



## Find Out What's Happening

### Check Out Section A

There is information on the book chosen for Livermore Reads Together; reviews of two plays; more on the Berlin Wall and listings of meetings and events.

# High Water Savings Are Killing Valley Trees

By Ron McNicoll

With a Valleywide water conservation effort of 46 percent in June, compared to the same month in 2013, the Valley may lead or be near leading the state in water conservation efforts.

However, that might not be a good thing. The price of that water conservation appears to be not only brown

lawns, but also the death of trees that have depended on the irrigation of those lawns.

Zone 7 Water Agency board president Sarah Palmer, who lives in Livermore, said that trees all over the city are dying. It's a loss to homeowners who may depend on them for the energy savings from shade on the house, for decoration, or for

fruit. Removing them is a financial loss, as well.

Losing trees also hurts the community as a whole. Collectively, the cooling shade can make a difference in a neighborhood and a city. Trees give off oxygen and evaporate water from their leaves, so that is also lost for the environment, said Palmer, who was speaking

for herself, and not for the board.

Palmer has 18 trees, including three oaks in the front yard, which she says keeps the temperature on the house down by 10 or 15 degrees. Redwoods in the backyard are mountain Sequoia, which don't require as much water as coastal redwoods.

In what may be a sign

of the times, Palmer has engaged her own arborist; several friends also use the same advisor.

Jackie Williams Courtright, owner of a Livermore nursery and a former Zone 7 board member, emphasized the importance of saving trees.

"All trees are stressing. (See TREES, page 7)

## Livermore Given Voice of People Award

The City of Livermore has been selected as the winner of the 2015 Voice of the People Award for Transformation in Foundations of Livability. The announcement was made last week by the National Research Center, Inc. (NRC).

The City was also a finalist for the Transformation in Economy award.

The NRC's National Citizen Survey™ (NCS) reports resident opinions and satisfaction with local government and services with a scientific, representative sample approach. For the past decade, Livermore has used the National Citizen Survey™ as a tool to obtain community feedback about city services and needs and

(See LIVERMORE, page 9)

## Low Water Use Drives Zone 7 to Look at Fiscal Future

By Ron McNicoll

With the drought and its dramatic water conservation figures reducing revenue for Zone 7 Water Agency, the Valley's water wholesaler has hired a consultant to examine long-range economic planning, which may affect future water rates.

The board voted unanimously July 15 to hire Raftelis Financial Consultants to conduct the study for a fee not to exceed \$100,000, with \$15,000 reserved for possible contingencies. Raftelis was selected from among five firms that responded with proposals.

The Valley water retailers in June achieved an average savings of 46 percent, compared to the base month of June 2013, thanks to customers strong cutbacks on water use. Zone 7 had projected only 15 percent conservation, by looking at earlier conservation estimates when the current rates were set last fall. Now, with the reality of retailers' demand being so much lower, there is less revenue than projected.

Residential water rates for this year were hiked by 3 percent. Another 3 percent increase is set for 2016. However, that could change, depending on the consultant's study. A progress report is expected from the consultant at a special board meeting on Aug. 26.

Traditionally, the board has set the following year's rates at the September and October meetings. If directors think rates should be raised, there would be time for the board to act in September, assuming there were enough information available for the board to be comfortable setting new rates.

Last year, for the first time, the board set rates on a two-year schedule. (See ZONE 7, page 7)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Relay for Life took place on July 18 at Pleasanton Middle School starting at 9 a.m. The 24-hour cancer fund-raising walk is sponsored each year by the American Cancer Society to raise money toward cancer research and local organizations that assist cancer patients during treatment. This year's walk included themed laps, the luminaria and fight-back ceremonies. A total of 14 teams and 124 participants were on hand for the fund-raising. As of Tuesday, over \$48,000 and reportedly been raised. For more photos, go to page 8.

## Pleasanton To Put Up No Smoking Signs in Parks and on Trails

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously to ban smoking in city parks and on trails. The ban would include parking lots adjacent to the parks and trails.

Assistant City Attorney Larissa Seto told the council that the Youth Commission had led the way in proposing the ban.

Youth Commissioners said the proposal to ban smoking in parks and along trails was because youth and families use them. Smoking creates health and fire hazards, as well as littering issues in the parks. "The goal will be to have a healthier, cleaner city and to make a statement that we want to stop people from smoking."

Mayor Jerry Thorne asked if there had been any discussion regarding banning smoking in the downtown and whether there had been any talks with the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA).

City Manager Nelson Fialho said there have been concerns voiced by the PDA about banning smoking. We are working with the organization.

"Downtown should be (See NO SMOKING, page 4)

## LPC Facilities Rentals Due for a Climb

Las Positas College (LPC) plans to update its facilities rental schedule to reflect current costs. Increases will affect swim

teams, soccer teams and other community groups that use the facilities.

The change is part of the college board's systematic

update of district policies, said Jeff Kingston, vice president of administrative services at LPC.

There are two fees for

rental of facilities: one with a lower cost for groups that do not charge its members any fee for an activity, and

(See FEES, page 4)

## National Study Taking Place At Livermore Woman's Ranch

By Jeff Garberson

The Sagehorn Russell ranch lies some 200 miles north of Livermore, not far from the town of Willets. Dry brown grass covers its hills and valleys. Lichen-covered rocks poke up through the soil.

Deer roam there, and sometimes elk. Mice and ground squirrels hide in the undergrowth from hawks. Bobcats prowl among stands of madrone and Manzanita while cattle seek shade under dusty looking oak trees.

In short, the Sagehorn Russell ranch looks much like any other working cattle ranch in the drought-stricken hills of Northern California at this time of year.

Closer inspection shows that it is anything but average, however. Owned by Marilyn Russell, a retired Livermore High School field biology teacher, it has

become an important part of a nationwide scientific effort to understand the "outer skin" of the Earth, the part that carries ground water, surface soil, animals and vegetation, up through the tree canopies.

It's the part of Earth where we live, and for that reason has come to be known as the Critical Zone.

In the words of the National Science Foundation, "It's where rock, soil, water, air and living organisms interact to shape Earth's surface." NSF recently announced an effort to better coordinate the efforts of its 10 critical zone research sites. Similar efforts are now taking place in Europe, China, Australia and other parts of the world.

In this country, the sites, called observatories, are located at diverse sites from (See STUDY, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Art Association's annual Art Under the Oaks was held last weekend at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. For more photos, go to page 8.

## County Winning Awards

Alameda County continues to receive national awards. It has been selected to receive 14 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACO) for a wide range of programs that include initiatives to protect the environment, enhance public safety and leverage innovative technologies to make operations more efficient and enhance customer service.

It is the largest haul of awards Alameda County has ever won in NACO's annual Achievement Awards program that recognizes counties around the country for innovative programs that modernize their operations and increase services to residents.

The awards will be presented at NACO's Annual Meeting later this month.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

You'll get along swimmingly with Neptune! The five-year-old feline sports tempest-tossed fur, but waves of peace will wash over you with this mighty fellow at your side. Lose yourself in the depths of his sea foam eyes and treat this big bundle of love like a god. Neptune rules at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, please visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656.

Photo - Valley Humane Society/E. Palange



## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Flags at Half Staff

By Presidential proclamation, all flags at City of Dublin facilities will be flown at half-staff until sunset on Saturday, July 25, in memory of the victims of the July 16 shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### Investigation Sought

Legal papers served in Washington asked Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz to investigate "substantial and specific danger to employees or to public health or safety" due to "technical failure and incidents" at the High Explosive Application Facility (HEAF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

According to attorney Tony Bothwell, his client Anthony T. Rivera, a 28-year veteran of the lab, said he was harassed and fired in October 2013, after reporting the hazards and other violations to lab management. Bothwell added, the Department of Energy Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) dragged out his case until March 2015 when it said it would not investigate. Rivera asks Secretary Munoz to either order reinstatement and compensatory damages or order OHA to conduct an investigation and hearing on the matter.

A California administrative judge who conducted a hearing found that lab management gave false reasons for firing Rivera.

Rivera appealed to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to whistleblower protection provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, 10 C.F.R. Part 708.

### Grass Fire Near Homes

On July 15, a suspicious two acre grass fire that came close to homes was extinguished by Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) with the assistance of CalFire. The fire was in the area of Hearst Drive and Remillard Court in Pleasanton. The fire was found on a steep oak tree covered hillside, but had not traveled into the trees. Firefighters deployed initial hose lines between the fire and the adjacent residences before advancing to the rest of the active fire for extinguishment. While the fire got close to homes, the residents in the area had created defensible spaces preventing fire from spreading there, though some fencing was damaged by the fire.

No structures were lost. Multiple homes were threatened. No injuries were reported to the LFPD. The cause of this fire is unknown, but deemed suspi-

cious. A joint investigation involving the Pleasanton Police Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is underway.

### Dublin Resident Appointed

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced the appointment of Thomas J. Nixon (pictured) to a judgeship in the Alameda County Superior Court.

Nixon, 56, of Dublin, has served as a commissioner at the Alameda County Superior Court since 2002. He was an attorney in private practice from 1998 to 2002, a partner at Quaresma, Benya, Hall, Connich, O'Hara and Nixon from 1989 to 1998 and an associate at Quaresma, Benya, Hall and Haun from 1984 to 1989. Nixon



earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Santa Clara University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from San Jose State University.

He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Kenneth M. Burr. Nixon is a Democrat.

The compensation for the position is \$184,610.

### Smith Green Team

The Smith Green Team at Emma C. Smith Elementary in Livermore is a top state collector of hair care, skin care, and cosmetic product packaging for the Personal Care and Beauty Brigade®, a free, national recycling program created by Garnier® and TerraCycle®. By collecting used personal care and beauty packaging, the students have helped to divert over 3,200 units of waste from landfills.

After they sign up to join a recycling Brigade, organizations earn points for every unit of waste they collect and send to TerraCycle. The points can be redeemed for charitable gifts or a cash donation to the non-profit of the collector's choice. TerraCycle will turn the collected packaging materials into new plastic products such as park benches and recycling bins.

Any school, individual, families or organizations interested in recycling with TerraCycle can learn more about the Brigade programs and sign up for free at [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

## Livermore Police Offering Vacation Watch Program

The Livermore Police Department has launched a Vacation Watch Program.

The program will work as follows:

- When planning to be out of town for at least 7 days, but no more than 30 days, proceed to the Livermore Police Department's Website at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/police/default.asp>

- In the navigation pane to the left of the screen, select Crime Information & Prevention. This will open up a menu, select "Vacation Watch."

- On this page, click the link to the "Vacation Watch" form. Answer questions about the property and input contact information. In addition, provide additional information regarding anything that the volunteers may encounter when they go to check on the property.

- As time and staffing permits, the department's staff of dedicated volunteers will go to a home and check the front exterior to make sure all appears normal.

- If, at any point, one of the volunteers finds anything out of the ordinary or suspicious, they will notify the dispatch center. A call for service will be created, and officers will be sent to check the home.

There are a few other important things to know about the program. The Vacation Watch program will be staffed solely by department trained volunteers. The volunteers will not check side or back yards, and they will not collect mail or newspapers. Make arrangements to pause or stop those services. Also, participation in the program means that anyone signing up understands that the Livermore Police Department and the City of Livermore do not

assume any liability for your residence during the specified vacation dates.

For further information, contact Crime Prevention

Specialist Nicole Aguon by calling (925) 371-4978 or emailing [naguon@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:naguon@cityoflivermore.net)

## Pleasanton Police Making Plans for National Night Out

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department. Over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces on Tuesday, August 4th to celebrate National Night Out's 32nd annual event. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug awareness, (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Pleasanton Police Department started participating in National Night Out over 12 years ago with 4 neighborhood block parties. Since then, the event has progressively grown to

almost 40 block parties with most coming from the department's organized Neighborhood Watch groups. Parties vary from potlucks and BBQ's to ice cream socials and have included live bands, bounce houses, kids activities and closed off street parties. Parties registered with the police could be visited by the Pleasanton Police Department, Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Department Heads and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. Join us for one of the most entertaining nights of the year!

Those interested in hosting a National Night Out Party, visit [www.pleasantonpd.org](http://www.pleasantonpd.org) and download an application or pick one up in the front lobby of the Pleasanton Police Department. Any questions can be directed to Ofc. Archie Chu at (925) 931-5222 or by email at [achu@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:achu@cityofpleasantonca.gov). Deadline for applications is July 31st.

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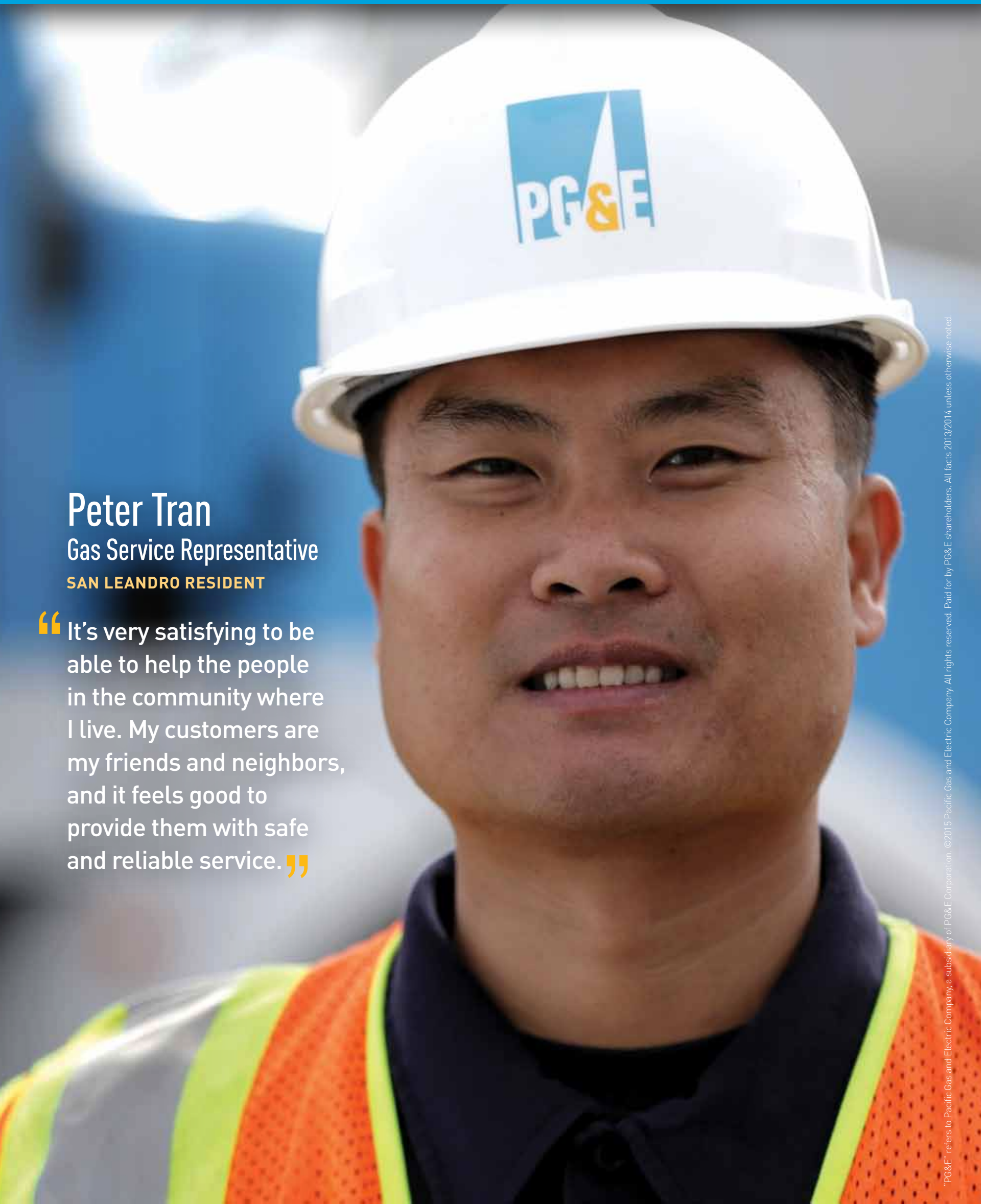
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# EDITORIAL

## Water the Trees

Joyce Kilmer's poem lauds the beauty of trees.

However, trees do much more than provide scenery. They provide food and habitat for birds and animals, and shade for everyone. Trees also absorb carbon dioxide and other pollutants out of the atmosphere and put out oxygen.

There is growing concern that the need to conserve water may result in the loss of trees. Several elected officials have raised the issue, including Ayn Wieskamp, East Bay Regional Park District, and Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

They point out that saving water is important, but that it is just as important to remember trees and the need to water them. Lawns and plants can be replaced. However, it can be expensive in time and money to replace a mature tree.

Area residents are conserving water at a higher rate than last year. It is important to use that water to give trees a drink. They are worth saving.

# Open Space Committee Hear about Area's Environmental 'Hot Spots'

The Tri-Valley area is considered a hot spot for biodiversity, containing a variety of habitats that support a wide range of plants and animals. In some cases, the plants and animals can be found in few other locations.

The Altamont Open Space Advisory Committee is in the process of reviewing which of these areas to focus on with the funding it has available to purchase land.

The money comes as the result of a lawsuit that established a fee to mitigate the impacts of bringing trash to the Altamont Landfill. The Vasco Landfill also collects the fee. The funds can only be spent in Eastern Alameda County.

To launch the discussion, the Open Space Committee has listened to presentations from environmental groups on which areas they believe should have priority for funding.

In May, the committee heard from the Tri-Valley Conservancy, California

Rangeland Trust, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, and the Greenbelt Alliance.

Last Friday, the East Bay Regional Park District, Save Mount Diablo and the Alameda Creek Alliance offered input on important areas they would like to see conserved.

There were similar sites discussed at both the earlier meeting and at last week's meeting. These include Doolan Canyon, Cedar Mountain, Brushy Peak, and Corral Hollow (referred to as Tesla Park by those opposed to the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park expansion).

Connectivity was one of the issues that merited saving according to presenters. Corridors that allow wildlife to move freely was a major consideration. The ability to provide trails that join open space areas was another benefit.

In addition to connectivity, they said that rare habitat areas providing homes to a variety of endangered plants and animals are important to save.

Protecting hydrological flow, to allow for maintenance of habitat as well as groundwater recharge, was listed as an important goal of land preservation.

Seth Adams, Save Mount Diablo (SMD) conservation director, discussed the Mount Diablo Range, which stretches 150 miles south from Mount Diablo. It includes such critical areas as the Altamont Pass and Corral Hollow. He stated that "waves of conservation" occur, saving areas such as the Sierras, the Redwoods and Coastal areas. "The next big wave will involve saving the inner coast ranges. Diablo is part of that."

He said that East Contra Costa and Alameda Counties are considered hot spots for endangered species in the U.S. SMD is looking at grasslands in Alameda County as important habitat. Raptors hunt in the grasslands. The largest concentration of golden eagles can be found in the Altamont. The Altamont Pass provides a critical linkage of the north and south Diablo Range, said Adams.

He added that areas along Dyer Road, next to Brushy Peak, would provide a wildlife corridor. Preserving Doolan Canyon and Collier Canyon would help to block road connections going into Contra Costa County. Ridgelines along the Diablo range, including Highland Ridge and Morgan Territory Ridge, provide incredible opportunities for preservation.

Corral Hollow would provide an important connection to Henry Coe Park,

which is located in Santa Clara and Stanislaus counties.

Adams stated that the one place other than Tesla, where the use of public dollars would be high priority, would be Cedar Mountain. "The serpentine geology is the single most important botanical hot spot outside of Mount Diablo. Its toxic materials change plants. It should be a state park in its own right," said Adams.

Bob Nisbet, East Bay Regional Park District Assistant General Manager, noted that voters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, agreed to tax themselves to buy land when they reauthorized Measure WW. The funds can be used to leverage state and federal dollars, as well as grants.

It was pointed out by Adams and Nisbet that mitigation for development has helped to preserve many areas.

Nisbet called Cedar Mountain an area of interest, along with Duarte Canyon Bethany Reservoir and the Chain of Lakes. Envisioned in the EBRPD master plan is a regional trail that would connect Cedar Mountain to Del Valle Park.

He said, "The district's three top areas are Brushy Peak, Doolan Canyon and Pleasanton Ridge. There is a lot of area around Brushy Peak that we have our eye on. While Doolan Canyon is not yet a park, the potential is there to form a rather large park. On Pleasanton Ridge, connectivity between current parks is a major goal of the district's master plan."

Nisbet added that the district does not actively seek land. It receives tips on potential purchases that they follow up on. "If I could look into a crystal ball, Brushy Peak or Doolan Canyon would be next on our request for funding," he stated.

Alameda Creek Alliance, while not an organization that acquires land, works to preserve important habitats. Ralph Boniello said watersheds that impact its efforts to preserve Steelhead Trout are important to maintain.

General areas of interest include Stonybrook Creek along Palomares Road as well as Arroyo Mocho Canyon. He described Alameda Creek as an anchor watershed for Steelhead. The tributaries include Arroyo de la Laguna, Arroyo del Valle, San Antonio Creek and Calaveras Creek, whose main tributary is Arroyo Hondo. The watershed includes three man-made reservoirs - Lake Del Valle, San Antonio Reservoir and Calaveras Reservoir.

Boniello told the committee, that consideration should be given to preserving areas that assist with groundwater recharge. Some properties are more important than others. These include grasslands, which provide greater recharge ability.

Rich Cimino, Ohlone Audubon, reported that the group's annual Christmas bird count was provides a way of keeping track of birds and to monitor changes in land. He listed the Springtown Preserve in North Livermore as a prime area for wintering raptors. Hawks come in from distances as far away as Canada and Europe to spend the winter. He said there are 75 species of plants and animals found in the preserve. "It is a prime location for birds and endangered species. The preserve is one of only five alkali habitats left in California."

He suggested spending money to fence the preserve.

A concern Cimino raised relates to the potential that future development would block the water flow needed to maintain the area's alkali soils.

## Irrigation District Threatened With Fine

In a gesture meant to show that it means business, the State of California threatened to fine Byron Bethany Irrigation District \$1.5 million for allegedly diverting water in violation of new conservation regulations put in place last month.

Byron Bethany Irrigation District is located north of Livermore, close to Brentwood and Discovery Bay. It serves parts of Alameda, San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties, including parts of Tracy and the community of Mountain House.

The Water Resources Control Board's regulations were considered precedent setting because they were the first effort to impose controls on the state's senior

water rights holders, whose claims date to 1903.

The state Water Resources Control Board claimed last week that Byron-Bethany had improperly diverted 2,000 acre-feet of water from the Banks pumping plant about 11 miles northeast of Livermore, according to one report. The district would have 20 days to appeal the fine, the report said.

As of this week, other news reports suggested some confusion over when and whether the diversion fine would actually be imposed. On Monday, the Water Resources Control Board appeared to back away from the threat, suggesting that there is no timeline for enforcement, according to a news report.

## FEES

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a higher fee for groups that charge members.

A sample of the schedule

shows that a swimming pool will be available for \$150 per hour, with a required

minimum of two hours, for fee-charging groups. Clubs not charging fees would pay \$120. Those fees are for practices. If the event were a meet, 3 percent on the gross receipts would be charged.

Groups that rent out the theater would pay \$200 for rehearsals and \$400 for performances, or \$150 and \$350 for groups that don't charge fees. Soccer field fees would be \$125 and \$80.

There may be other charges, depending on a need for janitorial, audiovisual, maintenance, or other staff.

There are also parking lot fees. Spending \$150 would provide access to an entire lot for three hours, and \$500 rents it for all day.

Kingston said the San Francisco Outlet Mall rents the parking lot as an overflow lot on weekends during Christmas vacation and other holidays, and runs a shuttle bus to the mall.

Some community groups, notably swim clubs that have commented on a Facebook page, have been concerned about the fee increases. They attended a meeting with LPC president Barry Russell July 6.

Kingston said that he has been working with the groups to answer questions, and help implement the policy. The increase was not on the board's agenda July 21. The administration will bring the proposed changes to the board at a future meeting, said Kingston.

## SMOKING

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smoke free," declared Thorne.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin asked how the regulations would impact smoking at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

Seto noted that currently smoking is already banned in the clubhouse and outdoor patio area. The new ordinance would not allow smoking on the open space trails or the parking lot. Smoking would be allowed on the course itself.

Joseph Streng, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, spoke as an individual. He supported the proposal. "I feel parks are places where residents should have the expectation of not being exposed to second hand smoke," he stated.

Pentin pointed out that the American Lung Association gave the city grades of "D" and "F" for its control of smoking and sales

of tobacco products. Nearby cities have much stricter ordinances. Dublin does not allow smoking in city buildings, parks or on trails. Livermore prohibits smoking in its parks and recently created a smoke free zone in the downtown.

"There is more work to be done in Pleasanton," Pentin said.

Councilmember Kathy Narum said, "It's embarrassing to be behind other cities. The parks and recreation commission tried to ban smoking in parks 12 years ago, but got nowhere." She commended the Youth Commission, "This is a good example of how citizens can have an influence on government and the quality of life in the city."

Councilmember Karla Brown added, "When you make it inconvenient for people to smoke, they tend to smoke less. I support this change in the ordinance."

## Swalwell Wants Chance to Ask Questions on Iran Deal

Congressman Eric Swalwell has commented on President Obama's proposed nuclear proliferation treaty with Iran.

"I am committed to doing everything I can to keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. I have reviewed the proposed deal, and look forward to engaging with the administration on questions I have, before Congress votes on it," said Swalwell.

Swalwell said that he agreed with Sen. Ben Cardin, a Maryland Democrat, and Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican, when they said that the U.N. Security Council should have voted on the Iran agreement

only after Congress considers it.

(The Security Council voted unanimously to support the agreement earlier this week.)

Under a law passed overwhelmingly by Congress, and signed by Obama, Congress has a 60-day period to consider the agreement. A letter on July 16 to Obama from Cardin and Corker urged Obama to get a post-ponement on the U.N. vote. The senators said that Congress's 60-day review period does not start until all documents associated with an agreement are submitted to Congress, along with assessments on compliance and non-proliferation.

## MAILBOX

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### Council Thanked Joan Mumma Livermore

I would like to commend and thank the Livermore City Council for carefully considering the concerns of the citizens in regard to changing the general plan zoning of the Sunset Office Plaza property at the corner of Holmes St. and Concan-

non Blvd. The requested zoning change was to be from commercial to residential. The council voted 5 to 0 to retain the current commercial zoning.

The best outcome will be if the owner, Alex Mehran, will sell the property, as-is, to interested investors who will retain and refurbish the offices.

Again, thank you City Council for retaining the general plan zoning.

### Think Again Lucas Nelson Livermore

The U.S. egg industry is reeling from a colossal outbreak of avian flu, mostly among egg-laying chickens. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 48 million birds, accounting for 11 percent of the nation's egg-laying hens, have been slaughtered for fear of

infection during the past few months.

The effects are far-reaching, from how to dispose of millions of potentially infected bird carcasses to job losses and rapidly rising egg prices. More than 40 countries have restricted U.S. poultry imports.

Although the precise cause of the outbreak remains uncertain, the horrendous conditions in today's factory farms make egg and chicken production extremely vulnerable to disease outbreaks, and therefore, not sustainable.

A number of innovative companies have stepped in to offer plant-based alternatives that mimic closely the taste, texture, and cooking properties of eggs and chicken. They are available in the frozen food section of every supermarket.

Many of us favor replacing polluting fossil en-

ergy sources with clean renewable ones. That takes concerted national action. But every one of us has the power to effect that same transition for our food sources every time we shop for food.

### Voter Turn-out Zack Stevens Tri-Valley

The article mentions the significantly lower voter turnout by Latinos, Asians, and young people. This can possibly be fixed with a voting campaign which not only encourages citizens to vote, but explains why their votes are important in a way that is easily understood. This means making it appealing to the young people and presenting it to the Latinos and Asians in the language that they best understand. I believe doing this will extremely increase the voting turn out next year

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# STUDY

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Pennsylvania to Arizona, from Illinois to Idaho. The Northern California site, called the Eel River Critical Zone Observatory, includes the Sagehorn Russell ranch.

Sagehorn Russell is near the headwaters of the southern branch of the Eel, which flows north toward Humboldt Bay.

Scientists from the University of California at Berkeley visit the river's drainage regularly, including Russell's ranch, studying its geology for comparison to the geology downstream, nearer the Coast. They bring equipment to record the movement of tree sap, test for moisture in soil and in leaves, and make myriad other measurements to determine the health of the critical zone.

Early next month, they plan to bring in a drill rig to take soil samples to better understand the structure of the subsurface and link it to the movement and storage of water, perhaps — depending on where they find bedrock — to a depth of 100 feet.

They hope eventually to expand the study to include the south-flowing Russian River drainage, according to William Dietrich, a principal investigator in the effort and an earth and planetary science professor at Berkeley.

Dietrich says that more is known of the earth thousands of feet beneath the surface, because of oil exploration, than is known about the near subsurface, at depths of a few tens of feet.

"But its critical...that's where we get our water," he said. "It's what we live on. It's what mediates our climate by returning water to the atmosphere. It's where waste goes when we accidentally spill things."

Dietrich considers it a substantial windfall to be able to study the Sagehorn Russell ranch, which unlike many of the areas downstream is in a mostly natural state. Apart from a major fire that swept the region more than 60 years ago, it is in essentially the same condition as when Marilyn Russell's father bought the property in 1949.

That's because Russell has insisted on the ranch's preservation; she has been fortunate to be able to lease the property for the past two decades to a man — Paul Holleman II — who practices sustainable cattle ranching methods.

These include taking the trouble to pipe water from springs to ridge top troughs that are widely spaced so that the herd spreads out into small communities instead of collecting in a small, low lying area where it can trample vegetation and foul streams.

In contrast to Sagehorn Russell, much of the Eel River drainage downstream has been altered by traffic, residential development, industrial scale cattle ranching and marijuana cultivation. The ranch's relatively undisturbed state creates an opportunity for detailed scientific comparison of how a modern civilization has been affecting its environment, especially its use of water.

It's not a given that the researchers would have access to the ranch for their studies. Russell notes that ranch owners commonly guard their privacy, resisting efforts by the government or anyone else to intrude into their lives.

She has some of these feelings herself. "It was definitely a stretch" to allow outsiders — however well



UC Berkeley professor Bill Dietrich and Marilyn Russell near a meteorology station establish on the Sagehorn Russell ranch as part of a "critical zone" research project

intentioned — access to the ranch, she said.

She overruled the privacy reflex, she said, because of her conviction that the future of the land and its wildlife are well served by scientific study and documentation.

Russell learned about the Eel River study when she encountered Mary Power, a Berkeley integrative biologist who is one of its principal investigators, at a meeting last fall. They discussed the controversial proposal to expand the Carnegie off-road-vehicle park in San Joaquin County into an undeveloped site called Tesla just across the border in Alameda County.

The two women quickly discovered commonalities of interest, from enjoying horseback riding to believing in the value of studying and understanding nature. Not surprisingly, they were united in their opposition to large scale motorized recreation on an undeveloped site that provides both natural beauty and habitat for many species of wildlife.

Russell offered to allow her and the other Eel River researchers to visit her ranch to evaluate its potential as a study site. Visits have continued and now bring both professional scientists and students considering careers in the natural sciences.

One of Dietrich's graduate students is pursuing his PhD by focusing on water consumption and flow in the geology and plant life of the Sagehorn Russell ranch.

He aims to develop a model that will "help guide sustainable management of water resources" at a time of global warming in a region beset with increased demands on water due to development and agricultural practices, including water-intensive marijuana farming, according to his PhD proposal.

Making her ranch available to serious scientific researchers is part of Russell's way of preserving it and looking to the future. The ranch is precious to her for many reasons, not least of which is that she grew up there.

That meant being surrounded by natural beauty and the kind of peaceful quiet that city dwellers might only dream about. It

also meant hard work and no luxuries. The land lies mostly above 1,800 feet, and Russell remembers helping her father try to save starving animals following an autumn snowstorm when she was only 5, shortly after they moved in.

Economic disaster followed less than two years later, when a fire swept through the ranch, burning 4,000 acres and destroying their uninsured cattle herd. It was a hardscrabble life; Russell recalls feeling poor during her childhood.

Homeschooled, often lonely, she would sometimes ride a horse three hours or more to Willits to visit friends.

She attended Cal to study zoology and history and to get a teaching credential, finding a job teaching biology and life science at Livermore High in 1967. She soon discovered a passion for teaching students out of doors, in nature — showing them "what was here, what was in their own backyard."

The instinct to teach remains with her today and

is evident when the earth scientists from Berkeley visit her ranch, according

to UC's Dietrich. As they explore the site, Russell identifies plants for the visitors and they identify rocks for her. "It's really fun," he said. "She's had a lifetime of a very personal relationship with her land, and she likes to talk about it."

She has also remained close to nature in other ways, particularly through horseback riding.

Stamina developed through years of hard work on the ranch helped prepare her to compete in grueling endurance events like the 100-mile Tevis Cup ride in California and Chief Joseph ride in Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Injuries and the passage of years have forced her to ease up on competition, but she still joins local friends for rides in the Livermore hills as well as occasional visitors for long rides around her ranch.

Having grown up, lived and worked on the ranch and made it available for scientific research, Russell's passion now is to preserve and protect it. She intends to put it in a trust, such as the Rangeland Trust, that will guarantee that it will never be subdivided or developed commercially.



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**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Attend a workshop below and come hear about the process and let us know what improvements are important to you.

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Guardian Knights sent 10 of athletes to the Cadet/Junior National Championships in Fargo, North Dakota July 18-25. This is the premier youth event in the U.S. Every summer, wrestlers from every state travel to this tournament. There, they test their skills against the best in the country. It is considered to be the largest and most competitive wrestling tournament in the U.S. From the Guardian Knights were competitors (top, from left) Ahmet Gueye, Anthony Martinez, Bryar Edwards, Conor Bartlik, Dustin Dukleth; (bottom row, from left) Jack Kilner, Jerrod DeLaTorre, Jonah Perez, Justin Phillips, and Logan Potter.



Families are invited to take part in the Wheels for Meals ride.

## Registration Begins for 7th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride

Today, 85 extremely frail, low-income, homebound seniors await meal delivery, but due to lack of funds, services are unable to be started.

Alameda County Meals on Wheels is hosting the 7th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride to raise the \$180,000 needed to eliminate this waiting list. After a summer of fundraising, 1,000 community-minded Greater Bay Area cyclists will come together on Saturday, October 17th and ride through the Livermore Valley. Then they'll return to Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton for a celebration complete with entertainment, a BBQ lunch and family-friendly fun. With four fully-supported routes to choose from, this ride offers something for everyone:

- 15 miles, great for beginners and families with kids.
- 35 miles, popular with recreational riders looking to be challenged.
- 50 miles (New Addition), half-century that's ideal for avid cyclists who aren't quite ready for the 70.
- 70 miles (New Scenery), fun end-of-season adventure for serious cyclists.

The funds raised at this event are more important than ever. The number of seniors that are isolated, living alone and threatened by hunger has risen exponentially in recent years and all the while, national funding has remained stagnant.

"Our seniors shouldn't have to worry about from where and when their next meal will come. No one should be on a waiting list to eat. We need businesses and individuals to help us raise the \$180,000 needed to wipe the slate clean. You can show our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles that they haven't been forgotten about and that their neighbors understand the importance of meal delivery and wellness/safety checks as key ingredients to them being able to retain their dignity and independence. \$8 buys a meal, so every donation, big and small, makes a significant difference," said Victoria Bruno, Executive Director.

Visit [www.wheelsformealsride.com](http://www.wheelsformealsride.com) to register to ride, start a team, become an event sponsor, join the Wheels for Meals volunteer family, or to donate today.



Pictured are members of the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team, girls age 10 and under relay team. Paige Bennett, age 9, Aven Lee (10), Christina Tsai (10) and Sofia Pedersoli (10) broke the Pleasanton team records for the 200 medley relay and took home second place at the 2015 Speedo Long Course Junior Olympics at Gunderson High School in San Jose, CA on July 10-12, 2015. These girls also broke the 10 and under girls 200 meter freestyle relay and took home 3rd place.



The Nor Cal Firecrackers 10u team out of Livermore brought home some pretty impressive hardware over the last two weekends. The first coming from the ASA Summer Showdown tournament held in Roseville. The Firecrackers' defense was on point, making plays that definitely could be considered "web gem" worthy. Their next piece of hardware would come with the title of tournament champions at the Top Gun tourney held in Manteca. Playing in heat that was well over 90 degrees at times, these girls acted as if it were nothing. These past two tournament titles are exactly what the team was striving for as they get ready to play in their final 10u tournament during the ASA Western Nationals tourney to be held in Clovis, CA.



The Livermore American Little League 2015 13 year Old Intermediate 50/70 All-Stars captured the Tassajara Valley Turf & Dirt Tournament title. The tournament was held in Danville. Pictured are (bottom, from left) James Duperly, Michael Bryson, JJ Knight, Adam Chapman, Kyle Johnson, Blaze Hill, Joey Orluck, Cole Gibson Bauer, Matthew Hagan, Kyle Kohn Manager Mickey Hill and Coaches Steve Chapman and Jason Knight; not pictured Peyton Lemmons and Trenton Westrope.



The U14 team co-ed LAZERS played in the Santa Cruz Classic on July 18, taking 2nd place in their bracket.



Stompers 12B won their 4th tournament this summer. Team members include (front row) Taylor Houchins, Alysa Perez, Lauren Indermuehle, Sofia O'Brien, Bridgette Laszlo, Remy Laflamme; (back row) Coach Renee Stiner, Justine Aynesworth, Michaela Smith, Vanessa von Sosen, Coach Mel Smith, Riley Stiner, Ally Calcagno, and Coach Scott Indermuehle



On Saturday, July 11, the Lazers 16u water polo girls competed at the Santa Cruz Classic water polo tournament and made it to the championship game before losing by one point in the final, earning second place. Pictured (from left to right) are Coach Matt Croghan, Alex Kerin, Kelsey Mahurin, Fiona Weaver, Gianna Paden, Natalie Hawkins, Katelyn Johnson, Emily Hawkins, Kayley Clark, and Coach Josh Volponi; not pictured, Emily McElroy.



On Sunday, July 12, the 18u Livermore Lazers girls water polo team stormed into the Santa Cruz Classic water polo tournament and took second place. Coached by Matt Croghan and Josh Volponi, the girls are Hanna Borjon, Elizabeth Bukus, Kayley Clark, Emily McElroy, Alex Kerin, Alicia Gornicka, super sisters Natalie and Emily Hawkins, Fiona Weaver, Katelyn Johnson, Katie Johnston, Kelsey Mahurin, and Megan Hogue.



Livermore Elite TaeKwonDo Academy sent a trio of fighters to the United States National Championships held in Austin, Texas from July 4-July 10th. All three came home as US National Champions. Alex DeGuzman (far right) collected gold in poomsae forms and bronze in sparring (red belt 12-14 yr. old division). Christian Doucet (front right) took gold in both sparring and poomsae forms (red belt 6-7 yr. old division). Allison DeGuzman (front left) took gold in poomsae forms (blue belt 10-11 yr. old division) The trio are coached by Jeff Avila (far left), Tharma Kuranmoorthy and Jamie Ng (not pictured).

### Stompers 12B

On Sunday, July 19, the Stompers 12B softball team won the Panthers Fastpitch Tournament.

Stompers started out with a 9-10 loss to Pleasanton Phantom in their opening game of the tournament. EC Diehards were the Stompers next opponent. The Stompers put together two 5-run innings to come out with 10-3 win. For their third game, Stompers played Roseville Thunder. Using great hitting and strong defense, they were able to defeat Roseville 16-1.

Seeded 4th in the tournament, Stompers played the 5th seed San Lorenzo Heat in their quarter-final game. Another awesome hitting and defensive performance put the Stompers into the semis with a 18-3 victory over San Lorenzo. In the semi-final, Stompers met up once again with Pleasanton Phantom. This time Stompers earned the victory with the score of 10-2.

Stompers made it to the Championship game just as the team has done in 4 out of the 5 tournaments they have participated in this summer.

Stompers met Pleasant Hill Panthers in the Championship game. The game was very close in the first 3 innings with Pleasant Hill taking the lead 3-2. Stompers heated up their bats and scored 7 runs in the 4th inning to take a 10-3 lead. A few more runs were scored by each team, but the Stompers were able to triumph after 5 innings in the heat with a 13-7 final score.

### Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks competitive USA swim club turned in an outstanding performance at the 2015 Summer Long Course Junior Olympics at Gunderson High School in San Jose, CA. The team as a whole took home 95 medals from the meet (the top 8 in each individual and relay events receive medals.)

Swimming to six first place finishes out of seven events was Lleyton Plattel in the 11-12 Boys age group. He took 1st in the 100/200 & 400 Free, 100 Back, and the 100 & 200 Fly. He also had a 3rd place finish in the 200 IM. Also earning seven

medals in the 11-12 boy age group was Alex Ren who took 2nd place in the 100 & 200 Free, 100 Back, 200 Fly & 200 IM. Ren also took 3rd in the 100 Fly and 4th in the 50 Free. Alex Smedley took 3rd in the 800 free with a time of 10:13.15. The boys 400 Free "A" Relay took 2nd with Plattel, Ren, Smedley and Andrew Wang. In the 200 Free Relay the "A" team of Ren, Madhav Vats, Smedley & Plattel managed to take 3rd.

Another top Seahawk swimmer this past weekend was Calvin Chui in the 13-14 Boys age group. He also received seven medals. Chui took 1st place in three events: 400 & 1500 Free and the 200 Fly. He took 2nd in the 800 Free, 4th in the 100 Fly, 5th in the 200 Free and 7th in the 200 IM. Mattias Blanco took home 4 medals. He took 3rd in the 400 IM, 4th in the 200 Back, and 5th in both the 800 Free and the 100 Back. Robert Mito placed 3rd in the 1500 Free and 7th in the 800 Free, while Robert Torres took 6th in the 1500 Free. Racing to an 8th place finish was Justin Tsai in the 200 Back. The 13-14 Boys 200 Free Relay with Chui, Tsai, Blanco

and Calvin David took 3rd. The 200 Medley Relay also took 3rd with Blanco, Nicholas Wonosaputra, Chui and David. In the 400 Free Relay the "A" Relay took 5th place with Chui, David, Tsai, and Mito.

Top swimmers were seen in the 10 & Under Girls as well. Both Aven Lee and Christina Tsai took home 5 medals each. Lee in the 50/100 Back (3rd), 100 Fly (3rd), 50 Fly (4th), & 100 Free (8th). Tsai had a 1st Place finish in the 400 Free, 3rd in the 200 IM and 7th in the 200 Free. They were also both part of the 2nd Place 200 Medley "A" Relay along with Sophia Pedersoli and Paige Bennett. That group broke the Pleasanton Seahawks team relay record with a time of 2:32.15 (previous record 2:33.42). Lee and Tsai were again part of the 3rd place 200 Free Relay team with the same team mates again breaking the Seahawk 10 & Under team record with a time of 2:14.17 (previous record 2:15.05). Pedersoli also medaled in the 50 Back (5th) and the 100 Back (8th) and Bennett took home a medal in the 200 Free with a 4th place



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finish. The "B" Medley Relay team with Zoe Chu, Angie Ma, Mica Wang and Jasmine Phan took 7th. The same "B" relay group swam to an 8th place finish in the 200 Free Relay.

In the 10 & U Boys the 200 Free "A" Relay with Ethan Wang, Kevin Yuan, Alexander Suen and Dominick Wonosaputra took 7th with a time of 2:20.54.

The 11-12 Girls took home 9 medals as a group. Five medals were won individually by Gwyneth Wong taking 3rd in the 100 Back, 50 Fly and 200 IM. Wong also took 5th in the 50 Back and 6th in the 100 Fly. Swimming to a 6th place finish in the 100 Breast was Sydney Lu. The 400 Free "A" Relay took 4th with Wong, Lu, Olivia Kim and Emily Chen. The 200 Free "A" Relay took 7th with Chen, Emily Harris, Lauren Jhong and Jocelyn Martin, while the 200 Medley "B" Relay took 8th with Emily Tsai, Kim, Jhong and Martin.

Racing well were the 13-14 girls as they took home 6 relay medals. The 200 Free "A" Relay (Caroline Eckel, Hannah Franzwa, Elisabeth Balicanta, Emily Claridge) took 4th. The "B" Relay (Stephanie Shao, Marissa Lawrence, Kaela Lee, and Paulina Umansky) took 8th. The 400 Free "A" Relay (Eckel, Franzwa, Balicanta, Shao) took 5th, while the "B" Relay (Claridge, Lee, Lawrence, and Isabella Hernandez) took 8th. In the 200 Medley "A" Relay the Seahawks (Eckel, Umansky, Shao, Franzwa) took 4th and the "B" Relay (Emma Valentine, Claridge, Nja Zuniga, Balicanta) took 7th. Individual Medals were won by Franzwa (200 free - 3rd, 400 IM - 4th, 200 IM - 5th, 400 Free - 6th), Eckel (100 Back - 2nd, 50 Free - 7th), Umansky (200 Breast - 5th, 400 IM - 8th), and Shao (200 Fly - 5th).

Mandy Helle had great swims for the 15-18 Girls, placing 1st in the 800 Free, 2nd in the 400 Free, and 7th in both the 100 & 200 Free. Sofia Moufarrej took 2nd in the 1500 free, Alexandra Hernandez took 4th in the 200 Back and Amber Fomoles took 4th in the 200 Breast. Those four swimmers managed 7th place finishes in all three of their relays.

The 15-18 Boys had Michael Martin medal twice (1500 Free - 3rd and 200 Back - 8th) and Alex Suehrio Medal twice (200 breast - 4th and 200 Free - 8th.) Taking one individual medal was Jeffrey Tang (800 Free - 8th), Preston Tsang (100 Breast - 8th) and Nathaniel Sproul (100 Fly - 7th). The 200 "A" Medley Relay placed 6th with Martin, Tsang, N. Sproul, and Ben Sproul.

The next big meet for the Seahawks is Far Westers at the end of the month.

### Water Polo

The LARPD LAZERS girls water polo teams traveled to Santa Cruz to compete in two tournaments in the Santa Cruz Classic on July 11th and 12th.

On July 11th, the LAZERS U 16's earned second place after losing by one point in a very close game in the championship game. Kaitlyn Johnson led the way with 11 goals and many defensive steals. Other standouts for the LAZERS were Emily Hawkins, Natalie Hawkins, Emily McElroy, Kayley Clark, Kelsey Mahurin and Gianna Paden. The goalie position was shared by Emily McElroy, Alicia Gornicka, Gianna Paden, Fiona Weaver and Emily Hawkins who all did a great job in the cage.

On Sunday, the U18 LAZERS girls also took second place in the gold division where once again Kaitlyn Johnson led the way offensively along with Emily Hawkins, Alex Kerin, Elizabeth Bukus, and Hannah Borjon. Defensively the youngest LAZER on the U18 team, Natalie Hawkins, was stellar defensively as was Katie Johnson, Fiona Weaver, Gianna Paden Alicia Gornicka, and Emily McElroy who once again all shared time as goalie.

On Saturday, the U18 LAZERS girls traveled to West Valley College to play in three games. It was a tough day for the girls played with a skeleton crew of just enough players. They finished 1-2 and were led by Emily McElroy, Kelsey Mahurin and Caroline Danforth who also did a great job in the cage.

On Sunday the LAZERS girls played in the West Valley Tournament and was first in the round robin bracket by winning all three games topped by an 11-6 victory over Stanford. Leading the way offensively was Kaitlyn Johnson, Emily Hawkins, Kayley Clark, Gianna Paden and Natalie Hawkins. The LAZERS played great defense throughout the day with Kristine Danforth and Samantha Anderson doing a great job along with goalie Jessica Hanscom.

The U14 team co-ed LAZERS played in the Santa Cruz Classic on July 18, taking 2nd place in their bracket. The team was led by Gabe Akins and Ethan Fovel in the field. Steve Ragatz and Britney Pettit had some amazing blocks in goal. The team showed amazing teamwork during all games, with everyone contributing. It was a great way to end the summer session.

The 18U and 16U boys LAZERS also played in the West Valley College tournaments, winning all games. Standout in the goal was Patrick Schwartz for the 16U team, but overall, the weekend was about teamwork and great games.

This tournament ends the summer session for the 15+ age groups, who will now begin their season at Livermore High and Granada High. The U14 teams will resume practice in the fall, after Labor Day.

### Sharks vs. Barracudas

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks defeated the Briarhill Barracudas 546 - 399 at their home pool on July 11.

Led by Player-Coach Meghan Butler with victories in butterfly,

individual medley and backstroke, Briarhill kept the score close through most of the meet.

Other Briarhill notables include: Gianna Tudor (6) - Freestyle, Breaststroke; Gabe Rouse (9) - Breaststroke; Henry Baalman (9) - Individual Medley; Dimitri Zannis (10) - Butterfly, IM

Alyssa Burdusis (12) - Breaststroke; Bella Dugorepec (12) - Freestyle, Butterfly; Bella Townsend (15) - Freestyle, Breaststroke; Andrew Voit (15) - Freestyle, Backstroke; Corey Dickson (18) - Individual Medley

The Sharks were led by 3 triple winners on the day including 8 year old Madeline Coyne with victories in Freestyle, Butterfly, and Backstroke, 10 year old Hannah Walder who took the blue ribbon in Butterfly, Breaststroke and Backstroke, and 14 year old David Azuma who had victories in Freestyle, Butterfly and the Individual Medley.

Other Shark standouts on the day include: Jonah Denny (6) - Freestyle, Breaststroke; Caitlin Craighead (6) - Butterfly, Backstroke

Tyler Dishman (10) - Butterfly, Backstroke; Peyton Pozzi (12) - Individual Medley, Backstroke; Laura Whiteland (13) - Freestyle, Backstroke

### Stingrays vs. Barracudas

The Del Prado Stingrays defeated the Briarhill Barracudas by a score of 611 to 353 on July 8 at the Del Prado Cabana Club pool.

Top Swimmers for Briarhill include Gianna Tudor (6), Kendal Fong (6), Jake Hamilton (6), Jessie Gadd (6), Ainsley Lyon (7), Micah Davis (8), Zoe Esquivel (9), Gabe Tapia (10), Audrey Lim (10), Kimberly Shum (13), Adam Schroeder (14), and Meghan Butler (17).

Del Prado was led by Tyson Letter (6), Annalise Demange (8), Syndey Pruss (10), Caden Drain (10), Lauren Graham (12), Joseph Nazareno (12), Lacey Hicks (14), Meghan Hogue (15), Tommy Juarez (15)

### CYO Cross Country

St. Michael CYO cross country team will begin practices for the fall season on Sunday, August 16. Meets begin September 18 and go through October 16. The team is open to all children from kindergarten through eighth grade who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. All levels of running ability and experience are welcome. Go to [www.smisctrack.org](http://www.smisctrack.org) for more information or contact Tracy Vogler at [vogler@alum.mit.edu](mailto:vogler@alum.mit.edu) or 925-980-2159.

### Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. This season starts in September and ends in early November. No prior experience necessary. To learn more, visit [LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](http://LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org) or email [info@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org](mailto:info@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org).

### Fastpitch Players

Mavericks Fastpitch 12U team is looking to add players to its roster for the remainder of the Summer season and into the fall season. For the Summer season, there are 4 tournaments remaining on the schedule, ending late August early September. The team is looking for players striving to play at a higher level. Training is in Livermore, and includes both field and indoor training sessions. For more information refer to the Facebook page: [Facebook.com/mavericksfastpitch](http://Facebook.com/mavericksfastpitch) or send an email to schedule a tryout to [mavsoftball121@gmail.com](mailto:mavsoftball121@gmail.com)

### Golf Tournament

Pro-Amigos Golf Tournament will be held at the Sunol Golf Course, August 14, 2015, 11a.m. Check-in. The public is invited to participate. Proceeds will be used to provide humanitarian services to depressed communities in and around Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Primary support is to a women's clinic, an elderly center, and a home for children with special needs. Scramble format, putting contest, and longest drive contest. \$125.00 entry fee. Dinner as well as silent and live auctions follow. \$40.00 for dinner only. Tee sponsors needed at \$100.00 per tee. For information contact Antonio at 925-413-1890 or visit: [www.proamigos.org](http://www.proamigos.org).

### Golf Tournament

Join Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation on the links at Castlewood Country Club on Monday, September 21 for their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m. Awards, appetizers and cocktails are at 5:00 p.m. Castlewood Country Club is located at 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton.

Participation will help make a difference in the lives of cancer patients in the Tri-Valley. Registration includes a round of 18 holes, awards, cocktails and appetizers. Register as an individual or as a foursome. Sponsorships at four different levels are available. For more info and to register, go to [www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org](http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org).

### Adult Basketball

Registration is underway for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Fall 2015 Adult Basketball League.

Games begin on Sept. 20. High and low divisions are offered. Fee is \$495 per team (based on 6-team leagues, 10 games plus playoffs for the top four teams).

Registration will be taken through Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center Gym, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Completed roster, waiver and fees must be completed at registration.

For information, contact Kacy Silva, [ksilva@larpd.org](mailto:ksilva@larpd.org) or 373-5733.

## TREES

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It's an invitation for disease and insects. They are really struggling. They cool our community, and deliver a lot of oxygen to the air," said Williams Courtright.

Williams Courtright said there is enough water to save trees, provided people irrigate properly. They need to use drip irrigation or soil soaking irrigation near the tree base.

Water consumers have been praised for their conservation efforts. Williams Courtright said, "In the beginning, people kept saying, 'Brown is the new green.' I said that it is not a good slogan, not a positive one, so they backed away from it. Clearly, it's nice to know that people are willing to step up (to save trees)."

Zone 7 has more than enough water to meet the demands of its retailers. In June, Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig reported to the board that the agency is expected to have an extra 14,000 acre feet (AF) this year. (An acre foot is one acre of water to a depth of one foot.)

An analysis of water retailers' figures concerning water conservation shows that Livermore municipal

water users saved 41 percent in June, and 30 percent in the first six months, compared to the same times in 2013, the baseline year. Cal Water in Livermore reports 48 percent in June and 41 percent for the year to date. Pleasanton showed a 48 percent reduction in June and 37 percent for the year so far. DSRSD delivered 43 percent less water in June, and 30 percent in the year.

A resource about saving trees is available to homeowners in a four-page article from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources division's Master's Gardener program.

The article tells how to monitor a tree for signs of dying, where to irrigate the tree, and how much the tree should be irrigated. To learn more, send e-mail to [UCMasterGardeners@ucanr.edu](mailto:UCMasterGardeners@ucanr.edu). By phone, they are available at 510-639-1371, but only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### NEW RULES FOR FUTURE HOMES' LANDSCAPING

In another effort to save water in the long run in California, the state Water

Resources Control Board has issued a new model ordinance that scales back water consumption in new home developments.

The ordinance calls for installation of pressure regulators, master valves, and master shutoff valves. Master meters are required on yards larger than 5000 square feet, so the water measurement will be taken separately from the home water meter.

However, the hardware is the minor point. The basic idea is that cities and counties will require developers to prepare a water budget for a property, which will show how much annual water will be used for a home.

The ordinance, which must be put into effect by Dec. 1, is expected to save 12,000 gallons per year for a new home. The ordinance exempts yards smaller than 500 square feet. The previous ordinance exempted spaces below 2500 square feet.

Landscapes irrigated with gray water or captured rainwater are exempt, up to 2500 square feet. Further, there are exceptions for sports fields, community facilities, and areas irrigated

with recycled water.

Cities and counties may adopt the ordinance entirely, or write their own version of it, as long as the water conservation total is the same as, or better than, the model ordinance. Cities and counties will report to the state at the end of every year concerning developers' conformity to the ordinance.

In Livermore, the city has an ordinance on the books from a previous requirement a few years ago. It surpassed the state's model ordinance at the time, said City Manager Marc Roberts. The staff is looking into any differences that might need updating.

Pleasanton also will be looking at updating its ordinance, said assistant director of operational services Leonard Olive.

In Dublin, city spokesperson Lori Taylor said the staff will look at the new ordinance closely to be sure the city will adopt any required changes in its ordinance. "Dublin has always been proactive about conserving water. Over 80 percent of our civic water -- medians, parks, and public facilities -- use recycled water," she said.

## ZONE 7

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something the retailers had been seeking to help their own planning. One retailer representative said that ideally, he would like to be able to plan five years ahead. In the next rate-setting, Zone 7 expects to make a three-year projection, according to a staff report.

Retailers include Dublin San Ramon Services District, California Water, and the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore.

It has been a long time,

perhaps more than 10 years, since Zone 7 undertook a top to bottom study of its costs and efficiencies, said general manager Jill Duerig. Water retailers have been enthusiastic about the prospect of a thorough study that looks to achieve any efficiencies that might be found, said Duerig.

In the annual reorganization of officers, the board unanimously chose Sarah Palmer as its new president, replacing John Greci. This will be Palmer's third time

serving as president.

Dick Quigley was nominated for vice president, as was Angela Ramirez Holmes. The motion for Holmes, by Sandy Figuers, received no second. The vote for Quigley as vice president was 5-1 with Figuers voting no, and Ramirez Holmes abstaining. Quigley has been president and vice president in the past.

Palmer said that although Ramirez Holmes was not chosen vice president, it is

no reflection on her capability, and at some time in the future could be vice president or president.

Before the open session, the board met in closed session to discuss staff salary negotiations, several lawsuits, and evaluation of Duerig.

After the session, Greci announced, "We have determined that her performance, especially due to the demands of the drought, was excellent."

## Students Discuss Dual Immersion Program

The first 8th grade class of the Dual Immersion (DI) students at Junction K-8 recently promoted the program by demonstrating strong bilingual and biliteracy skills they have developed since enrolling in the DI program in kindergarten.

Students were interviewed by a panel of English and Spanish-speaking District representatives and community members. Students shared moments when they felt proud of their bilingual skills, anecdotes about when they knew they were truly bilingual and gave advice on how to be successful in DI.

To the parents of children currently in the dual immersion program and to those considering enrolling their children in one, the students advised "Don't give up on helping your children become bilingual. It will be hard work and they won't want to do it at times. Just encourage them to keep going because in the long run it will all be worth it... even if they can't see that now."

During the reception following the panel, parents shared their children's experiences in the DI program.



Pictured are students Vita Nocilla, Jesus Alvarez Estrada, Erik Griffin participating in the interview panel.

They said that they were proud of their children for their accomplishments in both languages and truly appreciated that their children now had a way of connecting on a more personal level with other family members and friends that speak their second language as well as the advantages fluency in a second language bring in college and career readiness.

"It has been a privilege to watch these students transform from a class of shy first graders, hesitant to speak in any language, into these confident, well spoken, bilingual trail blazers,

ready to embark on their next pathway to becoming fully bilingual and biliterate", says DI teacher, Vicki Teshin-Anderson.

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## PLEASANTON RELAY FOR LIFE



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
The Pleasanton Relay for Life took place on July 18 at Pleasanton Middle School. Part of the fun included dressing up for the festivities.

## ART UNDER THE OAKS



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
The Livermore Art Association's annual Art Under the Oaks was held last weekend at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. The event showcases local artists, musicians and winemakers. Local artists were on hand exhibiting and selling their work. Above Kathleen Hill paints during the event. In the lower photo, an unusual work was displayed

## PLEASANTON WINE STROLL



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Over 30 downtown Pleasanton locations became tasting rooms last Saturday during the annual Summer Wine Stroll. Visitors sampled wine and tasty bites. Musicians entertained up and down Main Street. The event is hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association as a way to showcase local businesses and wineries. In the bottom photo, theartisthines.com was busy painting.

## Cal Water Providing Information On Proposed Rate Increase

California Water Service (Cal Water) will begin sending information to customers this week regarding its recent application to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase rates in 2017 through 2019. This proposal is required every three years by the Commission, the independent state agency responsible for setting the utility's rates, and begins an 18-month water rate review process.

According to Cal Water, most of the rate increase request for the Livermore District is needed to make infrastructure improvements. Cal Water is proposing to:

- Replace 18,140 feet of aging and high-risk water main
- Replace SCADA system server and software to maintain monitoring and control of water system
- Construct a new well to increase supply
- Install disinfection system at pump station to maintain water quality
- Install an emergency generator at a pump station to maintain service during power outages

"This required rate re-

view will enable us to continue investing in the community's water system so that we can continue to provide a safe, reliable water supply to customers for generations to come," said Cal Water Livermore District Manager Frank Vallejo.

The Commission will thoroughly audit Cal Water's expenses, plans, and operations during the review process, during which cost estimates could be refined and projects adjusted to result in a decision that could differ from what is proposed. This filing is independent of the drought and measures the Company is taking to meet water use reduction mandates set by the State.

If the Commission approves the application as filed, bills for the typical metered residential customer in Livermore District would

increase \$3.70 per month in 2017, \$1.82 per month in 2018, and \$1.72 per month in 2019.

Customers are invited to submit comments in writing or at Public Participation Hearings, if held by the Commission.

Cal Water also offers a range of conservation tools and programs to help customers control their bills. A low-income rate assistance program and hardship grants are available for qualified customers. Information on all programs is available at [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com).

Cal Water serves about 56,055 people through 18,400 service connections in Livermore. The company has provided water service in the area since 1927. Additional information may be obtained online at [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com).

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## AWARDS

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Six of the awards are going to the County's Information Technology Department (ITD).

Among the projects for which ITD was selected for NACO Achievement Awards, are the following:

The Auditor Property Tax Information System, or APTIS, a new web-based solution developed in cooperation with the County Auditor-Controller Agency that helps the County more efficiently manage the more than \$2 billion in property tax revenue it manages each year.

READY.ACGOV.ORG, a new mobile-friendly emergency preparedness website that provides an easy-to-follow, step-by-step process to help the public prepare for the major earthquakes, fires and other major disasters.

"E-warrants," a new electronic process developed to help local law officers in submitting warrants for arrests, searches and other legal procedures for judicial

approval. The new process has cut the time for obtaining required judicial approval for warrants from several hours on average to a matter of minutes.

Other initiatives chosen for NACO Achievement Awards include the following:

The Human Exploitation & Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Watch Community Initiatives Program led by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. H.E.A.T. Watch combats child sex trafficking through multimedia communication strategies, innovative technologies, and educational tools. Through billboard campaigns, a radio show and an innovative app, the project is helping to change the way the community views sexually exploited minors and is providing new pathways for victims to escape exploitation.

A unique educational program called "Learn Your Rights in California," or

LYRIC, sponsored by the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. The program goes into local classrooms to teach youth about their constitutional rights regarding detentions, searches and arrests. The program also aims to teach youth how to properly communicate with law officers during interactions in the community.

A "Rape Kit Backlog Elimination Project" led by the District Attorney's Office that has identified and catalogued nearly 2,000 kits containing evidence from sexual assault cases that had not undergone forensic testing. These kits have now been tested, helping to revive investigations into numerous "cold" cases. The project has created a framework for addressing a national problem involving a large backlog of untested evidence in sexual assault cases.

The "Local Government Electric Vehicle Fleet Dem-

onstration Project" in which Alameda County, led by its General Services Agency, spearheaded a regional partnership that received federal funding for procuring 90 electric vehicles (EVs) for government agencies throughout the Bay Area. The project is the largest local government purchase of EVs to date and will save taxpayers a combined \$500,000 in fuel savings alone.

The "Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project," or R-REP, also led by the General Services Agency, in which Alameda County joined with 18 other government agencies to jointly procure solar energy systems for 186 publicly owned sites in four Bay Area counties. The project is the largest-ever joint procurement of renewable energy projects by local government. It will create an estimated 850 local jobs and save taxpayers more than \$100 million over the life-

time of the renewable energy projects.

Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, said, "We are extremely proud of

the national recognition that Alameda County is receiving from NACO this year for programs that really are leading the way in terms of innovative governance in the 21st Century."

## LIVERMORE

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to develop Council goals and priorities.

Livermore's 2014 NCS results were considered to be extraordinarily positive by NRC. Ninety-five percent of respondents recommend living in Livermore and ninety-three percent also plan to stay in the community for the next five years. The results also reflected high satisfaction with the City's quality of life, physical appearance, safety, and vibrant downtown. According to NRC President Tom Miller, the Voice of the People Awards "stand alone as the only award given in local government based on community opinion," and

serves as a "unique opportunity to see evidence of best practices quantified by survey results."

Mayor John Marchand stated, "With so much cynicism about government today, this award is proof that Livermore really does listen to the community."

City Manager Marc Roberts and Assistant City Manager Jenny Haruyama will accept the award at the International City/County Management Association Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington in late September.

To view the City's video submission, visit <https://youtu.be/l6FZF82EZ3Y>.

## SHORT NOTES

### Celebrating Ten Years

Ten years ago, four women sat down at a kitchen table in Pleasanton and created the community that would serve people with their particular Jewish identity – Secular and Humanistic Jews whose connection with the Jewish people is through family, culture and history rather than through religion.

Today, the organization they founded, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, is a flourishing community providing educational and social programs, community service activities, and Secular Humanistic Jewish holiday and life cycle observances. It operates Jewish Culture School which meets two Sunday mornings a month in Pleasanton and leads to a Secular Humanistic Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The school provides a broad hands-on approach to Jewish life and learning, focusing on history, music, literature and ethics. The School is open to children aged 5-14. In addition, new preschool and teen programs will begin in the fall.

On Sunday, August, 30 Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a kunzits – a singing and dancing party, open to all. The community is invited to come learn easy Yiddish and Hebrew songs dances and enjoy a "nosh" at The Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. between I and G in Livermore from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The event is free and open to all ages.

TVCI welcomes mixed and non-traditional families and enjoys the diversity of the Jewish people.

RSVP to (925) 485-1049 or [reservations@Tri-Valley-CulturalJews.org](mailto:reservations@Tri-Valley-CulturalJews.org).

### Sycamore Grove

What's New in Sycamore Grove Park? is the topic of the Sun., July 26 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Come find out about plans for the Nature Education Facilities grant-funded native garden and gathering area, and hike one of the newest trails as the sun sets. Learn about plans for the NEF Grant from 7 to 7:20 p.m., then begin a 5-mile moderately paced hike with some significant hill climbing. Participants are welcome to come for one or both parts. If you intend to come on the hike, be at the construction site by 7:20 p.m. and bring a jacket – it will be dark by the time the hike is finished.

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

### Dinner and Books

Towne Center Books in Pleasanton will host two events:

Dinner with J. Ryan Stradal will be 6:30 p.m. on Wed., July 29. \$45.00 book and dinner; \$30.00 dinner only. Celebrate the publication of *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*. Dinner is from Forno Vecchio and Nonni's Bistro. For reservations, call 925-846-8826.

Find Waldo in downtown Pleasanton continues until July 31. He's hiding in 26 stores downtown. Pick up a passport at Towne Center Books or where ever you see a Waldo Sticker in the window. All participants are invited to the party 11:00 July 31.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com)

### Enter the Great Race

Today, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has opened registration for businesses from across the region to compete in the Great Race for Clean Air.

This friendly competition between Bay Area businesses and organizations of all sizes encourages employees to carpool, vanpool, walk, bike or ride transit to work, instead of driving alone. The emissions savings are tracked to see which company has done the most to reduce air pollution.

The Great Race runs from September 1 through October 31, 2015. Employers who want to participate need to register the company before their employees

can join the Great Race. To participate in the

Great Race, employers can register online at [www.GreatRaceForCleanAir.com](http://www.GreatRaceForCleanAir.com).

During the competition, thousands of Bay Area commuters will keep track of their clean commute days through an online journal and will be entered into weekly random drawings for prizes, such as gift cards to local merchants.

Employers in five different size categories will be recognized for achieving the highest rate of employee participation.

### Trilogy Opens

Shea Homes held a grand opening celebration for Trilogy® at The Vineyard, its newest model gallery homes in Brentwood. The festivities included a jet-flyover air show, live music, more than 90 local Brentwood vendors, food and wine tasting, celebrity appearances and the unveiling of an all-new gallery model gallery featuring five stunning homes. There were prize giveaways throughout the day.

Trilogy at The Vineyards, a high-end resort community in the East Bay, is known for its amenities, hospitality, innovative homes and vibrant, social community. The Vineyards features the award-winning Club Los Meganos, a 34,000 sq. ft. social hub that offers diverse fitness classes, treatments at Sawā Spa, two pools, a culinary

studio, bistro-style restaurant and more. Outdoor facilities include The Los Olivos Tennis Pavilion with four courts to choose from, a tournament-style bocce park, and three miles of wine country and walking trails.

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### Dublin Resident Recognized

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced that Steve Redding Sr., director of the company's leak management program, was named as the recipient of the 2015 Milton W. Heath Sr. Memorial Award at the American Gas Association's annual Operations Conference and Biennial Exhibition in Grapevine, Texas, on May 20. The prestigious award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward the detection, prevention and repair of natural gas leaks.

Redding, a Dublin resident, was awarded for his achievements in reducing leaks through the use of cutting-edge technologies like Picarro's vehicle-mounted

detection device and the development of a management process unique to PG&E that is streamlining the company's ability to respond to leaks called Super Crew.

"Steve has pioneered improvements to the way we find and fix leaks, not just at PG&E but throughout the industry. He helped bring new gas leak-detecting technologies from Silicon Valley into our gas operations and that has elevated our company as a leader in leak detection and repair. Steve's work has a direct impact on the safety and reliability of our system and we are incredibly proud to have him as a member of the PG&E family for more than 40 years," said Nick Stavropoulos, executive vice president of Gas Operations at PG&E.

Redding and his team have delivered results with Picarro and Super Crew including the reduction of PG&E's backlog of minor, non-hazardous leaks by 99 percent and the ability to find 80 percent more leaks than previous models, and in less time.

Since beginning his career at PG&E in gas metering, Redding has held a number of leadership positions from overseeing major pipeline construction to serving as a general rate case witness. In his current role as director of leak management, Redding and his team work to increase system safety by finding and fixing leaks and identifying more effective leak detection technology. Redding has a Business Management Degree from St. Mary's College in California.

## OBITUARIES

### Will (Leo) Niles

Will (Leo) Niles passed away June 17, 2015 at 96 years young. He was born in Floydada, Texas.

Lee enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1940 and was honorably discharged in 1946 after serving

as an Airborne Paratrooper and radio operator during WWII. He served in Okinawa and was at Guadalcanal. He had the honor of being on the USS Missouri on the day General McArthur accepted the Japanese surrender, aboard the same ship. Lee worked in San Diego, CA, where he met and married Doris Dahl. They moved to Montana to raise their family.

Lee met Phran Turner in Livermore in 1980 where he took dance lessons and became her dance partner. Lee and Phran traveled aboard cruise ships as dance instructors for several years before settling in Livermore.

Lee is survived by his

wife, Phrania Turner Niles; his sons, Rex Niles, Rocky Niles of Montana; his daughter, Rhonda White of Washington; his stepdaughter, Hayley Wingard; his stepson, Brendon Turner; as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

### Lorraine Davis

Resident of Livermore

Sept. 5, 1955 to July 13th 2015

Lorraine Ann Davis passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Her uplifting spirit touched everyone she knew. She was a source of laughter, happiness and generosity to family & friends, as well as a devoted wife and mother.

Lorraine was born in Richland, Washington, lived in Alabama, Mississippi and eventually settled in the Bay Area where she graduated H.S. and attended San Jose State University. Lorraine was a Realtor for many years and in 1997 she was the President of the Women's Counsel of Realtors, Alameda Chapter.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Elaine Richards. Survivors include her husband, Gil Davis; a son, Brandon Larson; step-daughters, Deanna Esparza and Shannon Davis; sister, Laurel Gerald and husband Bob Gerald; sister-in-law, Sharon DeSalvo and husband Adam DeSalvo; niece, Ashley Gerald Smith; nephew, Evan Gerald; neice, Danielle DeSalvo; uncle and aunt, Pal & Pat Anderson and three wonderful grandchildren, Mariah, Vanessa and Anthony.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service on Friday, August 14th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Merrill Smoak. 557 Olivina Ave Livermore, CA 94551 (925) 447-1848.

### In Memory of Robert L. Battram

Robert Battram passed away July 11, 2015 at the age of 71.

Born 1943 in Hawthorne, CA he moved from Los Angeles to Livermore to start his own business.

He was a member of the Livermore community for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Donna, his son Wayne, daughter-in-law Bonnie, his son Edward and daughter-in-law Brigitte, his three grandchildren, Robert, Daniel and Nikki; his brother Kenneth and sister Louise; and, many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at Mon., July 27 at Sacramento Valley National

Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon Ca at 11 AM.

### Gerry Dobbel

A celebration of life luncheon was given at the Pleasanton Hotel for Gerry Dobbel by her sister Rene Katinsky.

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## Dublin Planning National Night Out Events

Dublin Police Services, City of Dublin officials, and Alameda County Fire Services will join residents in celebrating City pride during this year's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Every first Tuesday in August, residents and businesses throughout Dublin display their community spirit by organizing potlucks, ice cream socials, or block parties, while receiving friendly visits from police and City officials throughout the night.

Visitors to Dublin this year can experience National Night Out at the Hacienda Crossings retail center, where businesses are contributing to a festive night of live music, giveaways, crafts, and entertainment for kids.

The annual National Night Out campaign is designed to enhance police-community partnerships and strengthen

neighborhoods by bringing together those who are committed to preserving the quality of life in Dublin. Dublin Police Services invites neighborhoods in Dublin to sign up to be a part of the event.

Groups that would like the opportunity to receive National Night Out visits from Dublin Police, Fire staff, and/or City officials should register their parties no later than July 31, 2015. To learn more about the event and how to register, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/nno](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/nno). Visits will take place between 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM on August 4.

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



Representing the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Gary and Nancy Harrington, Nancy Pennell and Heidi Hall recently returned from Coronado, Panama on a wheelchair distribution. This Rotary Club partnered with the Coronado Rotary Club to bring close to 300 wheelchairs to people in need in Panama at a cost of \$42,000. Several of the recipients had cerebral palsy as this young girl shown here with her mother.

## Eugene O'Neill Festival to Focus on Human Desires

Important plays by two of America's greatest playwrights highlight the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival beginning September 4 in Danville. The month-long series of events will focus on the drive behind human desires with productions of Eugene O'Neill's powerful *Desire Under the Elms*, and Tennessee Williams' classic *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

The O'Neill Festival is presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in partnership with the National Park Service and Role Players Ensemble. Events take place at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville or in locations in downtown Danville. The 2015 Festival follows on last year's series of "sold-out" events, including the production of O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*.

Tickets for *Desire Under the Elms* and *A Streetcar Named Desire* and for other Festival events, are available online through the Town of Danville Box Office a [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com). The Foundation is offering an All-Inclusive Package for all Festival events at a savings of more than 20% below regular ticket prices. Details are available at [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com), or the O'Neill Foundation website, [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

"This fall's Festival focuses on the various ways humans yearn and grapple for what they do not have, in some cases, what they should not have," says Eugene O'Neill Foundation Artistic Programs Director Eric Fraisher Hayes. "We will explore the role of desire in the human experience through a series of events including two major stage productions, plus an important panel discussion, and a screening of Williams' 1951 film of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring Marlon Brando."

Role Players Ensemble will open the Festival September 4-19 with the Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* for eight performances at the Village Theatre in downtown Danville. It will be directed by George Maguire. Eric Fraisher Hayes will direct the O'Neill play, *Desire Under the Elms*, produced by the Eugene

O'Neill Foundation, Tao House for six performances in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in the Danville hills from September 18-27.

Other Festival events include:

- Film: *A Streetcar Named Desire*: Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theatre (233 Front Street, Danville). The classic Tennessee Williams film, winner of four Academy Awards, stars Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh, Kim Hunter and Karl Malden.

- "Eugene O'Neill: Evolution of an Artist - From Provincetown to Tao House,": Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Avenue, Danville). Director Eric Fraisher Hayes will reprise his Oregon Shakespeare Festival lecture delivered this past June in Ashland, OR. Hayes has directed or produced nearly twenty of O'Neill's plays and offers unique insights into the life and plays of the playwright.

- "100 Years of Desire,": Saturday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Danville. A lively panel discussion of desire as depicted in theatre, literature and cinema.

- "The Secrets of O'Neill in Danville,": Saturday, September 12 at 3:30 p.m. Begins at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave., Danville). An hour-long walking tour by docents of the Museum providing stories about O'Neill and his days in Danville and Tao House.

- A Conversation with Author John Lahr: Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Rakestraw Books, 3 Railroad Ave., Danville. Theatre critic John Lahr, biographer, novelist and son of actor Bert Lahr reads from his new book "Joyride" and his award-winning biography of Tennessee Williams, "A Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh."

Free previews of the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival will be hosted at three area libraries in August: Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Library, 400 Front Street; Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.; and Saturday,

August 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, founded in 1974 is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to celebrate the legacy of America's most notable playwright, recipient of four Pulitzer Prizes, and the only American dramatist to be honored with the Nobel Prize for Literature (1936). Eugene O'Neill lived at Tao House in the Danville hills from 1937-1944, and it is here that he wrote his most

notable plays, including *A Long Days Journey into Night*, *The Iceman Cometh*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Tickets for *Desire Under the Elms* and *A Streetcar Named Desire* and for other Festival events, are available online through the Town of Danville Box Office a [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com), or (925) 314-3400.

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# Lab Licenses Tool to Improve Government Computer Network Security



Lab computer scientists and engineers designed Network Mapping System (NeMS), a security tool that collects data by watching and probing a network. It runs on dedicated computer hardware to maintain performance on the network being scanned and to provide a platform for follow-on analysis. Photo by George Kitrinos/LLNL

Government agencies, along with state and local governments, could receive a helping hand from a computer network security tool developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) computer scientists and engineers.

The LLNL software-based technology, known as the Network Mapping System (NeMS), has been licensed to Cambridge Global Advisors, a Washington, D.C.-area strategic advisory firm.

"We developed this capability to discover and characterize computer networks," explained Celeste Matarazzo, a principal investigator for cybersecurity in the Lab's Global Security Principal Directorate. "It is important to know what you have on your networks, so that you can decide what best practices to apply."

Rich Rankin, the director of LLNL's Industrial Part-

nerships Office, called the commercialization of NeMS "a significant step forward in protecting the nation's network environment."

In effect, NeMS provides network managers with a comprehensive view of their computer network environments. It has been used at different times to support the computer network security operations at several federal agencies.

NeMS helps to discover the things that weren't known about a computer network. Matarazzo said, adding that network discovery is one of three key functions provided by NeMS.

If a rogue computer were to have access to a computer network, it wouldn't be using a company's virus protection system, she said. The goal is to uncover any unauthorized devices to ensure a company is not at risk.

A second service provided by NeMS is the capability

to identify which computers are communicating, the structure of the network, the protocols used in communication and other attributes of the organization's computer network.

Finally, NeMS permits security and information technology professionals to conduct their own customized analysis of computer network environments of interest, Matarazzo said.

Nearly all of the commercial network monitoring and visualization tools currently available work in either passive mode, which "watches" activity between network targets, or active mode, which scans and probes a network. NeMS combines the two modes - collecting data by watching and probing the network - to more fully characterize the operating environment.

NeMS' scans and analysis can reveal valuable information such as mis-

configurations and other system errors that might make a network vulnerable to attack.

NeMS can characterize a network from multiple vantage points, and merges the results into a single data store for analysis. The software's monitoring and characterization tools can generate a new map, corroborate or update existing maps, or fuse the data collected with additional information on an organization's network.

The commercial licensing of NeMS was aided by the Department of Homeland Security's "Transition to Practice Program," which Matarazzo called "a very valuable experience."

Other team leaders included computer engineer Domingo Colon and NeMS project manager and computational physicist Evi Dube.

The NeMS software has been developed over the past 15 years, with a major rewrite of the code in 2011 and a push in 2013 into advanced research directions through

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## Livermore Votes to Read Asimov's 'I Robot' Together

February 2016 Will Feature a Variety of Programs

The votes are counted and the choice has been made. Isaac Asimov's science thriller *I, Robot* is the next Livermore Reads Together selection.

The Livermore community was asked to help choose the book for next year's community reading program, Livermore Reads Together, by voting for one of five books. After a fierce voting competition, Asimov's book, considered a cornerstone of science fiction, won the day.

Isaac Asimov's *I, Robot* launches readers on an

adventure into a not-so-distant future where man and machine struggle to redefine life, love, and consciousness—and where the stakes are nothing less than survival. Filled with unforgettable characters, mind-bending speculation, and nonstop action, *I, Robot* is a reading experience from one of the master storytellers of our time.

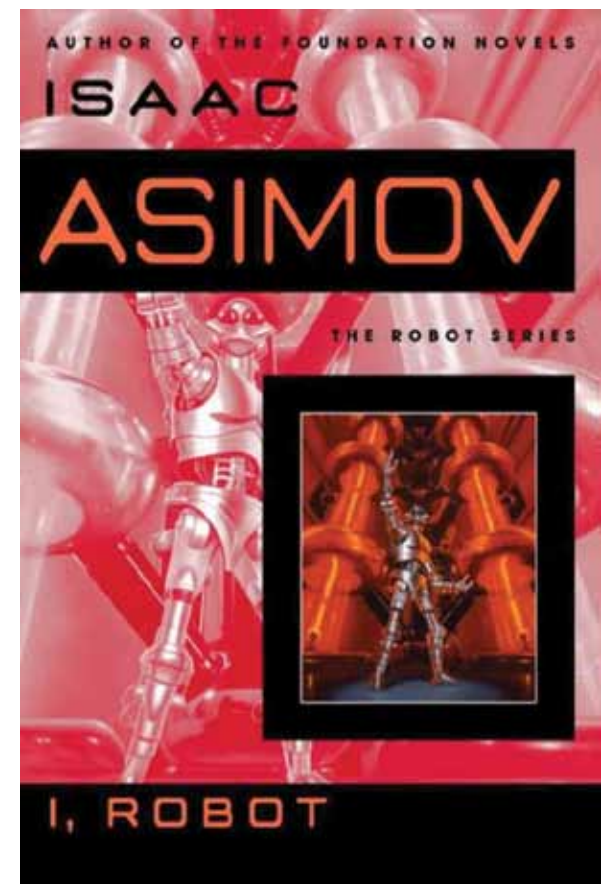
Throughout the month of February 2016, the library will host a series of events for children and adults inspired by *I,*

*Robot*. The series will be kicked off by roboticist David Calkins, president of the Robotics Society of America and founder of the International RoboGames competition (<http://robo-games.net>).

Events include a free screening of the movie *Blade Runner* at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse, and *Wall-E* at Civic Center and Rincon libraries. Pulitzer Prize award-winning journalist John Markoff is expected to visit the Civic Center Library to

talk about his latest book *Machines of Loving Grace: The Quest for Common Ground Between Humans and Robots*. Robot craft programs for kids will be held at Civic Center and Springtown libraries. Other exciting events are being planned, so stay tuned!

All events are free and open to the public, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For additional information check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).



## Music of Colombia

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has added special performances for the summer months. On Thursday, July 30, Puerto Candelaria (pictured at left) will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

The music of Puerto Candelaria is based in popular and experimental Colombian rhythms. The group was formed in 2000 in Medellín, Colombia, the result of a meeting between six talented musicians. United and guided by the creativity of composer and pianist Juancho Valencia, they created a unique and original show set in the imaginary land of Puerto Candelaria. A place filled with music, it is the spiritual home of the Candelarios and all who venture forth with them on their musical journey.

The distinctive sound of Cumbia has been described by NPR as "the musical backbone of Latin America," incorporating the instrumental sounds of native tribes and folk music with a simple dance beat. Puerto Can-

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## Comic/Storyteller on Firehouse Stage

Stand-up comic and storyteller Joe Klocek hits the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton on Saturday, July 25, at 8:00 p.m. for an evening of funny business. Joe was recently featured on NPR's 'Snap Judgment' and has also appeared on Comedy Central's 'Live at Gotham,' NBC's 'Last Comic Standing,' and was commentator for the Emmy award winning documentary, 'A Bridge So Far'.

Tickets are \$15 general admission. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://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 venue's free parking lot is on Spring Street just west of First Street.

Joe is a self-proclaimed square peg in a round hole world. Raised in the Midwest, he has manners, but living in San Francisco for twenty years he thinks he's better than you. Joe has performed in San Francisco, China, and almost every place in between as a storyteller and stand-up.

Klocek's comedy resume is impressive, with many top venues and hit TV comedy shows on the list. In addition to forays on the top stand-up shows at Comedy Central, NPR, and NBC, he was runner-up in both the San Francisco International Comedy Competition and the Seattle Comedy Competition.

Like Joe says, "Life is hard... laugh harder."



Joe Klocek

## Registration Underway for Pooch Parade in Pleasanton

The 18th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday August 5th, 2015 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets.

This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade are from 5:30 - 7:00pm with trick dogs performing at 6:30 pm. The parade begins at 7 pm, with this year's route taking place along Main Street, between Abbie & St. John Streets.

Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at Lions Wayside Park starting at 7:45 pm.

Enter a pooch, any size 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry



Dressed for last year's parade.

fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers.

All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download a registration form, go to [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org).

## Art by Veterans Featured in Exhibit

Art Exhibit Showcases VA Hospital Residents "View from the Hill," an

exhibit featuring paintings by patients at the Veterans Administration hospital

and their instructors, is on display through Aug. 21 at the office of Berkshire



Out of Darnness by George Martin



The Elder Man by Tortilas Bailey



Gray Rabbit by Michael Lloyd Brown



Lydia's Rose by William Heir

Hathaway HomeServices, Drysdale Properties, 1983 Second Street in downtown Livermore.

Livermore artist Bud Donaldson has been offering painting classes for inpatient veterans on a voluntary basis for many

years. Working with him is local artist J. Aivagedis.

The hospital, established in 1922 on 113 acres off Arroyo Road, provides health services to veterans as part of the VA Palo Alto Health System.

A wine and hors

d'oeuvres reception will be held Friday, July 24, 6-8 p.m. The public is invited.

The show can also be viewed during normal business hours, or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).





Lisa Marie Johnston performs at Freight & Salvage.

## Singer/Songwriter to Perform Her 'Stomp and Groove' Style at Evenings on the Green

New on stage for Evenings on the Green on Tuesday, July 28 will be Lisa Marie Johnston (LMJ), a singer/songwriter from Oakland.

Each Tuesday through August 25 at 6:45 pm, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center bring family-friendly free entertainment to the Livermore Plaza adjacent to the Bankhead Theater.

Lisa blends country, Americana, and blues into a unique style she calls "Stomp and Groove." LMJ has been recording with producer/engineer Reto Peter and making music with Bay Area musicians like Arion Salazar from Third Eye Blind. She is a regular in the Fillmore Poster Room at the historic Fillmore West in San Francisco, and has played at venues in New York City and New Orleans. She released her first EP "This Is Me" on her indie label Stomp and Groove Records in 2011 and a full length album in 2012.

LMJ released the The Reto Sessions Volume 1 in April 2013. The recording featured four original tunes

recorded at The Art Institute in San Francisco as the demo band for Reto Peter's audio recording class. On May 28, she released The Reto Sessions Volume 1&2, which will feature three brand new tracks as well as the four songs from Volume 1. The sound is clean, acoustically driven Americana with blues, rock and country influences. To learn more, go to [www.stompandgroove.com](http://www.stompandgroove.com) and [www.facebook.com/216248025154468](http://www.facebook.com/216248025154468).

This eclectic twelve-concert series is also funded by Shea Homes, Sanctuary Ultra Lounge Restaurant, Catering and Events; Winemakers Pourhouse Beer Garden; Sourced BBQ and Spirits; Uncle Yu's and The Independent. The remaining concert schedule can be found in elsewhere in this newspaper.

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

ness program.

Concert-goers are encouraged to eat at or pick up dinner to-go from these sponsoring Downtown Livermore restaurants.

The Livermore Public Library will present "Peter Pan: Hero of Imagination!" ventriloquist show on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 2:30pm at the Rincon Branch Library, located at 725 Rincon Ave., Livermore. "Peter Pan: Hero of Imagination!" is one of a variety of performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Ventriloquist Tony Borders will appear as "Captain Book," as he presents a program full of lots of laughs with Peter, Wendy, and a funny crew, including volunteers from the audience.

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. At-

tendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are geared toward children ages 4 and older.

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

ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, storytellers and a wildlife presentation.

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

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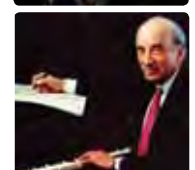
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# Production of the 'King and I' Captures the Story Beautifully



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rachel Powers as Anna sings with the children.

**By Carol Graham**

It is a scene both intimate and iconic.

King Mongkut steps toward Anna Leonowens - he, in royal crimson and gold; she, in billowing blush-colored satin. He tentatively moves his hand to her waist and in a moment, they are dancing around the stage in a mesmerizing whirl.

"Shall we dance?" sings Anna. "On a bright cloud of music shall we fly?"

It is the moment that changes everything. He is no longer the autocratic, headstrong King of Siam; she is no longer the prim teacher from England. They have found their footing, and they are equals.

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's presentation of "The King and I"

is a ravishing production that superbly captures the ongoing dance of clashes and compromises between men and women, East and West, tradition and progress. The show opened at the Bankhead Theater on July 18, with upcoming performances scheduled for July 24, 25, 26 and 31; and August 1 and 2. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

"It's easy to look at The King and I as quaint, and say that we're past all this, but we aren't. It's analogous to how we deal with differences in worldview right now," says DC Scarpelli, who plays the King. "But its social relevance is sly: it's slipped into a lavish, entertaining show."

From the resplendent,

ornate sets to the shimmering costumes in shades of turquoise, ruby, citrine and amethyst, the show is a visual treat. The music, under the excellent direction of Jo Anne Fosselman, serves the beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein songs well - jaunty at times, poignant at others.

However, the highest accolades must be heaped upon the extraordinarily talented performers.

From Rachel Powers' first note of "I Whistle a Happy Tune," she is Anna Leonowens to such an extent that it's impossible to imagine she could exit the theater and blend into 21st century America. Her singing is flawless, with a crystalline quality that reflects Anna's proper bearing, as is her dancing and

## Livermore Shakes Succeeds with 'As You Like It'

**By Stu Kron**

Shakespeare's famous line that "All the World's a Stage" is proven true in the

current Livermore Shakespeare Festival production of "As You Like It,"

currently being performed through August 2 at the Wentle Vineyards Estate

Winery and Tasting Room on Tesla Road in Livermore.

Under the direction of Lisa A. Tromovitch, this classic comedy dives headlong into emotions of love, jealousy, and forgiveness. The play is exquisitely acted by Maryssa Wanlass as Rosalind, Lilian Wouters as Celia, and Joseph Salazar as Orlando.

The acting company's new summer venue at Wentle Vineyard's Tesla Road location enhances the audience experience with its "theater in the round" approach of no scenery and few props, but offering live music and excellent costume design by Barbara Murray. One example of the production's attention to detail occurs with the multitude of acoustic stringed instruments played by the actors as they sing and sometimes dance.

The stage consists of

a small, six-sided platform with three walkways extending radially outward, like spokes in a wheel. The audience sits in the remaining area around the stage, creating an intimate atmosphere of "shared space" with the actors.

There's not a bad seat in the house, as evidenced by an occasional glance across the stage at other audience members whose wide eyes and smiles throughout the play say it all: this is an engaging performance.

One scene to watch for is when Celia is sitting on the edge of the stage listening to a conversation. She is knitting something and, wait, she is actually knitting!

It's also worth attending the play to experience the performance of Michael Wayne Rice, who plays Jacques. Listen for some of Shakespeare's most well-known lines as he speaks,

including the famous musings on how men and women are all actors in the "All the World's a Stage" speech. Another standout is Sean Patrick Nill, who plays the multiple roles of Amiens and Le Beau.

Before you go, if you're unfamiliar with "As You Like It," read a detailed plot summary on the web. An overview is offered below, but a more detailed summary will enable you to follow the story line and enjoy the play that much more.

Arrive early, buy a bottle of Wentle wine, and have dinner on the winery grounds. A food booth offers wood-fired pizza and more. Bring warm clothes and a blanket since the outdoor venue can get chilly after the sun sets.

Performances are July 23 - 26 and July 30 - August 2. All performances

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Lilian Wouters and Maryssa Wanlass in As You Like It. Photo - Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com.



## THE KING AND I . . .

acting. Powers portrays the young widow, who in 1862 arrived in Siam to educate King Mongkut's 67 children, with a nuanced elegance that subtly conveys a tender spirit.

"Anna does her best to avoid showing vulnerable feelings by always presenting herself in teacher mode. Every moment, every conversation, every situation is a teachable moment," says Powers. "This presents a challenge indeed - to be in teacher mode and yet reveal what's underneath."

In his role as King Mongkut, Scarpelli is equally impressive. In less gifted hands, the King might appear one dimensional — macho, self-absorbed, slightly adolescent. But Scarpelli's King transcends the caricature, conveying an enormously funny, shrewd and endearing man, struggling to navigate an unmapped path between tradition and modernization.

In the witty song A Puzzlement, the King sings, "There are times I almost think, nobody sure of what he absolutely know. Everybody find confusion in conclusion he concluded long ago. Is a puzzlement!"

The parallel love story of Tuptim and Lun Tha is portrayed with heart-rending appeal by Mandy Leung and Brian Palac. As Tuptim, a 'gift' to the King who is in love with Lun Tha, Leung's performance is exquisite, managing to be childlike and womanly at the same time.

"My favorite scene is the ballet, Small House of Uncle Thomas," says Leung. "The choreography is a beautiful blend of Eastern and Western gestures. The staging, props and set design all contribute to creating magic on stage."

With the purpose of entertaining a visiting dignitary, played with hilari-

ous British naughtiness by Tim Nolan, the dance casts a hypnotic spell over the audience while Tuptim's charming narration weaves together her reality and the fantasy world of Uncle Thomas. It is one of many sublime moments.

For Balac, playing Lun Tha has been a long-time goal. "Lun Tha gets to sing two of the most beloved and popular love songs ever from a musical," he says, of the songs We Kiss in the Shadows and I Have Dreamed, both of which Balac sings gorgeously. "Not only that, the scenes he is in evoke emotions that deal with love that is secret, forbidden and, as one would come to find out, ill-fated."

It would be an injustice not to mention the graceful, anchoring performance of Anita Colotto as Lady Thiang, and the spirited portrayals of Louis Leonowens by Dylan Cazin and Chulalongkorn by Alex Zhang.

And of course, there are the children. For March of the Royal Siamese Children, nearly 30 children take the stage, some quite small, but not one committing the faux pas of squinting into the audience or trying to be adorable. They just are. Their performances are enchanting.

"The show, though it's based in historical fact, has the air of a fable about it," says Scarpelli. "It's a bit of a Fabergé egg — after it ends, you can step back and admire its beauty, its intricacy, and its great emotion."

Tickets for The King and I are \$20 for juniors, \$37 for seniors, and \$39 for general admission. They may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), or by calling 373-6800. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

# Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

## PART II: INTERVIEW WITH DIETER AND CHRISTA SCHNEIDER ABOUT THE BERLIN WALL

The Wall imposed numerous impediments and stresses on everyday life, one of which was the constant presence of the Soviet military. Dieter said that Russian jets flying in and out of the Frankfurt-Berlin air corridor would break the sound barrier just to harass people with the ear-splitting noise this caused. The noise also affected Christa, who was home raising their first child. She and Dieter had married in 1965, four years after the Wall went up.

"He was so tiny, you know," she said about her first-born. "Every time they broke the sound barrier over the city, it bothered my little baby. I was so mad at them. My little baby will be 49 years old this year."

Did the Berlin Wall affect Dieter and Christa on a daily basis? Not so much for Dieter.

"Honestly, I didn't fear harassment that much in my daily life," he said. "During the day, I worked pretty intensively, in the evening I went to the pub, and then I went directly home. It wasn't really so bad if you stayed in the western part."

At the local pub, Dieter would hear horror stories of how the Wall affected the lives of others.

"Soon after the Wall went up, there were people who were living in buildings right next to the Wall who used ropes to lower themselves into West Berlin. I heard about border guards shooting and removing people from those apartments. Interestingly, the first time I was in East Berlin after the Wall came down, I went over there and you could see those old houses that were not even partly renovated from the Second World War. There was even a distinct smell in East Berlin because they used brown coal for heating. It was kind of an ugly smell."

In contrast to Dieter's experiences, Christa said the Wall did affect her personally. She remembers feeling claustrophobic living in West Berlin because it was so difficult to leave the city for a vacation or for an afternoon trip to the forest for a change of scenery.

"West Berlin felt like a cage," she said. "For a long time, for many years, of all the people, even in Europe, Berliners traveled the most because we needed to get out of that cage. I lived on the eighth floor at the southern border of the city. I could see into the countryside but I could never go there because I had to apply for a visa three days in advance. I didn't know what my schedule would be in three days. Three days later, no matter what the weather, you had to go on that day or you had to reapply for another visa. They made it very inconvenient. They forced you to exchange a certain amount of money at a 1:1 ratio, which was nothing like it was because the value was 1:7. They made money with that."

A brief moment of hope occurred when President John F. Kennedy visited Berlin on June 26, 1963, and awkwardly uttered those four famous words, "Ich bin ein Berliner," in his famous New England accent before an



Dieter and Christa Schneider

estimated crowd of 120,000 Berliners gathered in front of the Schöneberg Rathaus (City Hall). When the Freedom Bell, a gift from America, chimed its ring of freedom from the Rathaus belfry, Christa said she too took hope that the Wall would soon come down, reuniting their divided city.

"I was in the crowd the day Kennedy gave his speech. Everybody was happy that he was there. He was escorted through the city, waving like the celebrity that he was."

Barely five months later, on November 11th, Kennedy was dead, assassinated at Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

Christa remembers: "I was at home and I heard it on the radio. I was 23 years old at the time and I started crying like crazy. I was so sad and mad that this had happened. That brought a little fear back that our freedom might not be so secure as we had hoped."

And, it wasn't. It took another 26 years of the Cold War between America and the Soviet Union, with an admonition from President Ronald Reagan to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a speech Reagan gave at the Brandenburg Gate near the Berlin Wall on June 12, 1987, to "Tear down this Wall," before the Berlin Wall would actually come down.

"I was housecleaning," Christa remembers. "A German friend, who has since passed away, called to tell me the Wall fell. I couldn't believe it because we thought the Wall would never fall during our lifetime. I left everything and turned on the television. I became glued to it. I cried because it was so wonderful. The feeling was so good that Germany would be one country again."

Christa's friend was there that day, on Thursday, November 9, 1989, when Berliners started attacking the Wall, fueled by years of built-up anger and frustration. Her friend, like so many others, took a small chunk of the Wall and brought it back to Christa in Livermore. Christa showed it to me as she continued to add more stories

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# New Culinary Bites and Sweet Tooth Delights

by Laura Ness

Talk about a concept that caught on and took off like rockets on the 4th of July: bakeries have been making quite a flourey foray into Livermore and Pleasanton. You have Casse-Croûte at 50 South Livermore, across from Uncle Yu's, which, right from day one had lines out the door. Their crusty fresh baguettes and flaky chocolate croissants bring a taste of Paris directly to your mouth as though magically delivered by an invisible Concorde. The sandwiches are divinely simple. What can be better than butter, French ham and cornichons on a just flaky right baguette that is still warm and soft as a pillow inside? Everything is made by hand, lovingly, and with the kind of care that shows in every bite.

The café au lait is served in oversize bowls to patrons who breakfast on yeasty pain de campagne and snack on chocolate-stuffed croissant.

Then there is La Pano-tique, at 2470 1st Street, Ste 110, in Livermore, open from 7 a.m. until as late as 10 p.m., featuring a nice selection of pastries and lunch items, along with Bicycle coffee. This chain is taking off like a Buster Posey triple in the bottom of the 7th. If you long for elegant French pastries in a clean, bright salon like environment, this might be your just your café au lait. It's quite near the Bank-head.

Specialties include croissants, eclairs (both chocolate and coffee), flan,



bread pudding, opera cake, claufoutis, tiramisu, tarts, cookies and apple turnovers. You won't be disappointed. Try the caramel runny heart macaron, as long as you're not wearing white. They'll bake full-sized cakes for your special occasion, as long as you give them 24 hours' notice, Tuesday-Thursday, and 72 hours' notice Friday-Monday.

Beyond the oven's bounty they offer a decent assortment of fresh salads, including the French classics, Niçoise and Frisee, along with expertly made sandwiches, including the Jambon Speck, which includes ham, Speck (a specialty meat cured from the rear leg of a hog with juniper and salt and cold-



Lenore serves one of the popular baked items (top photo); in the lower photo is shown the crusty loaves of bread.

smoked over beech and maple wood: it means "bacon" in German), butter, pickles and alpine cheese. You'll swear you can't eat

it all, and then, somehow, you do. Pano-tique also offers mushroom flan, risotto, roast potatoes and polenta.

All the meats at La Pano-tique are from Zoe's Meats, and are organic and hormone free.

Pleasanton is also in on the sugary action, with Sugarie Bake Shop located at 3500 Bernal Ave, in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center: 925-789-9067. Here, Natalie The Baker, inspired as a youth by her grandmother's magic butter and sugar creations, whips up an exquisite collection of macarons in a flavor you're sure to crave. The flavors rotate frequently. These beautiful gems have delectable creamy fillings and come in wonderful flavors like apricot peach, mango passion fruit, ginger pear, raspberry dark chocolate, Earl Grey vanilla, espresso rum and lavender white chocolate.

She also turns out baguettes, bite-sized cheesecakes, cookies, croissants, quiches, custards and more. There were some crusty looking baguettes available when I ducked in on a recent visit, where a couple was busily picking out macarons for their upcoming wedding. Catering is also available.

## WENTE TAPS CHEF MIKE WARD

For those looking for a more substantial method of consuming calories, with a focus on simple garden-fresh ingredients, it's time to head to The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, where their new Executive Chef, Mike Ward, fresh from Tyler Florence's El Paseo in Mill Valley, is now in charge of the kitchen.

Chef Ward's new menu emphasizes flavors from the Northern California lifestyle, utilizing Wente Family Estate's fresh produce from the Estate Garden, the unique Estate Beef program, Estate olive oil and Estate-grown wines.

Chef Ward is collaborating with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk, and Sommelier Jorge Tinoco,

creating the perfect marriage between well-crafted dishes and winning wines. The official launch of his new menu will occur in early September.

Ward fondly remembers family dinners hosted by his Nana and Grandpa with tables full of the best home cooked foods, and his mother surprised him with a semester of culinary classes at the local community college. He was awestruck by the methods and processes of working in a "real" kitchen and dedicated himself to learning as much as possible by working with culinary talents like Tony Maws of Craigie Street Bistro and top restaurants in New York City, including Michelin-star restaurant, Picholine.

After he returned to California, Ward took a position as Executive Chef at Slocum House in Sacramento, and then lead the kitchen as Executive Chef at Tyler Florence's El Paseo in Mill Valley. He's delighted to be at one of Livermore Wine Country's best-loved dining destinations.

Speaking of Wine Country dining destinations, The Underdog Wine Bar, too, has just seen a changing of the guard. They welcomed new Chef Henry Vortriede. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Vortriede got his culinary curiosity rev'd up early, reading Gourmet magazine and cooking breakfast and lunch for his family of eight at age seven. He credits his mother, a restaurateur, and his father, a surgeon, for encouraging him show off his abilities in the kitchen.

Vortriede has an international background in the culinary arts, beginning in St. Thomas, USVI, where he apprenticed under Chef Joset Chevrotee at Au Bon Vivant restaurant. Then, it was off to Paris, France,





Macarons come in many flavors at Sugarie

where he earned diplomas in both culinary arts and wine study at Le Cordon Bleu and L' Académie du Vin. Studying as a Sous Chef for Le Metropolis, a bistro in Paris' Opera Arrondissement, gave him the opportunity to traveling with a group of chefs, explore the cities and provincial areas, and learn the subtle differences in regional cuisines.

Eventually, he put down roots in San Francisco, bringing his love for French cooking to the restaurant Le Mere Du Quesene (San Francisco) and Le Camembert Restaurant in Mill Valley, where he worked as Executive Chef.

His appreciation for chocolate led to his founding the company Chocolate Art by Vortriede, where he created hundreds of pounds of chocolate to be shipped nationwide on a weekly basis. Nieman Marcus and Williams Sonoma were among the chains for which he created custom products. He also wrote several small cookbooks to accompany kitchen appliances for the French company, Tefal and conducted a series of cooking and pastry classes before selling Chocolate Art and becoming Chef Garde Manger at Hyatt Regency, San Francisco.

Then came the call of

the Bay, and Vortriede joined Hornblower Yachts, where went on to become Corporate Executive Chef as the company grew to some 30 yachts and ships along California's coast. Following this, he moved to Pacific Marine Yachts as Corporate Chef and designed a kitchen aboard the 'San Francisco Spirit' that would become his base of operations for the next 10 years.

In 1995, Vortriede received The "Award for Food Excellence" by the National Passenger Vessel Association in Washington D.C., the premier marine caterer in the country out of 300 such companies.

Vortriede eventually returned to Hornblower Cruises and Events as the Vice President of Operations for a new catering venture, Flagship Events by Hornblower. Under his guidance, the 2000 passenger ship San Francisco Belle, the largest dining yacht in the country, became a viable catering presence for the West Coast. He also started a land-based off-site catering service known as Flagship Events by Hornblower.

Now, he has docked his talents at Underdog Wine Bar, where he will undoubtedly helm On the Vine Catering to new levels of culinary goodness.

## Youth Voice Opinions and Views in Essays

The Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (LAYAC) recently held a mental health essay contest where teens could submit essays answering the following:

1) What are the most relevant issues teens face today (family, social, school) and how do you cope with those?  
2) What changes to the school system would allow you to get the most out of your learning experience?

3) How has bullying affected you personally and what steps would you like our community to take to stop it?

Essays were limited to less than 500 words. Submissions were kept anonymous apart from the grade of the writers.

Commission member Bryanna O'Callaghan notes, as a commission, we've chosen two winning essays. The high school essay answers the prompt relating to our school system and the middle school winner answered the prompt related to bullying.

### HIGH SCHOOL WINNER

#### Everything Wrong With Our School System

With respect to the allotted 500 word count, I am going to have to make this list, as you would say, "Short and Sweet." Rather than try to accomplish the task of listing the multitudes of problems present in the school system to this day, I will rather list a few solutions that would aid in fixing these errors. To start it off, I would like to list the most substantial problem that there is present in the school district, that being the lack of a full summer break. Now I myself know that I like to enjoy my summer, spending the limited free time I have with friends and out and about going to new places and learning new things.

Just recently, this has all been changed. I feel more and more constricted with the time I have, all because some genius decided it would be good to have more three and four day weekends, rather than summer, and therefore decided that, sure let's give the kids some more long weekends, and just cut a week of summer from their schedule.

To this I say, you were wrong my good sir. Rather than allowing us to an extra week of vacation, the schools decided it to be better to have an extra day off, almost every other weekend, so we could just spend our time at home, bored, and unable to go anywhere.

For this I ask that in next year's schedule the school district either, A, removes these unnecessary and wasteful breaks, or B, allows the students to vote and actually have a say at what happens with their time. Now, with all likelihood that the school district won't even read this, and that in fact I am just wasting even more of my time, I bring up another solution. It is absolutely imperative that the school district allows students, coming in as Freshman, to have absolute control over their schedule. I am absolutely disgusted when I realized that rather than being able to go into an Honors Biology, I had to sit in class all the while wasting my time, while being surrounded by those less competent, so much so that they had previously failed the class.

Furthermore, I implore the school district to cut what you call F.I.T., otherwise known as Freshman In Transition, or at the utmost least, change it to an optional class. Assembly after assembly in F.I.T., I asked myself what is the point of having these assemblies, when we are already required to take Health Education, of which the two are nearly identical.

So now, I end this paper, again with respect to the 500 word count maximum, begging those out there that have the power to change the school system, to get up and do something about it, for I feel that the next step for me

would be to leave the school district in exchange for a better and more advanced school.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER: Bullying

Bullying was recognized as just a little teasing. Today the extent of bullying has become even a bigger issue today. Kids today have the ability to say mean and hurtful words online anonymously. Kids and teens are able to access the world with just a click of a button.

I myself have been bullied for almost 3 years straight. It is difficult especially when you are young and vulnerable. Today communities and organizations are enforcing it with commercials and events but you cannot target every bully doing this.

In the 3rd grade, I met this friend who wasn't the best influence on me and who had made bad decisions. She got bad grades, used people for money, and called me fat. This broke me down and I was only trying to fit in. Every time she asked me for money I would say no and she would say she wouldn't be my friend anymore. Due to peer pressure and wanting to fit in I kept giving her the money and was used. My parents found out and told me to stop giving her money no matter what she says. I listened to them but the tormenting never stopped. I kept getting call fat and was made fun of.

Finally, in 4th grade my parents found out a put a stop to it.

That same year there were mean students in my class. They were a big group of the "popular" girls and always excluded me and always made fun of me for the little things. Even if I brought in a snack for school they made fun of that. I made a new friend and we stopped hanging out because one of the "popular" girls told her to stop hanging out with me. I was completely hurt and had lost my self-confidence. I never told my parents or anyone and just kept it to myself. My parents eventually found out and went straight to the teacher. My teacher was nice but didn't make a change or discipline the girls for what they did. My parents took it a step further and went to the principal. The principal told them their wrong actions but didn't give them a consequence. I felt that they should have had at least got a detention or any consequence.

I felt they deserved to be hurt since I was hurt. I realized two years later that only because you are hurt doesn't mean they have to be. Those girls must have been hurt in some way and had to have a reason to bully me. Some people bully people because they have family problems, are jealous, or just have personal issues. Whatever it was, I got over it and gained strength and confidence from this situation.

There are many bullies in this world. There will always be people who will hate you, bring you down, and even hurt you. There are many organizations today to help fight against bullying. But is it really targeting all the bullies? No matter what you say or do there will always be hate in this world. In my community, a way to decrease the amount of bullying is talking about it. Discussing if you have been bullied or you are the bully. It will make both types of people realize what they did wrong and how they can stop it. As the bully you are hurting someone mentally and sometimes physically.

As the person bullied you have a way of reacting to it and sometimes the wrong reaction can cause more problems. Discussing this topic will help them bring out their ideas and help them find new ways to communicate to others. If you are a religious person, youth groups will

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## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

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

**Livermore Art Association Gallery** two featured artists for July and August, Diana Carey and Kerry Kc-Gehee. Carey, a Livermore resident for many years, is a sculptress and jewelry artist. Kerry McGehee is a photographer. The LAA Gallery is located in Carnegie Park at 2155 Third St between J and K streets. Hours are 11:30 am to 4:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

**Monoprints and Collagraphs** of Edmee Acuna Keele will be on display

August 1st thru August 31 at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5556 Tesla Road, Livermore. Edmee usually prints at the Fort Mason Studios in San Francisco and belongs to the Fort Mason Printmakers group. She shows her work with the group in the San Francisco Open Studios.

**Artists at Work Nights**, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. July 9: group exhibition; Aug. 13: artists at work night; Sept. 10: Joanna Cranshaw and Jonathon Miller; Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwellartscenter.org.

**Art Under the Oaks**, July 18 and 19, sponsored by Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No admission charge. Art displays and demonstrations. www.livermoreartassociation.org

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Watercolor class**: Nancy Saltsman returns to teaching with a four-day workshop providing an in-depth study of the properties of watercolor paints, materials and techniques. Acquire a thorough knowledge of color theory and interactive color relationships to be able to create brilliant, luminous paintings. All levels welcome. Some experience recommended Saturdays, August 8, 15, 22, 29; 9am-12pm; \$130 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street. Contact agiancola@livermoreperformingarts.org for info or registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer Art**, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a

painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years. Sessions: July 27-31; Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443-8755 or frank.a@comcast.net

## WINE &amp; SPIRITS

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

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery** special events: **Tapas, Tasting, and Tunes** every other Friday July 3-Sept. 11, 6 to 9 p.m. wines and a delicious mixture of sweet, savory, and a bit of spicy flavors from the acclaimed chef, Eduardo Posada, of Posada Restaurant and Catering. **Summer Yoga and Wine Sunset Series with Natalie Shapiro** - July 30th, and August 13th 6-8PM. Ticket includes hour long yoga instruction on the front lawn followed by wine tasting. Register online at www.mcgrailvineyards.com or call (925) 215-0717 for more information. \$30/person per class

**Wente Vineyards, Sundays in the Round**, three new food experiences paired with Wente Vineyards wines. \$60 club members, \$65 non-club, per guest, per experience. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Festival of Lights, Indian cuisine, Aug. 16, 11-2 925.456.2405 or www.wentevineyards.com

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

**Taste Our Terroir**, July 23-26. Thursday July 23, 2015 is the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence pairing 19 winemakers with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Friday through Sunday

wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. Thursday night tickets: VIP \$125/\$85 advance through 7/10, \$95 after; weekend event tickets available from \$35-\$100. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. www.lvwine.org.

## T.G.I.F! at Charles R Vineyards

as the "4th Friday" Free Summer Concert Series continues with live music of easy listening rock by Michael James. July 24, 5:30-8 p.m. Sip, sing and sway the evening away. Seating is first come, first serve, feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. Picnics welcome. Wine by the glass and bottle available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore

**Retzlaff Vineyards**, Wine Wednesday at Retzlaff, 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 26. The winery and grounds will be open late for visitors to wind down with a glass after work. This is a Livermore Valley wide event with a different winery participating each week. Evening wine specials available by the glass or bottle. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

## 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.

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

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

**New Christy Minstrels**, fresh folk sound in the 1960s with their light-hearted style, rich harmonies, and original, chart-topping hits such as "Green, Green" and "Today." Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Keiko Matsui**, Japanese-born pianist and composer. Aug. 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Summer Music Night**, Aug. 8, 8 p.m. evening of Bay Area talent. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad

Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Jazz All Star Quintet** brings together legendary pianist and band leader Dick Hyman, award-winning tenor saxophonist Harry Allen, and arguably the greatest living jazz clarinetist, Ken Peplowski. Aug. 9, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Pamela Rose Presents Wild Women of Song**, Red-Legged Frog Productions, Aug. 9., 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Celtic Roots of Great American Music** celebrating American music's rich Irish and Scottish heritage. Aug. 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

## Mad's Men: Featuring Mads

**Tolling**, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Rockapella** rocks the house with just one instrument - their voices - but an astonishing full-band sound. Aug. 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Ukulele Band** 'A Taste of Hawaii', Aug. 30, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

## ON THE STAGE

**As You Like It and Sense and Sensibility** will be performed on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. For tickets call (925) 443-BARD or visit www.LivermoreShakes.org.

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

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

**Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre Summer Gala**, Aug. 2, 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Aesop Amok**, presented by Peripatetic Players, produced by Idiot String.



# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Sun., Aug. 16, 5 p.m. Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Free admission. Show runs about 50 minutes.

**HMS Pinafore**, Lamplighters Music Theatre production of Gilbert & Sullivan's satire. Aug. 22, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**By the Way, Meet Vera Stark** by Lynn Nottage, directed by Dawn Monique Williams, a biting new comedy about racial stereotyping in Hollywood. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, Aug. 27-Sept. 20. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

## COMEDY

**Summer Comedy Night 2015, featuring Joe Klocek**. Comedy Central stand-up comic and storyteller Joe Klocek hits the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for an evening of stellar comedy. Voted SF Weekly 2011 Readers' Poll "Best Comic in SF." Saturday, July 25, 8:00 p.m. General admission tickets \$15. Purchase at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), or call 925-931-4848, or at the center box office. Parking is free. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

**Retzlaff Vineyards**, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 8, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to [www.comedyuncorked.com](http://www.comedyuncorked.com) for updates.

## MOVIES

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

**Picnic Flix**, Emerald Glen Park,, Dublin. Food, beverages, snacks available for purchase 7 p.m.; movies begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free. All are PG. July 24, When the Game Stands Tall; August 21, Big Hero 6. 556-4500 for more information.

## DANCE

**Ballet on the Green** presented by Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company from Livermore School of Dance, performing excerpts from the 2015 repertoire on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Shea Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater. The dances will showcase

classical and contemporary styles of ballet set to music by Joby Talbot, Nathan Lanier, Ed Sheeran, Earth, Wind, and Fire, and many others. Admission to "Ballet on the Green" is free. Pack a picnic dinner, bring a blanket.

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

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**5th annual Freeze Frame! Photo Competition**, during the month of July, Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) will be hosting the competition. TVC is looking for striking images of nature highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley - looking for photos of all types of agriculture, scenic rural areas, and recreational uses or activities in the parks and recreational areas within TVC's locale, which includes Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol. For contest rules and registration instructions, go to [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org), email a request to [freezeframe@trivalleyconservancy.org](mailto:freezeframe@trivalleyconservancy.org) or call 925-449-8706.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 43rd Competition for Young Musicians**, application deadline is Sunday, September 27, 2015. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/18.) Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on February 20, 2016. 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 at [www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org) or contact the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Little League Intermediate World Series** in 2015 from Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th at Max Baer Park, Livermore. [intermediateworldseries.org](http://intermediateworldseries.org). Welcome parade Aug. 1, 3 p.m. in downtown Livermore. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**Taste of Downtown**, Aug. 2, noon to 5 p.m. Livermore Downtown, Inc. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

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

**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social**, Aug. 9, noon to 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. No admission charge. Games, music, historical demonstrations, tours and more. 443-0238.

**The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... Andrew Carnegie**, Tuesday, August 11th, 7 pm: A rags-to-riches story, Scottish-born Andrew Carnegie, emigrated with his poor family to the United States in 1848 and by 1901 Carnegie sold his steel company for \$480 million. The steel mogul is portrayed by actor and professor Doug Mishler. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

**Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series**, August 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road. Speaker TBA. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, [www.livermorechamber.org](http://www.livermorechamber.org)

**Paws in the Park**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27, Amador Valley Community Park, Pleasanton. Valley

Humane Society a dog walk and animal festival benefiting animal rescue and community programs. Walk with or without a dog, form a "dog pack" with family and friends. [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org)

## ESSAYS

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work for you. Youth groups are a way to have fun and learn the teachings of God. There are many stories in the Bible to teach you about friendship, disaster, etc. Youth groups are very positive and will help you in your daily life.

Many kids and teens are bullied today. Community help is key if you are close to your community. There is no way to stop tormenting or bullying but there is a way to decrease it. Any situation you are in, try thinking of a way to solve the problem rather than make it grow.



EVERY  
TUESDAY  
NIGHT  
6:45PM

Thru  
Aug 25

EVENTINGS  
ON THE GREEN  
2015

Shea Homes Stage, Livermore Plaza by Bankhead Theater

## 2015 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Date	Artist	Genre
July 28	LISA MARIE JOHNSTON	Country, Americana & Blues
August 4	AUDIO ILLUSION	Classic Rock, Pop, & Blue - 50's to the Present
August 11	ALLEN VEGA	West Coast Blues with a Texas Twist
August 18	LUNAFISH	Psychedelic Rock of the Late 60's & Early 70's
August 25	KALAIKOIL	Classical South Indian Dance
	PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND	Marches, Show Tunes and Favorites

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begin at 7:30 pm. The venue's address is 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA. To order tickets, visit [www.LivermoreShakes.org](http://www.LivermoreShakes.org).

Summary: Duke Frederick has banished his older brother, Duke Senior, to the forest of Arden. Orlando, a young gentleman, also flees to Arden after being persecuted by his older brother, Oliver.

Before he leaves, Orlando falls in love with Rosalind, the exiled Duke's

daughter. Rosalind falls for Orlando, after seeing him defeat the court wrestler, Charles. Rosalind lives with her cousin and best friend, Celia, who is the daughter of Duke Frederick.

Rosalind is persecuted by her uncle because she is more popular than Celia. She flees to Arden, accompanied by Celia. Rosalind assumes the identity of a boy, "Ganymede," and Celia disguises herself as Ganymede's sister, "Aliena." They bring along the

court fool, Touchstone.

Now in Arden, the exiled Duke Senior accepts the starving Orlando into his group. Orlando meets Ganymede (Rosalind) in the forest. Rosalind decides to stay in disguise, to find out how Orlando truly feels about her.

Oliver comes to the forest to kill his brother, Orlando. Orlando saves Oliver from a lion attack, and the brothers reconcile. Oliver meets Celia and falls immediately in love with her. Touchstone falls in love with the goat herder, Audrey. A local shepherd, Silvias wants to marry the ornery shepherdess, Phebe. Ganymede promises that all will be married the next day. Attend the play to see what happens.

## MUSIC

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delaria has built on that fundamental style, creating contradictory rhythms like Cumbia Underground or Jazz a lo Colombiano, and in doing so have established a special place for their country among the leaders in jazz, experimental and world music.

More than a million people have attended Puerto Candelaria concerts during nearly three dozen international tours that have reached across Central America, South America, Europe, and Asia. They have released four albums. Puerto Candelaria's most recent album expanded on their Cumbia Underground rhythms, transforming them into a rebellious new sound they called Cumbia Rebelde.

The Candelarios entertain their audience with a show that explores the absurdity of everyday life, conveying laughter and transcendent emotions with the engaging rhythm, dance, and explosive exuberance of Colombia's rich culture.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Armchair Travelers**, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., Aug. 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Bettie and David Goosman will show photographs of their automobile tour of South Africa, Bettie's native country. Bettie and David visited several areas, including Pretoria, home of the Voortrekker Monument; the Eastern Free State; the Golden Gate; the Valley of Desolation; the Eastern Cape; Mossel Bay; Pinnacle Point; Meirings Poort; Kirstenbosch; the Western Cape; Great Karroo; Kruger National Park, and Clanwilliam, which is famous for flowers and rooibos tea. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information, call 925 373-5500.

**Interfaith Blood Drive** - July 30th & Aug 1st. Two donation sites in Pleasanton for the American Red Cross. Thur., July 30 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2-8pm, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz; and Sat., Aug 1st at St. Elizabeth-Seton, 9am to 3pm at 4005 Stoneridge Drive. To schedule an appointment, please log on to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter the sponsor code: InterfaithCommunity and follow the directions, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Questions regarding eligibility, call: 1-866-236-3276

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social** on August 9, 2015 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Ravenswood Historic Site. Free admission. There will be ice cream and hot dogs for sale. There will be games, music, historic demonstrations and more. The event features Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Valley Banjos, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Doll Display, Wood Carving Club, Face Painting and Livermore Heritage Guild Historymobile. Ravenswood has a gift store, selling unique items and crafts. 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

**Message From Hiroshima**, a new nationally premiering film event, will be shown Sat., Aug. 1. The 52 minute film, narrated by George Takei, will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA at 7:00 PM. There will also be a guest speaker at the event. This event is free/\$3.00 donations accepted. A meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, and the Q & A/discussion will start after the film. This project recreated the city of Hiroshima through computer generated memories, photographs, etc, and survivors share their memories of Hiroshima before and after the city was destroyed. This "Movie Night" event is co-hosted by Tri-Valley CARES. This hall is wheelchair accessible, air conditioned, & there is plenty of free parking. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking)** monthly mixer. Bay Area women can in the fun in downtown Pleasanton. Open to everyone...even first time attendees. Mon., Aug. 3, 7 to 9 p.m. Oasis Grill &

Wine Lounge, 780 Main St., Pleasanton, RSVP - prepayment required; no walk-ins. [www.gnon.org/rsvp.html](http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html) or call 487-4748. Cost \$10-\$15.

**RPEA (Retired Public Employees Associations)**, meets Thurs., Aug. 6 at Villa's Hickory Pit & Grill, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore, at 10:45 p.m. Frank Vallejo from California Water Service will talk about the drought situation and billing process. All retired public employees under the Calpers retirement program are invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact Muriel Springer at 447-1920 or [MSpringer9991@aol.com](mailto:MSpringer9991@aol.com) or Val Olson, secretary, at 449-5807 or [volson582003@yahoo.com](mailto:volson582003@yahoo.com)

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, July 25, 12:30 p.m. Chinese lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by July 23 to Athene 846-0111. July 29, noon, Italian lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by July 27 to Marsha 830-8483.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Aug. 10. Guest speaker Gene Block will talk about Four Main Reasons Why We Hit Brick Walls in Our Research, when the records are available. Gene realized when he began researching, that for the first time that not only did he not know the countries where his ancestors were born, he did not even know the names of any of his great grandparents. Over many subsequent years Gene observed that genealogists hit Brick Walls even when the needed records are available. In his presentation Gene will discuss the four main reasons why this occurs. Congregation Bath Emek at 3400 North Court, Pleasanton. All are welcome and there is no charge. For further information contact the program chairs at [program@L-ags.org](mailto:program@L-ags.org).

**The 50th reunion of the Livermore High class of 1965** is coming up soon Friday, October 2. A number of activities are planned for the first weekend in October. A cocktail hour, dinner/dance and general reminiscing set for Fri., Oct. 2 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. at the Bella Rosa Center. LHS graduates from the class of '65 era are invited to attend the party. Registration form is available at [www.livermorehighclassof1965.blogspot.com](http://www.livermorehighclassof1965.blogspot.com). Detailed information about other planned activities is also listed on the blog. Send question to [livermoreclassof1965@gmail.com](mailto:livermoreclassof1965@gmail.com).

**Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School**, a Livermore School District run independent study program for grades 1-8, now accepting enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year. A Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2015 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 [www.vineyard.schoollloop.com](http://www.vineyard.schoollloop.com)

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

**18th annual Pooch Parade**, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers in downtown Pleasanton. Over 200 dogs

are expected to participate in this year's event. 5:30pm at Lions Wayside Park. [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org)

**Birthright Pregnancy Support Center**, has moved to 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore, located directly behind the blue bus stop near the corner of Fenton St., and next to Stanford/Valley-Care Hospital. Volunteers are sought including an immediate need for a Tuesday (10am-2pm) office volunteer, also Thursdays (12-4 pm), and substitutes for all days. Administrative Secretary (proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel), social media and website assistance, and more. If interested, call Erika Ratto at (925) 518-9616, or our office at (925) 449-5887. Birthright's free and confidential services include - free pregnancy tests, caring guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. (925) 449-5887 for an appointment. Our office hours are: Mon., Tues., Wed., 10-2; Thurs. 12-4; 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10-1. 1-800-550-4900 Helpline is staffed 24/7. [www.birthright.org/Livermore](http://www.birthright.org/Livermore) for more information on Birthright's services.

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

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

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

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

**Ravenswood Historical Site**, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technol-

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about life with the Wall.

"The Wall affected people who had family on the other side. I remember seeing pictures in the papers. I didn't own a television at that time. I heard stories from friends who had family over there, even though Dieter and I didn't. I remember a married couple who took a ladder and climbed up to wave to grandma on the other side because she could not come to their wedding and they could not go over. Or people who had a new baby, showing the baby over the wall. In the beginning, they wouldn't let Westerners in before the three-day-in-advance visa. I do not recall for how many years that was, but it felt like a reprieve when you finally had a chance to go over to the other side again."

Christa continued with another story. "I have a very good friend who had aunts and uncles and cousins in East Berlin. They, of course, wanted to visit at Christmas time. They got a list of what their families needed, which they could get in West Berlin. For example, it was very difficult to get real coffee, chocolate, almonds, raisins, whatever you needed for Christmas baking, because in the beginning it was still very rationed and they didn't have the items in East Berlin. I remember my friend saying she went back a year later. Her family was so frugal that they still had a few of the almonds she had taken them."

Such was the effect the Berlin Wall had on Berliners like Christa and Dieter, and on Americans as well. The Wall was an ugly reminder during the 60s, and on into the 70s and 80s, of the Cold War and the barrier it created between people.



Christa Schneider with a piece of the Berlin Wall.



# BULLETIN BOARD

ogy. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

**Tri-Valley Haven** provides crisis stabilization counseling for those experiencing difficulties related to domestic violence, abusive situations, sexual assault or other challenging emotional issues. We provide assistance with individual therapy and/or group support. Please call to schedule an appointment: 925 449-5845 (Counseling Intake)

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

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

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a

diagnosis of Epilepsy. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericscorner.org](http://ericscorner.org)

**Pleasanton Lions Club** - welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

by e-mail at [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

**United Christian Church**, [www.ucciv.org](http://www.ucciv.org), a gay-welcoming congrega-

tion offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore, Rector: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 8.

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. [\[\\*\\*Bethel Family Christian Center\\*\\*, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.\]\(http://www.trivalley-</a></p>
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**Centerpointe Church**, During the summer months, Centerpointe Church will hold a single worship service at 10 a.m. in the worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The summer schedule will run throughout July and August. Two worship services will resume on August 23. Sunday school and a full range of youth programs will be held each Sunday. For more information, please see [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org) or call (925) 846-4436.

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

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

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

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

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. One service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit our website at [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11

a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

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

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

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

**Unity of Tri-Valley**, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

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

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

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

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://www.smbclive.com) or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.



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# Milestones

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## Deputy Fire Chief to Retire

Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi will be retiring from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPPFD) on Thurs., July 23. He began his fire service career over 30 years ago with the San Bruno Fire Department before joining the LPPFD in 1997 as a Firefighter-Paramedic. Rodondi worked his way through the ranks of Engineer, Captain and Battalion Chief before achieving the position of Deputy Fire Chief in 2010.

While at the LPPFD, Rodondi was integral to several projects including the creation of the Captains Academy, project manager of the design and acquisition of the newest Fire Engines, and oversight of the design, contractor selection and start of construction on the replacement of Fire Station 9.

He was a member of the Alameda County Incident Management Team, which included various high profile assignments including a two-week deployment to Hurricane Sandy.

In addition to his service at the LPPFD, Joseph and his wife, Debra, raised three children in Pleasanton and were very involved in Pleasanton Schools, marching band, the Hometown



**Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Rodondi**

Holiday Parade and the Boy Scouts of America. Their children, Ashley, Veronica and Dante attend college in Washington, Montana and North Dakota. Joseph and

Debra will be retiring to Montana.

A Walk-Off will take place at 11:30 a.m. on July 23, 2015 at 3560 Nevada Street, Pleasanton.

## Visit Tri-Valley Makes Changes in Board of Directors for the Coming Fiscal Year

Visit Tri-Valley, a destination marketing organization has announced its board of directors for fiscal year 2015-2016. Scott Kenison, Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, and Bill Wheeler, Owner and CEO of Black Tie Transportation, are the two newest members of the 13-person board. Wheeler and Kenison replace Michelle Peters, Director of Marketing & Branding for Beets Hospitality, and Andrew Ebel, VP of Business Operations at Goodguys Rod & Custom Association.

“Scott and Bill will bring new energy to the board, while providing a fresh perspective on two tourism sectors that are vital to our region’s economy: transportation and the arts,” says Barbara Steinfeld, President of Visit Tri-Valley. “We look forward to working with them both, as well as our current board members, whose dedication and hard work has resulted in more visitors to the Tri-Valley.”

Elected to serve a term of three years, members of



**Executive Committee Chair Catherine Cheda**

Visit Tri-Valley’s 2015-2016 board of directors include:

Executive Committee: Chair: Catherine Cheda, General Manager, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Livermore; Vice Chair: Marlene Fahrenkrog, General Manager, Hyatt House Pleasanton; Treasurer: Ron Gapol, General Manager, La Quinta Inn & Suites Dublin-Pleasanton; and, Secretary: Nicole Mass, General Manager, Larkspur Landing Pleasanton.

Board Members: Dave Ackerman, Director of Marketing & Business Development, San Francisco Premium Outlets; Candice Browning, Event Sales Supervisor, Alameda County Fairgrounds; Tom Buck-

ley, General Manager, Four Points by Sheraton Pleasanton; Chris Chandler, Executive Director, Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association; Kendra Gaffey, Assistant General Manager, Hyatt Place Dublin/Pleasanton; Mark Kang, General Manager, Doubletree by Hilton, Livermore; Scott Kenison, Executive Director, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center; Pamela Ott, Economic Development Director, City of Pleasanton; and, Bill Wheeler, Owner and CEO, Black Tie Transportation. This message could not be displayed. If possible, please ask the sender to resend. If the problem persists, please contact customer support.

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