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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.

Water Quality is Factor for Trees, Plants in Drought

By Ron McNicoll

Saving trees takes some care and attention. However, it can be accomplished in a drought with relatively little water.

The best way to water a mature tree is to use once or twice a month a soaker hose or a drip system snaked around in a spiral away from

the tree trunk out to the edge of the branches' canopy. Using a hose faucet timer, sold at most hardware stores, can prevent overwatering, according to Save Our Water, a non-profit.

Young trees need five gallons of water two to four times per week. A small watering basin for a tree may

be created by putting a small berm of dirt around it.

Other tips include adding six inches of mulch, which helps soil retain moisture. Do not over-prune trees during a drought; it stresses trees. Water saved in a bucket can be used to water trees, as long as it is free of non-biodegradable soaps or

shampoo.

Some homeowners are picking up recycled water at the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and Livermore plants, and using it on their gardens. Residents should be aware that it contains 150 to 200 parts per million more of total dissolved salts than

potable water.

The saltier water can have a negative impact on salt-sensitive trees such as redwoods, said Pleasanton arborist Michael Santos. He also named beech, birch, and Japanese maples, and the shrubs azalea, photinia, rhododendron and camellia.

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Dublin School Trustee Resigns

Trustee Sean Kenney has resigned from the Dublin Unified School District board effective July 31, 2015.

In a letter to the Board of Trustees, district Superintendent Stephen Hanke and Alameda County Superintendent L. Karen Monroe, Kenney cited personal and employment reasons for his decision. He served as a Trustee for the district from December 2010 to July 2015.

Kenney said: "After five years in office, I am stepping down from the DUSD Board of Trustees. My work commitments have been escalating over the last year, and I have not been able to keep up with everything that needs to be taken care of as a Trustee. I am proud of my record on helping all students in my approach to every issue we debated as a Board. I will miss working with the staff, students and leadership of the district and wish them the best as they work on behalf of public education."

Kenney was elected to the Board in November 2010. He served as Board President in 2014 and was re-elected to his seat in November 2014. During his time on the Board, he completed his Masters in Governance from the California School Board Association (CSBA).

The Board of Trustees will immediately begin the process of replacing Kenney.

Sick Frogs Stymie Fish Ladder Project

Two species of frogs in Sunol Regional Park's Little Yosemite canyon are supposed to leave their homes in and around Alameda Creek to make way for a fish ladder. The ladder will help steelhead migrate upstream for spawning.

The federally listed red-legged frog and the yellow-legged frog, a candidate for listing, are the affected species.

The frogs have to leave what will become a noisy, disturbed site where workers will alter the stream bed's rocks and pools. The changes will enable the steelhead to gain better leverage to make their jumps, and eventually move upstream beyond the park.

However, the frogs are sick with a fungus infection. Environmentalists are afraid moving the frogs to another environment would affect amphibians there.

The plan to move them has been appealed by the

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A signpost at Max Baer Park lists the locations where teams playing in the Intermediate Little League World Series come from. For more photos, go to page 6.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Software Development Offers Huge Opportunities for the Future

The development of software provides a huge opportunity for the future as the connectivity between humans and machines grows. One example already making news involves self-driving cars. It is predicted that similar software innovations will ignite the next industrial revolution involving avia-

tion, health care, oil and gas exploration and transportation, among others.

An excess of data will be required to train a machine. Software innovation will be needed to prepare the data to drive a machine. It was also predicted that in the future computers would be built differently in order

to accommodate what was referred to as the "internet of things." Security will be one of the issues.

Those were just some of the observations made last Thursday during the annual Innovation Tri-Valley luncheon held at the Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. The theme was Software Stars

of the Tri-Valley.

During the introductions, Pleasanton Director of Economic Development Pamela Ott pointed out that Pleasanton saw \$1.7 billion in venture capital investment over the last year with more than 25% going to software.

Two panels, moderated

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Vallecitos Acreage Planned For Sale

GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy would like to sell 610 acres of its 1,600 Vallecitos site southwest of Livermore.

The property is located where General Electric operated four small boiling-water reactors starting in the 1950s, pioneering industrial uses of atomic energy, such as the manufacture of medical radioisotopes and the first nuclear contributions to the nation's electrical grid.

Today, the entire site is operated under the watchful eye of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which governs commercial nuclear energy in the U.S. and which has approval authority regarding the proposed sale. Before making a decision, the NRC is asking for public comment not later than October 5.

Only one of the reactors remains in operation and only a "few hundred acres" are needed for nuclear operations, according to Christopher White, a spokesperson for GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy.

The rest of the land is unused or is leased to ranchers for cattle grazing. There is no need for the company to own it all, he said.

GE-Hitachi is a 2007 joint venture of General Electric and Hitachi, the Japanese industrial giant.

About 100 GE-Hitachi employees work at the Vallecitos site, half of them recently moved from leased offices in San Jose. Current efforts include providing radiography services

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Wind Turbine Ends Golden Eagle's Saga

By Carol Graham

For 86 days, she soared over the Livermore Valley, her seven-foot wingspan a deep golden brown against blue summer skies.

A satellite telemetry device, #7833, tracked her travels from Mount Diablo to Sunol and the Pleasanton Ridge to the Altamont Pass.

But on July 25, the rehabilitated golden eagle's life came to a heartbreaking, premature end.

She was found on the ground by two power workers at an older wind turbine farm in the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. She was alive, but unable to fly.

Her wing had been struck and badly damaged by a wind turbine. The workers took her to Lindsay Wildlife Experience in Walnut Creek for treatment.

"They had seen her trying to fly, and flopping on the ground," said Lindsay's Executive Director Norma Bishop. "Our veterinarians described her wing as shredded - bones were broken and missing. Once they realized how badly she was injured and that any attempt to save her would be futile, only prolonging her suffering, they euthanized her."

The news devastated

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The eagle is held by Marcia Metzler during examination at Lindsay Wildlife Hospital.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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and generating industrial radioisotopes, particularly cobalt-60 for tumor therapy and sterilization of medical instruments.

GE-Hitachi also leases laboratory space at Vallecitos to another high tech firm, Schafer Corp.

Comments on the pro-

posed sale should be made by October 5. They may be sent by mail to Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop OWFN-H08, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; or by email to Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Bill Introduced

U.S. Representatives Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Richard Hudson (R-NC), and Elise Stefanik (R-NY) have introduced H.R. 3280, the bipartisan Widening Internet Readiness for Employment Development (WIRED) Act to help students, veterans, the unemployed, and the underemployed in their job search.

This bill directs the Department of Labor (DOL) to create guidelines for One-Stop Career Center websites to dramatically improve their design and offer job-seeking services virtually.

"You can't train and assist a 21st century workforce with 20th century tools. In 2015, a job-seeker should not have to walk into a One-Stop Career Center to get resume or cover letter assistance when the tools exist to provide these services on a standard website," explained Swalwell. "This bipartisan legislation makes a commonsense fix to help job-searchers more easily access the skills and preparation they need to find a job."

There are over 3,000 Department of Labor (DOL) One-Stop Career Centers across the country. The WIRED Act would direct the Department of Labor to create quality standards for local One-Stop location websites and require these centers to offer certain job seeking services virtually.

Anniversary of Bombings

Daniel Ellsberg, A-bomb Survivor Takashi Tanemori, Country Joe McDonald will take part in the 70th Anniversary Hiroshima Commemoration, Protest & Nonviolent Direct Action at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Northern California peace advocates will mark the historic 70th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The event will take place Thurs., August 6, 2015. A rally will begin at 8 a.m. An A-bomb survivor from Hiroshima will speak at 8:15 a.m., the moment the first atomic bomb used in war exploded over the city. At 9 a.m. there will be a procession to the Livermore Lab's West Gate, followed by a traditional Japanese Bon dance, and the chalking of human bodies on the pavement to mimic the vaporized shadows of human beings left on the streets of Hiroshima and Nagasaki after the atomic bombings. Those who choose will peacefully risk arrest. Others will offer witness and support.

Participants will meet at the corner of Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads in Livermore. The procession, led by Buddhist drummers, will go south down Vasco Road to Westgate Drive.

For more information, to to www.trivalleycares.org

Partnership to Build Bridge Over Arroyo

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will partner with the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) for the construction of a new bridge in Sycamore Grove Park.

The LARPD board of directors authorized the general manager to enter into the agreement at last week's meeting. The bridge is necessary to provide year-round passage over the Arroyo Del Valle. The bridge also completes a major connection of the Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Regional Trail.

A feasibility study and conceptual design, funded by TVC and the East Bay Regional Park District, was completed in February. It identified the best location for the bridge, as well as an access trail to the exist-

ing amphitheater. It will be moved just a little to the north.

The next step in the process will involve additional field investigation of the preferred site to determine if building a bridge there is feasible. Once a final site has been selected, the final design work will be undertaken.

TVC will take the lead in managing the project and will take on the responsibility of developing the final design, obtaining funding and completing construction. LARPD will approve the final design and provide \$100,000 toward the project, with TVC committed to obtaining the remaining amount, estimated to be \$500,000.

TVC Executive Direc-

tor Laura Mercier said that TVC's directors were in unanimous support of the project. "The request for proposals is ready to go out."

In other action, the Directors approved the Eleventh Amendment to the Employment Agreement between LARPD and the General Manager Tim Barry. The modifications include extending the terms of the agreement through June 17, 2018; a 3.5 percent cost-of-living increase to salary; a 10 percent market

adjustment in salary; and other adjustments in line with the already-approved compensation package for managers.

The new Human Resources Manager Denise Deprato was introduced. She comes to LARPD from the City of Sacramento Human Resources Department. She has a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in business from Bellevue University, Nebraska. She has also served in the U.S. Air Force.

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international organization Save the Frogs, and the Alameda Creek Alliance.

The project's sponsor, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), owns Calaveras Dam and reservoir, is improving the dam, and has agreed to build the fish ladder.

SFPUC wants to complete its projects on time, and is in talks with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and other agencies to try to resolve the new problem of sick frogs. However, SFPUC says that there definitely is a commitment to build the fish ladder. The district won't give

up that commitment, said Tim Ramirez, the SFPUC division manager for natural resources and lands management. The agency intends to complete its obligation in a timely way, said Ramirez. SFPUC will not delay for a long time.

Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance, objects to moving the frogs because it would infect other populations. Further, he said he is not sure that the project would even be needed, since it's not clear to him that the ladder would help trout to migrate at low flows.

The San Francisco Planning Department is in charge of reviewing the project.

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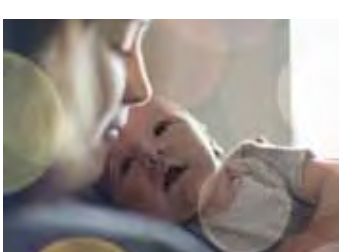




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EDITORIAL

Councilman Gary Scornful Of Speakers at Meeting

When Livermore City Councilmember Stewart Gary feels that he is not prevailing on an important issue, he scorns those with whom he disagrees. He attacks them personally, not just their arguments.

In the matter before the council last May 18 involving the expansion of off-highway vehicle use into a previously unused 3000 acre site, he suggested that his fellow council members had colluded prior to the meeting. He encouraged citizens to use the Public Records Act to have their emails searched. Collusion of the three council members would have been a serious violation of the Brown Act. The investigation found that his supposition was totally false.

At the last City Council meeting on July 27, he targeted speakers addressing the council on what they would like to see included as uses in a request for proposal (RFP) for two downtown sites belonging to the City of Livermore. Finding himself on the defensive, he portrayed the speakers as children looking for gifts unaware of the City's financial responsibilities.

Those providing input on the RFP included Bill Goldstein, Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; John Sensiba, Chair of Innovation Tri-Valley; Chris Chandler, Executive Director of Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; and Barbara Steinfeld, CEO of Visit Tri-Valley, as well as numerous arts community leaders, businesses and interested citizens.

Many specifically opposed extensive condo development in the center of the downtown. A large number of the speakers stated that a hotel/conference center would be beneficial to the city. Statistics were cited showing the current 88% occupancy rate at Tri-Valley hotels as a basis for believing an upscale, full service destination hotel/conference center would be viable. Bookings over 70% are considered excess demand. Citizens noted that those attending conferences would help to boost the economy. Livermore is losing conference business to nearby cities.

In response, Gary stated, "I kind of feel like Santa Claus. You know, all the kids just came and sat on the lap and said, 'This is what we want.'" Hello. Of all the speakers tonight how many people understand how a municipal budget works? How do you understand how we pay for public services? There's only 8 acres out there. Only 8 acres. It's the last, best income producing general government revenue acreage we have."

Gary noted, that this downtown development has to turn a profit. "The last thing this councilmember is going to want to do is to put a council chambers and some conference space downtown that doesn't turn a nickel."

Looking back, he said that ten years ago, the city put housing on some of the dirt, because property taxes on condo units pay more than empty conference space.

At another point in the discussion, he stated, "We understand the economics up here."

At the very end of his extended comments, Gary appeared to tip his hat to the speakers by saying that the RFP should be "ramped up."

Gary chose to ignore the depth of the information respectfully provided by the public. Because Livermore is a destination, an upscale, full-service hotel/conference center would be well filled. It would pay room taxes, and increase sales and property taxes in the surrounding area. It would meet the needs of the labs, wineries, corporations, Premium Outlets, arts organizations, downtown businesses and residents more than a small hotel and six acres of downtown condos. After all, residential development needs expensive services, such as schools.

Gary faced a roomful of community leaders and residents who gave information, even statistics, regarding their ability to fill an upscale hotel/conference center. To downplay their statements, he discredits them by comparing them to children sitting on his lap, as if he were Santa Claus. His condescending attitude ill befits a councilmember.

SOFTWARE

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by Peter Burrows from Bloomberg News, were comprised of representatives from businesses, both large and small, as well as the national laboratories.

The first panel dealt with the topic Software - Partnerships Key to an Innovative Energy. Panel members included Jackie Chen, Sandia National Laboratories; Roy Neely and Fred Streitz, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and Rob Sadow from Scoop, a start-up company.

The second group focused on Tri-Valley Software Driving the World. Panelists included Marty Beard, Blackberry; Tim Cabral, Veeva Systems; Ray O'Connor, Topcon; Rahul Parikh, the Permanent Medical Group; and Brad Surak, GE Software.

Chen, a combustion scientist, is involved in combustion simulation in an effort to produce more fuel efficient combustors.

Neely deals with developing applications that drive the high speed computers at the Lab.

Sadow's start-up focuses on trip sharing as a way to save money, as well as reduce the impact of commuting on the environment. The goal is to have the majority of commuters share rides to work. He said that he focused on Pleasanton as a place for his start-up because there are forward thinking companies in the forefront of solving issues for their employees located there.

Streitz, director of the high performance computing center at the Lab, noted that a work force would be needed to exploit the capabilities of the high performance computers that would allow industry to take advantage of the innovations that result.

Throughout the presentations, the issue of finding the necessary talent to develop innovative ideas, as well as to advance ideas already in the works, came up over and over. It's not just about computation. The future includes ground breaking work that will include interdisciplinary teams involving math, science, engineering and the liberal arts.

Neely stated, "It's a big challenge. We are in a growth period at the Lab and are trying to do a lot of hiring. Supply and demand is the problem. There are not enough graduates with computation skills. Salary pressures and housing prices impact the Lab's ability to hire workers."

He added that the Lab is still considered to be an attractive place to work. "The weather is good. It is a happening place."

Chen said it is difficult to attract scientists with expertise in combustion. However, Sandia has been using post-docs. In addition, the Department of Energy has funded workforce development programs. In general, software and data talent are hard to fund. The fact that the laboratories offer a different environment is one area that allows Sandia to compete. She stated, "Re-

searchers are able to relax and think and are not pressured to deliver a product tomorrow."

Streitz agreed. "That's how we compete. The Lab work environment is one where work is conducted to solve problems that researchers can't touch anywhere else on earth. The Tri-Valley is a great place with a community oriented environment. We exploit those factors."

Cabral said there is competition for talent. The effort on the part of his company has been to differentiate between those who would live and work in the Tri-Valley rather than get on BART. "We want them to stay in Pleasanton. It is a struggle every day to find the people."

GE software made the decision to locate in San Ramon because of the talent pool on hand, looking for those with 15 to 20 years of experience. The work force has grown from 10 people to 1200 in 3.5 years. Quality of life offered here and meaningful problems for people to solve have made it possible to attract those employees. However, as the business is up to scale, there is difficulty in attracting young talent.

O'Connor said that Topcon markets the Tri-Valley by talking about cutting down on commutes resulting in more family life. The issues Topcon faces involve the cost of living and the huge salaries paid by businesses such as Google and Apple.

O'Connor stated that the "internet of things" is happening, meaning that machines are connected. It is possible to know where machines are and to see the machines work in real time.

Asked about the computing initiative introduced by the Department of Energy, Neely said that this is the first time there has been a statement from the federal government that high performance capacity is important to an innovation initiative.

He referred to the creation of a national strategic computing initiative announced recently by the President. The goal is to maximize benefits of high-performance computing (HPC) research, development, and deployment. In his announcement, President Obama said that maximizing the benefits of HPC in the coming decades will require an effective national response to increasing demands for computing power, emerging technological challenges and opportunities, and growing economic dependency on and competition with other nations.

Neely said that there are not enough people with needed skills in university pipelines to drive innovation. HFC will keep the US at the forefront of high performance computing capability. However, China, Russia and India are nipping at our heels.

He predicted a big data explosion, with a synergy involving high speed computing and simulation. He

said of the announcement, "This is the first time in over a decade that there has been an effort to make high performance computers available to all segments. I think we will see a big impact on funding."

Streitz commented that in the future computers that now fill a room will be able to fit in our kids' pockets. "Privacy is an issue. With the merger of computation and simulation, computers are becoming harder to use. The nation, as a whole, needs to become more computer literate."

At one point, he described how computation and simulation have made it possible to model a human heart as it is beating. The resolution achieved makes it possible to distinguish between hearts.

Beard, COO of Blackberry, noted that the focus of the company is developing security software.

Cabral described his company, Veeva System, as working to use cloud solutions to get life saving drugs to market and once in the market, help to get the word out about the product.

Topcon's O'Connor noted that the automation of industry, including agriculture and construction machines, have been the driving principle in the company's growth.

Parikh, said that an obsession about delivering care at Kaiser drives innovation. Privacy is an issue in providing care over the internet. He noted that virtual visits in 2008 were at 8 million a year; now Kaiser is getting closer to 10 million a year. The goal is to attain high quality care and the access desired by patients. Customer behavior will drive what happens. One issue to be determined is how payment

is made for a virtual visit. Surak, noted that four years ago GE software employed ten people. The goal was to ignite the next industrial revolution through the use of the internet, producing smarter machines that connect with people.

Beard predicted the "mother of all tech waves," would involve digitizing the physical world. The volume will be unbelievable; a lot of it is not secure. He told the story of hiring a hacker to hack into a drug infusion pump. The person was able to impact the level of morphine being administered to a patient by going in through a wifi connection.

Surak, said he could relate similar scary stories with regard to cybersecurity. "If a product isn't secure, it doesn't matter how good it is." He saw a growth at GE in creating its own software. We can't afford to wait for a vendor to bring the answers because data is so important to operations and power generation. GE is building a platform that has access to data as a machine is running and has the ability to determine how much power can be generated. "It's an issue of profitability."

Beard said there is a need for employees to be creative in how the dots are connected, they need to see patterns someone else may miss. Some of these come from liberal arts backgrounds.

Cabral said they do look for STEM graduates, but take into account other factors. For example, they look at people who who when they were kids built their own projects. He advised students to be active, round themselves out. There is a need to be practical while still engaging in critical thinking.

WATER

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Santos said that recycled water used on salt-sensitive plants could lead to leaf burn at the edge of leaves, leaf drop, stunted growth, branch dieback and death.

Using recycled water is a complex topic, said Santos. It's important to use recycled water for the landscapes that tolerate it, but for a large number of plants and trees, critical levels of salt tolerance has yet to be established.

For people motivated to read about salt tolerance for various trees and plants, Santos said that an excellent source is "Abiotic Disorders of Landscape Plants."

It was published in 2003 by University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Publication No. 3420).

In San Ramon, two city parks with redwood trees have been using recycled water. The city has found problems with redwoods in those two parks -- Richard Fahey Park and Byron Athan Downs. A third park with redwoods, Central Park, uses potable water, and also water from a well on location, and has not had problems, said public services director Karen McNamara. Eventually, recycled water

will be used in Central Park.

Water for the Fahey and Athan parks comes from the DERWA project, a joint production of DSRSD and EBMUD. Before the parks were irrigated, EBMUD conducted a soils study; then followed up a few years later with another study, said McNamara.

There are studies for both the soil condition before and after a few years of usage. In the "after" study, "the salt content (in both parks) was off the charts," said McNamara.

Asked whether any redwoods are in danger, McNamara said, "We can see that they are declined, and seem to be getting a little worse each year."

DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczyk said that it may be true that in a normal rain year, recycled water may easily be leached down into the soil, and not give a redwood's shorter area roots a salt problem. However, the drought has prevented any such cleansing, he said.

Also of concern is that the Delta, which brings most of the Valley's potable water, becomes saltier in the drought. That can be a contributor, too, he stated.

MAILBOX

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Downtown Livermore Ileyne Moore Livemore

A few suggestions for the Downtown Livermore Project:

On Main Street we need a promenade for the people between South Livermore Ave. and South "L" Street.

The former "Lucky" sight should become a Town Square for people to enjoy the only open space left in downtown Livermore. I'm sure the right architect could design a Town Square with

parking included.

Parking is a major issue! What are your plans? I came up with a sensible one!

Let's say "NO" to more Condos and "NO" to a High Rise Hotel in downtown with a conference room for outside business use. We have an abundance of hotels, event centers and conference rooms in and around Livermore. It would only add to the already congested downtown.

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Red Leaves on Oaks Are Galls, Not Holly Berries



Alameda County Fire Department Engineer Jim Derickson is pictured with Supervisor Scott Haggerty.



Livermore Police Chief Mike Harris accepting award for Sgt. Briggs from Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

Supervisor Recognizes Two First Responders

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty recognized a police officer from the Livermore Police Department and a member of the Alameda County Fire Department as the recipients of the 2015 Law Enforcement Officer and the 2015 Fire Fighter of the Year Awards at Haggerty's 19th annual barbecue held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton last week.

"I am pleased to honor public safety personnel with this award," said Haggerty. "The sacrifices and contributions of our firefighters and law enforcement officers are not taken for granted and this is a small but special gesture to highlight these heroes."

Receiving the 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Sergeant Elaine Briggs of the Livermore Police Department. Sergeant Briggs has served 15 years in the LPD, rising through the ranks of patrol officer, Field Training Officer, and Detective before her promotion as sergeant.

While serving in the Criminal Investigations Bureau, Sergeant Briggs became one of the most tenured detectives in the history of the Livermore Police Department. Sergeant Briggs earned an outstanding reputation solving an array of cases ranging from robberies to financial crimes. The most recent case involved an employee of a local bank forging the signature of an elderly customer, draining his bank account of his life savings. Even after his death, the man's daughter encountered continued resistance from the bank in investigating the suspected crime, until Sergeant Briggs was assigned the case. Her involvement resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator and after months of court appearances, the defendant accepted a guilty plea to three felony counts including grand theft and elder abuse.

"Sergeant Briggs demonstrated not only professionalism and dedication to solving this case but also empathy towards the victim and his family," said Haggerty. "With a growing population of aging adults many of which are vulnerable to such crimes, the public is well served by officers such as Sergeant Briggs."

Engineer Jim Derickson of the Alameda County Fire Department is recognized with the 2015 Firefighter of the Year award. Derickson has been with ACFD since February 1993. Originally hired by the Eden Consolidated Fire Protection District, five months later the Alameda County Board of Supervisors established the district as the Alameda County Fire Department. In March 1999 Jim was promoted to Fire Engineer responsible for ensuring fire equipment is well-maintained, functioning and readily available for firefighting activities. Jim's mechanical aptitude earned him the respect of fellow firefighters and a well-deserved reputation throughout the organization for the care and reliability of its life-saving equipment. In addition to his routine duties, Derickson has taken on the challenge of restoring the ACFD's 1915 Seagrave Fire Engine and 1935 Ford Fire Engine, beautiful relics of the ACFD firefighting heritage. Jim Derickson, himself is of firefighter heritage with his father having served in the City of Berkeley Fire Department, his brother also an ACFD firefighter serving the City of Newark and the newest member joining the ACFD firefighter family this year, his son Brian.

"We are fortunate to find among firefighter ranks, generations of families who strengthen the image of the firefighting profession as one of sacrifice, contribution and purpose," said Haggerty. "Engineer Derickson epitomizes the legacy of this heritage."

Scott Haggerty represents the First District communities of Fremont, Livermore, Dublin and the eastern unincorporated areas on the five-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

As many Tri Valley hikers, horseback riders and picnickers have observed this summer, a remarkable profusion of red growths are covering the leaves of many local oak trees, particularly the blue oaks at Del Valle, Sunol and other parks. Some park visitors have compared the look to that of holly berries at Christmas.

The growths are oak galls, which have been part of the California ecosystem for thousands of years.

According to experts at the UC-Berkeley's Essig Museum of Entomology, the galls are triggered by insects – stingless wasps, which lay their eggs in or on oak leaves with a chemical that takes over the leaf's local chemistry and stimulates the growth of a protective shell for the larvae that will follow.

There are many hundreds of varieties of these gall wasps, more than entomologists have been able to identify, according to the experts. It is clear, however, that the wasps are highly particular in choosing leaves to lay their eggs on.

The look and size of the galls vary greatly with the specific wasp and its leaf.

The red galls that are so visible this summer are found on blue oaks, typically from one of three tiny wasps called cynipids, according to Katherine Schick, a research specialist at the Essig.

Galls that look like red fuzzy caterpillars come from crystalline gall wasps, she said. These can cover the



Crystalline oak galls cover the leaves of many blue oak trees

entire underside of a leaf. Small red growths that look like sea urchins are produced by urchin gall wasps. Tiny galls that look like red chocolate kisses come from the red cone gall wasp.

To a passerby, the red galls give the impression of temporary decorations, odd if striking intruders in the canopy of the oak. Many other galls are too small or dull in color to be noticed.

All of them are, however, an integral and lasting part of the complex ecosystem made possible by the oak and its canopy, an ecosystem that includes visible inhabitants like birds and squirrels.

According to a 2009 article in Bay Nature magazine, California's 22 species of oak tree support more than 200 species of cynipid gall wasps. Half of those oak species are found in or near

the Tri-Valley in lands managed by East Bay Regional Park District, including the blue oaks now experiencing the heavy gall infestations.

Gall wasps have a strange, two-part life cycle, with an all-female population producing both males and females, which generate a new population of females only, according to US Department of Agriculture guide to diseases and insects found in California oak.

Online publications as well as sources at Berkeley suggest that in a normal year, the galls cause little if any harm to the oaks. This year, however, the story may be different because they are adding to the stress brought on by the extreme drought, according to Essig Museum supervisor and collections manager Peter Oboyski.

A weakened tree's en-

ergy and resources, which might otherwise be going to strengthen the roots and other structures that are crucial to the tree's survival, are instead being diverted to generate tissue that protects thousands upon thousands of wasp larvae.

Michelle Hammond, a botanist who works at East Bay Regional Park District as well as at UC-Berkeley, agrees that the galls may be further weakening drought-stricken trees. "Probably climate change and drought trump everything," she said.

Still, even during years with normal weather patterns, "there can be cycles" of larger insect populations followed by fewer, rich acorn years followed by lean years. That's not all bad, she said. "Galls are beneficial to other life, like a chickadee sitting in an oak, picking off the wasps as they come out."

Hope Hospice Recognizes Volunteer

JoAnne Revelli, a resident of Livermore, was recently named Hope Hospice Volunteer of the Quarter. She began volunteering at Hope Hospice in 2008 for the Children's Bereavement Group, and has volunteered 128 hours.

"Being a volunteer for Hope Hospice has been a most rewarding and satisfying experience for me," says Revelli. "Whether I'm working with children who have suffered a loss or coordinating donations for The Hike for Hope event, it brings me tremendous amount of satisfaction to know that I'm able to give back to the community through a wonderful organization – Hope Hospice."

Revelli explains, "Six years ago, I got involved with The Hike for Hope – first as a volunteer on the day of the event, then later on the planning committee. Knowing that the annual hike was one of Hope Hospice's major fundraising campaigns, I have continued to serve on the committee to help with the future success of this very important event." The Hike for Hope is one of Hope Hospice's major fundraising events. Getting into the fund-



JoAnne Revelli with her Hope Hospice teammates.

raising spirit of the event, JoAnne formed Revelli Team Hope, raising \$2,325 with her group of hikers and capturing the award for Second Place Team Captain. Individually, Joanne raised \$1,030 and received the distinction of being named First Place Individual Hiker.

Adding to that, JoAnne knocked on the doors of businesses in the Tri-Valley to solicit in-kind donations

that had a collective value of more than \$5,000. Some of the items were used as refreshments for hikers, and

others such as wine tastings, jewelry, and local dining were part of the raffle that hikers were able to enjoy.

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SPORTS NOTES



The game featuring East against District 57 was won by the East, 9 to 7.



Action in the game that saw Minnesota defeat Hawaii, 9 to 5.



Livermore welcomed eleven Little League teams from all over the world to the city with a parade down First Street last Saturday. The teams are in town to take part in the Intermediate Little League World Series. Following the parade, teams were introduced and team members were presented with special medals. Five are international teams, six represent regions of the United States. The action got underway on Sunday with a game between the Central Region (Minnesota) and the West Region (Hawaii). Minnesota won by a 9 to 5 score. The host District 57 Little League representative from Danville was edged by the Eastern Region team from New York, 8 to 7, in the second game of the day. On Monday, South Korea, from the Asia Pacific Region, shutout the Czech Republic (Euro-Africa), 17 to 0. Another shutout followed with Texas from the Southwest Region defeating Minnesota 3 to 0. The Southeast Region team from Florida shutout the New York team 8 to 0. Tuesday's action got underway with the U.S. Virgin Islands, representing Latin America taking on Quebec, the team from Canada, with the Virgin Islands winning 9 to 2. The day continued with a game between Minnesota and Danville, ending with a New York- Hawaii matchup. Games are played at Max Baer Park in Livermore, 1310 Murdell Lane. Admission to the games is free. There are food trucks, food booths and the snack bar will be in operation. The International and US champions will play for the title at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 8. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN. The Challenger game will take place on Friday, Aug. 7 at 10:30 am. A team from CA District 8 (Stockton) will play the team from CA District 67 (Tracy). The brackets and all other items, such as game time, scores and updates, can be found at www.lliws.org site.



Fans rooting for Hawaii brought sugar cane to wave for luck.

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The Livermore Fusion U13 Girl's Maroon Team took home the championship trophy from the Suntan Classic tournament held in Sacramento over the weekend. Livermore's stellar defensive team of Emily Krakoski, Sarah Lopez-Quintana and goalie Kelsey Hoopes allowed only one score in four games. Livermore won the title in the closing seconds when Danielle Castro passed to Lily Redell who popped it in seconds before the whistle for the 1-0 win over El Dorado. It was an all out effort by every single player in 90 plus degree temperatures and smoke-filled skies. Pictured is the winning Fusion team coached by Alec Taylor, (bottom row, from left) Erin Murphy, Lindsey Sutton, Shae Hill, Danielle Castro, Brooke Eddy, Kylie Neubauer, Lily Redell; (top row) Jessica Vasquez, Nina Fillari, Kendall Sutton, Kelsey Hoopes, Kayla Galo, Emily Krakoski and Sarah Lopez-Quintana.



Pleasanton Rage U10 White won all four of its matches to take first place in the Rage College Showcase Tournament. They repeated the accomplishment at the Mustang Stampede tournament this past weekend, winning all four matches to take the championship. Coached by Nick Mangiardi and Dave Shaw, the team includes Avalon Kenitzer (Ava, Brooklyn Still, Ellie White, Julia Lindstrom, Lauren Grgurina, Layla Armas, MacKenzie Wright, Savannah Warner, Savannah Battaion, Siena Hunter, Siena Queirolo, and Sienna Flores.



Granada Little League 2015 11 year old Black Team took first place in the Tassajara Valley Turf & Dirt Tournament in Danville this past week, ending their 4th and final tournament for July. Pictured are (bottom) Andrew Berg, Jordan Fritz, Jake Fields, Darren Dangler; (second row) Alex Clouser, Hayden Williams, Neil Shah, Mathieu Rocheleau, Aiden Ott, Colin Pearce, Aidan Buenrostro, Mason Newbould; (last row) Coaches: Steve Fields, Mike Fritz, Dany Rocheleau, and Eric Berg.



The Pleasanton Rage U9 Orange captured the 2015 Pleasanton Rage Showcase. The team, coached by Axel Thibodeau, went undefeated (4-0) to win the championship. Following the Spring season, where the girls played up at U10, this was their first time playing at their age group level. They beat Santa Rosa, Clovis, and Mustang Mercury before heading into the championship game against Mustang's #1 team, Xplosion. Led on offense by Giana Owens, Giana Guerrero, Riley Horn and Aishwarya Anburaja - the girls went ahead early with two quick goals. Alden Hofstede, Ava Haviley and Aleka Mandava held down the midfield; while Abby Mai, Eva Torrico, Presley Cash and Reese Gotchall's stellar defense limited Mustang's scoring opportunities. At full time the game was 3-1, Orange on top and riding momentum into the Fall season.



The Pleasanton Rage U11 Orange team won the 2015 Santa Cruz Breakers Cup - Premier Division. The team, coached by Darin Preszler, went undefeated to win the championship. Together with her tremendous defenders, goalkeeper Elizabeth Fineberg did not allow a single goal in four games. On the offensive side of the field, Mia Corpuz, Emma Fuller, Alura Hagan Kaitlin Lemus, Alana Owens, Shiranika Rajsekar, and Kiana Tahmassebi were tenacious in their possession of the ball, passing and communication. The defenders, Casey Currie, Ava Hofstede, Paige Morgan, Kelly Queen, and Elizabeth Williams, were relentless in keeping the ball on the opponents' side of the field and pressuring the other team to turn the ball over. In pool play, RAGE outscored their opponents 7-0 with goals by Emma Fuller, Alura Hagan, Alana Owens, and Kiana Tahmassebi. The team won the championship game against Davis Legacy 1-0 with seamless defense and a second half goal by Emma Fuller. Winning the tournament was a tremendous team effort, and all the girls were instrumental in winning the trophy.



Guardian Knights Wrestling Club participants in Fargo, North Dakota Nationals Wrestling Tournament were Jack Kilner, Ahmet Gueye, Conner Bartlik, Anthony Martinez, Dustin Dukleth, Jerrod DeLaTorre, Logan Atchinson, Justin Phillips, and Briar Edwards. Not pictured Jonah Perez.

CYO Cross Country

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

vidual or as a foursome. Sponsorships at four different levels are available. For more info and to register, go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org.

Adult Basketball

Registration is underway for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Fall 2015 Adult Basketball League. Games begin on Sept. 20. High and low divisions are offered. Fee is \$495 per team (based on 6-team leagues, 10 games plus playoffs for the top four teams).

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

For information, contact Kacy Silva, ksilva@larpd.org or 373-5733.

Mavericks Fastpitch

Mavericks Fastpitch is a youth Fastpitch travel ball organization based out of Livermore. It is currently scheduling tryouts for players born in 2002 & 2003 for this upcoming Fall season. The program includes both indoor training and field training throughout the year. The organization supports ASA, USSSA, NSA and PGF tournaments. To schedule a tryout send email to mavsoftball1121@gmail.com

Softball Tryouts

The Bears Softball Association is conducting tryouts for all teams (12U, 14U, 16U, and 18Gold) for its Fall Season. Tryouts will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 & 16, at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. 12U/14U tryouts from 9am - noon; 16U/18G tryouts 1-4pm both days. Visit www.bears-softball.com for required forms.

Adult Softball

Looking for Adult Softball Players ages 18 and up (Men & Women) Levels ranging from lower competitive coed to competitive men's. Season runs until mid-October on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. If interested, contact: Michael Garza at mgarza@larpd.org or 925-373-5731

Fall Softball

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

Golf Tournament

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

Golf Tournament

Join Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation on the links at Castlewood Country Club on Monday, September 21 for their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m. Awards, appetizers and cocktails are at 5:00 p.m. Castlewood Country Club is located at 707 Country Club Circle in Pleasanton. Participation will help make a difference in the lives of cancer patients in the Tri-Valley. Registration includes a round of 18 holes, awards, cocktails and appetizers. Register as an indi-

Top Soccer

Fusion Soccer Club is launching its 2nd year of Top Soccer, a soccer program for young athletes with disabilities.

Every week, the players improved on skill, focus and team bonding. The vision of this program was to first allow all children, regardless of ability, to play the game of soccer. Secondly, Fusion SC wanted the parents to have an opportunity to relax and enjoy

watching their children play and have fun while learning a skill.

For more information go to www.fusionsc.org

Thunder Sox Tryouts

Thunder Sox baseball team will hold fall team tryouts, 9U-14U on Sun., Aug. 16 and Sun., Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Bill Payne Fields, Patterson Pass Road, Livermore. www.tsobaseball.com

Granada Rider Competes in North American Championships

Granada High School senior Shelby Rocereto and her horse traveled to Lexington, Kentucky to compete in the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships held July 14 - 19, 2015. Considered the "Olympics" of horse riding for young riders, Shelby had to qualify in previous regional equestrian competitions to be invited to this renowned event, where she competed at an international level.

Shelby Rocereto competed in the Dressage division. She earned a silver medal in the junior team championship. "We are thrilled with Shelby's accomplishments both in the classroom and field," said Superintendent Kelly Bowers. "Her dedication to maintain a 4.1 GPA while competing at a national level exemplifies how a well balanced student can thrive in multiple settings."

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) is a prestigious equestrian competition for horse riders ages 14 to 21 years old. Following the rules of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the international governing body for equestrian sport, this is the only FEI championship held in North America. Many of North America's best equestrians who compete in the Olympics and international championships first started their career at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championship. For more information about the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships please visit www.youngriders.org.



Dustin Dukleth and Joey Lestochi from the Guardian Knights Wrestling Club are heading to Bulgaria to endure international wrestling competition.

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Livermore Rotary Music Scholarship Benefit Concert Set

The Livermore Rotary Club welcomes back world-class solo guitarist Muriel Anderson for a Rotary Music Scholarship Benefit Concert to be held at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, located at 1385 South Livermore Ave, 4:00PM Sunday August 16th. Admission is \$15.00. Refreshments will be served.

Muriel Anderson is the first woman to have won the National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship. Muriel's unique approach to the instrument virtually transforms the guitar into a lyrical choir, then a marching band, then a Japanese koto, then a Bluegrass band, one minute launching into a Beatles' tune and the next, Rodrigo's Concerto de Aranjuez.

Muriel's gentle sense of humor and her ability to cross over multiple genres of music is revered by guitarists worldwide. She has recorded and performed with legends Chet Atkins, Tommy Emmanuel, Victor Wooten, Les Paul, and the Nashville Chamber Orchestra among others. Her 10-award-winning CD Nightlight-Daylight is a culmination of her creative spirit, and is the first CD in history to incorporate interactive fiber optics. Muriel has agreed to donate 30% of all of her CD and DVD sales the night of the concert.

The proceeds of the Livermore Rotary Music Scholarship Benefit Concert go directly into a fund that provides financial assistance to those qualified and disadvantaged Livermore music students interested in pursuing a career in music. Over the past decade, Livermore Rotary's music scholarship has provided tens of thousands of dollars to Livermore students for music camps, private lessons, travel expenses and financial assistance to repair or replace their musical instruments. Grants to students range from \$200. to \$1000. depending on their grade level and specific needs. Tickets for the Muriel Anderson Livermore Rotary



Muriel Anderson to play in concert.

Music Scholarship Concert are \$15:00 and can be purchased in advance at The Travel Bug, 2269 Third Street and Baughman's Western Outfitters, 2029 First Street in Livermore, or at the door. Doors open at 3:30 PM. For information

regarding Livermore Rotary's Music Scholarship program or additional information about the August 16th benefit concert featuring Muriel Anderson, contact Michael Ferrucci at frettedfriend@gmail.com

Changes at Cedar Mountain, Crooked Vine, Cuda Ridge

by Laura Ness
August is always a time of profound change, as grapes go from possibility to reality and winemakers furiously work to empty barrels for the impending harvest. The recent heat wave hastened the process of veraison among the red varietals, bringing harvest ever closer.

Among the significant changes in Livermore Valley Wine Country include the much anticipated and long-awaited opening of Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works out at its brand new and beautiful home on Reuss Road, out past Purple Orchid.

They'll be holding their Grand Opening this weekend, Friday-Sunday, August 7 through 9, from 12-4. They plan to be open two weekends per month, the first and the third, through the end of the year. Check out their website for the schedule, and yes, they will be open for Harvest Wine Celebration, Sunday, September 6, from 12-5, with special guest, Cheese Therapy. In fact, they'll be open the entire Labor Day weekend, September 4 through 7, from 12-4.

Two years and some four months ago, after selling the original Cedar Mountain site to Darcie and David Kent, Earl and Linda bought a lovely home out on Reuss Road. Their neighbors are vineyards (Ghielmetti) and livestock. It suits them fine.

GM Cindy Burnett has overseen the winery and tasting room construction, soldiering through the process with the patience of Job. Visitors will appreciate the modern tasting room, the beautiful barrel furniture custom-made for outdoor enjoyment and the pastoral views. It's a sweet spot, indeed.

Over at Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge, Chris Sorensen has departed as consulting winemaker, turning over the reins to the capable hands of Meredith Miles Saboraria, who previously earned her spurs at Fenestra Winery before taking on the role of Viticulture Technician at TerrAvion. Sorensen and his wife, Courtney, just celebrated the birth of their son, Kip Tyler. They'll continue to make wine under the Caddis label.

It's a bit of sweet nostalgia to have Meredith join the team at Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge: after all, she greatly admired former owner/winemaker, Dale Vaughn Bowen. Said Meredith of her new appointment, "I'm excited to be back in the Livermore Valley winemaking scene, working at the winery that started it all for me! I'm honored to be walking in Dale



Earl Ault, Cindy Burnett and Linda Ault relax on the front porch at Cedar Mountain.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Vaughn-Bowen's footsteps, a friend who put the notion of winemaking in my head and championed the future of my career. So far, it seems that I have a dedicated, focused group of people that I will be working with and for, and that is immensely important to a winery's (and winemaker's) success. I have also tasted Chris's wines, and I think that the public will be quite happy with the vintages to come."

We're sure Dale is 100% behind the move and cheering Meredith on all the way.

Further in the Department of Change, Larry and Marge Dino of Cuda Ridge, who won the Judge's Best Award for the pairing of the Cuda Ridge Malbec with Posada's excellent lamb cheeks on rice cake dish at the 2015 Taste Our Terroir, recently announced a new wine club, called Cuda Cadre "Connoisseur." This provides access to the Cuda Ridge Small Lot and Reserve wines, which are made in one or two barrel lots, or 25 and 50 cases, respectively.

"The Cuda Cadre wine club has grown to the point where we do not have enough of the Reserve wines to include in the release packs," said winemaker, Larry Dino.

The new "Connoisseur" offering provides quarterly releases, with three bottles per release. Wine discounts for "Connoisseur" members will be 20% on bottle purchases and 25% on case purchases.

Cuda Ridge also rolled out the new "Connoisseur" Reserve series, which includes a snappy white label and a larger higher shoulder bottle topped off with a purple wax seal. The handsome new format easily distinguishes the Reserve wines from the non-Reserve wines. With past vintages, the Reserve wines were identified with the word "Reserve" on the bottom of the Cuda Ridge purple label.

Concannon Vineyard introduced its "Legacy" Club last year to immediate success, and has just a few more openings for wine lovers to gain access to the winery's historic Wine Library. The Legacy Club, a premium addition to a Gatekeeper's Guild membership, offers access to the finest of Concannon's limited production estate wines. Members receive three releases each year in February, July and November. These two-bottle, red wine releases include rare selections from the Wine Library, Heritage wines, block-

designated and specialty wines bottled exclusively for Legacy Club members. Because these wines are rare and extremely limited in availability, memberships are limited as well.

At Steven Kent Winery, the focus of their wine clubs is now primarily on Bordeaux varieties. They now have enough of the Single Vineyard Series Cabernets to do 4 releases yearly. It is one of the following clubs now available:

BDX Collection: An exploration of Bordeaux varieties and their inherent excellence, available in 2, 4, 6 or 12 bottle allocations. \$42-\$50 per bottle, less club member allowance. Six releases per year, February, April, June, August, October, December.
Single Vineyard Series Cabernet Sauvignon: An

expression of the inherent quality and individuality of the greatest Cabernet vineyards in the Livermore Valley, available in 2, 4, 6 or 12 bottle allocations. \$65 per bottle, less club member allowance. Four Releases per year, January, March, September, November
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McGrail Vineyards also has a new "Club Only" space in their barrel room, which features tables and chairs where members can enjoy seated tastings and avoid the crowds. It is open on weekends, and is a huge hit.

Retzlaff Estate Winery also recently announced a Quarterly Wine Club for the first time in its history. Retzlaff was the first winery in California to offer pre-release wines in the spirit

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Join us for an evening of fun and surprises under the stars at McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore. Enjoy live music with the Ruckus Band, dancing, fabulous food, award winning wines, bocce ball, silent auction, raffles, and much more!

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Early bird ticket prices (until Aug 31) are \$90 per person and include three glasses of wine and a variety of heavy appetizers. On September 1st ticket prices increase to \$100 per person.

A variety of sponsorships are available. Please see website for details and to purchase tickets: www.sunflowerhill.org

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SHORT NOTES

Stuff the Cruiser

The Livermore Police Citizens Academy Alumni and the Livermore Police Department will be collecting school supplies during the annual Stuff the Cruiser event.

Police cruisers will be located at Wal-Mart, Big Lots, Office Max and CVS (downtown) on August 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect school supplies for local students in need.

Suggested donations include backpacks, binders, pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, crayons, calculators, etc.

Cattail Pond Hike

There will be a Cattail Pond Hike led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Aug. 8. Meet Ranger Danny Haberman at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Ranger Danny will lead the hike on the newly completed "Cattail Pond Loop Trail." See what's out and about at the Cattail Pond, then hike to one of the highest spots in the park to watch the sun set. The hike will return after dark, so dressing warmly is recommended. The hike will be about four miles round-trip.

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

more information.

Medical Needs

A fund-raiser will be hosted by Team Jafar on Sat., Aug. 8 starting at 11 a.m. at the Mountain House Bar and Grill, 16784 W. Grant Line Road.

The goal is to raise \$500,000 to help pay for medical needs of a special needs/medically fragile child.

The event will include fun, tattoos and more, along with a craft-vendor show, food, live music, and more.

For information, go to www.GoFundMe.com/TeamJafar or email teamjafar@yahoo.com, Facebook [teamjafar15](https://www.facebook.com/teamjafar15).

Grand Opening

Between Thursday, August 13th through Sunday, August 16th, Byer California will be celebrating the opening of its first Bay Area brick & mortar store at the San Francisco Premium Outlets, 1040 Livermore Outlets Drive, Livermore.

To celebrate Byer California as a new go-to SF shopping destination, this American fashion brand is offering lots of fun opportunities for the public to take part in all four days such as:

- Special hourly drawings for major discounts and giveaways, including daily \$100 gift certificates

- Chances to enter @ByerCalifornia Instagram contests to win pieces from their new collection

- Styling tips and tricks from celebrity stylist and

fashion blogger Brittany Hart (<http://www.brittanyhart.com>)

Backpack Donations

Local insurance agency, Gene Morgan Insurance, is gearing up for the back to school season by hosting a backpack and school supply drive for Tri-Valley children in need. The agency is

collecting gently used backpacks and school supplies at their Livermore office located on 2020 4th Street. Items such as backpacks, pencils, notebook paper, calculators, gluesticks rulers, erasers, three ring binders, crayons markers and highlighters will be collected and donated to the Tri-Valley Haven, and the Livermore

Police Department, where they will be distributed to families in need for the 2015-2016 school year.

Gene Morgan Insurance is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and closed daily from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for lunch. They will be accepting donations during regular business hours. The drive will end on

8/14/2015.

Any questions regarding the backpack and School supply drive, or to make arrangements to drop something off, please contact Michelle Morgan at 925-4472565 ext. 218 or Michelle@genemorganinsurance.com

Drop-ins are also welcome.

Changes Made to Wheels Bus Routes

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is making minor changes to several of its regular and school-focused Wheels bus routes effective Saturday, August 22, 2015. The route and schedule changes are as follows:

Route 10 - The timing of the 2:25pm westbound trip has been adjusted, beginning at the Neal/First time point, in order to better accommodate the main end time for classes at Amador Valley High School. It is now scheduled to arrive at East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station at 3:23pm.

Route 12/12X - Certain trips of the 12X and of trips that begin at the Airway Park-n-Ride have been re-arranged within the schedule.

Route 54 - The previously operated 5:36am trip has been discontinued.

Route 70X - The route has been modified to bypass Walnut Creek in the general non-commute direction in order to improve travel times and on-time performance. The service will now operate directly from Dublin to Pleasant Hill in the AM, and directly from Pleasant Hill to Dublin in the PM. It will not serve the Walnut Creek BART station twice. The stop at Walnut Creek will be operated as currently in the general commute direction. One-way holiday service trips, including those of the 70XV, will not be affected by this change. Also, all trips will continue to serve the Dublin Civic Center stop.

Route 501 - A second, later departure has been added in the PM to accommodate the after-school program at Dublin High School.

Route 503 - Due to bell time changes, the PM schedule has been re-arranged to accommodate Wells Middle School and Dublin High School with separate trips. Also, the previously operated 5:30pm trip has been moved to 5:00pm in order to accommodate the after-school program at Dublin High School.

OBITUARIES

Janel Louise Meredith Resident of Livermore

We sadly announce the passing of Janel Louise Meredith. She was welcomed into God's Kingdom on Sunday, July 26, 2015.



Janel was born September 26, 1972 in Walnut Creek, CA, to Terry and Linda Bersie.

She lived in Livermore where she worked tirelessly as mother and team member at Trader Joe's. Janel will be remembered as a devoted, loving, cheerful mother, daughter, sister, and friend by all lives she touched. She will be deeply missed by all.

Janel is survived by her three children, Ryan, Tyler, and Holly, her father and stepmother Terry and Joan Bersie, and her mother Linda Bersie. She is also survived by brothers Damon and Chris, and grandparents Mel and Marie Schubert.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life for Janel on Friday, August 7, 2015, at 1:00 pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA 94551.

Patricia M. Werner March 25, 1928 - Aug. 1, 2015 Resident of Pleasanton

Patricia celebrated 65 years of marriage with her husband on June 17th. They were blessed with 6 children, 35 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.



They met in high school and were married at St. Viator Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois. Pat taught Faith Formation at St. Michael's Church in Livermore for many years and was instrumental in starting Scripture Safari.

Pat is survived by her husband, Ray, and her daughters, Cathy Struempf, Maddi (Deryl) Sturdevant, Ramona (Steve) Silva, Patty (Joe) Rosa, Mary (Ken) Dayton, and son, Ray (Lisa) Werner. She was preceded in death by son-in-law,

Andy Struempf and brother, Thomas O'Grady. All will miss her dearly.

Visitation will start at 2:00PM with vigil at 3:00PM on Wednesday, 8/5 at St. Michael church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Mass will be on Thursday, 8/6 at 1:00PM. Burial to follow at St. Michael cemetery.

Holy Angels FD1974, (925) 455-9696

Kenneth Gilman Byrne

Kenneth Gilman Byrne was born October 18th, 1933 in Butte, Montana, to William and Pauline Byrne. He attended Pomona High School, graduating in June of 1953.

It was there that he met Ruby Lawson whom he married December 26th, 1954, enjoying 53 years of happy marriage until she passed away of cancer in February of 2008.

Ken attended the University of Washington, where he graduated in June of 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He went to work for Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque New Mexico, transferring to the Livermore, California facility in 1958. He worked at Sandia for 33 years until he retired in January of 1990 to begin traveling. He traveled all over the world seeing places such as Australia, New Zealand, Germany, England, Ireland, and most of the United States including Alaska, and Hawaii.

Ken was fortunate to reconnect with longtime friend, Pat Morrison, whom he married on May 21, 2011. He spent the rest of his life with her in loving companionship and passed away peacefully while on a cruise in Canadian waters on July 20, 2015. He is survived by his wife Pat, sister Pauline Byrne, son and daughter-in-law Joe and Annette Byrne of Ceres CA, daughter and son-in-law Carla and Edward Goody of Peoria AZ, son and daughter-in-law Glenn and Vickie Byrne of Livermore CA, and his

grandchildren Jacob and Danielle (O'Shana) Byrne, Addam Byrne, Amanda Goody, and Andrew Goody.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 7th, 11:00 AM at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation. (<https://www.alzinfo.org/donate/>)

Shirley Jane McGoff Resident of Livermore Sept. 22, 1922 - July 31, 2015

Shirley Jane McGoff (nee Petersen) passed away peacefully early Friday morning after a stroke the previous Tuesday night. She touched many people over her long life with her



welcoming generosity towards her family and their many friends, and her

friends, neighbors and colleagues. Her philosophy was, "you can always throw another potato in the pot," to make room for whoever happened to show up at dinner time.

Shirley was born and grew up in Oakland, graduated from University High School in 1940 and spent a year at UC Berkeley with an interest in journalism. However, she met her husband, Casey, in 1942 while he was in the Navy and stationed in Alameda. They got married in 1944 when Casey had a three-day pass, and they remained married for 51 years until Casey's passing in 1995. They lived in Hayward from 1952 - 1964, and from then on, in Livermore. Shirley worked as a school secretary in the Hayward Unified School District for 25 years. During that time, she was active with PTA and the district and state school secretary's association. In addition, Shirley supported Casey in his leadership with the area's Boy Scouts, showing many scouts and scout leaders the warm hospitality that she was so good at. Many an Eagle Scout had one of her cakes at his ceremony.

Shirley is predeceased by her husband, Casey (1995),

her grandson, Patrick Pitrowski (2002) and her brother Jimmy (1983). She is survived by her three loving daughters Kathleen Allen (Fred) of Livermore, Colleen McGoff Dean (Geoff) of Surrey, British Columbia, and Bonnie McDonald (Jim) of Livermore; three grandchildren Casey Allen (Anastasia) of Oakland, Allison Pitrowski (fiance Robbie Malm) of Lodi, and Sierra Dean; and one great grandson, Alexander Allen. Her generous spirit has been a model for all who knew her.

Her funeral service was held Wednesday, August 5, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. Burial to follow. Donations to Hope Hospice (6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, CA. 94568-0868) are appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Mary Louise Salbeck Nov. 2, 1928 - July 31, 2015 Resident of Livermore, CA



Mary passed away peacefully in her home with her family by her side. Mary was born in Detroit Michigan, later moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where she met and married Raymond Edward Salbeck. They had three children. In July of 1960 they moved to Livermore, California. Mary worked in the retail business in Livermore and Dublin before she retired in the mid

1980's. Mary loved spending time with her family, friends and looked forward to every chance she could at the Casino.

Mary belonged to the Eagles auxiliary, Sirettes and Las Damas.

She is survived by son Stan Salbeck (Karen), daughters Ellen Foss (Gary), and Carla Fagundes (David). She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at Callaghans Mortuary, Thursday, August 6th. Visitation is from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Service is at 11:00 am

In lieu of flowers please donate to Brighthaven, Humane Society, SPCA, or any animal Shelter or rescue of your choice. Hospice care or any other charity of your choice.

Oliver "Ted" Sale Resident of Livermore

Oliver Sale passed away peacefully July 30, 2015. He was 91. He lived a good

long life developing chronic vascular issues in just the last few years, which

were the cause of his death.

Oliver was born in Oakland, CA, and graduated from Fremont High. He was drafted into the U. S. Army during WWII where he was stationed at Brize Norton in England and served as a Corporal. England is also where he met his bride of 54 years, Joan. Joan came back with Oliver and they settled in Castro Valley where they lived until her passing in 2006.

Oliver worked for the United States Postal Service for 41 years after his stint in the army and was still able to enjoy 28 years of retirement.

Oliver and Joan liked to travel, mostly on the west coast. Lake Tahoe, Hawaii, Monterey, San Diego were their favorites. Oliver loved jazz music and continued to listen up until his death, enjoying all the greats. He was an avid reader, mostly non-fiction and became a "Niner" fan late in life. He was looking forward to football returning this month.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie and son-in-law Larry, both of Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue or Valley Humane Society.

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A fire at Parks Reserve Forces Training Area consumed about 30 acres of brush and grass on July 29. The fire was the second blaze extinguished on Camp Parks last week. The first fire was reported around 11:30 a.m. on July 28 (photo shows smoke seen from Hacienda Drive). It was contained at around 250 acres. Tassajara Road was closed between Quarry Lane and Fallon Road because of the fire. Cal Fire, the Alameda County Fire Department and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District were among those assisting U.S. military firefighters on the base. The cause of the fire is under investigation. A drone spotted on Tassajara hampered efforts to fight the fire.



Pictured (left to right) are Craig Bueno, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board Trustee with TV30 campers Rachel Griggs and Alexi Pacholuki.



Livermore-Pleasanton Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Peters is shown being interviewed by TV30 campers Kole Boyd and Holden Curtis.

New Executive Director Chosen for Las Positas College Foundation

At its recent meeting, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees named Kenneth G. Cooper the new Executive Director of the Las Positas College Foundation.

Following an in-depth national search, Cooper emerged as the final candidate. "I am very excited about the depth of experience that Mr. Cooper has in raising funds for community colleges," said Dr. Barry Russell, Las Positas College President. "He is the perfect person and will quickly become an integral member of the campus and the community."

Cooper has eight years experience in community college fundraising as director of advancement and executive director of the Cosumnes River College (CRC) Foundation in Sacramento. During his time at CRC, he increased the annual fund participation rate by 24%, was responsible for a 58% growth in



Kenneth Cooper

foundation net assets, and established new scholarship endowments and increased investments in existing endowments. He was also responsible for successful stewardship of \$1 million, the largest donation ever to CRC as part of a comprehensive capital campaign.

"I'm very excited about joining the Las Positas College Family. The campus and the Tri-Valley area are hubs for innovation and excellence," said Cooper.

"The LPC Foundation has done incredible work in attracting resources in support of student success, innovation and excellence, and I look forward to serving this dynamic College and Foundation Board."

Prior to his work at CRC, he served the Sacramento City Unified School District as a specialist and healthy start coordinator. He has also served as a site director and education director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento.

Cooper is a member of the Network of California Community College Foundations, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and is a Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter.

Cooper has a bachelor of arts degree in African American and African Studies from the University of California, Davis. He will begin his role at Las Positas College on August 10.

Livermore to Present Google Workshops with Goal to Put 'Livermore on the Map'

The City of Livermore aims to help small businesses grow their online presence with two Google-sponsored, interactive "Let's Put Livermore on the Map" workshops. The first workshop will discuss growing a business online, website content development, and small business resources available at the Livermore Public Library. Participants will also be given assignments to help them develop content, logos, and graphics for their website.

The second workshop offers a hands-on training activity focused on actual website creation and placing participating Livermore businesses on the Google map. Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops or tablets to this second workshop. A limited number of laptops are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshops will be hosted on two Saturdays- Au-

gust 22 and September 26 -- at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. There is no fee, but registration is required. Participants who attend both workshops will receive a "Certificate of Completion" along with a Google giveaway bag.

"Let's Put Livermore on the Map" is part of Google's Get Your Business Online program. Visit www.gybo.com for more details about this Google program.

For more information, contact Theresa De La Vega, Livermore Economic Development Specialist, at (925) 960-4049 or visit the City of Livermore's website at www.cityoflivermore.net. Register for the August 22 workshop at <https://livermorebusinessworkshops.eventbrite.com>. Register for the September 26 workshop at <https://livermorebusinessworkshops2.eventbrite.com>.

Camp Teaches Kids the Skills to Create a Television Program

Working Airing Now

Tri-Valley Youth View, a 30-minute special TV program produced by middle and high school students who attended the TV30 Summer Camp, is currently airing on TV30 and on the station's website at tv30.org. For the seventh summer Tri-Valley Community TV is offering two sessions of this unique TV Summer Camp.

The first camp took place the week of June

15th. Twelve campers from all over the Tri-Valley participated in the five day camp. This episode of Tri-Valley Youth View represents the work of students who attended the first camp.

"The first set of Summer Campers this year were very serious about learning all aspects of TV production", said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director Tri-Valley TV.

"We all appreciate the time community leaders give to come to the studio to be interviewed by the students. They inspire the students and it appears the students inspire them too by demonstrating their dedication to producing a quality TV program."

The hands-on TV Camp provides an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production. Tri-Valley Youth View was written and produced by students from grades six to twelve. Campers researched and wrote questions, acted as crew for all the production positions and were talent

for the program.

Guests on this episode of Tri-Valley Youth View include Dublin City Manager Chris Foss; Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Trustee Craig Bueno; Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller; Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Director Jim McGrail; Eric Payne, founder of Livermore Valley Wine App founder Eric Payne; Lee Jouthas, Dublin Library Branch Manager; and Deputy Chief Jeff Peters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire District. Chief Peters brought a fire truck with him to the interview.

The program is available anytime via video on demand at tv30.org by clicking on the banner at the top of the page. It is also broadcasting on Comcast TV30 and AT&T U-Verse.

For complete schedule of air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website tv30.org. In addition, Tri-Valley Youth View may be viewed streaming live and via Video on Demand on the website at tv30.org.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Visitors were treated to a taste of Downtown Livermore last Sunday as Livermore Valley wines along with culinary treats were served up by local business. There were free horsedrawn carriage rides as well as live entertainment. Among the treats were assorted slices of pizza, Mini French Dips, Rigatoni Bolognese, Victorine Olive Oil & S'Mores Gelato, and a Variety of Flatbreads. Pictured are scenes from Dimitri's and the Winemaker's Pourhouse.

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2) CATS/ DOGS

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

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

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EAGLE

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many who had been following the golden eagle's story of tragedy and triumph.

Her first visit to Lindsay Wildlife Experience occurred March 26, when the roughly three-year-old, sub-adult received treatment for head trauma at Lindsay's rehabilitation hospital, one of the oldest and largest in the country. Although the trauma's cause was never determined, she made a full recovery within five weeks.

On May 1, she was ready for release.

"She was sent off with fanfare, complete with the firefighters who rescued her, donors who support Lindsay's work, biologists who studied her, and doctors who healed her," said Bishop. The release took place at Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, and was covered by Bay Area TV stations and newspapers.

Prior to the golden eagle's release, she had been fitted with a satellite telemetry device which allowed East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) staff to study her flight path in the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. Information collected from such devices leads to more accurate risk maps and the informed placement of new wind turbines to reduce golden eagle collisions.

"This is important for understanding Altamont's impact on the local golden eagle population," said Doug Bell, EBRPD Wildlife Program Manager. "Previous work by scientists suggests that Altamont's old-generation wind farms represent a population sink for golden eagles; that is, the local population does not produce enough young to compensate for the high mortality rate caused by the old-generation wind turbines."

In all, 18 golden eagles

have been fitted with the devices, with ten currently active.

Over all, the old-generation wind turbines kill about 2,000 raptors each year. In the past 12 months, Lindsay has treated 238 raptors, six of which were golden eagles.

"Despite the fact that Lindsay's top-notch veterinary staff has special expertise in handling raptors, very few survive to be released," said Bishop. "During this golden eagle's rehabilitation from March to May, dozens of people were involved in her care, with a cost of about \$1,000 a day. However, the emotional investment we all had in this creature can't be calculated. Her legacy is that she inspired us all with her majesty and resilience."

Both Bell and Bishop agree that conserving energy is the first step in helping save the lives of golden eagles and other raptors.

"All forms of energy production come with a cost to the environment, whether in terms of producing carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, or in terms of eagle deaths caused by green-energy production," said Bell. "I hope people think twice about energy use, and use less."

"Our use of scarce resources - water, land and power - and the ways we generate energy can threaten the survival of the magical creatures with whom we share this world," added Bishop. "Lindsay is doing work essential to the survival of our native wildlife. People can donate, volunteer, and simply come visit our 'ambassador raptors' - the non-releasable owls, hawks, and vultures who will give them a bird's-eye view of nature."

As for the golden eagle who was released amid joyful cheers less than three



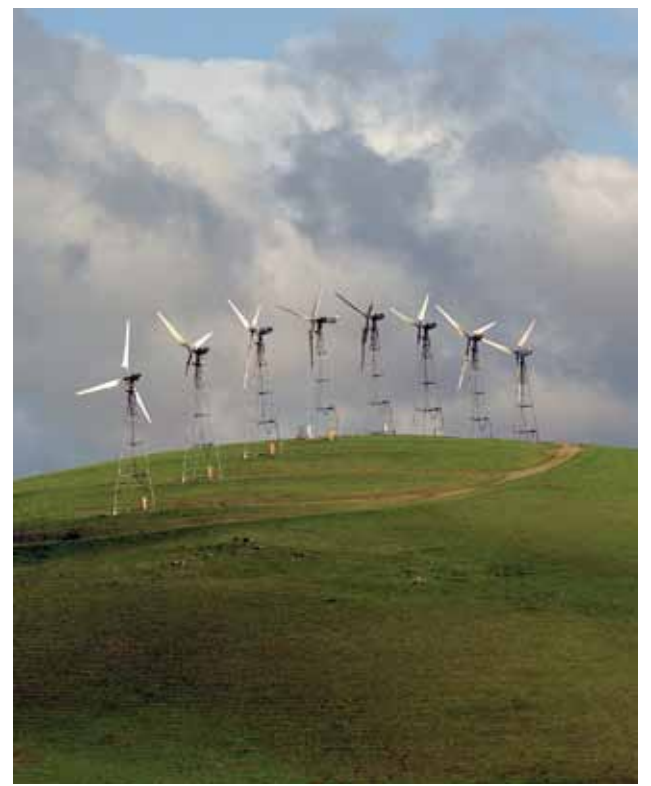
Lana Krol is holding the eagle just prior to its release. In the photo are Firefighters from San Ramon who found the eagle on a sidewalk outside their station.

months before her death, her spirit will live on in the memories of many. Said the veterinarian who treated her, she had a lot of heart and, even for an eagle, was very fierce.

"Her death, while tragic, is not the end of the story," said Bishop. "It will not dissuade us in the slightest

from our mission to heal and release wildlife, and to inspire all who see these magnificent creatures to do what they can to ensure their survival. Lindsay presses on because there is always another patient to treat."

For more information, visit www.lindsaywildlife.org or www.ebparks.org.



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Concerts, Plays, Films, and Musical Theater Highlight Firehouse Arts Center's Season 6

Grammy winners, Rock 'n Roll legends, award-winning Bay Area theater productions, comedy hijinks, world music icons, a brand-new indie film series, cutting-edge music groups, and #1 Billboard recording artists are all part of the 2015-2016 season line-up at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

Noting the expanded variety of program offerings, Firehouse Theater Supervisor Rob Vogt says, "Our underlying theme is 'something different,' or 'covering new ground.' I like the idea of 'divergent' for our approach to this sixth season."

Jane Onojafe, Firehouse Arts Center Publicist and

Guest Services Coordinator, added, "Our intimate, two-floor, 220-seat theater setting is unique in the Tri-Valley, and the newest of its type in the Bay Area, making it a dream for performers, who often mention after a show here what an energizing experience it was to feel such

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Pictured are Larkin Poe (left) and Julian Lage (right).



Youth Orchestra to Present a Concert of Varied Works



The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra will be performing their annual concert on Saturday night, August 8th, at 7 :30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, located on the corner of 4th and S. L St.

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra will be playing under the direction of Goran Berg, director of Sycamore Strings Academy in Livermore and Kathy Boster, music teacher at Livermore's East Avenue Middle School.

Among the pieces being performed are Funeral March of a Marionette by Charles Gounoud, more familiar to audiences as the theme from "Alfred Hitchcock Presents;" the third movement of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3 in G major; Irish Tune from County Derry by Percy Grainger, recognized as the tune of Irish folk song Danny Boy; and the world premiere of Changing of the Seasons, composed and conducted by Peter Chatterjee, a Granada High School and LAS Youth Orchestra Alum. Chatterjee, a student of composition at Boston's Berklee College of Music, composed the piece during the harsh winter of 2014, hoping it would encourage spring to arrive soon.

Admission to the concert is free.

Touring Group Leads A Romp Through Aesop's Fables

For the second year in a row, the eccentric fictional travelling troupe "The Samuel Peaches Peripatetic Players" will bring a family-friendly stage adaptation of beloved stories to Bay Area parks and public spaces.

The group will appear in Pleasanton on Sun., Aug. 16 at 5 p.m. at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., next to the Senior Center.

This year the Peripatetic Players present Aesop Amuck, a 60-minute romp through more than a dozen of Aesop's fables, presenting many well-known stories such as The Tortoise and the Hare as well as some that are rarely remembered, like The Frogs and the Ox, in which a frog's attempts to become as large as an ox meet with disaster.

Aesop Amuck travels with its own mobile stage, a folding contraption called FluxWagon that looks like a brightly painted gypsy

wagon. The Peripatetic Players greet the audience while they unfold Flux-Wagon to reveal a stage complete with simple but ingenious mechanical scenery and props that the players use throughout their lighthearted staging.

Founded in 2013 by Rebecca Longworth and Joan Howard, Idiot String also hosts the Physical Theatre Salon at Main Street Theatre, an occasional gathering of Bay Area performers and theatremakers. The Peripatetic Players were also featured in Idiot String's 2014 touring production, O Best Beloved, an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling stories. O Best Beloved premiered at the 2013 San Francisco Fringe Festival, where it was voted a "Best of Fringe" and stood out for its wildly infectious energy, eliciting laughter from young and old alike.

Aesop's Fables have been used for more than

2500 years as instructional stories for both children and adults. They often feature talking animals or personified inanimate objects, perhaps as a way of teaching lessons without laying blame on any particular sort of person. The stories themselves are very brief, with simple plots offering little in the way of descriptive detail or character development. Despite their simplicity, Aesop's Fables have a centuries-old tradition of being collected, translated, adapted into verse, and dramatized.

Aesop's Fables did not originally include morals, as their lessons were thought to be self-evident. Written morals have been added to many of the fables by later collectors and translators and have since become familiar adages, such as "don't count your chickens before they hatch," "might makes right," "necessity is the mother of invention," and

"beware the wolf in sheep's clothing." Aesop's Fables first appeared in English in 1484.

Little is known of the

historical Aesop, who is believed to have lived in Ancient Greece around the sixth century BCE. A singular story-teller by

that name may never have existed, and most scholars believe that the fables we ascribe to him come from varied sources.



Members of the eccentric itinerant performance troupe, Samuel Peaches's Peripatetic Players, perform a scene from their 2014 production, O Best Beloved. Photo by Serena Morelli

Shadowlands Explores the Mysteries of Love and Death

C.S. Lewis had a comfortable existence as a respected Oxford professor when Joy Gresham first came to take tea with him in his bachelor digs. She was a brash American poet, towing a young son and looking to escape a failed marriage in America.

She changed his life, says Joyce Parry Moore, who will play Joy in an August 14 staged reading of "Shadowlands" at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore, where she is rector. The play, by William Nicholson and biographical in spirit, chronicles Lewis's startling real-life transformation from an emotionally remote man with all the answers to a humbler, more loving human being.

Lewis had argued that human pain and suffering serve as "God's megaphone," a tool God uses to get our attention. After Joy became terminally ill, "that didn't hold up so well," Moore remarked. The play explores how he dealt with his grief.

Local teacher and actor Patrick Moore, Joyce Parry Moore's real-life husband, will play Lewis, a Christian theologian and celebrated author, best known for the children's classic "The Chronicles of Narnia."

"Shadowlands" was popular in British and American movie versions as well as in its Broadway run in 1990 and other venues since. It is the adult part of Arts at Bart's summer camp. In addition, a fully staged production of Lewis's best-known Narnia tale, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," will be performed August 22 and 23 at the church. For more information about that play go to www.saintbartsLivermore.com.

The Moores and a cast of local actors will present "Shadowlands" at 7:30 pm Friday, August 14 at the church, 687 Enos Way, Livermore, between Junction and Portola avenues. Parking in the church lot and on nearby streets will be available. There is no admission charge; donations will be gratefully accepted.

Concerts at Went to Benefit Programs for Students

Two Saturdays of wine and music by Karl Went Present will benefit the Went Foundation for Arts Education and Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

On Saturday, August 15, Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters, Bacchus Brothers and Peppermints will perform.

On Saturday, August 22 - the line-up includes Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters, Crawdad Republic and Left of Right.

Admission is \$25 at the door, which includes glass and wine tasting at the Went Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room and The Winemakers Studio; \$10 non-tasting ticket.a

Raffle ticket proceeds will benefit Went Foundation for Arts Education and Livermore Valley Education Foundation; \$5 from every tasting ticket purchased will benefit Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

Went Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room is located at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. The winery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with music to start at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door. No outside food or alcohol allowed. For event information, call 456-2305.

West Coast Blues with a Texas Twist on Tap

Returning to the stage for Evenings on the Green on Tuesday, August 11 is Allen Vega, playing West Coast Blues with a Texas Twist.

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

Vega has a rich bay area history as he first played for Jack Rudy & The Blues Voodoos, then formed Smokin' Gun in 1987 and joined with Little Frankie Lee, a noted SF Bay Area soul and blues artist, in 1993. While with Lee, Vega shared the bill with

luminaries such as Etta James, Buddy Guy, Bobby Murray and many others, playing venues such as Antone's, House of Blues, B. B. King's and Monterey Bay Blues Festival.

In late 1997 Vega left the Frankie Lee Band to develop his own music as singer, songwriter and guitarist. Allen and his wife now have settled in Livermore to raise their family. After teaming up with Big Cat Tolefree and performing in venues throughout California, he now has formed a powerful cast of musicians sharing Allen's excitement for the Blues, bringing back tunes that have not been played for years. He recently released his first album "Rough Cut" available at www.allacevega.com.

Listen to several cuts at <https://sites.google.com/site/allencevega/listen>.

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

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

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



Allen Vega

Teen's Film about the Book Business to Premiere Aug. 11

A film created by Pleasanton teen Nishaad Trivedi about Towne Center Books in Pleasanton will premiere at the store on August 11 at 7 p.m.

Towne Center described Nishaad Trivedi as a budding documentarian who filmed a short work that celebrates the book business.

According to Trivedi, the film captures the history of a local institution, along with multiple perspectives.

Towne Center Books is a locally owned general bookstore, located at 555 Main Street in Downtown Pleasanton. Sections include fiction, mystery, personal growth, and children's books. The store is used as a community gathering place. It offers book clubs, author luncheons and writing workshops.

All are invited to attend the premiere. For information Towne Center, go to www.townecenterbooks.com

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Sisters on Boat

Two Exhibits Open at Museum on Main

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in California and School Days: Amador Valley High School 1924-1969

Featuring detailed narratives about women from just after the Gold Rush to the present, *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in California* will be at Museum on Main from August 5 to October 11. The traveling exhibition explores the impact Catholic Sisters made on the formation of church and society in California. It tells the story of groups of strong women who worked to build communities on the edge of the frontier by providing care and services to others, actively participating in the fight for social justice and creating inspired art based

on these struggles.

Women & Spirit features photos, videos, creative artwork and a rich selection of historical artifacts, most of which have never been seen by the general public. These elements tell the story of the Sisters' attempt to provide social stability during California's chaotic founding years by creating a "safety net"—childcare centers, hospitals, schools, orphanages, homes for the elderly and working girls, and countless other institutions of charity. On top of this, the exhibition explains, the sisters were not content



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to stop at salving social wounds—they also worked to correct the source of these ills by participating in the struggle for social justice, and continue to do so today with widespread partnerships and collaborations.

The Museum on Main is augmenting the exhibit with items from its own collection as well as objects from local religious orders. In addition, the Museum has borrowed several prints and associated objects from the Corita Art Center. The Art Center is a gallery and archive dedicated to preserving and promoting the work and spirit of artist, activist and educator, Corita Kent, also known as Sister Mary Corita. Sister Mary gained international fame for her vibrant serigraphs during the 1960s and 1970s. A Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, she ran the art department at Immaculate Heart College

until 1968 when she left the Order and moved to Boston. Her art reflects her spirituality, her commitment to social justice, her hope of peace and her delight in the world.

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in California is a traveling exhibition originated by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious Region 14, currently sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family and toured by Exhibit Envoy. Exhibit Envoy provides traveling exhibitions and professional services to museums throughout California. Their mission is to build new perspectives among Californians, create innovative exhibitions and solutions, and advance institutions in service to their communities.

The second exhibit that the Museum is opening is called *School Days: Amador High from 1924-1969*. Guest curator Beverly Ales shows us the faces

of a changing Pleasanton through the students that walked the halls of Amador Valley High School, from its completion in 1924 to its demolition to make room for a larger, more modern building in 1969. Meet the teens who lived in Pleasanton through the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, the Second World War, and the postwar boom that helped turn a small farm town into a prosperous Bay Area suburb. This exhibit will also run until October 11.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone 925.462.2776.

Wildlife Associates to Present Program at the Library


The Livermore Public Library will present Wildlife Associates on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 10:30am at the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Wildlife Associates' "Bay Area Wild" show is one of a variety of free performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

A variety of wildlife live in the fields and forests surrounding our cities and suburbs. From the gray fox to the red-tailed hawk, audience members will gain an insight into the lives of these intelligent and ecologically-important animals.

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

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

For further information, pick up a 2015 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.


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Dublin Idols Announced

The City of Dublin announced the winners of its third annual "Dublin Idol" competition.

They are 5th to 8th Grade Winner: Rohan Fonseca; 9th to 12th Grade Winner: Amber Knezevic

The winners were crowned at the Dublin Farmers' Market event on Thursday, July 30, at Emerald Glen Park. Hosted by KKIQ Radio's Steve Fox, the competition began with a Preliminary Round, involving 24 singers, on July 16. The competition was broken down into two age group categories – 5th through 8th grade students, and 9th through 12th graders. In the first round, singers were allowed to sing a song of their choice, a cappella, for one minute. Fourteen singers were chosen to move on to the final round of competition.

In the final round on July 30, the singers sang a complete version of their chosen song, with musical accompaniment. The judges for the final round, Dublin councilmember Doreen Wehrenberg, and local performers Kathy Blackburn and Bob Campbell, judged the singers on voice quality and control, and overall stage presence.

Rohan Fonseca sang Queen's "Love of My Life." He will soon be an 8th grader at Fallon Middle School in Dublin. Amber Knezevic performed "Because of You" by Kelly Clarkson. Amber will be a sophomore at Dublin High School.

KKIQ Radio awarded cash prizes to the top three finishers in each category. The first place winners each received a trophy and a \$300 check from KKIQ Radio. The second place winners, Kaitlynn Miguel (8th grader at Fallon Middle School) and Anne Xavier (a Dublin resident who will be an 11th grader at San Ramon Valley High School), each received \$200; and the third place winners, Nimisha Shivaprasad (a 6th grader at Fallon Middle School) and Alicia Tran (a recent graduate of Dublin High), received \$100 each.

The "Dublin Idol" winners will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Rainbow of Songs Planned at Springtown Branch

The Livermore Public Library will present "A Rainbow of Songs" with Juan L. Sánchez on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6pm at the Springtown Branch Library, located at 998 Bluebell Dr., Livermore. The show is one of a variety of free performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Juan L. Sánchez performs "A Rainbow of Songs," a fun, interactive, multilingual musical show for the whole family. Sing along to the great songs, as Juan plays instruments such as the guitar, violin, kena, cajón and charango.

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Sister City Group to Host Annual BBQ

Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association will be hosting its annual BBQ fundraiser on Sat. Aug. 22, at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Proceeds helps fund othe student youth exchange, the visit from Tulancingo delegates, Cinco de Mayo celebration and the Posada in December.

It is a fun community event for all. The menu features Tony Macchiano's famous "Lickity Spit" BBQ dinner. There will be live and silent auctions and dancing to Phil the DJ and more. Advanced purchase recommended.

Tickets are \$40 per person, \$45 at the door-limited availability; \$320 for a reserved table for eight with sponsor sign. Pay online at www.ptsca.org

For information, contact Jorge Victoria at 925-989-6882; to make payments by phone, call 925-846-4134 after 7:00 p.m.

The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.



Pictured are (left to right) from Tulancingo, outgoing President Gerardo Hernandez, President-elect Dr. Arturo Gomez and wife Abril, former sister city President David Negrete, Sylvia and Jorge Victoria, Pleasanton President



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a great connection with the audience. Plus 99% of the time the performers will come out to the lobby after the show to chat with patrons, which is possible because of the size of our venue.”

Opening concert, September 5, features “rock-string quartet” Darlingside from Massachusetts. With their playful vocals and retro instrumentations, this hip young group should be a great launch for the season.

Among the notable concerts “that don’t fit the ‘traditional’ programming mold” according to Vogt is Julian Lage, October 4. “Jazz guitarist Lage is someone I’ve always wanted to present here,” he says, “and he’s giving us a rare solo concert.” Lage is also famous as the subject of the Oscar-nominated film “Jules at Eight.”

Vogt continues, “October turned into the concert month at the Firehouse.” In October, look for Edmar Castaneda, the fiery Columbian harpist turning heads in New York City;

Unauthorized Rolling Stones will strut and rock the house down; international award-winning illusionist Alex Ramon in his new “close-up magic” show; Pleasanton-born Tony Furtado with his Americana amalgam of bluegrass, folk, blues, country, and R&B roots music; and Tito Y Su Son De Cuba will shake the

rafters with big band Cuban sounds to close out the month. All October shows are new to the Firehouse stage, except the kick-off show October 3, which features blues harmonica master Mark Hummel, this time filling up the stage with his Golden State Lonestar Revue.

By design, November and December have a lot of

familiar “back by popular demand” shows, including bluegrass powerhouse Special Consensus; Jeff Bordes & Friends “A Jazzy Christmas;” JOEL featuring Kyle Martin in his tribute to piano man Billy Joel; and A Cash Country Christmas. Special nod goes to the return of December People, the family-friendly rock ‘n roll holiday blow-out concert. New for the holidays look for the comic genius of Will Durst & Friends and their Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off.

Stand-out concerts later in the season include Ambrosia; Heart by Heart rock concert featuring original band members; all-male

acappella phenomenon M-PACT, named “Best in the Country” (NBC Today Show); edgy sisters “roots rock” duo Larkin Poe; Jayme Stone’s Lomax Project (folk); and “An Afternoon with Groucho.”

The Firehouse has a Film Series this season with the theme “Thrill Rides,” featuring four classic indie thrillers. Show times: various Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. (check season brochure or website: www.firehousearts.org/filmseries.) Popcorn, beverages, and snacks will be available at the lobby concessions bay.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, the award-winning professional musical theatre company, kicks off their season in November with South Pacific. January-February: a Disney classic involving undersea creatures, a King, a Witch, a Princess (they’ve started casting, but it’s still a secret!). April-May: marks the world premiere of Enchanted April!

Civic Arts Stage Company is the City of Pleasanton’s children’s theater program in collaboration with Bay Area Children’s

Theatre (www.bactheatre.org) CASC shows: Tales of Olympus Jr., Elf Jr. (Bay Area premiere!), A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Rounding out the rich theater programming is City of Pleasanton’s award-winning teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse, with hugely popular long and short-form improv shows.

The Firehouse experience includes viewing the current exhibitions at the Harrington Gallery, open to ticket holders an hour before show time and at intermissions. Housed in the historically preserved Pleasanton Firehouse #1 exhibition bay, the Harrington Gallery is host to a wide variety of expertly curated fine art installations throughout the year.

Pleasanton’s own Cellar Door Wine Bar offers a variety of wine and beer, chocolates, and other noshes served at the lobby concessions bay before shows and during intermissions. All refreshments purchased can be enjoyed in the theater. In addition, Cellar Door gives a 20% discount off the tab at their neighborhood location across the street from the Firehouse with proof of ticket on the day of the performance.

The Firehouse continues to offer Theater Membership, with benefits including ticket discounts and priority ticketing, drink vouchers, invitation only events, and other perks.

Tickets and membership information online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.



Season includes series of thriller films.

Darlingside



Review

Las Positas College's Double Hits

By Susan Steinberg

A perennial audience favorite has just made its debut at Las Positas College (LPC), inaugurating the brand new state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater, conveniently located next to the Barbara Mertes Theater Building. A great performance space, it has comfortably-tiered levels, ADA accessibility, and full sight-lines from all locations. Professional lighting and audio improve the quality of outdoor production, and cleverly-designed backstage areas combine to enhance the theatrical experience for actors and audience alike.

The inaugural performance, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" proved as big a hit as the new venue itself. As created by professional funny men Larry Gelbart ("Mash", the Sid Caesar Show, and "Tootsie"), and Burt Shevelove, it's a wacky plot, based on the famous comedies of the Roman playwright Plautus. The timeless stereotypes he created, including the Braggart Soldier and the wily servant outwitting his masters have come down through the ages from Elizabethan and Restoration theater, French classical comedies, the Figaro operas, and parodies of modern army life in films and on TV. Of course the lecherous old man panting after hot young women has been a staple of comedy for centuries, right down to such real-life characters as Hugh Hefner.

Other familiar comic types include the dim-witted blonde and the domineering shrewish wife, the hen-pecked husband, and the endearingly naïve young couple discovering first love. There is an ingenious combination of parody and sympathy for all, plus a marvelous score by a young Steven Sondheim. Already a master of word-play in "Gypsy" and "West Side Story," he was finally called upon to marry his clever lyrics with his own infectious rhythms and tender ballads. The result was a smash hit, both on Broadway and in a star-studded film.

Even years later, the show has always wowed audiences (this reviewer looks forward to every revival). Helmed by Director Wesley Morgan, this staging had a fast pace, frenetic action sequences, double entendres, and pratfalls that had audiences responding with hilarious laughter. The humor was broad, sometimes a bit naughty, but never in bad taste, even with the complimentary(?) line, "Lycus, you are a gentleman and a procurer." A personal favorite occurs when the ditsy blonde refuses to drink an important goblet of wine because the religion of her homeland Crete prohibits alcohol. In frustration the narrator laments, "He HAD to go marry a religious Cretan." (Repeat until the humor sinks in.)

A serious note is the passionate desire of scheming slave Pseudolus to be "FREE," expressed in a song

that evokes audience appreciation of something much deeper than the surface comedy. Lines like "You're vegetable unless you're FREE," and "It's the essence of DEMOCRACY," testify to earnest yearnings that still resonate in contemporary society and scream from today's newspaper headlines.

Putting his heart into those words and then masterminding convoluted schemes to accomplish this goal by hoodwinking everyone was the energetic main-spring of the play, the slave Pseudolus. His ability to fill the demanding role was the make-or-break element of the production, and James Koponen was, as always, a master performer. Wildly inventive, distracting, winning, zany, conniving, and ever ready for a sudden change of demeanor, he was a quicksilver delight to watch as he animated each scene with an endless repertoire of different dramatic tricks and tics.

His fellow-slave Hysterium is just that, and made the most of his jangled nerves with the hysterical song "I'm Calm." Trevor March embodied both his ridiculous groveling to his mistress and the terrified hyperventilation that left him unconscious on the floor. A parade of tantalizing courtesans adds to the show's audience appeal, and LPC produced a fine bevy of beauties, each doing a routine inspired by her name: Gymnasia, Panacea, Vibrata, and Tintinabula, as a stunned Pseudolus sighs, "Haven't you got something a little less noisy?"

Lively staging, lovely voices, and physical comedy straight out of vaudeville made the show a sure-fire winner with appreciative audiences on opening weekend. Sadly, this hit was not scheduled for successive dates, despite the impressive sets mounted for the brief run by the college's technical crew and imaginative costumes. Mark Dietrich directed the energetic orchestra, while everyone on stage braved the chilly winds to give a carefree performance.

Ken Ross, long-time head of the LPC theater program, and still teaching classes, acted as Dramaturg for the production, also appearing as the befuddled old Erronious, and evoking the biggest ovation of the evening. His every appearance was a show-stopper.

Audiences also applauded Titian Lish, the new Performing Arts Coordinator for her meticulous attention to detail on this "shake-down" voyage of the new facility, and her thoughtful provision of free lap-blankets for audience members. The Sweet and Mellow food truck was extremely popular for its hot beverages as well as its yummy snacks, although many theater-goers had packed ample picnic baskets and coolers.

Congratulations to the planners and follow-through workers who have gifted the Valley with such an enjoyable new performance venue!

General Secretary of the National Council of Churches at Two Events

Jim Winkler, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, will preach Sunday, August 9, 2015 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, at 9:30 a.m. He will also be the guest speaker at a luncheon for area churches and other faith communities August 9 in Wesley Center at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd, Alamo, at noon. His luncheon topic is "San Francisco East Bay: What does the Lord require of you?"

Winkler meets with faith leaders of all world religions and speaks with a progressive Christian voice on issues of peace and justice around the world. The National Council of Churches is "a community of communions called by Christ to visible unity and sent forth in the Spirit to promote God's justice, peace, and the healing of the world." Some of the 37 member communions include: African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church (USA), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church. Winkler has been President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches for one year. Before that he headed the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church.

The public is welcome to attend worship and hear Winkler preach at Lynnewood UMC and/or to attend the luncheon at San Ramon Valley UMC. Please send reservations for the luncheon to Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, office@lynnewood.org, or call 925 846-0221. A donation of \$5 is asked at the door. People of all faith backgrounds are welcome.

Lynnewood UMC is located across from the aquatic center on Black Ave., and there is ample parking behind the church.

Religion Chat Set for August 12

The August Religion Chat will be held at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton on August 12, at 5:00 to 6:00 PM

The topic will be "In Your faith whom would you consider to be a holy person--one held in high regard? What attributes do they have?"

Rabbi Lawrence Milder, from Congregation Beth Emek, will talk on the Jewish point-of-view and Ustad Ali Ataie, professor at St. Mary's College, will teach us about the Muslim perspective.

This event is free of charge. Interested people are welcome.

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. They are also on Facebook.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Firehouse Film Series features 4 classic independent film thrillers. Become a Theater Member! Enjoy ticket discounts and priority ticketing, drink vouchers, 'invitation only' events, and other perks. Ticket and membership info now at www.firehousearts.org, and in person at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

Aesop Amuck, adapted by Rebecca Longworth and the ensemble from Aesop's Fables; Directed by Rebecca Longworth; Performed by Sam Bertken, Paul Eric Collins, Joan Howard, Casey Robbins and Marlene Yarosh; Designed by Joan Howard, Megan Hillard and Viviana Matsuda; Musical direction by Casey Robbins. Sunday August 16 at 5pm - Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton, sponsored by the City of Pleasanton. No charge.

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

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

16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, Danville. September 4-22. Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in partnership with the National Park Service and Role Players Ensemble. Events take place at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville or in locations in downtown Danville. Shows will include *Desire Under the Elms* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Other events are planned. Free previews of the 16th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival will be hosted at three area libraries in August: Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Danville Library, 400 Front Street; Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.; and Saturday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Tickets for *Desire Under the Elms* and *A Streetcar Named Desire* and for other Festival events, are available online through the Town of Danville Box Office at www.villageofdanville.org, or (925) 314-3400. General information about the Eugene O'Neill Foundation is available at www.eugeneoneill.org, or by calling (925) 820-1818.

The Ray Charles Project, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Circus and Acrobats of China, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Civic Arts Stage Co Presents Tales of Olympus Jr., 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 18-27, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444

Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

COMEDY

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 8, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked, 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 19, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341. Go to www.comedyuncorked.com for updates.

The 40th Annual San Francisco Comedy Competition, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

Movies in the Park, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Free. Movies begin at dusk. All are PG. August 6, Back to the Future; August 13, Into the Woods. <http://cityofpleasantonca.gov>, or 931-4826.

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

DANCE

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

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

5th annual Freeze Frame! Photo

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

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 43rd Competition for Young Musicians, application deadline is Sunday, September 27, 2015. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/18.) Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on February 20, 2016. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applications must be accompanied by an \$8.00 application fee and a recording for preliminary

screening. Additional information at www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org or contact the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

Little League Intermediate World Series in 2015 from Sunday, August 2nd to Saturday, August 8th at Max Baer Park, Livermore. intermediateworldseries.org. Welcome parade Aug. 1, 3 p.m. in downtown Livermore. www.livermore-downtown.com

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

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

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

Paws in the Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27, Amador Valley Community Park, Pleasanton. Valley Humane Society a dog walk and animal festival benefiting animal rescue and community programs. Walk with or without a dog, form a "dog pack" with family and friends. www.valleyhumane.org

26th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sun., Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies begin at

9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org
A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Role Players Ensemble production, Sept. 4-19. Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

Darlingside, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

149th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Labor Day Weekend September 5-6, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Includes Irish dancing, Highland dancing, piping and drumming, sports, music, etc. www.caledonian.org/

34th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration, Sun., Sept. 6, noon to 6 p.m. Over 40 wineries featuring wine tasting, entertainment, and arts and crafts. Presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... The Harringtons & The Pleasanton Art Partnership Tuesday, September 8th, 7 pm: Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, to discuss the many artworks in the community. The Harringtons will share the stories behind many public art pieces around the city and the artists, including those in the Harrington Art Partnership, a 10-year public art acquisition and installation program. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Lobster Clambake at Wente, Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
Children's Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12 Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Entertainment, make it and take it booths, food booths, and more. No admission charge. Hosted by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. 373-5700.

Applefest 2015, Sept. 13, 1 to 3 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Tour the orchards and taste antique apple varieties. Make cider, play old-fashioned games. Orchard tour at 1:15 p.m. \$2 donation requested. 960-2400.

Splatter, Sept. 19, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Arts and culinary marketplace, wine tasting, interactive art experiences, music by Double Funk Crunch. No admission charge. Presented by City of Dublin. www.dublinsplatter.com

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Series, September 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Speaker TBD. Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org

Quilting in the Garden, Sept. 26 and 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts hung from tree to tree; several classes, lectures and

a garden tour are part of the event. Featured artist Freddy Moran; guest artist Sally Collins. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Information about activities go to www.aldenlane.com or www.inbetweenstitches.com
26th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show,

presented by the Altamont Cruisers, September 27 in downtown Livermore. Featuring muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

Encore Players Group Announces Auditions; along with Plans for the Coming Year

Auditions: The Encore Players, the Livermore theater company for older actors, has announced open auditions for A.R. Gurney's hit comedy "The Cocktail Hour." The auditions will be held from 7-9 pm Monday, August 17, and 7-9 pm Friday, August 21, at the West End Theater of the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore. Actors will be asked to read from the script. The play, directed by longtime actor/director Connie Duke, will be presented at the Bothwell Arts Center at 8 pm Friday-Sunday, October 23-25.

Roles include a long-married, well-off, conventional couple and their adult children, a son and daughter who have markedly different values from their parents. The cracks in their relationships have become even more apparent in the culture clashes of the 1970s, when the play is set.

No appointment is needed for the auditions. For more information about the auditions or the play, contact Connie Duke at 846-8420, condu@aol.com; or Kathy Streeter at 447-8924, k.streeter@comcast.net.

Three Viewings: Completing its 2015 -2016 season, Encore Players have chosen Jeffrey Hatcher's "Three Viewings" to be presented in March. The play consists of three funny, poignant scenes set in the same funeral parlor. Three individuals tell their stories, both comic and tragic but always revelatory, of their crisscrossing ties to this Midwest community and its people. Notice of auditions will be publicized after the first of the year.

Keep abreast of the company's activities by joining its mailing list by emailing k.streeter@comcast.net.

Improvs at the Bothwell: In addition, the Encore Players will sponsor a second session of its class in Improvisation for the Theater and for Life, with popular instructor Gary Grossman. The class, geared to individuals over 50, will be held from 1-4 pm August 29 and September 5, 12 and 19 at the Bothwell Center. Fee for the four classes is \$100. Participants are limited to 15, and registration is on a first-come first-served basis. For a registration form, contact Kathy Streeter at k.streeter@comcast.net, 925 447-8924.

The session can accommodate both new and returning participants. Grossman will conduct a short review of beginning level improvisation at the start of the first class, and then the focus will shift to longer-form exercises. Come and discover how to improve your listening and storytelling skills onstage and off!

Milestones

Community College Board Secretary Honored for Work

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) recently announced recipients of the annual ACCT Professional Board Staff Member Award.

Beverly "Bev" Bailey, Secretary to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees was named the 2015 recipient of this prestigious award for the Pacific Region.

Applicants are nominated through a process that requires a summary of achievements, demonstrated service leadership, and evidence of support to the Board and the CEO team. Applicants must have participated in professional development and continu-

ing education activities as well as demonstrate overall outstanding performance in the position.

Bailey has worked with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District in a number of positions since 1975. She began her service at Chabot College in Hayward in the Office of Instruction, excelled over the years, and was hired as the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees in 1993. She remained in the position until her retirement in 2009. In January 2010, Ms. Bailey returned to the District to serve as the Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees where



Beverly "Bev" Bailey (Photo-Mary Lauffer).

she prepares Board agendas, takes meeting minutes, and posts Board materials to the District website.

Bailey was described by Chancellor Jannett Jackson

as, "...an excellent writer, a leader among her peers and [she] displays the traits we wish for all our employees." Board of Trustees' President Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles wrote in the nomination application, "Bev is a person that goes beyond the word service... she is a jewel." Bailey was previously recognized by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District as having received the Chancellor's Award three times during her forty-year tenure. Recipients of the Chancellor's Award are nominated by their peers.

She is a graduate of Hayward High School and Chabot College and resides in Alameda.

Darlington Joins Board of Livermore Valley Education Foundation

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) has added David Darlington to its Board of Directors.

Darlington has been extremely active in community and civic affairs since moving to Livermore in 1984. He served eight years on the City of Livermore's Environment and Energy Committee, one year on the General Plan Update Committee, and two terms on the City Council's Growth Review Board. For 17 years he provided environmental education services to Livermore public and private schools.

He presently serves as the Livermore School District's Conservation Consultant. He has volunteered with the Boy Scouts for 15 years, including serving as Eagle Scout Advisor. His two sons attended Rancho Las Positas Elementary School.

Darlington says he is passionate about the importance of education and looks forward to serving on the LVEF Board to put that passion to work. "Education is the bedrock of civilization," says Darlington. "All great strides in human endeavor begin with education."

Other LVEF Board members are Founder Bill Dunlop, Sally Dunlop, Treasurer Sally Esser, Dave Haberman, Karen Hutchinson, President David Jonas, Jamie Mason, Joe Romagna, Past President Vicki Schellenberger, Secretary Charity Shehtanian, and Jon Williams.

For more information visit www.lvef.org.



Pictured at right is David Darlington.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Amador Valley Quilters, meeting will be held August 8 at 1:30 pm at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave Pleasanton. Denise Oyama Miller will share works that show her joy in the use of fabric, her skill with color and design, and her artist's eye. Contact Lorraine 989-6923 for more information.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Aug. 11, 1 p.m., lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 8 to Gloria, 846-8320. Aug. 15, 1 p.m., friendly bridge, RSVP by Aug. 8 to Dolores, 833-1908. Aug. 16, 1 p.m., general meeting/birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by Aug. 9 to Marsha, 830-8483. Aug. 18, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 15 to Barbara, 426-8876. Aug. 20, 5 p.m., happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 18 to Mary, 705-7337. Aug. 24, 1 p.m., lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Aug. 22 to Janet, 443-3317. Aug. 26, 1 p.m., lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 24 to Gloria, 846-8320. Aug. 30, noon, brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Aug. 28 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, August 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Convent, across street from the hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) was founded in 1983 in Livermore, by concerned neighbors living around the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, August 20th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

26th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sun., Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., Aug. 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Bettie and David Goosman will show photographs of their automobile tour of South Africa, Bettie's native country. Bettie and David

visited several areas, including Pretoria, home of the Voortrekker Monument; the Eastern Free State; the Golden Gate; the Valley of Desolation; the Eastern Cape; Mossel Bay; Pinnacle Point; Meirings Poort; Kirstenbosch; the Western Cape; Great Karroo; Kruger National Park, and Clanwilliam, which is famous for flowers and rooibos tea. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information, call 925 373-5500.

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

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

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

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

Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School, a Livermore School District run independent study program for grades 1-8, now accepting enrollment

Milestones

Community



Dublin Unified added to its outstanding leadership team at a special Board of Trustees meeting with a handful of new appointments to significant positions. Joyce Gibson was named the new principal of Kolb Elementary School. Gibson has served as an elementary and middle school principal, most recently in the Antioch Unified School District. Ean Ainsworth, PhD, was named the new principal at Wells Middle School. Ainsworth was most recently the principal at Valley View Middle School in Pleasant Hill. Paul Faris, who has long served as an assistant principal at Fallon Middle School was named Assistant Principal at Dublin High School. Sarah Breed, PhD, was named the Director of Educational Services. Dr. Breed most recently worked in the Oakland Unified School District.



The Amador Valley High School Cheer Program went to CAL Berkeley for UCA camp. They are Winners of multiple awards for Game Day, Extreme Routine, and Sideline Cheers Evaluations. The girls won the Camp Top Banana, three Superior Squad Awards and recipient of the Traditions Award for the 2nd year in a row. Each of the three squads also earned their spirit stick to bring home to AVHS.

Room to Grow Recognized

Room to Grow, located at 678 Enos Way in Livermore, California has earned national certification as a Nature Explore Classroom from Dimensions Educational Research Foundation and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Room to Grow, joins a growing network of organizations and institutions that have created effective nature-based outdoor learning environments for children. More information on Room to Grow may be found at http://natureexplore.org/classrooms/certified/CA/Livermore_RoomtoGrow.php

“Room to Grow has shown tremendous leadership in growing the next generation of environmental stewards,” said Susie Wirth, Nature Explore Outreach Director. “Their commitment to providing research-based and nature-rich learning offers a wonderful example to educators throughout the country.”

Nature Explore Classrooms are part of the Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation developed in response to the growing disconnect between children and nature. Certified Nature Explore Classrooms help fill the void by integrating research-based outdoor learning opportunities into children’s daily lives.

The classrooms are being developed across the country.



Nellie Ludolph celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born July 21, 1915. She was born and raised in California where she spent all of her life. Nellie never married or had any children, so she spent much of her time traveling all over the world. She also was a proud shop owner for many years until she retired. Nellie has lived through and witnessed a great part of history, including the Great Depression, World Wars I & II, etc. Nellie is now a resident of Pleasanton, living at Sunol creek memory care enjoying the rest of her life doing some of her favorite things like watching CNN, Stock market, cooking shows. Her favorite time of year is Christmas.