Lucy Littlewood in *The Tempest*. Costumes by Jonathan Singer.**  
Photo by Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com



# Yesterday into Today

by Sarah Bobson

## THE TRANS-SIBERIAN: PART 2

June 2016 column I flew from Moscow to Irkutsk, situated on Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake, volume-wise, in the world. From there, I rode an overnight sleeper to Khabarovsk. It proved to be the longest “overnight” of my life.

The fair young woman sharing my car was a missionary on her way to China. She spoke English well, and we chatted into the night. As the train chugged ahead in the dark, the repetitive cranking of the train’s wheels over the tracks and her interesting stories rolling along one after the other lulled me into a quiescent state until somewhere after the second hour the train screeched to an abrupt halt, jolting us from our berths. We quickly scrambled to the window and peered into the dark, but we could see nothing. We opened the door to our compartment. Nothing there as well. We had no choice but to wait.

The minutes at this dead stall dragged on. A half hour passed. Then an hour. My compartment companion and I speculated about what could be the holdup. Then we heard male voices down the corridor. Train officials?

“I hope they don’t come in here,” the young woman said, just like that, squirming in her upper berth.

Instead of becoming alarmed at her remark, my heart began to flutter like a hummingbird sighting new nectar. Could this be my Agatha Christie-travel adventure moment? The scenarios began flitting through my mind. The officials were looking for a killer, or killers, much like in *Murder on the Orient Express*. My temporary traveling companion was a spy. Better yet, a counter-spy, or a CIA agent cloaked in a clever religious guise.

The young missionary climbed down from her berth, walked over to her suitcase stored under the lower berth opposite us, opened it, quickly shut it, and shoved it back in place. She turned around, sat down next to me and said, “If the officials come in here, and they probably will, pretend you don’t know anything.”

“I DON’T know anything,” I said flippantly, the aura of excitement and drama intensifying until the worm of an idea began inching its way into the scenarios: If this woman is involved in some Cold War espionage, is it possible that I, an innocent bystander, someone who just happens to be in this compartment with her, a total stranger really, is it possible that I could be implicated?

The corridor voices grew louder. And nearer. The door to our compartment clanged open and a uniformed train official entered, while a soldier holding a machine gun stood behind him. Neither had bothered to knock.

“May I see your passports,” the train official said.

We handed them over.

He asked us rudimentary questions about where we were going and why, returned our passports, searched

our luggage, and then left our compartment, sliding the door shut behind him. That was that, my Agatha Christie moment, all too brief, now dead on arrival. We heard the door to the next compartment slide open, and then shut. The familiar metallic roll repeated itself down the length of the car, each time becoming more and more faint.

Then the wheels began to turn, laboring in their initial revolutions. When we were once again whizzing along, I felt safe enough to ask the young woman, “What was that all about?”

“I think the guards were looking for Bibles,” she said.

A missionary with Bibles. It made sense. I remembered how she had searched her suitcase moments before the train official had entered our compartment.

“But the guards didn’t find any in your suitcase,” I said.

“Oh, I got rid of them earlier.”

“Earlier?” I asked, perplexed.

Immediately grasping my lack of comprehension, she filled in the details. At some point in our journey, apparently she had tossed the Bibles out the window, letting them flutter and land where they might in the cold, dark tundra.

“Why would you do a thing like that?” I asked. “This is a communist country. The government is anti-religion.”

“But the people are hungry for spiritual guidance,” she said.

“You could have gotten us both thrown in jail for that subversive act.”

“Oh, they wouldn’t have done anything to us,” she said, confident in her missionary zeal.

I should have been grateful for her contribution to my mini-adventure the one I had longed for, but reality set in and I realized that my Agatha Christie moment could have ended up stretching into years of an extended stay as a guest of the Soviet government in one of their gulags. I had read books by the famed anti-Soviet writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. In *The Gulag Archipelago*, he wrote about his years imprisoned in a Siberian labor camp. Three of his novels, written in the 1960s, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, *The First Circle*, and *Cancer Ward*, also dealt with the harsh gulag conditions. In 1970, he went on to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

In the morning, we arrived in Khabarovsk. I happily said goodbye to my compartment companion and boarded the Trans-Siberian, where I found myself assigned to a compartment with three young men, two Russians and one German soldier, all extremely handsome.

The three-day trek across the final third of Siberia, to Nakhodka, the civilian port of embarkation at that time,

seemed endless. The flat tundra, rich in untapped oil, stretched on forever. Thank goodness for the periodic stops the train made, where passengers dashed off to buy potatoes and apples the size of cherries from little old ladies wearing babushkas (headscarves), sitting at card tables they had set up along the tracks just moments before the train arrived. To break the long stream of monotony, passengers either slept, played cards, or talked (I was at a disadvantage because I knew only a few Russian words). Or they ate. But I noticed that no one went to the dining car, or even bothered to look for it. Instead, they ate in their compartments. I soon discovered why.

My first night on board, I dressed for dinner and traipsed happily in search of linen tablecloths and silver place settings. Although I didn’t actually expect to find the likes of the Count and Countess Andrenyi, or Princess Dragomiroff, or the impeccably groomed, mustachioed Inspector Hercule Poirot engaged in *tete-a-tetes* while sipping French wine from crystal goblets, the romance of that scene still danced in my head. I walked up and down the length of the train until someone told me I wouldn’t find the dining car, but that didn’t make sense to me. A train had to have a dining car. The next day, with hungry fervor, I set off on my expedition to find the dining car. At least I would have a good hearty lunch. No dining car in sight. At dinner, driven by weakness and extreme hunger pangs, I went in search once again, but this time I saw a car detaching itself from the end of the train. To this day, I have no way of knowing whether that was, indeed, the phantom dining car. When the train stopped the next day in the middle of nowhere, I dashed off to buy whatever I could from the little old ladies in the babushkas.

For three days, the aroma of cold potatoes and raw onions hung heavy in the compartments of the cognoscenti, along with wet underclothes washed in the tiny train car bathroom and hung to dry on ropes stretched across upper berths. I was traveling in a tenement on wheels, not on the luxurious *Orient Express* of my imagination. The one charming touch: The official in charge of each car brewed chai in a real samovar and delivered a steaming cup to each passenger several times a day.

As for my long-awaited Trans-Siberian Express adventure? I figure I had it on the overnighter, where, like in *Murder on the Orient Express*, our train and its passengers were stalled for hours while a mystery unfolded. True, we didn’t have the elegance or the aristocrats, but we also didn’t have the bludgeoned body or the blood.



# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

## Members of the Pleasanton Art League

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

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

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

**Backyard Beauty**, New multi-platform invitational exhibit opens at the Harrington Gallery June 15, on display through July 13. With the inspiration of plant life, insects and other backyard commonalities, the 7 artists in this installation have included pieces in glass sculpture, oils, acrylic, watercolors, graphite, and metalwork. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Suggested \$5 donation.

**"Spectrum"** at the Blackhawk Gallery, May 6-July 10 2016. Open to the public. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville; 648-8023 [www.blackhawk-gallery.org](http://www.blackhawk-gallery.org)

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

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

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

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

**Asian American Women Artists Association**, art exhibition, July 28-Sept. 3, Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception, July 28, 7 to 9 p.m. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Show and Tell**, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 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://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

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

offered. (925) 216-7231 or email [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](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 last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2016 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

## WINE & SPIRITS

**Valley Humane Society's 2016 Yappy Hour**, local venues compete to see who can raise the most money to help homeless dogs and cats. June 23, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., McKays Taphouse and Beer Garden, 252 Main St., Pleasanton. <http://valleyhumane.org>

**Fourth Friday Night Wine and Free Concert** with music by a Charles R favorite, Greg Lamboy. Kick off your shoes and relax while listening to Greg's acoustic rock and sip on a nice glass of wine. 6 to 9 p.m. June 24. Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Road (end of Greenville Rd.).

**Summer Days of Port, Cedar Mountain Winery**. Port and Cigars, June 24, 6 to 9 p.m. one-night event will highlight a flight of 6 Cedar Mountain Winery Ports, 2-Premium cigars, light appetizers, and live music by Roger Kardinal. \$50 per person, non-smokers port flight \$30 per person. Contact Cedar Mountain Winery Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636 Non-refundable advance paid reservations required. Port Seminar, June 25, 3 to 5 p.m.

Winemaker, Earl Ault, will guide participants through the history of Port and how it is made. Taste a variety of award-winning Cedar Mountain Winery Ports alongside other California and Portuguese Ports. Light appetizers will be served. \$35 per person. Contact Cedar Mountain Winery Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636. Non-refundable advance paid reservations required. 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore.

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

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

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

**Charles R Vineyards, "4th Friday"** Free Summer Concert Series continues on the patio. Unwind and rock on Friday, June 24th from 6pm - 9pm with "Greg Lamboy's" awesome acoustic rock! No outside alcoholic beverages please, but picnics are welcomed. Upcoming concerts: July 22nd with "Souled Out" - August 26th with KNR Band - September 23 with Afterglow. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (end of Greenville) in Livermore.

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Livermore. Sat., June 25, featured food pairing flight, which will the newest Chocolate Truffle & Wine pairing flight. Sun., June

26, "Sunday Funday," features the newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open from 11:30am-4:30pm. each day. For more information, contact [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com)

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

**Summer Wine Stroll**, Downtown Pleasanton, July 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Pleasanton Downtown Association, information at [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

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

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

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

**Curtain Up- The Golden Follies Revue**. 2 big shows: Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26, both shows 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets \$15, \$20, \$25. The sparkling Las Vegas-style revue features seasoned performers ages 60-91 from all over northern California. Full of energy and pizzazz, the show is packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies, striking women and a rousing, flag waving tribute to the USA. Featured with the Golden Follies will be S.F. chanteuse Wiggy Darlington. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Well Strung**, July 8, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**An Evening with George Winston: A**

**Solo Piano Concert**. CURRENTLY SOLD OUT. Saturday, July 23, 8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Grammy-winning composer and pianist George Winston comes to the Firehouse Arts Center Theater. More information available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**The New Christy Minstrels**, July 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**John Waite, The Wooden Heart Tour**, 8 p.m. July 29. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

## ON THE STAGE

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

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

**2016 Livermore Shakespeare Festival**, The Tempest by William Shakespeare, Jane Austen's Persuasion, adapted by Jennifer Le Blanc. July 7 - August 7, 2016 Preview of Persuasion on July 7, Persuasion Opening Night Performance on July 8th. Persuasion performances are July 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 23, and 24 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 7th. The Benefit Gala, Auction and Performance of Persuasion Saturday, July 16th at 5:00 PM with the performance at 8PM. Preview of The Tempest July 21st, with performances on July 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, August 4, 5, 6, and 7 with a Family Night performance on Thursday, July 21st. All performances begin at 7:30PM with the exception of the Benefit Performance of Persuasion on Saturday, July 16th at 8PM. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. \$50- \$25, Benefit performance with dinner and auction on July 16th \$150. Livermore Shakes Family Night (Persuasion) on July 7th (The Tempest) on July 21st; Family Night Kids Tickets \$5 Pre-Show Buffet Price: \$49/person added to price of show ticket - available July 9, 23, 30 and August 6. (925) 443-BARD or [www.LivermoreShakes.org](http://www.LivermoreShakes.org)



# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Mary Poppins**, weekends July 16 through 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**, Las Positas College, outdoor summer music, food trucks, July 28-31, 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [www.laspositascolllege.edu](http://www.laspositascolllege.edu)

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

## COMEDY

**Stand Up Against Cancer Comedy Fundraiser** (ages 16 and up) 8 p.m. July 9. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## MOVIES

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

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

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Freeze Frame Photo Competition**, capture the Tri-Valley's beauty in a photo and help to preserve land forever. The winning photos will be showcased in travelling photography exhibits, a calendar and many other Tri-Valley Conservancy communications to help others see what's at stake of being lost without preservation. This year's competition has both an Adult Category and a Youth Category for 6th through 12th grade students. Enter photos of Tri-Valley's open space from July 1st through July 31st. Cash prizes will be awarded. For rules and registration, go to <https://trivalleyconservancy.ejoinme.org/freeze2016>

## OPERA

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the

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

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a 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. Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**Alameda County Fair**, "Spirit of Summer," June 15 to July 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibitions, entertainment, extreme sports, food, etc. [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com)

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

**4th of July Family Fun Fireworks Celebration** July 4th, 2016 Livermore Downtown, 4pm Street Closure - 9:30pm Fireworks. [www.livermore-downtown.com](http://www.livermore-downtown.com)

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

**Livermore Shakespeare Festival's Annual Benefit Gala** at Wente Vineyards,

July 16, dinner, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Fund-a-need will benefit Livermore Shakespeare Festival's youth education programs. At 8pm, guests watch Jane Austen's Persuasion. Tickets and information at [livermoreshakes.org](http://livermoreshakes.org)

**Innovation Tri-Valley's Innovation Forum & Expo**, July 28, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon Series. For tickets or additional information, go to [www.livermorechamber.org](http://www.livermorechamber.org)

**19th Annual Pooch Parade**, Wednesday, August 3, 2016 In downtown Pleasanton in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party." Registration begins at 5PM and the parade starts at 6PM at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First Street and Neal. Enter any size pooch in any of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For complete details and registration, go to [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org).



LVCS 8th-grader Parker Anderson at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., looks at the name of her great uncle Clae Norman, who died 50 years ago on the same June day that the LVCS students visited the wall.

## LVCS 8th-graders Visit Washington Memorials

Some 30 Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) 8th graders and 10 parents and teachers are back from a five-day trip during which they visited national shrines in Washington, D.C.

A highlight was a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where for the first time the school's students laid a wreath marked with the charter school's name fixed to it at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Wreath-bearers at the tomb were Lydia Benton, Nicholas Smith, Kyle Stow, Emily Rakestraw, and 8th grade history and English teacher Jennifer Winter.

Other memorials visited were those for Korean and Vietnam war veterans. At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, two students traced onto paper the names of their departed relatives. Parker Anderson found the name of her great uncle, Clae Norman, who died 50 years ago on the same date, June 6, that the class visited the memorial. Camden Kiernan saw the name of second cousin Gary Meyer.

Winter, who made the trip with teaching partner Jennifer Horn, has taken classes to Washington for the past five

years. Winter said that Parker's grandmother, Kyle Stow, was "moved beyond words," to know that her granddaughter and the school delegation was there on the 50th anniversary of her husband Norman's death. Winter said that Stow was instrumental in helping to fund the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Dressed in their red, white and blue tie-dyes for the day, the class walked to the National World War II Memorial. The visit just happened to coincide with a visit by 20 World War II veterans, ages 88 years and older. Whenever a group of World War II veterans visits, they receive first-class treatment, and travel in a motorcade to the memorial. "My kids were privileged to see the ceremony and be there for their pictures. It's something they won't forget," said Winter.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was with the veterans delegation. She spoke to the students, telling them about the World War II generation's important role in history, and saying that their own generation has a mission to carry forward ideas concerning service, said Winter.

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## 5th Generation Grad Plans to Become Large Animal Veterinarian

Fifth generation Livermore High School graduate, Amanda Gallagher Stear has been accepted this Fall into the University of Findlay, in Ohio, where she will be pursuing a degree in the animal science department focusing on pre-vet for livestock animals. Her parents, Robert Stear and Julie Gallagher are proud that Amanda has received a merit scholarship from the University of Findlay, the Livermore Rodeo Association's scholarship, and the Keith Cariveau Scholarship from Livermore High School for a student inter-



Amanda Stear

ested in pursuing a degree in agriculture. Amanda also received two honor cords, one for her participation in the medical occupation program and the other for her work with Livermore High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Amanda is presently breeding and raising Boer goats on her parent's property in Livermore. Her dream is to continue that while pursuing her passion to become livestock veterinarian for the Tri-Valley area.

## EDUCATION

Hannah Winslow, of Pleasanton, is now a graduate of Colgate University. Winslow majored in Psychology and graduated Magna Cum Laude. A graduate of King Philip Regional HS, Winslow received a bachelor of arts degree at Colgate's 195th Commencement.

Jason Teague of Pleasanton, CA, has earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Teague was among approximately 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees during Georgia Tech's 251st Commencement exercises on May 6 and 7 at the McCamish Pavilion.

Rachel Elizabeth Becker of Pleasanton has been named to the Deans' List/Explore Center List of Distinguished Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year. Becker, a freshman advertising and public relations major, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Wheaton College student Jonathan Lin of Dublin, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester. To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,220 students in May 2016. Among the graduates was Jeffrey Rademann of Livermore, who received a Master of Science in Banking and Financial Services Management.

Christian A. Rose, a resident of Livermore, has recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring semester. Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Summer Wilson of Livermore, majoring in Environmental Science, Technology and Policy, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester at California State University, Monterey Bay. This academic honor requires a GPA of at least 3.5 for 12 credits of graded courses.



Lions Chuck Wagon

## Livermore Lions Club Has Had a Busy June

Livermore Lions have been busy serving the community. On June 10, club members cooked dinner for the families and students of Rancho Las Positas Elementary School. Principal Steve Martin and faculty held this event in honor of being named Gold Ribbon School by the State.

The next day, Livermore Lions took part in the annual Rodeo Parade by hauling the newly-painted Lions Chuck Wagon around the streets of downtown Livermore. Painting the Chuck Wagon was the spring project of Mr. Randall's ROP class at Livermore High School. Many thanks to his hard-working students.

Then on Sunday, June 12, Livermore Lions cooked breakfast and lunch for the Art Expo, held at the Bothwell Arts Center. This activity presented art seminars and hands-on demonstrations for all ages, as well as an art exhibit of local, talented artists.

Finally, Livermore Lions will cook breakfast at Livermore High School, June 26, for those who participate in the Relay for Life, a non-profit organization for cancer research.

The information was submitted by the Livermore Lions Club Treasurer, Ann S. Lopez.

## BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto: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.)

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**Free Diabetes Self Management** Classes offered by Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program. 7 week series runs Thursdays, July 7 through August 18, 6 pm - 8 pm, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin. Class is for adults diagnosed with pre diabetes or type 1 or 2 diabetes. Learn about the causes of diabetes, healthy eating, exercise, medications, stress management and more. Call 510-383-5185 to register. Requires 5 people registered for class to be held.

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

**Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard Veterans.** Meet with other like minded sea service veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a federally chartered organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street in Livermore. Enter the building up the ramp on 5th Street. For more information go to [www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org) or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

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

**Grief workshop,** Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. Eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 pm June 23, July 14, 28 and Aug. 11, 25 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is

necessary. Sessions open to all regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



# BULLETIN BOARD

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.

**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).

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 - 8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericscorner.org](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. Check the website for meeting location: Pleasanton. [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)

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

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), 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/pleasanton](http://www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton) or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

**Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store**, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit [www.shepgate.org/holiday](http://www.shepgate.org/holiday)

**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 Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others

who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact [PMFSG.ca@gmail.com](mailto:PMFSG.ca@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, [www.trinitylivermore.org](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. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Andrew Lobban: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 18.

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

**Pathway Community Church**, 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 [pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) for more info.

**Bethel Family Christian Center**, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fel-

lowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

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

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, 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. Summer worship schedule with one morning traditional service at 9:30 a.m., and one evening contemporary service at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is provided at the 9:30 a.m. service. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to [office@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**--Livermore Stake, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

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

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

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://www.smbclive.com) or 443-3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

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

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton). Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**Unity of Tri-Valley** - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. [www.trivalleyunity.org](http://www.trivalleyunity.org) (925.829.2733).

**GraceWay Church** will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, this spring and summer while it's new home is being refurbished and updated. GraceWay services include band-led worship music as well as choir anthems. Sunday School is offered to infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. GraceWay will move to its new home at 1183 Quarry Lane later this year. For information about GraceWay, see [www.graceway.faith.org](http://www.graceway.faith.org) or call (925

**Pride Service**, Sunday, June 26, 10:30am. Join us as we celebrate the diversity of LGBTQ people and acknowledge their struggle against hatred and ignorance. We will explore how we can strive for a world where people are loved for who they are and not targeted for it. Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, 1893 N. Vasco Rd.; 925-447-8747, [uucil.org](http://uucil.org)

**The Shiva Vishnu Temple** in Livermore, California is organizing a day-long event, a first time ever of its kind in America, to celebrate Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi by portraying the Ardhanarishvara Tatwa on Saturday, June 25th, 2016 at Washington High School at Fremont. All Devotees are invited to attend and partake in the events. There will also be cultural programs like classical dance and music by renowned artists.



# Milestones



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## 7th Graders Recognized

Alameda County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) celebrated National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Awareness Week by recognizing five 7th grade students from three Alameda County public schools for their excellence in Hands-Only CPR. Michel Cabrera and Erica Jimenez of Newark Jr. High School, Thamsi Sagi and Grace Chen of Harvest Park Middle School in Pleasanton and Noelani Takei of Sunol Glen School, all trained an impressive number of community members utilizing Alameda County EMS' CPR 7 Program.

The five recognized 7th grade students led their peers in training the highest number of community members. Thamsi Sagi trained 53 community members. Grace Chen trained 47 community members and Noelani Takei trained 39 community members.

Since 2010, Alameda County EMS has partnered with all 18 Alameda County School Districts providing the CPR 7 program to 7th graders. Each school year about 10,000 Alameda County 7th graders receive a CPR Anytime™ kit, which includes a mini manikin and a watch and learn DVD. Either their physical education or science teacher facilitates hands only CPR training during one class period. The 7th graders then take their kit home and train family and friends in hands-only CPR. The CPR 7 program has trained over 150,000 community members, including the majority of 7th graders enrolled in the public schools. This represents approximately 10% of the Alameda County population.

The Alameda County CPR 7 program received national attention in an article published in the June issue of the Journal of Emergency Medicine.



## Happy 102nd Birthday

Mildred Clements, a Livermore Resident, will celebrate her 102nd birthday surrounded by lots of family and friends. Mildred was born on June 29, 1914, in Kansas City, Kansas. She spent most of her life in southern California, then moved to Livermore in 2005. She is young at heart, has an incredible positive attitude, and is a wonderful role model to her family and so many of her friends.

In a tribute to her mother, her daughter, Carol, states, "I am so lucky to be her daughter. so much that is good about my life today comes from having a Mom who cared enough to raise me right and has loved me through good times, bad times, and sad times."

Thank you, Mom, for all the little ways your wisdom and caring have made a difference in my life. You are an amazing mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and mother-in-law."

## Harvest Park Has a New Principal

Ethan Cheever has been selected as the new principal for Harvest Park Middle School. Cheever comes to Pleasanton from San Bruno where he has served the last two years as Principal of Parkside Middle School.

His accomplishments at Parkside include earning distinction as a California Gold Ribbon School and increasing family engagement through new parent committees and more frequent communication.

"As Principal at Harvest Park for 11 years, this position is near and dear to my heart," said Interim Superintendent Jim Hansen. "I am confident that Mr. Cheever's experience and accomplishments will be an asset to our Harvest Park community."

In addition to administrative experience, Cheever taught middle and high school for five years in Hayward, Palo Alto and Millbrae. He holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from San Jose State University.

Cheever will begin as Principal of Harvest Park Middle on July 1.

## Livermore Valley Education Foundation Adds New Board Member

Kiran Guleria has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF).

A native of India, Kiran has lived in the Bay Area since 2001 and in Livermore since 2011. She is married with two children and a rambunctious Golden Retriever, Nike.

Kiran serves as Education Program Manager for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Previously, she worked as a Program Assistant in the LVJUSD District Office, and has also worked as a banker and tax preparer.

Kiran earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Electronics.

Since arriving in Livermore, Kiran has been extremely active in creating educational opportunities for LVJUSD students. Working closely with other parents and District administration, she has helped established a summer enrichment program, a Mendenhall Middle School robotics club, a Silicon Valley youth entrepreneurship boot camp, and a "maker space" at Smith Elementary school. "I love this community and want to contribute in the best way possible to educational development. There is no better way to do this than by being part of the LVEF Board," says Kiran. "Working with LVEF, I hope to impact our community more broadly by bringing more enrichment programs to our schools."

In her spare time, Kiran enjoys hiking, yoga, and organic gardening.

For more information about LVEF visit [www.lvef.org](http://www.lvef.org).

## Fremont Bank to Open Branch in Dublin

Fremont Bank will open a new branch at 3866 Fallon Road in Dublin, in the Fallon Gateway shopping center. The new branch will include:

Teller cash recyclers that will allow branch associates to be more mobile and dedicate more time to clients.

Self-service digital station and in-branch tablets that introduce clients to the full range of digital offerings.

Modular design that can be adapted to satisfy evolving client preferences and re-configured to host community events.

The branch is scheduled

to open in late-June, and will be managed by Nadia Chirayunon, who has been with Fremont Bank for four years.

Fremont Bank will mark the occasion with a series of grand opening events.

## MILITARY

U.S. Air Force Airman Logan M. Glover graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Glover earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is a 2013 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.