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

## Pleasanton District Sends \$270 Million School Bond to Ballot

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Unified School District will go to the voters in the Nov. 8, 2016 election asking for authorization of a \$270 million bond issue.

The board voted unanimously at a special meeting July 30 to seek the district's first bond approval in nearly 20 years.

The board approved a specific list of projects that would be funded with the money. If the bond were to pass, it would be up to the board to vote for specific projects on the list, when the district is ready to proceed with them.

Public input on the projects would come at that time. A citizens oversight committee would be cre-

ated with at least seven members, as required by the law that permits the 55 percent level of approval.

If both the Pleasanton bond and a state bond on the ballot Nov. 8 pass, revenue from the state bond could be applied to the local bond to enhance some projects, said Deputy Superintendent of Finance Micaela Ochoa.

Major projects that could be

covered include an elementary school at an estimated \$35 million of a \$40 million cost. The school would ease crowding. Bonds could be sold later to cover the cost as they arose, if the District sees an increase in development in the city past the 10-year demographic report projections.

Another major project would be

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## Co-Tenant for LVCP Will Be Squaw Valley Academy Bay Area

By Ron McNicoll

Squaw Valley Academy Bay Area (SVABA) will be the private school co-occupant that will share a modern building with the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP).

The school will be operated by California Preparatory Academy (CPA), said CPA manager Bill Batchelor. He estimated a current enrollment of 50 for the new school, adding more students are enrolling every day.

SVABA has a sister school, Squaw Valley Academy near Lake Tahoe, which already attracts international students, as well as Californians and students from other states. CPA will not be operating the Lake Tahoe school.

Unlike LVCP, which is a public charter school that does not charge tuition, SVABA will charge tuition, as well as room and board for students who need those features. No information about fees has been released publicly.

Batchelor said that arrangements are being completed to have a dormitory for the boarding students, which will be located within a convenient bus ride from campus. A page on the SVABA web site says that there would be four students to a suite, with various conveniences.

LVCP is preparing to move into the building this month at 3090 Independence Drive, once Livermore grants it an occupancy permit. Parking lot and traffic improvement work must be completed and inspected, before the city grants an occupancy permit.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The batter from the Southeast watches as the ball leaves the park for a home. For more photos and information, go to page 6.

## Speakers Want Less Housing, More Open Space

The discussion on a proposed development plan in downtown Livermore will resume August 8. The special meeting involving the Livermore City Council and Planning Commission ended at approximately midnight with speakers still waiting to be heard.

The issues of housing numbers, open space, parking and traffic were raised by the 300 to 400 people on hand.

Lennar Multifamily Communities and Presidio Companies were chosen as the developers of the property on the east and west of South Livermore Avenue between Railroad Avenue and First Street.

The preliminary plan includes a 550-space public parking garage, 200 apartments, 60 condominiums, a walkway between the residential areas, a market hall and a 125 to 135 room Marriott Hotel on the east side of South Livermore Avenue.

There were 86 speaker cards submitted; 59 were able to comment prior to adjournment of the meeting. One city representative estimated that 80% of those in attendance raised their hands to signify that they wanted the Lennar residential units to be cut substantially, even to zero. Another city representative said that 90% favored fewer or no housing units.

The vast majority wanted more open space that would include a large gathering area, which they said could be achieved if there were less housing. Many ridiculed the

(See DOWNTOWN, page 4)

## Lab COLLECTS Funding to Improve Solar Power Efficiency

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), in collaboration with Giant Leap Technologies, received \$1.75 million from the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to improve solar power efficiency.

The project, part of DOE's SunShot Initiative, is a collaborative

national effort that aggressively drives innovation to make solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources before the end of the decade. Through SunShot, DOE supports efforts by private companies, universities, and national laboratories to drive down the cost of solar electricity to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The Concentrating Solar Power: Concentrating Optics for Lower Levelized Energy Costs (CSP: COLLECTS) funding program aims to further accelerate progress toward the SunShot goals through research and development to produce dramatic improvements and cost reductions in concen-

(See SOLAR, page 8)

## LAVTA Applying for Grant To Hasten BART to Livermore

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) board voted unanimously to apply for a \$300,000 grant to hire an executive who will start the planning to help bring BART to Livermore sooner than the projected 2027 completion date.

The board met Aug. 1 at LAVTA headquarters in Livermore.

The grant from MTC would cover two years of salary and expenses for the new executive, who would be hired by LAVTA next month, said LAVTA Executive Director Michael Tree.

People in the Valley, not just in Livermore, have been frustrated with the distant time projection for

(See LAVTA, page 4)

## LARPD Okays Renovation Of Four Playgrounds

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board has approved conceptual designs for four playground renovations.

The playgrounds at Jane Ad-dams Preschool, May Nissen Park, Pleasure Island Park and Big Trees Park will be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Budget for fiscal years 2016-2019. The total budget for all the projects will be about \$4.6 million.

The four play areas have some of the oldest play equipment, some dating as far back as 1983.

O'Dell Engineering was selected to help develop scopes of work and project budgets for each park, with a commitment to creating playgrounds that are socially inclusive and universally designed. The District also had a goal of go-

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## Vandals Destroy Commemorative Bricks



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Vandals tore out commemorative bricks at the Veterans Hall in Livermore.

Fifteen to seventeen bricks at the Veterans Memorial Building in Livermore were destroyed by vandals.

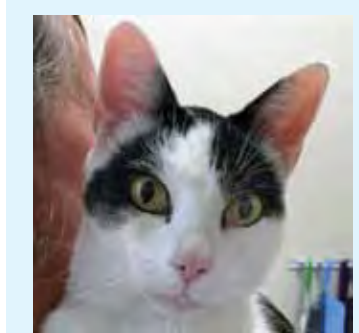
Mike Riehl, chaplain for VFW Post 7265, said that the vandalism was discovered a few days ago. "To see someone doing this is overwhelming," he stated.

The building is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Riehl said that in talking to the district staff, they indicated that they will be installing a camera to monitor the site.

The VFW, along with the American Legion, meets at the Veterans Memorial Building at the corner of Fifth and South L streets. The building has stood at that location since the 1930s. It was built as a memorial and meeting place for veterans of World War I. In 2011, it was mentioned that there was no recognition of those from Livermore who had served.

A proposal was made to build a memorial wall outside the entrance made of customized bricks.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Have you had your hug today? Three-year-old Zorro is a lover, not a fighter; this spotted washbuckler will disarm you with affection. See this huggable hero in action at valleyhumane.com and rescue Zorro today! Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/M. Sadek

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Access Survey Records

The Alameda County Public Works Agency has introduced a new online database for survey records and documents. Available on the Alameda County Public Works Agency's website [www.acgov.org/surveyor](http://www.acgov.org/surveyor), the survey document database provides an on-line avenue for those needing to research recorded survey documents, maps and other documentation available.

This user friendly database is the culmination of many meetings and work sessions spent creating and implementing this robust, comprehensive database for governmental, public and private use.

For additional information, please call the County Surveyor, Michael Rubner, at (510) 670-5495.

### Meeting on Water Metering

The City of Pleasanton will hold a second community outreach meeting to discuss its new Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to measure water consumption. The installation begins this month.

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

The project includes the latest in the evolution of this type of technology to give consumers the ability to have real-time data at their fingertips. Customers will be able to access current and historic water consumption data from any

smart device or computer. Not only will the data be more accurate, it will also promote water conservation, reduce operating costs and improve customer service.

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

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

### Attempted Murder

Livermore Police Department responded to a report of shots fired on August 2 at about 1 p.m. to the Arroyo Creek Trail, west of Holmes Street. When officers arrived on scene, they located a 25 year old male with a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

The preliminary investigation revealed two Hispanic males in their 20's, confronted the victim on the Arroyo Creek Trail. During the confrontation, one of the suspects shot the victim. It is believed the suspects fled southbound across the creek.

The Criminal Investigations Bureau believes this is an isolated incident that occurred as a result of the initial confrontation and the community is not in danger at this time.

The victim's identity is not being released. He is currently in critical condition at an undisclosed hospital.

This investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4777. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

### Corrections

Corrections to last week's story about an autistic boy who has responded to RPM (Remote Prompting Method) training and is now communicating by writing a blog and other means:

The woman in the front-page photograph was misidentified. She is Annette Musso, mother of the autistic boy, Matteo Musso.

Livermore-based CAST, or Creative Autism Solutions Team, offers a free introduction to RPM (although donations are welcome.) Actual RPM training is separate and "much more intense," according to Annette Musso, who created CAST.

CAST works closely with The Friends Tree, an autism support organization in San Ramon, but the two organizations have not merged.

## CEMEX Wants to Restart Mining Near Isabel Avenue

By Ron McNicoll

CEMEX plans to conduct more gravel mining in "Lake A," a quarry near the Oaks subdivision in Livermore, close to Isabel and Vineyard Avenues.

CEMEX had stopped mining the site several years ago. It was planning a reclamation project that would turn the water-filled mine over to Zone 7 Water Agency as early as 2018.

Once reclamation were completed, Zone 7 would take over control of the lake, with a CEMEX-built conveyance to other Zone 7 lakes, where the water could be used to recharge the groundwater. If Alameda County were to approve the plan to start mining again, the transfer would not occur until 2023 or 2025.

CEMEX wants to continue mining, because there is a great demand for housing now, and therefore for ag-

gregate. CEMEX proposes to extend the mining to the west, south and east, but not the north, where the Oaks subdivision is located.

CEMEX notified neighbors of a meeting held at Granada High School. Zone 7 director Sarah Palmer announced the forum at the Zone 7 meeting July 20, having learned of it because she is a neighbor. She was surprised that Zone 7 was not notified.

CEMEX spokesperson Megan Lawrence told The Independent that the meeting was held to provide a forum for "residents, neighbors and homeowners to ask questions about the proposed changes to the reclamation plan" before CEMEX files its application to the county to extend mining. CEMEX is in the process of scheduling formal meetings with Zone 7 and the City of Livermore.

Zone 7 and the city sent observers to the July 21 meeting. Although the project is on unincorporated land, the city wants to make sure that the proposal would not lead to instability for city homeowners' property, said Planning Manager Paul Spence.

LARPD also expressed interest in the plans, and

had not been notified, said Assistant General Manager John Lawrence. LARPD has a recreational interest in it. Further, the mine is adjacent to Sycamore Grove Park, where arroyo water levels were an issue 10 years ago. It was thought that the fluctuating waters were responsible for poor health of some park trees. Lawrence said that

since then, the arroyo has stabilized.

One resident at the meeting, which was attended by 40 or 50 people, according to one attendee, said there were concerns about whether any properties could be undermined by the digging. Megan Lawrence, the CEMEX spokesperson, said,

"CEMEX, Alameda County and technical experts have all undertaken considerable geotechnical and stability studies of Lake A."

They concluded that the increased mining would not cause property owners any problems because it would take place at a distance from homes.

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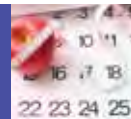
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# EDITORIAL

## Good Advice

The City of Pleasanton recently hosted the first-ever naturalization ceremony.

Twenty-four local immigrants took the Oath of Allegiance at the Pleasanton Library before an audience of 130 family members and city officials. Eleven of the new citizens were from India, four each from China and South Korea, two from the United Kingdom, and one each from Afghanistan, Paraguay and Poland.

They were welcomed as new citizens by Mayor Jerry Thorne, who urged them to register to vote. "It's one of the most important obligations we have as American citizens."

City Manager Nelson Fialho encouraged the new citizens to fully participate in public life through voting, serving on a jury, running for public office or campaigning for candidates, and speaking out about important topics.

That is advice that all Americans, naturalized or native born, should heed.

## CAMPAIGN 2016

Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBT civil rights organization, has endorsed Democrat Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Assembly District 16.

"Cheryl spent four decades making schools safer for LGBT students and more supportive for LGBT faculty and staff," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. "We expect her to be a strong advocate in the legislature for LGBT youth, gun safety and access to quality healthcare for everyone. We are proud to support her."

Herb Ritter, chairman of the Pleasanton Planning Commission and candidate for Pleasanton City Council, held an Hawaiian-themed fundraiser on Saturday, June 23, that drew more than 100 supporters.

Ritter presented his campaign platform, which he calls The Three E's. "The first 'E' is for Education," Ritter explained. "I see great opportunities in educational partnerships between businesses in the Tri-Valley area and the families who call Pleasanton home."

"The second 'E' is a focus on Pleasanton's Economic Vitality," Ritter expanded. "I believe the following critical issues need to be addressed

when planning for a vibrant Pleasanton: 1) balancing the state mandated housing requirements with our community's needs; 2) ensuring quality work opportunities in Pleasanton; and 3) minimizing freeway gridlock that also creates more traffic on our city streets.

The third and final "E" is for Environment. Ritter served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for six years.

During this time the commission opened three new parks – the Alviso Adobe Community Park, Phase 1 of the Bernal Community Park and the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail.

Ritter has lived in Pleasanton for 26 years. Ritter has over 29 years of volunteer service experience including a member of the Board of Directors for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Sponsor Chair for the Foothill Athletic Boosters, President of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, a member of the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission, Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 916, and recently elected to the Board of the Stanford Valley Care Charitable Foundation. Ritter has worked for Square D/Schneider Electric for over 29 years.

## LAVTA

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bringing BART to the future station at Isabel Avenue.

The Altamont Regional Rail Working Group, which began meeting in February, is focusing its energy on eventually extending BART to Greenville Road, where it can link up to Altamont Commuter Express (ACE). The sooner BART comes to Isabel Avenue, the sooner it can come to Greenville Road, said Tree.

San Joaquin County and its cities are participating in the Rail Group, because workers there are the transit customers for BART and ACE. With success of the

plan, ACE would double the number of its commuter runs, said Tree.

The effort will try to identify funding for the project to help BART speed up planning. It doesn't appear BART money will be available, now that it is committed more to redeveloping infrastructure in its areas near the Bay, said Tree.

Assemblymember Catharine Baker has introduced a bill, AB 2762, which would authorize creation of the regional rail authority, putting the group on a level with other transportation agencies, such as BART, when it comes to raising funds.

## Dublin Leadership Class Has Openings

This fall, the City of Dublin will host Inside Dublin, its annual leadership academy designed to provide community members with advanced knowledge of municipal operations and community activities. A few spots still remain for the 2016 program, and residents interested in participating

can apply now to be part of this year's class.

The goal of the academy is to inform the participants about City services, the issues (present and future) facing the community, and to encourage community involvement at all levels. The program will include presentations on topics such

## DOWNTOWN

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idea that walkways/paseos were described as linear parks and therefore counted as open space. There were questions about the affordability of the proposed residential development, were it reduced in size.

Among those supporting the housing was Drew Felker, who said he was representing 300 young professionals who cannot afford housing in Livermore due to the lack of apartments and condos.

Rachel Snedecor, executive director of Livermore Downtown, Inc., urged the council to continue with the plan. Rental housing is the number one missing piece, she stated. She said she loved the hotel location east of So. Livermore Ave., the public market place and rooftop dining proposed as part of the hotel plan.

Ian Carlon said that he would live in the proposed housing. He noted that there was a large demographic missing from the town. He stated that it was hard to hire people at the Lab; they come in and leave because they cannot afford to live here.

Several speakers from the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce told the council to keep the process moving. The market driven 260 units are needed. Having residents living in the downtown would help downtown businesses. There was support for the market place, the hotel, and walkable areas funded by developers, not tax dollars.

On the other side of the housing issue, Shelly Clemens said she loves coming downtown. She sees high density housing going up everywhere in the city and did not want it in the downtown. She did not like the concept of linear parks. "Those are walkways," she said.

Gil Stratton pointed out that the land is owned by the city, creating a marvelous opportunity to put in something unique and iconic, instead of houses and apartments.

Others felt that the housing would "kill the downtown," or "muck-it up." Arne Kirkewood said that the proposed because the 260 units were a drop in the bucket. There is a need for housing, but not there. "This

layout looks like a Lego set. There is no imagination," he added.

Dean Burnett called the parking inadequate and predicted traffic would be a nightmare. He wanted more open space and less housing.

Michael Ferrucci asked if Livermore really needed the plan proposed by the developer. He wondered whose vision included 260 units with a private parking structure. He said that he had read the entire staff report and found that people preferred the hotel on the westside. They wanted no housing or reduced housing. Traffic was an issue, as was parking.

Dana Weber stated that seeing all the steel and cement planned breaks her heart. "Housing is not for our downtown. It can be built elsewhere."

David Rounds said he loved the energy of the downtown with all the improvements, including housing. He said he believes in housing in the downtown. However, Lennar has too much. The four story buildings and small open space areas seem to be overwhelming the space.

Bob Coomber said that in looking at the blue comment cards from the July 14 workshop, he found that 96 wanted less housing, 15 liked the plan; 115 wanted more open space, 8 were fine with the proposal. "It's pretty overwhelming. Open space needs to be part of this plan." He pointed out that housing is being built all over town. "The town center should be a place to gather."

Jeff Kaskey said it was too bad that the councilmembers had not been at the workshop to hear the applause when comments were made regarding less housing and more open space. He said that housing should be drastically reduced. That would lessen the need for more parking. He asked what financing had been considered by the city in order to provide amenities, such as a Town Center, for the downtown.

Others raised the issue of financing to provide amenities. They pointed out that the City of Cleveland had created a Town Square using private funding, grants, foundations, and corpora-

tions.

Jeff Katz suggested that the request for proposal was sent out prior to the visioning process, putting the cart before the horse.

Robert Taylor, owner of Retzlaff Vineyards, read a letter from Jim McGrail, owner of McGrail Winery and Vineyards, expressing support for a town square where people of all ages could gather. He wanted to see the housing reduced and a Town Square created in its place. For McGrail Winery visitors, McGrail would like to see a high-end boutique hotel. Taylor echoed those views. "Cut down the housing," he said. "Build an extraordinary Town Square for an extraordinary community. Place the Wine Country Hotel so that it can look out over the expanse of greenery, water features and cultural amenities."

The Lennar representative was asked, "Why 200 apartments units?" The reply was operational efficiency. In addition, housing is needed to pay for the open space and the marketplace space. Lennar preferred 250 apartment units.

Councilmember Steven Spedowski asked what would happen if the number of units were lowered.

The reply was that it would impact the city's budget. The developer would lower what it pays the city for the land.

Councilmember Bob Woerner asked the Lennar representatives how long it would take to come up with scenarios addressing the economic impacts of fewer units. The response was a couple of weeks.

Staff reported on the results of a workshop held July 14 to take public comment on the proposed plan.

Workshop participants echoed much of what was said at the August 1 meeting. They were concerned about the amount of housing, density and height of buildings; traffic, parking, and the location of the hotel. They favored more open space such as a large plaza or town square, places for children to play; they objected to the narrow pathways that could create a canyon-like effect. They asked to have arts and culture integrated into the project; a museum, gallery and performance space

were identified as priorities; history, science and ranching/agriculture were themes of interest.

Also noted were comments from meetings with focus groups, such as downtown property owners, the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC), the Community Group, Winegrowers Association, both national laboratories, Livermore Downtown, Inc. and the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

Planner Paul Spence stated that most of those interviewed wanted less housing; about one-third supported the housing.

LCAC wanted more green space, a town square, gallery space, opportunities for art, and conference space. The Community Group also wanted more open space, conference space, less housing and the hotel moved from the eastside of So. Livermore Ave. to the westside. They proposed underground parking, as well as places for art and a science center. They were concerned about building heights, the adequacy of parking and traffic congestion particularly on So. Livermore Ave.

Downtown property owners felt that downtown was the best location for housing. The labs, Downtown Inc., and businesses were supportive of the housing and suggested a need for adequate parking, limited retail and restaurant uses.

In talking about the plan, City Manager Marc Roberts noted that housing creates a built-in customer base for businesses. It is critical to the future viability of the downtown. He also said that too much retail is a recipe for blight. He said the city was looking for uses that would not require an ongoing city subsidy. "The feedback tells us we still have work to do."

The council will decide at next Monday's meeting what steps should be taken next. Staff has recommended that there should be further analysis, including a traffic study, updating the parking plan, completing an environmental analysis and a retail market analysis.

The August 8 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

## MAILBOX

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### Ten Minutes Rich Buckley Livermore

Invest this 10 minutes for our kids: <https://youtu.be/R8fWPLX7BEQ>, Del Bigtree's Speech at 2nd Annual Health Freedom Rally and the CDC.

**Nuclear Weapons  
Jo Ann Frisch  
Livermore**

As a Livermore resident, I participate in annual rallies at Livermore Lab to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to say "never again" at the location where nuclear weapons are still being created. This year, that observance will be held on August 9th. I wrote a chant that expresses my feelings about the smudged "shadows" of atomic bomb victims' bodies "chalked" outlines:

Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Nuclear clock  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Hiroshima  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Children play hop  
Scotch, chalk, chalk, chalk

On the sidewalk  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
All blown away  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Nuclear clock  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Nagasaki  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Children play hop  
Scotch, chalk, chalk, chalk

On the sidewalk  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
All blown away  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Never again  
Chalk, chalk, chalk, chalk  
Demand, disarm

Stop, stop, stop, stop!

### In appreciation Kelly Bowers Superintendent of Schools Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

Thank You Livermore Community!

On behalf of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education, I would like to express tremendous gratitude to the Livermore community for continuing to support our schools! Thank you for passing Measure J and ensuring that our students will have 21st century facilities.

Measure J will renovate and upgrade all schools in the district, providing technology upgrades, as well as safe and modern classrooms, athletic facilities, and workspaces for years to come. We are so grateful that our facilities will be able to support our mission to educate our students so that they will have the skills to contribute and thrive as members of our changing world.

Letting voters know we needed Measure J was a huge task. I would like to thank all who dedicated time and resources to passing the measure, including those who worked the phone banks, as well as the many community members who put up lawn signs and who encouraged friends and neighbors to vote Yes on J to support our schools. Thanks especially to Chuck Oien and Jerry Yalon who led the effort as campaign co-chairs. Once again, Livermore

residents have come together to create a better place for our students and our future. We are all fortunate to be part of this generous community.

### Proceed with Caution Dawn Hasemann Livermore

Rapid Prompting Method for Autism: Proceed with Caution

As I read the July 28, 2016, Independent article describing the success of an Autism program called the Rapid Prompting Method or RPM, I was reminded of the cautionary tale I learned as a psychology doctoral student.

In my Child Psychopathology class, we learned about the rapid dissemination of a similar communication technique, Facilitated Communication, for people with Autism. Early adopters believed that the technique provided long-lost access to the mind of a person with Autism. The scientifically unproven approach even led to funding for an institute at Syracuse University.

Understandably, there was reason for the proponents to hope that this method was a legitimate miracle. It was unquestioningly adopted by teachers, families, and schools who had genuine concern for those in their care. After all, what harm could come from helping individuals use a keyboard to communicate? Unfortunately, the outcomes for many individuals and their families were tragic. Some outcomes were so disturbing

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# Innovation Includes Technology and New Ways of Thinking

Keeping up with technology trends was not seen as a significant challenge by panelists at last week's Innovation Forum and Expo. Panelists represented education, a tech company, the wine industry and health care.

The event was held July 28 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery with the theme, "Innovate or Enervate."

Hosting the luncheon were the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Serving on the panel were Lisa Highfill, a Google Scholar; Steve Lanza, Lam Research; Phil Wente, Wente Vineyards; and Ron Wetter, Kaiser Permanente.

Moderator John Sensiba, chairman of Innovation Tri-Valley and Managing Partner of Sensiba San Filippo LLP, quizzed panelists on the overall impact of technology. The topics concerned possible challenges, and what the future might hold, attracting employees given the high cost of living, and changing education and what companies look for in graduates. None of the panelists complained about the lack of housing.

Highfill, an elementary school teacher, provided input on education. She noted

that there has been a big shift in instruction. Rather than listen to a lecture, students are taught to explore content, collaborate and then are asked to apply what they have learned to the world. One new direction, focuses on making connections with experts in various fields, who through telepresent communication can interact directly with students.

Highfill did not see a problem with attracting teachers. People love teaching in the area, she said.

When it comes to the use of technology, Highfill noted that students are ten steps ahead in using it. Teachers, as the architects of the learning experience, cannot rely just on delivering lectures. Teaching is about what can be done to inspire kids. To do that over the years, education is always changing. We are revising what we think a classroom looks like. It is no longer the traditional teacher in front of the room who has control of knowledge. The Internet offers many options. It will require professional development coaches going into the classroom to work with teachers to show them how to make use of technology. She told the audience not to engage in judgement of

digital natives and their use of technology, the students of today are different learners and communicators.

She worried about judging schools in one way, testing. How do we assess innovation, risk taking, critical thinking, and whether a student is a self-starter, she asked. She urged people to learn about what is happening in the schools and classrooms.

Representing the technology sector was Lanza from Lam Research. The company provides equipment and services for semiconductor manufacturing to enable chipmakers to build smaller, faster, more powerful electronic devices. He noted, "Anything cool you have, has electronics in it."

Our customers need to continue to innovate is what drives what Lam does. "We re-invent what we do every three years." One of the trends in the semi-conductor industry has been mergers and acquisitions, which has made it necessary for companies to become broader in what they do.

In looking for employees, Lam focuses on STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). There are not enough engineers graduating, said Lanza. Collabora-

tion is required within a company and outside it in a mobile world. With local unemployment at 2% in Livermore, there is a need to make sure we have workers to do the job. It's a matter of talent and folks being able to think. "With information overload, it is important to make sure that workers think about a problem before they try to fix it."

The company's factory in Livermore has grown tremendously. He said it used to be possible to attract people with strong manufacturing skills. However, with the advent of companies such as Solar City and Tesla, it is more difficult to do so. To address the problem, Lam provides a shuttle to bring in employees recruited in the San Joaquin Valley.

Wente from Wente Vineyards, described the local wine industry as a global one that provides a luxury handcrafted item. Wente says the winery uses sensory equipment and artificial intelligence in the vineyards to improve the outcome of crops. When it comes to the use of water, the technology has allowed us to use 80% less water than we did twenty years ago.

Finding employees is a challenge. However, there

are universities who are expanding viticulture classes, providing a bigger pool, said Wente.

He pointed out that the Livermore Valley is unique with its Mediterranean climate. It is not possible to manufacture off-site, making it a local industry with a global reach.

Asked if cloning would eliminate the need for grapes in the future, Wente replied that it would be possible to clone anything. "However, molecular wine would not be a substitute for a wonderful sensory product, grown in your backyard," he stated.

According to Wetter from Kaiser Permanente, the health care industry has been impacted and will continue to be impacted by innovation.

As the largest employer in California, Kaiser is able to attract top-notch talent. It does so by offering significant career growth, which is more important than salary and benefits.

Health care is a labor intensive industry. The challenge is not technology innovation, it is organizational innovation that is needed. People need to work together in what is a fragmented industry, to collaborate to deliver an effective outcome for the patient.

One of the challenges, is what Wetter referred to as "frequent flyers," people who visit emergency rooms on a regular basis due to chronic conditions. We can use technology to monitor them and reduce the number of visits by better managing their conditions. He added that it is important to manage diseases so they don't become chronic conditions in the first place. Seventy-five percent of the cost of health care goes to care for those with chronic conditions.

He said that technology is one of the drivers in rising costs of health care, because it allows people to live longer. The cost for treating someone age 35 is not the same as for someone who is 95.

Changing the culture of health in the U.S. would help to reduce cost. "Our culture is not conducive to a lot of positive health habits. Europeans are more healthy; they eat less and exercise more as part of the culture. As a result, they spend half of what we do on health care."

Wetter added that health care is starting to break the norm, which has been focused on fixing people. Economically it makes more sense if we rethink the model and not just fix people, but help them stay healthy in the first place.

## CHARTER

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Both SVABA and LVCP will share the annual rent of \$2.1 million a year, which goes to a third party to pay off a 30-year bond for acquiring the building.

Batchelor said, "We are really excited about the opportunity. Squaw Valley Academy has a long history, and will have a quality program here."

SVABA was founded by Donald Rees, who served as the first head of school. Rees also founded the Yosemite Institute at Yosemite National Park and the Headlands Institute in the Marin Headlands, near Sausalito. Batchelor said, "We'll try to bring as much of the outdoor activities as we can into the program. Health is a really important theme."

### 49 LEAVE L.V.C.P. FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meanwhile, 49 students have left LVCP because their families are worried about the school's management, the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC).

Dick Corso, a former TVLC board member, who helped start a reform move-

ment at TVLC, has chosen to enroll his son in the Livermore school district. He said that was a matter of consumer choice, tying it to what he considers poor administrative performance by TVLC.

Lynn Lysko, who has served as TVLC's interim CEO for three months, has hired a new back office to replace departed in-house financial people in an effort to provide more clarity about finances. She has also hired new attorneys to replace the attorney who resigned earlier.

One cloud over TVLC that has prompted some parents to wonder whether they should stay at TVLC has been the withholding of accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). No final decision will be made until a WASC board meeting in January. WASC will send a visiting team in late November to see whether TVLC has been rectifying problems outlined in a WASC letter.

Even if WASC withdraws accreditation, UC Berkeley will recognize student's

advance placement credits earned right to the end of the 2016-17 academic year, said LaKesha Spears, coordinator of Admissions Evaluation at UC Berkeley.

At the TVLC meeting in Stockton July 28, the board approved a by-laws change that will guarantee two board members from each of the four TVLC charter schools, and three at-large seats. The schools are Acacia Middle School and Acacia Elementary School in Stockton, and LVCP and Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) in Livermore.

The vote was 4-2, with Kristin Kohn and Tristan Pico voting "no." Kohn said that since the two Livermore charter schools have more enrollment, and therefore bring in more revenue from the state, they should be given seats based on the proportion of enrollment.

Board president Scott Lessard said that it would be fairer for each school to have equal representation, because each is a separate entity.

Just before deadline, The Independent learned

that the Stockton Unified School District has decided to consider becoming the sponsor of the two Acacia schools. The New Jerusalem Elementary School District in Tracy had been the Acacia sponsors, but withdrew sponsorship after a public hearing dealing with concerns regarding TVLC's management. TVLC is appealing the New Jerusalem decision to the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

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Sliding home versus the Southwest team.



Tassajara team goes over the game after defeating the team from the Southwest.

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Teams in the international bracket include West Seoul from South Korea, representing Asia-Pacific; a team from Alberta represents Canada; the Czech Republic represents Europe-Africa; Pabao Little League from Curacao, Latin America; and Radames Lopez LL, Puerto Rico. The U.S. bracket includes the host team from District 57, Tassajara Valley; Bedford Little League from Indiana, Central; North Vineland from New Jersey, East; Parkland Little League from Florida, the Southeast; West University Little League from Texas, the Southwest; and Central East Maui from Hawaii, the west. Tassajara started the tournament with a 5 to 3 win over the Southwest team on Sunday and followed with an 8 to 5 win over the Central representative. The team from the Southeast defeated the Eastern representative 5 to 1 on Sunday and topped the West 5 to 4 on Monday. Other scores through Tuesday at 4 p.m. were Asia-Pacific 4, Latin America 3; Canada 10, Europe-Africa 4.



Tassajara player applies the tag to the runner from the Southwest.

## Intermediate World Series Action Continues Through Sunday

The Little League Intermediate 50/70 World Series is back for another home run partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

LARPD is hosting the event at the District's Max Baer Park for its fourth year. Park District staff have been working with Series organizers to ensure a fun and memorable experience for both players and spectators.

"Livermore has been an ideal fit for this," said Todd Reddick, Marketing Director and World Series Team Liaison. "LARPD has been a fantastic partner."

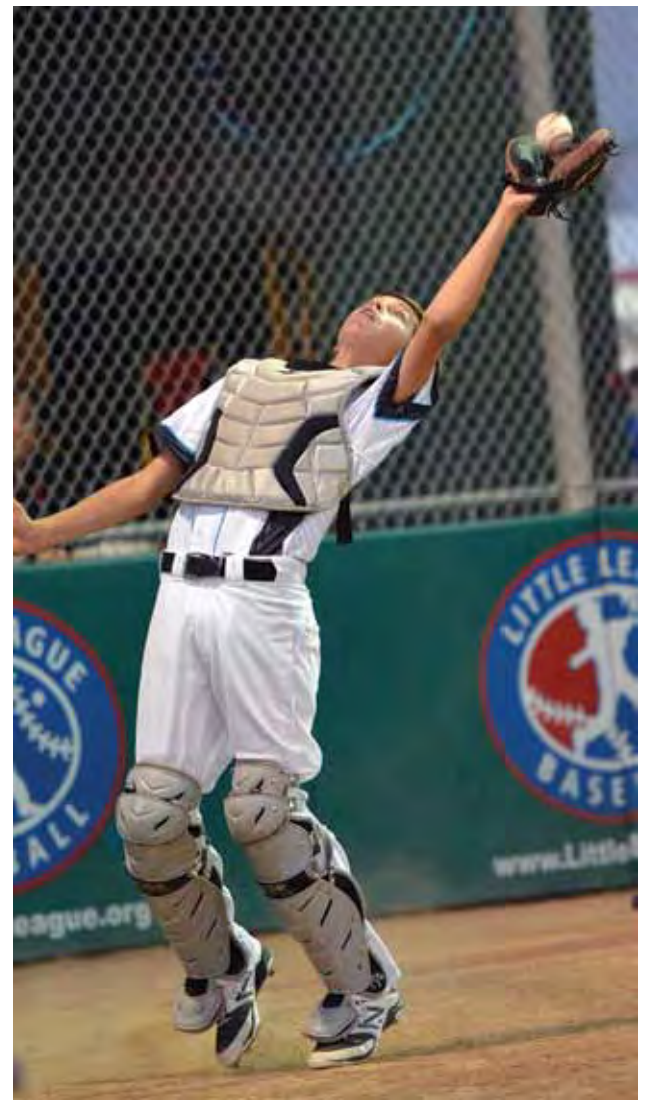
The District and the Series have worked closely to make several improvements to the field and surrounding area at Max Baer Park to make it one of the premier baseball parks in the area. Enhancements include bleachers, a new video scoreboard and on-field upgrades.

This year, 11 teams qualify for the Series from around the world. The host team from the Tri-Valley's District 57 is Tassajara Valley Little League from Danville. Other teams come from the West, Central, Southwest, Southeast and East regions in the U.S. International teams will join from Canada, Puerto Rico, Curacao, Czech Republic and South Korea. Attendance for 2015 was estimated at more than 40,000.

All tournament information can be found online at [www.liiws.org](http://www.liiws.org). Game times

on most days at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Game play is every day except Friday, Aug. 5. There are 21 games, with the Championship game at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. A Challenger game will also be played

Saturday, Aug. 6. All games are free to attend, with food and memorabilia available for purchase. For those who cannot watch the games in person, there will be video streams of all games on the website.



Tassajara snags a pop-up.



Winding up for the pitch against the Southeast.



Signs point the way to hometowns of World Series teams.

## BOND

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the removal of portables at Lydiksen School, and replacement with permanent structures at a cost of \$30 million. The project is part of \$81 million earmarked for upgrading classrooms in the district.

The project list was longer a little more than a month ago. However, trustees pared it down at their July 7 meeting. Wanting to make the dollar amount of the bond look appealing to voters, they eliminated such things as \$17 million for replacing and resealing asphalt, \$3 million for replacing or upgrading hard-court play areas, and \$13 million to upgrade synthetic tracks and to build field houses at the high schools.

Other eliminated projects included \$8 million to upgrade landscaping at the middle and elementary schools, and \$13 million to paint and to repair to preserve wood structures.

A parent of three Amador Valley High School students said during the audience comment time that Amador has been promised a new gym for 10 years. Parents were told to wait for the bond. The bond is moving forward, but has no money for a new HVAC system, upgrades to bleachers, modernized bathrooms, or a gym. The parent said, "I don't see it there, so I'm saying, 'What's there to vote for?'"

Former Pleasanton Councilmember Kay Ayala

called the bond "a Band-Aid fix." It's not a 30-year plan, which would cover the life of the bond, said Ayala. Since the bond will appear on the Nov. 8, the board was forced to prepare it during summer vacation when many residents are out of town, and not actively participating in school decisions, she added.

Julie Testa said she was glad the board removed school painting from the list. She said funds for painting should come from maintenance. She said that it should not be assigned to capital improvements, which is what the bond is supposed to be about.

Trustee Mark Miller said that everything in

the bond has to be capital improvements. The board did a good job of sorting out projects. "We are adding technology, science labs, and energy efficiency. I'm confident we have a good list. Waiting for a grand vision is great, but we have delayed this forever," said Miller.

In order to obtain the 55 percent threshold of approval, the bond would have to be on the ballot in the primary or general election that lines up with the state elected offices every two years. The next general election opportunity would come in 2018. Another alternative would be to have the election at the same time as another jurisdiction that fully overlaps the

district boundary.

Trustees approved the word-smithing on ballot language, which must be submitted to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters by Aug. 12.

After the board vote, Superintendent Rick Rubino said in a news release, "The measure is an important step in building on the excellence for our schools through investing in 21st century learning environments and improving safety at our schools."

Board president Jamie Hintzke declared, "This is one of the most important votes this board has taken collectively." She added, "The board is very proud of the amount of effort and consideration this board,

PUJSD staff and community members have committed to this investment in our students and community."

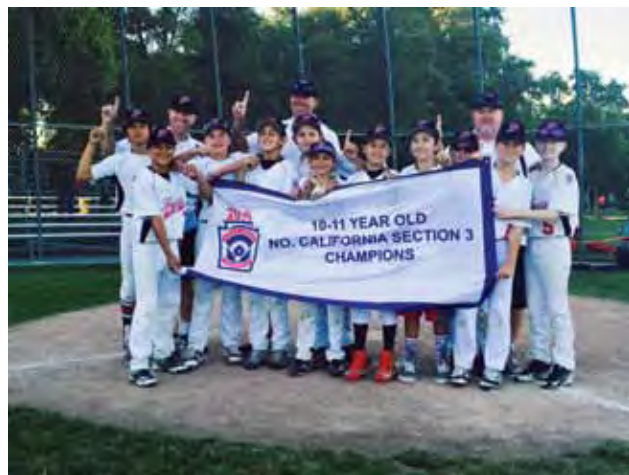
On another item, Kathleen Ruegsegger, a former school board member, asked all of the incumbents to declare their intentions about running in the November election. She said that the community should learn that by Aug. 1, so others could come forward to make a decision about filing for the office. Incumbents Jamie Hintzke and Valerie Arkin have picked up their papers. Chris Grant had not done that as of Aug. 2. The deadline for filing is Aug. 12. If any incumbent fails to file, the filing period is extended to Aug. 19.



# SPORTS NOTES



The Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins won the Valley Swim League Championships. Photo - Susie Montoya.



Pictured is the team from Pleasanton Foothill Little League that won its first ever Northern California Championship. For the story, see Sports Notes.



Pleasanton Seahawks swim team poses for a picture following the competition.



After working hard over the summer season to qualify, the Livermore Lazergirls 18u water polo team went to the Junior Olympics on July 28-31 in the San Jose area where the best teams in the country gathered. While they didn't win it all, they represented well with some tough wins and championship attitudes and sportsmanship. The young stars are Nicole Adams, Samantha Anderson, Elizabeth Bukus, Emily and Natalie Hawkins, Alexandra Kerin, Megan MacGregor, Gianna Paden, Cheyenne Peña, Katie Rehberger, Negar and Negin Tehranian, Fiona Weaver. The coaches, who put it all together, are Matt Croghan, Sarah Wetherell, and Josh Volponi.

## Foothill LL Claims No. Cal Title

Pleasanton Foothill Little League won its first ever Northern California Championship this week in Anderson, California. The Pleasanton Foothill Little League 10-11 year-old All Star Team won the District 57 Championship, Northern California Section 3 Championship, and Northern California 10-11 year-old Little League Championship; securing best 11-year-old team in Northern California.

The Northern California

championship includes all Little Leagues from Bakersfield, Ca to the Oregon border and some of the most competitive districts in the country. Foothill beat West Sacramento in the Northern California championship game 8-4. A strong 5 run third inning gave Foothill an 8-3 lead. West Sacramento managed to score one more run in the top of the 4th but the Foothill pitching and defense kept a hard hitting West Sacramento team at bay.

Foothill went a perfect

12-0 this summer. The team was led with strong pitching and a solid defense. The pitching and defense was stellar, allowing only 68 hits in 12 games and a combined team ERA of 2.6. They also got it done on offense, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 131-40 and amassing 134 hits.

The team includes Matt Andre, Evan Bilter, Ryan Cannon, Tyler Dishman, Aidan Hendershaw, Michael Kullman, Noah Lombardi, Nathan Mammini, Ben Miller, Jackson Ogolin, Will Spinola, and Tyler Tarpley. They are led by Manager Jeff Tarpley and coaches Mike Ogolin and Eric Andre.

## Dolphins Take Title

On Saturday the Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins won their 9th Championship title in 11 Years in the Valley Swim League. The Dolphins won 17 of the 24 relays at the meet. Dolphins also broke 7 league records including:

Julia Gonsman in the 13-14 girls 50 freestyle, 50 butterfly, and 100 Individual Medley, and Addison Montoya in the girls 6 and under 25 freestyle.

The following relays also broke league records: 6 and under girls 100 Free Relay: Addison Montoya, Genna Schmidt, Alana Rauscher, and Emily Montgomery, 9-10 Boys 200 Free Relay: Colin Braga, Noah Trejo, Kevin Franck, and Nathan Bodensteiner, 13-14 Boys 200 Free Relay: Nathan Yu, Will Bosse, Jacob Lawrence, and David Gjerde

Last Wednesday the Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins also competed in the Valley Swim League Invitational on what turned out to be a scorching 101

degree afternoon in San Ramon.

In spite of the heat the following dolphins managed to score in the top three overall in two or more individual events: Addison Hobizal, Sloan Harrison, Olivia Kang, Josh Salonga, Laird Muise, Makayla Rauscher, Claire Gersich, Camryn Hobizal, Jake DeMichael, Eli Morris, Ryan Yu, CT Harper, Claire Xu, Anna Shackelford, Caroline Gersich, Savina Deleo, Dan Beranek, and Devin Guinee.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team competed at the 2016 Pacific Swimming Long Course Meter, Far Western Swim Meet. The meet was hosted by the Terrapins Swim team in Concord CA on July 27-31, 2016.

Competing for the Pleasanton Seahawks were Paige Bennett, age 10 with 3 new best times, Kaitlin Lee (10), Cynthia Li (10), Alexander Suen (10) 2BT, Dominick Wonosaputra (10) 7BT, Aria Harris (11) 1BT, Lauren Jhong (12), Olivia Kim (12) 3BT, Sydney Lu (12) 10BT, Christina Tsai (11), Emily Tsai (12), Jovanni Shen (12), Ethan Wang (11) 7BT, Elisabeth Balicanta (14) 2BT, Mackenzie Lee (14) 4BT, Tram Nguyen (14) 6BT, Stephanie Shao (14), Claire Suen (15) 8BT.

Ellen Wang (14) 4BT, Gwyneth Wong (13) 2BT, Lleyton Plattel (14) 6 BT, Alex Ren (13) 12 BT, Justin Tsai (14) 1BT, Emily Claridge (15) 1BT, Jacqueline Davis (16), Caroline Eckel (15), Amber Fornoles (16), Daniella Hawkins (15), Jessica He (16) 8BT, Miranda Heckman (15) 5BT, Marissa Lawrence (15) 1BT, Sofia Moufarrej (16) 2BT, Mattias Blanco (15) 7BT, Calvin Chui (15) 2BT, Jonah Cooper (16) 3BT, Calvin David (15) 7BT, Christopher Jhong (16) 4BT, Tyler Lu (16) 10BT, Nicholas Skinner (15) 8BT, Samuel Smith (15) 4 BT,

Robert Torres (15) 2BT, Lyon Zhang (16) 1BT, Christina Chong (17) 2BT, Victoria Kaleta (18) Moriah Simonds (18), Kennedy Truex (18) 6BT, Mary Woods (18), Danielle Zacharias (18) 1BT, Brandon Brown (17) 4BT, Alexander Gilchrist (18), Maxime Rooney (18) 2BT, and Edward Smith (17) with 4 new best times.

This high level championship meet took place over 5 grueling days in 100 plus degree heat. The Seahawks finished the long course season with some amazing swims with amazing swimmers.

## Fusion Soccer Club

Registration is now open online for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club fall recreational and select soccer. Programs are available for children ages U5-U19. Visit fusionsoc.org for more information or to register. Visit the office at 1976 Fourth Street in Livermore to learn more about programs.

## Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. Registration is already open, go to www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org to register. The season starts in late August, early September and ends in early November.

## CYO Cross Country

St. Michael CYO cross country team will begin practices for the fall season on Monday, August 15. Meets begin September 16. The team is open to all children K-8 who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. Go to www.cmisctrack.org for more information or contact Tracy Vogler at vogler@alum.mit.edu or 980-2159.

## Mavericks Tryouts

Mavericks Fastpitch is holding Tryouts on August 7, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ernie Rodriguez Fields, located at So. Livermore & Concanon Blvd. Livermore, Ca. Tryouts will be held for all three levels, 10U, 12U and 14U.

The 12U & 14U players will also be going through a hitting workout at Double Diamond Sports Academy immediately after the field tryout. Double Diamond Sports Academy is located at 2272 Research Dr., Livermore. Mavericks Fastpitch is a competi-

tive girls travel ball program based out of Livermore. Both indoor and outdoor training offered.

To pre-register and gather more information regarding tryout schedules for each age group, contact Coach Santiago, 650-922-2165 or email mavsoftball121@gmail.com.

If unable to attend the tryout date, feel free to contact a representative to schedule a private tryout.

## Tennis Courts

The City of Pleasanton has decided to temporarily hold off on the construction of two new tennis courts in order to hear from area residents at a meeting to be scheduled.

The Tennis and Community Park, with 10 tennis courts currently, was originally master planned in 1985 to include 12 tennis courts, and in 2012, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee began to work with City staff to develop the current Master Plan, which included the design for the final phase of the two additional courts. Three community workshops were held, a telephone survey was conducted, as well as a survey of the community's nonprofit organizations.

In 2014, the completed Master Plan was adopted, and on June 21, 2016, the City Council voted to approve the contract and award \$494,353 for the construction and landscaping of two tennis courts. Any changes to the current Master Plan will need to be considered by the City Council.

## Smoke Tryouts

Livermore SMOKE, the Livermore Girls Softball Association's competitive fastpitch travel ball program, competes in ASA and USSSA tournaments throughout the Summer and Fall. Aaron Castro, manager of the 12U "B" team, is currently seeking a few players who were born in 2003-2004 to complete his Fall roster.

Tryouts will take place at Granada High School on Thursday, August 4th at 5:30 p.m. If needed, Saturday August 6th at 11 a.m. Arrive 30 minutes early to check in and warm-up. Visit www.LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information. Those who did not play in LGSA's spring rec season are still eligible to play SMOKE Fall Travel Ball.

Email our Travel Ball Coordinator at travelball@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org if interested in trying out. For answers to questions contact Coach Castro directly at castrobunch@outlook.com.

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# SHORT NOTES

## Classes in Careers

The Bay Area Consortium for Clean Water Education is offering community college classes and scholarships for students planning careers in the water and wastewater industry. Registration is now open and the first class begins Sept. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m., in Martinez.

Scholarships reimburse students for the cost of tuition and books. Students must maintain a grade of C or better in all courses, which are held at wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Bay Area. Students completing the 28 required units earn a Plant Operator Certificate.

Relevant jobs include water and wastewater treatment operator, water distribution operator, wastewater collections operator, mechanic/machinist, electrician, and instrument technician.

To qualify for the free scholarships, students should register no later than Aug. 26, 2016, at www.baccwe.org. For more information, email director@baccwe.org.

## Storytime at the Library

The Livermore Public Library will offer 14 free storytime sessions each week this fall. The storytimes will involve singing, dancing, reading and listening, in an effort to encourage early literacy. Storytimes run from

August 15 to December 18, 2016.

Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

- Bilingual Baby Storytime (for pre-walkers, Spanish/English) – Tuesday 10:15am

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Monday 10:15am; Monday 10:45am; Wednesday 6:00pm

- Music and Movement (all ages welcome) – Wednesday 10:15am; Wednesday 10:45am

Please note the Monday and Wednesday morning storytime seating is limited at the Civic Center Library. Please arrive early enough to obtain a free ticket to enter the event.

- Big Kids Wonder Workshop (BKWW) (grades 1-5) – Monday 4:00pm BKWW involves Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) with storyteller John Weaver as he shows off his exciting experiments and action-packed stories.

Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Avenue

- Bilingual Baby Storytime (for pre-walkers, Spanish/English) – Wednesday 11:00am; Friday 11:00am

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Wednesday 10:15am; Friday 10:15am; Friday 11:15am

Springtown Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Tuesday

6:00pm; Thursday 10:15am

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

## Nature Programs

A Crescent Moon Hike will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Aug. 6. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 8 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Come to Sycamore Grove Park for a hike as the sun sets and the crescent moon shines high in the western sky. This is a great time to see animals as they either head for their resting places for the night or wake up and get ready for a busy evening of looking for dinner. Hike will be approximately 3 miles on mostly unpaved trails.

Spiders and Their Kin will be the Sun., Aug. 7 topic. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

They creep, they crawl and they give many folks the heebie-jeebies. They are

the eight-legged animals of our world – spiders (and their relatives). Join this program to discuss these wonderful creatures. Learn about different types around the world and which are considered dangerous. There will be a few live specimens to look at.

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

## New Store Opens

Samuels Jewelers opened its new location in Stoneridge Shopping Center on August 2, 2016.

Shoppers will find a collection of loose diamonds, engagement rings, wedding bands and fine jewelry perfect for every occasion.

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## SOLAR

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trating solar power (CSP) collectors, also known as reflectors. Projects target the design and manufacture of novel solar collectors, which use reflective surfaces to concentrate sunlight on a small area where it is absorbed and ultimately converted into electricity.

"This is an excellent example of a partnership between industry and the national laboratories to use cutting-edge additive manufacturing techniques to advance innovative energy technology," said Jeff Roberts, LLNL's deputy director for Energy and Climate Security.

With support from LLNL's Center for Engineered Materials and Manufacturing, Giant Leap will develop capillary optics

to replace expensive and wear-prone mechanical sun trackers with low-cost invisibility-inducing digital-glass for solar thermal and photovoltaic applications – i.e., base-load and peak-load needs.

Solar energy collection technology represents one of the biggest opportunities to reduce the cost of solar energy because traditional mechanical solar collectors, like heliostats, require large amounts of steel, concrete and land. However, digital glass has the potential to replace today's sun tracker stations with thin transparent panels using a fraction of today's materials, while also drastically reducing the area needed for solar power plants by a factor of five to 10 for the same annual

energy harvest.

An observer looking at a Microfluidic Light Steering (MLS) collector would initially see nothing more than a solid transparent slab. However, once an external signal is applied, the transparent block of material's internal mirrors will dynamically form to redirect sunlight. This steering of light is substantially independent of wavelength, polarization, system size and power level. The capability is ultimately based on micron-scale capillaries containing a refractive Index Matching Fluid (IMF) distributed within a transparent solid. The physical distribution of the fluid within the capillaries allows light to be steered to a solar receiver, where it can be captured and turned into energy.

## LARPD

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ing above and beyond the minimal ADA compliance standards.

As one of three LARPD community parks, May Nissen Park will undergo the most comprehensive updates. There are two separate play areas, which will feature a theme of "Storytelling and Fairytales" because of the proximity to the Rincon Library Branch. The May Nissen project also includes two optional additions – a new restroom building and a small splash pad with in-ground sprays.

Plans for Big Trees Park, 5470 Kathy Way, include moving the playground out from under the eucalyptus trees. The playground will be relocated farther from the street. It will have tree-themed play equipment plus accessible paths from the neighborhood to the park and bordering school.

Pleasure Island Park, 280 Pearl Drive, will be updated with play equipment having a railroad theme, based on Livermore's railroad

history. It will incorporate boulders to complement local topography.

The playground at Jane Addams Preschool, 1310 Murdell Lane, will be enhanced to provide opportunities for community play. There will be better safety and accessibility to and from the classroom.

In other action, the Board approved the conceptual design for a new bridge in Sycamore Grove Park. The bridge will span the Arroyo Del Valle, replacing a small wooden foot bridge that must be removed seasonally due to higher water flow. LARPD is contributing \$100,000 toward the project, with the Tri-Valley Conservancy working to fund the remaining \$500,000 estimated for the bridge. The new bridge will complete a missing gap in the Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail.

The Board also adopted a resolution allowing a new procedure for accepting parks smaller than 6 acres. The City of Livermore is

asking the District to accept maintenance for smaller neighborhood parks that reflect current housing trends brought about by the development of higher-density neighborhoods, such as the Isabel Neighborhood Specific Plan.

Directors agreed to set parameters so that LARPD may accept parks of 2 to 4 acres if they meet these criteria: 1) The District evaluates the proposed location relative to the ability for LARPD, the Livermore Police Department and local residents to observe park activity; 2) The park includes enough amenities where positive and appropriate park uses can take place; 3) The City confirms at least 50 percent of annual maintenance costs will be funded by a local Landscape Maintenance District or Community Facility District, which includes an annual fee increase provision helping LARPD cover costs of maintenance and operations in perpetuity.



Heritage Estates presented Tri-Valley Haven a check for over \$10,000. Heritage Estates' annual charity fundraiser, Casino Night 2016 raised a new record amount for this year's local charity. It is a big part of Heritage Estate's commitment to "Give Back to the Community." Following the check presentation was a champagne toast to celebrate the accomplishment. Heritage Estates and Tri-Valley Haven naturally align because of their common goal to serve families of the same Tri-Valley community with Compassion – a key component in the business model of Leisure Care. Pictured are Ann King – Executive Director, Tri-Valley Haven; Lisa Johnston – Special Events, Tri-Valley Haven; Heidi Hall – Marketing, Heritage Estates; Anita Sharples – Property Manager, Heritage Estates Senior Apartments; Terry Runkel – Registered Nurse, Heritage Estates; and, Sue Barnard – Activities, Heritage Estates

## Religion Chat Focuses on Architecture

The August Religion Chat will be held on August 10 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomas Avenue, Livermore. The doors of the facility will open at 4:30 PM and close at 6:30.

The topic will be How Does the Architecture of Your Places of Worship Reflect Your Faith's Teachings? Andy Lobban, the Rector of

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, will speak. Nan Osborne of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will also speak.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission statement reads, "To enrich,

educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley." In order to accomplish our mission, a variety of events are held each year.

To contact the group, e-mail [Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com). Information can be found at [www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com](http://www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com) or on Facebook.

## Pleasanton Downtown Brings Back Sizzling Saturdays and Sunday Fundays

Summer continues to heat up and so does the fun in Downtown Pleasanton with Sizzling Saturdays and Sunday Fundays. The Pleasanton Downtown Association announced the return of these two events that bring live music and special offers to Main Street.

Every Saturday night in August and September from 6-9pm there will be live music at three locations on Main Street along with special

promotions from participating stores and restaurants during Sizzling Saturdays. Sunday Fundays feature special brunch and shopping offers from downtown businesses every Sunday in August from 1-4pm. Participating businesses include 828 Bites and Brews, Baci Bistro and Bar, Beer Baron, Café Main, Clover Creek Gifts & Home Accents, Girlfriends Boutique, High Tech Burrito, Himchuli

Restaurant, KJ Couture, Main Street Brewery, Main Street Sunglasses, McKay's Taphouse & Beer Garden, Rick's Picks, Strizzi's, Studio Seven Arts, Towne Center Books and Workbench True Value Hardware. For specific offerings, go to [PleasantonDowntown.net](http://PleasantonDowntown.net).

For information, contact the Pleasanton Downtown Association at (925) 484-2199 or go to [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

## Las Positas College's Operation Gateway Provided Help for Veterans

Las Positas College's "Veterans First" program launched its fall semester orientation program for veterans with the code name "Operation Gateway." Approximately 46 veterans from all branches of the military, except the U.S. Coast Guard, attended the program.

A wide range of presentations and workshops were offered, including a veterans' assistance program for those wishing to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition, there was a group presentation on academic planning from a dedicated veterans counselor. Other presenters from outside the college included a Palo Alto VA Health Care representative who assisted veterans with signing up for their entitled VA healthcare benefits and a representative from Cal Vet who spoke about the services and programs provided to veterans by the State of California.

LPC President Barry Russell commented, "Our veterans program continues to grow and provide support to these men and women who have served their country. Working with our district partners, such as the Law-

rence Livermore National Laboratory, we have been able to create academic programs and internships that are leading to employment. This is why community colleges are so vital to our state and our veteran population."

The agenda included remarks by district chancellor Dr. Jannett Jackson, a former U.S. Army colonel who served two tours in Iraq, and Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), who finished the "22-Day Push-Up Challenge" with LPC student veterans joining him for his 22nd push up. The "22-Day Push-Up Challenge" is designed to bring awareness to veteran suicides in the

United States.

"Operation Gateway" was developed ten years ago through the collaboration of LPC student veterans and staff as a signature link to help veterans transition from their military lives to the academic world. The goal was to create a bridge in terminology that the veterans were more familiar with, especially coming from tours of duty in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom).

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, California is home to approximately 1.8 million veterans.

## MAILBOX

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that I will not review them here.

The October 19, 1993, Frontline special nicely captures the rise and fall of Facilitated Communication as an accepted practice. Should you choose to find the episode on the internet, be warned that the story is difficult to watch and is not suitable for children. To see how Facilitated Communication was masterfully debunked, skip ahead to minute 26 in the program. RPM appears to be merely a variation of Facilitated Communication. Before subjecting your child or loved one to this method, first educate yourself. As far as my investigation reveals, there is currently no scientific support for the use of RPM.

### Downtown Livermore for Now and Future

Sue Koopman  
Livermore

What is the best way to improve the unused downtown area so that years from now, our children and grandchildren will thank us for our wise, long-term planning? I don't think the answer is more downtown housing nor a downtown conference center. A better answer would be a multi-use downtown park area with open space. The Delucchi Park and Lions Wayside Park on 1st Street near downtown Pleasanton are good examples of what could be done. Such a downtown open space/park would be consistent with the goal of making down-

town Livermore a "people-friendly" area, and would be a solution for which our kids and grand-kids would thank us.

If we were to plan a Livermore downtown park, some would probably say we don't have the money to pay for it. Some say that downtown housing is the only way to pay for downtown development. I would suggest that if we cannot afford a downtown park at this time, that we plan ahead. The downtown does not have to be changed this year. We can do major fundraising and involve the community to pay for our downtown park setting. When we work together, we can find creative ways to raise money. A multi-use downtown park would please all the Livermore citizens for now, and for generations to come. We would be thanked many times over.

### The Downtown Cinderella Problem

Dan Moore  
Livermore

Like the Prince in the fairy tale, the city is looking for a Cinderella that will fit the shoe it now has. The problem is that the shoe is too small for all the proposed candidates. The RFP requested a plan to include parking, a hotel, retail stores and housing. Citizen input at a 14 July workshop added an arts center, a farmer's market, a museum, a large open-space plaza and a playground for children. The problem is that the space is not big enough for all

these wonderful attractions. The solution is to make the "shoe" bigger by adding land from the surrounding area, for example the lot on the west side of L street.

This could be accomplished now, by an additional land purchase, or later if funds are not currently available. In either case, something has to be eliminated from the current plan. There are three main components: a hotel, residential housing and parking lots. Removing the hotel could allow relocation of the parking lots to the east side of Livermore Avenue, next to the Bankhead, freeing up room for less dense housing and more open space on the west side. The disadvantage of this option is that any other location for the hotel may not be attractive to candidate builders. Removing (or greatly reducing) residential housing would allow reduced density and more open space. (This option was suggested by 80% of the tables at the workshop.) The disadvantage is that grant money may not be as readily available if housing is adjacent to rather than in the downtown area. Moving the parking garages somewhere else is possibly the best solution. Under the current proposal, the garages are the tallest buildings and are probably the least likely feature that can be made attractive. Parking for residents could be built under the residences (podium parking) and the public parking garage moved off site but nearby.

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# Stanford Hospital Named to U.S. News & World Report's 2016-17 Honor Roll

Stanford Health Care's renowned Stanford Hospital has again been recognized as one of the nation's premier hospitals by U.S. News & World Report, earning a spot on its national Honor Roll. The annual U.S. News Best Hospitals Honor Roll recognizes institutions that excel in treating patients with the most challenging, highly-complex medical needs.

"We are pleased that once again Stanford Hospital has received national recognition from U.S. News & World Report for delivering the highest quality to patients who entrust us with their care," said David Entwistle, Presi-

dent and CEO of Stanford Health Care. "As we extend access to Stanford Health Care throughout the Bay Area, our goal is to provide every patient, in every encounter with innovative, coordinated care matched by outstanding service and patient experience."

Out of the nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide, only three percent earned a national ranking in any specialty in the U.S. News survey. For 2016-17, Stanford Hospital achieved national recognition in 12 specialties including: cancer care; cardiology & heart surgery; diabetes & endocrinology; ear, nose & throat; gastroenterology &

GI surgery; geriatrics; gynecology; nephrology; neurology & neurosurgery; orthopaedics; rheumatology; and urology.

The U.S. News Best Hospitals survey separately ranks America's top children's hospitals. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford also earned Honor Roll status for 2016-2017.

The complete list of U.S. News rankings can be found at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>. The full list of top hospital rankings appears in the August issue of U.S. News "Best Hospitals 2016" guidebook.

## OBITUARIES

### Betty Geraldine Armstrong

Betty was born on June 29, 1927 in Livermore, CA. She graduated from Livermore High School. She married William N. Armstrong in 1948. Later they divorced. They had two children, Michael and Susan. Betty retired from Accounting at Valley Memorial Hospital in 1992.



She loved gardening, sewing, crocheting and crafts.

She was a member of the YLI Livermore #44 and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #10056 Dubois, Wyoming.

She was preceded in death by her parents Constance and Evelyn Brenzel.

She is survived by her son Michael, daughter Susan Lee and husband Rick, grandchildren Douglas Lee and Tammy Lee, brother Norman Brenzel and his wife Aggie and nephew Doug Brenzel and his wife Barbara.

Donations to a charity of choice are suggested.

### Charles Aubrey Hannon

Aug. 15, 1921-July 9, 2016 Livermore, CA

Charles Aubrey Hannon passed away quietly on July 9th, 2016. Born August 15, 1921 in Bisbee, AZ and graduated from Bisbee High School. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1939, and was commissioned in 1944.



He left the Navy in 1946 as a LTJG. He retired after 35 years at Lawrence National Laboratory in 1987.

Charlie enjoyed flying, sailing, motorcycling, and camping. A natural musician, Charlie played guitar, mandolin, and the keyboard. Everyone who knew Charlie enjoyed his storytelling, cheerful disposition and musical talent.

Charlie was a Past Master and 32° Mason at the Mosaic Lodge, #218 in Livermore, F. & A.M. and an active member of Aahmes Shrine. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 10293 in Ceres, CA and a member of the Unity Church of San Leandro.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Barbara Hannon of Livermore, son Jeff Hannon of Ripon, daughters Debra Rock of Lathrop, Susan Winfree and Ginger Crowne of Livermore. He was a much-loved Grandpa to eight grandchildren and

three great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Charlie's life will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00pm. 3 Steve's Winery, 5700 Greenville Road in Livermore. Guests are asked to remember Charlie by wearing red to the event. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society or Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

### Arnon Leroy Osborn

On July 28, 2016, Arnon Leroy Osborn (12/2/40), a loving and faithful husband, proud and determined father, gentle grandfather and great grandfather, son, brother,



uncle, and remarkable and unwavering friend, passed peacefully with his family by his side. He had fought and won many challenges in his 75 years and beat all odds to enjoy his family, friends, and their accomplishments, and also to explore and conquer the many wonders of this world including, but far from limited to, the sandy beaches in Mexico, the pine trees of Lake Tahoe, the stingrays in Moorea, snowflakes in Yosemite at Christmas time, and most awe inspiring, a walk on The Great Wall of China.

He exemplified the meaning of family and kindness to all. He exuded strength and perseverance that any top athlete would admire.

He is survived by Susan, his loving and fun-spirited wife of 47 years; his daughter Carrie, son Chris and daughter Tammy; daughter-in-law Danielle; sons-in-law Chuck and Ken; grandchildren Bradley, Madisen, Giverny, and Colton; great granddaughter, Emrey; and nine loving, devoted, and spoiled koi fish. He will be missed by all whom his life touched, and there are countless many. It was truly incomparable how he immediately connected with so many wonderful people and his friends quickly became family.

His role as "Papa," "dad," "uncle," and "brother" spanned far outside his true family circle. He was a retiree from the Oakland Coliseum and member of the I.A.T.S.E. Local 107 for nearly 50 years. He now is enjoying the sun, rocks, and koi ponds and the castles in the skies above.

A true celebration of his life will be held on September 25th at his home in Livermore, Calif. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity that touches your heart the way Arnon did or to Shrines' Hospital for Children's prosthetic unit.

### Ed (Eduardo) Villarreal

Ed (Eduardo) Villarreal, 59, a resident of Livermore, passed away on July 7, 2016 in Livermore, CA. Ed was born on March 31, 1957 in Durango, Mexico and moved to Los Angeles, CA when he was five years old and grew up in the LA area with his three brothers and two sisters.

Ed received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from San Diego State University and his Master's degree from UC Davis. He worked at many different companies during his life including 16 years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and 10 years at Medical Instrument Development (MID Labs).

Ed, a devoted husband and father, is survived by his wife, Helene; daughter Kathryn (Katie); son Joseph (Joe); brothers Frank, Ricardo, and Daniel; and sisters Guadalupe (Lupe) and Rose. He will be greatly missed by all.

A service honoring Ed will be held Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 am at Callaghan's Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550; Child Fund International, PO Box 26507, Richmond, VA 23261; The Little Brown Church of Sunol, PO Box 124, Sunol, CA 94586.

### Carl Allen Holder Jr.

May 7, 1934 - July 30, 2016 Long-time Pleasanton resident

A memorial service celebrating the life of Carl Allen Holder Jr., a man of deep faith who loved working with his hands and getting things done, will be held Saturday, August 13, at 2 p.m. in Ohlone Hall at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community, 3300 Stoneridge Creek Drive, Pleasanton. He was 82.



Carl lived out his Christian faith by serving others in a variety of volunteer roles as well as mentoring young people throughout his life. He did it all with a big smile that blessed all he encountered. He worked with his hands and restored cars for each of his three daughters that he gave them when they turned 16. He also liked building projects such as homes for Habitat for Humanity and projects around his church, Graceway of Pleasanton.

Carl was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He attended Capital Hill High School and Oklahoma State University where he was in the Sigma Chi Fraternity and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He married Jacquelyn Caudle in 1958 and they have three daughters. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jacque, and their three daughters: Karen Ann (Brooke Burton) of Highland Ranch, Colorado (children Kelby, Marley and Thatcher); Carla Kay (Jeff Land) of Diablo, California (children Jennifer and Jessica) and Kelly Sue (David Elkins) of Portland, Oregon (children Emily and Paige).

While attending Oklahoma State, Carl participated in the Air Force ROTC program. Upon graduation Carl was commissioned as a captain in the United States Air Force where he piloted fighters. He also taught high school auto mechanics.

He then joined Pan American World Airways as a flight engineer based out of San Francisco. The family moved to Pleasanton where all three daughters grew up. After his daughters were grown, he transferred to Berlin and captained Pan Am planes five years from there and saw the Berlin Wall come down. All three daughters visited them during the five years in Berlin.

Carl finished his career flying for United Airlines as a flight engineer based in San Francisco.

During Carl's flying career, the family routinely vacationed in Hawaii. He also took each of his daughters on a special trip that he was piloting after they graduated from high school. The unique schedule of airline pilots (gone for a couple of weeks on trips and then home for two weeks) led to one of the Holder traditions—biscuits and gravy. When he was home, the daughters spread the word which meant he would bake cookie sheets of biscuits for all comers to their house.

The family also enjoyed the Fourth of July for many years at the vacation cabin that he and Jacque built in Arnold at Blue Lake Springs in 1981. All 15 family members (daughters, their husbands and their kids) joined Carl and Jacque there for many great summer vacations. The grandkids all were taught to golf by Carl who simply said, "all the way back, all the way through, hold it."

It was also a favorite getaway site for church youth groups. He and Jacque were leaders of the "Challenge" high school group of Pleasanton Presbyterian church (now Graceway). Throughout his life, he loved connecting with younger people. He accompanied church youth on a number of summer mission trips to do service projects at an orphanage in Mexico. He told the girls on those

trips, "Thou shall not whine; thou shall not snivel; just git her done." In honor of their efforts, he collected nails from the Mexico site, drove one into a piece of wood and gave them to girls, inducting them into the "Order of the Nail."

He was a founding member of the church's unique and world famous marching group "The Balloon Platoon." Always the best entry into any parade!

Carl also served as an elder in his church and as a member of the several building committees.

In addition, he volunteered building homes with Habitat for Humanity, serving at Open Heart Kitchen and at Amador Valley High School as an assistant junior varsity basketball coach.

Carl loved serving God, his family and others. His life exemplified this message of service

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting LIFE."

The family prefers contributions in his memory to Graceway Church of Pleasanton. PO Box 5550 Pleasanton, Ca. 94566

### Mary Elizabeth (Winter) Rivenbark

April 13, 1945 - July 24, 2016

Mary Rivenbark, age 71, passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer on



July 24, 2016. She touched many lives with her years of volunteer work in the Tri-Valley and was a longtime Livermore resident.

Mary was born to Robert and Sara Hester Winter on April 13, 1945, and joined big sister, Anne. She grew up in Oakland (Montclair) and graduated from Oakland High School in 1962. Mary married Robert Rivenbark in 1965 and they had 2 daughters. She worked for Sandia National Labs as a buyer and retired after 30 years. Mary kept herself busy in retirement by volunteering with the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Dept., Livermore Police Dept., Horizons, Stanford/Valley Care Urgent Care and was a membership director with the Stanford/Valley Care Auxiliary. She was happiest when she was

making a positive difference in peoples lives.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Lisa McClenahan of Campbell, CA and Gina Burns of Pleasanton, CA, grandsons, Ryan Burns and Justin Burns, and a great-granddaughter, Lyla Bell Burns, all of Livermore, CA, as well as grandkittens Boo, Ted and Panda and a grandpup Bella.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 11:00am at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA, 94550.

Our family would like to thank Drs. Roy and Bahl with Kaiser Antioch, as well as Susie and Lori with Continuum Hospice and her hospice caretakers, TC and Ha'a. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

### Steve Gibbons

Aug 4, 1959 - Jul 30, 2016

Steve passed away in the early morning hours of July 30, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer; his family by his side.

Steve was born in Iowa and joined the Marines right

after high school. While stationed in Alameda he met his wife Susi

the day of the '89 earthquake. He was always proud to say the "earth shook when we met."

After more than 13 years in the service he went back to school to earn his degrees followed by many years working at Intel.

Most importantly though, Steve was the most loving and wonderful husband, dedicated and caring father, and, as best described by his grandson, "an awesome" grandpa.

He is leaving a void in everyone's life and will be dearly missed.

Steve is survived by his wife of 25 years Susi, his children Manuela, Diana (Danielle) and Chris (Jamie), his special "buddy" Zakariya, his "monkey" Nataliya, his grandchildren Keylee Ann, Devanny, Chrislyn and Mia.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 520188

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARLENE K. HAINES aka MARLENE KATHARINA HAINES Case No. RP16818427

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **MARLENE K. HAINES aka MARLENE KATHARINA HAINES**. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **IRIS S. AGRICOLA** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ALAMEDA**.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **KELLIE A. HAYES, CLPF** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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(X) Attorney for Petitioner: **MARK L. HIRSCH, ESQ** 40815 GRIMMER BLVD FREMONT, CA 94538 (510) 659-8884

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 The Independent Legal No. 3985. Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 520133**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Banfield Pet Hospital #0059, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Medical Management International, Inc, 8000 NE Tillamook St, Portland, OR 97213

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 520816**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Orange Tea, 6033 Northfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pelangi Trading Corporation, 6132 W. Branch Rd, San Ramon, CA 94582

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 Signature of Registrant(s) :s/: Joann Lee, CEO  
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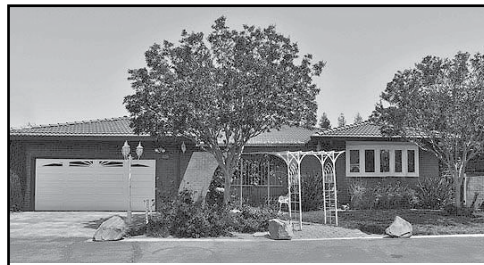
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**Will the Election Impact Housing Markets?**

By Cher Wollard

Conventional wisdom holds that financial markets “freeze” during the months leading up to presidential elections, awaiting the outcome.

That’s because, some contend, one major party will have a positive impact while a victory by a candidate from the opposing party will have send markets into freefall.

For example, if a Democrat wins the presidency, investors will be more bullish, anticipating increased government spending that will pour more money into the economy, according to one group of theorists.

Or, contrarily, a Republican president will lead the nation to pay down its debt faster, thus putting all financial sectors on a more even keel, say others.

Or maybe it doesn’t even matter who wins. Markets don’t like uncertainty. Once the election is over, and the outcome is clear, the various economic sectors will rebound in a spurt of optimism no matter who is in the White House.

In either case, everyone agrees the last few months of an election year are bound to show negative growth because no one wants to invest in anything until they know what direction the country is headed in.

Turns out, when it comes to the California housing market, conventional wisdom is mostly wrong.

A recent analysis by the California Association of Realtors found that presidential elections over the past 25 years have had very little impact on the real estate market in our state, and what impact it has appears to be positive.

“Transitory political events such as presidential elections don’t drive the housing market,” said C.A.R. President Pat “Ziggy” Zicarelli. “Market fundamentals such as housing inventory, affordability, interest rates, job growth, and consumer confidence are the real factors that influence the housing market.”

Since 1990, the average growth in home sales during election years shows small monthly variations compared to sales in years when there is no presidential election.

In fact, on average growth in home sale at the end of election years actually outperforms non-election years by more than 7 percent.

The only exception was December 2004, when sales seemed to follow more of a non-election year pattern.

As for prices, the numbers are even more surprising.

The long-term average rise in California home prices has been about 5.6 percent per year during this period. In presidential election years, the average is about 8.6.

The disparity does increase after the election – perhaps adding weight to the argument that markets prefer certainty -- but the increases tick up in September, well before Election Day.

Whatever the impact of elections on housing markets, would-be homebuyers agree they want the current presidential candidates to make housing affordability a top priority.

About 70 percent of respondents in a poll of those planning to purchase a home conducted for C.A.R. by The Futures Company, a leading think tank, said they want to hear from Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump about their proposals regarding homeownership.

Part of Democratic candidate Clinton’s economic plan includes a \$25 billion investment in housing, including down-payment assistance, improved underwriting tools and financial counseling programs, among other things.

Republican nominee Trump has vowed to preserve the federal mortgage interest deduction.

But respondents across all income, generational, ethnic and racial divides told surveyors they want more specifics and they want more attention to be paid to the issue in this election.

Meanwhile, the current president on Monday signed a bill eliminating barriers to safe, affordable mortgages for those looking to purchase or refinance condominiums.

In a time of intense partisan divide, H.R. 3700, The Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act, passed both houses of Congress with unanimous approval last month.

“Realtors have reason to celebrate today as legislation easing restrictions on FHA financing for condominiums is finally signed into law,” said Tom Salomone, president of the National Association of Realtors. “This is a long-awaited victory for NAR and for home buyers for whom condos are an important and affordable option.”

The Federal Housing Administration requires condominium complexes on which they are making loans to be certified. The requirements for certification have been restrictive and the process onerous.

Those requirements have meant many would-be buyers have not been able to use FHA financing to purchase condominiums. For many first-time homebuyers, FHA is the best – sometimes only – option available to them.

For sellers, this has limited the pool of potential buyers, in some cases restricting it to all-cash investors rather than those looking to purchase a home to live in.

The new law eases those requirements and creates an easier path to certification. That means more qualified buyers will be able to use FHA financing to purchase condos.

Among the changes:  
 • Owner-occupancy requirements are reduced from 50 percent to 35 percent  
 • The recertification process is streamlined

• Requires FHA to replace its existing policy on transfer fees with the less-restrictive model already in place at the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

“Condominiums often represent an affordable option that’s just right for first-time and low-to-moderate income home buyers,” Salomone said in a statement after the Senate approved the bill in July.

“Overly burdensome restrictions on condo financing have for too long put that option out of reach for many creditworthy borrowers. This legislation meets those restrictions head on, putting the dream of home ownership back in reach for more Americans.”

Both the N.A.R. and its affiliated C.A.R. campaigned heavily for approval of this bill.

If you want more information about current and proposed legislation that may impact you as a homeowner or homebuyer, contact your local Realtor today.

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





After an emotional speech by Susan Houghton, president of the board for Sunflower Hill, at its gala event, Moonlight in the Vines, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty surprised the organization with a large donation. After first writing \$500 on the large check in front of the audience, Haggerty began adding zeros - bringing the full total to \$500,000. The donation comes from the County's Boomerang Fund. It will be used to assist Sunflower Hill's planned residential community in Livermore and its garden operations at Hagemann Ranch. Sunflower Hill is a Tri-Valley nonprofit seeking to create life-long residential living and vocational options for individuals with special needs. Entitlement paperwork for a 45 unit community on First Street was filed with the City of Livermore in July.

## Supervisor Surprises Gathering

Sunflower Hill's annual fundraising event, Moonlight in the Vines, was held last Saturday at McGrail Vineyards in Livermore.

Susan Houghton, president of the Sunflower Hill Board, recapped the past year. She noted that when Sunflower Hill started as just an idea in 2012, people did not laugh and tell us we did not know what we were doing.

She noted that in one short year we've been able to develop a thriving garden at Hagemann Ranch with more than 300 volunteers growing an abundant harvest of 7500 pounds of fruits and vegetables that are helping to feed many in the community. She recognized Tom and Luana Layton, the owners of the Livermore parcel that is the proposed site for a new 45 unit community in Livermore.

The project received a boost from Supervisor

Scott Haggerty. He came out with a check made out for \$500, which he changed to \$500,000, as those in attendance looked on. The money will help finance the residential community, which is currently in the entitlement phase.

Houghton reported, "City staff are making comments now. We hope to be before the city Historic Preservation Commission in September, Planning Commission in October and City Council in November for review."

A second community is in the planning stage in Pleasanton.

Houghton continued, "Sunflower Hill is about celebrating the special things, life's big and yes life's little moments. It's about when we look at our child with special needs and realize that our life - while different - has also been profoundly changed - for the better. "There are days when we

don't always think so - because when you have a child or adult with special needs, you are on 24/7, forever. We know that it is important to celebrate every accomplishment every ah-ha moment... every small gift. It may be when your son proudly wears his brand new letterman's jacket every day to school - even in 100 degree heat. And then, of course, to bed every night," she said, continuing, "Perhaps it is the son who has a personal dance with Cinderella at Disneyland and becomes Prince Charming before your eyes."

"Their stories, their lives and those of many others here tonight are what Sunflower Hill is all about. It is a chance to celebrate unique talents. A chance to live - in community and with friends for the rest of their lives."

## Rally to Draw Attention to Anniversary of Nagasaki

Tri-Valley CARES will be among the groups taking part in a rally and non-violent action on August 9 at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"Disarm Now: We Stand with Nuclear Survivors for Global Justice" will bring keynote speaker Ambassador Tony de Brum from the Republic of the Marshall Islands and also feature Nagasaki atomic bomb survivor Nobuaki Hanaoka on the 71st Anniversary of the U.S. nuclear bomb dropped on the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

A coalition of Northern California peace and justice organizations will mark the 71st anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan.

"Disarm Now" will highlight the landmark litigation filed in the International Court of Justice by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) against the nine nuclear-armed states for their failure to disarm as re-

quired by international law. The RMI has also brought suit against the U.S. domestically, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco is slated to hear the case. The RMI cites the illegality of Livermore Lab's nuclear weapons activities in its filings.

The rally program will begin at 8 AM sharp. Following the rally, there will be a procession to the Lab's West Gate with drummers, art and banners. A traditional Japanese Bon dance will be performed at the gate and participants will "die-in" on the pavement and have their bodies outlined in chalk in memory of the vaporized shadows left by people who perished in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Some participants will peaceably risk arrest.

Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka, special guest speaker, was an infant when the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan on August 9,

1945. His mother and sister died from illnesses linked to radiation poisoning and his brother died at age 39 from premature aging associated with fallout from the bomb. He will share his experience and insights.

Jackie Cabasso will address resurgent U.S. militarism from the Asia-Pacific pivot to NATO expansion and the growing dangers of wars among nuclear-armed nations. Cabasso is the Executive Director since 1984 of the Western States Legal Foundation in Oakland.

Tara Dorabji will elucidate the nuclear weapons programs at Livermore Lab.

Chizu Hamada will speak to the present day nuclear situation in Japan. Hamada is a co-founder of the Japanese-American No Nukes Action, formed after the Fukushima Daiichi meltdown disaster to protest dangerous Japanese and U.S. nuclear policies.

## BRICKS

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Called "Remember Our Heroes," the idea was to have a pathway and wall made of bricks with names of Livermore men and women who served in all branches of the military in peace and war.

"People donated money for the bricks. Someone did this terrible thing, smashing them," stated Riehl.

Insurance does not cover the vandalism.

Those who would like more information, can email Riehl at mike@riehllins.com. While not actively seeking donations to replace the bricks, "donations would be welcome."

## Lab team measures peripheral nervous system activity with microchip-based platform

For the first time, researchers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have successfully incorporated adult human peripheral nervous system (PNS) cells on a microelectrode platform for long-term testing of chemical and toxic effects on cell health and function.

The study, part of a project known as iCHIP (in-vitro Chip-Based Human Investigational Platform), was published online in the journal Analyst on June 28. The paper describes the integration of primary human dorsal root ganglia (DRG) cells and glial cells onto a microfluidics chip with embedded electrodes, and the successful testing of several chemicals on the living cells over a period of up to 23 days.

Ultimately, scientists say the research will provide a non-invasive testing platform outside the human body that will predict human exposure to drugs and toxins more accurately than animal studies.

Lead author and LLNL scientist, Heather Enright stated, "This is a way to get human-relevant data without using animals; especially since those results don't always extrapolate to humans."

During the study, the team repeatedly exposed human DRG neurons and glial cells to capsaicin, a chemical found in chili peppers, ATP (a neuron receptor activator) and potassium chloride. The neural responses to the chemicals were recorded and compared to other reports of similar interactions found in the scientific literature to validate the platform.

In humans, DRG cells are located along the spinal nerves and house the cell bodies for neurons with receptors activated by mechanical, thermal, chemical and noxious stimuli, making them a model system for studying pain, the team explained.

Diseases such as diabetes and cancer therapeutics cause chronic pain and it's hard to develop drugs to combat those symptoms. According to researchers, iCHIP is a good way to accomplish that.

iCHIP principal investigator Elizabeth Wheeler said the team would continue to recapitulate different tissues of the body in order to better understand pain mechanisms and other cell/chemical interactions.

The Lab Directed Research and Development (LDRD) program funded the study.

To view the paper online, visit <http://pubs.rsc.org/en/content/articlelanding/2016/an/c5an01728a>

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## Inside Out Screening Followed by Q&A

Livermore native, and Head of Story for the Oscar-winning animated film “Inside Out,” Josh Cooley will introduce a free screening of his film at 1:00 pm, August 13, 2016, at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

Cooley will host a question and answer session following the movie. Free popcorn will be served during this event, courtesy of the Friends of the Livermore Library.

Cooley was nominated for an Oscar in 2016 for his work on “Inside Out.” He is a graduate of Granada High School. His parents are the owners of Cooleykatz Toys in downtown Livermore.

This program is part of the Authors & Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional programs and events, check the library’s website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Concert Aimed at Ages 18 and Under

Sixteen-year-old San Francisco singer, songwriter, instrumentalist and recording artist Maxine Marcus is pretty hard to ignore. Her vocals channel a maturity that is well beyond her years. AllMusic website notes that Marcus is “a singer and songwriter of contemplative, atmospheric pop with restrained but persistent dance allure.”

The Firehouse Arts Center will present the S.F. teen music scene favorite in concert on Saturday,

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Maxine Marcus

## Pianist on 'Journey to the Heart' Tour

Bringing what Jazz Review called a “wonderful amalgam of exotic melodies, luscious harmonies and global rhythms,” pianist Keiko Matsui returns to Livermore in August as she launches her newest album, “Journey to the Heart.” Matsui is known for original compositions that seamlessly blend musical influences from around the world and speak a universal language.

Her “Journey to the Heart” tour stops for one night only at the Bankhead Theater on Thursday evening, August 18, 2016. Tickets range from \$35 to \$60 for adults and are just \$16 for students or military personnel.

Matsui’s music has always defied categorization, building on a classical core

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Keiko Matsui



# Opera in the Vineyard Offers Second Venue

Livermore Valley Opera will offer a second Opera in the Vineyard. It will be held on Sun., Aug. 14 at Nella Terra Cellars in Sunol. It's a casual "bring your own picnic" with table seating for all and an event that is highly anticipated all year.

Festivities are from 4 to 7 p.m. at the winery, 5055 Sheridan Rd., Sunol.

"Because this event has been so popular - and sold out at Retzlaff Vineyards in July - we added a second "Opera in the Vineyard", says Jim Schmidt, LVO President. You'll have another opportunity to picnic, sip Nella Terra wines, bring family and friends, and enjoy live opera music amongst the vineyards. This private venue is not open to the public so take this opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens of Nella Terra."

Nella Terra offers a different experience than Retzlaff. The performance takes place in the shaded tent area on the edge of the beautiful gardens, with a performance in the round, surrounded by intimate seating. Expect a bit of cabaret ambiance from this unique operatic and Broadway musical entertainment. Nella Terra Cellars, one of the region's newest wineries, is owned by Paulette and Gerry Beemiller, founders of the very successful Silicon Valley Charity Ball for the past 20 years that raises millions for Bay Area non-profits.

The event will benefit LVO's upcoming 25th Anniversary Season, offer a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas performed by professional singers in an

informal setting, and a perfect opportunity for those curious about opera to get a taste of what LVO offers with its opera productions at the Bankhead Theater.

Order tickets in advance and save \$10 off the at-the-door price of \$50 per person. Tables of eight are also available if booked in advance. Purchase tickets online via the Livermore Valley Opera website at <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/>.

Wines will be available for purchase. No outside wine is permitted.

LVO will offer the extremely popular "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area.



Aerial View of Nella Terra

## JAZZ PIANIST

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with jazz and blues notes, overlaid with a new age sensibility. According to Matsui, in "Journey to the Heart" she is expressing the connections she has found while playing music worldwide for over 25 years. As she said, "In any country, any city, I feel that music connects us beyond the culture, religions, languages, all the differences. Music is a gift from the universe." For "Journey to the Heart," Matsui worked with a new manager and group of musicians who described the album as a more acoustic project, one that shows a fresh and different side to her music, but remains very accessible and appealing.

A native of Japan, Matsui began piano lessons at the age of five. Initially she studied classical music, but by her early teens she had developed a strong interest in jazz and began to compose her own music. Although her family was not particularly musical, they supported her emerging talents and, at the young age of 17, she was selected as a recording artist for Yamaha. Matsui made her US recording debut with "Drop of Water" in 1987. Matsui has been twice named Best Female Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year.

Matsui has released 25 albums, seven of which have appeared in the con-

temporary jazz Top 10, including "Deep Blue" which topped the chart in 2001. Her creativity and musical flexibility has made Matsui a welcome collaborator with such musical luminaries as Stevie Wonder, Miles Davis and Bob James. Matsui's "Journey to the Heart" tour begins in California in August and will take her across the country and overseas in the coming months.

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

## MAXINE MARCUS

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August 13, at 8:00 p.m. "The concert is intended as a special summer night event for youth, with the target audience age 18 and under," notes concert organizer and long-time City of Pleasanton youth programs director Mark Duncanson.

General seating tickets: \$10. Advance purchase at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling the Box Office at 925-931-4848, or in person from the Firehouse Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm,

and two hours prior to the performance.

Born into a family of professional musicians, Marcus has been surrounded by music her entire life, and she self-describes her style as "a blend of electronic, soul, alternative and pop music."

Reviewer Marcy Donelson says, "Born in 2000 to musician parents, (Marcus) grew up around performing, learned guitar and piano, and recorded her first self-penned song at age 13. That song, "Bitter to Breathe," appeared on her 2015 debut EP, the Dan Shea-produced *On the Edge*."

Marcus recently opened for Hot Chip at the Independent in San Francisco, and some terrific clips can be found on YouTube from that gig. But the recommendation is simply: get to the Firehouse on August 13 for what promises to be a beautiful concert.

Special opening act features Chloé Reddy, local Pleasanton singer/songwriter and member of City of Pleasanton's Creatures of Impulse teen improv troupe. Chloe is a senior at Amador Valley High School and highly involved in band programs in school and with the City.



# Victorian Era Celebrated at Ravenswood

The annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social returns to Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, Aug. 14, from noon to 4 p.m. This family-friendly event offers free admission to a Victorian-themed afternoon at the charming site.

Presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League, the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social combines a summer celebration with a glimpse into what Livermore was like in the 1890s.

The Victorian estate is on the National Register of Historic Places, a State of California Historical Point of Interest and a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

The event will feature games, music, historic dem-

onstrations and more. Ice cream and hot dogs will be for sale. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and Valley Banjos. Children can enjoy pony rides and a petting zoo for a nominal fee. The Livermore Heritage Guild will be on hand with their Historymobile. There will also be a doll display. All funds raised from the event go toward restoration of the historic site.

Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The site is also open for free public tours from noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of each month (except for the fourth Sundays in November and December, plus Mother's Day). Costumed docents lead hour-long tours of the site, which also includes the Ravenswood Progress League Gift Shop located in the Tank House.

For more information, visit [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org) or call 925-443-0238.



Antique dolls will be on display.



The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will entertain visitors.

## Learn about Creepy Critters During Show at the Library

The Livermore Public Library will host Wildlife Associates' Creepy Critters Show on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 10:30am at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Children will get to see snakes, tortoises, tarantulas, alligators and lizards and learn about how they treat their young, interact with each other, and their senses. This free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear.

This performance is geared toward children ages 4 and older.

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

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

## Summer Fun Offered at the Springtown Library

The Springtown Branch Library will offer free summer fun on Tuesday August 9, 2016. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

Celebrate the 2016 Olympic Games by making origami Olympic rings from 1 – 3pm. This activity is recommended for children ages 5 and up. No registration is

required.

The Summer Reading Program runs through August 15, 2016. For the complete Summer Reading Program events schedule, please visit the calendar on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Springtown Branch Librarian Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576.

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## Review: “Bound East For Cardiff:”

# Celebrating O’Neill’s Centennial

By Susan Steinberg

An excited crowd of ticket holders boarded the Park Service van at Danville’s old Depot for a long awaited night of theater. Winding up the restricted road into the hills, they enjoyed panoramic views usually available only to residents of this private enclave.

Arriving at the top, they emerged to stand silently, awestruck by the Valley far below, the bulk of Mt. Diablo across the way, and the absolute tranquility of a privileged hidden retreat: Tao House, the fabled home of Eugene O’Neill, where he wrote his greatest plays, including “Moon For The Misbegotten,” “The Iceman Cometh,” And “Long Day’s

Journey Into Night.”

Soon the irresistible sounds of folk music drew visitors to the Old Barn, a dilapidated relic of ranching days, presently used to host performances by the Eugene O’Neill Foundation. Now sponsoring the 17th Eugene O’Neill Festival, the Foundation was instrumental in rescuing the property from destruction and preserving it for inclusion in the Park Service as a National Historic Site.

O’Neill left the Ivy League world of Princeton, where he felt uncomfortable, to pursue the rough-and-tumble life of an “able-bodied seaman” on ocean-going ships. This was a world of hardship, with men from all over the

world, each a unique character. Carefully observing their various accents and quirks, he came to understand what made each one tick, and wrote them into his drafts of small “sea plays.”

These plays became the first truly American dramas, a vivid contrast with the conventional melodramas of the day. They were initially unwelcome in the American theaters until the fledgling Provincetown Players offered to produce one in their makeshift theater space on a local wharf.

On that night of July 28, 1916, high tides sent waves crashing against the wharf, with spray coming through the floorboards. A heavy fog and the rhythmic moan

of foghorns made the audience feel as though they were truly on a god-forsaken tramp steamer, crossing the Atlantic “bound for Cardiff,” with a dying man in the hold.

Tao House’s small old wooden barn perfectly replicated the cramped ship’s quarters, with the sea chanteys of the Starboard Watch ensemble creating an old-time atmosphere that had the audience members joining the hearty choruses and clapping along with the antique concertina.

Soon we were one with the work-weary crew members complaining about the rotten grub, work conditions and pay, and the awful fog keeping them from the port of Cardiff. One sailor, Driscoll, keeps reminding them to keep their voices low, so as not to disturb Yank, the groaning man in the corner bunk. He especially begs them not to casually discuss the likelihood of Yank’s imminent death, and keeps swabbing his old friend’s face and giving him drinks of water.

Yank himself tells Driscoll that he knows he’s going to die, but “I ain’t scared – I ain’t never had religion, but I know what comes after ain’t much worse than this.” He lapses into a melancholy monologue about the loneliness of the sailor’s life, “travelling all over the world without seeing none of that,” and, above all, having nobody to care bout you.

He describes his fantasy of one day having a little farm, a home of his own,

with wife and children. It’s the reverse of the landlubber’s dream of going to sea and experiencing so many great adventures as he muses, “It must be great to stay on land all your life.”

Driscoll has had the same dream (a recurring one in O’Neill’s plays) – of saving up enough money to buy a piece of land for a peaceful old age. But both have succumbed to the lure of a “spree” in every port, and have nothing to show for a lifetime of toil. He and Yank reminisce about some of their good times together.

Then Yank becomes suddenly fearful, “Will He (God) hold it against me (for killing a man)? It was a fair fight...and he was out to stick me.” Driscoll reassures him, but then the Captain enters and says there is nothing he can do for the dying man, “I’m not a doctor.”

It’s a truly chilling moment as everyone feels the hopelessness of the situation. Suddenly Yank rallies, crying out, “Who is the pretty lady dressed in black?” and falls back on his bunk dead. It’s a great moment in a subdued scene but every audience member has been a part of the story; the end-of-life regrets and fears, the memories of good times and bad, the sadness of the unachieved goal, and then oblivion,

It’s the Shakespearean view of Everyman’s life and death – no big dramatic curtain speech, but just a “brief candle” going out, and the so-familiar lament,

“it’s hard to ship out on this voyage I’m going on alone.”

With such simple sentiments as that, O’Neill revolutionized American drama. Thenceforth realism ruled the stage, and most of it was neither heroic nor beautiful. But he had spoken the truth of the human condition, and that became the new standard of 20th Century Theater.

Donald Sage Mackay as Yank and Timothy Redmond as Driscoll received a well-deserved ovation from the audience. The supporting cast, marvelous with their laconic remarks and incredibly coordinated snores of exhausted men, joined in the bows. Special praise went to Artistic Director and genial emcee Eric Fraisher Hayes, and amazing Dialect Coach Robin Taylor, with Rob Evans creating the moody soundscape of foghorn and ship’s bells. Together they turned a reading into a night of misty magic.

O’Neill’s plays went on to win four Pulitzer Prizes, plus the only Nobel Prize for Literature ever awarded to an American. Celebrating his achievement with a surprise birthday cake (decorated with the famous Hirschfeld caricature), playgoers could look forward to the O’Neill Festival September 2 to October 2, featuring plays, readings, historical exhibits, and even a PBS documentary by Ken Burns. For Festival information, go to [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org).

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## Celtic Sands to Perform

Celtic Sands will entertain Sunday, August 14, 2016, 2:00 pm at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. All are invited to this free concert.

Celtic Sands will perform a mix of traditional Irish reels and jigs, plaintive Celtic airs and ballads and a little Celtic rock together for an intimate sound and some lively good times. Presenting the music of the Isles will be Lara Garner on Celtic harp, Irish flute, and tin whistle; Alina Polonskaya on fiddle; Michael Mullen on fiddle, guitar, and octave mandolin, and Pamela Connelly on guitar and vocals. For more information, visit [www.CelticSands.com](http://www.CelticSands.com).

This program is part of the Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional programs and events, visit the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Concert of Russian and American Music Planned



Slavyanka Chorus (left) directed by Irina Shachneva (above).

Slavyanka Chorus will perform a concert of Russian and American music entitled "Reaching Toward Heaven." The concert will take place on Sunday, August 21st, 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

The program of choral music reaches into both cultures to find deep spiritual and emotional connections that they share.

Centuries old Russian sacred music -- works by some of Russia's greatest composers—Chaikovsky, Berzovsky – an exuberant and powerful medley of Russian Cossack folk songs – along with spirituals and sacred music from America's own choral traditions performed under the

baton of Artistic Director, Irina Shachneva. This is also the music Slavyanka will be performing on its two week musical tour to Russia this October -- a program that continues Slavyanka's 35 year history of working to build bridges of understanding between Russians and Americans.

Tickets are available at [www.slavyankachorus.org](http://www.slavyankachorus.org) -

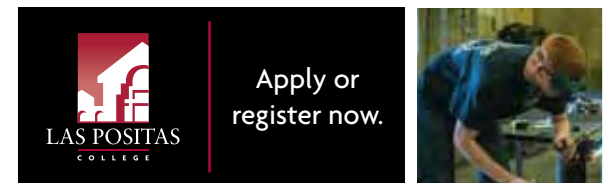
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Crowds enjoyed sampling the various wine and food pairings during the annual Taste Our Terrior hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

## Taste Our Terrior 2016: Longevity & McGrail Win Peoples Choice

By Laura Ness

This signature event of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, held once again at Casa Real, continues to evolve and elevate with each passing year. Of all the wine and food events I attend on an annual basis, this tops all for its focus, camaraderie and creativity. Plus the venue is exceptional, especially with the outdoor courtyard, this year, set up with a great array of wineries, music and plein air painting demonstrations.

How exciting that "Taste Our Terrior" is now four days worth of everything from brunch to progressive

dinners to an expose on Port. It serves to highlight the impressive breadth that the Livermore Valley has developed in the short amount of time I've been covering the wine scene here, since 2001.

First of all, kudos to all the winners, beginning with the People's Choices:

**Best White Wine Pairing: Longevity Wines and Johnny Garlic's:** Longevity Wines 2015 Pinot Blanc, Livermore Valley, by winemaker, Phil Long, paired with Won Ton Taco with Ahi Tuna, Mango Jicama Salsa, Wasabi Cream and Eel Sauce by Chef Ulises Rodriguez. This was

a dish you could easily find addictive, with its interplay of slightly spicy and sweet, excellent textural crunch and wollop of wasabi, complimented by the lithe texture and perfect acid of the Pinot Blanc.

**Best Red Wine Pairing: McGrail Vineyards & Winery and Beets Hospitality Group:** McGrail Vineyards and Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley, by winemaker, Mark Clarin, paired with 12-Hour House Smoked Dry Rub Brisket with Homemade Smoky Paprika Pimento Cheese in a Crispy Risotto Shell, by Chef Clay Brunton. This one had to



win for red pairing, with its killer combo of smokey meat and utterly decadent pimento cheese and that tantalizing snap of crispy risotto.

Now, to the Judge's

choices, which are always an interesting take on things. It's no secret that the dishes presented to the judges can vary from those presented to the public.

**Judges' Best Pairing:**

**Wente Vineyards and The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards**

Wente Vineyards 2014 Small Lot "Serenity," Livermore Valley (wine-



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maker: Karl D. Wente) paired with Chef Mike Ward's Berkshire Pork Sausage with Bing Cherry Mostarda and Riesling Fermented Kraut on "everything" cracker.

### **Best Classic Pairing: Rodrigue Molyneaux and Gan Restaurant**

Rodrigue Molyneaux 2013 Chateau Molyneaux Merlot, Livermore Valley (winemaker: Garry Rodrigue) paired with Wedding Cheeks with a Charred Korean Pepper Soubise, Crisp Potato and Pickled Red Daikon by rising star Chef Peter Jee-Oh Chung of Gan Restaurant in Pleasanton.

### **Most Innovative Pairing: Dante Robere Vineyards and Lazy Dog**

Dante Robere 2013 Roberitage, 50% Syrah 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley, by winemakers Dan Rosenberg and Bob Bossi, fancifully paired with Minced Chicken in Lettuce Spears with a Sweet Hoisin Sauce by Chef Adrian Rodrigues.

### **TRENDS**

Three trends were thankfully in evidence this year:

1. People got the message about food delivery devices and stepped up with more dishes that didn't require utensils. Hooray!

2. The food portions were dramatically scaled back from previous years. One or two bites is really all you need.

3. There were considerably more white wine pairings than ever before, which was refreshing and added way more creativity to the mix. It's a pity the judges didn't see fit to award any of the outstanding white pairings

an award. They must have been tasting different food. Or they were red wine lovers. Or both.

This year, one could not say, even rhetorically, "Where's the beef?" as it was evident across the red spectrum. Last year it was a quackle of duck, this year a herd of beef. Thanks to the wineries who chose white wines and dipped their toe in the waters, literally, to provide salmon, tuna, calamari, scallop and even shrimp. That was so refreshing and really added energy and excitement to the white side of the house, which thankfully had 7 entries this year.

One expects Cabernet in spades at this event. However, there was much to choose from in the red zone, including Cuda Ridge Cabernet Franc, Garre's Touriga, Steven Kent's Vincerre (Cab and Sangiovese), Dante Robere's Roberitage, Rhonda's Big Wood Zin, Rodrigue Molyneaux Merlot, John Evan's Petite Sirah and Wente's Serenity.

### **HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS**

Prettiest in Pink Award: Cannon and Underdog

You can't go wrong with a pretty pink wine mated with splendidly lime and rose-swirled watermelon radishes as the delivery device. The 2015 Rosé of Petite Sirah was divine with the ceviche of scallops, fresh peaches, cilantro, habanero and rose reduction. This wine should be on your summer bucket list.

Happy Conehead Award: Occasio and Posada Catering

This was actually one of the finest pairings in the place, with the lively playfulness of the 2015 Malva-

sia Bianca dancing merrily with the crispy waffle cone of smoked salmon perfectly punched up with an energetic southwest salsa. Hopefully, this will appear on the menu when Posada finally reopens. Alas, the wine is already sold out.

Kick Sand in the Face of Convention Award: Retzlaff and Salt Craft

You have to love Salomé Taylor's attitude when it comes to this event. "Let's just have fun with it!" is her enduring motto. She teamed up with the irrepressible Matt Greco of the soon to be open Salt Craft, to create a perfect companion to the 2013 Chardonnay: exquisitely toasted bars of Olivina olive oil bread topped with goat cheese, leeks and popcorn. There should be an award for Most Fun pairing. She'd win every time.

Star-Crossed Lovers Award: 2013 Cuda Ridge Cab Franc with Elisa's Chili Colorado Short Rib

Sometimes the right wine for the food is that stranger across a crowded room, as Robert Goulet belted out in "Some Enchanted Evening," from "South Pacific," one of the few musicals I adore. In this case, the perfectly chile-spiced short rib with avocado sour cream begged for the incense and chile-dusted Cab Franc from Cuda Ridge.

ShotGun Wedding Award: Big White House Chardonnay and Elisa's Catering

Winemaker John Evan had planned to serve his Riesling with the jalapeno brined pork belly with lemongrass ponzu sauce. It was the perfect plan, right up until he got the proof for the program and saw a typo. In a moment of panic, he

realized that the Riesling, which is from the Santa Lucia Highlands, wouldn't fit the Livermore theme. He frantically searched for a white he could substitute, finally locating a yet to be released 2014 Chard in the warehouse. "I about gave Elisa a heart attack!" Evan admits. Surprisingly, that Chardonnay made best friends with aforementioned bacon and the wedding was on.

Wishes Going Forward Here are some wishes for the next TOT event:

1. Vegetarian options – this would certainly increase the enjoyability factor of the event for people who eat neither fish nor meat. Let's create a "Best Vegetarian" pairing award for the Public to choose. Perhaps set up all the Vegetarian pairings outside so they are easy to find, or use different colored tablecloths or balloons.

2. More variation in the protein used with red wine pairings: aim for an equal number of pork, chicken, beef and lamb pairings?

3. Ask the judges to vote for their Favorite White pairing and their Favorite Red pairing.

4. More dump buckets, please.

5. Publish the top 3 outcomes of the People's Choice selections so we can see how close the voting was or wasn't. Curious minds want to know.

A special shoutout to Livermore Valley Florist for the fabulous floral artistry on every table and to Sysco, who sponsored the wonderful array of desserts and dessert wines in the Dessert Room. It provided a sweet ending to a delicious evening.

## Carnival de la Salud Planned at Junction

A two day health fair will take place August 17 and 18 in Livermore.

The Carnival de la Salud will be held this year at Junction Avenue K-8 School, 298 Junction Ave., in Livermore. The event takes place on Wednesday, August 17th from 2pm to 7pm. Local dentists, optometrists and doctors/medical providers will donate their time to provide free dental, vision and medical screenings. Local vendors will be present to distribute information about overall health and wellness needs. Free entertainment will be provided by local music bands, face painters and balloon makers.

The immunization clinic on Tuesday, August 16th is a partnership with Alameda County Public Health Department to provide a local drop in clinic for students to receive school age required vaccines. "No Shots No School" Children can not start school on Monday, August 22 if they are not up-to-date on current vaccines.

Immunization clinic hours on August 17 will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Services will be provided on a first come, first served basis. A parent or legal guardian must be present to sign the registration forms.

Tdap will be available all of the upcoming clinics.

Varicella(chicken pox) will not be available at this clinic but arrangements can be made for future varicella immunizations.

Those not sure what immunizations a child needs, go to one of the scheduled clinics to check on the child's immunization status.

Immunizations are for all LVJUSD students who are 4-19 years of age and meet one of the following requirements:

- No health insurance
- Health insurance does not cover immunizations
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Eligible for CHDP/Medi-Cal

There is no charge. Please bring the child's immunization record.

The first Tri-Valley Health Fair was organized in 2014 based on the Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment in 2011 that indicated the need to ensure access to services and to embrace the growing diversity in the region. The health initiative serves as a gateway to make contact and engage with under-served communities, to provide health screenings, linkages, and health care enrollment opportunities to youth and families in the Tri-Valley. The initiative aims to establish the health fair as an annual event in each city Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore that increases youth and family's access to culturally-relevant prevention services, and strengthens the continuum of school-linked health supports throughout the Tri-Valley.

The goal of the Tri-Valley Health Initiative is to strengthen the capacity of the Tri-Valley region to provide a continuum of high quality, accessible school-linked health and wellness supports to youth and families experiencing poor health and educational outcomes. The initiative is based on evidence that there is a critical link between children's healthy development and educational attainment, ultimately impacting long term health outcomes.



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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

**Recycled Runway**, exhibit, Visitor's Center and Gallery, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. runway fashion show 2:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Free. www.bankheadtheater.org.

**Transformation: 25 Years of Asian American Women Artists.** New multidisciplinary exhibit featuring 42 artists opens at the Harrington Gallery on Saturday, July 30, on display through September 3. Among the wide variety of interesting works: written word pieces, books, a floor mandala, a 7' kimono constructed of glass and copper wire, and an installation with chair and mirrors. August 4, for the Young@Art children's gallery program, kids will view and discuss this exhibition and create a colorful koinobori and a mandala to take home. To register, visit www.pleasantonfun.com, and type in the code 62510. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue.

**Pleasanton Art League Annual Members Exhibition**, Sept. 20-Oct. 9, Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception, Sept. 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Charlotte Severin** will demonstrate watercolor on Yupo Paper at the

Castro Valley Adobe Art Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 13. Free to the public. The center is located at 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley.

**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 Thomas Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomas 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 PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

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

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

## WINE & SPIRITS

**Grill & Chill, Summer BBQ & Music**, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works; 6 to 9 p.m. bring own food to grill, wine by the glass/bottle, and non-alcoholic beverages, salami, cheese and crackers available for purchase. Call 373-6636 for more information. Fee \$5 per person (cash collected when parking). All fees go to the band. No outside alcohol on the premises. Aug. 20: band TBD; Sept. 3: Chris Ahlman; Sept. 17: TBD. 10843 Ruess Rd., Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.com.

Charles R Vineyards, 4th Friday, free summer concert series, 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 26: KNR band; Sept. 23: Afterglow! 8195 Crane Ridge Road/end of Greenville Road, Livermore.

**Wood Family Winery**, 12th Annual Release Party - August 6th & 7th Noon to 4:30pm. This party is open to everyone. Live bands both days and

gourmet cheeses paired with new release wines, 2015 Chardonnay "Para Mas Amigas", 2014 Malbec, 2014 Petite Verdot and 2014 "El Loco Rojo" Red Wine. Also be pouring our 2014 "Muy Bueno" Zinfandel. Andy's Candy's will be here tasting and selling their delicious toffee. \$10 tasting fee and keep your logo crystal wine glass. No tasting fee for "Family" members who choose to leave their glass or customers picking up futures. 7702 Cedar Mountain Rd. Livermore. Sandra J. Wing Healing Foundation Release Party, August 28th, 2 to 7 p.m. Releasing the 2014 "HeartYWood" Red Wine. Proceeds will benefit the foundation. Live music by "Hannah Jane Kyle" trio and Smokin Hot Meat N Treats food truck will be here with their delicious food for purchase for snacking or dinner. \$10 per person and keep your logo crystal wine glass. No tasting fee for "Family" members who choose to leave their glass. 7702 Cedar Mountain Rd. Livermore.

**Nottingham Cellars**, Smokin Hot Meats N Treats on August 12th from 4:30-8pm. Thursday night music, 5:30-7:30 pm. - 8/4: Meredith McHenry; 8/11: Dave Land; 8/18: Eric Eckstein; 8/25: Tom Duarte; Saturday - Music on the Patio, 1 to 4 p.m. - 8/6: Chris LeBel; 8/20: Dave Land; 8/27: Meredith McHenry. August 10th - Wine Wednesday at Vasco Urbano, 5-8pm. Stop in to taste premium Rhone style wines. August 10th - Winemakers Dinner at Blackhawk Grille 6pm with Winemaker Collin Cranor, chef Mike Furness featuring a four course pairing menu. RSVP Required - limited seating available. For reservations, call the Blackhawk Grille 925.736.4295; \$90 per person excluding tax and gratuity. August 13th - Extended Hours with Music All Day, noon to 8 p.m. Eric Eckstein - 1-4pm & Kylie Thomasson - 4:30-7:30pm. www.nottinghamcellars.com

**Cedar Mountain Winery Port and Cigars**, 6 to 9 p.m. August 12 evening of Port, Cigars, Food, & Music. This one-night event will highlight a flight of 6 Cedar Mountain Winery Ports, 2-Premium cigars, light appetizers, and live music by Roger Kardinal. Tickets are \$50 p/person. Non-Smokers Port Flight only option \$30 p/person (non-Smokers will be exposed to smoke!). Contact Cedar Mountain Winery Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636. Non-refundable advance paid reservations required. **Bottle Your Own Wine**, Sat. and Sun., Aug. 13 and 14, noon to 4 p.m. Earl has created a special "Red

Blend" table wine for this event only. Bring clean & dry 750 ml wine bottle, fill, cork and label it for only \$10.00 per bottle. Use the winery's bottle for \$11.00.

**Wente Vineyards**, The Cinema at Wente Vineyards: Aug. 19, Inside Out; Sept. 9, Star Wars, The Force Awakens; Sept. 23, Under the Tuscan Sun. Wente Family Estates Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-456-2300. Visit wentevineyards.com for Cinema details.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Concerts in the Park**, June 3 to August 25, Fridays, 7 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal, Pleasanton. No admission charge. Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net

**Evenings on the Green**, Tuesdays 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Shea Homes Plaza outside the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Free. www.bankheadtheater.org.

**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.

**Fourth Annual Music in the Orchard Summer Benefit Concert Series**, Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Presented by the Purple Orchid, Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beer Works and Sauced BBQ. Crawdad Republic on Aug. 24, and Torea McGee on Sept. 29. All concerts are 6 to 9 p.m. \$14 in advance, \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at PurpleOrchid.com. Advance tickets also available at Nottingham Cellars, 2245 C So. Vasco Rd. and Altamont Beer Works, 2402 Research Dr., Livermore.

**Juice Newton**, August 5, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Rock Stars & Stripes**, High-Energy Live Multi-Media Rock Show, Aug. 6, 8 p.m. and 7, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**David Cassidy**, August 12, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Maxine Marcus in Concert**. Special concert for 18-and-under audiences comes to the Firehouse Arts Center Sat, August 13, 8:00 p.m. A blend of electronic, soul, alternative and

pop music. Sixteen-year-old San Francisco singer, songwriter, and recording artist Maxine Marcus began recording in her early teens, and delivers "contemplative, atmospheric pop with restrained but persistent dance allure" notes All-Music.com. Maxine records on Chaz Marcus Media. Performing on guitar and keyboard. Opening act: Chloé Reddy, local singer/songwriter from Amador Valley High School senior and Creatures of Impulse member. General seating tickets: \$10. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or in person at Firehouse Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

**Keiko Matsui**, August 18, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Ariana Savalas**, Sept. 3, 8 p.m. special guests Mads Tolling, featuring Musical Director Mark Vogel. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4848.

**Brilliance at the Bankhead**, Featuring singer Judy Collins. Gala to Officially Open Tenth Season at the Bankhead Theater, Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. \$250 per person. 373-6800 or www.bankheadtheater.org. Largest fundraising event of the year for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the gala supports both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center.

**The Bird Dogs, Everly Brothers Salute**, Sept. 10, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4848.

**Young Dubliners**, 8 p.m. Sept. 30. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4848.

## ON THE STAGE

**Livermore Shakespeare Festival**, Tempest Aug. 4, 5, 6 and 7. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. \$50-\$25. Pre-show buffet \$49 per person added to price of show available July 30 and Aug. 6. 443-BARD or www.LivermoreShakes.org

**Late Night Catechism: Sister's Summer School**, August 19, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Lamplighters Music Theatre**, Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado. Sat., Aug. 27 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First



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Street, Livermore. [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or 373-6800.

## Firehouse Arts Center Season 7:

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10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

**The Phantom Toll Booth, Jr.** Sept. 16-Sept. 25, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4848.

## COMEDY

**The Official Blues Brothers Revue,** August 13, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or 373-6800.

**An Evening of Magic & Comedy,** featuring Ryan Kane, 8 p.m. Aug. 20, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 631-4848.

## MOVIES

**Dublin Picnic Flix,** free summer movie series at Emerald Glen Park. Food, beverages and snacks available for purchase beginning at 7 p.m. Movie begins at dusk. Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs and/or blankets. Final show, Aug. 19: *Frozen* (PG). Information, 556-4500.

**Movies in the Park,** free, all begin

at dusk. Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Aug. 4: *Ant Man* (PG-13); Aug. 11: *ET, the Extraterrestrial* (PG). [cityofpleasanton.gov](http://cityofpleasanton.gov).

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Competition for Young Musicians,** Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, application deadline Sept. 18, 2016 (applications will be accepted starting on Sept. 9). 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 purchase is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 18, 2017. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a recording for preliminary screening. Additional information at [www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org) or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theater auditions:** *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to non and Aug. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. Callbacks (by invitation only) Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Dance call the night of callbacks. 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. Prepare 16-32 bars rock or opera. Audition forms are at [www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/jesus-christ-super-star](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/jesus-christ-super-star). Bring a completed audition form and a current photo or head shot, current resume and list of all conflicts from Oct. 25, 2016 to Jan. 29, 2017.

**Valley Dance Theatre,** seeking boys and men for its 2016 *Nutcracker* and 2017 *Spring Rep* performances. Auditions will be held at Valley Dance Theatre in Livermore on Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Contact the office at [office@valleydancetheatre.com](mailto:office@valleydancetheatre.com) or call 243-0925 with questions or unable to attend the scheduled audition. *Nutcracker* performances at Dec. 10, 11, 13, 16, 17 and 18, 2016; *Spring Rep* May 27 and 28, 2017.

## OPERA

**Opera in the Vineyards,** 4 p.m. August 14, 2016. *Nella Terra Cellars*, 5005 Sheridan Road, Sunol. Picnic, sip wine, bring family and friends, and enjoy live opera music. This private venue is not open to the public regularly so take this opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens. 925-462-6964 [www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com](http://www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com)

**Livermore Valley Opera,** Wagner's



**The Xtreme Force Dance Company** competition team members including over 70 dancers attended a huge National Competition in Anaheim, Ca last week. The event lasted 5 full days with a final day to re-compete with the best of the best. On Friday, the dancers were awarded the National Grand championship award. Their winning dance routine was to *Uneven Odds*. It was choreographed by their Teacher Shauna Noland who was a top dancer on the TV show *So You Think You Can Dance*. The Kids Artistic Revue competition also awarded their Senior Dancer Alexis Pournaras a college scholarship award giving her money for college. The studio won studio of the year for 2016. The dancers train up to 7 days a week at the Xtreme Force Dance Company in Livermore.

*The Flying Dutchman*, Sept. 24, 25, Oct. 1, 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 373-6800 or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

## 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,** July 31 to Aug. 7 Max Baer Park, Livermore. [www.liws.org](http://www.liws.org)

**Taste of Downtown** August 7th, 2016 in Downtown Livermore, Noon - 5pm. Ticket information, [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**An Evening With... Nikita Krushchev,** Tuesday, August 9, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

**Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social,** Ravenswood Historic Site, Aug. 14. Music, tours of the site, zoo, and lots of ice cream for purchase. Free admission. 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org)

**An Evening With... Julia Morgan,** Tuesday, September 20, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

**Taste Of Africa** presented by Cheza Nam Foundation, 4 p.m. Oct. 1. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4848.



**Correction:** The photo appearing in the July 21 Section A was not identified correctly. The *Mikado* production by Lamplighters Musical Theater includes performers Sonia Garieaef as Caticsià (double cast with Anne Hubble) and Samuel Rabinowitz as Coco (double cast with F. Lawrence Ewing). Photo by David Allen, 2016.



# Milestones

## Haggerty Recognizes Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement Workers

The City of Fremont was prominently featured for its public safety members in the annual recognition ceremony hosted by Supervisor Scott Haggerty during his 20th annual barbecue held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton over the weekend. Fremont is one of three cities in District 1 represented by Haggerty on the 5-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors

"I am deeply honored to recognize members of the fire fighting and law enforcement profession with this award each year," said Haggerty. "These individuals put their lives on the line to protect persons and property every day they put on the uniform. People that serve in these professions deserve to be recognized for the good work they do and I am delighted to recognize them with this award."

Deputy Chief James Martin of the Fremont Fire Department is receiving the 2016 Firefighter of the Year award posthumously. James Martin died on July 24, 2015 after a 3-year battle with job related cancer. He was 53 years old and just shy of a 30-year anniversary with the Fremont Fire Department. Martin began his career as a firefighter in 1986. During his nearly 30 years, Martin was promoted through the ranks first as Engineer, followed by Captain, Battalion Chief, and eventually achieving the rank of Deputy Chief. James served the Fremont Fire Department with distinction. He was well respected by his peers and co-workers who would look to him as the voice of reason and for strengthening the bonds within the department. Chief Martin is survived by his wife Sandy and their children McKenzie, Kyle and Allie.

The City of Fremont Police Department is being recognized with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. Fremont is the second largest city in Alameda County with more than 226,000 residents and covering 90 square miles. It is an ethnically and racially diverse community with 50 percent of Asian residents. Fremont is recognized as one of the safest in the U.S. when compared with other cities of similar size. This was validated earlier this year by more than 600 Fremont residents responding to a city survey to rate their quality of life including being most satisfied with the city's public safety services such as police and fire. However, even the safest city is not immune to acts of violence. On June 1, 2016 a Fremont patrol officer was shot and critically injured when attempting a traffic stop. As Fremont police converged on the scene to apprehend the suspect, a second officer was shot. By the end of the day, the suspect was found where he'd hidden in a nearby residence and had taken his own life. Both officers are recovering from their injuries.

## 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.)

**Square dancing** for all ages 8 years and up beginning September 8. Join us Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980 or [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com)

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, August 19, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Donations always go down during the summer, so please come donate, bring a friend or family member to the drive and help save a life. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City (PTSCA) annual BBQ fundraiser:** 5:30 to 11 p.m. Sat., Aug. 13, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Advance ticket purchase by Aug. 5. \$55 pp includes dinner, 2 drink tickets and a raffle ticket. BBQ by Tony Machiano's Lickity Spit Team. Live and silent auctions, raffle draws. For information, call Colleen Noble, 408-607-7440; phone payment, call Bernie, 846-4134 after 7 p.m. visit [www.ptsc.org](http://www.ptsc.org)

**Free Natural Healing Arts Classes,** 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 3550 Bernal Ave., Suite 140, Pleasanton. Learn Instant Energy and Quick Stress Reduction, Acupressure for Common Health Concerns, Qigong, Tai Chi and Meditation, Healing Foods, and Buddhist Philosophy Life Coaching. Taught by Experts; Margaret Zhao, Austin Ahern, and Lili Xu. Life Renewing Center, [www.ReallyEnough.com](http://www.ReallyEnough.com). Information, contact at Margaret Zhao [margaret@reallyenough.com](mailto:margaret@reallyenough.com)

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA,** Aug. 10, 1 p.m. lunch and trivia game in Pleasanton, RSVP to Hilda, 398-8808 by Aug. 8. Aug. 14, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP to Marsha, 830-8483 by Aug. 11. Aug. 18, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin. RSVP to Mary, 705-7337 by Aug. 16. Aug. 21, 1 p.m. lunch in Sunol, RSVP to Ruby, 462-9636 by Aug. 18. Aug. 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP to Vickie, 510-656-1166 by Aug. 22. Aug. 28, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP to Athene, 846-0111 by Aug. 25.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society,** meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Aug. 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Linda Harms Okazaki with the topic Angel Island: What records exist and where are they located? Angel Island is the second largest island in San Francisco Bay. Today it is a state park. For thousands of years, it was a site for Native American hunting

and fishing. The island later became a cattle ranch before being occupied by the U.S. Army in 1863. From 1910 to 1940, an immigration station was operated there and in 1954, the transition into a state park. For the meeting visitors are welcome. There is no charge. For additional information, contact Marilyn Glass & Diane Wiedel, program chairs, [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org).

**Armchair Travelers,** at Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 1:30 pm. Geri Wittig will present a slideshow entitled "Peaks, Pyramids, and Pyrotechnics: ¡Viva Mexico!". 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 please call 925 373-5500.

**27th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show,** Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sun., Sept. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Parade of Champions at 3:30 p.m. [www.altamontcruisers.org](http://www.altamontcruisers.org).

**Grief Workshop,** There is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 11 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor Flatley at 846-8708.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed:** to transport seniors to medical appointments. Volunteers chose when they want to drive, where and when, via email. All that is needed is a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Contact Jennifer Cullen for information at 931-5387 or [jcullen@ssptv.org](mailto:jcullen@ssptv.org). Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission Measure BB funds.

**Taste for Giving,** Fertile Ground-Works, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 20. Activities for all ages in Garden of Grace, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, just behind the Asbury Methodist Church. Children's crafts, games, garden tours, silent auction, opportunity drawings, and live music. Food service will begin at 5 p.m. with barbecued meats, garden fresh sides, desserts and nonalcoholic beverages. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available through brown-papertickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2563199](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2563199). More information at [fertilegroundworks.org](http://fertilegroundworks.org)

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

**ClutterLess Self Help Support Group,** nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering

is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Come or call a volunteer at 925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: [www.clutterlesseastbay.org](http://www.clutterlesseastbay.org)

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

**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/ValleyCare Hospital. 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.

**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 technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

**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).

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

**Pleasanton Lions Club** welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for meeting location: Pleasanton. [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)

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

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

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton,** meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd.,



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Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at [www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton](http://www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton) or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**American Legion Post 237**, is looking for new members. Meetings are the sec-

ond Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Bring a copy of discharge document DD-214 to a meeting. Mailing address is Amer. Leg. Post 237, P.O. Box 823, Pleasanton.

**VFW Post 7265, Livermore**, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays, Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. Entrance for activities is on the 5th Street side. Social hour, 6 p.m. for snacks and light refreshments; meetings 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Mondays only; others, 8 to 10 p.m. comradeship time. Information, call 455-5039.

**Pleasanton Military Families** is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact [PMFSG.ca@gmail.com](mailto:PMFSG.ca@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting.

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

**Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton**, meets Fridays at noon at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. This is a Tri-Valley Club with members from Dublin and Livermore, as well as Pleasanton. The motto is "To serve the children of the world." All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at

10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. [www.saintbartholomew.com](http://www.saintbartholomew.com). Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

**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 [pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) for more info.

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

**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** 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**, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Traditional summer worship is at 9:30 a.m., with an evening contemporary service at 5:30 p.m. with videos, refreshments and band. Childcare is provided at the 9:30 a.m. service. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit our website at [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake**, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St: 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

**Livermore Quakers**: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). [www.LivermoreQuakers.com](http://www.LivermoreQuakers.com)

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**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://csllivlighthouse.org>.

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

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

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

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

**GraceWay Church** will worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. until new home is refurbished and updated. Services include band-led worship music, as well as choir anthems. Sunday School for infants, preschoolers and elementary through high school students. GraceWay will move to its new home at 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, later this year. [www.gracewayfaith.org](http://www.gracewayfaith.org) or 846-4436 for information.

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# Milestones



**Mayson Bothwell, the 16 year old daughter of Donnie and Zandi Bothwell, has been selected as Miss Rowell Ranch Junior rodeo queen 2016. She is a fifth-generation Livermore who attends Vineyard High School where she is a junior. She says that she is looking to further her education as a large animal equine veterinarian. Through overnight rodeos, early mornings, and the horse trailer covered in hair spray, there is never a dull moment. Over the past few years, she and her horses have been competing in jr.rodeo events such as goat tying, single stake, and barrels. She states, "I'm proud to be promoting the sport of rodeo and the western way of life." She extends an invitation to all to stop by the Rowell Ranch on August 6 and 7 to watch rodeo action. [www.rowellranchjrodeo.net](http://www.rowellranchjrodeo.net)**

## Lab Researcher Named Howes Scholar Recipient

Lawrence Fellow Aurora Pribram-Jones is one of two recipients of the Howes Scholar award presented by the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE CSGF) Program at its annual program review.

The award, presented July 26, was established to honor Fredrick Anthony Howes, who managed the DOE Applied Mathematical Science Program during the 1990s. Each year a recent graduate of the CSGF program is selected for the award based on his or her demonstrated scientific achievement, leadership and service.

"On a personal level this award makes things different for me," said Pribram-Jones, who is conducting her research with the Quantum Simulations Group at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. "Most of these people would present videos of fluid dynamics at conferences, but I do a lot of paper and pencil work. It's a big honor to receive this award. I don't quite believe it wholeheartedly yet."

Pribram-Jones uses mathematics to computationally predict the basic properties of matter. But if asked about specifics, she will tell you passionately about her interest in potential functional theory, linear response for thermal ensembles and mathematical conditions on finite-temperature exchange-correlation functionals. Her research in these areas has appeared in *Physical Review*, *Journal of Chemical Physics*, and *Annual Reviews of Physical Chemistry*.

In addition to her work with LLNL, Pribram-Jones is a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, and she collaborates with researchers at Harvey Mudd College. Serving as a liaison between research organizations enables her to bridge gaps and further common areas of scientific inquiry.

Pribram-Jones is working with the LLNL HyMARC team, which is part of a consortium of DOE labs focused on advancing solid-state hydrogen storage. She is using calculations from Berkeley to get a focused view of how hydrogen is absorbed into specific sites in a material, and then pairing that view with wider-focused calculations from LLNL. The net result will be a more holistic, multiscale view of material behaviors.

"I love this bridging of different regimes," she said. "I live in between worlds a lot anyway, socially. So for me to be able to that scientifically is amazing. Connecting physics and math and quantum mechanics, that's all about bridging perceived chasms. Being able to capture parts of seemingly disparate worlds is amazing to me."

Pribram-Jones' path to a Ph.D. was not straight and narrow. She left high school at age 15 "because life got complicated," and eventually found herself working in a book store, often staying late to read and satiate her then-lay curiosity with math and science.

"I started getting really excited about the cascades that happen when something like a photon hits your retina," she said. "I figured if I enjoyed that in my off time, I might as well go back to school."

She tested into a science program at a local community college and met a life-changing mentor in a math teacher. A decade and a doctorate degree later, she's earning a slew of prestigious national fellowships.

Her activities in the community include co-founding a program to help senior undergraduates and new graduate students apply for national fellowships at UC Irvine, and mentoring undergraduate mathematicians and scientists at Harvey Mudd and UC Irvine. During her final year at Irvine, she served on the Diverse Educational Communities and Doctoral Experiences (DECADE) Student Council as the Physical Sciences Division representative and volunteered as a teaching assistant for graduate courses.

"I love teaching, and I also hope I get to continue working with the DOE labs," she said. "We need to give students more view into the labs as part of their future. I only learned about the labs because of the fellowship opportunities. Many think academia and industry are their only options. But there are advantages to working at a national lab.

"At Livermore I'm trying to be more computational. It's such a great place to learn from experts. There's so much computation here compared to other places I've been. People are excited by it."

## LPC Foundation Partners with Shea Homes

The Las Positas College (LPC) Foundation formed a new partnership with Shea Homes of Livermore.

As a LPC Foundation Community Partner, Shea Homes underwrote the production of the summer musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" performed July 28-31 at the campus' outdoor amphitheater. The sponsorship also provides support for the annual President's Speaker Series, Scholarship and Awards Ceremony and the Best of the Best fundraising event in the spring.

"We are proud to partner with nationally recognized home builder Shea Homes," said Las Positas College

Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. "Their generous investment in LPC will help provide our students with exceptional educational experiences that will also enrich and benefit the community."

David Best, Community Development Manager at Shea Homes, added, "Las Positas College plays a significant role in our community. We believe that an investment in the College is an investment in all of us. As a home builder, we want the best for our customers and that is exactly what a Las Positas College education provides."

## MILITARY

U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman Tyrone Jereza graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Jereza is the son of Fe and Rodolfo Jereza of Daly City, Calif., and brother of Sarah Corpuz of Pleasanton. He graduated in 1993 from Quezon City Science High School, Quezon City, Philippines.