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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.

Zone 7 Makes It Official -- No Drought Surcharge

Zone 7 Water District directors approved a budget for fiscal year 2014-15 without a drought surcharge. The board voted 6-0, with director A.J. Machaevich absent. The budget projects \$92.8 million in revenue and \$107.1 million in expenditures. Money from reserves will make up the difference.

Zone 7 will wipe out the entire drought relief fund, which currently contains \$5.9 million in it. The agency also plans to take \$8.9 million from the rate stabilization fund, which is designed to prevent any sharp rises in rates. That spending will shrink the rate stabilization fund to \$2.8

million. In May, Zone 7 had worked up three options to pay for the sudden spending increases needed to speed up projects and potentially make water deals that will help bring more water to customers.

One option would impose a 25 percent drought sur-

charge on the Valley's water retailers; another would set a 15 percent fee; the third alternative would impose no fee at all.

After discussion with retailers in late May and early June at Zone 7, staff recommended the zero option.

Directors agreed with the staff recommendation

to wait until fall to obtain more information about the drought's effects on Zone 7. The amount of customer conservation and the price to be paid if several water deals go through are among the factors that will be looked at.

It was clear that directors intend to build up the reserve (See SURCHARGE, page 2)

Fireworks Safe and Important This Year Due to Drought

"Safe and Sane" fireworks will go on sale in Dublin beginning June 28. The City of Dublin and its public safety departments remind people to pay attention to fireworks safety and urge extreme caution in their use this year due to the extremely dry conditions caused by the drought.

The fireworks are not permitted in any of the surrounding cities such as Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon. Nor are they allowed in most areas of Alameda County.

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, pose a

(See FIREWORKS, page 8)

Marchand Leads Call for Change in Cable Act

At the 82nd Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors, Livermore Mayor John Marchand led fellow Tri-Valley mayors in a resolution calling for the restructuring of the 1984 Cable Act.

The resolution, which was passed unanimously, encourages the U. S. Congress to amend federal legislation pertaining to community access television stations. These stations, like Tri-Valley Community Television (TVCTV), known as TV-30, currently receive Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) fees. However, PEG funds must be used only for capital improvements. The resolution calls for allowing those funds to be used for operation costs as well.

The session took place at Dallas, Texas on Mon., June 23. Marchand flew back immediately after the session to take part in the Livermore City Council meeting.

"With the support of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, we urge the U.S. Congress to make the minor legislative changes that will allow PEG fees to be used for the operations of our community access television station, Tri-Valley Community Television, that serves Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton," said Marchand. "TVCTV is an important partner within our community and local government."

Community television channels provide transparency and access by broadcasting City Council and School Board meetings, voter information for local elections, law enforcement updates, high school sporting events, and other events, like holiday parades.



The Alameda County Fair is in full swing at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The annual includes livestock displayed by local 4-H and FFA organizations. The fair runs through July 6. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. A daily special concert is included in the admission price. For more photos, go to page 6.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dog Park Slated for Bernal Site

Planning will begin soon for a new off leash dog park in Pleasanton.

At last week's meeting, the city council approved locating the off leash park on the Bernal property.

The vote was unanimous. The cost of the design and construction of the park was estimated at \$300,000.

The uses for the Bernal property, which were first approved by Pleasanton voters in 2006, did not include a dog park. However, staff pointed out that the document provides for the council to approve other public and quasi-public uses on the Bernal property that are compatible with the surrounding area.

The Bernal plan divides the property into subareas. Staff looked at three of the subareas to determine if an off-leash dog park would be appropriate under the terms of the guidelines and settled on the portion of the property designated as Subarea 3.

Steve Bocian, assistant city manager, told the council that the dog park, as envisioned, would provide separate areas for small and large dogs. Bocian noted that subarea 13 includes a natural entrance

(See PLEASANTON, page 4)

Dublin City Council Approves Housing Element, Sets e-Cigarette Rules

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council has approved its housing element for 2015 through 2022. The council also

passed strict regulations designed to keep "electronic tobacco" sales and usage away from children.

The state, through

ABAG, sets housing goals for cities so that they have enough housing for jobs created in the cities. In the coming eight year period,

Dublin is required to zone for 2285 units in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

(See DUBLIN, page 4)

Livermore Amends Scenic Corridor Policy

The Livermore City Council approved an amendment to the city's Scenic Corridor policy to allow for construction of taller housing units in one portion of the corridor north of I-580.

The policy uses view angles to establish the allowed heights of buildings along the north and south sides of I-580.

The vote was 3 to 1 with Doug Horner dissenting. Lauren Turner was absent. Turner had been taking part in the meeting via videoconferencing. However, the feed was lost prior to the completion of the agenda item.

Shea Homes asked for the exemption. The developer plans to construct 476 homes on 28 acres of a 56 acre site adjacent to the future BART station at Isabel Avenue. The council vote did not include approval of the development. Proposed are 2 and 3

story townhomes. The tallest would extend 15 feet into the view angle.

The development plan will come to the council in July.

A video showing the difference between the proposed development and what is allowed under the Scenic Corridor policy convinced the three councilmembers that the proposed plan provided for better views.

David Best, from Shea Homes, told the council that the site is constrained by the urban growth boundary to the east, the airport protection area to the west and Arroyo Las Positas to the south. The Scenic Corridor restricts the building heights making it difficult to meet the 18 to 22 units per acre zoning. Shea opted for the lowest number.

He added that if the Sce- (See LIVERMORE, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Livermore Relay for Life took place over the weekend at Livermore High School. This overnight community fund-raising walk raises funds for cancer research. Members of each team take turns walking around the track. The event includes food, games and activities. According to the website the event attracted 49 teams of 590 participants who raised over \$175,000. A Fight Back Ceremony symbolized the emotional commitment made to the fight against cancer. Livermore City Councilmember Bob Woerner attended this year's event. He remarked, "It was quite inspiring to see people come together to raise money in the fight against cancer." For another photo, go to page 10.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Danny is the one that you want! With his slick black fur and youthful swagger, this one-year-old isn't too shy to convey his desire to be your steady companion. Danny has his heart set on someone who will safeguard his sensitive side. Adoption is only the beginning. Make a date with Danny at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org for more information. Photo - Valley Humane Society/M. Adkins

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Energy and Water Use

HR 4801, approved Tuesday by the U.S. House of Representatives, would require the Department of Energy to submit a report to Congress on the impact of thermal insulation on energy and water use systems in federal buildings and the return on investment of installing such insulation.

The vote was unanimous. The bill was cosponsored by Congressman Jerry McNerney and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL).

"My bill is a commonsense approach to making sure the federal government is doing what it can to save taxpayer money and be more efficient with water and energy use," said McNerney. "I'm pleased that members on both sides of the aisle agree on the value of using technology to maximize efficiency in our federal buildings. I am confident the data we gather through this study will help both the public and private sectors invest wisely in energy- and water-saving technologies."

McNerney's bill has drawn support from industry groups like the National Insulation Association (NIA) and International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO).

The NIA estimates that thermal insulation in commercial and industrial buildings could save \$4.8 billion a year, as well as creating nearly 90,000 jobs. The carbon emission reduction would be the equivalent of removing 8 million cars from U.S. roadways.

Candidates Information Meeting

Information is available for citizens interested in running for one of four vacant seats on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board of Education.

Three members of the Livermore School Board of Education will be elected for a four-year term on November 4, 2014. Currently, the seats are held by William Dunlop, Kate Runyon and Anne White. One additional member will be elected for a two-year term that completes the term vacated when Tom McLaughlin resigned and later died.

The Board of Education is the policy making body of the Livermore School District. Its responsibilities include hiring the superintendent, approving curriculum and the budget, and negotiating contracts with the bargaining units in the District. The five trustees serve staggered four-year terms.

All candidate filing documents may be obtained at the Alameda County Office of the Registrar of Voters beginning July 14, 2014 and must be completed by August 8, 2014.

The District will hold a workshop covering roles and responsibilities of public service as a Board member, as well as the election process. The informal session will be held Wednesday,

July 2, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at 685 E. Jack London Boulevard. Topics will include duties of trustees, meeting calendar, time lines for candidates, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission rules. Anyone interested in the process is invited to attend, listen, and ask questions.

For further information or to receive written materials from the Candidate Information Night, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 925-606-3281.

Funds to Haven

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has made awards totaling \$8.4 million to be used to assist California communities to prevent homelessness and help persons experiencing homelessness.

More than 50 organizations across California received awards from this round of funding, ensuring that relief from homelessness casts a wide-reaching net.

Among those receiving funds is the Tri-Valley Haven for Women, which was granted \$168,000.

LPC Summer Session

Las Positas College added classes to their summer schedule and students have responded. Over 2,000 students are attending the college's summer program.

"It's great to feel the energy that so many students have brought to campus this summer," said LPC President Barry Russell, Ph.D. "We've weathered some difficult times, but we've come through them and expect to be better than before."

Due to state budget constraints and a challenging economy, the college reduced its class offerings over the past two years. However, through conservative budgeting and enrollment management classes have been added to both the summer and fall schedules. With more classes available, more students can be accommodated. LPC has seen an increase this summer of 141 students over last summer.

"The residents of the Tri-Valley region have been supportive through everything and they understand the incredible impact LPC has on the lives of our students. They truly embrace "Our Community's College," said Russell.

Registration is underway for the fall 2014 semester at www.laspositascollege.edu.

Thomas A. McLaughlin

Former Livermore School Board member Tom, 83, passed away at home in Livermore on June 9, 2014. He was born and raised in Belfast Ireland. Tom taught in Willits, CA where he met and married Edith Tattersfield in August of 1963. He spent the next 30+ years as a Special Education teacher in San Leandro.

Seniors Eligible for Parcel Tax Exemption

An exemption from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's parcel tax is available to eligible senior citizens who reside in property they own within the boundary of the school district.

Property owners with a valid senior exemption are not required to reapply to renew eligibility. If a tax exemption was received in the 2013-14 fiscal year the person still owns the home and currently reside at the

same address, there is no need to renew the tax exemption, it will be automatically renewed. If the home was sold and a new home purchased within the District boundary, the homeowner must reapply for a senior citizen parcel tax exemption for the new property.

The deadline for property owners who wish to request a tax exemption for the 2014-15 fiscal year, has been extended to June 30, 2014. Eligible property owners

must complete and return the form and supporting documents by June 30, 2014. Senior exemption claim forms can be found on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's website, www.livermoreschools.com, and the District office, 685 East Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551.

For information, or to have a form mailed, contact the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District at 925-606-3382.

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EDITORIAL

Finances On-Line

With the November election season just around the corner, we would urge Dublin and Livermore to follow Pleasanton's lead and place all of the campaign financial information on their cities' websites.

Through its Public Access Portal, Pleasanton makes it easy to find financial information provided by candidates and committees. It is possible to find answers about who is contributing money, who is receiving money and how it is being spent.

The practice of posting such information online where it is easily accessible lends to the transparency of elections.

There is a practical aspect. With city clerks receiving requests for copies of reports, those clerks can now direct people to the websites, rather than having to print out the reports, some of which contain many pages.

Transparency is a keystone to preserving the democratic process, because it provides information voters can use to make more informed choices when they go to the polls.

DUBLIN

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Dublin's inventory of sites available for housing exceeds that total goal, and also is above goals in various income groups. The city is 1386 units above the RHNA goal of 2285 units, 125 units above the goal of 796 very low and low income units, and 23 above the goal of 425 moderate income units. In the category "above moderate," the city shows a surplus of 1238 units.

The city's role is to make sure the zoning exists to allow the developments. It is up to developers to build the housing, if they choose.

Mayor Tim Sbranti noted that the RHNA requirements are not the only items in the city's housing element. It includes the capability for the city to offer people programs that assist in refurbishing housing.

"As the community ages,

we might consider home rehab programs. Those homes (in West Dublin) are from the 1960s, when Volk McClain built them. Some people have been in houses for 50 years," Sbranti said to city staff.

The vote to approve the housing element was 4-0, with Kevin Hart absent. David Haubert attended via speakerphone from Hawaii, under a policy set by the council last year to permit attendance from remote sites.

On electronic smoking, the council voted 4-0 to put sales of non-tobacco products and use of them under the same rules as those governing tobacco. Those regulations include required distances from schools and between shops that sell tobacco, and prohibition of second-hand smoke in specific places such as parks,

apartment complexes and businesses.

Four speakers supported the change. No one spoke against it. Jamie Adler, an intern from the Alameda County Public Health Department, said that research shows that adolescents who did not smoke tobacco, but became addicted to e-cigarettes, then switched to tobacco.

Dublin resident Bruce Fiedler said that as a former middle school teacher, it was evident to him that electronic cigarettes, in their neon colors, are being marketed to 12-year-olds.

Amardeep Bains, a member of a club that is studying e-cigarettes, said that there are up to 10 carcinogenic chemicals, including lead, cadmium and nickel, in e-cigarettes. They can contribute to lung disorders, she said.

Serena Chen of the American Lung Association in California, said that people looked to the federal government for protection, but "they watched Rome burn, so cities and states took up the cudgels." Three states and 108 municipalities have begun to regulate e-cigarettes, she added.

Councilmember Abe Gupta thanked Vice Mayor Don Biddle for bringing the issue to the council's attention last year.

The council also approved an increase in garbage rates. The fee is charged annually on property tax bills. It will rise for residences to \$253.20, an increase of 79 cents per month. Another charge, set by county StopWaste.Org, adds \$1.85 per year. That fee pays for an annual recycling report for residents, which shows comparisons about attainment of recycling levels.

Dublin's new refuse collection rate will be 28 percent below the Valley's average rate, said staff.

Arkin said other districts in the Tri-Valley are also considering changing their traditional calendars. Waiting another year would give a chance to work with them, including Livermore, which already approved a two-year commitment to the traditional calendar.

Trustee Chris Grant said, "Putting it off another year won't do a lot. I realize we can never communicate enough. The district heard a lot of feedback, surveyed the community, and held multiple board meetings. We could be back here in 12 months, and say, let's wait another year."

Motivating the change was an effort to help student performance by ending the first semester on the holiday break, instead of bringing students back for three more weeks before semester finals. The thought was that under the current schedule students don't enjoy an anxiety-free break. They also forget some of their learning before the first semester final exams.

The change to Modified Lite will not begin until the 2015-16 school year, so that families will have a year's notice to adjust to it. For example, some families may already have made plans for vacation and bought tickets, so that will accommodate anyone in that situation.

Vacations and coordi-

nating with such things as school league sports and other school districts were cited by many of the dozen or so parents who addressed the board. Nearly all of the parents wanted to keep the traditional calendar. Several other parents said they see the value in the benefits attributed by staff to the Modified Lite calendar.

The first day of school in the new calendar will be Aug. 4, 2015, the last day May 27, 2016. In the coming school year, which will be the last of the traditional calendar, school will begin on Aug. 25, 2014, and end on June 12, 2015.

BOARD APPROVES TEACHER RAISES

The board approved the coming year's budget, which includes a 2 percent cost of living raise for district teachers. Classified staff and management raises will be determined in early fall.

Trustees also heard the results of a sale of refinanced district bonds. The sale will save \$1.2 million in interest, and reduce the interest rate on the bonds from 4.2 percent to 1.8 percent. Property owners will see a reduction in their property tax bills. Consultant Tony Hsieh said that because the savings are spread over many property

owners and many years, the refinancing won't "make any property owners rich, but it shows good stewardship of tax dollars."

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi told Hsieh, "Our credit rating is excellent, due to your hard work."

Trustees are looking ahead to selling a new bond to finance millions of dollars of refurbishing and upgrading existing schools. Hsieh said that August 8 is the deadline to put any bond on the ballot in November. That would not allow much time for planning. More realistic possibilities are consolidated elections in March 2015 or June 2016. Those elections would allow enough time to sample voter opinion and determine which projects are the most deserving.

To round out the school year's last meeting, trustees approved a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). All school districts are required to have an LCAP in place, now that the state is leaving most financial decisions up to local districts.

The plan is coordinated with the district's strategic plan, which describes its commitments to the kind of education it wants to provide students. An LCAP committee helped form the plan, and will meet next year to shepherd it along.

Bill That Posed Threat to County Green Power is Amended

Assembly Bill 2145 that posed a potential threat to Alameda County's decision to look at green power, before a study could even get underway, passed a Senate committee this week in a courtesy vote.

However, most of the members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications were opposed to the bill, said Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, who serves on the committee. She said that she voted "no" on the bill.

Out of courtesy to the bill's author, Assemblymember Sam Bradford, it was passed in committee, with Bradford's promise that he will work to meet senators' objections.

State law permits Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which allows agencies to form joint powers agreements (JPAs) and partner with PG&E, which would wheel the power in its lines, and continue to send bills.

The big sticking point in the proposed legislation is a change concerning how consumers should be included in the CCA. Currently, they are automatically put into a CCA, and must take the initiative to opt out. AB 2145 would

switch that around. There would be no customers for CCAs, unless they opt in.

One amendment already agreed to in the measure was elimination of the provision that would have required consumers to make a deliberate decision to switch their power from investor owned utilities, such as from PG&E, to Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) power.

Investor-owned utilities wanted the current rules changed so that their customers would have to make a conscious choice to opt into a CCA, rather than be automatically switched. They said that some of their customers were unaware of switches to CCAs. Only one CCA has been created in the state since 2010, Marin Clean Energy (MCE) in Marin County. A second just began service this year in Sonoma County.

MCE communications director Jamie Tuckey said that requiring customers to opt into a CCA would in effect prevent CCAs, which would have to come up with a big budget to notify people about a CCA's existence.

Without a big customer base, it would be impos-

sible to obtain a bank loan as a start-up, because power companies must buy power in the future to meet customers' demands. There would be no way of knowing how much power would be needed.

Alameda County Supervisors on June 6 authorized a \$1.3 million study to consider the feasibility of becoming the county's purveyor of power to unincorporated areas. The county could also enter joint powers agreements with cities to provide them the power.

The CCA would set its rates independently of PG&E, and could provide much more renewable power than PG&E has done, say its backers. In Alameda County, wind turbines in the Altamont provide one potential renewable source. County supervisors are also trying to encourage development of solar power in the county.

In Marin County, MCE offers two options. One lists 51 percent of its sources as renewables, the other 100 percent. Rates for the 51 percent track are in some instances lower than what PG&E charges. The 100 percent track is a few dollars more per month, said Tuckey.

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point, water is available and it is not adjacent to neighbors or roadways.

The final site, recommended by both the Parks and Recreation and Commission and staff, would be part of a 12 acre segment adjacent to the Marilyn Kane Murphy Trail staging area. Uses identified for the area by voters include an environmental education center and a Native American reflective center. The dog park would utilize about 1.5 acres of the site.

Bocian indicated there would still be room for the other potential uses.

As part of the council vote, a consultant was approved who will guide a public process to design the park. Typical amenities include benches, picnic tables, shade structure, trees, water, pooper scooper station, waste containers, and dog oriented play features.

WORK PLAN

The council reviewed its current work plan, with all five suggesting that planning for a library and civic center be given top priority.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who noted that she hears constantly how crowded the library is right now, stated, "The sooner we can talk about it, the better."

Karla Brown added, "The library is too small and too busy for the number of people who visit it."

There was also a request to deal with the Alviso Adobe and the impacts on it from

two new nearby pieces of open space.

The East Bay Regional Park District purchased the 213 acre Castleridge property, which would expand the Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. The property is adjacent to the Alviso Adobe and provides direct access to the Pleasanton Ridge.

The second site, consisting of 22 acres, will be deeded to the city as part of the approval of a development plan for the Austin property, formerly part of Meadowlark Dairy.

Dolores Bengtson, who spoke during the public hearing, noted that access to the EBRPD land is now provided through the Austin property. Neighbors are concerned about the impacts of a potential staging area. She suggested that the city look at future programming for the Alviso Adobe Park, the use of open space and the location of a staging area.

City Manager Nelson Fialho told the council that staff plans to bring a work plan for a visioning process for the Alviso Adobe area to the council in July. It would include formation of a task force and a timeline with a focus on how to integrate the Austin and Castleridge properties into the Alviso Adobe Park area.

Fialho also noted that after the summer, staff will bring a civic center, library master plan to the council for direction.

MAILBOX

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Boondoggle Jo Ann Frisch Livermore

It's big, shiny and broken. The National Ignition Facility was supposed to

attract talent to Livermore Laboratory. It did, but many left due to its poor performance. NIF was built for ignition, but after almost twenty years and \$8 billion that's nowhere in sight.

Lab management wants to divert attention from NIF's failures. Unfortunately, the plan will hurt workers and the community.

The 2015 budget states that Livermore Lab will begin using plutonium in NIF. This will invalidate the 1995 NIF nonproliferation study. Worse, it will increase its nuclear waste by 50% and worker exposure to radiation three-fold, according to the latest Environmental Impact Statement.

If you're tired of your tax

dollars going down NIF's bottomless pit, and don't want plutonium splattered around, let Senator Dianne Feinstein know. Feinstein chairs the subcommittee that funds NIF. Then call Senator Barbara Boxer to oppose plutonium in NIF. Boxer sits on the committee that oversees cleanup of the Lab's leaking toxic and radioactive wastes. Call the capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and leave both Senators a message. I did.

Sunset Office Plaza Joan Mumma Livermore

The Sunset Office Plaza, at the corner of Holmes St. and Concannon Blvd., is

threatened with being demolished and replaced with "stack and pack" townhomes and houses. The result would be increased traffic congestion, noise, water use, and overcrowded schools.

The stated strategic priority of the Livermore City Council is to "retain existing businesses and recruit new businesses."

The final meeting to decide the fate of the Sunset Office Plaza is with the city council on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the city council building, 3575 Pacific Avenue.

Please attend and show your support for keeping this unique professional office plaza open.

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Commission Votes to Raise Traffic Impact Fee

The Tri-Valley Transportation Commission (TVTC) has voted to increase the traffic impact fee.

Livermore City Councilmember Doug Horner, who represents the city on the TVTC, made the an-

nouncement at Monday's city council meeting.

Developers pay the fee to fund transportation projects

that mitigate the impacts of their developments.

The TVTC board is comprised of elected officials

from Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Dublin, Danville and Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Horner noted that the fee will increase by 25 percent July 1, 2015. That will increase the fee on single family homes from \$2433 to \$3059.50. The fee will jump to \$4283.30 on July 1, 2016.

Multifamily units now pay \$1549. The fee will go

up to \$2107.50 in 2015 and \$2950.50 in 2016.

The new fees are anticipated to raise close to \$73 million over the next ten years.

Staff reported that the fee increase is needed to cover the rising costs of projects.

Horner stated that the commission received letters of support from several developers.

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nic Corridor policy were followed, 40,000 truckloads of dirt would be removed due to the grading required to lower the level of the land to avoid violating the policy.

Best suggested that approving the amendment would not set a precedent as there is not much left on the northside where development could occur that would require an exemption from the policy.

Councilmember Bob Woerner commented, "The difference between the proposed and existing is compelling in favor of the proposed." He added that the buildings will create a different view from what people are used to seeing from the freeway. However, decisions were made a long time ago on development for this land. He wanted to see additional mitigation on roof angles when the project comes to the council for approval.

Councilmember Doug Horner, who had asked to look at the Scenic Corridor policy amendment separate from the development, noted that the project is the result of a compromise approved by the city council in 2005.

"The council opted for the practical over the ideal to allow for a land swap for the future BART site. The compromise included allowing the removal of 800,000 cubic yards of dirt, which was proposed to be used as fill for the Isabel interchange. The dirt wasn't needed," said Horner.

He said that views are already obstructed. The proposed change is an issue of building mass next to the

freeway by increasing the front row by 15 feet. "It will increase the visual impact to a degree that is unacceptable"

Horner proposed off-loading only 400,000 cubic yards of soil to push down the front row of buildings and retain the interior views creating a lesser impact along the freeway. There was also a suggestion to reduce the density and limit the buildings to two stories. In response to Horner's comments, Best said that it would cost \$18 to \$19 a yard to remove the soil, assuming a place could be found that would take it. The estimated cost would be \$10 million.

Councilmember Stewart Gary called the request for the policy exemption the unintended consequences of a deal made a decade ago. "I don't like the height today." However, he added that removing 800,000 cubic yards of soil would result in the emission of diesel fuel fumes and dust flying around. "I feel trapped. I will take the proposed alternative."

Mayor John Marchand noted that the existing requirement would create a series of buildings with stepped roofs. The proposal is the lowest density that could be built. "In looking at the video, I believe the intent of Scenic Corridor policy is achieved through the proposed development. There are greater views of the hills."

Horner asked staff if the density were necessary to attract BART?

City Manager Marc Roberts said that the past

agreement with the developer locked in the density. The numbers for BART are a moving target. The city would have to find a place for the units somewhere else in the city, if the density were reduced.

Gary, in moving to allow the policy change, noted that in taking the time and effort today and dealing with the past compromises, the developer has done a credible job to meet the density, preserve the hills and reduce grading.

HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OKED

In other action, the council approved the status quo for the city's housing implementation plan (HIP), which sets the number of units that could be built in a year.

The status quo allows for 450 units a year for the next three years with an exemption for housing in the downtown.

The staff report to the council found no restraints to growth due to lack of infrastructure.

Councilmember Stewart Gary raised the question of the drought impacts. "If not now, when is the time to say no new residential or high use commercial?"

City Manager Marc Roberts said that Zone 7 provides the water. Any discussion regarding development would have to take place at a regional level, including Zone 7, along with the other water retailers and cities in the Zone 7 area.

There is no specific pot of water allocated to any retailer or agency, he added.

Library to Host Free Bike Repair Days

The Livermore Public Library will host the Bike-Mobile for free bike repair days on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 from 11am to 2pm at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Avenue, and on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 11am to 3pm at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

Youth are invited to bring their bikes. The Bike-Mobile staff provides free bike repairs, teaches mechanics and safety, and free bike accessories and decoration supplies. Bikes must have wheels and gears in order to receive service. The Bike-Mobile will serve as many people as possible, but the first 20 people for each event who sign-up beforehand are guaranteed assistance. Sign-ups will be available in person at the library beginning July 9, 2014.

Bike Repair Day will run in conjunction with the Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program, a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, juggling, magic, storytellers and a wildlife presentation. Pick up a 2014 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations.

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

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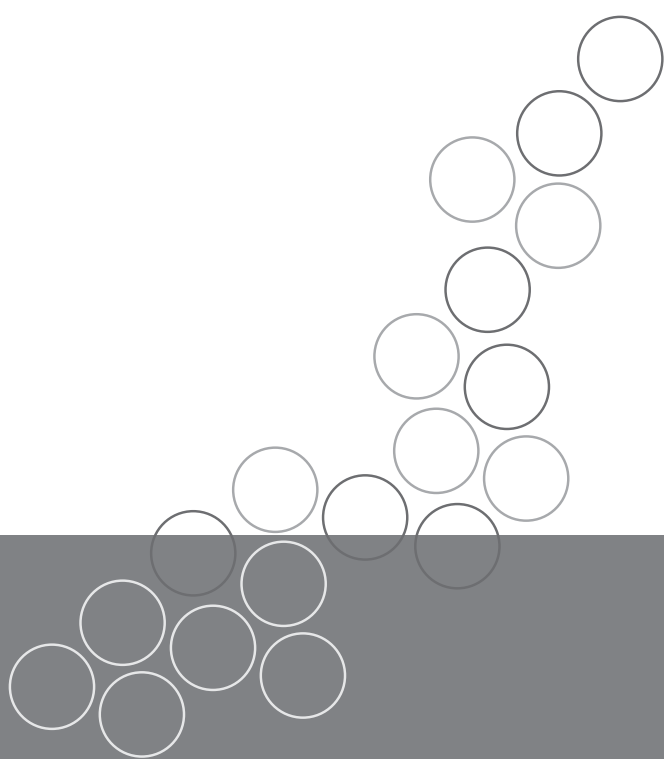


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Gardening is celebrated through entries in the cut flower exhibit and the display of gardens created by local nurseries and landscape designers.



The Bobble Lagoon invites visitors to get inside a giant plastic bubble and bobble in a pool of water.



The "Arctic Olympic Games" Dive Show features playful "penguins" who put on a show about training for the "Arctic Olympic Games." Behind all the antics are professional divers performing breathtaking stunts such as an 80' high dive and a dive through fire.



Award winning wines are on display.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen



Live horse racing is offered Thursday through Sunday



Tri-Valley Woodcarvers demonstrated their skills in the Mineral and Gem Mineral.



Fairgoers can find a variety of exhibits, contests and competitions for all ages, summer learning fun activities for kids, carnival rides and games, a wine and beer garden with live music, food ranging from cobbler to corn dogs and Festival Square featuring cultural celebrations on the weekend.

SPORTS NOTES



California Bombers. With temperatures touching 104, the bats of the Phantom team were equally hot. A 5-run 1st inning was all they needed for the 10-2 victory. Mia Hildebrand laid on the pitching heat allowing only one hit and striking out 6. AJ Molina and Gabby Tobey each hit round trippers and combined for 6 RBI.

Through two tournaments the Pleasanton Phantom team is 9-1, having outscored their opponents 97-35. The team's next tournament is in two weeks as they travel to Sunnyvale for the Metros.

Dolphins vs. Electric Eels

On Saturday June 21, 2014 Pleasanton (PVCS) Dolphins hosted the Livermore Electric Eels, with a final score of 1111 for PVSC and 630 for the Electric Eels.

The Saturday's victory was accomplished by some of the fastest following times:

25 yard freestyle: Keira Barker, 6 girls 19.71; Sydney Seipel, 7/8 girls 17.85; Noah Trejo, 7/8 boys 18.67

50 yard freestyle: Colin Wallace, 9/10 boys 35.81; Chase Sinclair 13/14 boys 25.23; Erin Walsh, 15-18 girls 27.54

25 yard Butterfly: Olivia Kang, 6 and under girls 26.28; Elizebeth Williams, 7/8 girls 21.62; Sophia Kang, 9/10 girls 17.30

50 yard Butterfly: Carter Person, 13/14 boys

25 yard Breast stroke: Reagan Braga, 6 and under girls 31.98; Claire Gersich, 7/8 girls

50 yard Breast Stroke: Kaylee Dillon, 11/12 girls 40.39; Alyssa Wu, 13/14 girls 38.16

100 IM: Ethan Braga, 9/10 boys 1:32.39; Julia Gonsman, 11/12 girls 1:15.73; Michael Brooks, 15-18 boys 1:05.89

25 yard Backstroke: Paige Reynolds, 9/10 girls 19.80

50 yard Backstroke: Christina Brooks 15-18 girls 33.25

Briarhill vs. Club Sport

The Briarhill Barracudas took on the Club Sport's team in a Tri-Valley Swim League meet. Club Sport won by a score of 546 to 410 at the Club Sport Pool.

Briarhill Barracudas top swimmers (age in parenthesis):

Ryan Burdusis (6) - Freestyle, Butterfly

Ryan Hair (14) - Freestyle, Breaststroke

Isabelle Townsend (14) - Butterfly, Individual Medley

Corey Dickson (17) - Butterfly, Individual Medley

Peter Rondum (15) - Breaststroke, Backstroke

Club Sport Tidal Waves top Swimmers (ages in parenthesis):

Alexandra Hawthorne (6) Freestyle, Breaststroke

Angelina Nodora (8) Freestyle, Butterfly

Olivia Joung (10) Butterfly, Breaststroke, Individual Medley

Tristan Lalonde (10) Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley

Stevie Aronson (11) Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley

Jonathan Ye (12) Butterfly, Breaststroke, Individual Medley

Stephanie Aronson (17) Breaststroke, Backstroke

Jocelyn Wei (16) Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley

Little League Tournaments

8 Year Old: The very first Livermore American Little League (LALL) 8-year old Tournament Team played this weekend in Pleasanton, and, through pool play, qualified for the final bracket of top eight teams. Manager Steve Moen coached the LALL 8's to a pool play record of 1-1-1, and looked forward to meeting the Pleasanton National team in the quarterfinals at Pleasanton Sports Park that were played on Tuesday evening.

A Division: The LALL 9-year-old "A" tourney team has reached the quarterfinals of the Joey Moore invitational tournament in Danville. Over the weekend, LALL's "A" team beat San Ramon Valley 19-1, tied Tassajara Valley 10-10, and were just edged out by Canyon Creek 12-11. With a pool-play record of 1-1-1, the LALL "A" team faced off against Livermore National in the quarterfinals on Tuesday night at 5:30 at Osage Park in Danville. If successful in the quarterfinals, they will go on to take on Tassajara Valley in the Semifinal round on Wednesday.

The LALL 9-year-old "B" team compiled a record of 1-1 over the weekend in pool play with two more games left to play before the Semifinal round. The "B" team beat San Ramon 12-9 on Saturday, while falling 13-8 against Pleasanton National on Sunday, despite coming back from a 10-0 deficit.

10 Year Old: LALL's 10-year-old All Star team played valiantly, but fell behind quickly and lost 16-0 to San Ramon in the International All-Star Tournament at the Pleasanton Sports Park. They began their journey through the elimination bracket on Tuesday at 5:30, facing either Granada or Pleasanton American.

11 Year Old: LALL's 11-year-old All-Star team faced last year's champion Danville and succumbed to infield errors that cost them the game, 12-0. They began their journey through the elimination bracket

Tuesday at 5:30 with a game against San Ramon at the Robert Livermore Park fields.

12 Year Old: LALL's 12-year-old All-Star Team begins their quest for Williamsport glory this Friday at Los Cerros Park in Danville, where they will take on the All-Star team from San Ramon Little League in the opening round.

Intermediate: The Combined LALL/Livermore National All-Stars put on quite a show at the District 57 Intermediate Tournament in Dublin. Playing for an automatic entry into the Little League International World Series to be held in Livermore, the Livermore team was bested by San Ramon in their first loss in the double-elimination tournament, 5-0, sending them to the elimination bracket, where they crushed the Dublin team, 13-1, and then won a Friday night thriller scoring 8 runs in the final inning to wind up on top of Pleasanton, 13-12. Dark-horse dreams were denied, though, on Sunday, as they fell victim to Danville in the Quarterfinals, 15-4.

Juniors: The combined Livermore American/Livermore National Junior All-Star team has received a first-round bye in the District 57 All-Star Tournament, slated to start this coming Saturday at the Bernal Sports Complex in Pleasanton. Livermore's first game will be on Sunday, June 29th at 1:00 p.m. where they will face the winner of Granada vs. Dublin.

Seniors: All three Livermore leagues (American, National, Granada) have combined for the Senior All-Star Tournament, which gets underway on Saturday, June 28th at Max Baer park in Livermore. Livermore's first game is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. where they will face the combined team of Danville/San Ramon Valley/Tassajara Valley.

PVSC vs. Ruby Hill

The Pleasanton Valley Swim Club (PVSC) Dolphins raced the Ruby Hill Riptide on Saturday June 14th. The final score was PVSC 1098 and RHR 371. Way to go PVSC Dolphins.

Some of the fastest times were clocked by the following:

6 under girls 25 meter freestyle Addison Hobizal 28.37; 7/8 under girls 25 meter freestyle Sydney Seipel 17.82

7/8 under boys 25 meter freestyle Nathan Bodensteiner 17.15; 7/8 girls 25 meter backstroke Claire Gersich 22.94 7

9/10 girls 25 meter butterfly Elena Bolt 17.74; 9/10 boys 25 meter butterfly Jackson Risher 17.85

11/12 girls 50 meter butterfly Julia Gonsman 34.49; 11/12 boys 50 meter butterfly Evan Thomas 35.28

13/14 girls 50 meter butterfly Alyssa Wu 31.24; 15-18 girls 50 meter butterfly Katie Earle 32.64

9/10 girls 25 meter breaststroke Elena Bolt 21.76 7; 15-18 boys 50 meter breaststroke Brian J Wiener 30.35

9/10 girls 100 meter IM Marta Wilbrink 1:32.23; 11/12 girls 100 meter IM Julia Gonsman 1:17.56; 11/12 boys 100 meter IM Jacob Lawrence 1:20.12

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League:

T-Ball: Pro Image Studios vs. Richert Lumber Ace Hardware: Pro Image Studios and Richert Lumber Ace Hardware ended their T-Ball season with a strong effort. Top Players: Pro Image Studios - Colie Armstrong, Jensen Goodwill, Chloe Gronley; Richert Lumber Ace Hardware - Lydia Frey, Marissa Schaeffer, Claire Yung

Pro Image Studios vs. Richert Lumber Ace Hardware: Pro Image Studios and Richert Lumber Ace Hardware played a make-up game from an earlier rained out game. Top Players: Pro Image Studios - Haley Madsen, Charlotte Santana; Richert Lumber Ace Hardware - Laura Droppo, Katie Musil, Julia Wanis

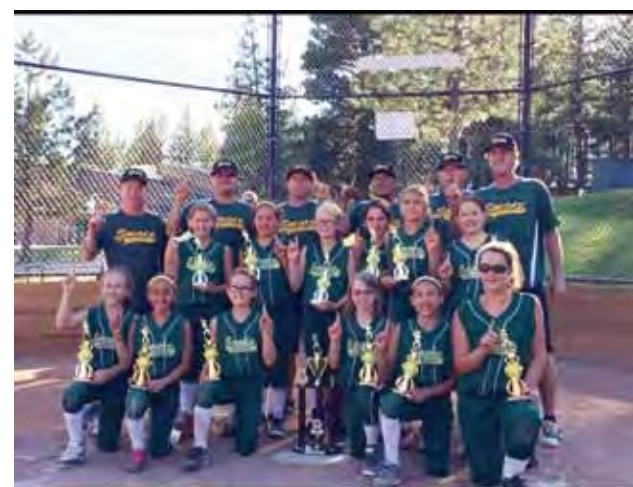
Cross Country Begins

St. Michael CYO cross country team will begin practices for the fall season on Sunday, August 19. Meets begin September 19. The team is open to all children from kindergarten through eighth grade who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. Please see our website at <http://www.smisctrack.org> for more information or contact Tracy Vogler at vogler@alum.mit.edu or 925-980-2159.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is taking registrations for the 2014 Contact Football, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. Entering its 45th season, PJFL offers contact football and cheerleading for boys and girls in the 2nd through 8th grades as well as flag football for boys and girls in the 2nd through 12th grades. Everyone plays in PJFL. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts.

Contact Football registration includes a uniform and all necessary equipment and contact players practice 3 times per week beginning in early August and play games on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September. Flag



The Livermore 10B team compiled a 5-0 record this weekend in Tahoe, finishing in 1st place. The girls scored 68 runs and only gave up 11 runs in 5 games. On Saturday Breanna and Kendall pitched back to back perfect games with a lot of help from there defense. Everyone on the team also contributed at the plate. Pictured are (top row) row Coaches Dan, Aaron, Gary, Tim, Mgr. Craig; (middle row) Erin, Iliza, Kendall, Skylar, Katie, Haiden; (front row) Sarah, Keana, Raegan, Zoey, and Breanna.

Football registration includes a jersey and all necessary equipment and flag players practice 1 time a week beginning in mid-August and play games on Saturdays at Hart middle School beginning in mid-September. Cheer registration includes a uniform and training and cheerleaders practice two times per week beginning in late June and cheer on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September.

Beginning in 2013, the PJFL contact division adopted the USA Football "Heads Up Football" National Initiative to help make the sport of football better and safer. "Heads Up Football" features a comprehensive collection of resources, programs, applications and promotions to create change and address the complex challenges of player health and safety in youth and high school football. Learn more at www.usafootball.com.

For more details and to register a player or cheerleader for the 2014 PJFL season visit www.PJFL.com.

Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

4th of July Run

The City of San Ramon will hold its annual 4th of July event, Run San Ramon - 10K Run/5K Run and Walk and 3K Walk. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course and also has a 3K Walk. This is a fun, flat, paved route beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, located right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road.

The Run San Ramon fitness race is open to all ages.

Race day registration begins at 6:30am and the first race starts at 8:15am. Registration forms and

online registration can be accessed at: www.Active.com, Search "Run San Ramon", or at www.sanramon.ca.gov or by calling 925.973.3200.

14U Fall Baseball

The mission of the Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club is to provide a competitive experience for players wanting to continue their pursuit of baseball at a higher level. The fall travel baseball season begins September 1 and will run through November. Evaluations for the fall roster are being held now.

Teams play in the highly competitive (Bay Area/Valley) All World/USSSA tournament circuit as well as some Regional and National tournaments. The team will typically have two practices (one field and one indoor) per week and up to two tournaments per month. Double headers will be played whenever necessary to help the team prepare for the tournament environment. The players are selected following a try-out process. Players born between May 1, 2000 and September 1, 2001 are eligible. Playing on a travel team is a big commitment for the player and the family. All players are expected to attend all games and practices as scheduled. Contact the team to schedule an evaluation or for more details about the fall tryouts at outlawstravelball@yahoo.com.

Golf Tournament

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation will host the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on the links at Castlewood Country Club on Monday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Castlewood Country Club is located at 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton. The tournament will be played on the Hill Course.

Participation will help make a difference in the lives of cancer patients in the Tri-Valley. Registration includes a round of 18 holes, a box lunch, awards, cocktails and appetizers. You can register as an individual or as a foursome. For more info and to register, go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org. Join us for a day of fun and fellowship on the links.

Mavericks

Pitcher Needed

The Mavericks FastPitch 12U Livermore team is looking for a pitcher with a DOB of 2001. Focus for this coming year is player development, play time and team coaching in a positive coaching atmosphere. To schedule a private tryout or to learn more about the Mavericks organization please contact us at MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com or visit www.mavericksfastpitch.com.



Livermore American Little League-B 9yr old all stars playing 1st game in the Joey Moore Tournament in Danville. The defeated San Ramon, 13-8. They started out strong, scoring 5 runs in the first inning, maintaining the lead throughout the game with aggressive base stealing and excellent defensive outs. In the top photo, Jones makes the out at 2nd. The middle photo, Meyers makes a perfect slide into home, where he was called safe. In the bottom photo, Jones makes the tag on an attempted steal at 3rd.

Pleasanton Phantom

Phantom 12C: by Cam Inman

The Pleasanton Phantom 12C team went undefeated in winning San Jose's Twister Classic, rallying for an 11-10 triumph in the championship game against Almaden Lightning.

Cameron Perez's double drove in Kannon Phipps for the winning run in walk-off fashion. Phipps reached on an RBI double that scored Syd West, who belted a two-run triple to spark the rally and bring home Allie McElroy and Molly Perez.

Meghann Klein's pitching was also complemented by the offensive help from Kate Inman (2-for-2, double), Emma Garman (two walks, run) and Aynslee Roberts (single).

Phantom reached the final after a 15-0 rout of the Pleasanton Hill Panthers, highlighted by Syd West's three-run triple. Roberts pitched the shutout. Also keying the offense were Isabella Fragomelli (3-for-3, 2 runs), Inman (2-for-3, 2 runs), Hailey Hayes (2-for-3, 2 runs) and Phipps (3 runs).

Garman, Roberts and Angelica Alger had triples in an 11-5, comeback win over the West Valley Stompers. On Saturday, Alger scored two runs in a 5-4 win over Santa Clara, and Phipps hit a three-run triple in a 24-3 victory against Palo Alto.

Phantom opened the tourney with an 8-4 win over Almaden. Cameron Perez's leadoff single started a six-run rally that also included RBI singles from Roberts and Hayes.

10U by Cheryl Youngberg
The Pleasanton Phantom 10u

softball team continued the summer campaign by bringing home the Championship in the USSSA Pleasanton Bash Tournament.

The team went 3-0 in pool play on Saturday. The first game of the day against AASA Future Stars (red) wasn't secure until a 5-run 4th inning sealed it for PGSL. Andrea Gregory, Jenna Clune, Samantha O'Brien and Sophia Youngberg all led the hitting, each having 2 hits apiece. Gabby Tobey added another home run to her solo home run in the 4th inning. Caelin Cavanaugh hit a triple in the same inning to cap off the comeback.

The second game of the day brought Phantom up against the other team from Lathrop the AASA Future Stars (blue). Pitching was the name of this game as Mia Hildebrand threw a 3-hit 7-strikeout to garner the 5-1 win. Smart base running was also key to this win. Hannah Kramer led the team with two stolen bases as Emma Chandler, Gabby Tobey and AJ Molina each stole a base and scored a run.

The nightcap was under the lights against the ABGSL Sting. A dominant pitching performance by Emma Chandler brought Phantom a win. Emma struck out 7 and only allowed one hit in her performance. The 15-0 score would give Phantom a 3-0 record on the day and a first round bye for Sunday's single elimination play.

Sunday brought on 100+ temperatures and a rematch against the AASA Future Stars (red). Emma Chandler, Jenna Clune and Caelin Cavanaugh each recorded 2 hits while Samantha O'Brien scored three runs on her own.

The morning win set up the championship game against the

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4TH OF JULY IN THE TRI-VALLEY



Ward Belding makes his annual appearance as Uncle Same during the Pleasanton festivities.

Pleasanton Plans Patriotic Program in Lions Wayside Park

Community members are invited to join in what has become a tradition for celebrating the birth of the nation at a free family-friendly concert and picnic in Lions Wayside Park from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 4. About 100 volunteers are involved in producing the celebration.

Lions Wayside Park is located at the corner of First Street and Neal Street in downtown Pleasanton.

"Celebrating Freedom and its Evolutions since the Revolution" features a free concert by Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams. Besides familiar, stirring patriotic music, this year the band will feature music commemorating the Civil War in 1864, a continuation of the sesquicentennial of the war between the states. Reading and commentary about women in the Civil War will be provided by popular guest speaker Ann Collins. Vocalist Ward Belding, as Uncle Sam, will share background information about our national anthem before leading a singalong.

Also included will be a tribute to those who have served in the military, past and present, and their families as the band plays the anthems of each branch of the service. American Legion Post 238 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will provide the color guard. Boy Scout Troop 908 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Scouts also assist with set-up for the program, which attracts hundreds of people of all ages.

Audience members provide their own chairs or blankets, and are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. The audience can sing along to "Happy Birthday" (to the United States of America) and other patriotic songs. Mayor Jerry Thorne will provide the welcome as the program begins.

A popular feature is "A Dog & a Drink for a Dollar" – the hot-dog lunch sold by the Lions Club. Lions also provide hand-held American flags free to the first several hundred members of the audience to arrive. Free temporary tattoos of patriotic themes will be offered. Children are given wooden tokens to trade for soft ice-cream cones at Meadowlark Dairy, adjacent to the park. Adults are provided with colorful paper fans to help beat the heat. Several shade canopies will be in place, in addition to the shade provided by trees in the park.

Event sponsor is Heritage Bank of Commerce. Music sponsor is ACCUSPLIT, makers of the only certified accurate pedometers and stopwatches. Food sponsor is Lions Club, with assistance from Raley's Market.

This year's recipients of the Ed Kinney Community patriot Award, Eric Nostrand and Bob Silva, will be honored. The award is named in memory of the first master of ceremonies for the event, former mayor Ed Kinney. This year's master of ceremonies will be Ken McDonald, assisted by Les Duman.

Founded in 1998 by W.Ron Sutton, the all-volunteer event is a fun way to "make sure that we remember Fourth of July for more than fireworks and barbecues," he noted. "We celebrate our shared heritage – and still have time for other activities in the evening (including fireworks at both the fairgrounds and downtown Livermore)."

One fun tradition for returning audience members is looking for their photos from last year in the mosaic of pictures on the printed program, taken by photographer and graphic designer Lisa Lorentz.

Livermore to Stage Annual Fireworks Show in the Downtown

Downtown will be the setting for this year's Livermore 4th of July Fireworks display.

The fireworks will be set off on the roof of the parking garage located on Railroad Avenue beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. The show will last 20 to 25 minutes. It

will include aerial displays as well as lower level effects. Livermore Downtown Inc. will provide musical accompaniment through remote speakers.

Best viewing will be from Maple Street and surrounding areas to the South, Rail-

road Avenue and the Livermore Village parking area to the west and S. Livermore Avenue between Railroad and First Street.

Road closures starting at about 6 p.m. include First Street from Old First Street to S. Livermore Avenue; N.

Livermore Avenue from Chestnut Street to First Street; Maple Street at Second Street; McLeod Street at Second Street; and Railroad Avenue at L Street.

Residents are invited to dine and shop while awaiting the fireworks show.

FIREWORKS

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higher threat this year due to the extremely dry conditions of the surrounding hillsides, where there is great potential for wildfires. Law enforcement and fire officials plan to be extra vigilant. Penalties for those caught selling or using these types of fireworks can include fines and jail time.

In Dublin, the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks is limited to the hours between 10:00 a.m. to 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 Dub-

lin 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).

- Always follow the safety instructions.

- 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."

Residents Offered Tips on Keeping Pets Safe

Livermore Animal Control wants every pet owner to enjoy the 4th of July holiday while keeping their pet(s) safe and secure.

The fireworks that humans enjoy watching can cause pets, especially dogs, to panic. Some pets become so frightened they take drastic actions. They can crash through a screen door, jump out of a window, leap over a fence or even go through a fence.

On July 4th Animal Control Officers will be on duty late into the evening hours to help prevent injuries to stray animals and return lost

pets to their owners. Animal Control wishes to remind pet owners to take measures to make sure their pets are safe. Terrified animals can become confused and disoriented. They may end up miles from home or deep under a neighbor's porch.

The following tips will help to keep a pet safe:

- Make sure all pets, even indoor-only cats, are wearing a collar with an identification tag that includes the owner's name and telephone number. The simple precaution of an ID tag will save a lot of time, anguish, and energy when trying to return a lost pet.

• A microchip is a low cost way to identify a pet. Animal Control Officers can scan the pet on the spot and contact the owner right away. Contact a veterinarian or a vaccination clinic for details.

• Although most fireworks are illegal, random fireworks can be heard throughout the afternoon and into the evening hours. To help alleviate stress from noisy fireworks, walk the dog in the afternoon.

• During the firework display, keep all pets safely inside. Dogs and cats who are agitated should be put

into a bathroom or other room with no windows and a secured door. Turning on the television or a radio with the volume on high, may help drown out the firework sounds. Remember that screen doors will not stop a charging dog.

• In extreme cases, check with a veterinarian about tranquilizers for a pet.

If a pet escapes during the fireworks show, call Livermore Animal Control immediately at 925-371-4987. After the 4th of July, call the East County Animal Shelter at 925-803-7040 7 days a week from 11:30am-5:30pm.

Fireworks Spectacular Highlights The County Fair on the 4th of July

Red, White and Blue will be the theme of the Alameda County Fair festivities on Friday, July 4th.

The day will cap off with a Fireworks Spectacular starting at 9:45 p.m. This non-stop, razzle-dazzle show will be set to music. A video tribute to Alameda County will be shown.

During the day, a special Blues Festival will take place between 1 and 9 p.m.

All other favorites, such as the rides, live horse racing, displays, demonstrations, livestock, and more will all be ready for visitors to the fairgrounds starting at 11 a.m. when the gates open.

The fair is open June 18-July 6 Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave.,

Pleasanton. Horse racing dates are June 19-22, June 26-29 and July 3-6.

Visit the Fair's website at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 925-426-7600 for more information.

Danville's Annual Parade Marches Off at 9 a.m.

Celebrating Our American Freedoms is the theme of this year's 4th of July parade in Danville.

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of San Ramon Valley, the Danville 4th of July Parade honors local community service organizations. Parade sponsorships and entry fees raise funds that are donated to local community service organizations in the San Ramon Valley.

This year's parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th.

To reserve a space along the route bring chairs, tape and other ubiquitous 4th of

July stuff after 6:00 p.m. on July 3. Anything placed out on the roadway before 6:00 p.m. will be confiscated.

The parade route runs from the corner of Hartz Avenue and Railroad Avenue, continues down Hartz and San Ramon Valley Boulevard, and ends at the corner of San Ramon Valley Boulevard and Sycamore Valley Road.

To view the parade schedule, visit www.kiwanis-srv.org.

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TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION (PG13) DLP-3D-DBOX	2:30	6:10	9:40
JERSEY BOYS (R) DLP	12:15	3:30	6:45
		9:50	
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2 (PG) DLP	12:10	1:20	2:50
	3:55	5:30	8:10
CHEF (R) DLP		6:45	9:30
22 JUMP STREET (R) DLP	11:50	1:00	2:45
	3:55	5:45	6:50
	8:40	9:45	
MALEFICENT (PG) DLP	12:00	2:25	4:50
	7:15	9:40	
THE FAULT IN OUR STARS (PG13) DLP	12:05	3:25	6:30
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EDGE OF TOMORROW (PG13) DLP	12:45	3:40	6:45
	9:40		
X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST (PG13) DLP	12:00	3:30	6:40
	9:50		
THINK LIKE A MAN TOO (PG13) DLP	1:30	4:20	7:10
	9:55		
PREVIEW TUESDAY, JULY 1:			
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Free Energy and Water Saving Assessment Available to Pleasanton Residents

Pleasanton residents can sign up now to receive a no-cost home efficiency assessment and installation of energy- and water-saving appliances. This free program is another way to improve water conservation measures during the drought and is available to renters and homeowners alike. During a "Green House Call,"

a youth energy specialist, teamed with an adult, will:

- Check for adequate attic insulation, pipe insulation, and a hot water heater blanket;
- Assess refrigerator and water heater temperature settings;
- Conduct gallon-per-minute flow rate tests where feasible on showers and

kitchen and bathroom water fixtures;

- Assess toilets for leaks and flush volume;
- Install water-saving faucet aerators, showerheads and toilet flappers;
- Replace all incandescent bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent versions;
- Install a retractable

clothesline to reduce dryer use or a power strip to reduce phantom load from electronic devices;

- Collect information on the efficiency of sprinkler systems; and
- Educate the resident on ways to conserve energy, water, and waste.

Appointments are available in Pleasanton for both

homeowners and renters over the summer. Sign up online at Rising Sun Energy or call 510-665-1501 ext. 5 to reserve your appointment.

The "Green House Calls" program is offered by the City of Pleasanton and by Rising Sun Energy Center's through its youth employment program, California Youth Energy Services

(CYES). Since 2000, Rising Sun Energy Center has trained more than 1,300 youth between the ages of 15-22 and has served more than 20,000 homes. This program is supported by funding from Pacific Gas & Electric Company, the East Bay Energy Watch Partnership, and Alameda County Water District.

SHORT NOTES

Weather Channel

A Senior Assignment Editor for "The Weather Channel" recently contacted Tri-Valley TV to provide studio facilities for a long distance interview with Benjamin Santer, Ph.D. It took place on Monday, June 16.

The high definition interview with Santer was held on set at the TV30 studios in Pleasanton. Questions were asked from a reporter located in Atlanta, Georgia. Santer is a climate researcher at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and former

researcher at the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit. He specializes mainly in statistical analysis of climate data sets and detection/attribution of climate change forcings.

"The Weather Channel" and weather.com provide national and local weather forecasts for cities, report and track hurricane coverage as well as provide weather radar services.

Life in the Pond

Life in the Pond program will be led by the Liver-

more Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., June 28. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Summer is officially here – join this program to explore someplace cool, green and shady for an adventure in Sycamore Grove Park. There will be a short introduction to aquatic organisms, then everyone will be armed with nets to see what critters can be found in the pond. If the creek is completely dry, the program

will still involve having fun exploring the dry creekbed instead. Good for ages 5 and up. Please bring a towel and closed-toed shoes that can get wet and muddy; old sneakers are ideal.

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

Animal Sleepover

Bring a stuffed animal to the Springtown Branch Library on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 any time between 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The stuffed toy will be registered and left with the librarians for The Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

Come back to the library

on Thursday, July 17, 2014 for a Storytime at 10:30 am, or any time on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 to pick up your stuffed friend. Participants will receive a complimentary picture of the animal's big night out at The Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover!

For more information about this free program, visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5504.

Win Tickets

During the month of July, TV30 Lucky Fans will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Zephyr Grill & Bar in Livermore, tickets to Concerts at Wente Vineyards and Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

The station is currently

giving away tickets to two upcoming Concerts at Wente Vineyards this month: Chris Isaak performing on Wednesday, July 9 and Wynonna & The Big Noise on Wednesday, July 16.

At the Firehouse shows include Comedian Rocky LaPorte on Saturday, July 19 and "Sing a Song of Sondheim" on Sunday, July 27.

TV30 viewers go to the Tri-Valley TV website at www.tv30.org to register to be a "Lucky Fan." There is no charge and the information will not be shared. TV30 randomly selects a winner at various times from the "Lucky Fan" registrations. The winner will be announced on the Tri-Valley TV Facebook page and on TV30. A person can enter as many times as he or she wants until he or she wins.

OBITUARIES

Sharon Harshbarger

Sharon Harshbarger, 56, of Mi Wuk, Ca. died on Saturday June 7, 2014 at Kaiser Permanente Modesto Medical Center.

She was born September 24, 1957 in Illinois, the daughter

of Frank Victor Harshbarger Jr. and Mary Lois Harshbarger.

She is survived by life companion Bill Anderson, her two sons Joshua Bankhead and Daniel Anderson, and her four grandchildren Adara, Ezra, Moses and Noah.

Sharon graduated from Livermore High School in Livermore, Ca. attended Chabot College in Hayward, Ca. She was a long time resident of Livermore, Ca. then Manteca, Ca. and finally Mi Wuk Village in the Sierra Nevada mountains where her family maintained a home for over 30 years.

She was known locally in Livermore, Ca. as Gaby and Gabby Granny for her

vivacious personality. She worked for Terry's Tree Service as a bookkeeper.

Sharon battled ovarian cancer since her diagnosis in 2007. She was eternally grateful to her "chemo angels" who helped her survive via their treatments at Kaiser Permanente cancer treatment center of Modesto, Ca.

All Friends and Family are invited to attend the Celebration of Life ceremony for Sharon Marie Harshbarger, held in the Chapel at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore CA. on Monday, July 14 2014, 11 AM; (925-447-2942).

Richard Steven Lombard

Jan. 7, 1919 – June 19, 2014.

Richard Lombard passed away on Thursday, June 19,

Born of Italian immigrants in Fort Plain, NY, he was one of five children, Ferdinand, Roseann, Jim and Mary Jeanne.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, followed by a career in sales including 28 years with American Greetings from which he retired in 1984 as District Manager for the Denver district. He is survived by his wife Hazel, married for 72 years; sisters, Rosanne and Mary Jean; daughter Christine and son Steven; grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeanie and Michael.

He was a good husband, father and neighbor, always willing to lend a hand. He will be deeply missed. There is no formal service planned.

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PDA Receives Accreditation As A National Main Street Program

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) has been designated as an accredited National Main Street Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Main Street Center®, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Each year, the National Main Street Center and its partners announce the list of accredited Main Street® programs in recognition of their commitment to historic preservation and community revitalization.

Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center, stated, "Accredited Main Street programs create vibrant communities by using a comprehensive strategy to preserve their historic character and revitalize their commercial districts, which helps make these great places to work, live, play and visit."

An organization's performance is evaluated each year by California Main Street, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet

ten performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

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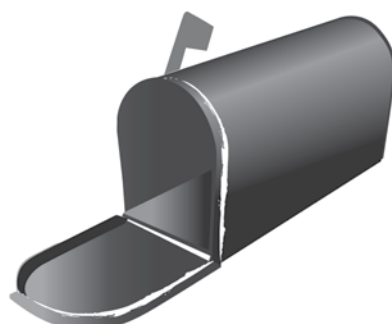
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Lab Has Developed New Approach to Additive Manufacturing

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers have developed a new and more efficient approach to a challenging problem in additive manufacturing -- using selective laser melting resulting in the selection of appropriate process parameters that result in parts with desired properties.

Selective laser melting (SLM) is a powder-based, additive manufacturing process where a 3D part is produced, layer by layer, using a high-energy laser beam to fuse the metal powder particles. Some SLM applications require parts that are very dense, with less than 1 percent porosity, as the pores or voids are the weakest part of the material and most likely would result in failure.

Building functional parts and components to specific standards and performance specifications can be challenging because a large number of parameters must be set appropriately. Some of the key parameters include laser power, laser speed, distance between laser scan lines, scanning strategy and powder layer thickness.

LLNL researchers have developed an efficient approach, based on simple simulations and experiments, to identify optimal parameters to print 3D high-density metal parts. Their work, titled "Density of additively-manufactured, 316L SS parts using laser powder-bed fusion at powers up to 400W" was recently published in the International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology.

The paper explains how parameters for higher-power SLM machines can be selected by using simple, computational simulations to explore the process parameter space. These simulations are used to compute the dimensions of the melt pool, which is the pool of liquid formed when the laser melts the metal powder particles.

"We mine the simulation output to identify important SLM parameters and their values such that the resulting melt pools are just deep enough to melt through the powder into the substrate below," said Chandrika Kamath, an LLNL researcher who is the lead author of the article. "By using the simulations to guide a small number of single-track experiments, we can quickly arrive at parameter values that will likely result in high-density parts."

"We found that the metal density reduces if the speed is too low, due to voids created as a result of keyhole mode laser melting, where the laser drills into the ma-

terial," Kamath wrote. "At the same time, too high a speed results in insufficient melting. The key is to find the right parameters where the melting is just enough."

The LLNL team found that the use of different powders affected densities at lower power, but not at higher power.

Although 316L stainless steel was used in this experiment, Kamath said the team's approach can be applied to other metal powders as well.

LLNL's findings will eventually be used to help certify properties of metal parts built using SLM.



Team Delaney was among the participants in the Relay for Life in Livermore over the weekend. Special activities included a survivors' lap, where cancer survivors took the first lap around the track cheered on by the other participants who line the track, celebrating their victory over cancer. A Luminaria Ceremony provided a time to remember people lost to cancer, to support people who currently have cancer, and to honor people who have fought cancer in the past.

Cultural Arts Calendar



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This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Olivia Tong
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Mony Nop
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Duong Luc, CEO
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The following person(s) doing business as: Menlo Search Partners, 2878 Fourth St. #1403, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Gregory Russell Smit
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, 1225 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO, 80202, for consent to merge and consolidate: Valley Community Bank, Pleasanton, California into First National Bank of Northern California South San Francisco, California

It is contemplated that the main offices will be consolidated into First National Bank of Northern California and the branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by July 21, 2014 to: Director of District Licensing, 1225 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202.

of District Licensing.

June 17, 2014 - Valley Community Bank - Pleasanton, CA
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The following person(s) doing business as: Glamour Nails and Spa, 1837 Holmes, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Thuy T. Luu
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 491774

The following person(s) doing business as: Shimi Management Consultants, 2341 Amantea Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Viraj Bhatnagar, 2341 Amantea Way, Dublin, CA 94568

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Signature of Registrants :s/ Viraj Bhatnagar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2014. Expires May 16, 2019.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 492792

The following person(s) doing business as: Indigo Moon, 3440 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Linda Mansour, 535 Rosso Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566
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Signature of Registrants :s/ Linda Mansour
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2014. Expires June 13, 2019.
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The following person(s) doing business as: Tier 1 Electrical Services, 307 Bernal Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Troy Donoghue, 307 Bernal Ave, Livermore, CA 94551
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The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/19/2014.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Troy Donoghue, Owner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 492944

The following person(s) doing business as: It's All About Dancing, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Maryna Agayeva, 4847 Hopyard Rd #4214, Pleasanton, CA 94588

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Signature of Registrants :s/ Maryna Agayeva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 18, 2014. Expires June 18, 2019.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 493018

The following person(s) doing business as: Tous Les Jours, 7151 Amador Plaza Road, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

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 Signature of Registrants :s/: Jae J. Choi, Managing Member
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 492348

The following person(s) doing business as: GotLocal, 561 S. M Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Global Food Scholar, Inc, 561 S. M Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Ranish Khanna, Robb Pryor

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ANIMALS

2) CATS/ DOGS
ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656.

Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. For more information, call Terry at (925)487-7279 or visit our website at www.tv-ar.org

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By Cher Wollard

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Livermore Cattlegirl Attends Elite Beef Industry Conference

Malorie Bankhead, associate director of communications for California Cattlemen's Association, was one of more than 60 young cattlemen and women selected to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association 35th Young Cattlemen's Conference. Bankhead was sponsored by the California Cattlemen's Association. The YCC program is a comprehensive, nationwide tour of beef industry sectors, created to enhance leadership skills in your beef industry professionals.

Forrest Roberts, NCBA chief executive officer, stated, "The participants selected to attend YCC were chosen because of their exceptional contributions to the beef industry and their potential to be a strong voice in our future development. I look forward to seeing Malorie take an increased leadership role within NCBA and the beef industry."

Bankhead was born and raised on her family's cow-calf ranch in Livermore. As a senior in high school, Bankhead won the 2009 California Beef Ambassador Contest, which sparked her involvement in the beef industry.

While competing at the National Beef Ambassador Contest as a freshman at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Bankhead earned a place on the 2010 National Beef Ambassador Team and traveled the U.S. advocating for family cattle ranchers across America.

She spent her summers in college gaining knowledge and experience in the beef industry interning for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Certified Angus Beef, LLC. Bankhead graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo last June with a degree in agricultural communications with an emphasis in animal science.

"YCC is an excellent opportunity to network with other young industry professionals while learning about the opportunities and challenges that beef producers across the country face daily," said Bankhead.

The eight day tour began at NCBA headquarters in Denver, Colo., where participants were given an organizational overview of NCBA and the Beef Checkoff Program. While in Denver, the group also heard from representatives of Cattle Fax and the U.S. Meat Export Federation. They toured a Safeway retail store and learned about



Malorie Bankhead

Rancher's Reserve brand beef marketing efforts. The group spent a day in Greeley, Colo., visiting JBS Five Rivers feed yards and processing facilities.

"It is important for young producers to understand and see each sector of the beef industry - from pasture to plate," said Bankhead. "Traveling from a cow-calf ranch to a feedlot and processing plant really drives home the point that our industry is composed of many sectors which are all committed to produce a healthy end product."

In Chicago, the group met with the senior management of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange at the Chicago Board of Trade. They had the chance to watch the activity on the trading floor and witness

futures trading firsthand. Participants also visited Otto

& Sons Industries, a family owned company providing quality products and custom solutions for the food industry since 1909. This tour offered a view of how boxed beef is turned into custom order portions for both major restaurant chains and some of the nation's top steakhouses.

The group then traveled to Washington, D.C., where participants received an issues briefing from NCBA's government affairs staff about policy issues currently facing the cattle industry. The group then traveled to Aldie, Va., for a tour and barbecue at Whitestone Farms, one of the nation's elite purebred Angus operations.

The next day, these young cattlemen and women were given the opportunity to visit one-on-one with members of their state's congressional delegation, expressing their viewpoints regarding the beef industry and their cattle operations. During their congressional visits, participants focused on issues including international trade, federal lands ranching and overreaching regulations proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

They finished the day with a reception hosted by John Deere at the company's Washington office.

For more information on the YCC program or

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Jazzy July Planned at the Livermore Library

Jazz in July at the Livermore Library series kicks off on Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 2pm when the Dmitri Matheny Group performs at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this program.

Celebrated for his warm tone, soaring lyricism and masterful technique, American musician Dmitri Matheny has been lauded as "the first breakthrough flugelhornist since Chuck Mangione" (San Jose Mercury News). First introduced to jazz audiences in the 1990's as the protégé of Art Farmer, Matheny has matured into "one of the jazz world's most talented horn players" (SF Chronicle). The Dmitri Matheny Group's popular Jazz Noir program offers a fresh spin on familiar TV and movie themes (film noir, spy thrillers and crime dramas). Concert highlights include a Noir Medley of cinematic favorites (Touch of Evil, Laura, Chinatown, Vertigo, Taxi Driver, Blues in the Night) and their original Crime Scenes suite, a dreamlike series of vignettes linked together with voiceover narrative in the hardboiled detective style of Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. The DMG will also perform favorite material from Matheny's nine CDs, including familiar jazz classics, hard

bop, west coast cool and beloved standards from the Great American Songbook.

"Their music is a fertile landscape without boundaries," writes the Oakland Tribune, "earning Matheny and his cohorts a reputation as one of the most eclectic and daring ensembles on today's jazz scene." All About Jazz agrees: "An all-star jazz band featuring some of the most accomplished musicians in the western United States, the Dmitri Matheny Group is a cohesive and seamless unit, serving up equal parts soulful expression, caressing phrases, imaginative asides and dedicated lyricism."

Dmitri Matheny has toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. He has traveled to 19 countries and has performed with many Motown and popular music acts including the Temptations, Martha Reeves, Fabian, the Four Tops, Bobby Vinton, Sandy Patty, Bobby Rydell, Frankie Avalon and the O'Jays.

Matheny appeared in concert with such jazz luminaries as Larry Coryell, Nathan Davis, Amina Figarova, Tommy Flanagan, Wycliffe Gordon, Darrell Grant, Larry Grenadier, John Handy, Billy Higgins, Red Holloway, Denise Janah, Charles McPherson, James Moody, Jean Louis Rassinfosse, Margo Reed,

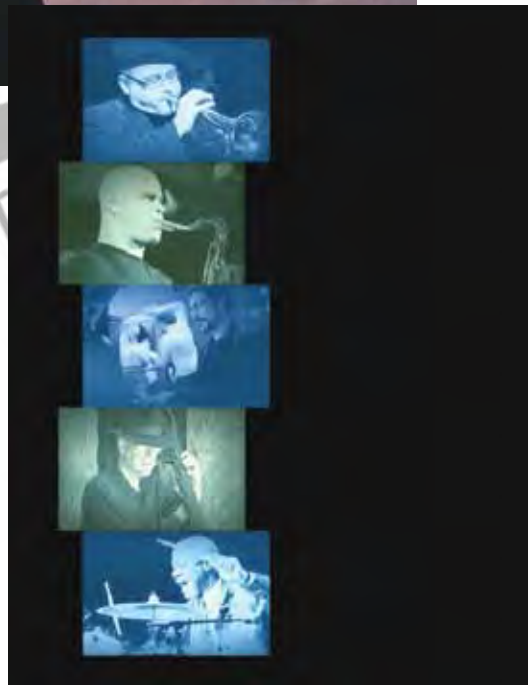
Tony Reedus, Sam Rivers, Max Roach, Dennis Rowland, the Rosenberg Trio, Bud Shank, Sonny Simmons, Mary Stallings, Akira Tana, Billy Taylor, Bobby Watson and Paula West.

Dmitri Matheny has received several prestigious music awards, including "Talent Deserving Wider Recognition" in the 46th Annual Down Beat International Critics Poll and "Best New Artist" honors in the 1999 JazzTimes Readers Poll.

Matheny has held teaching faculty and management positions with the Jazzschool, Boston Center for the Arts, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Chabot Space and Science Center, Monarch Records and the Stanford Jazz Workshop.

He has served as Director of Education, Director of Development and Director of Corporate Sponsorships for SFJAZZ, the largest nonprofit jazz presenter on the west coast, as Assistant Education Director for the Thelonious Monk Institute Jazz Colony at Jazz Aspen Snowmass and as Artist-In-Residence for the Siskiyou Institute of Ashland and the Young Musicians Program of the University of California, Berkeley.

Matheny is past president of the Berklee College
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Dmitri Matheny and his group



Comedy Uncorked Headlines '3 Still Standing'

The first show of the Comedy Uncorked summer series, benefitting Open Heart Kitchen, starts with an all-star lineup featured in the upcoming documentary 3 Still Standing. Will Durst, Johnny Steele and Larry "Bubbles" Brown will perform Saturday July 12th, at Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore. In a rare treat, the show will include previews from the documentary and full sets from each of these legendary headliners.

Gates open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on-sale now at comedyuncorked.com.

Guests can arrive early for best seating and pre-show picnicking. Cheese Therapy will be onsite with artisan cheese platters on sale to accompany Retzlaff wine.

Now in its 6th summer

season raising funds for the hungry, Comedy Uncorked™ brings great local comedy under the stars to award winning Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore. Every performance features top-notch comedians on the outdoor performance stage at Livermore's Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen, feeding the hungry of the Tri-Valley.

The film "3 Still Standing," highlights the careers of three comedians – Larry "Bubbles" Brown, Will Durst and Johnny Steele – who started their careers in San Francisco and have survived in a challenging profession by continually reinventing themselves. Directed by husband and wife team Robert Campos and Donna LoCicero, the documentary is finishing produc-



Larry Brown, Will Durst and Johnny Steele (from left) to perform.

tion and will premiere in San Francisco October 2014.

"In the 1980s, San Francisco's audiences and media supported innovative, original comedy," says Campos. "Comics here were taking chances and were like verbal jazz artists," Will Durst says in the film. "San Francisco

has always treated stand-up comedy as an art form."

Things have changed. "By the mid-1990s, a number of forces — comedy cable channels, an oversaturated market and a corporate takeover of clubs — squeezed the juice out of the city's comedy scene,"

says Campos. "In the face of what Robin Williams calls a 'comedic recession,' all three have shown amazing ingenuity and resilience. This film is about talented artists, who have only gotten better with time, striving to stay true to their art while the entertainment business is

focused on television, movies and 'stars.'"

Comedy Uncorked 2014 Series Lineup:

- July 12th (Saturday): Will Durst, Johnny Steele, "Larry Bubbles" Brown, with previews of the documentary 3 Still Standing

- August 16th (Saturday): Anthony Hill, Faith Alpher, Kurt Weitzmann

- September 20th (Saturday): Mike Moto, Lynn Ruth Miller and Yayne Abeba

Arrive early and enjoy a picnic and wine. Cabana Daves will be on-site from 6-9pm offering a selection of appetizers and dinner items to purchase. The Retzlaff tasting room will be open for wine sales. Volunteers from Open Heart will be on-site to accept non-perishable food donations.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.comedyuncorked.com>

Comedy Uncorked was created to help shine a light on hunger in the Tri-Valley area. It also helps the local economy by showcasing family owned and operated Retzlaff Vineyards and provides a new performing venue for Bay Area comedians.

In the past year, proceeds from Comedy Uncorked funded over 7,000 meals and helped Open Heart Kitchen expand its Children's Box Lunch program to feed children through the summer, and provide hot meals in the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton senior centers. In addition to Will Durst, Johnny Steele and Larry Bubbles Brown, past performers include Anthony Hill, Sam Arno, Fred Anderson, Sandy Stec, Lynn Ruth Miller, Carla Clayy, Aundre the Wonderwoman to name a few.

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of Music Alumni Association, a former governor of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and a former trustee of the San Francisco Jazz Organization.

His volunteer service to the field includes frequent participation in music industry conferences, symposia and grant-making initiatives. Past and current affiliations include the International Association for Jazz Education, Association of Performing Arts Presenters, Western Arts Alliance, California Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, Chamber Music America and National Jazz Service Organization.

Future performances

include the following:

Times 4 will appear at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 13. Over 11 years of collaboration and friendship have culminated in Times 4's brand of Urban Jazz. Featuring Lincoln Adler (saxophones), Greg Sankovich (keyboards), Kevin Lofton (bass), and Maurice Miles (drums), the band's artful and intense musical conversation is steeped in the history of friendship and common roots. Miles and Lofton have been friends and musical collaborators since high school; likewise, Adler and Sankovich continue a musical dialogue that also dates back to their teen years.

Guitarist and com-

poser Lee Waterman's Latin jazz ensemble, Jazz Caliente performs at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 20. 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, Pete Escovedo, Sheila E, John Santos, Armando Peraza, and the Harlem Jazz Orchestra. Band members include Lee Waterman (guitars), Melecio Magdaluyo (sax and flute), Javier Navarrete (percussion), Tommy Kes-ecker (vibraphone), Bill

Lanphier (bass), and Bill Belasco (drums). All the band members are terrific ensemble players and exciting soloists.

Concluding the series at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 27 will be Mimi Fox. This eclectic show features Mimi rendering a wide spectrum of music from The Beatles to Cole Porter, from Wes Montgomery to Michael Jackson...all performed with Mimi's signature lightening fast playing and emotional depth. A review of her show at the Kennedy Center said it best: "Guitarist Extraordinaire Mimi Fox presented a stunning set of music that kept the audience riveted from the

'Menopause the Musical' Comes to Livermore In July for Four Performances at the Bankhead

For more than 10 years, "Menopause the Musical" has been celebrating women and "the change" with a musical parody staged to classic tunes from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Called by the Baltimore Times Herald, "Hilarious, good fun and the perfect destination for a girls' treat out," the show will arrive at the Bankhead Theater on Thursday, July 10, 2014 for a three-night run.

Created by writer and producer Jeanie Linders in 2001, the musical takes a lighthearted look at menopause. Set in a department store, the musical revolves around four women who seem to have nothing in common but a desire for a black lace bra. They soon find that they share more than they ever imagined. Memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, mood swings and more are spun into songs sung to familiar melodies. "Menopause the Musical" features the acting, singing and comedic talents of Donna Huntley, Rebecca Fisher, Annette Verdolino and Valerie Mackey, who bring to "Menopause the Musical" extensive professional experience from Broadway, off-Broadway, regional theater, cabaret and films.

The show encourages a healthy dialogue about issues

of aging and women's health and provides a unique opportunity to raise awareness with female audiences. Recognizing the show's potential to engage and educate women, Linders produced two tours of "Menopause the Musical Out Loud: Breaking the Silence of Ovarian Cancer," which toured more than 100 cities across the country raising awareness and funds for local and regional ovarian cancer chapters.

Four performances of "Menopause the Musical" will be offered at the Bankhead Theater: Thursday evening July 10 at 7:30 p.m., Friday July 11 at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday July 12 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$48 to \$68.

"Menopause the Musical" is the first of LVPAC Presents' Summer Series offering mainstage productions during July and August. Coming next will be the New Christy Minstrels, still under the direction of Randy Sparks, who will treat audiences to their classic folk music sound in a single performance on Thursday July 24th at 7:30 p.m. In August, the punk rock stars of the 1980s, The Tubes, perform on August 9th, followed by the return

of local favorite, Grammy Award-winning country swing band Asleep at the Wheel on August 26th.

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 or by calling 373-6800.

The ticket office is open Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



A scene from "Menopause the Musical."

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aug 3 at 2pm

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Review

Don't Miss the Marvelous 'Much Ado'

By Susan Steinberg

See this show! You will not enjoy any better comic sparring between Shakespeare's reluctant lovers Beatrice and Benedick than in Livermore Shakes' current production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

After enjoying (or enduring) many versions of this witty show, I've found no pair as impressively lively, good-humored, or zestfully insulting as Jennifer LeBlanc and Ryan Tasker. Managing sometimes-convoluted prose at a rapid pace, they are blessedly clear and understandable, even to first-timers. As in previous star turns, their physical portrayals clarify and enhance every rollicking line of their script.

Director Lisa Tromovitch has staged the complicated plot with marvelously transparent simplicity. What has sometimes seemed murky in other productions here unwinds seamlessly and clearly. Her directions to the actors have brought out all the nuances of their characters, from low buffoons to lofty lovers. And what a mix of players there is!

First we meet the Governor of Messina (Italy), the sage Leonato, his elder brother Antonio, Leonato's daughter Hero, and his ward Beatrice. There is excited talk of the troops of Don Pedro, Prince of Aragon, returning victorious from battle. Hero shyly enquires about Count Claudio, and when told of his valor, blushes with girlish infatuation.

In contrast, her cousin

Beatrice asks about Signor Benedick, but masks her interest with words of contempt. By her own admission, she had once been taken in by his flattering words, and is now determined to scorn and mock him. According to her guardian Leonato, she has now turned so bitter and spiteful that no man dares to court her.

When the soldiers arrive, Claudio, a young romantic, is all schoolboy infatuation over Hero, while Benedick is ready to match wits with his nemesis Beatrice ("my lady Disdain"), but is flouted and routed by her sharp words. In exasperation he exclaims, "Certainly, while she is here, a man may live as quiet in hell. . ."

So two couples are obviously set up as foils: one of young ardent lovers rushing toward marriage, and the other of jaded combatants vowed to eternal (but socially correct) verbal warfare. How predictable a scenario it seems, until outside influences A) convince Claudio of Hero's unchastity on the eve of their wedding, and B) convince Beatrice and Benedick that each is sick with a concealed passion for each other.

Suddenly Claudio denounces Hero at the altar, causing her to faint into seeming lifelessness, and just as suddenly, Beatrice and Benedick rush to embrace. Still more surprising plot turns await, as Beatrice demands that Benedick prove his love by challenging his dear friend Claudio. Stopping his pro-



Hero faints: Kat Cordes, Jennifer Le Blanc, Joy Clark and Blair Leatherwood appear in Much Ado About Nothing at Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Costumes - Barbara Murray; Photo - Kenneth Alexander Portraits & Weddings.

testations of devotion, she insists that he SHOW his love, rather than just talk about it. (Shades of Eliza Doolittle!) A reluctant Claudio agrees, and only another unexpected turn

of events intervenes.

Hovering in the background like a baleful demon is Don John, the Prince's illegitimate brother, the self-pro-nounced villain of the

piece, menacingly played by Lucas Hatton, and his conniving henchman Borachio, a sneaking, smirking Jeremy Tribe Gallardo.

All the noble gentlemen unite to shame Hero

at her wedding: Eric Ogle as Don Pedro and Glenn Stott as Count Claudio, models of chivalry, grave Governor Leonato (newcomer Blair Leatherwood), and his brother

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Antonio (the inestimable William Wolak as a slightly doddering old codger, a role in which he has always excelled).

All four of these honorable males fly into a rage at the revelation of Hero's supposedly unchaste behavior. Even her loving father wishes her dead rather than dishonored. Like similar scenes of wrongly-repudiated women, it is difficult for modern feminists to swallow, but true to the double standards of the time, and, in fact, to those of our own.

Fair-skinned and blushing Kat Cordes as Hero is certainly no feminist heroine, fainting away at the shame of Claudio's furious public denunciation. It is left to Beatrice's defiant spirit and sharp tongue to defend her defamed cousin, and to rail against the societal rules that bar her from wreaking personal vengeance on the slanderer Claudio, crying, "O, God, that I were a man... I would eat his heart in the marketplace!" — an oath worthy of a soldier.

All of her discourse has a similar bite, and provides the tasty relish of many scenes. Catching sight of Benedick she exclaims, "How tartly that gentleman looks! I never can see him but I am heart-burned an hour after." Her mockery of marriage is brilliantly witty, especially her description of the inevitable sequence of "wooing, wedding, and repenting", as a series of dances, beginning with the Irish Jig, "hot and hearty".

Benedick is also a master of cutting remarks. His jaundiced assessments of men stupid enough to fall in love are bitterly hysterical. Upon hearing

a love ballade played on a guitar, he mutters, "Is it not strange that sheep's guts can hale (drag) souls out of man's bodies?" He cannot understand how the once-wise Claudio who joined him in mocking the follies of love-sick men, can suddenly become such a fool himself.

He boasts "I will die a bachelor," prompting the Prince to bet that one day, "I will see thee look pale with love." Benedick retorts, "With anger, with sickness, or with hunger, my lord, but not with love."

What an irresistible challenge to his friends, who conspire to make him overhear their talk of the love-sick Beatrice. Having suffered her taunts ("She speaks poniards, and every word stabs."), he has vowed revenge, but softens at their description of her desperate passion, and winces at their scornful criticism of his "contemptible spirit." Experiencing a change of heart he vows, "I will be horribly in love with her."

Likewise Beatrice is set up to overhear friends discussing how Benedick suffers for love of her, and how she is considered "disdainful, coy and wild", mocking every suitor. Ashamed of being "condemned for pride and scorn", and thrilled at the thought of Benedick's suffering unrequited love, she resolves to become a tamer, sweeter lady.

Watching each lover scuttle around and through the audience to catch every syllable of their friends' conversations drew helpless laughter from the audience. Even funnier were scenes of Benedick's sighing

melancholy (claiming he has a terrible toothache). Beatrice, afflicted with a "cold," protests she cannot smell the bride's new perfumed gloves, "I am stuffed, cousin. . ."

Hero's maid Margaret (the saucy Lindsay Marie Schmeltzer) makes a lewd jest about a "maid" being "stuffed." She has many other bawdy lines as well. When Hero before her wedding, says, "My heart is exceeding heavy."

Margaret replies "'Twill be heavier soon by the weight of a man." The proper Hero remonstrates, so the maid quickly corrects her phrase, "you would have me say 'the heavier for a husband'... no harm in that."

The most famously outrageous comic scenes involve the daffy "Neighborhood Watch" (Watchmen), whose abuse of the English language has become legendary. Led by

popular company regular Matt Ballin as Dogberry, seconded by William J. Wolak, his garrulous old partner Verges, they are the most irresistibly funny of the Bard's rustic bumpkins. Malaprops abound in every sentence, my personal favorite being "comparisons are odorous." Their orders are to "comprehend" any "auspicious persons," and by sheer chance they arrest the villainous Borachio, revealing Don John's plot and Hero's innocence.

A bitterly remorseful Claudio now bewails the loss of his chaste bride, but given a penance that ends the play happily, perhaps learns to avoid hasty rash behavior. Hero, no longer a starry-eyed innocent, has a clearer understanding of her "white knight". Beatrice and Benedick, though not billing and cooing like lovebirds, will still tease and torment each other, but playfully, for, as Benedick observes, "Thou and I are too wise to woo peacefully."

The audience is left to chuckle happily over the madcap fun of a perfect evening under the stars at Concannon Vineyard, and perhaps, like this reviewer, planning a second visit. Alas, this is the last year of performances at this ideal venue, so no one should miss the chance to enjoy its lovely grounds, vineyard setting, glorious sunsets and magnificent Victorian backdrop. "Much Ado" will play in repertory with Jane Austin's "Pride and Prejudice" through July 20. For reservations contact LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-BARD(2273). And, remember to bring wraps for the customary evening chill.

Danville Plans Outdoor Concert Series

Outdoor Summer Concert Series Back for its 29th Season

The Town of Danville has announced the lineup for the 29th annual Music in the Park concert series for this summer. These are free concerts.

This summer, two of the four concerts are scheduled to be held at Oak Hill Park and the other two will be held on the Town Green. Each concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. For the first time this year, concert-goers who attend a concert at Oak Hill Park will have the option to purchase tasty grub provided by Food Truck Mafia. The Town would also like to encourage families to bring a blanket and lawn chairs to these family-friendly events.

Super Diamond, The Neil Diamond Tribute, Saturday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m., Town Green, 400 Front Street: Super Diamond delivers a performance of Neil's power ballads and up-tempo hits.

East Bay Mudd, Saturday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m., Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road: This nine-piece band performs Soul, Funk and R&B classics.

Apple Z, Saturday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m., Town Green, 400 Front Street: Apple Z is a shiny new band with vast performance experience in all types of venues and formats due to the members' many diverse musical projects.

Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys, Saturday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m., Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road: Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys are known for their precise harmonies which are The Beach Boys' song trademarks.

For more information please call (925) 314-3400 or visit www.danville.ca.gov.

Library to Host Discussion on the Staging of 'Pride and Prejudice'

Livermore Shakes presents a lively discussion about Jane Austen and the process of bringing *Pride and Prejudice* to the stage. The program will take place at 7pm on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. This event is free.

The conversation will focus on Jane Austen and the upcoming production of *Pride and Prejudice* at Livermore's Concannon Vineyard this summer. The panel will include special guest Anne Krause of the Jane Austen Society, director Virginia Reed, costumer Jonathan Singer, and a cast member. Comments and questions from the audience are encouraged.

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." One of the most famous opening lines in literary history, this line also acknowledges the truth, universal in Regency England, that a woman without means had to marry or face a life of poverty and insignificance.

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* introduces the audience to the Bennet family, five daughters in want of husbands, their witty but disengaged father, and their mother, obsessed with marrying off her daughters. When a rich young man and his even richer friend arrive in the neighborhood, and a company of militia is stationed in the nearby town, possibilities for love and marriage seem limitless. Comically skewering the class-consciousness of her world, Austen creates a combination of social satire and romantic comedy, highlighted by the tempestuous relationship between lively Elizabeth Bennet and prideful Mr. Darcy. Their story, perhaps influenced by *Much Ado About Nothing*, is one of the most cherished love stories in English literature. Find out more about the Livermore Shakes production of *Pride and Prejudice* by visiting www.livermoreshakes.org.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this panel discussion as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.library.net.

Pleasanton Outdoor Movie Series Begins with Screening of 'Frozen'

Pleasanton residents are invited to enjoy free movies during six Thursday evenings this summer, compliments of the City of Pleasanton. All films will be shown on a giant screen that measures 26 feet diagonally. The movies will start at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, located at 4301 Black Avenue. The 23-acre park is centrally located and features picnic/barbeque facilities, two play structures, plenty of open space and ample parking. All films scheduled are rated PG or PG13.

Seating will be cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low-back beach chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear, to accommodate for the best viewing. Please do not place blankets or chairs on the lawn area prior to 10:00 a.m. Fun activities such as contests, games, and sing-alongs are scheduled during the waiting period just prior to the film showing.

The 5th annual summer film season kicks off on Thursday, July 10 with Academy Award winner

Frozen, the Disney blockbuster inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, *The Snow Queen*.

Next up on Thursday, July 17, is *Despicable Me 2*, the family-friendly sequel to *Despicable Me*, featuring the voices of Steve Carell, Russell Brand, and Miranda Cosgrove. This computer animated comedy also features new cast members including Benjamin Bratt and Steve Coogan.

The Lego Movie comes to Movies in the Park on Thursday, July 24. This first-ever full-length theatrical LEGO adventure is based on

the Lego line of construction toys and won critical praise for its visual style, humor and story line.

Ender's Game, a military science fiction film based on the best-selling novel of the same name comes to Amador Valley Community Park on July 31. This fast-paced adventure features Asa Butterfield, Ben Kingsley, Hailee Steinfeld, and Harrison Ford.

Hunger Games: Catching Fire, the second installment of the *Hunger Games* trilogy is scheduled to play at Movies in the Park on Thursday, August 7. Jennifer Lawrence returns in her role as Katniss Everdeen.

The season wraps up with the 2013 superhero film, *Man of Steel*, on August 14. The film stars Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Kevin Costner, Diane Lane, and Russell Crowe.

For more information about the film series, please call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

Didgeridoo Down Under Show at the Livermore Library



"Didgeridoo Down Under" will appear at the Livermore Library on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 6pm, at the Springtown Branch Library, located at 998 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. The show is one of many free variety performances offered during the library's 2014 Summer Reading Program.

This is described as a high-energy show full of music, puppetry, comedy, culture, science, character building, anti-bullying, reading motivation and audience participation. *Didgeridoo Down Under* is an Australia-

themed edu-tainment program, presented at schools, libraries, festivals and other venues throughout the United States. Since 2003 they have presented more than 4,000 shows focused on expanding awareness of the didgeridoo and the rich Aboriginal culture behind it.

This free performance, sponsored by the Ross McDonald Company, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are geared toward children ages 4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, juggling, magic, storytellers and a wildlife presentation. Pick up a 2014 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations. For further information, please call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website www.livermorelibrary.net.

Annual Back to School Drive Underway

Family Giving Tree has launched its 19th Annual Back to School Drive with the goal to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to 27,000 low-income Bay Area children. This year, Family Giving Tree continues to emphasize the need for learning tools that support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education such as graph paper, scientific calculators, protractors and USB

drives in addition to basic supplies --- pencils, pens, erasers and rulers.

The Back to School Drive has served 170,912 students since 2001, representing 190 schools where a high percentage of the student population qualifies for the Federal Free & Reduced Price Meal Program. As in the past, this year's drive will provide backpacks and learning tools to K-12 students who have been identi-

fied by schools in the eight counties Family Giving Tree serves: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Marin and Monterey.

Family Giving Tree sends colorful posters and request cards to host companies and organizations. These cards invite people to shop for a new backpack, filling it with the recommended school supplies.

The supply-filled backpacks are collected and sorted by approximately 600-700 Family Giving Tree volunteers during a three- to four-week period. They are distributed to the students by school personnel and social service agency staff at the beginning of the school year.

A list of participating companies and organizations may be found at <http://bit.ly/12XyLqw>. Participating retail businesses may be found at <http://bit.ly/ZX7ea0>. To make donating simpler, individuals and groups may also contribute online at www.familygivingtree.org or by mail.

Pleasanton Looking for New Teen Poets Laureate

The City of Pleasanton is looking for teens who like to write and is now accepting applications for the Pleasanton Teen Poets Laureate. One Teen Poet Laureate will be selected from each high school to serve during the 2014-2015 academic year. Community service credit hours apply.

The Teen Poet Laureates serve in conjunction with, and under the supervision of, the current adult Poet Laureate and city staff.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014. Download an application at www.firehousearts.org/images/stories/harringtongallery/programs/teenlaureateapplication2014-15.pdf

Contact Julie Finegan with any questions at jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Nutrition As Part of Cancer Treatment

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation invites the public to a free presentation on *Reducing Inflammation Before, During and After Cancer Treatment*. The program will be held on Saturday, July 12 at the offices of Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main Street, Suite 101. The presentation starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 12 noon. Light refreshments will be provided.

The special guest speaker will be Suzanne Ambaugh Aziz, Nutritional Educator

& Holistic Chef. Suzanne is a breast cancer survivor, who has a passion for nutrition and cooking. She believes that proper nutrition helps heal our body.

She graduated from the Holistic Nutritional & Culinary Arts School of Bauman's College in Berkeley, CA. She works as a personal chef, teacher and home health advisor.

Suzanne will talk about why it is important to get proper nutritional support before, during and after

chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She will teach the importance of digestion on the immune system, and how inflammatory foods may wreak havoc with our bodies.

This event is free of charge but pre-registration is required since space is limited. Sign up at <http://goo.gl/ljnweq> or go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org. This event is sponsored by New Leaf Community Markets and Alain Pinel Realtors.

WINE COUNTRY by Harry Stoll

A rosé is a rosé is a rosé For you, but not for snobs or noobs

I agree with the witty, acidic, Rachel Sanders on buzzfeed.com, who writes, “Compared with its red and white cousins, Rosé wine still takes a preposterous amount of sass from wine snobs and noobs alike.” (Maybe like me, you’re not cool, and had to look up “noob.”)

California Rosés gained a reputation for being fruit punch. Page Mill owner/winemaker Dane Stark says, “. . . we were led astray by the white Zinfandels of the 80s,” but now California wineries are making “. . . dry, lovely, refreshing Rosé wine.”

Rosés can be made from any red grape. Except for a very few varieties, the color of a red wine comes from the skins. The beautiful pink shades of Rosés result from the limited time the winemaker leaves the juice in contact with the skin. This can vary from a few hours to perhaps a day or two. The variety of grape also affects the color. I love to get lost looking down through the glass to its bottom where the punt is a magic isle rising, making the color lighter.

It’s generally considered a summer drink and so is best served chilled. Cadging from Sanders again—she points out that, unlike red wine and Helen Mirren, Rosé does not age well. Oh, to pour a glass of Rosé for Helen. The reason Rosé doesn’t

age well is it lacks the tannins (from the skins) that mellow and improve red wine with age. You should be wary of buying any Rosé older than three years, unless you’re allowed to taste it.

As to food pairing, think about what food you would choose to go with a red varietal from the grapes the Rosé is made from. It goes well with a wide spectrum of food, including, fish, chicken, and yes, barbecued ribs.

Here are six from valley wineries:

2013 Longevity Pinot Grigio Livermore Valley Buttner Sunol Vineyard (\$24). Winemaker/co-owner Phil Long calls this waltz with a strawberry blond “pink.” It has bright citrus and floral aromas of pineapple, pear and God’s little green apples. And, around and around go the complex flavors. Phil fermented her in stainless steel for me to enjoy with a Caesar salad. It won a silver medal at the Sunset Magazine Competition.

2013 Enoteca 5 ‘Judy’ Vin Gris Rosé California (\$22). It’s 40% Cabernet Franc and Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot. The color is raspberry. Aromas of fruit and wildflowers lead to a taste of raspberry and strawberry and sings honeysuckle Rosé. In the mouth, it’s a glide ‘round the floor with the one you adore. Michael says it goes well with charcuterie. I looked that up and



found it right for mild pork sausage.

2012 McGrail Kylie Ryan Rosé Livermore Valley (\$22). From their estate Cabernet Sauvignon, with the juice bled off within a day of picking, resulting in an intriguing salmon color. Opens with aromas of strawberry jam that follow through on the palate. Has smooth tannins and a lingering minerality. The band plays on in the finish. The website said it goes well with barbecued ribs on the back porch. That was so. Who knew?

2012 Les Chênes Pinot Noir Rose Livermore Valley (\$25). The winery’s solid reputation is built on Rhône varietals, but for her 70th birthday, co-owner Candace Dixon asked husband/co-owner/winemaker Richard Dixon to make her a Pinot Noir Rosé. Soon, they will celebrate the 50th anniversary of him marrying the girl with the strawberry curls. Candace poured the Pinot for me, paired with a strawberry-

infused cheddar. I lost it and ooh la la’d. Go there, try that pairing.

2013 Page Mill Angela’s Cuvée Livermore Valley (20). Winemaker/co-owner Dane Stark put his heart on his sleeve and named this after his wife; the poor girl did not shake with alarm. It’s a Grenache that Dane left on the skins for about five hours and fermented it in stainless steel. This pale beauty is complex and deluxe. I enjoyed it by itself, with family, friends, and new acquaintances, and a pulled pork sandwich while ruminating on Dane’s words about this rosé being spring time in a glass.

2012 Dante Robere Syrah Livermore Valley (\$15) I wrote about this deep colored Rosé last year, and it remains a delight, with romantic aromas of strawberry, pomegranate, and rhubarb. On the palate it’s hefty for a Rosé, which I liked. The grapes grew on their Wetmore Road vineyard opposite Sycamore Park. Their new winery and tasting room at that site will probably open next spring. I back porched it with poached King Salmon, fresh and wild, that cost a king’s ransom, but ‘tis the season.

To impress her, him, or them, without being a snob or a noob, try saying anthocyanidin for color, or maceration for juice being in contact with the skins.

Concert Series Benefits Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation and Team Delaney

The last Thursdays of June, July and August are the dates for the 2nd Annual Music in the Orchard Summer Benefit Concert Series at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax under the olive trees at Livermore’s resort at 4549 Cross Road.

This year’s series will benefit two local groups: The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation and Team Delaney. The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation supports local students’ college and career goals, and Team Delaney was created to help support little but fierce Delaney Newton and her family in her fight against brain cancer.

Scheduled are the following:

June 26, 6-9pm Silent Partner a rock/blues cover band of Bay Area musicians

July 31, 6-9pm Ten Tuesdays a local band covering songs from the 70’s to current hits

August 28 6-9pm Crawdad Republic a bluegrass quartet born and bred in the heart of the wine country

Tickets and more information at www.purpleorchid.com \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in the tasting room at Nottingham Cellars, 2245 C So Vasco Rd and Altamont Beer Works, 2402 Research Rd, Livermore.

Wine by Nottingham Cellars, beer by Altamont Beer Works and food by Ken’s Wood Fired Pizza will be available for purchase. Proceeds from ticket, beverage and food sales go to the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation and Team Delaney. No outside food or beverage allowed.

Don’t forget your lawn chair and dancing shoes.

'Funny, Furry, Friends' to Be Presented by Ventriloquist

Ventriloquist Tony Borders will perform in “Funny, Furry, Friends!” on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 2:30pm, at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Avenue, Livermore.

Tony Borders’, “Funny, Furry, Friends!” is one of many free variety performances offered during the Livermore Library’s 2014 Summer Reading Program.

Meet Spot the Zebra, Cinderella Cat, Elvis Hound Dog and even a vulture who thinks he’s a bald eagle. The show is packed with animal-themed magic and audience participation

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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.

Cuda Ridge Wines, "Natural California," photography exhibit by William F. Hackett through July, 2014. Winery Hours are: 12-5 Fri-Sun; 2400 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Summer Exhibits: Lynda Briggs and Jeff Snell. June 5 through August 13. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present two artists in the Grand Atrium, mezzanine, and "Across the Glass Bridge" exhibition spaces. Lynda Briggs' paintings are colorful, lively, and busy. Jeff Snell's current work unites traditional landscape and popular culture in vigorous abstracts full of movement and energy. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

Art show, From the depths of my Soul I... EMERGE, an art show celebrating the visual and lyrical works of emerging artist Arthur Barinque. June 18-July 18, Panama Red 2115 First Street., Livermore. <http://www.facebook.com/events/515969328530904>

Jade Fon Retrospective & Plein Air Painters: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery exhibit June 20 through July 26. The exhibition is a retrospective on the life, work, and legacy of well-known national and Bay Area watercolor artist and teacher Jade Fon (1911-1983) featuring the works of 13 of his students and devotees. Regular gallery hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated.

Art Under the Oaks, July 19 and 20, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Drumming Class master drummer and teacher Mogaawane, July 9-Sept. 9, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. Chez Nami program. \$15 one class online or at the door, 10 class punch card \$120. www.cheznami.org/

Dance Class, an hour of African movement. July 9-Sept. 10, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore, every Wednesday. Chez Nami program. \$15 drop in or \$120 for 10 class punch card. www.cheznami.org/

Classes at the Figurehead Gallery: Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the third Saturday of the month with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am - 1 p.m. \$30. Register at www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

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 the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC / Art Critique & Coffee meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

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

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children

aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/>

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

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

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2014 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, 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.

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine



The New Christy Minstrels perform at the Bankhead.

before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. July 2, The Steven Kent Winery; July 9, Page Mill Winery; July 16, Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Winery; July 23, Garré Vineyard & Winery; July 30, White Crane Winery. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Cedar Mountain Winery: Small tasting room open next to Swirl "On the Side" June 26, 5-10; June 27, 4-10; June 28, 12-10; June 29, 12-6; July 18, 4-10; July 19, 12-10; July 20, 12-10. swirl@live.com, www.swirlonthesq.com 21 South Livermore Avenue #105, Livermore. cedarmountainwinery.com, cedarmtn@vt.net.

The Steven Kent Winery, summer events. Wine Tasting on the Patio on select dates, 12-4:30, tasting Fee is \$15, includes 4 tastes and a GoVino wine vessel. No reservation necessary. Bring a picnic. Saturday, July 12th, to the sounds of QuickFixx Trio; Saturday, August 9th, to the sounds of Bosco Duo. Paella on the Patio, Wednesday, June 25th 6:30 pm, \$55 per person featuring S&S GastroGrub, reservations required. Princess and The Pig, Wednesday, July 23rd 6:30 pm, \$55 per person, Featuring S&S GastroGrub and our Princess, Lola, reservations required. Steven Kent Cabernet Pairing in the Reserve Room Thursday August 28th, 6:30-8:30, \$85 per person featuring the cuisine of Chef Tony Murray of Double Barrel Wine Bar & the Winemaking insight of Steven Mirassou. Reservations required. www.stevenkent.com. 5443 Tesla Rd., Livermore, (925) 243-6442.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656. Live music: June 26, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; June 27, 7-10 p.m., Tank Half Full; June 28, 7-10 p.m., Toucan Jam; June 29, 4-7 p.m.

Natalia Sings; July 1, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; July 2, 6-9 p.m., Brian Cooper; July 3, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; July 4, 7-10 p.m., Georgi and the Rough Week; July 5, 7-10 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; July 9 and 10, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings.

June events: June 15, Altamont Beer Works, noon to 6 p.m. June 29, 4 to 7 p.m. featuring Robert Hall Winery pouring five wines matched with special creations from our kitchen.

Las Positas Vineyards, For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Vasco Urbano Wine Company, June 26, 6 to 9 p.m. Music in the Orchard, Concerts for Charity at Purple Orchid Resort and Spa. Local businesses, Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beer Works, Ken's Woodfired Pizza and the Purple Orchid and local bands come together to support two local charities, the Pedrozzi Foundation and Team Delaney. Silent Partner will headline the first concert. Tickets available online at www.purpleorchid.com (click promotions) and in the tasting room at Nottingham Cellars. \$10 presale/\$15 at the door. Ticket, beverage and food proceeds to benefit the charities.

Murrieta's Well, La Luna, Murrieta's Well estate wines, delicious food and live music under the light of the full moon. 6 to 9 p.m. July 18 - Paella Party, paella made three ways with music by Andre Thierry Zydeco. August 15 - Vintner's Grill, Fresh off the grill menu with music by violin duo Vivo. \$60 for Silver Spur club Members; \$70 Public each or all three \$145 for Silver Spur Club Members; \$175 Public. Reservations are required. Murrieta's Well Tasting Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore Call 925-456-2395 or [\[rietaswell.com\]\(http://rietaswell.com\)](http://www.mur-</p>
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Music in the Orchard, June 26, 6 to 9 p.m. Concerts for Charity at Purple Orchid Resort and Spa. Local business, Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beer Works, Ken's Woodfired Pizza and the Purple Orchid, and local bands come together to support two local charities, the Pedrozzi Foundation and Team Delaney. Silent Partner will headline the first concert. Tickets available online at www.purpleorchid.com (click promotions) and in the tasting room at Nottingham Cellars. \$10 presale/\$15 at the door. Ticket, beverage and food proceeds to benefit the charities.

Friends of the Vineyards annual Wine & Food Pairing, Thursday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. The event will feature four small plates paired with four wines. Attendance is limited to the first 65 sign-ups. The cost is \$25 for Friends of the Vineyards paid members and \$30 for non-members. Sign up at www.fov.org.

Wente Vineyards 130th anniversary: releasing the 130th vintage on Sat., June 28, noon to 5 p.m.; a milestone for the Wente family and winery. Celebrate with live music, food, complimentary winery tours, tasting room specials and more. Admission is complimentary. For more information call 925.456.2305. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Taste our Terroir, July 24 - 27: Livermore Valley's food and wine affair spans four days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast your vote for the coveted People's Choice Award. Friday through Sunday, wineries across the region host cooking demonstrations, barrel seminars, vineyard tours and more. Purchase ticket for the entire weekend and be upgraded to VIP admission for the Thursday night event. Tickets for each event are on sale now at Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, LVwine.org. This weekend extravaganza sells out every year.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

The New Christy Minstrels, July 24, 7:30 p.m. Legends of American Folk Music. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ater.org or 373-6800.

Sing A Song of Sondheim, July 27, 2 p.m., cabaret style seating. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents William Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*, and one of the most cherished love stories in English literature; Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, adapted by Christina Calvit. The productions play June 19 - July 20 under the stars at Con-cannon Vineyard in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or (925) 443-BARD. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.

The Taming of the Shrew: Free Shakespeare in the Park and the City of Pleasanton present Shakespeare's timeless classic. A feast of wit, outrageous clowning, and crazy plot twists as Kate and Petruchio negotiate their way through a "subversive and challenging love story." Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., June 28 - July 13 in Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, at the corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The performance lawn is next to the Aquatics Center. Bring family, friends, a blanket and a picnic to enjoy free professional theater under the stars. For more information, visit www.sfsakes.org.

Menopause the Musical, July 10, 7:30 p.m., July 11, 8 p.m. and July 12, 2 and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Shrek the Musical, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. July 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and Aug. 1, 2 and 3. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.



Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre to present 'Shrek.'

Murder Mystery Theater: 'Murder by Merlot,' July 26, 6 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked 2014, Retzlaff Vineyard, 1356 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, 7:30 p.m. Benefit for Open Heart Kitchen. July 12 line-up: The 3 Still Standing Tour: Will Durst, Johnny Steele and Larry Bubbles Brown. Tickets at www.comedyuncorked.com

Comedy@ the Firehouse, featuring Rocky LaPorte, 8 p.m. Sat., July 19. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

Picnic Flix, City of Dublin Summer Movie Series, Emerald Glen Park. Free admission: June 27, "Despicable Me 2;" July 25, "Remember the Titans," Aug. 22, "Frozen." Food and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 PM, and the movie will begin at dusk, approximately 9:00 PM. Parking is available in the Emerald Glen lots, and on adjacent streets. No pets, please. For more information, please call (925) 556-4500.

Movies in the Park: Pleasanton, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. Movies are free and begin at dusk: July 10: Frozen, PG; July 17, Despicable Me 2, PG; July 24, The Lego Movie, PG; July 31, Ender's Game, PG-13; Aug. 7, Hunger Games: Catching Fire, PG-13; Aug. 14, Man of Steel, PG-13. Information at Pleasanton Community Services, 931-5340. Bring blanket and low beach chairs.

Moonlight Movies series, Town of Danville offering a mix of animated, live action, new run as well as classics, there is always something for every member of the family. The five movie series, which will be held on the Town Green located at 400 Front Street, will kick off the second Friday in June. The following five movies will be shown throughout the summer: June 27 - The Secret Life of Walter Mitty; July 18 - Independence Day; August 1 - The Goonies; August 15 - Rio. Crafts and activities for children start at 6:30 p.m. with the movie following at sunset. Families are asked to bring a blanket and lawn chairs. Registration is not required. For more information, please call (925) 314-3400 or visit www.danville.ca.gov.

DANCE

Friday Evening Group Dance! Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts

at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions - The Comedy of Errors, Las Positas College fall production. Auditions, Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. LPC Black Box Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Performance dates, Nov. 13-23. Prepare a 1-2 min. classical comedic monologue. Performers cast in the show will be required to sign up for THEA 47. Information wwisely@laspositascollege.edu. 424-1127.

Auditions - Treasure Island, San Ramon Community Theater production directed by Roger Craig. Story by Robert Louis Stevenson. Speaking parts will vary, and some actors will appear in more than one role. The roles are described as adult male (age 20-50), but adult females are encouraged to audition. There are many extra-type roles with little or no dialogue requirements. Monday, July 21 at 7pm, Callbacks scheduled for Wednesday, July 23. The Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. show dates: September 26 - October 12. For more information call (7529), or email info@sanramoncommunitytheater.org

OPERA

22nd Annual Opera in the Vineyard, Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore, July 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Sampling of favorite areas by some of Livermore Valley Opera's favorite Bay Area opera singers. www.livermorevalleyopera.com or 960-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

Alameda County Fair, June 18-July 6 (closed Mondays), Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, carnival and midway, displays, livestock, entertainment. www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Artistic Table, cheese pairings with wine and beer, June 26, 6 p.m. until run out. Table Talks, Sunday, June 29th at noon featuring olive grower Charles Crohare. 56 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Ducks Unlimited will host an event starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Non-members are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen, July 8th, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability.

8th annual Golf Tournament and dinner banquet, Mon., July 28, Castlewood Country Club. Benefit for REACH (resources education activities community and housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley. Registration and putting contest 10:30 a.m., shotgun start noon, silent auction 4:30 p.m., dinner and live auction 5 p.m. Fees \$150 individuals, \$600 foursome. www.trivalleyreach.org.

17th Annual Pooch Parade, Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. Entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details, & to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org



A Photo Art Show of Japan by photographer Justin Trent will be on display July 1 - 31, 2014 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Displayed are framed digital color photographs (18" by 24") of Contemporary and Medieval life-styles of Japan.

Competition for Young Musicians in 42nd Year

The schedule for the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 42nd Competition for Young Musicians has been announced.

The application deadline is Sunday, October 5, 2014. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/26.)

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 in February 21, 2015. 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.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

Milestones

Livermore School District Lists Appointments

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has announced the following administrative appointments, all of whom begin their official duties July 1, 2014.

Jill Bradford, Principal of Marylin Avenue Elementary School: Originally from the East Coast, Mrs. Bradford began her education career nearly twenty years ago as a bilingual elementary teacher in Los Angeles, and since then has served Californian children and families working as a legal advocate, a legislative analyst, and an educational non-profit leader.

After three years as a high school assistant principal of guidance counseling,

Bradford worked as an elementary school principal in Sacramento.

Bradford then relocated, serving as an elementary principal in the Bay Area since 2010. Deeply committed to giving back to the community, she has developed school leadership expertise in the areas of English Language Development, Educational Equity, Trauma-Informed/Brain-based Learn-

ing, and Response to Intervention.

Bradford graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude from Villanova University and holds a law degree from the UC Berkeley School of Law, with a focus on Education and Employment law. She lives in Oakland with her husband who coaches high school football, and their dogs.

Alex Eckert, Vice Principal, Mendenhall Middle School: Alex will move across town next year to take over the position vacated by the retirement of long-time Mendenhall Vice Principal, Al Bernal. Eckert has been one of the Vice Principals at Livermore High for the past two years. Eckert earned his Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education at California State University, Chico, and holds a Master of Education from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. He began his teaching career at Hueneme High School in Oxnard, California, where he taught Math and Student Leadership, and was also an assistant football coach.

Tom Fletcher, Vice Principal, Livermore High School: Tom joins the LVJUSD management team next year after having worked as a teacher for 21 years, 17 of them in our District at East Avenue Middle School, Livermore High School, Vineyard Independent Study High School, and Granada High School. Prior to the past three years at Granada, Fletcher taught at Livermore High for eleven years as a social studies teacher and served as leadership advisor and basketball coach.

Fletcher earned his B.A. in Social Science from CSU Sacramento, earned his CLAD credential from UC Berkeley, and his administrative credential from CSU East Bay. He is an active participant in the Livermore community, including involvement in CYO basketball and Little League baseball. He coached basketball at Las Positas College for the first four years of the program. His wife, Megan, is a teacher in the District and his two children attend Livermore schools.

Education

Liana Cipolla of Pleasanton, made the Dean's List for spring semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester.

Georgia Tech is one of the nation's leading research universities, providing a focused, technologically based education to more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The Institute has many nationally recognized programs and is ranked in the nation's top 10 public universities by U.S. News and World Report.

Kendon Matkins of Livermore is one of more than 750 graduates who received a diploma at Harding University's commencement exercises May 10, 2014.

Matkins received a Bachelor of Arts in leadership and marketing. University President Bruce D. McLarty presented the diplomas to the graduates.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,321 students in May 2014. Among the graduates was Nicole F. Buechler of Livermore, who received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. July 14. Special speaker Virginia Kysh will discuss why Cemeteries are Not Just Dead Subjects. The meeting is at the Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. There are many websites that discuss the Does and Don't's of the care of headstones, symbolism, tricks to reading well worn headstones and sites where you might find your family. Most list the names and dates. Virginia has been teaching genealogy class for more than 20 years at the Antioch Family History Center and teaches once a week at the Antioch Family History Center. She attends every conference she can West of the Mississippi. Visitors are always welcome. Contact for more information program@L-AGS.org

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated meeting 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., July 10. Guest speaker will be Koret Senior Fellow and Senior Director of Education Studies at the Pacific Research Institute, Lance Izumi. J.D. Izumi is also a member of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and author of several books and reports on education in the nation and in California. His topic will be on the financial, cultural, and quality aspects of education in the United States, and the ensuing debate on Common Core. Men and women are invited. The meeting will be held at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, CA. \$30/members; \$34/guests. Contact Rebecca Potts at rebecca.potts@comcast.net or 925-294-4013 by Monday, July 7.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7 p.m. Wed., July 9. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 23, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Please join us if you can. Questions?? Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

25th Annual Nostalgia Car Show, presented by the Altamont Cruisers. Sunday, September 28, 2014: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Downtown Livermore. Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 am. www.altamont-cruisers.org

Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School, a Livermore School District run independent study program for grades 1-8, is now accepting enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year. A Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in room 8 at Vineyard School. This voluntary program is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. The program provides, at no cost, educational materials that meet the district and state framework guidelines. For more information, call (925) 606-4722 or visit our website at www.vineyard.schoolloop.com

Girl Scouts Fun in the Sun, Girls who

will be in Transitional Kindergarten to 5th grade in the Fall in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol area who are not currently registered as a Girl Scout are invited to join in Fun in the Sun. This is a free afternoon of fun, snacks, crafts, games and information with the Girl Scouts will be held twice: Wednesday, June 25th, 1-3 p.m. at Hearst Elementary School MPR, 5301 Case Avenue, Pleasanton, or Saturday, June 28th, 1-3 p.m. at Muirwood Community Park, 4701 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton. Just bring an adult who is responsible for you. For information contact Karen @ krdriguez@girlscoutnorcal.org or call 510-562-8470 ext. 3045 or email crsmembership@gmail.com or visit www.crossroadsgirlscouts.com

17th Annual Pooch Parade, Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. Entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details, & to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Volunteer drivers needed, Senior Support Program of the Tri Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to medical appointments out of the Tri-Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Palo Alto, etc). The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

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 State-wide SIR at <http://www.sirinc.org/>. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in Dublin, June 28, 12:30

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p.m., RSVP by June 26 to Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in Pleasanton, June 29, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 27 to Hilda, 398-8808.

Ducks Unlimited will host an event starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

Drop in computer tutoring. Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or have other questions. The Pleasanton Library offers assistance on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk). Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information. The programs are free and open to all. No registration required.

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

ClutterLess (CL), This is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary. Adult volunteers are needed to staff ValleyCare Health System facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Positions are available in a number of areas at ValleyCare Health System, such as the reception desk, hospital floor services, surgery center, urgent care, Auxiliary office, ValleyCare Health Library, the Cancer Center, Thrift Shop and the Gift Shop. Training is provided and hours/days are flexible. For more information, visit www.valleycare.com/auxiliary, or call 925 734-3368.

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$10 for those who would like to have dinner. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. For more information, visit the website: <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>

Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center, in Livermore has an immediate opening for a Friday office volunteer, and a substitute office volunteer for all days. Also needed are volunteer board members, computer tech and website assistance, grant writer, publicity chairman, CPA to assist once a year, and an administrative secretary. The office is open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 p.m. and Th eve. 6-9 p.m. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities please call John M. Kupski evenings or weekends at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 p.m. at the Birthright office 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887 during business hours. The 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. Please see our website

at www.birthright.org/livermore for more information.

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

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.

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

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

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this 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, go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

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.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Tri-Valley Haven is offering a sexual assault support group for survivors of sexual assault on Fridays at 1 pm at their Livermore community building. The group will help survivors gain further knowledge and understanding of the effects of sexual assault and help them find support in a

safe and confidential environment. This group aims to support each participant by creating an empowering atmosphere where participants can learn new coping skills. To sign up for the SA Group or for additional information, call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven: 925-667-2707.

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club (TVTC), Information on 2012 programs and memberships, training philosophies and schedules, and all things TVTC, an all inclusive triathlon/marathon/endorurance training program. www.trivalleytriclub.com.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m.

Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

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

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

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

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) **Little Brown Church**, United Church

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org 925-846-4436.

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

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. 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, Worship service 9:30 a.m. with childcare at both times and Sunday school at 10:30 am. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor. 925 846-0221, www.lynnwood.org.

Grief Journey, Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and will be explored in a series of bi-monthly workshops at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 26th, July 10th, and August 14th. 2014. No per-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

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

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

Unity of Tri-Valley - 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftri-valley.org/> 925 829-2733

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 4721 Amarillo Rd, Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.



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Milestones Community

Koll Center's Interson Corporation Goes Green

Interson Corporation has recently re-located its entire operation to Pleasanton and has used the opportunity to go with the latest "green" technology in their lighting systems.

A leading manufacturer of ultrasound imaging probes in Silicon Valley since 1989, Interson products have been installed in offices, hospitals, and clinics around the world. Interson probes are designed and manufactured in the United States and have been recognized as one of the recent top ten innovations by the International Academy of Science.

According to President and CEO Roman Solek, cloud-ready Interson systems are Windows/PC based with connectivity built in. Users can image, store, print or send images to their EMR as well as interface their telemedicine system

directly from their PC, a feature which makes Interson's probes highly desirable "real time" diagnostic tools.

In their new headquarters located at 7150 Koll Center Parkway, Interson used Pleasanton's Design Energy Group to design and install their completely "green" lighting system. The professional team at Design Energy Group fully retrofitted all lamps, both inside and out, with the latest technology in LED lighting. The new lighting can be brightened or dimmed as needed, saving close to 78% in power bills. In addition, flickering and buzzing, common problems in conventional fluorescent lighting, have been eliminated. Recent studies have shown that LED lighting reduces eye strain as well as improves users' energy levels.

LARPD Selects New Legal Firm

The Board of Directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District recently selected the Stockton-based firm of Neumiller & Beardslee to handle District's legal matters, following the retirement of longtime Legal Counsel Michael Kyle.

Rod A. Attebery, a principal attorney with Neumiller & Beardslee, is now LARPD's General Counsel. He was admitted to practice law in California in 1997. Attebery's practice has focused on municipal and public agency law, environmental law, land use and development, natural resources, real estate development, agricultural law and energy law. He belongs to the San Joaquin County and American Bar Associations. He is also a member of the State Bar of California, where he is part of the environmental law section.

Kyle, who has served as the District's General Counsel for 37 years, retired at the end of May. During his time with the District, he represented LARPD on several construction project disputes and real estate transactions as well as advising the General Manager and Board on these matters. He developed expertise on land use law, condemnation law, environmental law, real estate law, contract negotiation and public employment law.

"The District's legal work has been outstanding with Mike at the helm. He has been very passionate about LARPD's mission to provide parks and recreation," LARPD General Manager Tim Barry said. "We're looking forward to working with Rod and his highly respected firm, as well."

Patxi's Pizza Adds to Its Team

Patxi's Pizza has added two to its growing team:

Peter Serantoni has been selected as Chief Culinary Officer. Serantoni's background in the culinary industry spans over twenty years and two continents. He has founded several restaurant concepts, launched international restaurants, developed consulting groups, and handled product development for many noteworthy establishments.

His work has been featured on both national and regional television shows and in several cookbooks.

To Patxi's Italian table, Serantoni brings his Italian heritage along with experience opening Trattoria Bruno in Orange County. Serantoni received the much sought after "Menu Strategist Award" in 2004 by Restaurant Business Magazine and has been recognized by the restaurant industry as one of the top 50 most influential culinarians in 2003 by Nation's Restaurant News. Fuzio Universal Pasta, one of Peter's cre-

ations, was awarded "Hot New Concept" for 2000, by Nation's Restaurant News.

Glenis Welzien will serve as Director of Supply Chain.

Glenis joins Patxi's with more than twenty years of experience in the hospitality and culinary industries. He served as Director of Supply Chain for André-Boudin

Bakeries in the Bay Area as well as Director of Purchasing for Chevys, Inc. for more than ten years. He also grew with the Marriott Corporation with a focus on their many restaurant groups.

Patxi's Pizza is located at 2470 First Street in downtown Livermore; 925.371.1000.

Patxi's menu features a family of pizzas and an array of salads and small plates. In addition to pizza, Patxi's features an array of small plates great for sharing, including Burrata Bruschetta and the Meatball, which is inspired by a longtime Boston-Italian family recipe.

Lazy Dog Plans New Dublin Restaurant and Bar

Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar will be opening in Dublin in 2014.

"We were blown away by the warm reception we received from the East Bay community, and are thrilled to be able to continue growing in the Bay Area where so many exciting things are happening in the food and beer scene," Says Lazy Dog Founder & CEO Chris Simms.

Lazy Dog will begin construction on its Dublin restaurant, located at 4805 Hacienda Drive between Dublin Blvd. and Haven Place near Hacienda Cross-

ings, with plans to open in the fall of 2014.

The design of the Dublin restaurant will evoke the relaxed lifestyle and environment of the Rocky Mountains that inspired Lazy Dog's founding. Rustic decor and accents such as cozy fireplaces and a massive chandelier crafted from Aspen logs, generous use of real ledge stone, and fabric-and leather-lined booths and chairs featuring rich hues of chocolate and rust, will outfit both spaces. Artwork and playful touches inspired by man's best friend will be woven throughout, with

both restaurants featuring dog-friendly patios with ample seating and fire pits. The bar and exterior patios will additionally feature multiple flatscreen TV's for guests to cheer on their favorite sports teams while enjoying a meal or craft beer.

The restaurant will be built from the ground up. The Dublin location will occupy 7800 square-feet plus a 1200 square-foot adjacent patio at 4805 Hacienda Drive. For additional information about the family-run operation and its current restaurant locations, visit www.lazydogrestaurants.com.

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