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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.

Food Hub Intended to Increase Valley Wine, Agriculture Production

By Ron McNicoll

A small group of local investors plans to build a food hub at Greenville Road and North Front Road, next to Interstate 580, to help boost Valley agricultural production. They have most of their executive team in place. Their business name will be the Sustainable Food Network (SFN). Their first project will involve construction of a community crush

pad winery, with associated winery services, storage, marketing and distribution. Generally, crush pads have catered to individuals who want to bottle their own wine, but they could also be used by boutique wineries that are too small to have their own facilities. The hope is that more vintners will be attracted to the Livermore Valley. However, it won't be only

the crush pads that would attract more growers. The whole hub idea provides the underlying structure, said Larry Gosselin, a spokesperson for SFN. Gosselin is a long-time Valley veterinarian and horse rancher. The whole food hub would occupy 40,000 square feet on a site already acquired by the group. They expect to take one and one-half years to two years to

make it operational. Besides wine, there will be a variety of foods for the table. Customers are anticipated to include restaurants, institutions such as schools and hospitals, and even fresh-food buying clubs. The operation of the food hub brings together product and customers. Trucks drive out to agricultural producers and pick up their products, return to the hub,

and are unloaded. Then the customers -- the restaurants and institutions -- send their own trucks to the hub to pick up the products. Customers would order on-line the night before, or in the wee hours of the morning. By 5 a.m., customers' trucks would be at the hub to pick up the products. Showing up at 7 a.m. might be too late to get the pick of (See FOOD HUB, page 4)

LPC's Operation Gateway Open to Returning Veterans

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program will present its sixth annual "Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success." The two-day event will be on Thursday and Friday, July 17 and 18. Operation Gateway, a two-day orientation seminar about educational opportunities and resources for returning veterans, takes place from 3-7:00 p.m. on July 17 and continued on July 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Las Positas College campus. Dinner will be served to veteran guests on July 17; lunch will be provided on July 18.

"We are proud to offer this two-day seminar dedicated to in-depth education and career planning, classroom expectations, finance and benefits information, campus life, community resources and veteran support services," said Veterans First Coordinator Todd Stefan. "Operation Gateway" is also a great opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and

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Livermore Measures Would Reduce Council Compensation

The Livermore City Council voted to place two measures on the November 2014 ballot.

One would restructure future increases in compensation for the mayor and councilmembers to the lesser of either the change in the consumer price index for the San Francisco Bay Area from the prior election cycle or 5 percent of the existing compensation.

The second prohibits the city from paying the mayor and council members to participate in the health benefits provided to city employees. They can participate in benefits offered by the city to its employees on a self-paid basis.

If approved, compensation for councilmembers will be reduced from \$43,435 to \$13,007 a year for each councilmember. The mayor's would go down from \$51,320 to \$18,112 a year.

The proposal to reduce compensation was proposed by Mayor John Marchand. He pointed out that bargaining units have made concessions to the city when it comes to their compensation.

Councilmember Bob Woerner suggested that the issue be placed on the ballot to prevent future councils from making changes without voter approval.

They have signed the arguments in favor of the measures.

They note, "The Livermore Council is the only council in the region to voluntarily reduce benefits."



Nature created its own light spectacular Monday night in Springtown.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin Wins National Award for Public Housing

The City of Dublin was honored in Washington D.C. for its standout leadership in building Emerald Vista public housing as part of a mixed market development.

Vice-mayor Don Biddle accepted the honor, which was presented at a breakfast on June 11 in the Rayburn House Office Building.

Presenter was Rep. Eric Swalwell, Biddle's former colleague on the Dublin City Council. Swalwell noted that he voted for the project, and drives past it regularly when he is at home in the district.

Linda Mandolini, who is president of the city's non-profit partner, Eden Housing, said that Dublin won the award because of its exemplary accomplishment as a small city.

Most small cities don't find funds to rebuild old public housing, so they demolish it, instead of carrying it forward, said Mandolini. Dublin formed a partnership with Eden, a non-profit specializing in creating affordable housing.

Working with a private developer and using some federal money, Eden Housing and Dublin came up with a development that doubled the number of affordable

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Candidates Size Up Running As Nomination Period Opens Soon

The Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin city councils, mayoral positions and school boards all have elections coming up in November.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and East

Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Ward 5 also have terms that will be up for renewal.

The nomination period for the November 4, 2014 General Election opens on Monday, July 14, 2014 and

ends on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. In the event that an incumbent fails to file for re-election, the nomination period for that office is extended until Wednesday, August 13, 2014 for any candidate other than

the incumbent.

In Livermore, Mayor John Marchand's term expires, as do the seats held by Councilmembers Bob Woerner and Doug Horner, who is termed out.

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Pleasanton Executive Claims Company Is Developing A Breakthrough Battery

A Pleasanton business executive thinks his company has the answer to one of the major challenges to intermittent energy sources like wind and solar: How to store the energy for use when wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining. The executive, Bill Watkins, says his company's proprietary chemical processes have greatly improved the performance and economics of so-called vanadium flow batteries, which are known for their longevity and ability to store and discharge large amounts of energy.

They have also been known as expensive, bulky and sensitive to heat.

Watkins is CEO of Imergy, formerly called Deeya Energy. The company is based in Fremont, with battery testing stations in India and elsewhere.

In an interview, Watkins

spoke enthusiastically and energetically about the technology developments that he believes make Imergy a leader in the field of storage batteries.

Ironically, he was reluctant to take the CEO job last year when he was approached by two old friends from the venture capital firms NEA and Technology Partners, which had been key Imergy supporters for several years.

He had recently left his job as CEO of Bridgelux in Livermore and bought an old Christmas tree farm in Boulder Creek, which he and his son wanted to run as a ranch "to have some fun." Beyond that, he knew a bit about the battery business and doubted that there were any genuine leaders in the field.

Nevertheless, his venture capitalist friends persuaded him to take a look. The

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The Alameda County Fair comes to an end this Sunday, July 6. Until then, there are a variety of activities for all ages between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. A fireworks spectacular is planned for the 4th of July. For more information about the fair, go to page 10.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

State of the City Quality of Life Attracts Residenta & Businesses

Livermore Mayor John Marchand described the city as one of superlatives and contrasts, with the past building on the future creating an outstanding quality of life that attracts both residents and businesses.

Mayor Marchand made his remarks during his annual State of the City presentation. The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted the luncheon at the Robert Livermore Community Center last Thursday.

He began his talk by pointing out the contrasts found in Livermore. It features California's oldest commercial wine region and ranches that go back five generations, as well as cutting edge technology found at the national laboratories. He pointed out that Sandia National Laboratories' combustion research facility has

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sparky wants to plug into your heart! The energetic five-year-old always has a smile on his face and loves cuddling and attention. The Tibetan mix can't wait to charge into your home and become part of the family! Visit Sparky 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/V. Kelly

Supervisors Approve Final Budget; Closing a \$67.1 Million Funding Gap

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$2.8 billion Alameda County Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. It provides funding for 9,518 full-time equivalent positions and closes a \$67.1 million funding gap without major reductions to programs or staffing.

The funding gap is the smallest the County has faced in seven years. However, according to county officials, optimism about an economy picking up steam must be balanced with concerns about continued high demand for safety net services, and persistent questions about costs associated with health care reform and the ongoing shift of responsibility for thousands of nonviolent criminal offenders from the State diverted to local authorities.

The Public Safety Realignment brings many challenges, including the straining of resources at local jails that are not designed to house inmates for extended sentences. County officials continue to believe that funding provided by the State is inadequate to meet the many new responsibilities being handed off to local government. Board President and Budget Workgroup Chair Keith Carson stated, "Every time realignment is on the table, local government takes a financial hit.

In almost every instance, in fact, the State has used our local dollars to balance its budget."

The State Budget cuts funding for County indigent health programs under the presumption that people who have formerly received these services will instead benefit from subsidized health insurance coverage under the federal Affordable Health Care Act. County officials say that even under Obamacare and the expansion of the State's Medi-Cal program, an estimated 100,000 people in Alameda County may remain uninsured and will require County indigent health care services.

Alameda County's Final Budget addresses these concerns by including \$9.4 million in Alameda County General Fund support for primary care community-based providers, continuing funding the Board of Supervisors approved during FY 2013-14.

Alameda County's Final Budget includes several commitments intended to preserve Alameda County's assets over the long-term. These include a decision by the Board to set aside \$5.6 million in discretionary revenues for capital projects and building maintenance that have been deferred in recent years; a directive to pay down the County's unfunded liability for employee pen-

sions more aggressively; and a plan to restructure the County's grants and fund development programs to better coordinate and maximize partnerships with other governments, business and philanthropic organizations.

Alameda County's Final Budget for FY 2014-15 includes cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for many community-based organizations (CBOs) that provide services under contracts with the County. The Final Budget lists \$459.4 million for services provided by 242 CBOs that include health providers, re-entry programs for ex-offenders, employment and housing services to former foster youth, food programs for seniors and the poor, advocates for the disabled and many more.

County supervisors asked the County Administrator and Department heads to report back to them on some key policy issues and funding requests in the new fiscal year. These included requests for financing to bolster services for seniors and emergency shelter programs that have suffered from State and federal funding cuts; and a plan to provide more financial support to community-based alternatives to incarceration for offenders moving from State to local supervision.

Alameda County has created a new Budget Website to provide the public with in-depth information about County services and finances. It can be found at <http://budget.acgov.org/>.

Street Closures During 4th Festivities

There will be a community fireworks display held in downtown Livermore on the 4th of July.

Several roadways will be closed in the downtown core to assure the safety of community members walking in the area, and those viewing the fireworks show. The roadway closures will begin at 6:00 pm. First St. will be closed between Old First St. and S. Livermore Avenue. Railroad Ave. will be closed between Maple St. and South "L" St. Maple St. will be closed between Second St. and Railroad Ave. S. Livermore Ave. will be closed between First St. and Chestnut St. These roadways will be closed until about midnight. The parking garage will be closed to vehicles from 6:00 pm until about midnight. Vehicles may park in the garage prior to 6:00 pm, but will not be able to leave the garage until about midnight.

The fireworks show will begin at 9:30 PM and last about twenty minutes. Community members wishing to view the fireworks display are encouraged to congregate on the closed roadways of Railroad Ave. between South "I" St. and South "L" St., and on Maple St. between Railroad Ave. and Second St. These should be the prime viewing locations. Community members can bring chairs and set them up on the closed roadways.

The fireworks display will not be a high aerial show; instead it will be concentrated low level fireworks that will provide a spectacular show for those in the prime viewing locations. Community members wanting to view the fireworks from other than the prime viewing locations, should select a location within a few blocks of the parking garage, with visibility of the top of the parking garage.

There will likely be very congested traffic on all roadways surrounding downtown from 6:00 pm until after 10:30 pm. Community

members are encouraged to walk to the downtown area or use public transportation. WHEELS busses will be running on the 4th of July with service to the transit center in downtown. People not wanting to access the downtown area should use Fourth St. or Portola Ave. to travel through town, and avoid First St. and Railroad Ave.

Consumption of alcohol and possession of open containers of alcohol, in public places is not allowed in Livermore. Please do not bring alcohol to the fireworks event.

All fireworks are illegal in the City of Livermore. This includes "Safe and Sane" type fireworks that may be legal to purchase in other cities.

The Livermore Police Department will have extra officers working on the Fourth of July, and these officers will be looking for alcohol and fireworks violations.

Fire Up Your Feet Earns Jackson Avenue Elementary School Rewards

Students, families and staff at Jackson Avenue Elementary in Livermore recently participated in the Fire Up Your Feet Activity Challenge, competing to win awards to support physical activity and wellness programs at school.

Fire Up Your Feet was implemented as part of Kaiser Permanente Thriving Schools in 2013. Through the Spring and Fall challenges, Kaiser Permanente and Fire Up Your Feet have awarded more than \$114,000 to participating schools as of May 2014.

At participating schools, parents, students and school staff kept track of their physical activity during the month of April using the Fire Up Your Feet online activity tracker. Schools could win awards in several categories, including most overall participation, highest weekly activity tracking numbers, most bike activity, and more.

Health for our members and the communities we serve. Fire Up Your Feet is a great way to engage more people in this important work while providing schools with resources they can really use to increase physical activity before, during and after school."

"This was a true team effort," said Shari Johnston, principal at Jackson Avenue Elementary. "Our teachers, staff, students and their families are all making health and physical activity more of a priority. And when school resumes this Fall, we plan to pick up right where we left off."

Loel Solomon, vice president, Community Health, Kaiser Permanente, stated, "Kaiser Permanente is pleased to partner with Safe Routes to School National Partnership, schools wellness champions, students and their families to help create healthier school environments where everyone can thrive. Healthy schools are a key component of our approach to creating Total

Jackson Avenue plans to use its rewards to go towards purchasing equipment to support students in soccer activities during recess.

In California, 9,000 participants tracked more than 10 million minutes of activity. The challenge also took place in Colorado, Hawaii and the Metro Atlanta area.

The next Activity Challenge will take place October 1-31 in California and is open to any K-8 public, private or charter school. Sign up at fireupyourfeet.org.

VETERANS

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camaraderie at Las Positas College."

In addition to informational sessions and workshops, veterans will meet other veterans and enjoy two meals with students, staff, and members from community organizations. Textbook stipends also will be available for eligible student veterans. There is no charge for veterans to attend the seminar. However, visitors are reminded that there is a \$2 parking fee at the campus. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots.

Space is limited; early registration is recommended. Register by calling Stefan at 925-424-1571 or 1472 or emailing him at tstefan@laspositascollege.edu. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Liver-

more.

"Operation Gateway" is sponsored by the Las Positas College Veterans First Program, which provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 400 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at the College.

Support services include a full-time program coordinator, Veterans Resource Center, priority registration, transfer workshops, Textbook stipends for eligible students, a book loan program, a study/drop-in tutorial center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization. More information about the program is available at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

Work Planned on Streets in Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton engineering division reports that preventative maintenance and street resurfacing projects will occur on various streets between July 7, 2014 and September 2014. These projects are funded through Gas Tax, Vehicle Registration Fees and Measure B.

Traffic will remain open during construction. However, traffic delays are expected as some lane/roadway closures will be necessary. Vehicular access to your property maybe limited at time during construction. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

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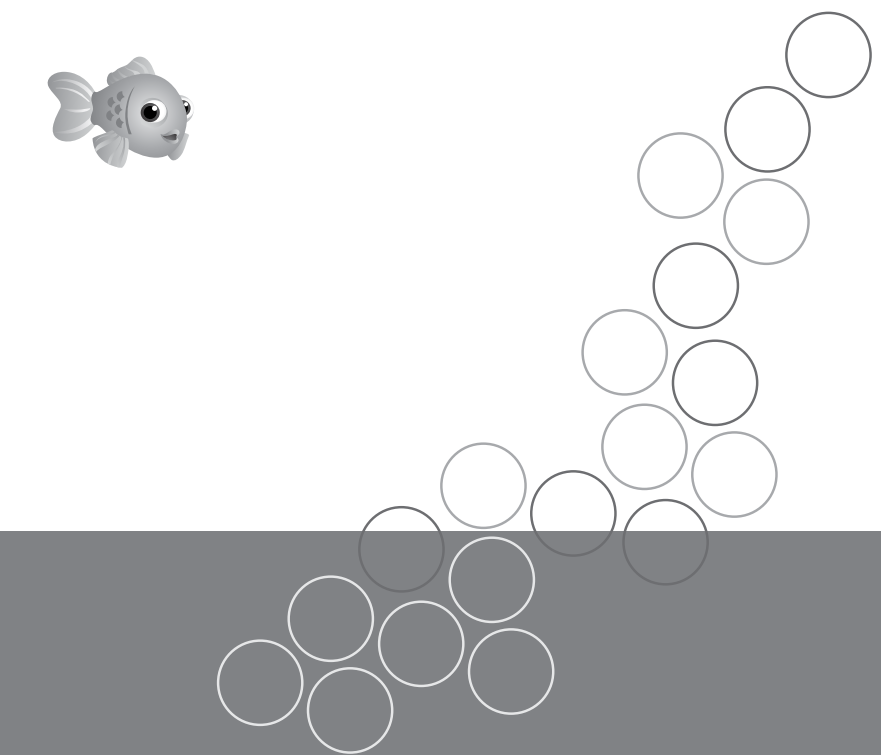
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Extra Law Enforcement

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are available for purchase in Dublin. The city's public safety divisions will be providing extra enforcement to ensure that fireworks are used safely, and that illegal firework use is minimized.

Illegal fireworks, which explode in the air or move along the ground, pose an even higher threat this year due to the extremely dry conditions of the Dublin hillsides, where there is great potential for wildfires. Penalties for those caught selling or using illegal fireworks can range from misdemeanor to felony charges, and can include fines and jail time.

Residents concerned about potential illegal fireworks or unsafe firework use, can call (925) 462-1212 to anonymously report these activities. If calling to report a fire, call 9-1-1.

To learn more about fireworks safety tips, where "Safe and Sane" fireworks will be sold, and where they can legally be used in Dublin, go to www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks.

Attempted Murder

Livermore Police arrested four juvenile males and one adult male following an investigation into an incident that occurred June 14.

However, due to lack of evidence, only one juvenile was charged with attempted murder and robbery. One other juvenile was charged with robbery. Both of these juveniles remain in custody at Juvenile Hall. The adult male was not charged.

On June 14, the Livermore Police Department responded to a disturbance reported on the jogging path under the Stanley Boulevard Bridge located at the corner of Murrieta Boulevard and Stanley Boulevard. LPD received several calls reporting that a group of males were beating another male under the bridge with sticks and pipes. Officers found the victim on the ground suffering severe upper body and facial injuries. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was admitted to ICU and underwent several surgeries.

During the investigation, LPD Detectives were able to link the same group to a strong-armed robbery that occurred seven hours prior to the attempted homicide.

As of today, the victim continues to recover from his injuries. LPD detectives continue to actively investigate this case.

The Livermore Police Department is seeking the community's assistance in locating and identifying additional suspects in this case. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or can provide further information, is encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4755. Those wishing to remain anonymous may do so.

Hero Award to DeSaulnier

Senator Mark DeSaulnier has received the Hero Award from K to College. Senator DeSaulnier won the award in part for authoring legislation to create the School Supplies for Homeless Children Fund. The fund will provide tens of thousands of homeless children with the basic materials needed to achieve in the classroom. Senator DeSaulnier carried SB 1571 in 2012 to establish the fund. He is currently carrying SB 761 to ensure that the funds are distributed in a timely and efficient manner. The fund has raised over \$644,000 since 2013.

K to College is a nonprofit operating the largest charitable school and dental supply program in California. Since 2010, K to College has distributed more than \$14,500,000 of grade-appropriate school and dental supply kits to more than 230,000 students in more than 100 California school districts.

West Nile Virus in County

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District reports that Alameda County, along with the rest of California, has seen an increase in West Nile virus positive dead birds this year compared to last.

To date, four American crows from the Livermore area have tested positive for the virus, two of which were picked up last week. Last year, the District found its first positive bird the second week of July. Birds are the reservoir for West Nile virus. Dead birds can be an indication that the virus is present in an area. Anyone who comes across a dead bird is asked to report it by calling (877)WNV-BIRD or online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

According to the CDC, there is no danger of contracting the virus from handling intact dead birds; however, the following procedure is suggested to keep

hands clean when collecting a specimen: Turn a plastic bag inside-out, and pick up the bird with the hands protected by the bag. Turn the bag right-side-out. The bag should then be tied or sealed and placed inside another plastic bag.

District Manager, Chindi Peavey said, "Current drought conditions may actually create more mosquitoes than seasons with more rain water. Healthy creeks that normally flow may dry down leaving pockets with standing water making the perfect mosquito habitat. The warm weather and plenty of man-made water sources, such as neglected swimming pools, containers, and storm drains, also provide perfect conditions and habitat for mosquitoes to thrive."

West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for West Nile virus. Approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, or rash. Less than one percent will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis. Adults over 50 years old and people with compromised immune systems are at increased risk of serious complications. Anyone who develops symptoms should seek medical care immediately.

Since horses are very susceptible to West Nile virus and vaccines are available, horse owners are advised to contact their veterinarians immediately about vaccinations.

Residents can request mosquitofish for their fish ponds, horse troughs, etc. by contacting our District office. We are located in Hayward at 23187 Connecticut St. Our phone number is (510)783-7744. For information concerning West Nile virus symptoms, prevention or testing please contact the Alameda County Public Health Department at (510)267-8001.

Police Ask Public's Help

Detectives from the Livermore Police Department have arrested 30-year-old Jason Quero, a resident of Mountain House California. The arrest followed from a sexual abuse investigation that began on June 23, 2014. The investigation thus far has revealed that the sexual abuse occurred between 2010 and 2011. During that time, Quero was employed as a Campus Supervisor at the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). While employed at LVCS, it is alleged that Quero sexually abused a 14-year-old female student of the LVCS.

Quero has worked for the Livermore Valley Charter School since 2005. Quero has been released from his employment at the school. In addition to his employment as a Campus Supervisor, Quero contracted with LVCS to provide karate lessons to students on campus after school hours under the name of Golden State Seibukan Academy. Quero has previously worked for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) as a substitute Campus Supervisor at Arroyo Mocho School from 2003-2005, and for the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District as a teacher's aide at the Arroyo Mocho School ESS program from 2001-2003.

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which manages the Charter School, issued the following statement, "The TVLC Board and LVCS site administration and staff are cooperating fully with law enforcement officials, while conducting and concluding a simultaneous personnel investigation. As always, while aware of all persons due process rights, if we discover that any adult or staff member has placed a student or students at risk, we take appropriate, swift and decisive action.

"We are not at liberty to discuss specifics or details, as the alleged victim is a minor and has the right and expectation of privacy and confidentiality."

Any staff, student, parent or community member who has concerns or information pertinent to these investigations is asked to contact the Livermore Police Department and/or TVLC CEO, Bill Batchelor, LVCS Principal, Tara Aderman or TVLC General Legal Counsel, Derek Austin.

The Livermore Police Department is encouraging parents to talk to their children who may have had contact with Quero. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 294-7531. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

Tri-Valley Socks Donates \$50,000 to ValleyCare for Cancer Programs

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation recently received a \$50,000 donation from Tri-Valley Socks (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures), a local organization that raises funds for breast cancer research, treatment, and educational programs. The donation came from their recent "Bras for the Cause" fundraising walk held on Mother's Day weekend, May 10 in downtown Pleasanton.

The donated funds will be used for the Cancer Navigation Program, where a nurse helps "navigate" cancer patients through their diagnosis, treatment and follow-up; Integrative Medicine Program that includes nutritional education, acupunc-

ture, acupuncture, massage, guided/visual imagery and deep breathing; and breast cancer education programs and support services at ValleyCare.

One in eight women is diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S., and statistics in the Bay Area are high. Nearly everyone has been touched by this disease and many who participate in the Tri-Valley Socks "Bras for the Cause" Walk often do so in memory of a loved one or to honor the spirit of a survivor.

"We are honored to be given such a meaningful donation from such a dedicated group," said Scott Gregerson, ValleyCare CEO, at the check presentation on June

25. "This is the third year in a row they have given to ValleyCare. It is collaborations with community partners such as Tri-Valley Socks that will enable ValleyCare to continue providing our community with the high quality care it deserves."



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EDITORIAL

Regulating Tobacco

The City of Dublin continues to exhibit leadership when it comes to tobacco use. The Dublin City Council recently passed strict regulations designed to keep "electronic tobacco" or e-cigarettes away from children.

An electronic cigarette is a battery-powered vaporizer that simulates tobacco smoking.

A speaker from the Alameda County Health Department told the council that research has shown that adolescents who did not smoke tobacco, but became addicted to e-cigarettes, then switched to tobacco.

In Dublin, electronic tobacco products and use of them will now be governed by the same rules as those regulating tobacco. They 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.

Earlier this year, Dublin received an "A" grade from the American Lung Association for its adoption of tobacco control policies, the second year in a row the city has achieved the high grade.

Livermore and Pleasanton received "D" grades.

The grades are awarded for how well jurisdictions are doing with the adoption of tobacco control policies.

Dublin is to be congratulated. Livermore and Pleasanton need to be more proactive in controlling the use of tobacco, including e-cigarettes.

No Deficit Spending This Year for Livermore Schools

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District finds itself in an unusual position - income is predicted to exceed expenditures during the 2014-15 budget year.

The school board approved its place holder budget at last week's meeting. It's called "place holder," because not all of the impacts of the state's budget are known. However, the Livermore district still anticipates it will not see deficit spending in the coming year. The final budget will be approved August 4.

Board President Kate Runyon commented, "I am so excited to see a budget for the first time in a long time with no deficit spending."

2014-2015 general fund revenues are budgeted at \$104,906,980; general fund expenditures at \$104,681,149. The ending fund balance is projected to be \$3,713,792, of which \$3,140,435 is set aside as a 3% reserve, \$200,000 is des-

ignated for revolving cash and stores inventory, leaving a balance of \$373,357 as undesignated.

Chief Business Official Susan Kinder remarked, "This is the first time we have seen a positive number on this line in some time."

There was some discussion regarding the state's new requirement, limiting reserves to 6 percent of the operating budget, while requiring 3 percent reserves. Board member William Dunlop stated, "It's ironic that the state is putting a limit on reserves. If a district goes below the 3 percent set aside, the state can take control of the budget. It was our reserves that helped prevent a catastrophe over the past few years."

Board member Anne White said there is a lot of anger aimed at the state over the proposed change. People don't remember that it was reserves that allowed us to carry on with programs.

FOOD HUB

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Another benefit would be preservation of farmland, which would help the county meet the goals set by Measure D for the encouragement of agriculture

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Study Finds Transportation Expenditure Plan Would Boost the Economy, Create Jobs

An independent report by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute released on July 1 found that the 2014 Alameda CTC Transportation Expenditure Plan will create \$20 billion in direct and indirect economic activity and will stimulate the creation of 150,000 jobs (equivalent of full-time, one-year jobs).

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to act on the 2014 Plan on July 8, 2014 to vote to place it on the November 2014 ballot.

Voters would then decide on the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan and measure that would extend a county-wide sales tax for thirty years. The tax would go from a half-cent to one cent. A similar measure in 2012 failed by just over 700 votes. Many believed it failed because it did not include a sunset clause, which it now does. A two-

thirds majority is required for approval.

Included the expenditure plan is \$400 million for a BART extension to Livermore down the I-580 median to Isabel Avenue.

The report, titled "In the Fast Lane: Improving Reliability, Stabilizing Local Funding, and Enabling the Transportation Systems of the Future in Alameda County" by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, notes, "Well-functioning transportation systems are critical to economic competitiveness." The 2014 Plan invests in current and future transportation needs and will translate into broader economic gains across the region, supporting quality of life and economic competitiveness.

"We've known that local transportation investments have a far-reaching and positive impact on the local economy. It is reassuring to see that the numbers in this

study support that conclusion," says Alameda CTC Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "The 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan will be a huge boost to a recovering economy with increased opportunities for employment, creating good local jobs that benefit Alameda County and the Bay Area region.

"With voter approval in November, we will be able to deliver projects that not only create jobs and boost the local economy, but also will keep transit fares low for seniors, youth and people with disabilities, expand and modernize BART and reduce traffic congestion in trouble spots throughout the Alameda County."

Tracey Grose, vice president of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute says, "Our report shows conclusively just how important the 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan is for Alameda

County and the region. It supports a well-functioning transportation system, which is critical to the county's and region's global economic competitiveness."

Well-functioning transportation systems support the clustering of firms, expand the regional labor pool, improve safety and reliability, conserve natural resources, improve quality of life and lower the cost of moving people and goods. Alameda County is the hub of Bay Area commute flows, with the second largest population in the region, one of the fastest growing counties and the second largest employment base in the region. Additionally, 37 percent of Bay Area workers travel to, from or through the county, and 53 percent of Alameda County workers live outside the county.

Visit www.alamedactc.org/2014Plan to learn more.

Court Hearing Today For UC and Retirees

A court hearing was scheduled for today, July 3, in a lawsuit aimed at restoring University of California medical care to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees.

A grassroots retirees group is trying to convert its suit to a class action after more than 90 percent of membership voted for the change. The matter was scheduled to be heard

in Superior Court in Oakland, with possible outcomes ranging from postponement to a decision to grant or reject the class action.

The retirees lost UC health care when the U.S. Department of Energy removed the University as sole operator of the Laboratory beginning in 2008. UC was replaced by a for-profit consortium, which set up an industrial style health care

program for retirees.

Upset by the change, which many considered was leading to unreliable and more expensive medical coverage, the retirees formed a grass roots organization to persuade the University to take them back into its health care program under the same conditions as retirees from the campuses.

Failing that, they filed suit in 2010. UC is contest-

ing the suit. Various court rulings have confirmed that the retirees have standing to sue, but the final outcome is unclear.

Leadership of the retirees group hope that conversion to class action will increase pressure on the University, which they fear is stonewalling in the belief that the retirees will run out of patience or funds for further legal action.

DUBLIN

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units beyond the old housing. The project also added fair market housing.

There are now 180 affordable apartments, including 50 reserved for seniors, who have their own area. There are also 198 units for sale units, including 14 at rates below market.

The senior development, called Carlow Court, has a raised turf area that residents can use for gardening. Courtyards, a library and a community center are included.

The other area, Wicklow Way, features a community

center, as well as a child-care site, which the old public housing installation also included.

The architecture was designed so that no one can identify it as a public project. It looks just like the neighborhoods near it, said Mandolini.

Biddle said, we still get visitors from other cities, who come to look at the development. We just had people from Concord. A lot of people don't understand that public housing is included. They expect big buildings, like Chicago public housing.

MAILBOX

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LARPD Vote

Faye Younker

The recent decision of the LARPD Board to support the preservation of the Tesla park lands is to be commended. This action enables LARPD to keep Tesla in its Master Plan as a potential future regional preserve, to communicate support for its preservation to the state, and to comment on the Draft EIR for the proposed expansion of Carnegie SVRA into Tesla land.

Special thanks go to board members Beth Wilson, Bob Coomber, and Steve Goodman for recognizing the natural and cultural resources of these beautiful lands and for providing leadership on this important issue. It is my hope that all of our local agencies will follow LARPD's lead and support the preservation of Tesla. Their involvement can make a positive difference in ensuring that this rare gem of land on the outskirts of Livermore is protected for all forever.

The Elixir of Life Cherie Bates Livermore

When my son was in high school his track coach

always ended the practice by reminding the athletes to drink water and plenty of it. He called it "The elixir of the gods." According to an interview on Harvard School Public Health the average American consumes about 1,600 gallons of water a day directly and indirectly (showing, toileting, drinking, etc.) The report indicates that it takes 52 gallons of water to make one glass of milk. Yikes! <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/magazine/distilling-the-truth-about-water>

This morning as I emptied the 10th glass of water into the "clean water" bucket, I wondered out loud if anyone else is doing this or something similar to preserve water during the drought in northern California - preserving the elixir of the God who provides. It is appalling to me that it takes ten-16 oz. glasses of water to get the warm water from the water heater to the upstairs bathroom. 'Starting tonight', I tell myself, 'I'll use the kitchen sink downstairs that is about 10 feet from the water heater and see how much water it takes to get it warm enough to wash my face, for crying out loud!' And I did and still do.

Seriously, I feel guilt if I let water run down the drain for any purpose other than bathing or doing laundry and if I could figure out how to capture that water I would. As it is when I wash dishes in my sink instead of using the dish washer I collect the water in a "dirty water" bucket and pour it on my brown dead lawn in hopes that the roots will have enough to hold on until the rainy season this winter... will we have a rainy season?

Golly, when is the last time we have had a true rainy season winter? Seems like forever.

At the downstairs sink I find that it takes about half the water to get warm water, but I'm still feeling guilty over that and I still collect the water. Leaving the bucket under the spigot as I wash, I allow myself one double handful of water to get my face wet, turn the water off, cleanse with face cleanser, then three handfuls of water to rinse - and yes, it all goes in the "dirty water" bucket which in turns goes on my brown lawn. Better but not good enough.

The same basic routine occurs now when I shower. I collect the cold water from the shower faucet in the "clean water" bucket until it is warm, turn the water off, remove the bucket, step into the shower stall, close the glass door, turn the water on and quickly pull the little knob that releases water to the shower head - holding my breathe for the eruption of cold water before the warm. This is where the farm girl in me kicks in. I wet down quickly and turn the water off. Suds up everywhere except my face, turn the water back on hoping for it to be warm since it was warm only moments ago... not! Let out a little yelp and mumble something I will now have to ask forgiveness for and quickly rinse. Hurriedly I use my face cleanser to wash my face, quickly rinse again and, sadly, I turn the water off. I say sadly because I love to stand with the water coursing over me even if for a few moments of peace before readying for the busy day. Out of the shower I go, 'Don't

trip over the bucket outside the shower stall.' I remind myself, 'One broken toe a year is enough.' Towel dry, and I'm done. Full of self satisfaction that I am contributing to saving precious water in our little corner of the world called Livermore. Right? Nope, I have to take it one step further. I have to write about it, hoping others will pick up on it.

Let's keep going on this elixir theme and see what else we can do.

You have a dirty car, so do I, so do thousands of others. If you must wash your car try a car wash where you know they recycle the water. Better yet, wash it yourself once a month using the same technique as the shower routine. Quick rinse, lather up, quick rinse...done. Another thought, go one further and pull your car onto your lawn and wash it there. There's a double benefit - clean car and wet roots for the brown lawn. In between washing take a dry cloth and dust your car, wash only the windows, and pass the word.

I'm not evangelizing nor am I on a soapbox nor am I perfect with my water consumption, but this is serious stuff folks. I remember watching National Geographic, Our Big Planet and other shows about our earth and its inhabitants. I remember hearing about and seeing in pictures and film on TV women that walk hours with empty jugs on their heads to a river that was miles away from their homes to collect water for their family. They did and still do this day after day. I remember seeing pictures of dead animals in Africa lying

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ELECTION

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Marchand plans to run for another two-year term. He told The Independent, "The true reason to serve in elective office is for the community to be a better place because you served." Marchand said that when he is out in the community, people tell him how much they love Livermore, and the great things the council is doing.

Woerner, who was appointed two years ago when Marchand moved up to mayor, will face his first election contest. He is running because he says he wants to continue to improve the quality of life and preserve the open space. Fiscal responsibility is another motivator. "I want to make sure that funds are spent wisely," he stated.

Planning commissioner Steven Spedowski has announced that he will run for City Council. He wrote in a press release that he plans "to run a campaign focused on core values that make Livermore a great place to live -- preserving the open space, maintaining the voter-approved urban limit line, expanding transportation services (including BART to Livermore along the freeway), encouraging business development and growth, and creating strategies for long-term financial stability."

In Pleasanton, Mayor Jer-

ry Thorne, Councilmembers Kathy Narum and Cheryl Cook-Kallio have expiring terms. Cook-Kallio has reached term limits. Olivia Sanwong has formed a 2014 council committee. She was a candidate to fill the seat vacated by Thorne when he was elected mayor. Narum won that election.

Thorne has announced that he will seek another two-year term. Narum was not available for comment. For more information, prospective candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Pleasanton City Clerk by calling (925) 931-5027.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti has reached term limits, and will be running in November for the 16th Assembly District seat against Dublin resident and Pleasanton attorney Catharine Baker.

Dublin councilmembers Kevin Hart and David Haubert told The Independent that they will be seeking the mayor's job. Both will run from safe seats on the council. If not elected mayor, they would remain on the council.

Hart said, "Many things to be done to move the city forward." He mentioned economic development and open space. "We have the Let Dublin Decide initiative. I'm a strong supporter of defeating that," said Hart. Also, some have said that they are

proud of Dublin being No. 2 in the state in growth, but "I'm not proud of that. We need to slow down," Hart said.

Haubert said that he has begun a financial campaign for a run for mayor. He said he has endorsements from the I-680 corridor mayors -- Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton, Bill Clarkson of San Ramon, and Robert Storer of Danville. He also has been endorsed by former Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, and former San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson.

Kasie Hildenbrand, who termed out of the Dublin Council in 2012, plans to run for mayor.

On the Dublin council, the terms of Vice-mayor Don Biddle and Councilmember Abe Gupta are expiring. Biddle told The Independent that he will run again, and will make a formal announcement after Independence Day.

Gupta told The Independent that he plans to run in November because he wants to continue to be a voice on the council for smart, progressive growth. He cited a desire to bring in more tech companies, maintain open space, and "create a safe vibrant community."

Gupta said, "I championed the defeat of the conceived Doolan Canyon development when it was first proposed. I want to continue to stop projects like that, while supporting innovation in the Tri-Valley

and the extension of BART to Livermore."

On the Livermore school board, terms expire for Bill Dunlop, Kate Runyon, and Anne White. The election also will fill the remaining two years for the term of Tom McLaughlin, who died recently.

White, who was first elected to the school board in 1990, said that she is committed to running again. She said that she is excited about the coming Core Curriculum and its implementation. Also, she has become one of 30 members of the board of directors of the California School Board Association, a step up from the delegate position that she held previously. She wants to be able to make contributions from that more powerful position.

In Pleasanton, school trustees Joan Laursen and Jeff Bowser have expiring terms. Both said that they will be running again.

Bowser said that the key issue for him will be to continue the work the board has done, continue with smaller class sizes, and strong fiscal stewardship. "We have a balanced budget, and no layoffs. It's all good news."

Laursen said, "While I am proud of the improvements we have made in our district over the past four years, I still have many things I wish to accomplish with our team. To quote Robert Frost, 'But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep.'"

In Dublin, the terms of school board president Sean Kenney and trustee Megan Rouse will expire. Rouse, who was appointed in January 2013, said that she will be running.

Rouse said, "We are thriving and growing, and I want to continue my work on the school board to make sure our district remains fiscally responsible and sound, to approach learning in a way that values every child, and to strengthen communications and partnerships with

families, teachers and staff." Kenney could not be reached for comment.

In LARPD, David Hutchinson, Bob Coomber, and Maryalice Faltings have expiring terms. They had not responded by press time as to whether they would be running. For more information, call Gretchen Sommers with LARPD at 925-373-5725.

EBRPD 5th Ward director Ayn Wieskamp's term is also up.

In Congress, voters in

June chose incumbent Democrat Eric Swalwell and Republican Hugh Bussell to face off in November.

Nomination documents are available at the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office, 1225 Fallon St., Room G-1, in Oakland.

Candidates for municipal offices should contact the respective City Clerk for information on obtaining nomination documents.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6933.

BATTERY

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company had made "breakthroughs in chemistry," they told him. They thought it was ready to become an international leader. It needed a more senior management team, which he could head.

Watkins brought in another friend, Tim Hennessy, former CEO of Prudent Energy, a leading battery company, to check out Imergy's chemistry claims. Hennessy did so, reporting that "this is the most unbelievable thing I've ever seen," Watkins recalls.

Hennessy joined the company and today is president.

Central to the company's future is its ability to make vanadium flow batteries economical. Vanadium is a metal commonly used in making steel. It has multiple oxidation states, which means that an electric current can be made to flow from a solution of vanadium in one state to a solution of vanadium in another.

The process involves the opposing chemical processes of reduction and oxidation, so vanadium flow systems are often referred to as "redox" batteries. Research on them goes back decades. University of New South Wales holds several key patents from the 1980s. NASA has carried out research.

Conceptually, vanadium flow batteries are attractive because -- in contrast to lead acid, lithium and most other systems -- they seem not to degrade no matter how often they are cycled or how long they are left discharged. There are few if any destructive chemical reactions because they use a single element for their electrolyte. Storage capacity can be increased almost without limit simply by increasing

battery size, making them potentially useful for large sites like wind power farms and communities with solar energy needs.

For example, according to a recent broadcast by the BBC, energy experts are exploring the use of vanadium flow batteries for communities on Hawaii, where electrical rates are extremely high. There, more electricity is generated by solar photovoltaic systems than can be used during the day, so storage systems are needed to provide electricity at night.

On the other hand, vanadium is expensive and in demand by other industries, such as steel, keeping the price high. Vanadium flow systems have a low power density in comparison with other rechargeable batteries, so they tend to be bulky.

In addition, vanadium flow batteries have historically lost performance in high temperatures (above 95 degrees F.)

To Watkins, these are precisely the challenges that the company's chemists, led by chief technology officer Majid Keshavarz, have overcome. Perhaps most importantly for economic competitiveness, they have learned to use vanadium at lower levels of purity than traditional flow batteries require. Watkins calls this "masking" the impurities, allowing Imergy to purchase and use vanadium at 98.6 percent purity rather than the standard 99.9 percent.

"That doesn't seem like a big difference, but it's a massive difference in commodities. It allows us to buy vanadium from a refinery process that comes from sludge (from steel and oil

production)...If you refine it only to 98.6 percent, it's very cheap. If you try to refine it above 99 percent, it becomes very expensive."

Where the sludge has a higher level of vanadium than required, they can even sell the excess on the market, giving it "residual value," he said.

Watkins said the company's chemists have increased the system's power density threefold, meaning they can build a 10 kilowatt storage battery that is no larger than much smaller systems used to be. They also "found a way to extend the temperature range to 55 degrees C.," or 131 F.

The company now has 18 months of operating data from northern India showing no degradation of performance, he said. This potentially opens up markets in Africa and Asia.

Another business strength, according to Watkins, is that Imergy's vanadium flow batteries will perform for 20 years, which is the typical lifetime of solar, wind and other generators of intermittent energy. If confirmed in future tests, this would make it possible for the generator owners to factor energy storage costs in with their business plans rather than guess at how storage expenses and technologies will change after 5 or 10 years.

Less than a year after he was hired to run Imergy, Watkins is full of energy and enthusiasm for the company and its product. Energy storage is expected to grow into a multi-billion dollar business in the next several years, according to industry analysts. Watkins expects Imergy to be in a position to lead the field.

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LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Livermore on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for the following Officers and Measures:

For Mayor

For 2 Members of the City Council

Full term of two years

Full term of four years

Shall the ordinance restricting future increases in the monthly compensation for the mayor and council members to the lesser of either the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Bay Area from the prior election cycle or 5% of the then existing compensation be adopted?	YES
	NO

Shall the ordinance that prohibits the City from paying for the mayor and council members to participate in the health benefits provided to City employees be adopted?	YES
	NO

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 14, 2014 at 8:00 am and closes on August 8, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Susan Neer, City Clerk

Dated: June 26, 2014

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SPORTS NOTES

Local Olympians Come Home with Medals

By Carol Graham

What started on June 27 with more than 700 athletes descending on the University of California, Davis campus, ended three days later with a trio of Tri-Valley competitors taking home medals in their events at the Special Olympics Northern California (SONC) Summer Games.

Pleasanton's Jennifer Thomas, 27, a Safeway employee, earned gold in the Turbo Jav, and silvers in the 200m run and 400m run.

Livermore's Ryan Butterly, 19, a participant in the transition program at Granada High School, earned gold in the 800m run, silver in the Turbo Jav, and a ribbon in the 400m run.

Pleasanton's Torren Pickett, 39, a Mountain Mike's Pizza employee, earned silvers in the 100m run and Turbo Jav, and a ribbon in the 400m run.

"There aren't really enough words to describe the exhilaration, pride and joy we feel," said SONC coach Kay King. "The athletes work so hard and do their very best. Regardless of the outcome, they are so happy."

The Tri-Valley athletes began training in March for the SONC Regional Competition event, which was held in May at Pleasanton's Amador Valley High School. Athletes who won a gold medal in the regional competition were eligible for the random drawing to attend Summer Games.

"The athletes don't see themselves as people with disabilities," said King, adding that she calls Ryan, whose main diagnosis is cerebral palsy, "my precision athlete because for anything he is tasked to do, he researches, like how to throw the javelin or how to run the 800m - when to go fast, when to slow down, and when to kick it in. That's just how focused he is."

Added Ryan's grand-



Pictured, left to right are Ryan Butterly, Jennifer Thomas, Torren Pickett

mother Judy Butterly, "People with developmental disabilities need to get out and socialize. They need to have that venue where they can say, 'I have something to do, and I have somewhere to go.'"

In fact, Ryan was one of the torch bearers when the Special Olympics' Flame of Hope made its way through Alameda County prior to the start of Summer Games. The flame, escorted by various law enforcement agency personnel, made its way to UC Davis's Aggie Stadium

to light the cauldron during Opening Ceremonies.

Summer Games is one of the largest SONC sporting events held every year, the culminating competition for the spring sports season with athletes competing in aquatics, bocce, tennis, and track and field. The minimum age for competitors is eight years old, with no upper age limit. Since athletes have varying ability levels, they are divided to compete against athletes of approximately the same ability level.

"The two Tri-Valley athletes who took gold are now potentially in the mix for the World Games," King said of the Special Olympics' flagship event which will next take place in 2015 in Los Angeles.

"Watching all the athletes compete in their events was truly the highlight for the families, coaches and supporters," King added. "It doesn't matter if the athletes finish first or last; the enthusiasm and pride in their accomplishments is seen in the smiles on their faces."

Briarhill vs. FAST

Briarhill Barracudas took on FAST (Foothill Area Swim Team) in a Tri-Valley Swim League meet. FAST prevailed by a score of 467 to 456.

Briarhill Barracudas Top Swimmers (age in parenthesis):

- Matteo Naderi (8) Butterfly, Backstroke
- Bella Dugorepec (11) Freestyle and Butterfly
- Joshua Ko (12) Butterfly, Individual Medley
- Isabelle Townsend (14) Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley
- Andrew Voit (14) Freestyle, Individual Medley
- Cole Melloch (17) Freestyle, Butterfly, Individual Medley
- FAST Dolphins Top Swimmers (ages in parenthesis):
- Landon Kenney (6) Freestyle, Butterfly, Backstroke
- Katie Salonga (8) Freestyle, Backstroke
- Darragh Kennedy (9) Butterfly, Individual Medley
- Katrina Terpstra (10) Freestyle, Individual Medley
- McKenna Moura (15) Individual Medley, Backstroke

Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 8U Summer Travel Ball team headed up to Lake Tahoe on the weekend of June 20th to compete in the Capitol Sports Association ASA Junior Olympic Pitch Softball Tournament at Incline

Village. The girls played inspired softball the entire weekend.

With a tough pool play schedule on Saturday, Smoke managed to go 2-1, beating Novato Heat and the Vallejo Hurricanes while losing a tough late afternoon matchup to the Pleasant Hill Panthers. On Sunday the girls from Livermore managed wins against the Rhonert Park Rebels and Pleasanton Phantom and found themselves once again matched up against the Pleasant Hill Panthers in the Championship Game. Livermore Smoke would not be denied in this tough game, coming from behind twice to win the game in 6 innings by a score of 3-2.

Great pitching, timely hitting and an unbelievable double play to end the game secured the Championship for Smoke.

Fusion Soccer

This past weekend, the Fusion U13 Girls Maroon Team dominated two different age groups as they competed in the World Cup Beach Soccer Championships in Santa Cruz. Splitting the regular team into two beach soccer teams, the girls entered two different age groups, U13 and U14. Both teams breezed through pool play, going undefeated in their respective brackets, and securing their spots in the finals.

The Crabby Beaches, playing U13, went on to win a very close championship game, taking first in the tournament. The Lil' Beaches, playing

up an age group, played a fierce final game, losing in the last seconds to a very seasoned Santa Cruz team. They finished second.

Both teams were strong competitors and have a lot to be proud of.

Karate Tournament

Seventeen students from Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore competed at The League's Shark City Nationals karate tournament on June 21, 2014 in San Jose, CA. The following students competed and placed:

Kata: Jack Badger - 3rd Place 5U Traditional Kata; AJ Martin - 2nd Place 6-7 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Caitlyn Macias - First Timers 6-7 yr old Kata and 3rd Place 6-7 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Giovanni Rodriguez - 3rd place 8-9 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata

Gianna Rodriguez - 8-9 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Sofie McMichael - 8-9 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Caydence Johnson - 8-9 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Helena Macias - 1st Place 8-9 yr old Intermediate Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Brooklyn Pehargou - 2nd place 10-11 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata;

Sydney Isaac - 10-11 yr old Novice Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Paul Curbelo - 3rd Place 12-13 yr old Intermediate Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Elizabeth Garcia - 1st Place 12-13 yr old Advanced Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Katrina Curbelo - 1st Place 14-17 yr old Intermediate Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata; Joseph Ventura - 2nd Place 18+ Black Belt Kenpo/Kajukenbo Kata

Sparring: Jack Badger - 2nd Place 5U Boys All Ranks Sparring; AJ Martin - First Timers 6-7 yr old Boys Sparring; Giovanni Rodriguez - First Timers 8-9 yr old Boys Sparring; Caydence Johnson - 1st Place 8-9 yr old Girls Novice Sparring; Gianna Rodriguez - 2nd Place 8-9 yr old Girls Novice Sparring

Sofie McMichael - 3rd Place 8-9 yr old Girls Novice Sparring; Mayalanni Erediano - 1st Place 8-9 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring; Alexis Aying - 1st Place 9-Girls Advanced/Black Belt Sparring and 9-Girls Sparring Grand Champion; Sydney Isaac - 3rd Place 10-11 yr old Girls Novice Sparring; Brooklyn Pehargou - 10-11 yr old Girls Novice Sparring

Madeleine May - First Timers 10-11 yr old Girls Sparring and 10-11 yr old Girls Novice Sparring; Paul Curbelo - 12-13 yr old Boys Intermediate Sparring; Elizabeth Garcia - 2nd Place 12-13 yr old Girls Advanced Sparring; Katrina Curbelo - 1st Place 14-17 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring; Joseph Ventura - 2nd Place 18+ Men's Super Light Weight Black Belt Sparring

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 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 on-line registration can be accessed at: www.Active.com, Search "Run San



Smoke 8U team members include Kaitlyn Aguilar, Audrey Sweet, Elizabeth Ruiz, Miranda Peters, Sierra Black, Delilah VanderBeek, Jayden Morton, Autumn Johnson, Sophia Raridan, Lauren Melton, Sydney Aguilar, Hannah Temple, Maliah Castro and (not pictured Maggie Robinson). Coaches are Dan Ruiz, Rudy Peters, Steve Black, Manger-Elvis Aguilar and (not pictured Christina Raridan).



The Crabby Beaches (a.k.a. Fusion U13 Girls Maroon) take first place at Sand Soccer World Cup. Pictured from top left are Coach Trish Vlha, Lexi Trucco, Kailee Haskins, Kayla Jones, Nicole Fairbanks, Sarah Vlha, Aly Silva; bottom, Alora Garcia and Nikki Trucco



The Livermore Mavericks 12U finished second in the Slatmerrys Sparktacular in San Ramon on June 28/29. After two extremely long and challenging days at the ball fields the girls consistently played strong. Pictured are (front, from left) Jay Louangrath and Delilah Corral; (middle) Sabrina Pertica, Ally Sprugasci, Anna Ramirez and Brianna Wheelock; (back) Coach Steve Pepperdine, Coach Doug Roberts, Kylie Roberts, Melanie Laronde, Rachael Gomez and Coach John Sprugasci. Missing from picture is Sarah Sanchez who played all games on Saturday and helped her team seed 2nd.



Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore competed at The League's Shark City Nationals karate tournament.

Ramon", or at www.sanramon.ca.gov or by calling 925.973.3200.

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 growth as an A-team 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.

Fall Baseball for 8th/9th graders

The Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club provides 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 and will continue through the months of June/July.

Teams play in the highly competitive (Bay Area/Valley) tournament circuit as well as some regional PONY league double headers. The team will typically have two practices (One field and one indoor at our facility) per week and up to two tournaments per month. We are looking for players born between May 1, 2000 and September 1, 2001 - age as of April 30, 2015. Please contact us right away to schedule an evaluation or to get more details about the fall tryouts at outlawstravelball@yahoo.com or call 925-337-3724 or search us on Facebook at Livermore Outlaws Baseball Club.



Matai Faiapa'u of the Granada Little League 9 year old tournament team lays down a successful bunt. He comes all the way around to score the tying run on the play. Photo - Bill Hale

Golf Tourney Benefits REACH

By Carol Graham

After practice one day, coach Kay King remembers walking with several athletes around the track when she noticed two ladies watching her.

"They gave me a look like, 'Oh, isn't that sweet.' I wondered, 'What are they looking at?'" said King, laughing. "I had no indication that I was walking with people with disabilities. Working with them for two years, you see them as individuals."

It's a common realization for people who work with the developmentally challenged, and one that the Tri-Valley's REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing) for Special Adults hopes to inspire in others.

On Monday, July 28th, REACH will hold its 8th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner Banquet fundraiser at the Castlewood Country Club. All are invited to attend.

"Everyone shows up and there's a lot of energy," said King, who is a REACH board member in addition to being a Special Olympics Northern California coach. "There's a putting contest, and vendors on the course. Golfers get lunch, and at the evening banquet we have a program that features all the golf photos from the day."

The cost for golf, lunch and dinner is \$150; the cost for dinner-only is \$45.

"The buffet offers a lovely spread of salad, chicken, pasta and dessert," said Judy Butterly, Co-Chair of REACH. "We provide the wine for the tables."

The event kicks off with registration at 10:30 a.m., followed by the tournament's shotgun start at noon, a silent auction immediately



Preparing to tee off are Bob Harper, Larry Phillips, Dwayne LeBarre, and Ed Howard.

after, and the dinner banquet at 5:30 p.m.

"We'll be auctioning and raffling prizes like golf foursomes at Blackhawk and Castlewood Country Clubs, a stay at Grass Valley's Lamb's Victorian Inn, Umigo Indoor Kart Racing, and tickets to A's and Giants games - one set that includes a meet and greet with Brandon Crawford," said Butterly. "We also have a lot of wine baskets and packages from local wineries including Concannon and Garré."

The golf tournament is REACH's only annual fundraiser. Over the previous seven years, the tournament has raised more than \$300,000.

"Last year we met our goal of \$45,000," said King. "We'd like to meet or exceed that this year."

REACH for Special Adults is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities by offering resources encompassing education, activities, community participation and housing opportunities.

"We have nine homes in

the Tri-Valley serving 26 people with disabilities that range from cerebral palsy to Down's syndrome to autism, with some being more impaired than others," said Butterly, adding that there are currently 16 people on the waiting list for housing.

Funds raised will go toward housing, including covering utility bills and repairs as well as for funding future homes to support the valley's growing need. Additionally, REACH supports numerous programs and sports activities that integrate special-needs adults into the community.

"Some of our special needs folks participate in the golf tournament, too," said Butterly. "They just love it; they think it's wonderful. We recognize them during our banquet. We understand that people like to see what we're doing, and our folks like to socialize, mingle and chat with participants. It puts a face and a person to what we're doing."

For those unable to attend the tournament, REACH's website features a free "REACH OUT" program that allows people to sign

up for alerts when particular things are needed - such as volunteers for specific events, furnishings (micro-waves, file cabinets, chairs, etc.), or services (gardening, painting, use of a truck, etc.).

For the golf tournament, REACH also welcomes sponsors. "Tee-hole sponsors receive a ton of exposure for \$100," said King. The sponsors names are also on program and website.

With so many ways to help, King hopes everyone will find a way to join the fun and support REACH's work.

"Special adults are contributors in our society. Many of them are working, but I think sometimes they can be disregarded," said King. "That's really the beauty of organizations that give them independent living and activities: we don't see them as people with disabilities; we see them as they are - individuals. Special needs doesn't even come into it. The label per se is completely gone."

For more information visit www.trivalleyreach.org, or contact Kay King at skkbking@comcast.net or 925.980.6739.

Beginner Farmer And Rancher Celebration Planned

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD), Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE), and the UC Berkeley Food Institute will host a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Summer Celebration on Sat., July 19.

The celebration will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Sunol AgPark and Water Temple, 505 Paloma Way, Sunol.

This will be an evening of community building, resource sharing and a celebration of the next generation of farmers and ranchers in the Bay Area. The event will feature Azalina's Malaysian street food, appetizers and desserts from local restaurants, live music, a showcase of farm products from beginning farmers and ranchers and resources from supporting organizations. A short program will begin at 6pm followed by dinner.

Beginning farmers & ranchers, mentor farmers & ranchers, partner organizations, businesses and loved ones are invited. Attendees may bring a guest and children are always welcome. Please feel free to forward to others within the beginning farmer community.

To register for a ticket visit <http://sagecenter.givezooks.com/events/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-summer-celebration>.

ning-farmer-and-rancher-summer-celebration. RSVP by July 12 to secure a spot.

Information on how to participate in the producer showcase or resource tables is available on the ticket registration site.

Contact beginning-farmerrancher@sagecenter.org or 510-526-1793 ext 5 with questions.

As part of its Beginning Farmer and Rancher program, the ACRCD offers free technical assistance with mapping and conservation planning to new farmers and ranchers in Alameda County (10 year or less of experience).

Contact susan.ellisworth@acrcd.org or call 925-371-0154 ext. 103 by July 4, 2014 for more information. Inquiries will be taken on a first-come first-served basis.



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eBooks for Kids Now Available

The Livermore Public Library now offers a kid-friendly eBook experience within its virtual library at <http://livermore.lib.overdrive.com/kids> in order for children to easily and safely find age-appropriate digital library books.

The Livermore Public Library expanded its web services with a new digital collection just for kids. The eBook and eAudio-book library, powered by OverDrive, now includes a separate eReading Room for kids with kids' titles only. The Library staff recognizes the need to provide a safe environment for children to browse library materials and just as the children's section of the physical library is sectioned off, the same experience is now available on the digital collection.

The librarians at Livermore Public Library are excited about the new enhancement for children due to the visual appeal and user-friendliness of the new eBook and eAudiobook site. It promotes literacy in a fun way and the joys of reading in a digital environment with picture books, easy readers, and chapter books. The kid's eReading Room filters the overall digital collection to only show content for children, and connects kids more quickly to the titles they want. Browsing and searching can be done by subject, reading level or interest level. The website address is: <http://livermore.lib.overdrive.com/kids>.

This new electronic service is free for Livermore Public Library cardholders with active accounts. Digital titles can be viewed on personal computers or a variety of mobile devices and are available anytime, anywhere and expire automatically, so there is no need to worry about late fees.

For additional information or other eResources, see the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net. Connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Livermore-Public-Library/99365063645.

Cultural Arts Calendar



Community Events Calendar



Visit Our Online Calendars

The Independent's Online Events Calendars provide all of the Cultural Arts and Community events for this week, this month and this year. To see what's happening in the Tri-Valley or to submit your event, visit us online at www.independentnews.com

Alameda County Fair Wine Competition Awards

The results are in from this year's Alameda County Fair Wine Competition, and once again, Livermore showed its prowess. Open only to commercially bonded wineries located within Alameda County, the competition judges awarded 95 total medals from 118 entries, 21 of them Gold. Top honors were given to the following wines made by Livermore wineries:

Best of Show White: Fenestra Winery "True White," California

Best of Show Red: Las Positas Vineyards 2011 Tempranillo, Livermore Valley

Best of Show Dessert: Westover Vineyards Tawny Port, Monterey

Best of Show Sauvignon Blanc went to Ledson's 2013 from Napa, while Best of Show Zinfandel went to Opolo Vineyards 2012 Zinfandel, Paso Robles.

For a complete list of wines and winners, visit: <http://bestofthebaywinecomp.com> and <http://www.zinchallenge.com>

All Gold Medal wines from the 2014 competitions will be available for purchase by the glass at the Wine Garden every day of the Alameda County Fair at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The fair runs through July 6.

Many local wineries participated in this year's competition and obtained medal-winning results. Here are some of them.

Charles R Vineyards: Gold - 2009 Touriga, Tracy Hills

Concannon Vineyard: Gold - 2011 Stampmaker's Red, Livermore Valley; Gold - 2013 Viognier, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2012 Chardonnay, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley

Chouinard: Gold - 2012 Petite Sirah Rose, Paso Robles

Cuda Ridge: Gold - 2011 Malbec, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley

Ehrenberg Cellars: Silver - 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa

Fenestra: Silver - 2010 Malbec, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Malbec, Lodi; Silver - 2012 Riesling, Arroyo Seco; Silver - 2012 Semillon, Livermore Valley;

Silver - 2010 Tourvanillo, Lodi; Silver - 2009 Tempranillo, Livermore Valley

Garre Vineyard & Winery: Gold - 2010 Merlot, Livermore Valley; Gold - 2011 Petite Sirah, Livermore Valley

Las Positas Vineyards: Gold - 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley; Gold - 2010 Meritage, Livermore Valley; Gold - 2011 Tempranillo, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Petite Sirah, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Syrah, Livermore Valley

Longevity Wines: Silver - 2013 Pinot Grigio, Livermore Valley

Occasio Winery: Gold - 2011 Telos, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Merlot, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2010 Petite Sirah, Livermore Valley

The Singing Winemaker: Silver - 2009 Melody, California

Wente Vineyards: Silver - 2012 Entwine Chardonnay, California; Silver - 2012 Chardonnay, Livermore Valley; Silver - 2011 Merlot, Arroyo Seco; Silver - 2012 Riesling, Arroyo Seco; Silver - 2012 Murietta's Well, The Spur; Silver - 2012 Murietta's Well, The Whip

Westover Winery: Silver - NV California Champagne, California; Silver - NV Petite Sirah, Livermore Valley

Wood Family Vineyards: Silver - 2008 Merlot, Livermore Valley

2014 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

This year's State Fair wine competition consisted of 2,829 wine entries received from 746 participating winery brands. Seventy-four judges on 18 panels awarded 2,068 medals, including 52 Double Gold, 217 Gold, 1,085 Silver and 714 Bronze.

Las Positas Vineyards once again scored big with their 2011 Tempranillo in this competition, taking Best of Greater Bay Red for this amazing wine that was awarded a whopping 95 points by the panel. They also scored Silvers for the 2010 Meritage, 2011 Estate Cabernet, Syrah and Petite Sirah, along with

2013 Buttner Vineyard Pinot Blanc.

Fenestra scored Best of Class of Region for the 2009 Conjugation blend, and hauled in Silvers for the following: 2010 Malbec from Ghilmetti Vineyard, 2013 Verdelho from Silvaspoons, 2011 Graciano (Lodi), 2009 Estate Syrah and True Red Lot 28.

Longevity scored Gold for their 2011 Lodi Zinfandel and Bronze for their 2010 Bordeaux style blend, Phil-osophy, while Retzlaff scored a Silver for their 2010 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon.

Mitchell Katz won two Best of Regions for Sangiovese. The 2010 CrackerBox Sangio, \$44, won Best of Region in the over \$40 class, and the 2011 Grimes Vineyard "I Love You" Sangio, took Best of Region for the \$20 - \$30 category. The 2011 CrackerBox scored a Bronze as did the 2012 Shadow Hills Chardonnay.

Bent Creek scored silvers for their 2011 Cabernet, 2011 Syrah and 2013 Sauvignon Blanc, while Chouinard picked up a Best of Class of Region for their 2013 Petite Sirah, a Silver for their 2013 Sauvignon Blanc and a Bronze for their 2012 Cabernet from Palomares Canyon Vineyard.

Concannon's Conservancy tier scored Silvers for 2011 Chardonnay and 2012 Cabernet, with the 2010 Petite Sirah taking Best of Class of Region. The Concannon Select Vineyard series (\$8.99 pricepoint), most of the entries scored silver, with the 2012 Petite Sirah also taking Best of Class of Region.

Wente scored a Gold for the 2012 Riva Ranch Chardonnay, Silver and Best of Region for the 2011 Sandstone Merlot, and Silvers for the 2011 Southern Hills Cabernet, 2012 Morning Fog Chard, 2011 Charles Wetmore Cabernet and Bronze for 2012 Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc.

Going through the entire results list is pretty entertaining, with winery names like Zinquision, Zinfatuation, Two Monsters, Unruly and Wreckless Blenders.

Congratulations to all the wineries who brought home trophies from the annual onslaught of "medal wars."



Matt Greco discusses Sustainable Cooking.

Table Talk In Livermore Sheds Light On Local and Sustainable Foods

By Jessica Elfin
(Senior Year Managing Editor, El Vaquerito, Livermore High School; Ad hoc writer, Global Food Scholar, Inc.)

As the drought persists in California, locally grown produce is becoming limited. Californians are coming to the realization that water is a precious commodity. Reduced water availability has a direct impact on local farming. How important is it to maintain local agriculture? How does the food system impact our nutrition and health? How can we build a safe and sustainable food system?

Global Food Scholar, an up and coming start-up in Livermore, aims to help consumers with information through participation in Table Talk in Livermore. The talks will feature local farmers, chefs and food experts who will bring these problems to light and encourage discussions to identify sustainable solutions together.

Global Food Scholar's vision is to connect people to sustainable, healthy, locally grown food. Rajnish Khanna, a plant biologist and CEO and Founder of Global Food Scholar, along with Lynn Monica, experienced in mobile applications development and COO, have done much to turn that dream into a reality. Their soon to be released mobile application, GotLocal, will connect consumers to personally desired food options

by providing transparency and quick access to locally produced food and beverages. Additionally, they are organizing Table Talks to promote nutritious and sustainable foods.

The first Table Talk featured Matt Greco, Executive Chef, Wente Family Estates. Matt discussed "Sustainable Cooking and how it creates menus." He talked about how cooking sustainably can help a restaurant be more financially sustainable. Matt offered insights into a chef's challenges in working with local and seasonally available options to create delicious and consistent menus throughout the year.

The second Table Talk, held on June 29, featured Charles Crohare, Master Miller of Olivina. His talk was entitled "What is Extra Virgin Olive Oil and the flavor profiles of EVOO." Charles is a 4th generation Livermore resident. His family has owned the Olivina estate since the 1930's. Olivina's olive oil varieties, which are made from hand picked olives and milled onsite and unfiltered, are well known around the City of Livermore, and sold at farmers' markets as well as a variety of locations in Livermore and elsewhere in California.

Additional Table Talks scheduled include the following:

- July 27th, 12-2 p.m. - Fred Hempel, Family farmer and tomato breeder. "Developing a new brand of toma-

atoes in a family farm setting" • August 31st, 12-2 p.m. - Todd DeSantis, Chief Technical Officer, Second Genome. "What is your gut feeling?"

Table Talks are held at the Artistic Table at 56 S. Livermore Ave in Livermore. The owner, Dana Klebes, has expressed a keen interest in art and innovative culinary practices. She also owns Artistic Edge, where local artists can sell their work. Dana's new bar/restaurant and retail store, Artistic Table, is all about culinary art and artisan food. In Dana's own words, "It's a place where you can explore your taste buds and meet with your best buds." Going local at first glance may seem difficult, yet it is important to support a healthier and more sustainable food system. Table Talk at Artistic Table offers a peak into the potential of the future food system.

Log onto www.globalfoodsolar.com to learn more about the local food movement and Artistic Table. Look for the mobile app GotLocal later this summer in the iPhone store to find out how to Discover Food Less Traveled™.

For details and tickets, search for "Table Talk in Livermore" on Eventbrite (<http://www.eventbrite.com>), or go to (<http://www.meetup.com/Table-Talk/>) Suggested donations of \$10 for Table Talk include a complimentary glass of champagne.

Your Local Wineries Are Not Parks

by Laura Ness

Hard as it is for some to believe, the gorgeous parklike settings of some of our favorite wineries do not give us permission to treat them as such. The State and County Park systems were created for a reason: they preserve natural beauty for recreational enjoyment, subject to a set of rules that are generally enforced, either directly by rangers, or indirectly by guilt.

For wineries with bountiful grassy knolls and spectacular vineyard-scapes, the problem of being too enticingly attractive as an outdoor recreational setting is getting worse. We all crave the unbeatable combination of beautiful settings, good food and great wine. Many of our local wineries provide us with just that. It's the addition of all manner of other accompanying entertainment paraphernalia like coolers filled with beer, thermoses of adult beverages, large grills, tents, lawn furniture and bouncy houses that create unpleasant circumstances for those wine lovers who have come unfettered by anything save their palates and their wallets, hoping to enjoy that unbeatable combination we talked about earlier.

This may be offensive to some, but really, people, it is not ok to bring outside alcohol of any kind to a winery. Neither is it ok to bring your grills, nacho bars, bouncy houses, kites, beach balls, badminton sets, horse-shoes or musical instruments. There are appropriate venues for these items and attendant activities, namely, parks, beaches and your own backyard. But not a winery. Just because you are a club member does not entitle you to come and set up camp as though you were spending the day at a county park. Please visit one of the 46 local Livermore area parks

and enjoy your outdoors experience to the fullest.

The Livermore Park and Recreation Department is here for a reason. Their stated mission is to provide an outstanding system of parks, recreation areas and facilities, along with recreation programs to stimulate, educate and enrich the lives of people within the District. There are 29 neighborhood parks ranging from two to 12 acres in size; three community parks with such amenities as an equestrian center and rodeo grounds, new synthetic turf sports fields; four open space parks totaling 1,360 acres; and 10 special-use parks. Rental facilities include the Robert Livermore Community Center; Ravenswood Historic Site; Carnegie Building; Veterans Building; The Barn; May Nissen Swim Center; group picnic areas at May Nissen, Almond Avenue and Veterans parks; the equestrian center; and all-weather ball fields. See the LARPD website for maps and information.

Lest you think this all idle chatter, let me share with you some of the anecdotes people shared on this topic. Until Concannon posted signage giving notice that reservations were required for parties of 8 or more and that no outside alcohol was allowed, hordes of motorcyclists would routinely descend on the grounds,

saddlebags laden with beer. The very thought of this must have made the ghost of James Concannon apoplectic as the gorgeous grounds of his family estate were essentially disrespected and trashed by visitors with no intention of setting foot in the tasting room, let alone purchasing a bottle of wine to enjoy on the lawn.

It's hard to believe that anyone, let alone a winery club member, could envision how an historic property, one of the crown jewels of Livermore, fastidiously groomed and kept pristine, would be fair game for unfettered recreational activities. Yet, groups routinely bring bouncy houses, kites, beach balls and baseball bats, turning the green into a little league field.

Fourth generation John Concannon wants people to enjoy their visit to wine country, saying, "I want people to feel warmly welcomed, excited and positive about the great experiences they can enjoy at other wineries as well as at ours."

Changes are underway on the Concannon grounds to ensure that visitors are able to enjoy the beauty of the historic property and the surrounding vineyards, whether taking part in guided tours or tastings, or simply relaxing on the patio of The Underdog Wine Bar.

Concannon suggests checking individual winery

websites for policies and special offers prior to any visit to Wine Country. The Concannon website suggests some common sense etiquette rules:

- No smoking, open flames, camping or cooking equipment permitted.
- Keep a close watch on your children: tree climbing and picking grapes or leaves off the vines is not allowed.
- No amplified music of any kind.
- Shoes and shirts are required; swimwear is not allowed.
- Please dispose of your trash in provided containers.

Tom Heineman of Bent Creek shared a story germane to this topic as well. One early weekday summer evening, he was walking his dog up the hill past the vineyard to check on his irrigation lines. Suddenly, he heard voices. Walking towards the sound, he saw a couple setting up a tent with all their camping gear. When he asked what they were doing on his property, they explained they thought this would be a cool place to camp for the night, and besides, his gate was open. Tom politely asked them to decamp and depart, which they did forthwith: he owes their quick dispatch to the fact he was accompanied by a very large German shepherd. Moral of the story: just because the gate is open doesn't mean it's ok to come

in, especially if the hours of operation are clearly posted.

Which brings us to another matter of etiquette. Despite the prevalence of the adorable book, "Winery Dogs," in which many local winery pooches appear, visiting canines are often neither welcome, nor appropriate, at many wineries. If you want to bring Fido along wine-tasting, best call ahead or check the winery website for policies. Some winery dogs don't like sharing the love: it's their territory. And, you can understand the disruption when dogs start racing around a winery's grounds chasing one another. Again, wineries are neither public parks nor barking lots.

It's worth repeating the Golden Rule of Do Unto Others. Be mindful of your fellow man. Your idea of a great day at a winery might not mesh with theirs. Seriously, the business of wineries is selling wine and creating experiences that help people better understand, appreciate and participate in this magical wine country lifestyle.

Says Concannon, "Winery visits are the second largest tourist industry in California for good reason. Most people love spending time in these dynamic landscapes, as there is the romance of the vines and an enjoyment

of wine, food, and nature, which no other experience can duplicate. Even if some people don't drink wine, they will find that wineries offer a celebration of beauty, culture, art, science, history, and most of all, the special mystique and power of wine to bring people together in good conversation shared around the table. This is a fabulous experience that we want all to enjoy!"

Please respect the rights of wine lovers to enjoy the experience they expect when they visit a winery. Your wineries and fellow wine lovers thank you for understanding.

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in cracked, dried up water holes because of droughts there. I started to ask myself the other day, what makes us think we are so special that the water is going to keep coming out of the spigot? Where are our values when it comes to the very essence – the elixir – that makes up 50 to 75% of our body?

I read recently on the Internet that the average modern toilet uses approximately 1.1 to 1.6 gallons of water with every flush (you can visit your favorite search engine and get the same information). Older models use a whopping 3.5 to 5 gallons of water with every flush. When I was growing up on our farm in Idaho the well would get pretty low around mid-August. We had a good water supply, but between watering the animals, the gardens, the orchard, doing laundry and dishes, taking showers, and flushing the toilet, something had to give. At the first signs of low water levels (sediment would start to show up and

eventually the water was brown and sometimes even muddy) we would conserve. Fewer showers, laundry less frequently, and no watering anything that didn't need it to live that would feed us now and through the winter. We had a mantra for the toilet... "If it's yellow let it mellow; if it's brown flush it down." Eventually we took to spit baths and went back to using the outhouse (the one thing I always dreaded because my step brother told me snakes lived in the hole and would come up and bite my butt!) To this day I use "honey buckets" sparingly and only when absolutely necessary.

I need to explain the "clean bucket" and "dirty bucket" concept. The dirty bucket water goes on the garden, lawn, trees, any place outside that needs help because I turned off the sprinklers. The clean bucket water I use to make iced tea, boil potatoes or macaroni for salad, make coffee in the morning, capture in a pitcher for refrigerated wa-

ter, capture in ice cube trays for ice...the list is endless when we think about how many times we use good, clean water.

We survived on the farm, the crops survived, I survived the outhouse, and so all of us will survive the drought if we take a few steps to preserve and conserve the precious elixir of life...WATER. Thanks for all you do to preserve, conserve and reserve for our future, friends!

Lobbyists Succeed Eloise Hamann Dublin

High fives on the excellent article on a bill that could kill the most powerful tool local government has for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Its balanced coverage included statements from both opponents and proponents of the bill.

However, I would like to correct statements made by Joan Buchanan. She suggested that the public Community Choice programs

are not regulated by the Public Utility Commission of California. According to the legislation AB117 which authorizes CCAs, each new CCA must submit an implementation plan to the PUC for approval. Further, there is a list of compliance sections which failure to follow could result in the revocation of the CCA. She goes on to say that CCAs can use energy credits but fails to point out that PG&E also uses energy credits for the purpose of claiming renewable energy. California law allows this and the bill in question does nothing to change that.

I know that the California legislature has to deal with 3000 bills each year, but Member Buchanan is on the Utilities committee. It is sad that she is not better informed. I don't think she herself would intentionally try to mislead the public, but I have found her arguments and even language match that of lobbyists for moneyed special interests. I attended the hearing for

the offending bill and was appalled at the deceptive claims of the lobbyists for the bill. It was a kick in the stomach to observe the successful duping of many Bay Area representatives.

Japanese Flush Donald (Don) Keech Livermore

Western style toilets in Japan commonly include water saving features such as the ability to choose between a big flush and a little flush.

Handle up - little flush, hand down - big flush.

Many also reroute the water to fill the tank through a pipe over the tank allowing the person to rinse their hands.

De-link from the Fed Rich Buckley Livermore

The Executive Branch of the US government has the existing well-tested Constitutional authority to de-link us from banking control under the Federal Reserve by printing our own US

Treasury Dollars, minting our own coin, and calling in Federal Reserve Notes.

The deal was, when the Iron Curtain came down, Russia would pull her nukes out of Ukraine, which she did, and the US would not expand NATO and/or move missiles closer to Russia.

While the US government now blames our WWII Allies, the truth seems to be our foreign owned too-big-to-fail banks, under their few dominant 300-year-old family ownership trusts (the Trusts), partnered with the military industrial complex and their supplicant self-owned mainstream media, instigate the chaos. Dominant corrupting financial powers also control our Congress.

Most of us do not equate the turmoil in Ukraine as an extension of banking policies. Yet on close examination, disruptive US foreign policy intrigue is all about EU banking hegemony by the Trusts.

It's time to issue Treasury Dollars once again and de-link from the Fed.

OBITUARIES



Fran Replegle

It is with great sadness that Fenestra Winery announces the passing of one of its founders, Fran Replegle, on April 8, 2014, after a stroke. Fran and Lanny Replegle started the Fenestra Winery in 1976 in Livermore.

Frances Ellen Church was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 30, 1935 to parents Phil Edwards and Loretta Liedel Church. During the war, she attended several schools in the Chicago area, but spent most time, and graduated from, schools in Seattle, such as Roosevelt High School. She went on to receive a B.S. degree in microbiology from the University of Washington, at a time when few women entered, or were even encouraged, to study science. In addition, she was adventurous during this time. One of her favorite classes at the University of Washington, was the study of fungi, which included a final that consisted of a camp out on a San Juan Island where she dined on a dinner of harvested mushrooms. She was also an avid sailor, even though she didn't swim. Fran and Lanny married during this time in Washington.

After they moved to California, where Lanny started his academic career at San Jose State University, the family became heavily involved in home winemaking. We had several grape vines in our home in San Jose and fall was a busy time for the harvest. This love of home winemaking, led Fran and Lanny to start Fenestra Winery in 1976. At this time in the Livermore

Valley, there were few wineries present. As the Livermore Valley Wine industry resurged, Fran was heavily involved with developing the sales and marketing of Fenestra wines, as well as being involved with the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Many of the Fenestra events and the Fenestra Fanatics were created due to Fran's efforts and vision. The warmth that many visitors feel when they visit the winery is largely due to Fran's vision. Fran was involved with the winery up until her stroke earlier this year.

In addition to her involvement with the winery, Fran was an avid cook and artist. Many of her paintings from the early days adorn the tasting room now. She and her friends in San Jose also formed a Stitchery Guild, a local artists group. Her love of cooking inspired many of us and helped gain notoriety for the winery where many of the events paired food with Fenestra wines.

Fran was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, and doting grandmother. Memorial contributions may be made in Fran's honor to the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

She is survived by her husband Lanny, sons Eric (Robin) and Steven Replegle, sisters Jean Weick, Kathy Holland, and Barbara Trimble, and grandchildren Joshua and Natasha Replegle. Fran will be greatly missed.

For information regarding a celebration of life for Fran Replegle, please contact Fenestra Winery at 925-447-5246, or via email at info@fenestrawinery.com.

Linda Thompson

Nov. 4, 1947 - June 20, 2014
Livermore resident

In the early morning hours of June 20, 2014, and at the age of only 66 years young, Linda Ann Thomp-



son graciously concluded her 2 year battle with cancer. Linda was an infectious positive person, whose heart was full of love

and acceptance. If you were fortunate enough to know her, you felt as though you were her dear friend. She didn't have a bad word to say about anyone, and she always saw the brighter side of life.

Linda was ushered into heaven from home, as the love of her life, Ron Thompson, held her hand.

Linda grew up in Oakland, CA, and resided in Livermore for most of her life. She is survived by her brothers Bob and Jerry, her husband of over 28 years, Ron Thompson, her stepchildren Teri and Greg, her children Monica, Casie, and Clint, and her 8 grandkids.

Linda Ann Thompson, you will be dearly missed.

Her life was celebrated at Cornerstone Fellowship, Livermore, on June 30.

If you want to honor Linda by making a donation in her name, these are two facilities that helped us along this journey: Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Rd., Martinez, CA 94553; Relay for Life, California Division/American Cancer Society, Inc., 101 Ygnacio Valley Road, Suite 110, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Paul Martin Goeman

Paul Martin Goeman, 63, of Livermore, CA, passed away from liver cancer on June 20, 2014. He was born and grew up in Sacramento,



CA and graduated from Luther Burbank High in 1968. Paul was a Vietnam veteran, serving as an Army Ranger in the 101st Airborne Division. Paul worked as a contractor, first building custom homes in Sacramento and then became a plumber. He started Goeman Plumbing Co. and worked in the Tri-Valley area for several years. He mentored many young men in his profession and helped anyone needing "Paul the Plumber."

Paul enjoyed his family, was an avid 49er fan and had volunteered as a little league coach at Granada LL. He enjoyed the outdoors, liked to fish and was often accompanied by his beloved dog, Dante.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents Walter Goeman and Derry Humbert of Sacramento. He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 28 years Karen; his children, Monica, Sara and Maxwell; grandchildren Alyssa and Craig; great grandchild Kaylie and sisters Diane Ellis and Kathy Clifton.

At his request a private celebration of life will be held for family. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choosing. He was loved and will be forever missed.

Mr. Jerry Lamont Parker

Age: 63 of Livermore, CA
Formerly of Dowagiac, MI

On Saturday, June 21st, 2014, Jerry L. Parker passed away doing what he loved most: flying airplanes.



in Dowagiac, MI.

He graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in 1969. He attended Southwestern Michigan Junior College as well as various courses in aviation and electronics throughout the years.

Jerry served our country in the Air Force, including the Strategic Air Command, the Army and NASA. He participated in various military operations some of which were located in Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan. He was also a freelance electronic engineer working in various global locations. His last employment was at Attitude Aviation as an airframe and powerplant technician.

He worked on special

projects including airshow aircraft, BD-5 record setting projects, was a specialist in high performance aircraft and frequently assisted with maintenance on high-performance aerobatic jets: this was his dream job. He also loved drawing and working on cars.

He is survived by Alycia D. (Chris) Woods, Judith R.E. Parker, James L. Parker, Angela R. Parker, Julie L.D. Parker and Jon D. (Raquel) Parker in addition to other brothers and sisters. He is also survived by 3 children: Kelly, Sean and Anicia, 2 grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

A military funeral honors ceremony will be held Saturday, July 19th at the Attitude Aviation airplane hangar in Livermore, CA, followed by a celebration of life for Jerry.

He will be laid to rest amongst honored veterans at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

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Youngsters learn about poultry during a visit to the fair.



Watching model trains is one of the activities available at the fair.



Rides for all ages are part of any visit to the fair.

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Spaghetti Ice Cream Chosen As Top Snack at the County Fair

The judges' votes are in and the Grand Champion of the First Annual Alameda County Fair SNACKDOWN is "Spaghetti Ice Cream."

The prize winning dish isn't really made of pasta, but rather homemade vanilla gelato processed by a special machine that turns it into a pile of icy "noodles." It's then topped with strawberry sauce, shaved white chocolate and a sprig of mint. The result is a creation that looks just like a plate of spaghetti but tastes like a sweet, creamy treat. Spaghetti Ice Cream also won the prize for "Best Taste" and was created by Anthony Cardinali of Cardinali Ice Cream. The concession is located inside Building A.

Other top winners were the "Pickle Dog," a hollowed-out pickle on a stick, filled with an all-beef hot dog dipped in corn dog batter and deep fried to perfection. The unusual combination took the prize for "Most Creative" at the competition. The Pickle Dog is sold by

Get Pickled, a new vendor at Alameda County Fair. It was created by owner Nathan Janousek. Get Pickled is located in the Action Zone area at the Fair.

The final award for "Best Theme" ("Taste the Red, White & Blue") went to Jill Moyer of Pizza by the Slice for her creation "Red, White & Blue Pizza." Her creation was a combination of buffalo chicken, bleu cheese crumbles and fresh tomato. The judges loved the fresh taste and thought it the perfect compliment to the Fair's 2014 Theme. Pizza by the Slice can be found in the Fair's Carnival Midway.

The judges scored each entry on appearance, taste, creativity and theme to decide the winners of each category, then chose the Grand Champion, who received a jeweled "Champion" belt, from the top three.

KPIX's "Foodie Chap", Liam Mayclem, hosted the live event on June 24, at the Fairgrounds' Festival Square Stage. The panel of judges

included Univision Radio personality Chuy Gomez, Passport magazine food writer and contributing editor Jim Gladstone, Bay Area food, wine and travel blogger Deborah Grossman and East Bay Patch writer Autumn Johnson. The final spot was awarded to Brendan St. John, through a contest on the Fair's Facebook page.

The Fair's food vendors were all invited to enter the competition earlier this year. A first-round judging panel chose the top 12 from the submissions received. Contestants were allowed to enter as many items as they wished. Entries were evaluated individually and some contestants had more than one item in the final competition.

The fair runs through July 6 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. It is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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

Pleasanton Wine Stroll Features Twenty-Seven Tasting Stations

Twenty-seven downtown locations will become tasting rooms on Saturday, July 12th from 5-8 p.m. during Pleasanton's Annual Summer Wine Stroll.

This year musicians will play along Main and Ray Streets during the entire event. Patrons will have the opportunity to discover local businesses, listen to live music, taste a variety of wines and small bites. In addition, each guest will receive a tote bag from the Firehouse Arts

Center, a commemorative wine glass and event map.

Presale tickets are available for \$35 online at PleasantonDowntown.net, and for cash or check only at Studio Seven Arts - 400 Main Street and The Rose Hotel - 807 Main Street. Thursday, July 3, tickets will be available for \$40. If not sold out, remaining tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$50 (cash only) at the event starting location

- the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Tickets must be redeemed on July 12 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center.

A variety of wine will be offered by Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Boisset Wine Living, Cellar Door, Chouinard Vineyards and Winery, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge, Ehrenberg Cellars, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garrè Vineyard & Winery,

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produced technology that powers every car built in America in the last thirty years. "We have one of the world's fastest super computers and the world's fastest laser and the world's most powerful laser and the world's longest continuously burning lightbulb."

Council priorities were a second topic with the top goal growing business and revenue. "That is what enables us to do everything else, to provide the services expected from city government," said Marchand. Other priorities include bringing BART to Livermore, establishing financial stability, enhancing community engagement, and retaining the quality of life.

The 2014-15 budget at \$87.2 million represents an increase of \$3.4 million over the previous budget. This increase is primarily attributable to increases in property and sales taxes, continued Marchand. A \$915,000 increase in property tax revenue is anticipated. Sales tax revenues are expected to increase by roughly \$1.5 million due primarily to the addition of the Livermore Premium Outlets and Livermore Toyota to the community. Marchand noted that 19 of the city's top 100 sales tax revenue generators are located at the Livermore Premium Outlets.

Marchand added that more than half of the budget is spent on public safety, police and fire services.

Marchand listed a number of "tools" the city has provided the police department to prevent and reduce crime. One, Crime Free Multiunit Housing, engages the police department with owners of multiunit properties in an educational process. The bottom line is that if a person engages in criminal activity, that person can be evicted. Another tool, a nuisance abatement ordinance, has made it possible to remove four drug houses from the city. "That helps improve the quality of life by creating safer neighbors and increasing property values," commented Marchand.

Housing, schools and new businesses are part of the quality of life. New housing has been approved, ranging from 51 units constructed by Ponderosa to 465 units planned by Summerhill near Brisa and South Vasco Rd. Fourteen of Livermore's schools have been designated as distinguished, another as an international baccalaureate candidate. A biotech pathway, green en-

gineering academy, dual immersion program, computer and agricultural sciences, and multimedia and culinary arts pathways are all available to Livermore students. New businesses include Livermore Toyota, The Last Word, Sutherland Distillery and Individual Software, which moved from Pleasanton to Livermore.

Livermore Premium Outlets has done so well work is already underway to add 200,000 square feet of new stores, said Marchand. In addition, the first phase will see new fountains and other amenities added. Just south of the Outlets, plans are underway to build a Sip and Shoppe with 125,000 square feet of retail and restaurants.

There have been changes at i-GATE, noted Marchand. It is home to eight tech start-ups. Recently three companies graduated, TerrAvion, Kalptree Energy, and C2D (automotive technology). i-GATE is relocating to the former SBC Building across from the Post Office in downtown Livermore. Marchand stated, "Innovation runs on beer, pizza and Red Bull. None of those were available at the old site."

Construction is underway on a new administration building and restaurant at the Livermore Airport. Marchand said they will be ready by January 2015. Services will now be available for planes already located at the Livermore Airport. The new gourmet restaurant will be overseen by Chef John Chacon, a well known chef who has 25 years of cooking experience, added Marchand.

Marchand gave a plug for Measure BB, which will be on the November 2014 ballot. He said that it would provide, "Better buses, better BART and better bike and pedestrian paths." The measure calls for the increase in a sales tax from a half cent to one cent. It would be run for thirty years. Among the items that would be funded, if the measure were approved, is \$400 million for BART to Livermore down the median to Isabel Avenue.

Also on the ballot are two city council sponsored measures reducing council pay and benefits and restricting the ability to increase them in the future. Marchand estimated the changes would save the city up to \$150,000 a year.

The mayor noted that he has been involved in efforts to reduce homelessness. The city has provided funding

for an outreach program involving the Livermore Police Department and Abode Services, Abode promotes Housing First - a proven way to successfully re-house people experiencing homelessness. Marchand also said there is an effort underway to re-purpose the local Livermore Veterans Hospital as a PTSD treatment center and transitional housing site. He recently attended a meeting at the White House hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama. Marchand noted that the goal is to end homelessness for veterans by 2015.

The drought has an impact on everyone, with a 30 percent mandatory reduction in water use throughout the city. In response to criticism from some, Marchand explained that the fountains in downtown are kept running to provide a place for children to play, many of whom do not have pools or even a backyard. The Lizzie Fountain uses about 100 gallons a week. The water is recirculated. "The fountain provides a place to play that is free. It is a wonderful piece of Livermore's quality of life." He added that his own reduction in water use more than covers the water needed for the fountain.

Of the Bankhead Theater, Marchand said the city is working to purchase the property. "No general fund money or taxes will be used to purchase the city's portion." Marchand explained that the host city impact fee would provide the city's share of the purchase price. These are funds that come to the city from the county and can be used for only one purpose, the operation of the community theater. "The theater is an important asset to the community." He pointed out that sales in downtown have increased by \$18 million a year since the Bankhead opened. "That is impressive given the fact that Groth Bros. closed during that period."

Marchand urged businesses to create an on-line presence, noting that those who do so grow 40 percent faster and are twice as likely to create jobs.

He ended by inviting everyone to take part in the 4th of July celebration in downtown Livermore. Fireworks will be set off on top of the parking garage on Railroad Avenue. "Come downtown, have dinner, then watch the show. This will be our celebration. It's all about the quality of life in Livermore."

Bike to Work Day a Success

The Alameda County Public Works Agency, in partnership with Bike East Bay, celebrated the 20th annual "Bike to Work Day" on May 8 by hosting its second annual Energizer Station on Stanley Boulevard. This annual event encourages bicycling not only as an alternative method of transportation, but also good for your health and the environment. Bike to Work Day is an annual event held statewide to promote and encourage bicycling as a non-polluting and healthy commute option.

Cycles of Change partnered with the Public Works Agency at the Stanley Boulevard Energizer Station, and the BikeMobile was on site for the morning commute. Bike mechanics performed free tune ups, repairs, and tube replacement/flat tire repairs for free. Approximately 75 cyclists used the new bike lanes and the multi-modal pathway on Stanley Boule-



Glenn Melanson was pleased with the tire repair performed by the BikeMobile mechanics.

vard to commute to work, some from as far away as Brentwood and Milpitas.

"Bike to Work Day is a great opportunity to dust off the bicycle that's been sitting in your garage and, instead of the same old commute by car, enjoy riding that bicycle to get to work," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "We are fortunate to live in an

area that enjoys a pleasant climate, good transportation infrastructure and convenient access to transit. You may enjoy it enough to make Bike to Work Day a monthly, weekly or daily habit."

Haggerty greeted bicyclists at an Energizer Station located at the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station on the morning of Bike to Work Day.

Chiropractic will be offering participants food and non-alcoholic beverages.

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

For more information, contact Julie Vlahon at Events@PleasantonDowntown.net or (925) 484-2199.

J. Lohr Vineyards, Little Valley Winery, Menage à Trois, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, New Leaf Community Markets, Opolo Vineyards, Robert Mondavi, Wente Vineyards and White Crane Winery.

The pouring locations are Heroes and Villains Comics, The Corner Creperie, Berry Patch, Studio Seven Arts, Murphy's Paw, Gourmet Works, Rising Loafer Café & Bakery, Divine Skin &

Body Care, Cupid's Candy Shop, Prim, Therapy Stores Inc., MD Laser Spa, Girlfriends, Towne Center Books, Savvy Seconds, Acadia Health, RENJEN and Associates, Aldrin A. Adams, DDS, Jewelers Gallery, Salon 645, Workbench True Value, Clover Creek, Main Street Meat & Fish, Rick's Picks, Main Street Sunglasses, Milflour, and Flaunt Hair Design. The Museum on Main and Amador Valley

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 492359

The following person(s) doing business as: Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, 2300 First St, Ste 316, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mony Nop, 2300 First St, Ste 316, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/13/14.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Mony Nop
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 3, 2014. Expires June 3, 2019.

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Duong Luc, CEO
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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.

The public file is available at the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file of the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

June 17, 2014 - Valley Community Bank - Pleasanton, CA

June 17, 2014 - First National Bank of Northern California - South San Francisco, CA

The Independent Legal No. 3650. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 492112

The following person(s) doing business as: Glamour Nails and Spa, 1837 Holmes, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thuy T. Luu, 1520 Swardthout Ct, Tracy, CA 95376.

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/: Thuy T. Luu
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2014. Expires May 27, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3651. Published June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2014.

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.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/01/2010.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Viraj Bhatnagar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2014. Expires May 16, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3652. Published June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2014.

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.

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/: Linda Mansour
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2014. Expires June 13, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3653. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 493015

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.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2014. Expires June 19, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3654. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

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.

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/: Maryna Agayeva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 18, 2014. Expires June 18, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3655. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

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): JHC Ventures, LLC, 7151 Amador Plaza Road, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Jae J. Choi, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2014. Expires June 19, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3656. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

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/: Rajnish Khanna, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2014. Expires June 2, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3657. Published June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 492313

The following person(s) doing business as: Raja Liquor & Grocery #4, 4068 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Raj Kumar Singh, 3850 Yale Way, Livermore, CA 94550.

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/: Raj Singh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2014. Expires June 2, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3658. Published July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 493273

The following person(s) doing business as: AAA Cleaners, 1170 Catalina Dr, Apt 17, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Arunesh Prasad, 1170 Catalina Dr, Apt 17, Livermore, CA 94550.

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/: Arunesh Prasad
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2014. Expires June 25, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3659. Published July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 493161

The following person(s) doing business as: Living Oak Designs, 11707 Zapata Court, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Robert Livingston, 11707 Zapata Court, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/: Michael Livingston
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2014. Expires June 24, 2019.

The Independent Legal No. 3660. Published July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

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.tvvar.org

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SHORT NOTES



Litter is a problem when repeat offenders toss items from cars. A North Livermore resident, who picks up litter while walking his dog, noticed that one driver continued to throw empty cigarette packs onto the median at Garaventa Ranch Road and Vasco Road. He took a picture of almost 46 packs that he has picked up over the last few months. It is just a small sampling of what he has found during the past ten years. He is hoping that by publicizing the problem, people will become more conscious of the impact litter has on the landscape, and stop using the roadside as a garbage dump.

Keeping Pets Safe on the 4th

On July 4th, Livermore 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. Terrified animals can become confused and disoriented. They may end up miles from home or deep under a neighbor's porch. Please read the following tips to keep your pets safe:

- Make sure all pets, even indoor-only cats, are wearing a collar with an identification tag that includes 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 your pet. Animal Control Officers can scan a 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 dogs 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.

Ice Cream in the Park

Homemade Ice Cream in the Park will be the topic of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program on Sun., July 6. Meet Rangers Doug and Claire at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

June's ice cream event had to be canceled due to extreme temperatures, so this time around, the hope is for a nice, warm – but not too hot – evening. Bring out the family to help make ice cream using an old-fashioned hand-cranked ice cream maker. The kids will work hard to make a delicious treat, and the adults can relax and enjoy a beautiful evening in the park. Please plan to donate \$3 per person to help cover the cost of supplies.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3

Summer Programs

Cheza Nami is offering a free summer camp program designed to educate middle school youth on the importance of global citizenship, cultural enrichment, leadership and diversity through an interactive African cultural camp at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Camp dates are Aug. 4 and 5 from 8:30 a.m. to noon; Aug. 6 may be added. This is thanks in part to a donation from The Clorox Company and contributions to the summer camp drive 6th, 7th and 8th graders (incoming 6th graders also welcome) are invited to complete the Pre-Application form by July 5th to be considered for registration. Space is limited and placement is on a first-come first served basis. Go to www.chezanami.org for information.

- Music Together Tri-Valley will be offering a 5-day one week camp for ages 5-7 years Monday-Friday July 14th-18th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in Pleasanton on Santa Rita road. There are only 8 spots for this daily 90-minute camp, which will focus on singing in tune through songs in a variety of tonalities and rhythmic meters, rhythm practice with drums and other small percussion, some Sol fege, music games and instrument play. See video, price and registration at www.musictogether.net/bigkids.html or call 925-551-7722

- Free drum circles led by Phil will be offered at the Bankhead theater Plaza this summer. Bring a drum, picnic dinner and join in the fun Thursdays, July 31st, and August 21st from 6pm till dusk.

Farmers' Market

Dublin Farmers' Market will be held at Emerald Glen Park on Thursday, July 3, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. At "First Thursday" pick up what you need for a July 4th barbecue, and then enjoy the music of the Rowan Brothers, a country rock duo. Take part in wine and beer tastings. Featured wineries this month include Valor Winery, Wente Vineyards, and Cedar Mountain Winery. Local tap room Caps and Taps will also provide a selection of local craft beers to taste.

Horror Campout

The Great Horror Campout will take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton July 11 and 12.

The Great Horror Campout (GHC) is described as a "choose your own adventure" overnight, interactive camping experience.

Campers can decide how extreme of an experience they get by their choice of activities. Certain tent sections or activity zones labeled as 'Chicken Zones' will be milder while everything else keeps campers 'Fair Game.'

Campers will have the opportunity to meet a plethora of species that were only thought to have existed in legend. GHC is suitable for adults 18 and over. The experience begins at 8pm. There will be suitable time for sleeping, however the residents of the woods never sleep. Survivors leave the site at 8am. It is a high scare, high startle content experience. There will be no refunds after a ticket is purchased and a patron has entered the campsite.

donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Bricks and Clicks

East Bay small business retailers are invited to participate in the free East Bay Business Seminar – "Bricks & Clicks" Retailing, on July 15, 2014, from 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, Perera Pavilion, 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill.

This event is for East Bay retail (non-food) businesses seeking to improve their bottom lines, address pressure from e-commerce and big-box competition and provides an opportunity to network with other successful small retailers in the region while learning about available free and low-cost resources.

The program consists of a discussion and Q & A with four successful, local, small businesses on how to retail successfully in the new economy, followed by an in-depth interview with a business on how to compete successfully with online retailers. There will then be an hour for networking with businesses and over 20 business resources representing finance, workforce and business assistance.

Go to <http://retailbizseminar.eventbrite.com> to register and find more information on this event.

This seminar is sponsored by Wells Fargo and is being provided by East Bay EDA, Alameda County SBDC, Contra Costa SBDC and East Bay SCORE, and is being hosted by the City of Pleasant Hill.

Contact Keith at keith@eastbayeda.org or call 510 272-3885 with questions.



Slides and Stories Focus on Yosemite

Writer and outdoorsman Matt Johanson will show slides and tell stories from his new book, Yosemite Adventures: 50 Outstanding Hikes, Climbs and Winter Treks. Enjoy vicarious thrills from the safety of the Pleasanton Library Meeting Room this Sunday, July 6, at 2 pm.

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For information, go to www.greathorrorcampout.com

Book Events

Towne Center Books July events:

Tues., July 8, 11 a.m. Coffee and Conversation with June Cothner. Her newest book is Garden Blessings: Prayers, Prose, and Poems celebrating the Love of Gardening. This is a free event.

Wed., July 16, 11 a.m. Constructive Wallowing Workshop with Tina Gilbertson. \$5.00 - can be applied toward your purchase of the book Constructive Wallowing.

Thurs., July 24, 11:30 a.m. Read It and Eat with Random House. Reps, Ron Shoop and Liz Willner will share their pick of titles on the Random House list. Reservations are required. 925-846-8826 or email. \$15.00 for lunch. 11:30 begins social time. The program begins at noon.

Tues., July 29, 11 a.m. Susan Spann returns with #2 in the Shinobi Mystery Series, Blade of the Samurai. Hiro and Father Mateo's second adventure (Claws of the Cat published in 2013) combines enlightenment on 16th-century Japanese life with a sharp and well-integrated mystery. (Kirkus reviews).

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main St., Pleasanton; 925-846-8826.

Consider the Conversation

To help community members start the end of life conversation, Hope Hospice is sponsoring a film screening of the documentary, Consider the Conversation, followed by a panel discussion by medical and communication experts.

This free event will be held on Thursday, July 24 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To make a reservation, go to HopeHospice.com/conversation or call (925) 829-8770, ext. 281.

Consider the Conversation highlights the American struggle with communication and preparation for the end of life. "This film inspires and empowers people to make their wishes known," says Victoria Emmons, Hope Hospice CEO. "Hope Hospice is actively participating in The Conversation Project, a nationwide effort that is dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. This screening is one of several events we are devoting to this important project."

Advance directives give individuals control over the health care they receive and the ability to name an "agent" to speak for them if they cannot speak for themselves. "It is our hope that the community will take to heart the message of this film and speak to their loved ones about their wishes for end-of-life care and complete their advance directives," adds Emmons.

A panel discussion with Questions & Answers will follow the film screening.

Panelists include: Maureen Dudgeon, MD – Chief medical officer at Hope Hospice. Dr. Dudgeon is board-certified in hospice and palliative medicine and internal medicine. She holds an MA in bioethics. Her experience includes provid-

ing inpatient palliative care consultations and outpatient hospice care.

Rhonda Fisher, LCSW – Chief of Patient Care Services at Hope Hospice. She has 27 years of management experience in many healthcare settings; twelve of those were in hospice as director of Quality Management.

William Harvey – Certified financial planner with Spectrum Wealth partners. He is a member of the Hope Hospice Board of Directors.

For more information visit www.hopehospice.com or call 1-800-HOSPICE.

Outdoor Events

Save Mount Diablo plans several programs.

Hike Highland Springs from 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., July 12. Great views don't usually come easy. Often the greater the view, the steeper the hike. Highland Springs is like that. Our property is situated just below the summit of Highland Peak, offers amazing views to the south and provides crucial

habitat for sensitive species. The distance of the hike is short but is strenuous due to the incredibly steep topography. Scrambling up steep drainages will be a feature of the hike. Join all-star Stewardship Committee member, Bob Cooper, who knows the landscape better than anyone.

Please RSVP to smdinfo@SaveMountDiablo.org or (925) 947-3535. More info.

Volunteers are invited to take part in Restoring Creek Habitat from 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., July 5.

Enjoy the beauty of Marsh Creek while taking care of the habitat it provides by weeding and watering native bunchgrass plots, woody plantings and the banks of the creek. Bring a lunch and picnic in the gazebo after a satisfying morning of restoring one of Contra Costa County's most precious natural resources. Bring water, gloves and a hand trowel if you have one - we'll bring extras. Wear long pants, boots, long sleeves and layers.

Please RSVP to jcartan@SaveMountDiablo.org or (925) 947-3535. More info.

Program to Connect with Teacher in the Arctic

The Livermore Public Library will host a PolarConnect interactive online presentation from Christensen Middle School's science teacher, Regina Brinker, who is currently studying in the Arctic.

This free event will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 11:30am at the Civic Center Library Community Rooms.

Learn more about the Arctic and have the opportunity to ask questions of Livermore teacher Regina Brinker as she works in the field. PolarConnect transports students and the public to remote polar locations to learn about exciting polar science through real-time Internet presentations from teachers and researchers in the field during their PolarTrec expeditions. This event will use online slide presentations, voice over IP, audio and text chatting to interact with Regina. This presentation is not a live video feed.

The audience participates by asking questions via computer microphones and a speakerphone. Regina will return to the Library in-person in October, to share her experience with the community. To find out more about Regina and her polar study, visit <http://www.polartrec.com/member/regina-brinker>.

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

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Among the 2014-15 performances are (from left) "Cirque Peking" by the National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China; Almost Elton John; and Jan and Dean's Beach Party.

LVPAC 2014-15 Season Brings Back Favorites, Introduces New Acts

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has announced the 2014-2015 LVPAC Presents season. It opens on Friday, September 12, 2014 with a performance of "Cirque Peking" by the National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China.

Now in its eighth season since the opening of the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC Presents offers nearly 50 shows covering

a breadth of musical styles from rock, jazz, and pop, to country and doo wop, plus dance, comedy, and entertainment from around the world. New this year will be seven Subscription Series packages combining three to four shows grouped by genre and offered at a price 10 to 15 percent less than individual single tickets.

For the upcoming season, the Bankhead Theater

will welcome the return of some local favorites whose previous appearances have sold out. They include ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, the Kingston Trio, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. A holiday tradition continues when the voices of Chanticleer join in a celebration of holiday song in December. Two popular music tribute groups, "Almost

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Rocky LaPorte from 'Last Comic Standing' Coming to Pleasanton's Firehouse



Rocky LaPorte brings his stand-up comedy show to Pleasanton.

From NBC's "Last Comic Standing," Chicago comedian Rocky LaPorte brings his everyman, street-wise style of comedy to a one-night-only appearance at the Firehouse Arts in Pleasanton on Saturday, July 19, at 8:00 p.m.

The star of the Showtime comedy special "The Godfathers of Comedy" delivers laughs in his trademark Brooklyn accent and has become one of the most sought after comedians in the country. Opening for LaPorte is Bay Area favorite and Vallejo native Myles Weber. G. King hosts.

For this show, the Firehouse Arts Center theater

is transforming itself from traditional row-style seating into a cabaret/club setting, complete with tables and chairs for patrons who purchase tickets on the main floor. (Balcony seats will remain theater-style seating.) The Cellar Door, which operates concessions at the Firehouse, will be on hand with small plates, chocolates, wine and other beverages available for purchase.

General admission tickets are \$20 for main floor (table) seating, and \$15 balcony. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person

at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

A former Chicago truck driver and dockworker, Rocky LaPorte has accumulated a truck-load of major performances throughout his career. On the big screen, his most recent movie appearance is with Tim Allen in "Crazy on the Outside."

Voted Comedy Central's second most popular comedian in a nationwide poll, Rocky has performed on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and had appearances on A&E's Evening At The Improv and VH-1's Stand-Up Spotlight, and sitcom appearances on Cheers and his own NBC pilot called the Rocky LaPorte Show.

His clean observations and take on life have made him a favorite in all the top comedy clubs, corporate events and television shows.

Born and raised in Vallejo, California, Myles Weber was runner-up at the Best Of The Bay Area Comedy Competition in 2009, and the winner of the Bay Area All-Star Comedy Competition in 2012. Things kept rolling in 2013 when Myles was featured in Comedy Central's "Up Next" talent search. With a keen eye for abnormality and a reputation for working the crowd, Weber is one of the most engaging comics working today. Currently a host and writer for the "Portico" network, Weber has written for Smosh Pit Weekly on the Smosh YouTube channel, and was also featured on The Ricki Lake Show, as well as, "I Almost Got Away With It"

on The Discovery Channel.

Host for the evening and Bay Area native G. King performs regularly at comedy clubs and other venues

throughout the Bay Area as well as nationally, and has opened for top national comedians including Tommy Davidson, Deray Davis,

Tony Rock, and Sinbad. King states that his inspirations include Mike Epps, Chris Rock, and Bernie Mac, to name a few.

Evening with Donner Party Survivor Next in Talk Series Presented by Museum on Main

Museum on Main presents An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen on Tuesday, July 8th, 7pm at the Firehouse Arts Center in Downtown Pleasanton.

Doris Dwyer, PhD, a professor of history and humanities at Western Nevada College, takes the stage as Margaret Breen, a member of the ill-fated Donner Party.

Breen and her family joined the California wagon train of 81 pioneers who found themselves trapped in the snow in the Sierra Nevada in 1864. Of the 83 members of the Donner Party trapped in the mountains, only 45 survived to reach California.

Margaret Breen, along with her husband and seven children, shared the suffering of their fellow emigrants. An Irish immigrant and devout Catholic, Breen worked tenaciously to ensure the survival of her family during the winter of entrapment in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Due largely to her efforts, the Breens were one of only two families in the party to survive without the loss of life. Margaret spent the remainder of her life in San Juan Bautista and died in 1874.

This event is general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.



Doris Dwyer as Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen.



Barbara Dane

Jazz Legend to Host House Rent Party to Raise Funds for the Bothwell Arts Center

Join legendary Barbara Dane and the Golden Gate Hot Five in a jumping Jazz House Rent Party to benefit the Bothwell Arts Center on July 19, 7:30 p.m. Called "One of the true unsung heroes of American music" (Boston Globe, 2012) and "Bessie Smith in stereo" (Leonard Feather, Playboy Magazine Jazz Critic), Barbara Dane brings to the Bothwell over 60 years of a remarkably diverse musical career.

In 1946, Dane shared a folk concert stage in Detroit with Pete Seeger. She released her first album in 1957. By 1959, she was singing jazz with Louis Armstrong and touring with trombonist Jack Teagarden. She performed folk

and blues regularly at the Gate of Horn in Chicago with backup musicians such as Memphis Slim, Willie Dixon, and Little Brother Montgomery.

She recorded jazz with Earl "Fatha" Hines and blues with Lightnin' Hopkins, sang before tens of thousands in protest of the Vietnam War, was the first white woman to be profiled in "Ebony" magazine, and the first US performer to tour post-revolutionary Cuba. In San Francisco, she opened "Sugar Hill," the first Bay Area mainstream blues club, bringing in Mama Yancey, Tampa Red, Lonnie Johnson, Brownie McGhee & Sonny Terry, Jimmy Rushing, and Mose Allison.

This historic evening is a

benefit for and will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore, which supports the arts by providing affordable rehearsal, studio, classroom and performance space.

Tickets are on sale through the Bankhead Theater Box Office at 2400

First Street, Livermore, or www.bankheadtheater.org. The Bothwell is a project of Livermore Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation. Produced by Duane Gordon, sound by Kenny Williams and Ninja-Sound, with help from the Bankhead Theater.

Tonight Show Musician, Matt Finders, Offering JazzLabb Summer Program in Livermore.

Starting on July 11, 2014, former 'Tonight Show with Jay Leno' trombonist and educator Matt Finders offers an opportunity for musicians of any age to study jazz in a combo setting through his 2 week long JazzLabb summer program.

A Livermore native, Matt Finders began studying music at the age of 12 while attending East Avenue Middle School and continued playing through his education at Livermore High School. Over the course of his career, he has played with Natalie Cole, Harry Connick, Jr., Sting, Benny Goodman's Orchestra, Branford Marsalis, the Woody Herman Band and many others.

He recently returned to Livermore and is dedicated to helping grow a jazz culture in the Valley "When I was learning to play, there were plenty of opportunities for jazz for youth," says

Finders. Many of those opportunities have vanished, and Finders says he wants to change that.

Students explore the art

of improvisation, sight-reading and small group playing. JazzLabb will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, with

a final Concert to be held at Bent Creek Winery, Livermore on July 19. Interested parties may contact Finders directly at Jazzlabb@att.net.



The Tonight Show horn section included Matt Finders, Chuck Findley and Ralph Moore.

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Opera in the Vineyards Event Features Classic Music Performed in a Picnic Setting

Spend an evening listening to classic opera in a relaxed, casual setting nestled among the vines of Retzlaff Vineyards for Livermore Valley Opera's 22nd annual Opera in the Vineyard.

Opera in the Vineyard will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 20. Retzlaff Vineyards is located at 1356 So. Livermore Avenue. Tickets are \$35 through July 8 and \$45 after that date.

"The annual Opera in the Vineyard has become a popular community event," says Raquel Holt, LVO founder and this year's event co-chairperson. "Our supporters and many come each time, enjoy the high quality of the talented opera singers, the wonderful program, and the lovely vineyard setting."

This benefit event for LVO offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas performed by professional singers in an informal setting. It is a "bring-your-own-picnic dinner" event where guests can purchase the organically-made wines of Retzlaff Vineyards.

"It is always wonderful to see our supporters enjoy themselves in an informal, casual event as they listen to beautiful arias being performed by LVO's talented principal singers," adds Holt. "From their picnic baskets, our guests take out a spread of delectable culinary delights to share, and to hear the clinking of wine glasses as they

happily make a toast to each other is a delight to see. Of course, the scenic Retzlaff Vineyards is the perfect venue!"

Once again, LVO will offer the "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of arias" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area. This year's singers are soprano Marie Plette (Mimi in LVO's *La bohème*), tenor Christopher Bengochea (Don Jose in LVO's *Carmen*) and baritone Krasen Karagiozov (Shaunard in LVO's *La bohème*). Accompanying the singers is pianist Chun Mei Wilson.

Early bird reservations for \$35 through July 8 can be made online at <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/>, or by calling the information line at (925) 960-9210. After July 8, the cost is \$45 if space is still available as this event is expected to sell-out. Reservations for tables of eight can be reserved in a company or family name.

Adding to the festivities will be a raffle drawing and silent auction, including spectacular desserts for guests to enjoy after their picnic. While Retzlaff wine will be available for purchase, no outside wine is permitted. Guests are encouraged to carpool.

Visit LVO's website www.livermorevalleyopera.com for more event information.

American soprano Marie Plette is acclaimed in



Opera in the Vineyard

the major opera houses of North America and Europe for her compelling portrayals from Cio-Cio San in *Madama Butterfly* to Love Simpson in *Cold Sassy Tree* and the Countess in *Le nozze di Figaro*. Her recent performances of *Madama Butterfly* prompted the *New York Times* to remark, "The opera did partake of the other great unifying factor here: a star turn, by Marie Plette in the title role." Immediately after winning the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in 1992, Marie Plette was invited to make her Metropolitan Opera debut as the First

Lady in *Die Zauberflöte*. She has performed frequently with the company since then in roles including Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Guttrune in *Götterdämmerung*, and Kristina in *The Makropoulos Case*. Most recently, she appeared singing five roles in the Berkeley West Edge Opera production, *Legend of the Ring*.

Christopher Bengochea is a prize winning international opera tenor who has been heralded as having "power, sure intonation, and fine diction that come in a package tied with a ribbon of 'natural sound.'" He

performed the title role in *Idomeneo* to enormous success. Jason Victor Serinus of *Opera News* says: "Tenor Christopher Bengochea's dark-hued (voice)...conquered virtually every vocal hurdle Mozart set out for *Idomeneo* ... Bengochea's performance was exceptional." Other engagements included Vasco da Gama in Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine* for Opera Orchestra of New York and Rodolfo in Puccini's *La bohème*. Christopher had been a Resident Artist of Opera San José, 2005-2008, where he performed Rodolfo in *La bohème*, the title role in *Roméo*

et Juliette, Alfredo in *La traviata*, Pinkerton in *Madame Butterfly*, Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, the title role of *Werther*, the Duke in *Rigoletto*, and Tamino in *Die Zauberflöte*. Companies with which he has performed include: Opera San Jose, Atlanta Opera, Opera Idaho, Opera Canada, Center City Opera, Opera Company Brooklyn, Jarvis Conservatory, Intermountain Opera, Townsend Opera, Rimrock Opera, Palm Beach Opera, Pacific Repertory Opera, Livermore Valley Opera, West Bay Opera, Teatro Felice, Caramoor Opera, Tigulio Festival

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Opera, and Opera Santa Barbara.

Baritone Krassen

Karagiozov was born in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, where he began his musical studies as a pianist. He participated in and won international competitions in both piano and voice, including the "Tz. Diakovich" in Sofia. In addition to concert work as a collaborative pianist in Bulgaria, Turkey, and USA he appeared as baritone soloist for a recital and recordings for the Bulgarian National Radio. During the 2008 - 2009 season, he made his debut as a member of Opera San José's resident principal artists, appearing in the title role of Eugene Onegin, Sgt. Belcore (The Elixir of Love), Guglielmo (Così fan tutte) and Escamillo (Carmen). Roles performed recently by Mr. Karagiozov include Henry in The Gift of the Magi for Hidden Valley, Silvio in I Paggiacci, Gianni Schicchi for Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, Marcello in La Bohème, Figaro in Barbieri di Siviglia, Angelotti in Tosca, Vronsky in Anna Karenina, Count Almaviva in Le Nozze di Figaro, Dandini in La Cenerentola, Lescaut in Manon for OSJ.

Chun Mei Wilson, pianist/accompanist, has collaborative projects that range from recitals with double-bass to marimba to coloratura soprano. Ms. Wilson apprenticed as a prompter at San Francisco Opera and for many seasons has accompanied for Festival Opera, North Bay Opera, and Martinez Opera. Ms. Wilson had the privilege of coaching Frederica Von Stade from 1997 until the mezzo's Carnegie Hall farewell recital in 2010.

Creatures of Impulse Presents Tri-Valley High: The Series Episodic Improvised Teen Soap Opera

Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning 26-member teen improv troupe, returns with its summer classic. Tri-Valley High: the Series kicks off on Wednesday, July 9, and plays out over each Wednesday in July as the troupe creates a live, improvised, and episodic teen soap opera, full of mesmerizing teen angst.

Audience members help create the characters, locations, and plot for this popular interactive summer serial, with the grand finale on July 30. All shows are at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, and start at 7:30 p.m.

Come for one show, or indulge in all four: each performance builds on the previous, but each is a unique and complete performance.

Performances are set for July 9, 16, 23, 30. General admission tickets: Adult \$10, Student \$5. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Free parking.



Pictured are, from left) Bryn Doyle, Sabrina Finke, and Maddie Peterson (sitting).

Creatures of Impulse has grown from its beginnings in 2006 as a City of Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department class, into the respected, award-winning teen improv program it is today.

In March of this year, the troupe received their most recent, and perhaps most impressive accolade when they were honored with the coveted state-wide 2012 California Park and Recreation Society's (CPRS) Creating Community Award for Excellence in Youth Development.

In addition to partnering with local high schools and elementary schools to bring innovative theater arts education into the schools and to the public at large, the award also acknowledged Creatures of Impulse's efforts in partnering with local businesses, and recognized their efforts to celebrate teens and offer theatrical improvisation classes, workshops, camps, and performances that bring youth and teens together to engage in the

supportive culture of teen improv.

COI founder and director Mark Duncanson is himself a recent award-winner, being a recipient of the 2012 Martin Luther King Legacy Award. Regarding his passion for Creatures of Impulse, Duncanson is a huge advocate of the supportive improv culture, and is a seasoned graduate of the Bay Area Theater Sports improv program, and continuing professional performer himself. He developed his love for long-form, story-based improv in 1994 when he was cast in "Liquid Soap," an improvised episodic soap-opera based out of San Francisco.

COI is a performance group for teens in grades 9-12. Auditions are held in early summer for the fall season. For more information on Tri-Valley High: The Series, or Creatures of Impulse Improv Troupe, contact Mark Duncanson at 925-931-4828 or mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov

Times 4 Up Next in Livermore Jazz Series

Jazz in July at the Livermore Library continues on Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 2pm when the jazz group Times 4 (pictured at right) performs at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this program.

Over 11 years of collaboration and friendship have culminated in Times 4's musical interplay generates tight, driving grooves, captivating melodies and dynamic improvisations. "Times 4 has become one of the finest jazz-funk-soul combos in California" (San Jose Mercury News, Oakland Tribune).

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.

The trio's repertoire blends jazz styles with elements from Latin music, classical music, funk, and more. The group's original

compositions are mixtures of elaborate orchestration and opportunities for creative improvised solos. They bring a similar approach to playing arrangements of tunes by other jazz artists and traditional jazz standards, including favorites by Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Richard Rogers and other composers of America's most popular songs from decades ago, each played with a new twist.

"Characterized by cohesive improvisation and filled with the spirit of hip-hop rhythms and a groove-based approach, the music surges with a mesmerizing power



and charms accordingly" (AllAboutJazz.com).

The Friends of the Livermore Library have under-

written this program as part of the Jazz in July series. For additional events, go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Review

Meet a Fabulously Feisty Female

by Susan Steinberg

Shakespeare's feistiest female has come to Pleasanton, and received audience raves for her first weekend. Carla Patoja fabulously inhabits the lead role in the S.F. Shakespeare "Taming of the Shrew," presented free in Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park on weekends through July 13.

The story itself is familiar to many through frequent public performances and from its popular musical version, "Kiss Me, Kate." In every production, however, it is viewed from a different angle and through a different lens. Modern opinions on the play range from feminist anger at such a "sexist" drama, to an emerging appreciation of the subtle give and take between Kate and her "tamer" Petruchio as a more subversive sub-text.

Audiences eager to experience each director's unique interpretation will particularly enjoy the way S.F. Shakes Director Rebecca Ennals treats the text. She presents an entertainingly ambivalent portrait of a head-strong bad-tempered woman meeting her match, a reading which would have been the acceptable "happy ending" for Elizabethan audiences. At the same time Kate is shown to be a justifiably unhappy less-cherished older sister to the simperingly-sweet Bianca, as well as an intelligent woman rebelling against the contractual marriage process which allowed the father to decide without consideration of the daughter's opinion.

Kate's scorn for most suitors is understandable: they consider women a commodity, weighing her

worth in the pounds and pence of her dowry. At first, Petruchio seems much like the others, saying "I come to wive it wealthily in Padua; if weathily, then happily in Padua." But he soon proves his mettle in a clever and zesty give and take with the equally witty and high-spirited Katherine. It is a duel of words that is a listener's delight, setting up the expectation that they might actually be a well-matched pair. Even the racier retorts are deftly parried by both debaters; this is certainly no traditionally polite "first conversation."

Petruchio has clearly described his tactics for dealing with Katherine's legendary shrewishness at first meeting. Later, after their hasty marriage, he likewise outlines his plan for "gentling" his falcon in the approved fashion of a gamekeeper. It sounds like a process "by the book," yet in Tim Kniffin's nuanced interpretation, Petruchio reveals an interest and emotional investment in his "creature" that goes beyond mere mastery and domination. Carla Patoja as Katherine also betrays a marked appreciation of Petruchio's humor and wit, even as she raves and rants about his cruel treatment.

Kate has always experienced people trying to pacify her, which has only goaded her to more temperamental displays. Suddenly seeing how disagreeable such behavior seems must be a shock of self-discovery to her fractious spirit. She actually tries to dissuade her furious husband from beating his servant Grumio, attempts to calm his rage about some over-cooked dinner meat, and becomes less aggressive herself. He is



Pictured are Miyaka Cochrane as Hortensio, Tim Kivvin as Petruchio and Phil Wong as Grumio in Free Shakespeare in the Park's 2014 production of *The Taming of the Shrew* now performing in Pleasanton. Photo - Doug Jotrgensen

actually playing at being a more "shrewish" person than Kate herself, and does a very convincing job of it. (Actually a "shrew" or "shrow" originally applied to a man, and could still refer to a masculine character in Shakespeare's day.)

Bit by bit, Kate becomes more conciliatory. When Petruchio tests her willingness to accept his dictates, she finally decides to play along, not just to appease him, but to enjoy the game herself. First he calls the sun the moon, and she agrees, but when he reverses his opinion, she agrees to that opposite pronouncement as well. It seems to be a game of "I can be as impossibly outrageous as you are," as each partner takes the other's measure and obviously relishes the process.

Their duel of wills comes to a climax when Petruchio demands that she kiss him in the street, in front of her father's

house. A shocked Katherine declares that it would be shameful to make such a public display, but when he threatens to take her back home if she crosses his will, she submits and kisses him. How that moment is played becomes the real crux of the play's interpretation. Is it a perfunctory peck meant to comply in form only ("lip service," as it were), or is it really a heartfelt kiss of love? Far be it from me to spoil the surprise of that scene, but it is a knockout! Enjoy it for yourselves.

In and around the fireworks between Kate and Petruchio, other plots are brewing around her younger sister Bianca, played by lovely newcomer Monica Ho. Her father, Signior Baptista (popular actor Jesse Caldwell), has decreed that she cannot entertain any suitors until her older sister Kate has wed. So the elderly but wealthy

Gremio (multi-tasking Phil Lowery) and the quirky Hortensio (over-the-top Miyaka Cochrane) agree to fund Petruchio's wooing expenses, and also to hire tutors for Bianca to help win her favor. Hortensio quite boldly submits himself, barely disguised as a music teacher, while Gremio hires a "learned young student" named Cambio to teach Bianca literature (especially love poetry). Actually "Cambio" is really Lucentio, a gentleman newly-arrived in Padua, and instantly smitten by the sight of Bianca. He exchanges identities with his servant Tranio, who introduces himself as Lucentio, applying for Bianca's hand with his supposed parental riches.

Baptista is too shrewd to believe Tranio/Lucentio's promised bridal settlement, and promises his consent only if Lucentio's father Vincentio appears in

person to sign the contract. Now faithful servant Tranio, in addition to playing Lucentio, must also find someone to impersonate Lucentio's father. As he comically observes, "Fathers commonly do get (beget) their children, but in this case of wooing, a child shall get a sire." Amy Lizardo makes her debut as this cunning servant, reversing the practice of Shakespeare's time, when woman's roles were played by men. In this show, other talented women also play men's roles, including Patricia Austin as Biondello and Peter, and especially Lizzie Calogero as Curtis, the fake Vincentio, and even the mean-spirited Widow (but lacking a wig for the woman's role) who finally marries Hortensio.

Phil Wong (a male) playing Petruchio's put-upon personal servant Grumio, delivers some of the play's best one-liners. When Gremio (the elderly suitor), impressed by the educated tutor (Lucentio) he has hired, sighs, "Oh, this learning, what a thing it is!" Grumio mocks sarcastically "Oh, this woodcock, what an ass it is!" Tranio, like most of Shakespeare's servants, also has colorful comments which resonate to this day, as, "Let us do as adversaries do in law: Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends." When his master Lucentio burbles about his lofty study goals in Padua, Tranio wisely advises that he not be completely governed by Aristotle (logic), but also admit the influence of Ovid (poet of love), for "No profit grows where is no pleasure ta'en," the basis of much current educational theory. So who would dare to call Shakespeare "dated?"

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Of course, the final scene in which Kate delivers a scolding rebuke to the other two wives at the wedding feast reads like a typical Protestant sermon on the duties of an Elizabethan wife. Is it truly meant to keep women reminded of their subservient place under their husbands' Supreme Will? Is it possibly written as a satirical take on what men wanted to hear, but delivered tongue-in-cheek by the liberated Katherine? Or could it be the sincere outpouring of a loving heart acknowledging to all the world her new-found allegiance to her lord? Again, each audience member may decide how to judge this controversial speech, but no one could deny its power as delivered by Carla Pantoja.

The hearty roar of acclamation showed the full audience's appreciation of a play judiciously edited, very well acted, and clearly enunciated for all to understand. Generous donations filled the actor's buckets in gratitude for the company's 15th season in Pleasanton (its 32nd season in the Bay Area). Complete with music that enhances the action and evokes the period, lively dancing, and some pretty impressive staff-wielding by Phil Lowery as the justifiably exasperated Vincentio, the evening also features a delightful and educational Green Show at 7 p.m.

Storied Nights Theme Writers on Writing

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Peet's Coffee & Tea sponsor Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. The literary series is produced by Livermore residents Marilyn Kamelgarn and Cynthia Patton.

This month's theme is Writers on Writing. We feature excerpts from the "I Write Because..." Project. John Hutchinson, Marilyn Kamelgarn, and Cynthia

Performances take place Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on July 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Amador Park, corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The stage is located behind the swimming pool, and there is ample free parking in the Rec. Center's lots and along the streets. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic suppers, blankets, and low-back chairs plus some wraps against the evening chill. Make it a family outing and introduce children to an entertaining Shakespeare play, or plan an adult evening with snacks and wine.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy this free annual treat in a beautiful setting. And please be generous in supporting the Company's many great educational projects, from their fabulous Bay Area Shakespeare Camp (July 21 - August 1 in Pleasanton) to the Shakespeare on Tour program (which will bring "As You Like It" to the Pleasanton Library on Sunday, December 10, at 2 p.m.), to participating in local schools.

Come enjoy hearing those memorable phrases that have resonated through the ages. A personal favorite: "Our purses shall be proud, our garments poor; for 'tis the mind that makes the body rich." What a special motto for this special Valley!

Patton will also read selections from Anne Lamott, former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, Stephen King, Jane Hirshfield, and others.

The event will take place on Thursday, July 10, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Peet's Coffee & Tea, 152 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

Cynthia Patton, the event's host, notes, "Storied Nights showcases the best

LVPAC SEASON

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Elton John" and "Music of ABBA: Arrival from Sweden," bring back their high-energy shows. Chicago's comedy powerhouse returns in a show with a very local spin, "The Second City Hits Home."

Among the artists making their first appearance at the Bankhead this season will be Grammy Award-winning vocal group The Manhattan Transfer, and actress, singer and author Molly Ringwald. Although best known for her roles in 1980s films such as *Pretty in Pink*, Ringwald has been singing with her jazz pianist father since the age of three and will treat audiences to an evening of American songbook standards.

Retro rock will fill the theater with Dave Mason's *Traffic Jam* and Classic Albums Live performances of note-for-note, cut-for-cut renditions of the Beatles' "Abbey Road" and Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon." The Bankhead will also host such unique entertainment as "Intergalactic Nemesis: Target Earth," an innovative live-action graphic novel, Mark Nizer's "Live in 3D" comedy and juggling show, and "LUMA: Art in Darkness," a dazzling extravaganza of light and motion.

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agreement on a plan to resolve the outstanding debt on the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC sees the launch of the new season bringing renewed energy to its efforts to create a vibrant future for both the Bankhead and the Bothwell Arts Center. "Providing exceptional performing and visual arts experiences is at the core of our mission," said David Hyslop, consulting theater manager for LVPAC. "While there are still many challenges ahead, including a significant fundraising goal of more than \$1.6 million before the end of the year, LVPAC and the community are united in working to secure a thriving home for the arts in the heart of downtown Livermore."

LVPAC Presents subscription packages will be available to the general public beginning July 8,

2014, and single tickets after July 22nd through the Bankhead Theater ticket office. Members of LVPAC may place advance subscription package or single ticket orders beginning Thursday, June 26, 2014. Members are eligible for a 10 percent discount on any LVPAC Presents tickets purchased during the year. Additional benefits including concession vouchers, access to the Scott Haggerty Founder's Room during intermission, and exclusive meet and greets are available at higher membership levels. Contact (925) 583-2305 for more information.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankhead-theater.org or by calling 373-6800.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Wente Vineyards Estate Winery presents the work of six local artists, Edmee Acuna Keele, Norma Webb, Larry Gipson, Eugenia Zobel, Linda Jeffery Sailors, and Margie Huffman from July 1 to July 31. The reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, July 6 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. at the winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

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: J.Finegan@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-know 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.

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.

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

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Drumming Class master drummer and teacher Mogauwane, 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.chezanami.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.chezanami.org/

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.com>

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. 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 before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. 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" 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, cedar-mtn@wt.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 QuickFix Trio; Saturday, August 9th, to the sounds of Bosco Duo. 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 Mirasou. 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: 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., Tumbledown House; July 8, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the piano; July 9 and 10, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings.

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, July 4th "Evening in the Vineyards" free concert from 6-9pm featuring live music by The Delaney Project. Wine, beer and artisan pizzas hand crafted by On the Vine catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To make reservations please visit our website www.laspositasvineyards.com. Sunday, July 6th "Sunday Funday" with special wine & chocolate pairing flight. \$10 for club members, \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

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 www.murrietaswell.com

Music in the Orchard, July 31 and Aug. 28, 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.

Nottingham Cellars, Music in the Orchard, July 31, 6 to 9 p.m. Concerts for Charity at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa. The second of the three concert series will be headlined by local band Ten Tuesdays. Local businesses Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beerworks, Ken's Woodfired Pizza and the Purple Orchid come together to support local charities, The Pedrozzi Foundation and Team Delaney. 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 charities. No outside food or beverage.

Carolyn Wente's Book Club. Series begins on July 22 at 6pm with The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Enjoy artisan cheese and wine with Carolyn Wente as you discuss that night's book selection. Other dates include Aug. 14 The Art of Eating - M.F.K. Fisher, and Sept. 17, The Man Who Ate Everything - Jeffrey Steingarten. 6 to 8 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room. Complimentary for Wente Vineyards Wine Club members; \$10 for public. Wine will be available for sale by the glass or bottle. Space is limited. Club members make your reservations by calling 925.456.2305 or email the

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tasting room. Guests can make their reservation online. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Reservations or information at www.wentvineyards.com.

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. www.bankheadtheater.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 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.bankheadtheater.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.

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 @ Firehouse Presents: Rocky LaPorte of "Last Comic Standing" fame. Bay Area favorite Myles Weber opens; G. King hosts. Saturday, July 19, 8:00 p.m. For this show, the Firehouse Arts Center theater is transforming itself from traditional row-style seating into a cabaret/club setting, complete with tables and chairs for patrons who purchase tickets on the main floor. (Balcony seats will remain theater-style seating.) The Cellar Door will offer wine and refreshments for

purchase. General Admission tickets: \$20.00 main floor, \$15.00 balcony. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org, or call 925-931-4848, or at the center box office. Parking is free.

MOVIES

Picnic Flick, City of Dublin Summer Movie Series, Emerald Glen Park. Free admission: 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: 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

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 42nd Competition for Young Musicians, application deadline is Sunday, October 5, 2014. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/26.) 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. Two young musicians will be selected to 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.

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.

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

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Pictured are the Livermore Rodeo Princesses and SPURS.

LARPD Board Recognizes Livermore Rodeo Participants

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board of directors honored participants of the Livermore Rodeo and also received a presentation from the rodeo foundation.

The Board recognized young adults in the Students Promoting the Understanding of Rodeo Success (SPURS) group – Cecily Brooks, Travis Ferris and David Phillips. Also recognized were the Miss Livermore Rodeo Princesses – Parker Anderson, Faythe Fowler, Addison Hart, Savanna Johnson, Ava Lytle and Monica Rasmussen. Both groups were new to the rodeo this year.

Kathleen Minser, president of the Livermore Rodeo Foundation, spoke to Directors about the nonprofit part of the rodeo. The foundation was formed in 2008 to support ranching activities in the community. The foundation also worked on the “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” campaign that supports the ValleyCare Health Library and the Ryan Comer Cancer Research Center for Breast Cancer.

Director Maryalice Faltings congratulated the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association and its president, John Goltz, for the new elements added this year, including the Cowgirl

Amador Teacher Receives James Madison Fellowship

Samuel Weaver, a teacher at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Alexandria, VA. A total of 51 fellowships were awarded in 2014.

Fellowships support further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teach-

ers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation’s secondary schools, as well as experienced secondary school teachers in the same subject.

Weaver was selected in competition with applicants from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the nation’s island and trust territories.

Luncheon and the after-rodeo Saloon Party.

Directors also declared July 2014 as “Parks Make Life Better Month” in conjunction with the California Park and Recreation Society. This designation serves to encourage residents to use their local parks and take advantage of recreation programs and facilities. Recreation provides positive alternatives for youth; outdoor spaces allow children and adults to be active; and nature provides access to serenity.

Film on Cyberbullying Shown in Festival of Student Films

Doug Cembellin, who grew up in Pleasanton, has been chosen to showcase his short film, *Cyberbullied* in Fine Cut: KCET’s Annual Festival of Students Films, honoring filmmakers from schools across Southern California.

Now celebrating its 17th year, the four-week series will showcase some of the finest documentaries, comedic, dramatic and animated shorts by students. KCET is the largest independent public television station in the U.S. serving Southern and Central California.

Cyberbullied was produced while Doug attended the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts. This 20-minute short film explores the rise

in bullying amongst junior high and high school students as a result of misusing social networkingsites. It premiered on KCET on Monday, June 30 at 9 p.m.

“We’re excited to continue our 17-year tradition of showcasing exceptional films from talented Southern California student filmmakers,” said Bohdan Zachary, Senior Vice President of Broadcasting, Programming and Syndication for KCETLink, who also serves as executive producer of the annual series.

Detailed information about all of the film shorts in this year’s series is available at kcet.org/finecut, including filmmaker biographies, film synopses, streaming video and discussion boards.

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(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

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 5, 60 miles in the Sebastopol, Valley Ford and Tomales areas, meet 9 a.m. at Ragle Regional Park, Gail Blanco, 872-1001 or Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Sun., July 6, 52-60 miles from San Ramon Center Park to Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m., host to be announced. Wed., July 9, 50 miles Danville/3 Bears loop starting from Sycamore Park & Ride in Danville, meet 8 a.m., Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., July 6, 12:30 p.m. breakfast or lunch, Livermore, RSVP by July 3 to Hilda, 398-8808. July 13, 5 p.m., general meeting and birthday dinner in Pleasanton, RSVP by July 9 to Ruby, 462-9636. July 17, 5 p.m., happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by July 15 to Marge, 828-5124. July 19, 1 p.m., friendly bridge in Hayward, RSVP by July 12 to Elma, 510-582-1308. July 20, 1 p.m. brunch or lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by July 17 to David, 833-7647. July 24, 1 p.m., lunch in Danville, RSVP by July 22 to Pati, 510-427-8891. July 30, noon, lunch in Danville, RSVP by July 28 to Marsha, 830-8483.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, July 17th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can’t make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home.

Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

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 Cattlemen’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 Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt.Sullivan@mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowling@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.altamontcruisers.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.schoollloop.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

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

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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.

Free Blood Pressure Management Classes, four week series of classes will teach how to manage blood pressure with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer questions about living with high blood pressure. Fridays, July 18 through August 8, 10 am - 12 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with high blood pressure. Call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register.

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

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.

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store,

1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/holiday

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 Grafrath 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. Suzy Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and

fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemporary 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 Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., 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 Summer Combined Service at 9:30am. Child care for children under 5 available starting at 9:15am. For more information check us out on the web at www.saintbartsLivermore.com

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 pjmrueller@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.

Lynwood United Methodist. Summer Sunday worship at 9:30 am with childcare and children's Sunday school. Free brunch follows the service. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, parking on street or in back lot. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor. 925 846-0221, www.lynewood.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. July 10th, and 24th, 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.unityoftrivalley.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.jpkcudublin.org (925)828-1846.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday, July 6 at 1:00 PM. The Community HU is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7pm, 1893 N. Vasco Rd. (UU Church). More information: Livermore-Quakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-7170.

Arts At Barts! Discover the secret of the garden during St. Bartholomew's Arts at Barts Camp, at 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Camp will run August 11-15, 2014 from 9am to noon. Open to children ages 3 to 12, cost is \$30 per child (\$25 per child for multi child families). Scholarships available. This years theme is "The Secret Garden", the spring version. With musical performances August 16th (2pm and 7pm) and August 17th (2pm). For more information and to register for the Arts at Barts camp, call 925-447-3289 or online at www.saintbartsLivermore.com.

Milestones Community

Family and Friends to Celebrate 100th Birthday with a Party



Livermore resident Beulah Elma Rebis, nee Steinmeier, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 6, 2014. She was born July 6, 1914. Her family and friends will recognize this momentous occasion with a party at her Livermore home.

Beulah was born in Wells, Minnesota, the eldest of four children born to David and Louise Steinmeier. She studied for and received a teaching certificate, but jobs were difficult to find in the small community where her family lived at this time.

When she was 22 years old, she answered an advertisement in the paper for riders to share expenses on a trip to California. By the time the adventurers arrived in Los Angeles, Beulah had made friends with the drivers of the car. They were to become lifelong friends, and all remained in the southern California area for most of their lives.

Beulah had many jobs during her life including work at the flagship downtown Los Angeles May Company department store, the historic Ducommun Metals and Supply Company (the oldest company in California), and at Lorimar Studios in Culver City. She worked into her mid-seventies!

Her proudest accomplishments are her two children. Her daughter, Toni Tami nee Brewer, was a teacher in the Livermore Valley School District for 35 years and is now retired and living in Washington State; her son, Alan Rebis, worked in the communications field and as a landscape architect.

Beulah attributes her longevity to her sunny, positive outlook that is still in evidence today.



Beulah Rebis turns 100 on July 6.

Tish and Ernie Fierro of Livermore will be celebrating their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 4th, 2014. They were married in Albuquerque, New Mexico on a hot sunny day. They are both retired and enjoying their "Golden" years in Livermore with their family, and two puppies Lucy and Polly. They are two special people who always do so much to help their family and friends with a smile. They will be celebrating their special day with friends and family



at a BBQ hosted by their children. They are looking forward to the next 50 years together.

Five Join Hope Hospice Board of Directors

Five community members have been elected to the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. Kathleen Berriatua, MSN, FNP-C, CNS; Patrick Brown; William Harvey, CFP®; Christina Hopson, DO.; and Phil Radlick, PhD recently joined the 15-member board of directors, each of whom is elected to a two-year term, up to three consecutive two-year terms.

"We are fortunate that our new board members reside in the communities we serve and each brings valuable experiences and expertise to our organization," says Susan Michelletti, Hope Hospice Board president.

Danville resident Kathleen Berriatua is a board-certified family nurse practitioner in Concord. During

the last ten years, she has delivered primary women's health care to a diverse population of women who require assessment, diagnosis and treatment of both common and complex obstetric and gynecologic issues. Berriatua is also a registered nurse and a clinical nurse specialist.

Danville resident Patrick Brown is the executive vice president/chief financial officer of the San Francisco Print Media Company, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner, Bay Guardian and San Francisco Weekly, with corporate offices in San Francisco. He has a long and well-respected career in the media business. Brown received his degree in accounting from the University of Iowa. He has lived in the Tri-Valley community

for many years.

Walnut Creek resident William Harvey, CFP® is a certified financial planner with Spectrum Wealth Partners, a private company based in San Ramon. He worked previously at Charles Schwab & Company and Morgan Stanley and has also held positions in the banking industry in Danville and Walnut Creek.

San Ramon resident Christina Hopson, DO, is an internist and infectious diseases specialist. Board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases, Dr. Hopson was in private practice in the area from 2001 until she joined the ValleyCare Medical Foundation in Pleasanton in 2013. She serves on staff at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton

and St. Rose Hospital in Hayward.

Danville resident Phil Radlick, PhD, became connected to Hope Hospice last year when a family member needed hospice services. His experience with this organization prompted him to give back to his community by serving Hope Hospice. Dr. Radlick retired after 30 years as president and CEO of numerous cardiovascular medical device companies throughout the world, most recently as CEO and interim president of Cardima, Inc. He has extensive experience in commercializing devices in the cardiovascular field, research and development, marketing and finance and currently serves as an independent consultant in the healthcare industry.