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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.

## Downtown Planning Moves into Public Outreach Phase

The next phase in planning development on 8.2 acres in downtown Livermore will begin. Four concepts, featuring elements such as a hotel, open space, housing, and parking will be used to jump start public input.

The concepts were developed by the Downtown Steering Committee led by PlaceWorks.

At its August 7 meeting, the Livermore City Council approved

a public engagement plan that will use multiple resources to engage the public.

These include a project website, social media, display boards, posters, flyers and stories. There will be downtown tours offered either in person or via a mobile device, neighborhood districts meetings, pop-events, on-line engagement and community workshops. The purpose is to cast as wide a net as

possible to avoid having only the same people provide input.

Controversy arose over whether or not all of the committee's four plans should be sent out to the public.

Rachael Snedecor, Livermore Downtown, Inc. executive director, said, "I hope the council commits that only things that go out to the public are things that can happen."

Dale Kaye, Executive Director

of Innovation Tri-Valley, agreed. She declared that elements have to have financial feasibility.

Jean King from Friends of Livermore responded that there are things in a plan that may not work. However, by presenting all of the options, we can determine what will work. This includes looking at the cost to build and maintain an element and where money would

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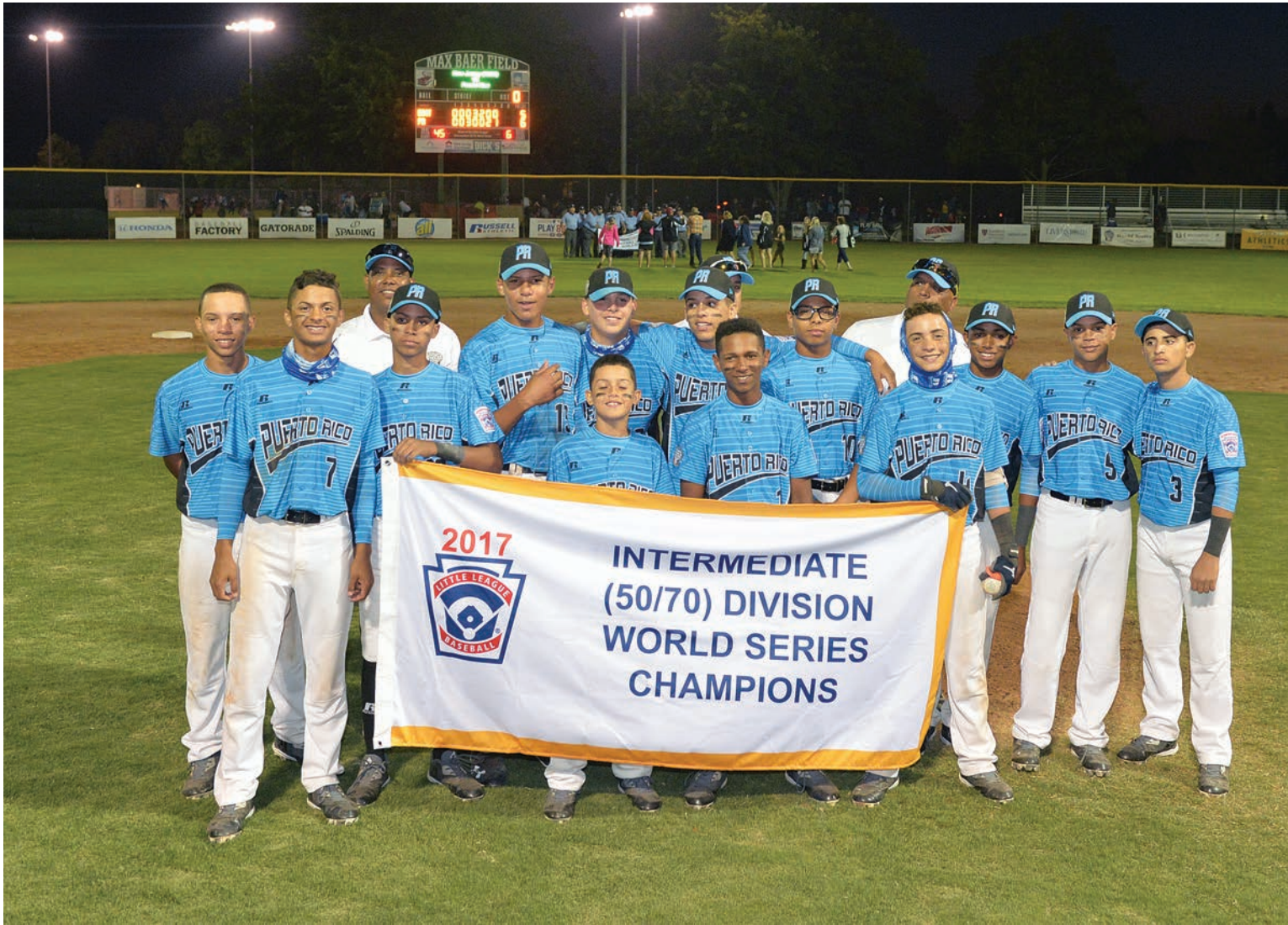


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Puerto Rico defeated the team from Freehold Township in New Jersey to capture the Little League Intermediate World Series tie. The New Jersey team took a two run lead into the bottom of the sixth. Puerto Rico tied the score and went on to take the title. Games were played at Max Baer Park in Livermore. Puerto Rico, the International Champion, advanced to the World Series title game with a 10 to 2 victory over the team from Venezuela. New Jersey made it to the final game with a walk-off home run for a 6 to 4 win over the U.S. Champion, Hawaii. For an action photo, go to page 8.

## Zone 7 Looks at Possible Changes on Erosion, Public Use of Patterson Ranch

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency directors told staff that they want to explore a policy that will help the agency to better deal with erosion in the Valley's arroyos.

The policy would include approaching Valley cities concerning future construction planned near arroyos, and advising the cities of necessary setbacks to prevent future problems that eroded stream banks could cause buildings.

Meeting in a strategic planning session at a hotel conference room near their Livermore headquarters on Aug. 2, directors covered policy matters in several areas that involve the agency's goals. No action items were on the agenda.

Besides possible new approaches concerning erosion control, directors talked about what might be included in a future policy that would allow public use of the 5000-acre Patterson Ranch near Lake Del Valle. Zone 7 acquired the land for \$18 million in 2013 in order to control an important source of run-off water near the lake.

A Livermore hiking group has approached Zone 7 about access to the land. Directors discussed the request and how East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) might see the advantage of building and maintaining a trail on the land, provided there were no costs to Zone 7. Directors were clear that water is the number one responsibility. The agency should not spend a dime of its own money on recreation facilities and maintenance.

There was also a discussion of providing more effective administration and governance in a fiscally responsible manner.

Erosion of stream banks became a major issue this past winter. The agency faces more than 200 repair projects at an estimated \$44 million cost, compared to \$1 million spent the previous year, during the drought.

Only five or six repair projects with highest priority can be accomplished this year, partly because of the need to wait for the necessary environmental permits to work on arroyos. Time is so short, and the grant process so long, that Zone 7 will give up on gaining funding for the highest priority work. "We'll do what we can (to get grants), but we have to get those projects done to protect the public," said Zone 7 General Manager Jill Duerig.

On the remaining projects, Duerig said, "It will take several years to acquire the permits, spread the costs (over time), and have enough staff and consultants to do the work."

Zone 7 has received a claim filed against it by a Foothill Road homeowner who lost 40 feet of back yard, leaving only a few feet of lawn between the arroyo cliff and the homeowner's swimming pool.

Zone 7 directors voted to allocate up to \$920,000 in March to

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## Russia, Health Care Main Topics at Town Hall

Congressman Eric Swalwell hosted a town hall meeting last Saturday at Granada High School in Livermore.

He began the session with a touch of humor, noting that upon

the birth of his son, "We got the cutest baby monitor from the Russian Ambassador."

About 500 were on hand, many attending a town hall for the first time. Their primary interests fo-

cused on health care and the Russian investigation.

A lone heckler kept interrupting Swalwell to shout comments about Russia, the election and Hillary Clinton such as "Get over it." He

demanded specific information from Swalwell on proof of Russian interference. "There are no facts whatsoever."

Swalwell said that the speaker

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## Alameda County Recognized for Program that Helps Women

An innovative Alameda County program that empowers women to rebuild their lives following crises such as domestic violence and sexual assault has been named one of the 100 Best Innovations in County Government for 2017.

The program known as STEP-UP (Survivor Training and Empowerment - Utilizing your Potential) was named one of the "100 Brilliant Ideas at Work" by the National Association of Counties (NACo) in a new awards program championed as examples to all 3,069 counties in the United States.

STEP-UP was also one of eight Alameda County initiatives recognized with Achievement Awards in NACo's annual program highlighting the best work by counties across the country. The awards were presented at NACo's annual meeting last month and celebrated at the August 1st meeting of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

STEP-UP features a training and empowerment program offered by

the District Attorney's Office to women who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as women diverted from the criminal justice system after an allegation of public assistance fraud.

The program, offered in English and Spanish, helps women develop personal, professional and financial skills to assist them in breaking the cycle of violence and poverty. It also includes detailed job development sessions that serve as pathways to paid employment.

Along with STEP-UP, other Alameda County programs winning 2017 NACo Achievement Awards include efforts to fight human trafficking, protect natural resources, expand elections transparency, improve customer service and save taxpayer dollars.

In addition to STEP-UP, Achievement Award winners were:

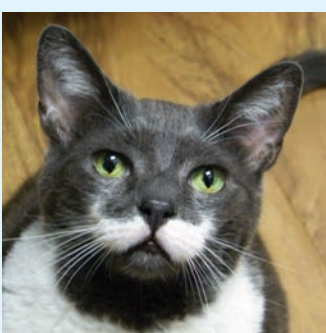
- MAP1193 - Stop Human Trafficking, a mobile application developed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Pooch Parade was held in Pleasanton Aug. 2. Pictured is one of the entries. For more photos, go to Section A.



### PET OF THE WEEK

We moustache you a question. Can you harmonize? Are you fond of striped vests? Is your barbershop quartet perhaps seeking a fourth member? Figaro is quite eager to apply. Please inquire after this stylish two-year-old gent at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz

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## Drought-Stressed Trees Add to Fire Conditions

With wildfire season in the dry summer months, it's important for rural landowners, and also people in cities, to pay attention to the health of trees. Fires starting in trees are harder to control and can spread wildfires much farther than grassfires.

Drought in California has killed an estimated 102 million trees between 2010 and 2016, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Dead trees set up tinderbox conditions that increase the summer fire risk.

A statewide group, the California Fire Safe Council, spreads the word to communities, and passes out grants to support local fire prevention efforts.

PG&E wrote in a news

release that it is working with Fire Safe Councils in the state for the fourth consecutive year. This year, the firm will donate \$2 million in project funding to reduce the threat of wildfires. Some \$75,000 of it will go to the Diablo Fire Safe Council for Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Many trees can take up to three years to show the effects of drought stress, according to Davey Tree, a tree service with a national presence. Some signs of stress are off-color and undersized leaves, early leaf drop, and premature coloring in the fall.

Tree experts can visit homeowners and open space landowners and determine the condition of trees, to see

if they are a hazard, said Joe Berg, District Manager for Davey Tree in the Bay Area.

Although most of the Valley is pasture land or vineyards, there are rows of trees along rural roads and freeways that can catch fire, said Berg.

The same was true in a more urban setting in October, 1991, when the Tunnel Fire began in the Oakland Hills. It started in grass, burned nearby trees and embers flew into the air at rapid wind speeds. They set homes and apartments on fire for two days. Some 2800 homes and 400 apartments burned; 25 people were killed and 150 injured.

Berg said that roadside trees can be ignited by something as simple as a spark by the side of the road,

## Pleasanton Taking Applications for City Commissions and Committees

The fall recruitment period for Pleasanton commissions and committees is now open and applications are being accepted until 5 p.m. on August 15, 2017.

Once the recruitment period closes on August 15, candidates will be contacted for follow up interviews with Mayor Jerry Thorne. Interviews will be conducted on September 7 and 8. If appointed, commissioners are

required to file a statement of economic interest and complete ethics training, which can be taken online.

Here is a list of commission and committee openings for which the Council is currently recruiting:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee; Econom-

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Comment Period Extended

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR), acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has extended the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for ACEforward to August 31, 2017.

ACEforward is a phased improvement plan proposed by the SJRR to increase service reliability and frequency, enhance passenger facilities, reduce travel times along the existing ACE service corridor from San Jose to Stockton and extend ACE service to Manteca, Modesto, Ceres, Turlock and Merced.

Operating and passenger facilities improvements required to support the increased ACE service proposed in the near term include the following:

- Track improvements to relieve rail network congestion and expand rail capacity at existing or future congestion points (Centerville/Niles/Sunol and Altamont segments)
- Potential reroute of ACE service through downtown Tracy with new potential stations west of Tracy, in downtown Tracy, and in the Lathrop/Manteca areas (Tracy to Lathrop segment)
- Extension of ACE service to Modesto and new stations in downtown Manteca, Ripon and Modesto (Manteca to Modesto segment)

To view the NOA and the DEIR, or to view a list of the 26 libraries where hardcopies of the DEIR will be available, visit [www.aceforward.com](http://www.aceforward.com). Submit comments before the end of the comment period via email to [aceforwardEIR@acerail.com](mailto:aceforwardEIR@acerail.com) with subject line "ACEforward DEIR."

Written comments can be mailed to: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission ATTN: ACEforward DEIR 949 E. Channel Street Stockton, CA 95202

## New Board Member

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees has appointed a new member from Trustee Area 3, which includes South Hayward and Union City. Genevieve Randolph of Union City will replace Dr. Amulfo Cedillo, who retired in June, as an appointed member of the Board until the next regularly scheduled election for governing board members in November 2018.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

Randolph was appointed following a process that included a review of applications and interviews with the current Board. She will be sworn in and begin service at the regularly scheduled board meeting on August 15, 2017.

## Baker Billed Signed

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) announced Governor Brown has signed her Assembly Bill 1021. This measure will modernize the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) application process to help the elderly and disabled apply for in-home services in the most modern, efficient methods, the way as those that apply for CalFresh benefits.

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program provides services for low-income individuals who are blind, disabled, or 65 years old or older. Approximately 464,000 Californians currently receive these services, which include personal care services (toileting, bathing, and grooming), domestic and related services (meal preparation, house-cleaning), paramedical services, and protective supervision. IHSS is an alternative to much more expensive and disruptive out-of-home placement, such as assisted living

or nursing facilities. The program is funded by state, county, and federal dollars.

Currently, most counties allow customers to apply only by phone for IHSS applications. AB 1021 would provide that an IHSS applicant can apply for IHSS benefits with the same process that he or she uses to apply for CalFresh benefits. County human services agencies shall accept applications for benefits by telephone, by fax, in person, or by email, or, if the county is capable of accepting online applications for benefits, by other electronic means.

AB 1021 received unanimous, bipartisan support in both the Senate and Assembly prior to receiving the Governor's signature.

## LARPD Meeting in the Park

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Almond Park, 1555 Almond Ave.

With the theme of "How Can Our Parks Serve You Better?," the meeting will give Livermore citizens an opportunity to receive an update on current LARPD projects, provide feedback on any local park issues, make suggestions regarding Almond Park and any other District facility or program. There will be an opportunity to become acquainted with the LARPD Board of Directors and the General Manager. A representative from the Livermore Police Department has been invited to attend to answer any questions.

For more information, call 925-373-5725 or email [info@larpd.org](mailto:info@larpd.org).

## Changes in Bus Service

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) will implement service and schedule adjustments to most Wheels and Rapid routes effective Saturday August 12. The changes include a modification to the Route 14 routing and a new afternoon boarding location for service to Dublin High School. In addition, many other schedules have had minor adjustments to make transfers more convenient for routes serving the BART Stations and the Livermore Transit Center.

New timetables, marked "New Schedule August 12, 2017," are available on all Wheels and Rapid buses and on the LAVTA website at [wheelsbus.com](http://wheelsbus.com). Additional information is available by calling our Customer Service Center at (925) 455-7500.

## Bacteria Found in Water

On August 2, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) lab chemists became aware that two drinking water samples in Dublin, that had been drawn the previous day tested positive for bacteria (total coliform and E. coli). It takes 24 hours to grow the culture that tests for bacteria. Water operators flushed the system at the two locations (Scarlett Court and Asterwood Drive). Then they resampled the original sites and took five samples upstream and five samples downstream at both locations. Thursday afternoon, all subsequent samples were clean.

A sample in a third location (Central Parkway) tested positive for total coliform. Again, water operators resampled at the original site, taking five samples upstream and five samples downstream and flushed the system. Thursday evening, all subsequent samples were clean.

In all three locations, the chlorine residual was low, but after water operators flushed the areas, the chlorine residual returned to normal.

Normally, District water operators collect weekly water samples on Tuesdays (23 samples per week, totaling 92 samples per month). However, because there are five Tuesdays in August, they will collect 115 samples.

Total coliform includes bacteria found in soil, water influenced by surface water, and human or animal waste. Coliform bacteria are unlikely to cause illness. However, their presence in drinking water indicates that disease-causing organisms (pathogens) could be in the water system. Most pathogens that can contaminate water supplies come from the feces of humans or animals.

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# EDITORIAL

## National Monuments

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution urging support for national monuments in California.

The EBRPD decision was in response to President Trump, who earlier this year, issued an Executive Order calling for a review of all national monuments over 100,000 acres that were designated as such since 1996.

The letter noted, "America's protected federal public lands and national monuments belong to all Americans."

Under the Antiquities Act of 1906, U.S. Presidents are authorized to designate as national monuments any historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are located on land owned or controlled by the federal government. Twenty-two such monuments have been designated in California.

The monuments aren't just about history or habitat preservation. They are economic engines, providing thousands of jobs across California and the country. In California, contrary to the jobs Trump mentions, outdoor recreation generates \$85 billion in consumer spending annually and supports over 730,000 jobs. These jobs should not be sacrificed for short term economic gain.

By retaining special places as National Monuments, the lands will be forever protected for future generations to enjoy.

## AWARDS

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and Information Technology Department to educate businesses and mobilize community support for a State law requiring certain businesses to display posters fostering awareness and a quick response to suspected cases of human trafficking.

- The Criminal Justice Operational Database Management System, an upgraded Countywide criminal justice database that provides vital information to the County's major criminal justice partners – the Sheriff, Superior Court, District Attorney, Public Defender and Probation Department.

- Automated Employee Onboarding System, which streamlines the process of bringing new hires into the Alameda County organization by having the employee provide required information via online application, saving large amounts of paper.

- Online Filing of Assessment Appeals, a new online system that lets residents and business owners appeal property assessments performed by the County. The process saves staff time and allows appellants to track their appeals online.

- Elections Results Viewer, an online map created by the Information Technology Department that provides precinct-by-precinct election results in real time.

- A Strategic Plan for Office Paper, a comprehensive countywide effort in which County departments together reduced paper use by 23 percent over five years.

- Public Works Surveyor Documents Sharing Website, an online tool that makes parcel maps, survey records and other important documents often sought by the public available online – enhancing public convenience and saving large amounts of staff time.

## LIVERMORE

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come from to construct it.

Councilmember Steve Spedowski said the goal is to evaluate all projects equally. He did not see any reason to remove any of the plans.

The outreach process will include education, along with the review and evaluation of the four alternatives.

Snedecor asked if plans could be allowed to change before the first workshop. Can we control that from happening?

She suggested that all committee members commit to respect the information agreed upon for outreach to the public. She said that Livermore Downtown would respect the process. It will not use its website or emails for advocacy.

Bryan Petro suggested that everyone on the committee should refrain from any outreach or lobbying.

As for making changes, Jean King said that the staff report went out just last on Friday. We learned that some of the assumptions made by the Community Group were not correct. "This Monday, MacCracken Architect created a new plan to adjust to the analysis. We can give the changes to staff tonight. That's it. We will respect the process."

Councilmember Bob Woerner requested that changes be made to the Eastside A plan, which includes Presidio's hotel plan. Underground parking should be added. Access needs to be created to allow for services and garbage collection for current businesses located near the proposed hotel.

The council allowed Woerner's changes and those from the Community Group.

Consultant David Early from PlaceWorks pointed out that none of the four concepts are final plans; they provide ideas where certain elements could be placed.

He noted that some members of the Steering Committee had objected to the addition of the MacCracken plan to the mix. Others objected to using the hotel plan submitted by Presidio Companies, which has an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with the city through the end of November 2017. Early said it was important that work provided by developers and from MacCracken be included.

It was noted that three of the plans called for a 1500 sq. ft. conference center; the MacCracken plan showed a 4000 sq. ft. center. Mayor John Marchand said that didn't follow the consultant's advice provided to the Committee, suggesting 1500 sq. ft. as workable.

Committee member Jeff Kaskey pointed out that Presidio had at first offered a 4000 sq. ft. facility. He said that the larger site would help to support the downtown by bringing in such activities as weddings and corporate events.

Woerner said that the reason for a conference center in conjunction with a hotel is to increase room occupancy. Beyond that it is a money loser. If people want to subsidize a larger space, it should be separate from the hotel.

Kaskey objected to some of the city's evaluations of the four plans, including the measurement of open space. He said that in Eastside B, the green space is mostly private, "I'm not sure if it should count as core green space." Also on his list was the cost of underground parking, which was lowered from \$64,000 to \$55,000 per space. This compares with \$40,000 per space for regular garage parking. "It is interesting that underground parking is now significantly cheaper. With that knowledge, I think each of the plans might have planned differently."

He also noted that there is no mention in the evaluation that the westside hotel has on site parking or that a larger conference center supports more retail. He wondered how the traffic delay numbers were justified. "I would like to see the model that was used to develop those figures."

A workbook will be provided to the public to create individual concepts. A ranking worksheet will allow the public to list 10 elements in order of importance. For example, if open space were the most important, it would be listed number one.

During the public hearing, speakers mainly focused on the location of the proposed hotel.

Those who supported a hotel on the eastside of Livermore Avenue stated that Livermore Valley wine country is missing one key

piece - a place for people to stay overnight. A hotel would increase the area as an attraction, bringing in more people and more money, helping to sustain wine country. David Kent, owner of Darcie Kent Winery, said that the hotel next to the Bankhead Theater would help to mask the massing.

When it comes to making the Livermore Valley Wine Country a destination, Larry Dino from Cuda Ridge Winery stated that hotels are critically important.

Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association Executive Director Chris Chandler said she had been told that Livermore would not be eligible for designation as "wine region of the year," because it does not have the proper amenities to be considered. She urged the council to stick to the timeline, and break ground on a hotel in 2018.

Dave Corkle, owner of Cinema West, told the council that when the theater was built, he was promised that a hotel would be built next to the Bankhead Theater. He said that it should be built there where it will help the businesses it was intended to help.

Others felt a westside hotel would be the better option. A statement by Nancy Rodrigue, owner of Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, was read. She wrote, "Where the hotel goes, with its good-sized conference center, and where housing is developed, should be decided by residents, not defined by business organizations whose principals may not reside in the Livermore area. It will be nice to have a hotel downtown, but in a location that will have its own parking and wonderful views. A westside hotel looking out on a vibrant stretch of open space would inspire residents and visitors alike. Expediency should not be the issue."

A statement was also read from Jim and Ginger McGrail, owners of McGrail Winery. It declared, "If the hotel were on the westside patrons would not have to stare out a window at the wall of the Bankhead Theater. On the westside, there would be views of the park, our unique downtown and the hills. We want the hotel soon, but not one that is jammed in a corner. Why

are we spending all this time and effort and money debating what should be common sense? Put the hotel on the westside."

Tom Jefferson said that the westside hotel was a superior location because it did not require valet parking, which would impact traffic.

David Rounds said, "My opinion is that a westside hotel has a lot of advantages; better parking options, more space, less impact on existing businesses. However, none of these are as important as the fact that the location of the hotel will guide the course of the rest of the development."

Comments were made on other topics. Tammy Reuss called the process very politicized.

Elizabeth Judge said of the input process that there should be a way to identify those working on-line, so that they could not submit more than one reply. She was concerned about Livermore Downtown and its campaign for an eastside hotel.

Audra Triska wanted more housing on the site.

Amanda Kent saw an opportunity with a new park to host festivals and art shows.

Darcie Kent, owner of Darcie Kent Winery, suggested a need for art gallery space. Expanding Blacksmith Square around a village green could attract artisan businesses.

Donna Cabanne said the top use should be open space.

After the public hearing, councilmembers made several decisions. One was to endorse the outreach plan and to use regulatory tools to limit housing to the agreed upon number, once the outreach process was completed.

Spedowski said that the character of the current downtown should be kept in mind. "Be careful that it doesn't change. He expressed concern regarding Blacksmith Square, as well as height and massing. Setbacks should be addressed. He suggested adding a statement that massing should be minimized to avoid overshadowing surrounding businesses, such as those on First Street and at Blacksmith Square. He expressed optimism about reaching an agreement where everyone is happy.

## MAILBOX

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### Hotel Lobbyists Go Overboard Elizabeth Judge Livermore

The east side hotel lobbyists pulled out all the stops this past Monday night during the last meeting of the Downtown Steering Committee held jointly with the City Council. They even went beyond the shameful behavior exhibited at some regular meetings.

The day before the meeting one committee member spent much effort on a cowardly unsigned blog picked up by an online neighborhood news site. It was a ven-

omous, personal attack on three other committee members who had brought forth an alternative to the east side hotel, the MacCracken hotel. The blog misrepresented their conduct in the process and was the best example of fake news outside of D.C. To his young friends, who had not attended any committee meetings and hence had no first hand knowledge of the issue, this news was "real." They showed up and unknowingly embarrassed themselves by touting the blog's claims as the perpetrator sat there smiling like a snake.

Livermore Downtown Inc., also represented on the committee, had irritated the public early on with its excessive lobbying for the east side particularly evidenced during the May 25 meeting where it stacked the audience waving hands in agreement. Last year the public expressed its displeasure with the east side hotel idea. Yet Downtown Inc. took the "my way or the highway" approach relentlessly despite the fact that taxpayers help fund the organization!

In addition, its representative swore during Monday's meeting that they would not lobby the public during the outreach plan to get the public's input. Unprofessionally she personally and publicly demanded that individuals sponsoring the west side MacCracken hotel do the same. Downtown Inc. has a very well oiled machine to get the word out to its members. Their plan to influence the public had already been put in place eons ago including a recent tour of the downtown property.

As mentioned in earlier letters by many, placing the hotel on the east side of Livermore generates a myriad of problems. Those fixated on having the hotel there stand on their heads to shore it up nonetheless. Efforts get more bizarre everyday. For example, underground parking has been taboo since the beginning of the project. Citizens have mentioned it many times only to be told that it is too expensive. Enter Councilmember Woerner, the east side hotel advocate, who at the eleventh hour last Monday night pulled a last minute change to the east side hotel plan: under the pool parking! What is that going to do to the loading docks for all the trucks making deliveries?

Reason really has nothing to do with having the hotel on the east side. The fever is all about control and power and personal animosity. The powers that be do not like it when a small group comes up with a new idea,

worse yet a better one, and then there is the obvious personal animosity that one could feel in the room since the beginning of the steering committee's tenure. Thank goodness that part is over.

### Dublin Signs Carol Keller Dublin

Bravo Dublin! I want to give a shout out to the entire Dublin City Council and to Chris Foss, the city manager. What an incredible team!! I wrote a simple email Monday morning and copied it to each Dublin city councilmember explaining that the Silvergate street sign on San Ramon Road was completely faded out and unreadable. I received a personal email back from each of them thanking me and got a phone call from one as well. They promised to replace it within the next four weeks and by the end of the day the City Manager sent an additional email to let me know that after further inspection, they decided to replace the Amador Valley Blvd. sign and the Vamac sign as well. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of them.

### Climate Change G. Roger Gathers Pleasanton

The book review mentioned in a previous letter on the behavior of Himalayan glaciers was written by an Indian author, Dr. V. K. Raina who is an ex-Deputy Director of the Geological Survey of India. He spent many years studying the

glaciers of the Himalayas. The reviewer was Prof. Cliff Ollier, School of Earth and Environment at the University of Western Australia. He stated that glaciers are both advancing and retreating, sometimes at the same time in different areas of the same glacier. He also stated that the IPCC's 2007 Working Group II report asserted that Himalayan glaciers "are receding faster than in any other part of the world and, if the present rate continues, the likelihood of them disappearing by the year 2035 and perhaps sooner is very high if the Earth keeps warming at the current rate." He stated that such claims are unsupported, unscientific and wrong. Ollier also mentioned that the Hubbard Glacier in Alaska has advanced so much it is threatening to close a fiord and the livelihood of the local residents. The calving that occurs has been a great tourist attraction. Raina wrote "But to postulate that a glacier can warn of the climate changes likely to take place in future is a big question mark." Ollier concluded that Raina was correct. He added "I would suggest it is totally illogical." The most important point is that the behavior of glaciers is complex and cannot be used as evidence in support of Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW). If the behavior of the glaciers was determined by global warming, then all of the glaciers in the world would be in retreat, rather than just some of them.

What Robert Schock calls my factual errors were just an attempt at brevity that was taken too literally. He says that it is a myth that the Summary for Policy Makers is affected by "a core of activists at the top who doctor the results of research." In reply, I offer the following from the preface of the 2009 NIPCC report "Climate Change Reconsidered." It states that the vast majority of the thousands of scientists on whose work the IPCC assessment reports are based had no direct influence on the conclusions of the IPCC. The policy summaries were produced by an inner core. A small group of activists wrote the all-important Summary for Policy Makers (SPM) for each of the four reports. Changes were made in the second assessment report (SAR) after it was approved by the scientists involved in writing the report. A key graphic was even doctored. The evidence to support the SPM conclusion turned out to be completely spurious. Heated discussions about this between supporters of the IPCC and those aware of the alterations occurred, including an exchange of letters in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (1997). The SAR also provoked the 1996 Leipzig Declaration which was signed by some 100 climate scientists and a booklet titled "The Scientific Case Against the Global Climate Treaty" followed in September 1997 and was trans-

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lated into several languages. All of these were available online at [www.sepp.org](http://www.sepp.org). The third assessment of the IPCC was noteworthy for its use of spurious scientific papers to back up the claim of "New and Stronger Evidence of Anthropogenic Global Warming." The fourth assessment of the IPCC published in 2007 was released, after it was altered to conform to the summary. Controversy again followed when the IPCC refused to publicly share comments by peer-reviewers. They sent the hard copy to a library that was closed for renovation, and finally, after great pressure, they posted them online. Inspection showed that the comments of half of the reviewers were rejected.

I looked up the Leipzig Declaration with Google. Wikipedia gave it an extensive treatment. Wikipedia can always be counted on to be politically correct however, so I wasn't surprised to see an attack on the credentials of the signers of the declaration. It was claimed that meteorologists who work for a TV station as a weather forecaster probably don't know much about meteorology. That is pure speculation. I could reply in kind by pointing out that one of the prolific heroes of the believers in AGW has no more than a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering. No one yet has given a believable motive for the deniers to fabricate all of this stuff. The favorite choice is to claim they are bought out by corporations, but a large number of them are retired scientists who have no need for corporate cash. People will just have to decide for themselves where the truth lies.

**Livermore Trash**  
Ken Bradley  
Livermore

Did you ever wonder why your trash bills increased 8% recently when inflation was only 2% for the last year? The Livermore city council has a neat arrangement with Livermore Sanitation. This agreement is that each year the trash company will get increases for inflation, unless the trash company can spend more and increase its "costs". Then the council will increase the trash rates to match these "costs". The more the trash company can spend the more money they

can make. Of course, when rates increase the amount the city gets also increases as the trash company has to collect from you so they can pay 11% of gross to the city. This 11% was never voted on by the public as required by law for tax increases. The city just calls it a fee instead of a tax and then has the trash company be the tax collector. If the trash company is unable to collect the trash bills the city will act as the debt collector and use its powers to force payment.

### Livermore Library to Provide Information on Naturalization

The Civic Center Library is hosting a free Citizenship and Naturalization Information Session for permanent residents and other interested naturalization applicants on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. This session will be conducted in English by a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services representative.

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# SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore AquaCowboys swim team competed at the LA Invitational at USC on July 14-16, 2017. Pictured are (back row) Ryan Eckles, Dante De Mayo, Katie Ottman, Paige daCosta, Jacob Nixon, Michael Eckles and Coach Alex Silver; (front row) Jared Tovera, Matthew Hayes, Kaela Lee, Jacqueline Arnold, Aven Lee, Abigail Herscu, and Madelynn Gomez.



Livermore Fusion U16 Boys Maroon, led by Coach Rico Virchis, won the Santa Cruz Breakers tournament during the July 29-30 weekend. The team defeated San Bruno 1-0 and Mustang 1-0 to advance to the championship match, where they defeated San Bruno again by a score of 3-2. Pictured are the Livermore Fusion U16 Boys Maroon, Santa Cruz Breakers tournament champions.

Gilchrist (19); Christopher Jhong (17) 3BT; Brian Li (16) 1 BT; Aaron Lin (15) 1 BT; Tyler Lu (17) 1BT; Francois Moufarrej (15) 9 BT; Lleyton Plattel (14) 5 BT; Alex Ren (14) 10 BT; Maxime Rooney (19); Nicholas Skinner (16); Edward Smith (18); Robert Torres (16) 4 BT; Justin Tsai (15) 3 BT; and Lyon Zhang age 17 with 3 new best times.

Keeper, Jen Cavisto. Norwest moved ahead 1-0. Midway into the second, the Wild answered with a header goal from Callie Crain. With 10 minutes left in the match, a slide tackle in the box resulted in a penalty kick awarded to Northwest and a second goal for the Washington team. The Wild then went on a full-blown offensive attack. Even with 12 shots on goal in 8 minutes, the Wild could not find the net and match ended with Pacific Northwest winning 2-1.

### West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wild U19 girls tackled some big waves at the 2017 Surf Cup college showcase to make it to the semi-finals. The Wild went 2-1-1 and looked strong against other top ranked teams.

Among a field of 16 teams from all over the country, the West Coast Wild U19 team made their presence known by making it to the semi-finals. In the first game, the Wild faced a top ranked ECNL team from Oregon. Both teams were physically matched but the Wild had the edge with a solid defense. At the half, the game remained 0-0. Midway through the second half, Wild's forward, Kallie Haskins found a scoring opportunity from the 18'. The Wild moved ahead 1-0 and recorded their first victory.

In the second match, the Wild faced a local Bay Area competitor, Santa Clara Sporting. Several offensive attacks were made by West Coast but the ball could not find the net. The match ended in a 0-0 tie.

In a must win to move on situation, the Wild faced one of the toughest Southern California teams, the Pateadores. Again, the Wild's defense and midfield held the Pateadores to very few offensive plays. Late in the second, Wild's Briana Tores found a hole in the Pateadore defense and snuck a shot past the goalie and into the net. The Wild moved ahead 1-0 and claimed the victory and a ticket to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final match, the Wild faced a formidable opponent from Washington, the Pacific Northwest '99. At 25 minutes into the first half, Pacific Northwest fired a long shot from mid-field that cleared the reach of Wild's



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### Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke fielded eight teams this summer to compete in travel ball games.

Managers, coaches and players all contributed to the successful season. Parents offered support and encouragement. Travel Ball coordinator Katie Alvares Kibbe made the games possible with her behind the scenes work.

Summer accomplishments:  
 • 14A - Manager Aaron M Castro  
 1st Place - Silver Bracket - USSSA Crazy Socks Tournament - Manteca 5/14/17  
 1st Place - Gold Bracket - USSSA

Double Double Tournament - Reno 6/25/17

2nd Place - PGF 2nd Annual Golden State Showcase - Stockton 7/9/17

1st Place - Gold Bracket - USSSA Queen of Diamonds Tournament Palo Alto 7/23/17

• 12A - Manager Elvis Aguilar  
 1st Place - Gold Bracket - USSSA Summer Slam Softball Tournament - Fremont 6/4/17

2nd Place - Silver Bracket USSSA Gumball Tournament - Hayward 6/11/17

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Livermore Fusion U18 Girls Maroon trekked to Oceanside, California to compete in the 37th annual Surf Cup tournament. Known as "The Best of the Best," the Surf Cup is one of the most prestigious US tournaments. This year's Cup featured over 370 boys' teams and 430 girls' teams from throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico. The Fusion team won the 2016 Surf Cup as U17's. The grand prize eluded this year's squad, but they did compile a 3-1 record in the tournament's highest competitive bracket (Super Black). The girls scored a total of seven goals in the final three games while allowing only one. In the photo, led by Coach Ben Graham, Livermore Fusion SC U18 Girls Maroon compiled a 3-1 record in the 2017 Surf Cup tournament.

### Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks swam at the 2017 Summer Super League Long course meet on July 14, 2017 in Santa Clara, California.

Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Elisabeth Balicanta age 15 with 1 new best time; Emily Claridge (15); Laura Fornshell (18); Daniella Hawkins (16) 3BT; Jessica He (17); Miranda Heckman (16) 2BT; Victoria

Kaletka (19) 2BT; Marissa Lawrence (16); Mackenzie Lee (15) 2BT; Sofia Moufarrej (17) 1BT; Ryane Skinner (19); Claire Suen (15) 3BT; Kennedy Truex (19); Ellen Wang (15) 3 BT; Emma Washam (15) 6BT;

Gwyneth Wong (14); Danielle Zacharias (19); Matias Blanco (16); Brandon Brown (18) 3 BT; Calvin Chui (16) 2 BT; Calvin David (15) 6BT; Andrew Davis (17); Alexander



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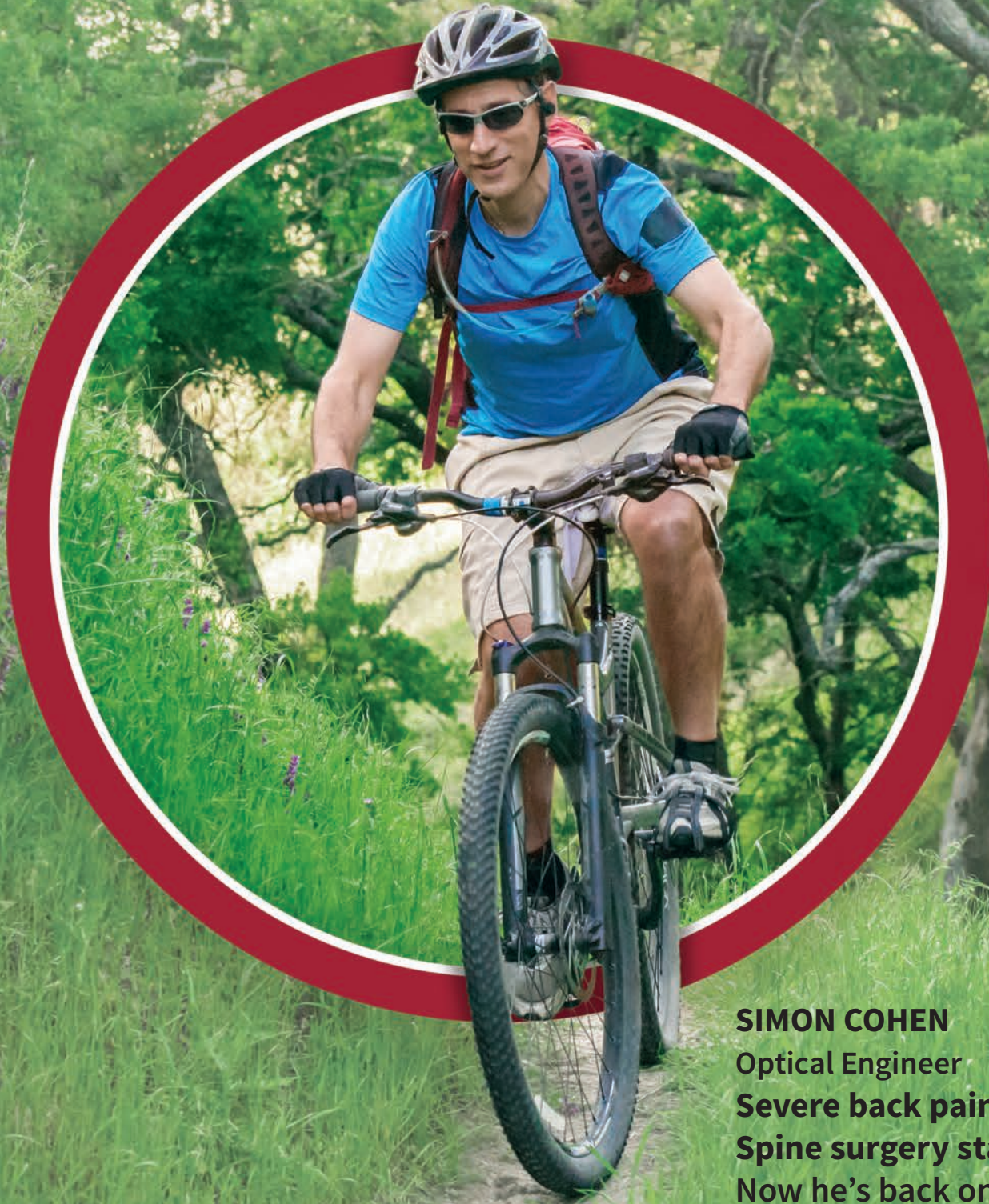
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National Night Out festivities were held in all three cities in the Tri-Valley. The event is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. The idea is to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Events from potlucks and BBQ's to ice cream socials are held. Parties registered with police departments in each city received a visit from a police or fire department representative, or an elected official. The top photo, Dublin-Alameda County Firefighters visit a party Positano Hills Park. In the lower photo, a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger dropped in at Marlin Pound Neighborhood Park in North Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

In the photo, a player from New Jersey slides into second base on an attempted steal. It was just some of the action in the Little League Intermediate World Series held in Livermore.

## SPORTS NOTES

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- 12C - Manager Paul Randi and Brian Piscanio
- 3rd Place - USSSA Top Gun - Manteca, CA 7/16/17: This team faced tough competition, but never gave up. They battled hard all season, taking 3rd place in their last tournament.
- 10B - Manager Michelle Dela Cruz
- 1st Place - USA Softball PGSL Summer Classic Tournament - Pleasanton 7/2/17
- 2nd Place - Silver Bracket USSSA Summer Slam Softball Tournament - Fremont 6/4/17
- 2nd Place - USA Softball Del Holson Tournament - Benicia 6/18/17
- USA Softball Western Nationals - Boise, ID
- 10C - Manager James Booe IV
- 2nd Place - USA Softball Del Solderhom Classic 6/4/17
- 1st Place - CSA Junior Olympic Fastpitch Tournament - Napa 6/11/17
- 1st Place - USA Softball PGSL Summer Classic - Pleasanton 7/2/17
- California State Games - San Diego, CA
- 10C - Manager Shannon Eddlem-Overturf
- Worked hard and battled all summer with girls showing tremendous improvement.
- 8B - Manager Steve Norton
- 1st Place - Silver Bracket USA Softball Bob Grey Classic - San Jose 6/11/17
- 2nd Place - USA Softball PGSL Summer Classic - Pleasanton 7/2/17
- 1st Place - USA Softball Field of Dreams - Pleasant Hill 7/16/17
- 8C - Manager Rachael Boswell
- These players developed new softball skills and techniques. They all played with heart.

### Smoke Tryouts

Smoke Fastpitch 11U Softball tryouts have been scheduled for 2017 Fall Travel Ball. Team is looking for highly motivated individuals, on the diamond and in the classroom, with the birth year of 2006. Tryouts will take place on Thursday, August 17th, 5:30pm and on Saturday, August 19th, 9:00am at Joe Michell field 1. Focusing on players born in 2006 (players born in 2007 are welcome to tryout); summer 10u players are making the transition from 10u to 11u; tryouts for every position. Arrive 15 minutes early for check-in To register, email Coach Michelle Dela Cruz at delacruz@smokefastpitch.org. For more information about Smoke Fastpitch, visit smokefastpitch.org

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## SHORT NOTES

### Leaping Lizards

Leaping Lizards will be the theme of the August 13 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road. Summer time is reptile time. Lizards are some of the most easily-seen reptiles in Sycamore Grove Park. Come learn about the lizards found in our area as well as some others from around the world. There will be live specimens to look at. There is a \$7 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help

support the programs unless other fees are specified. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information. Advance registration is required for some programs.

### RBDigest Magazines

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### CYO Cross Country

The St. Michael CYO cross country team will begin practices for the fall season on Wednesday, August 16. The team is open to all children from kindergarten through eighth grade who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. Practices will be MWF at 5:30 with trail runs on Sundays. Meets begin September 22 and go through October 20. Go to [www.smisctrack.org](http://www.smisctrack.org) for more information or contact Tracy Vogler at [vogler@alum.mit.edu](mailto:vogler@alum.mit.edu) or 925-980-2159.

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## ZONE 7

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start work on the property and neighboring lands. Zone 7 has an easement in the area, but the arroyo flows through private property.

Directors said at the strategy session that new construction upstream in the Valley's three cities brings additional runoff, which accelerates the force of flow. One way of dealing with that might be to encourage more diversion of the water upstream. This is already being done with projects on the Medeiros Parkway, and several swales in Livermore, including at the San Francisco Outlets in Livermore. The swales act as a holding pond until the arroyo can drain more water.

Some large water agen-

cies have a certain amount of land use planning powers. Zone 7 does not, said Zone 7 Manager of Integrated Water Resources Carol Mahoney. If it did, the agency could see to it that there are proper setbacks from the flood control channels in areas where erosion might occur. Lacking that power, directors told staff that they want to head in the direction of advising the three cities about such considerations in their land use planning.

### PATTERSON RANCH HIKING TRAIL

Pursuing a board-to-board dialogue with East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to install and operate trails on the Patterson

Ranch represents another goal.

Spokespersons for a Livermore-based hiking group attended a Zone 7 meeting earlier this year, advocating for permission to hike on the land.

Director Dick Quigley, a longtime trails advocate in his tenure on the board, said he thought that EBRPD board members would be receptive to exploring the idea of the park district creating a trail there and maintaining it.

There have been staff-level meetings about the idea. Quigley said it may be time for the board to get involved on a board-to-board basis. He said that there is plenty of money for recre-

ation in the \$5 billion state water bond.

Director Sarah Palmer said that EBRPD may want to cooperate, but they have other capital improvement priorities right now. "I would say cooperate with the appropriate agencies to provide the services," she said.

Duerig stated that LARPD staff also was interested in a trail, which would be a connection to Sycamore Grove Park.

Director Sandy Figuers said that he doesn't oppose a trail on the ranch, provided there is no cost to Zone 7.

Board President John Greci said that safety is a key factor. When directors first looked at the ranch,

he found the remains of a campfire there. "Someone snuck in at night. God forbid we get a fire on that ranch," said Greci.

Jim McGrail expressed skepticism. He was concerned about potential liability. He added that he doesn't think Zone 7 has enough insurance on the property. Further, water is the district's job, not recreation, said McGrail.

"If EBRPD wants to name us as additional insured, and wants to bring in their rangers and docents, and take care of the land, then it's something to look at," said McGrail.

Directors also reviewed proposed references to policies that would help to main-

tain the effectiveness, administration and governance of Zone 7. Operating the agency in a "fiscally responsible manner" was one of the proposals recommended for adoption.

The board looked favorably on setting a policy of reviewing its policies at least once every five years. To deal with the policy proposals, Greci appointed an ad hoc committee to review and develop recommendations. Members will be Palmer, Figuers, and Angela Ramirez-Holmes, who was unable to attend the meeting. She has been the advocate of revisiting policies more frequently, and installing language concerning governance and fiscal responsibility.

## OBITUARIES

### Julie Macias

My Mother, my friend, my coach.....

Julie Macias entered into heaven on July 26, 2017 at the young age of 74. She was born on February 9, 1943 to Dorothy Ferreira and James MacGowan in Hayward, CA.

Julie graduated from Hayward High School. Later she married Raymond Macias on March 4, 1963. Ray left earth in 2001 to get things ready in heaven for Julie's eventual arrival.

They moved to Livermore in 1972 where Julie raised her family and invested herself into the community by way of youth sports - Julie became a legendary coach, mentor, friend and mother during her time in Livermore.

Julie's passion for sports and children showed up in many ways through her life. She played adult soccer on the Livermore Knights in the mid 70's, slow pitch softball on the Strawberry Shortcakes, and volleyball with friends from her street of Polaris Way. Julie also shared her unique love and passion for sports through coaching. Ray and Julie began coaching their sons Ray and Scott in the Hayward Little League and her daughter Stacey in youth soccer and again at the high school level in Livermore. Julie was instrumental in the development of girls' sports in the Tri-Valley and coached for the Livermore Youth Soccer League for close to 40 years. Julie also coached her granddaughters in the same league along with many other mothers, daughters and granddaughters over the 4 decades. Julie's passion for sports for girls led her to start the girls' soccer program at Granada High School in the early 80's while she also coached softball there.

For Julie, coaching was not just about sports. Most players over the four decades will say that Julie was larger than life and that she was an amazing mother and life coach to them. While she loved the challenge and competitiveness of coaching, she equally loved successful on and off the field. She was someone you never forgot for all of the right reasons. She simply made you or whatever you were dealing with better in every way.

The fact is, Coach Julie had a powerful voice that was always encouraging, constructive and could be heard anywhere on the field. Her soccer knowledge, energy, enthusiasm and love for the game brought out the best in her players. More times than not, her teams were victorious.

She leaves a legacy of unselfishly giving her time and devoting herself to her family and so many people. She was always there for anyone who needed her and her home was always open to all. Julie was known to

many as a great friend as well as a legendary coach and icon in the Livermore soccer community.

Julie will be missed by thousands of people on earth and welcomed by thousands in heaven.

A celebration of life for Julie will be held at Granada High School's stadium, 400 Wall Street in Livermore, California on August 26th at 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the newly formed Coach Julie Macias "Strength Through Sports" Endowment to assist a player in their dream to play competitive soccer at any level. To make a donation in honor of Julie, go to [www.youcaring.com/CoachJulieMacias](http://www.youcaring.com/CoachJulieMacias)

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### Marcia Finders

A Message from her Children We are grateful to have known and been loved by Marcia Finders, a woman whose positive energy and compassion for others shall remain a constant inspiration in our lives. We believe those blessed to have known



Marcia will always remember her as an immensely strong and gracious woman, who greeted each day with a desire to make a contribution.

It did not need to be large or noticed by others, but her contributions needed to add value or comfort to another person's life. This selfless spirit of generosity shined in all that Marcia did.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, the local chapter of PEO and the League of Women Voters, our mother Marcia was continuously learning, and eager to lend her time and talent to nurture her family and community. For decades, she volunteered at the Hacienda and Silver Oaks rest homes, where she would perform musical presentations created to bring song and happiness to the lives of the residents. Marcia was a very talented pianist, composer and arranger.

Marcia and our father Ken moved to Livermore in 1959, when he accepted work at Sandia Laboratories and where he worked until retirement. Through his job, our parents met wonderful people, many of whom became life-long friends.

We watched our mother live every minute of every day with a positive spirit and a genuine interest in others. Our mother is survived by Ken, our father and her loving husband of 68 years, four grandchildren who will always remember grandma for her baked treats, and as the best-ever party planner, her great granddaughter Isla, and her sister Mary. Born in 1929, our dear mother has

been a source of joy and happiness in the lives of all who have been blessed to have known her.

We will miss her, and we thank the many members of this community who have shown us love and support during this time.

Mary, Matt and Anne

### James Baron Wright

James Baron Wright passed away peacefully with family by his side at CreekView Health Center in Pleasanton, California, Thursday morning July 27, 2017 at the age of 83.

Jim was the beloved husband of Judy for 39 years, the devoted father of Peter, Erich and John Wright, adoring grandfather of Hayley, Natalie, Lauren, Kristen and James, brother to Marti Robinson and Veronica and Paul Wright, brother-in-law of Erich and Sheelah Gehring and Paula Wright, father-in-law of Kamela and Brina Wright, Uncle of Katharine Sykes, Jennifer Mayes, Paul, Sean and Rhonda Robinson, and Janelle and Noah Wright.

Jim was born in San Francisco on September 17, 1933 to the late George Baron Wright and Louise Vallee Boyd. After attending Lincoln High School in SF, Jim served in the US Navy from 1950-53 as a guided missile technician. He then attended City College of San Francisco and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1958 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. In 1958 Jim joined Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore working in the electrical systems division and retired 40 years later as Director of weapons systems engineering. Jim led Exceptional Work in the Nation's Interest with Sandia, significantly contributing to keeping the peace during the Cold War.

While raising his family in Livermore, Jim was active in his sons' youth and high school sports, Indian Guides, and various YMCA charities. He helmed the family's Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser on vacations and enjoyed the many extended family holiday gatherings over the years. He was a die-hard fan of the Giants and 49ers, an avid reader of military history and fiction, and was a season pass holder and contributor to the San Francisco Symphony.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Judy in 2001 and son Peter in 2012. Services will be private. Donations may be made to a favorite charity

Lois VanDerMark Connell It is with great sadness that the family of Lois VanDerMark Connell announces her passing on Saturday, July 22, 2017 after a brief illness, at the age of 70. Lois will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 31 years, Jack, and her children, Martie and Bradford, her step-children, Anne(Alan) Longmuir, Jean

Connell, Chris(Beth) Connell and her brothers, LeRoy Vandermark and Lawrence Vandermark and her nieces and nephews. She will also be remembered as Nana by her 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Ruth Van Der Mark.

Lois was born in 1946 in New Jersey. Her mother Ruth had studied nursing at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center and obtained her R.N. and Lois followed in her mother's footsteps. Lois was proud to also be a nurse and served in that field until her retirement 33 years later. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and quilting, travel, reading a good novel and playing dominoes with her husband Jack.

It was Lois' wish that no formal services be held in her honor and to be buried with her mother in Newton, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers or condolences a donation can be made to the UCSF Transplant Program or a charity of your choice. "We will always carry our memory of her in our hearts."



(Chris) Staley, Kathleen (David) King, Theresa (Barry) Wilcox, Rebecca Onchi, Megan

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### Ryun Parker Repetto

May 8th, 1987-June 28th, 2017

Ryun Parker Repetto age 30, tragically passed away in a motorcycle accident on June 28th, 2017. He was the husband of Nicole Repetto, and the father to their unborn baby due in January. They spent seven wonderful years together; three of which were happily spent married.

Born in Walnut Creek, California, he was the first-born son to Paul and Rochelle Repetto. He was the oldest of four children with Meridethe, Alexander and Harrison Repetto to follow. His maternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins will also miss him, along with his extended family from his in-laws and his father's wife and her two daughters.

Ryun was an accomplished Journeyman in the construction trade of commercial metal stud framing and drywall. He spent ten years with his belt on making a name for himself, and that he did.

Ryun enjoyed most everything about life and what it had to offer. He played the guitar and had a passion for music. He enjoyed having an adventure, often venturing off with his many friends. He smiled more than most and laughed louder than many.

A Memorial service will be held on Sunday August 13th at 12pm at Shannon Park Community Center 11600 Shannon Ave, Dublin, CA 94568. Family and friends are welcome to gather after the service and share memories with food and drinks.

Memorial donations can be made at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com). To all of those who have donated, Nicole Repetto would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity during this difficult time.

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### Virginia Catherine Dunham

March 29, 1915 - July 30, 2017

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34

Virginia, 102 years young, passed away peacefully when the Lord called her Home on a "Glorious Sunday morning." Virginia Larson Dunham was born in Flaxton, ND, to the proud

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parents of Nils and Lucille Dailey Larson. She grew up in Fargo, ND with her younger brother, Donald Larson.

Virginia received her B.A. degree at MSTC in Moorehead, Minnesota. Virginia came to San Jose, CA in 1939 where she married Harley L. Dunham, of Hamburg, ND. They honeymooned in Yosemite National Park and later moved to Napa, CA where they raised their three children Penny, Hugh and Clare.

Virginia and Penny lived in Anaheim, CA with her parents while Harley served as a Medic in WWII. When the war ended they returned to Napa and later Hugh and Clare were born.

Virginia taught High School English, was an Elementary School substitute teacher and tutored. She was also a librarian at the Napa Jr. College. She loved to play piano and sang in the Napa Choral society along with the Napa Symphony.

Harley passed away at the age of 75. She later resided in Anaheim with her mother who passed away at the age of 96. She made many friends in Anaheim and lived independently. At the age of 92 she moved to Pleasanton to be closer to her family. She lived with Penny and her husband, Ivan Sausser.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harley and grandsons, Jon Sausser and Michael O'Brien.

Virginia leaves behind to cherish her memory, children: Penny Sausser, Hugh Dunham and Clare O'Brien; Grandchildren: Jeff Sausser, Julie Gilligan, Jill Bloss, Noelle Jacob, Davida Henderson; great grandchildren: Jeffrey Sausser, Thomas Sausser, Jacob Gilligan, Angelina Gilligan, David Bloss, Deena Donk, Mykaael O'Brien, Mykaela O'Brien, Cy'ioune O'Brien, Donyae O'Brien, Briyon Vincent, Noelle Vincent, Bryon Vincent III, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral mass was held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church on Tuesday, August 8th in Pleasanton, CA. Burial took place at Glen Oaks Cemetery in Chico, CA.

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# Traffic, Slaughterhouse Concerns Set Neighbors Against Rural Request

An application for a dog kennel, events center and slaughterhouse in conjunction with an existing farm at 9007 Lupin Way near southeast Livermore was continued after neighbors voiced their opposition to the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments.

The three-member board met July 27 in Pleasanton.

Applicants Ray Ghorbani and Adegheh Sarji operate a 49-acre farm, about 1 mile east of Greenville Road near Livermore. The site is just outside the South Livermore Plan, but within Measure D territory, according to County Assistant Planning Director Rodrigo Orduña.

The property is a working organic farm on which families come to feed chickens, select fresh eggs, and pick fruit and pay for it by weight. Under the zoning code, those activities are an outdoor recreational use.

Some bring in an animal, such as a sheep or goat, during a two-day period for a fall religious holiday that involves ritual animal sacrifice. This is done by appointment only. The slaughterhouse is not a commercial operation, in the usual sense of the word, said planning staff.

The annual sacrifice draws up to 100 observant people on each of two days. County staff recommends 20 parking places to accommodate the visitors.

Also on the property is a

kennel that the applicants say houses dogs for a variety of purposes. They include dog-training, housing short-term rescue dogs, and breeding dogs to be licensed by county Animal Control, SPCA and the American Kennel Club. In addition, a stable for boarding horses, is located on the site.

The three residences and the non-residential structures on the property are within the limits for covered building size imposed by the East County Area Plan (ECAP).

Neighbors focused their objections on what they consider dangerous traffic now, and an expected increase on Lupin Lane, a dead-end street.

Paula Peterson, who lives on Lupin Lane, said that she has complained about speeders, and told people to slow down. The lane is a quiet area. "We'd like to keep it that way. People have no respect for country roads."

Gay Maestas said that the narrow Lupin Lane is not suitable for trucks and lots of cars.

Another resident, who has lived there seven years, said that many recreational walkers use the area. If the application were approved, signals should be put at the top of the hill, and signs added to warn of oncoming traffic, she said.

The husband of the previous speaker brought up the

animal waste composting. He said, that if it is not legal, it should be stopped. If it's OK with the county board, then that's the way it's got to be, he concluded.

Peter Poulson, who lives next to the farm, said he is concerned about composting the animal remains from slaughter. He saw it as an environmental hazard. "It's hard to sell a house when people find out there is a slaughterhouse next door," said Poulson.

Jacky Poulson said that the biggest concern is noise and traffic and its impact on the quality of life on Lupin Lane. She also objected to having to hear dogs barking at the kennel.

County Animal Control Officer Barbara Bowman-Elliott said that the department has received several complaints about noise and possible poor treatment of animals, but she said she was not allowed on the property.

Ghorbani denied that Bowman-Elliott was ever turned away. "The Sheriff's Department never asked to come on the property. I never denied them," he said.

Ghorbani said that his neighbors tell him, if they don't hear it, or smell it, it's OK. They say that if you want to continue it, it is fine with them. "I've done nothing but improve the area."

The BZA spent little time discussing the item. Scott

Beyer said he was ready to say "no" to the application, although the staff had recommended approval, with a list of 21 conditions attached. Beyer said he would like to red-tag the operation, with concerns about the slaughterhouse, and what happens to the animal waste.

Board member Heather McGrail-Lorier said that if a red-tag process were used, notice would have to be given to Ghorbani about alleged violations. Meanwhile, the approval issue before the BZA is a separate process.

Orduña told the board members they could deny the application, in which

case it could be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. Otherwise, they could continue the item, if they think more research is in order, and perhaps more conditions should be set. The board took that course, on a motion by McGrail-Lorier.

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**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. HG17 854378**

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**SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 24405 AMADOR STREET, ROOM 108 HAYWARD, CA 94544**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
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DATE: (Fecha):  
**MARCH 24, 2017**  
s/ Clerk, by (Secretario), Deputy (Adjunto)

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 532589**

The following person(s) doing business as: Rendon Trucking, 7375 Sheffield Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Roberto Rendon Aguilar, 7375 Sheffield Lane, Dublin, CA 94568  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Roberto Rendon Aguilar, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 26, 2017. Expires June 26, 2022.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533084**

The following person(s) doing business as: Liberty Tax 4031, 1358 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
J & A Tax Svcs, 1358 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 21, 2012  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Agustin Lopez, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2017. Expires July 12, 2022.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533449**

The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Casino, 3571 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Sijdon Corporation, 3571 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The date on which the reg-

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533319**

The following person(s) doing business as: R.A.S. Construction, Inc, 924 E. Mockingbird Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
R.A.S. Construction, Inc, 924 E. Mockingbird Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 17, 2001  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Rick Spencer, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2017. Expires July 18, 2022.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 532949**

The following person(s) doing business as: So Kasynl, 423 Virginia Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Sonja K. Penticuff, 423 Virginia Dr, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Sonja K. Penticuff  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2017. Expires July 10, 2022.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533372**

The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Sonja K. Penticuff  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 10, 2017. Expires July 10, 2022.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533499**

The following person(s) doing business as: Mindfulness Facials, 3409 Leahy Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Mastora J. Hashimi, 17401 Pheasant Down Rd, Lathrop, CA 95330  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Mastora J. Hashimi  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 20, 2017. Expires July 20, 2022.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533588**

The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Food Tours, 50 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533620**

The following person(s) doing business as: Change of Heart Consignment Boutique, 647 Main St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
DeVonne Fields, 463 General Lane, Tracy, CA 95377  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: DeVonne Fields, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2017. Expires July 26, 2022.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN TRADE SUBZONE EXPANSION LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #18**

The City of San Jose, Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #18, has applied to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board for a Foreign Trade Subzone expansion for Lam Research Corporation. The application was filed on July 20, 2017 pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act and the regulations of the Board.

The proposed Subzone expansion is for authority to expand Site 4 of Subzone 18F to include a 7.82 acre site at 101 Portola Avenue, Livermore, California on a permanent basis. Site 4 currently consists of 14.82 acres, with 7.82 acres set to expire on September 30, 2017. This application requests permanent Foreign Trade Zone authority for the 14.82 acre site.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. The closing period for public comment is September 5, 2017. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address:

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 21013, Washington, D.C. 20230, or via e-mail at [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov).

A copy of the application is available in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz). A notice of the application was published in the Federal Register on July 25, 2017, S-110-2017.

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by the following owner(s):  
1) True North Services Inc, 50 Wright Brothers Ave, Livermore CA 94551 2) Money Nop, LLC, 1926 Railroad Ave, Suite 102, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by a General Partnership  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 5, 2017  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Keven R. Hempel, President/True North Services Inc  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2017. Expires July 26, 2022.  
The Independent Legal No. 4176. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533038

The following person(s) doing business as: The Money Boss, 2658 Lucca Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): L Michelle Boss LLC, 2658 Lucca Court, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: L. Michelle Boss, Member  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 11, 2017. Expires July 11, 2022.  
The Independent Legal No. 4177. Published August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533856

The following person(s) doing business as: Certified Heating & Air Conditioning, 5040 Commercial Cir, Unit C, Concord, CA 94520, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kejet Inc., 1612 Amber Lane, Brentwood, CA 94513  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: July 2016  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Bryan Arlaud, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 1, 2017. Expires August 1, 2022.

The Independent Legal No. 4178. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533819

The following person(s) doing business as: Cafe Joy, 5776 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1) Taj N. Kamkar 2) Ali M. Kamkar, 2833 Alhwick Ave #4, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by Married Couple  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Taj N. Kamkar  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2017. Expires July 31, 2022.  
The Independent Legal No. 4179. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533898

The following person(s) doing business as: The Enhanced Home, 207 Lee Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 1) Gloria Landavazo, 207 Lee Ave, Livermore CA 94551 2) Deborah Borges, 5886 Emily Way, Livermore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by Co-partners  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Gloria Landavazo, General Partner /s/: Deborah Borges, General Partner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2017. Expires August 2, 2022.  
The Independent Legal No. 4180. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533349

The following person(s) doing business as: LIVE LOVE LASH, 4372 Chaucer Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Greta Halim, 4372 Chaucer Court, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Greta Halim, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 19, 2017. Expires July 19, 2022.  
The Independent Legal No. 4181. Published August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 533956

The following person(s) doing business as: LIVE LOVE LASH STUDIO, 4372 Chaucer Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Greta Halim, 4372 Chaucer Court, Livermore, CA 94551  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Greta Halim, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 3, 2017. Expires August 3, 2022.  
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did not need access to classified information. He said a known fact relates to special counsel Robert S. Mueller III having convened a criminal grand jury to investigate the presidential election, including Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting with a Russian lawyer who promised damaging information about Hillary Clinton.

Swalwell, a Democrat, serves on the House Intelligence Committee. He has called for creation of an independent commission to look into interference in the election, not just by Russia, but other countries. He pointed out that intelligence reports had shown President Vladimir Putin used hacked emails and the spread of fake news through social media trolls to undermine Hillary Clinton.

Swalwell commented, "The Russian effort didn't change votes, but changed minds. I will leave the investigation to Robert Mueller. It is important to learn how and why we were so vulnerable."

Asked what he saw as the end game of the investigation, he replied that not only Russia, but other countries see a divided country and figure they can get their preferred candidate elected by using similar tactics.

"If we do anything, we should make sure that the 2018 election is more secure than the 2016 election," Swalwell said, drawing a round of applause from the

audience.

Constituents were invited to ask questions about such topics as jobs and healthcare. In discussing the most recent jobs report, he noted that jobs are being added, the stock market is going up and the GDP is rising slowly. "However, those figures don't mean anything to most of the people I talk to. Faced with \$500 in unexpected expense, three out of four Americans are wiped out."

As a Congressman, Swalwell said his goals are for people to be more, make more and dream more.

One pathway is through education. "Schools are so different on their ability to prepare kids. A school in Hayward looks a lot different than one in Danville." He will advocate for modern schools that value teachers, provide the resources for teaching, and where parents can learn.

He viewed it as important to have open community colleges, where people can learn relevant skills in this digital age and economy.

On healthcare, Swalwell commented, "Boy were your voices heard when it came to taking health care away from 20 million people," referring to the defeat of an effort to change the Affordable Care Act.

Swalwell supports expanding medicare to include everyone. Constituents quizzed him on who would pay for such a plan. Swalwell pointed out that those

with insurance are already paying for health care for others when people without health care who are sick have to go to an emergency room. Funds are collected through FICA. Healthcare is an earned benefit. "Pooling together, we can bump down overall costs."

He talked about local traffic resulting in long commutes. He said that extending rail 11 miles up the Altamont would take 30,000 people off the road each day. He mentioned the Alameda-San Joaquin Rail Working Group, which is the process of moving forward in a bipartisan, bi-county way, to build the project.

Taxes are an ongoing issue. "Tax reform is needed

for the 99%. Corporate taxes could be lowered if there were profit sharing plans for all in a company, not just CEOs and upper management."

"There could be tax breaks for businesses who locate in distressed areas with high unemployment rates, such as deferring the payment of payroll taxes for three years.

When it comes to climate change, he supported rejoining the Paris Accord. Working towards clean water, clean air, green energy - all create jobs.

One comment by an audience member concerned the president's statement calling the White House "a dump." She said, "It is the people's

house. If he is so unhappy, we should evict the man."

Swalwell said, Congress is not helpless in its ability to rein in the president. We are a co-equal branch of

government. If we have to be a babysitter, that's what we have to do," referring to recent bi-partisan legislation, such as increasing sanctions on Russia.



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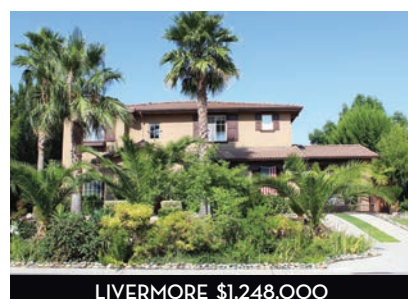
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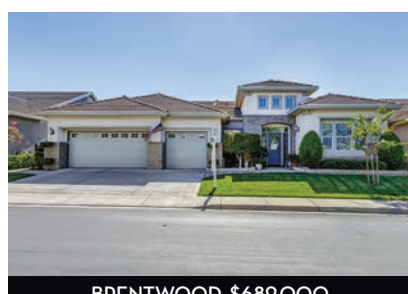
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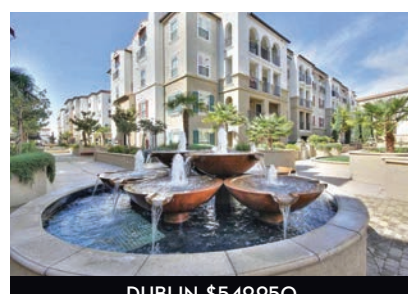
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## Sunflower Hill Inaugural Rainmaker Awards Given Out

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum and the City of Livermore were all recently named the inaugural winners of the Rainmaker Awards by Sunflower Hill.

The local nonprofit is working to create residential living and vocational training options for individuals with special needs. Two communities in Livermore and Pleasanton are now in development and individuals with developmental delays regularly volunteer at Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore. Sunflower Hill's new awards acknowledge the partnership and support the organization has received from key community leaders to realize their vision.

"We are very fortunate to have accomplished as much as we have over the past five years," said

Susan Houghton, President of the Board of Directors. "We know that without the support of these important

*Each, in their own way, allowed the 'rain' to fall for Sunflower Hill.*

Rainmakers, we would not be where we are today. Each, in their own way, allowed the 'rain' to fall for Sunflower Hill. Our organization grew. Our sunflowers blossomed. These Rainmakers believed in our vision and because of that, our entire community now benefits."

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty



received the Rainmaker Award for being the first elected official to actively assist in the search for land for a residential community. His transformational grant of \$500,000 to the organization in 2016 allowed Sunflower Hill to hire its first employees – including a lead farmer at Sunflower Hill Gardens.

Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum placed Sunflower Hill on the Council's priority list in 2015. Her early recognition of the need for additional special needs housing in Pleasanton helped the organization form a partnership with Irby Ranch and their planned residential subdivision. Sunflower Hill's campus within Irby Ranch is now in development and will afford 30 individuals with special needs access to affordable housing.

In 2015, the City of Livermore accepted Sunflower Hill's proposal to operate a one-acre sustainable garden at Hagemann Ranch, providing staff and operational support to ensure success. In 2016, more than 100 local residents with special needs worked at the garden on a regular basis. Approximately 9600 pounds of food was harvested– with 70 percent donated to local food kitchens to assist the community. The City's desire to partner with Sunflower Hill and support horticulture and training programs for residents with special needs, is now rapidly becoming a best-practice example in the state and nation.

For more information on Sunflower Hill, visit [www.sunflowerhill.org](http://www.sunflowerhill.org)

## Program Focuses on 50th Anniversary of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band



Musician Dulais Rhys commemorates the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' 1967 revolutionary album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. His illustrated lecture, titled "They Say It's Your Birthday: Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band is 50 Years Old," will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2017, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for his event.

Rhys' presentation explores the background, creation, and songs of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The songs from the album will be heard. Singing along is highly encouraged.

Dulais Rhys is a professional musician based in San Francisco. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in music from the University of Wales as well as several teaching diplomas. He also studied composition, conducting and electronic music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland. His book *To Philadelphia and Back: The Life and Music of Joseph Parry* is available on Amazon.com.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

# Role Players to Stage Playboy of the Western World

The Playboy of the Western World by John Millington Synge will be staged by the Role Players Ensemble. September 1 - 17, 2017 at the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

A young man comes to town with a wild story about killing his father. Instead of condemning him, the people of the village are fascinated with the tale and elevate him to hero status, until his "story" follows him home. Synge's satire caused riots when it first opened and has been met with riotous laughter many times since. The most Irish of Irish plays, Playboy embodies the very spirit of telling tales.

The play is directed by: Edward Nattenberg and Eric Fraisher Hayes; Featuring: James Robbins, Bri Costello, Gretchen Lee Salter, Joe Fitzgerald, Keith Jefferds, Rich-



ard Friedlander, Edward Kimak, Marjory Elaine Harper, Courtney Shaffer, Jessica Riley

Sneak Peek will take August 14, 7pm, Danville Library (400 Front Street). Free admission to this entertaining look at the production process with the director, actors and designers.

Performances are Fri, Sat, 8pm (except: 9/16 at 2pm) ; Sun, 2pm. at the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets: \$20-28; online at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com); at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St, Danville; or call (925) 314-3400

Other O'Neill Festival Events:

• Festival Previews:

Monday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. Eric Fraisher Hayes hosts a preview of the 18th Annual O'Neill Festival at Danville Library, 400 Front Street, Danville.

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 p.m. Eric Fraisher Hayes hosts a preview of the 18th Annual O'Neill Festival at Lafayette Library & Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette,

• Ballads and Blarney: An Evening of Traditional Irish Music & Song: Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m. -- Irish "craic" – along with traditional Irish music and story-telling. Beer and pretzels. At Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville. Featuring Donagh McKeown and guests from the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Admission: \$20.00. Reserve at [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com)

• "The Secrets of O'Neill's Danville:" Saturday, September 9, 1:00 p.m. -- Join Beverly Lane, former

Foundation President, for a guided walk in downtown Danville to explore sights from O'Neill's days in town. Departs from the O'Neill Commemorative across from the Danville Library on Front Street. Free.

• Parks & Plays: A Hike to Tao House: Sunday, September 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. across from the Danville Library on Front Street. A moderate hike from the O'Neill Commemorative to Tao House, led by Tom Leatherman, NPS Superintendent, and Trudy McMahon, former Foundation President. Advance registration by September 5 required for participants. E-mail to [tao-house.eonf@gmail.com](mailto:tao-house.eonf@gmail.com)

• A Touch of the Poet by Eugene O'Neill: Old Barn at O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. Once a year, Major Cornelius Melody dons his old military uniform and revels in the glory of past battles. This year, fantasy and reality clash as Melody faces the possibility that he is no longer the hero he once was. Performances: September 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8:00 p.m. September 24 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets at: [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com).

Note: transportation to Tao House is by NPS shuttle from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, beginning 1 ½ hours before performance time.

• Pre-Show Picnic Dinners at Tao House: Gourmet box dinners can be reserved for a pre-show picnic on Tao House grounds for each evening performance of A Touch of the Poet \$25.00 each. Reserve in advance at [villagetheatreshows.com](http://villagetheatreshows.com)

Additional Information available at: [eugeneoneill.org](http://eugeneoneill.org) or (925) 820-1818

## Logan Lucky Screening Benefit Rotary Club Grants

The Rotary Club of the Livermore Valley presents a showing of "Logan Lucky" on Mon., Aug. 21 at the Livermore Cinema. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Admission \$20, which includes junior size popcorn.

The Rotary Club of the Livermore Valley (RVLV) sponsors 2 to 3 movie nights per year to support the club's grant program. Each year the RVLV donates ten thousand dollars in grants to worthy organizations in Livermore.

In the past year various groups in the Livermore area have received such grants. They include the following: the Charity Bike Institute, Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, Tri-Valley Stem Outreach, Livermore Art Association and Tri-Valley Haven. Schools in the Livermore Valley Joint United School District have also received many grants as the Livermore Valley Education Foundation matches each grant.

Visit the website ([livermorevalleyrotary.org](http://livermorevalleyrotary.org)) for the announcement of the Fall Grant program application.

## Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social Set for Sunday

The annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social will take place at Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, August 13 noon to 4 p.m.



Ravenswood Historic Site

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing.

The Band will be playing a variety of musical selections by composers in the era of 1890 for the ice cream social. For additional information contact the Pleasanton Community Concert Band website [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

Also performing will be the Valley Banjos. Tickle Me Pony Parties, baby petting zoo, and pony rides will be offered, along with other children's activities. Docents will provide tours of the historic site.

There will be games, music, historic demonstrations and more. Ice cream and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by the Ravenswood Progress League and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. For information, call 443-0238.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

# South Asian Stand Up Comedy Comes to the Bankhead



**Samson Koletkar**

Bay Area-based Indian-born comedians, Samson Koletkar and Abhay Nadkarni, present The 4th Annual Desi Comedy Fest, an 11-day South Asian stand up comedy extravaganza touring comedy clubs and theaters in 9 cities throughout Northern California: San Francisco, Berkeley, Mill Valley, Santa Clara, Union City, Alameda, Livermore, Santa Cruz, and Mountain View. The festival, the largest of its kind in the US, runs August 10-20. It features 40 South Asian comedians from all over the US, India and South Africa with diverse ethnic (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Afghani, Sri Lankan, Iranian, Filipino, and African American) and religious backgrounds (Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, and Catholic).

The festival will make a stop at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Aug. 19 at 8 p.m.

Desi (pronounced "THEY-see") is a term for the cultures and products of the Indian subcontinent or South Asia and their diaspora. Desi countries include India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Maldives.]

Abhay Nadkarni, festival co-producer, observes, "2017 has been a great year for South Asian comics. Aziz Ansari hosted Saturday Night Live; Hasan Minhaj hosted The White House Correspondents Dinner; Kumail Nanjani is back with a new season of Silicon Valley; and Aditi Mittal got her own Netflix special, just to name a few."

Festival co-producer Samson Koletkar notes, "In the current political climate, it's important to provide a platform for South Asian voices; breaking stereotypes with humor is an effective way to do so."

The idea for the festival was born on August 14 and 15, 2013, Pakistani and Indian Independence Days, respectively, when Koletkar produced a few comedy shows that featured Pakistani and Indian comedians.



**Abhay Nadkarni**

The positive response to the shows planted the seed for something larger: The Desi Comedy Fest. Koletkar and fellow Indian comedian, Abhay Nadkarni, talked about the cultural zeitgeist in the South Asian community: usually introverted South Asians are taking to the stage to openly talk about their cultural characteristics while also addressing immigration, race, and other personal experiences of the South Asian diaspora. That discussion spawned the idea for the festival, which they launched the following year in 2014. Koletkar adds, "Where else can you find Indians and Pakistanis sitting together and laughing?"

The festival features 40 comedians this year: half are returning comics, and half are new to the festival.

## Front Porch Musical Festival Set at Went

The Front Porch Music Festival is set for September at Went Vineyards.

Hosted by fifth generation Winegrower, Karl D. Went, the festival will feature local, regional and national independent bands on two stages.

The line-up includes Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters, San Geronimo, Kingsborough, Lisa Marie Johnston, Garage Band Academy, The Mundaze, The Black Pack, James Funk and Roem Baur.

There will be wine tasting; food will be available for purchase. Festivities take place from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Advance purchase at Eventbrite; for information, call 456-2305.

For more information about performers go to [www.DesiComedyFest.com/2017-comedians](http://www.DesiComedyFest.com/2017-comedians) (Includes comedians' bios, videos, and home cities and countries.). For more information about performance dates, go to [www.DesiComedyFest.com](http://www.DesiComedyFest.com). Tickets range from \$20-\$40 • [www.DesiComedyFest.com](http://www.DesiComedyFest.com) (Recommended ages: 18+).

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by call 373-6800.

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## Review: You'll Love "Yeomen"

By Susan Steinberg

"Yeomen of the Guard" – who or what are they? They are the retired pensioners of England's armed forces, awarded the honor of guarding the ancient Tower of London.

Wearing their signature red and gold uniforms from a bygone age, sporting white lace collars and hats crowned with red and white Tudor roses, they are a popular target for tourist photos, especially when posed with their long menacing pike-staffs. But despite their warlike appearance, they are not expected to perform real military duties. Like the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, they are part of the historic ritual surrounding British royal tradition.

Challenged by Queen Victoria herself to compose an operetta that was seriously "British," the very popular

duo of Gilbert and Sullivan set their next work in the Tower, that grim old fortress built by William the

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Conqueror. Its somber history included the two tragically murdered little princes plus a long list of political prisoners such as Queen Anne Boleyn, King Henry VIII's second wife, condemned to be executed on Tower Green.

What a problem for a pair already famous for merry musical comedies like "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Pirates of Penzance." Miraculously, they pulled off an improbable hit show, combining their trademark wit and humor with the serious pathos that has made this work so appealing. Lucky Livermore theater-goers will be able to enjoy their creation when San Francisco's famous Lamplighters Music Theatre bring the production to the Bankhead Theater.

Audiences will enjoy a sparkling performance by world-class singers, a full professional orchestra, and a troupe voted the BEST G & S COMPANY IN THE WORLD by the British themselves. This long-time fan is already familiar with their fabulous show and can guarantee a tuneful and thrilling experience for devotees and newcomers alike.

Company favorites and impressive new talents combine to bring a memorable story to life: a wrongly-imprisoned nobleman bravely facing an unjust execution,



Lamplighters Music Theatre present Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Yeomen of the Guard*. Pictured are Jacob Botha as Jack Point (double cast with F. Lawrence Ewing) and Julia Mulholland as Elsie Maynard (double cast with Patricia Westley). Photo - David Allen, 2017.

the heroic commoners who concoct a dangerous scheme to save him, the travelling jester whose poor bride-to-be agrees to marry the condemned man for a purse of gold, a not-too-bright jailer anxious to give up torturing and become a merry jester, and a frustrated spinster conniving to win a reluctant bachelor as her husband.

The plot is as twisted as *Game of Thrones*, alternating suspense and hilarity in unexpected turns. The outcome for each character is doubtful right up to the surprise end-

ing. A magnificent musical score echoes both the impressive majesty of the Tower and the playful wit that has made G and S so deservedly popular.

Borrowing an idea from Shakespeare, "Yeoman" shows that the jester, a "fool," speaks the truths that others may not utter. In a favorite line, he observes, "When offered to the world in merry guise, unpleasant truths are swallowed with a will. So he who'd make his fellow creatures wise should always GILD the philosophic pill."

This sounds like fun until the jester sadly adds that a funny man must tread carefully with his humor because: "If the master is surly from getting up early and tempers are short in the morning, an inopportune joke is enough to provoke him to give you at once a month's warning."

Like most G and S musicals, this is a show for the whole family, so there will be a Sunday matinee (2 pm August 27) as well as a Saturday evening performance (8 pm August 26) at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street. For reservations call 925-373-6800 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org). This faithful fan will be there to enjoy it again!

I may be seeing a completely different show, as the performances are double cast out of the company's abundant roster. Some regulars will recognize Charles Martin (the fabulous Pirate King), Lawrence Ewing (the memorable Lord High Admiral of "Pinafore"), and the adorable "little maids" from "The Mikado", along with popular tenors Samuel Faustine and Patrick Hagen. Other familiar company standouts are Jonathan Spencer and Robbie Stafford as confirmed old bachelor Sergeant

Meryll, with crafty comediennes Sonia Gariaeff and Deborah Rosengaus as the desperate spinsters pursuing him in marriage.

Witty company veteran Jane Hammett has directed the production with her usual deft touch, and beloved conductor Baker Peeples will lead the orchestra for a memorable performance. It's a sure cure for end-of-the-summer blues!



## New Staff Ready to Start School Year in Livermore District

With the start of the new school year, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) is welcoming new leadership staff to the District Office and to school sites.

Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, is joined by Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum, and Helen Gladden, Assistant Director of Curriculum, to lead the educational work of the District. Director of Special Education, Frank Selvaggio, joins the District team to continue the focus on achievement for all students.

Arroyo Seco Elementary School welcomes new principal, Gatee Esmat. Sunset Elementary School will be led by Tom Jones. Carla Estrada-Hidalgo takes the helm at Vineyard Alternative School. Jeannette Garza and Jeremy Vilkins join Junction Avenue K-8 principal, Dayna Taylor, to complete the leadership team at the District's Dual Immersion School. Denise Nathanson, formerly at Arroyo Seco, will be joining Marylin Avenue Elementary this year as principal; and Mistee Guzman has been appointed principal at East Avenue Middle School, where she has served as vice-principal for several years. Alex Eckert will join Ms. Guzman at East Avenue as vice-principal.

Superintendent of Schools, Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. said, "We are grateful for the contributions over the past years of our outgoing administrators, and we are looking forward to the innovative leadership our new staff members will bring."

Mike Biondi's depth

of experience in educational leadership spans twenty-two years including: University Faculty Instructor, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Principal, Assistant Principal, Department Chair and Teacher.

Kevin Grier is committed to providing a robust curriculum that will further the District mission of preparing students for the 21st Century world.

Helen Gladden joins Kevin Grier in the Curriculum Department, after serving in LVJUSD as principal at East Avenue Middle School, and vice principal and English teacher at Livermore High School. In 2015, her accomplishments were recognized both statewide and nationally when she was named by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) as the California Co-Administrator of the Year.

Frank Selvaggio brings 18 years of experience in public education, including principal, school psychologist, special education teacher, and community college faculty member.

Gatee Esmat began her interest in education while earning her bachelor's degree at U.C. Berkeley, where she worked with students in the community.

Tom Jones earned his bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from California State University, Chico and his master's degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College. His 18 years in education include experience as both teacher and administrator. Jones is excited to join the students, staff and parent community at Sunset.

Carla Estrada-Hidalgo has served as an educator in LVJUSD for 11 years. She received her Administrative Services Credential from California State University, East Bay. Estrada-Hidalgo is committed to ensuring equity and enhancing educational opportunities for all students.

Jeannette Garza has served as Spanish teacher and Leadership teacher during her 14-year career in education. Garza has been honored as the 2017 Rotary Teacher of the Year for Livermore High School. She is excited to bring her bilingual background to Junction's Dual Immersion program.

Jeremy Vilkins joins the Junction administrative team with 14 years of experience as an educator. Vilkins has worked as history and leadership teacher, yearbook and newspaper advisor, and intervention services coordinator. Vilkins is looking forward to meeting and supporting the Junction community.

"In addition to the superb slate of administrators, we are proud to be adding 80 teachers to the District for 2017-18," said Director of Human Resources, Melissa Theide. A combination of retirements and increased enrollment has provided the opportunity to further build the District team.

The new staff members will join with all LVJUSD employees for the annual Kickoff Celebration on August 17, the official start of the 2017-18 school year. "We come together as a team to celebrate our combined focus on students," said Bowers. Students will be welcomed back on the first day of school, August 21.

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Dogs strutted down Main Street for the annual Pooch Parade during Pleasanton's 1st Wednesday Street Party. The event is presented by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club. Volunteers raise guide dog puppies bred by Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. The dogs give people with severe visual disabilities an independent lifestyle and safe mobility. The Pooch Parade is one of the club's largest fund raising events. Awards are given out after the parade in various categories, including best trick.



## Scientists Probe the Conditions of Stellar Interiors to Measure Nuclear Reactions

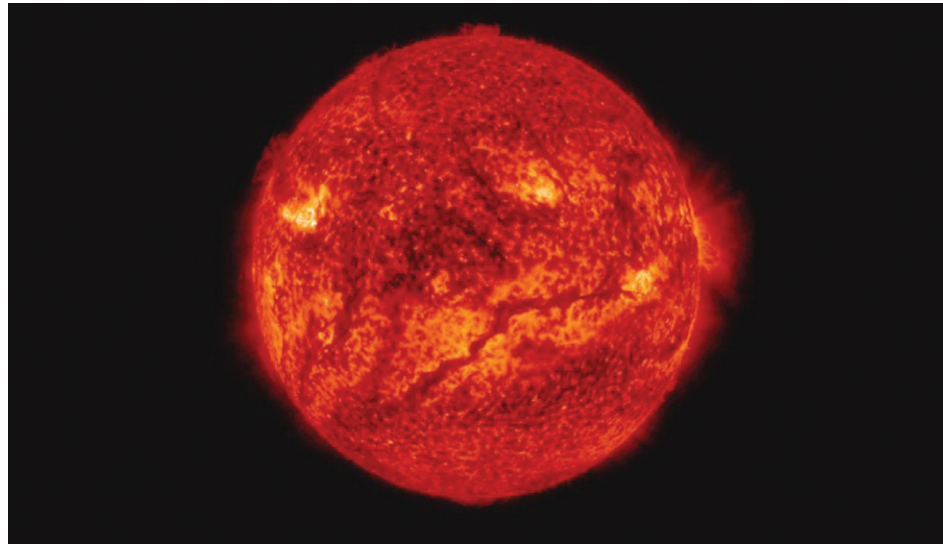
Most of the nuclear reactions that drive the nucleosynthesis of the elements in the universe occur in very extreme stellar plasma conditions. This intense environment found in the deep interiors of stars has made it nearly impossible for scientists to perform nuclear measurements in these conditions – until now.

In a unique cross-disciplinary collaboration between the fields of plasma physics, nuclear astrophysics and laser fusion, a team of researchers including scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Ohio University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), describe experiments performed in conditions like those of stellar interiors. The team's findings were published by Nature Physics.

The experiments are the first thermonuclear measurements of nuclear reaction cross-sections – a quantity that describes the probability that reactants will undergo a fusion reaction – in high-energy-density plasma conditions that are equivalent to the burning cores of giant stars, i.e. 10-40 times more massive than the sun. These extreme plasma conditions boast hydrogen-isotope densities compressed by a factor of a thousand to near that of solid lead and temperatures heated to ~50 million Kelvin. These also are the conditions in stars that lead to supernovae, the most massive explosions in the universe.

“Ordinarily, these kinds of nuclear astrophysics experiments are performed on accelerator experiments in the laboratory, which become particularly challenging at the low energies often relevant for nucleosynthesis,” said LLNL physicist Dan Casey, the lead author on the paper. “As the reaction cross-sections fall rapidly with decreasing reactant energy, bound electron screening corrections become significant, and terrestrial and cosmic background sources become a major experimental challenge.”

The work was conducted at LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF), the only experimental tool in the world capable of creating temperatures and pressures like those found in the cores of stars and giant planets. Using the indirect drive approach, NIF was used to drive a gas-filled capsule implosion, heating capsules



**For the first time, scientists have conducted thermonuclear measurements of nuclear reaction cross-sections under extreme conditions like those of stellar interiors. (Download Image)**

to extraordinary temperatures and compressing them to high densities where fusion reactions can occur.

“One of the most important findings is that we reproduced prior measurements made on accelerators in radically different conditions,” Casey said. “This really establishes a new tool in the nuclear astrophysics field for studying various processes and reactions that may be difficult to access any other way.”

“Perhaps most importantly, this work lays groundwork for potential experimental tests of phenomena that can only be found in the extreme plasma conditions of stellar interiors. One example is of plasma electron screening, a process that is important in nucleosynthesis but has not been observed experimentally,” Casey added.

Now that the team has established a technique to perform these measurements, related teams like that led by Maria Gatu Johnson at MIT are looking to explore other nuclear reactions and ways to attempt to measure the impact of plasma electrons on the nuclear reactions.

Casey was joined by co-authors Daniel Sayre, Vladimir Smalyuk, Robert Tipton, Jesse Pino, Gary Grim, Bruce Remington, Dave Dearborn, Laura (Robin) Benedetti, Robert Hatarik, Nobuhiko Izumi, James McNaney, Tammy Ma, Steve MacLaren, Jay Salmonson, Shahab Khan, Arthur Pak, Laura Berzak Hopkins, Sebastien LePape, Brian Spears, Nathan Meezan, Laurent Divol, Charles Yeaman, Joseph Caggiano, Dennis McNabb, Dean Holunga, Marina Chiarappa-Zucca, Tom Kohut and Thomas Parham from LLNL, Carl Brune from Ohio University, Johan Frenje and Maria Gatu Johnson from MIT and George Kyrala from LANL.

## Kaiser Permanente Awards Local Grants

Kaiser Permanente in the Diablo Area is awarding \$756,424 in grants to 29 non-profit organizations that improve the health of under-served communities in Central and East Contra Costa County, and the Tri-Valley area of Alameda County.

Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit grants are awarded every year to local organizations working on specific programs and projects that align with Kaiser Permanente's missions and goals.

The Diablo grantmaking program supports local non-profit, public health, and human service organizations by investing in programs with a focus on improving access to care and coverage; mental health and wellness; and Healthy Eating Active Living.

“Helping create healthy communities is our mission” says Molly Bergstrom, community benefit manager for Kaiser Permanente's Diablo Service Area. “Our Community Benefit program allows us to reach out and support those that are helping to make a positive impact in the communities we serve.”

Local organizations receiving grants include: The Adobe HOPE Project in Livermore; Axis Community Health - improving access to care with expanded referrals capacity; LVJUSD, District Level Behavioral Health Consultant; Alameda County Community Food Bank - Farm Fresh Produce Program -- Expanding fruit and vegetable distribution in Mt. Diablo communities; Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, "Let's Swim" Water Safety Program; Open Heart Kitchen, Children's Weekend Bag Lunch Program; and, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley - Healthy Lifestyles Program

## EDUCATION

Lena Costello, of Dublin, was inducted into Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity at Susquehanna University.

Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) is a music fraternity for women that strives to promote the development and growth of music across campus and even across the world.

Costello is a music performance-vocal major in the Class of 2020. A 2016 graduate of Holy Names High School, she is the daughter of John and Sylvia Costello.

Jeffrey Katen of Livermore graduated magna cum laude in June with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in mathematics, a minor in computer science, and as the Outstanding Graduate in the Mathematics Department. Katen was a Math Fellow at Western and a recipient of the Mathematics Memorial Scholarship. He presented his senior project, a study of duality in convex analysis, for Scholars Week. He also attended the summer research program at the Fields Institute at the University of Toronto, where he studied the mathematics of glass. His score on the prestigious William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition was the highest at Western since 2002. He also served as captain of a team that won a Kryptom code-breaking competition three years in a row. He was vice president of the WWU Great Puzzle Hunt Club and a member of the puzzle creation team. He also worked at the Tutoring Center as a tutor for math, philosophy and astronomy. He plans to remain at Western for the accelerated master's program in mathematics then begin a doctoral program. Katen is the son of Margaret Katen and Matthew Katen. He is a graduate of Granada High School in Livermore.

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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

**"Stylin' is Wild"** captures the essence of street art, exhibit in the Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. Curated by the Bothwell Arts Center, "Stylin' is Wild" runs through August 27, 2017. Visitor's Center and Galley is located in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore, and is open seven days a week from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free. Most works on display during the exhibit are available for purchase. For more information go to bothwell.lvpac.org.

## Blackhawk Gallery Exhibit

**'Impulse!'** On view seven days a week from July 14 to September 17. Opening hosted by the Alamo Danville Artists' Society. Exhibit free and open to the public. Guest artist Linda V. Hubbard will be showing her 3D Fiber Art. Members' artworks include paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, and wearable art. The exhibit is curated by Debby Koonce, Kerima Swain and Beverly Turner. Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville in the Blackhawk Plaza. (925) 648-8023. www.BlackhawkGallery.org www.ADAS4art.org

**Pleasanton Art League**, fall members' exhibit at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. July 27-Sept. 2. 8th Annual Members' Juried Exhibition and Demonstrations. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. DEMOS:

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. during the exhibition. Public is invited to watch the creative process, and chat informally with the artists. 8/10, Judy Rice (Watercolor); 8/17, Linda Hopwood (Color Pencil); 8/24, Charlotte Severin (Watercolor on Yupo Paper) and Peggy Magovern (Mixed Media); 8/31, Kathleen Hill (Oil) and Karen Barry (Print Making). PAL exhibition on view from July 27 through September 2, and includes oils, watercolor, mixed media, drawing, photography, and more. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Suggested donation \$5 to visit the exhibit.

## Livermore Vineyards - Past and Present

An exhibit of paintings by Bettie Goosman; September 1 through September 30, 2017. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Viewing hours M-Th 8am - 8pm, Fr 8am - 5pm, weekends during events and ongoing classes. For more information, call (925) 373-5700

## 2017 Freeze Frame Opening Exhibit

Thurs., Sept. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Larakspur Room, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. RSVP at <http://trivalleyconservancy.org/events/freeze-frame-exhibit-opening/>

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Bothwell Arts Center, ongoing art classes:** figure drawing, drawing and painting, colored pencil, oils, collage, portraiture; beginners through intermediate and beyond. Contact Anne Giancola, [www.bothwell.lvpac.org](http://www.bothwell.lvpac.org) or email [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org)

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

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18

need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@earthlink.net).

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

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

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

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

## WINE & SPIRITS

**Wente Vineyards: Garden Tour & Workshop Series:** Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk. Fall Vegetables; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Sensory Herb Class; Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, The Art of Composting. Price per guest, per session: \$20 Entertainment Club, \$25 Non-Club. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2424 or visit [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com)

**Charles R Vineyards, Plein Air on the Patio** - Tuesdays in August 14, 21, 28 9:30am - 12:00pm. Mixed Media artists are invited to join us every Tuesday morning in August on the Charles R patio.

**11th Anniversary Celebration and Club Member Release Pickup** Saturday, August 19th 11:30am -

4:30pm. Live music featuring Mud Daddy from 1:00 - 4:00pm, wine tasting and of course, cake. Miners Wine Club Members are invited out to pick up new releases. **Fourth Friday Free Summer Concert** featuring Steve Kritzer. August 25 from 6pm to 9pm. Wine by the glass or bottle is available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, [www.charlesvineyards.com](http://www.charlesvineyards.com)

**Las Positas Vineyards**. On Fri., Aug. 11, Evening in the Vineyards concert from 6-9pm featuring Rhyme & Reason. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, go to [www.laspositasvineyards.com](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com)

**Port and chocolate pairing**, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works, Aug. 11, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Fundraiser to support Semper Fidelis Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Several vendors will be selling items such as jewelry, note cards, soaps, olive oil and more. Tasting ticket \$15. To purchase a tasting ticket, contact Joanne Gibson at 487-4896.

**Wood Family Vineyards**, Friday, August 11th Fiesta Fridays. Meshack Jackson will be playing along with guest musicians from 5 - 7pm at the new tasting room. Smokin Hot Meats N Treats food truck will there Friday evening. Tasting room is open from Noon. 2407 Research Drive, Livermore. August 12th & 13th, Saturday and Sunday. 13th Annual Release Party - noon - 4:30pm Open to everyone at our home vineyard: 7702 Cedar Mountain Road, Livermore. Live bands both days (The Hummingbirdz will be playing on Saturday and Skin N Bones on Sunday). Gourmet cheeses paired with the wines and new this year Smokin Hot Meats N Treats on site selling BBQ. \$15 tasting fee and keep ogo crystal wine glass. New benefit for club members: Complimentary tastings for "Family" Club Members and friends (up to 4 people in the party total) who choose to leave their glass.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Retzlaff Estate Winery**, Live Music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

**Bluegrass open mic and pickup band;** The Bandstand in Carnegie Park, 4th and K Streets, Livermore. 2 to 4 p.m. first Sunday of each month until Oct. 1, 2017.

**Steve Freed** performance schedule: 8/11, Ruby Hill Cub Patio 6-9pm; 8/12, McGrails Winery 11:30-

1:30; 8/20, Bridges Restaurant 11am-2pm

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

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

**Music in the Orchard concert series**, at the Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort and Spa, will take place the last Thursdays of July, August and September. Bring at 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Pedrozzi Foundation a beneficiary of the outdoor concert series presented by the Purple Orchid, Nottingham Cellars, and Posada Restaurant. Crawdad Republic on August 31, and Saint Ashbury on September 28. All concerts are from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at [PurpleOrchid.com](http://PurpleOrchid.com). Advanced tickets also available at Nottingham Cellars, 2245 C So Vasco, Livermore.

**The Music of Simon & Garfunkel** by AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli. 2 concerts at Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton: Saturday, August 12, 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m. Swearingen & Kelli recreate the music, memories and magic of the beloved folk-rock duo. "[Swearingen & Kelli are] one of the most talented duos of today playing the music of one of THE most famous duos of yesterday" -Broadway World, 2017. Reserved seating tickets \$15- \$25. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848 or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton.

**The New Christy Minstrels**, August 13, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Keiko Matsui**, August 18, 8 p.m. Japanese-born pianist and composer. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Jazz at The Firehouse: An Evening with Calvin Keys**, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, 8 p.m. Aug. 19. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**The Front Porch Music Festival**, Sept. 2 at Wente Vineyards. Full day of independent music and fine wine hosted by winemaker Karl Wente. Performers include Wolf Hamlin and The Front Porch Drifters, and Kingsborough, and more. 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Estate Winery & Tasting

Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Advance purchase at Eventbrite; for information, call 456-2305.

**T-Sisters**, Sassy Sister Folk from Oakland, 8 p.m. Sept. 2, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Party With The Riccardis**, YouTube Stars! 8 p.m. Sept. 9, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Brilliance at the Bankhead**, 11th Season Opening Gala Featuring The Indigo Girls With the Livermore-Amador Symphony Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Annual Piano Recital**, Saturday, September 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual piano recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) and Asbury. San Ramon resident Vincent Liu, MTAC Young Artist Guild member and incoming freshman at Stanford University, will perform masterpieces by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Rzewski. Mr. Liu performed with the Livermore-Amador Symphony in 2015 as a winner of the concerto competition. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: 925-443-2514 [accoll@comcast.net](mailto:accoll@comcast.net)

**Party With The Riccardis**, YouTube Stars! 8 p.m. Sept. 9, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, Poetry in Motion, 2 p.m. Sept. 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**R. Carlos Nakai Trio**, Sept. 21, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Heart By Heart**, Spin-off of the original band HEART, 8 p.m. Sept. 30, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## ON THE STAGE

**Arsenic and Old Lace**, 15 performances, including one preview, August 24 through September 17, 2017, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, CA. Tickets are \$10-\$29, and are available through the Box Office at (510) 881-6777 or online at [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

**The Yeomen of the Guard**, Lamp-

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lighters Music Theatre, August 26, 8 p.m. and August 27, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Firehouse Arts Center Season 8: A New Season of 'Firsts!'** Tickets now on sale both online and at the box office in downtown Pleasanton. Diverse new concert and show offerings, including: Grammy winners and Hall of Famers, pop/rock, bluegrass, musical theater, plays, Broadway cabaret, blues, country, improv & comedy, life-sized puppetry, Scottish fiddling, Fado, ventriloquism, holiday, and tribute shows. **SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:** Lacy J. Dalton, December People (rock n' roll holiday mega-production), female Rolling Stone "Guitar God" Kaki King, Antonio Zambujo (Portugal's leading Fado singer), James Hunter Six (Grammy-nominated blues), and Secret Agent 23 Skidoo (Grammy winning "kid-hop"). **TRIBUTES** to the music of HEART (with original HEART members!), BOSTON, Barry Manilow, Fleetwood Mac, Foreigner, Journey, and more. **THEATER HIGHLIGHTS:** 42nd Street, James & the Giant Peach, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Noises Off, The Music Man Jr, and the epic Rock of Ages. Full listings, plus ticket and membership info now at [www.firehousearts.org](http://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 if not sold out.

**Eugene O'Neill Festival** in Danville, sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. September 1-17 John Millington Synge's *The Playboy of the Western World* (1907), Role Players Ensemble at the Village Theater (233 Front Street in downtown Danville). O'Neill's *A Touch of the Poet* (1942), Old Barn theater at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in the Danville hills, September 16-30. Tickets [www.villageatreshows.com](http://www.villageatreshows.com), or by calling (925) 314-3400. An Evening of Traditional Irish Music and Song, September 7 at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Avenue, Danville). 7:00 p.m. Information [eugeneoneill.org](http://eugeneoneill.org) or (925) 820-1818.

**Ronald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR**, Civic Arts Stage Company, Sept. 15-24, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## COMEDY

**Free Comedy Show** every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

**4th Annual Desi Comedy Fest 2017**, Standup comedy, the largest South Asian comedy festival in America, presents comedians of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Afghani & Sri Lankan descent. Aug. 19, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Comedy Uncorked**, Aug. 19: Dave Burleigh, Sam Meeker, Liz Stone, Justin Lockwood. Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. 7:30 p.m., grounds open at 6 p.m. Fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen. Tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>

**One Night, Three Women, Too Funny!**, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Bothwell Arts Center comedy fundraiser for the Bothwell starring local comedians Regina Stoops, Stacey Gustafson and Margaret Zhao. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Rita Rudner**, Sept. 15, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**San Francisco Comedy Competition**, Sept. 22, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**Dublin 2017 Picnic Flix** outdoor movie series; free, Emerald Glen Park at dusk (around 8:30 p.m.). Guests may begin to arrive at 7:00 p.m. Food trucks will be provided for purchase of food, beverages, and snacks. Bring blankets and low beach chairs, and no pets. Friday, August 18, "Finding Dory" (PG)

**Movies in the Park**, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton: Aug. 10: Star Trek Beyond. Free admission; fun activities and games. All movies begin at dusk. Information, [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) or Movies in the Park phone line, 931-4826.

**Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 6 p.m. first Monday of the month. The films are free and are screened in the Pleasanton Library large meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.



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## Auditions Slated

Tiffany's Dance Academy and ConDanza are holding auditions for their annual production of Tchaikovsky's, "The Nutcracker." Auditions will take place at Tiffany's Dance Academy of Livermore on August 19th and at Tiffany's Dance Academy of South San Francisco on August 18th. Placement auditions are open to all dancers ages 5 or older.

The annual production showcases over 400 dancers, from both Tiffany's Dance Academy and features performances by members of ConDanza. Professional sound, lighting, choreography, and extravagant costumes make this a favorite Nutcracker performance. Robbie Teruya, Director of the Performing Company at Tiffany's Dance Academy, says, "What makes our Nutcracker so fun is that everyone is in a holiday spirit and that enthusiasm translates to the stage."

ConDanza, a professional ballet company formed by master ballet teacher, César Degallado, is proud to co-host this production. "The Nutcracker has always been a favorite of mine, not only because of the beautiful dancing and music, but because of the story. This Ballet production was created during a century when art forms came together to create this holiday tradition. Since then, this production has been presented by many of the most prestigious ballet companies in the world, and it is fundamental to their repertory."

The Nutcracker will take place December 15th and 16th, 2017, at the Theater at Chabot College located at 25555 Hesperian Way in Hayward, CA.

To participate in The Nutcracker, contact Robbie Teruya at Tiffany's Dance Academy by email at [robbie@tiffanydance.com](mailto:robbie@tiffanydance.com) or by phone at (925) 447-5299.

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Vita Voci**, an 8 voice a cappella group, is currently auditioning experienced Tenors. Please contact Susan Anderson at [vitaavocimagicals@gmail.com](mailto:vitaavocimagicals@gmail.com) for more information or to schedule an audition. [www.vitavoci.org](http://www.vitavoci.org)

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 45th Competition for Young Musicians**, application deadline Sunday, September 10, 2017. (Applications will be accepted starting on September 1.) The

competition will be held on October 1. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, 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 at its February 24, 2018 concert. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applications

must be accompanied by an \$8.00 application fee and a recording for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from [www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org) or by contacting the competition chairperson at 925.525.6070.

## OPERA

**Donizetti's Don Pasquale**, Livermore Valley Opera, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7 and 8. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. <http://livermorevalleyopera.com>

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Hagemann Ranch Open House.

Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

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

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Nancy Tingstrom Turner at [ntingstr@yahoo.com](mailto:ntingstr@yahoo.com).

**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>

**Fertile GroundWorks' Taste for Giving** fundraiser in the Garden of Grace Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 4 to 7 pm at 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. There will be fun activities for all ages including garden tours, tomato tasting, games, music and a silent auction. BBQ starting at 5 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Purchase at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social**, Aug. 13, noon to 4 p.m. at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org)

**Children's Fair**, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Liver-

more. [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org)  
**Livermore Valley Coin Club 7th annual Fall Coin Show**. Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Livermore Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Free admission, free wooden nickels, free coin appraisals and estimates, hourly drawings. For more information, call 980-9307.

**Taste of Downtown Culinary Stroll**, Sept. 10, noon to 5 p.m. Downtown Livermore. [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com)

**Splatter**, Sept. 17, noon to 8 p.m. food, wine, art and music at Emerald Glen Park. Admission and parking are free. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us)

**An Evening with Winston Churchill**. Tuesday, September 19th, 7 p.m. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

5th annual Trains for Autism, Backyard model railroad exhibition benefiting the Autism Speaks charity, Sat., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. 1664 Lodestone Rd., Livermore. \$40 donation per family includes a catered lunch, raffle prizes for adults and a train scavenger hunt for the kids. All are invited. For more information or questions, call 371-4409.

**Livermore Valley Wine Auction**, Sept. 23, 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Benefiting under-served children in the East Bay. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation, [www.lvwf.org](http://www.lvwf.org)

**Altamont Cruisers, 28th Nostalgia Day Car Show**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24 in downtown Livermore. Fundraiser for local organizations that promote Tri-Valley youth, help strengthen their families and help keep kids off drugs & alcohol. [www.altamontcruisers.org](http://www.altamontcruisers.org)

**Quilting in the Garden**, Sept. 24 and 25 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Hundreds of quilts are displayed throughout the nursery, hanging from the branches of dozens of oak trees. Admission is free. Guest artists are Edyta Sitar and Debby Schnabel. Quilting classes and quilting related activities are planned; registration available online at [www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden](http://www.aldenlane.com/events/quilting-in-the-garden)

# BULLETIN BOARD

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## Human Trafficking Panel

**Discussion** by three experts: Brian Wo, Director of Partnerships for the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition; Kathy Wilson, Development Director of A New Day for Children; Adriana Panting, Anti-Sexual Trafficking Specialist with Tri-Valley Haven. Sunday, August 27, 2017, at 6 PM Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Pot Luck Supper at 5 PM. The public is invited to attend. Information 925-447-6156

**The Amador Valley Quilters** will meet on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Ashley Nickels will be the guest speaker. She began making quilts as a child, and is now a San Francisco quilter, teacher, and writer who owns the business Alphabet Summer. Ashley will discuss changing trends in quilting. Guests are welcome.

**Armchair Travelers**, a monthly program, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thursday, August 10th at 1:30 p.m. Ann Reichert returns to the Armchair Travelers stage with a slideshow about her 2016 trip to Namibia. Ann's presentation will include many photographs of Namibia's wildlife, including rhinos, lions, elephants, and flamingos. Adults are invited to this free program, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information, call 925-373-5500.

**Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association's annual BBQ** Sat., September 9th at 5:30 pm at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Included will be dinner prepared by Tony Macchiano and his renowned Lickety Spit team. Music and Dancing to the local band, "TNT". Live and silent auctions, a no-host bar and a fun crowd. Advance reservations are available for \$45 or \$50 at the door. For tickets/info.: Colleen at colleen.noble@norcalgold.com or Jorge at jvictoria45@comcast.net or www.ptscsca.org.

**"The Waiting Room,"** a film about what goes on in our local county hospital ER, will be shown on Sat., Aug. 12 at 7 PM at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This 81 minute film featuring Highland Hospital was the NY Times "Critics

Pick," appeared on numerous top ten lists and won awards. It shows the magnificent handling of the enormous task each day by the caring staff at Highland hospital who treat those who have fallen through the cracks, the underinsured, and more. Meet & greet potluck at 6:30 PM and a short discussion follows the film. This free/public event is wheelchair accessible, with comfortable A/C and ample off-street parking. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meeting 7 p.m. Aug. 14. Guest speaker will be Kay Speaks on the topic Crafting Your Google Search. The meeting takes place at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. No charge. Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Kay Speaks, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org. Refreshments following the presentation.

**2017 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation East Bay One Walk**, San Ramon Walk, Sunday Oct. 15, 2017 at the Bishop Ranch, 2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Check in is at 9:30 am; walk starts at 11: am. 3 miles. Contact: Emily Sliwkowski - email: esliwkowski@jdrf.org; tel. 415-597-6315. San Ramon Walk info link: www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk/GreaterBayAreaChapter405?pg=entry&fr\_id=6951

**Dress a Girl Around the World**, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, August 19, from 9 am to 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. 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

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**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, Aug. 17, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by Aug. 15 to Genene, 443-0515. Aug. 19, 1 p.m. friendly bridge in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 12 to Ruby, 462-9636. Aug. 10, 1 p.m. lunch in Danville, RSVP by Aug. 17 to Marsha, 830-8483. Aug. 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by

Aug. 21 to Gloria, 846-8320. Aug. 27, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Aug. 24 to Ruby, 462-9636.

**How to Write a Book in Six Weeks**, fast-track class teaches writing secrets and techniques to turn prose into page-turners. All prose genres: fiction, nonfiction, children's, and playwriting. Ages over 18 welcome. Fee includes professional editing of work by instructor Barbara Flores, a three-time award-winning author. 6 classes. Thurs. 7 pm - 9:30 pm 7/27-8/31 \$103. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. To register: call 925-373-5700 or visit LARP.D.ORG. Contact Barbara Flores: bbarbaraflores@gmail.com

**Livermore High School Class of 1967** is having their 50th Class Reunion over the weekend of Sept. 22, 23 & 24th. It's a weekend full of fun things to do and 'old' friends to visit. Go to: <http://livermorehs1967.com/>

**Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group)**, Counter Point is a free faith based, Christ centered (AI Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Cornerstone Fellowship (348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore across from Costco) and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information contact Kent (925-243-0211) or Rachel (510-501-1411).

**Pacific Center for Human Growth** (Pacific Center), Alameda County Behavioral Health Services is continuing to fund an expansion of services for older adults. A program to provide topical therapeutic peer support groups for isolated LGBTQ older adults in the north, east and central regions of the county. "Older & Out" groups Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Senior Services - Tuesday afternoons, 1:15 - 2:45 pm. Free, 90 minutes on a rotating 8 week cycle of topics for up to a year, with an ideal of 10 members per group. Groups are facilitated by a team of Pacific Center clinician interns assisted by trained Peer Specialists. Group members decide what topics to cover. Suggested topics include: loss of friends, wisdom that comes with aging, going back in the closet to survive, dating, invisibility in the LGBTQ community, family acceptance challenges, loneliness, resilience, and how to find other services in Alameda County.

**Tri-Valley Geeks**, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games at Livermore Shari's Cafe, 1116 E Stanley Blvd.,

Livermore. A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

**Pleasanton Lions Club**, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit [pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). All are welcome.

**Have you been affected by someone's drinking?** AI-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.AlanonTriValley.org](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org). 925-277-7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto:help@AlanonTriValley.org).

**Grief Workshop - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey.** Second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 pm now through August 24, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For additional information please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

**Recovery International Support Group** was developed by Abraham Low, MD. This group uses the cognitive-behavioral, peer to peer, self help training system to help individuals gain skills to lead more peaceful and productive lives. Meetings every Sunday at 4 pm. Leader: Barbara Sterrett. [www.recoveryinternational.org/](http://www.recoveryinternational.org/) Meetings take place at Arbor Vista: 1300 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

**Learn Scottish country dancing** in Livermore: lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Classes are Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up): contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

**Rotary Club of Livermore Valley** invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/) or contact Frank Vallejo, President of Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, at 925-595-2004 or [FVallejo@CalWater.com](mailto:FVallejo@CalWater.com)

**Del Valle Folk Dancers:** begin-

ning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or [george.pavel@gmail.com](mailto:george.pavel@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleysir.org](http://www.trivalleysir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

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

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericscorner.org](http://ericscorner.org)

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

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

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

**Depression and Bipolar Support**

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

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

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

**Overeaters Anonymous**. All are welcome. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. No weigh-ins, free will donations for rent. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925)337-9118.

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

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

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

Those interested in helping with "the cause," contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo).

Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time has changed to 10:00 a.m. Children and youth welcome. For more information visit [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950.

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org) or 925-447-4357.

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

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. 846-8650

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9AM & 10:30AM. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9AM and on Weds. eve. from 7-9PM. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM [trinitylivermore.org](http://trinitylivermore.org) or 925-447-1848.

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. [www.saintbartsrivermore.com](http://www.saintbartsrivermore.com). Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, Priest-in-Charge, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

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

**Pathway Community Church**, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. [www.pathwaycommunity-church.org](http://www.pathwaycommunity-church.org) (925) 322-1222.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, [www.goodshepherd-livermore.org](http://www.goodshepherd-livermore.org) or 371-6200.

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

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

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. 227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

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

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

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

**Lynnewood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer worship schedule begins on May 28th with one service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact Rev. Henry Kim or the church office at (925) 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnewood.org](mailto:office@lynnewood.org) or visit our website at [www.lynnewood.org](http://www.lynnewood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake**: Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St: Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

**Livermore Quakers**: Unprogrammed worship, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). [www.LivermoreQuakers.com](http://www.LivermoreQuakers.com)  
**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. .Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Com-

munion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfrancisanglican.church](http://stfrancisanglican.church).

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1886 College Ave., Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.org>.

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

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

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**Unity of Tri-Valley** is a welcoming spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org). 925.829.2733.

**GraceWay Church** worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road while its new facility is being prepared. Services include band-led worship music, Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care provided. [www.gracewaylife.org](http://www.gracewaylife.org) (925) 846-4436.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church**, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. (925) 667-1610. [www.gracembc.com](http://www.gracembc.com). Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

**Discovery Church of the Nazarene**, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM

**Gateway Church**, 811 Marylin Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://gatewaylivermore.org) or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

# Milestones

## UNCLE Re-elects Board Members

UNCLE Credit Union re-elected Board Chairman Chung Bothwell and Vice Chairman Randy Werner to serve in their respective leadership positions for the 2017-2018 term. For more than 25 years, Bothwell and Werner have been highly instrumental in the financial cooperative's growth while helping to ensure its long-term financial health. Bothwell commences her tenth term as Board Chairman as the credit union marks its 60th anniversary this year.

"As a member-owned organization, each account holder at UNCLE has one vote in electing a board of directors and its officers – regardless of how much money the individual has on deposit.

Having been entrusted to represent the interests of all of our members, our top priority is to promote each individual's financial success," said Bothwell, who has more than 34 years experience in financial management, strategic planning and business operations. Her education includes a Juris Doctor (JD) and a Master of Laws (LLM) degree as well as a Master of Business Administration (MBA). "A steadfast leadership team and a dedicated staff have enabled us to continue to build solid value for our members while also helping to strengthen the community at large."

UNCLE Credit Union Board Treasurer Lee Neely and Board Secretary Mila

Shapovalov were also re-elected for the 2017-2018 term. Also retaining their seats were Board Directors Ellen Raber and John Stein. Robin Morris was re-elected to UNCLE's Supervisory Committee and Neda Gray was elected to succeed Mark Weiss, who retired this year as Supervisory Committee Chairman. A veteran member of the Committee, Gray brings an extensive background in Information Systems Security to her new role as Chairman. Currently employed as Organizational Information Systems Security Officer for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Gray has a wealth of experience in managing valuable, sensitive data.

## Lush Cosmetics Reopens in Expanded Space

While other retailers are closing stores and focusing more on digital, beauty brand Lush Cosmetics is doing the complete opposite. On July 22, 2017, Lush reopened its store at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton with more square footage to play with the hand-made products, get personal consultations, and admire the reclaimed and .

Taking inspiration from Lush's 10,000 square foot flagship shop on Oxford Street located in London, the retail design gives new meaning to vintage charm. The store is filled with one-of-a-kind, salvaged and reclaimed furniture that has been sourced from all over

the country. Vintage, pendant lights hang above the vegetarian product ranges, illuminating the shop and creating a dynamic first impression. This design concept of working from reclaimed materials reduces waste, ultimately cutting back on Lush's environmental footprint, a value important to the brand. Plus, the neutral tones of the interior contrast perfectly with the rainbow bright colors of Lush's product range, including its signature bath bombs, a Northern Californian favorite.

The 5 consultation stations in the middle of the shop serve as the focal point, or "heart beat" of the retail

space, allowing for enhanced one-to-one customer experiences. This area gives guests and Lush staff the chance to connect, discuss and interact with products and make personal recommendations based on in-depth conversations.

"We are very excited about our new large format location at Stoneridge Shopping Center," says Elisa Torres, Lush's Director of Retail. "Bigger shops, thoughtfully designed with the customer experience in mind, provide more space to demonstrate our ethics, playfully interact with our customers, and present our new and ever growing product range."

Livermore Mayor John Marchand presented John Shirley with a proclamation from the Livermore City Council that recognized that the City Council Chambers within the new Livermore Civic Center Meeting Hall would be named after John Shirley. It was presented at the July 26 meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore. The request to name the Chamber after John Shirley came from members of the Livermore Rotary and the community-at-large as a way to recognize John's long and outstanding service to the Livermore community as well as the Nation. John is a decorated WWII hero, former Livermore mayor, Livermore's first veterinarian, and a long time member of the Rotary Club of Livermore. Photo -

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## Proclamation Presented



## Merger Effort for Sandia Credit Union Ends

The boards of directors of two large New Mexico credit unions have decided to end a merger agreement which was announced in October 2016, according to Robert Chavez, President/CEO of Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union (SLFCU) and David Seely, President/CEO of Kirtland Federal Credit

Union (KFCU) in Albuquerque.

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union offices are located in downtown Livermore.

Chavez said, "Both parties have worked hard over the past ten months to identify and overcome possible barriers to a successful merg-

er. At this time, we've been unable to develop a scenario that's in the best interests of both sets of members."

The boards of directors and management teams will continue collaborations over the next several years and may pursue other opportunities that may be mutually beneficial.

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