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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.

## Bid to Study Cutting Density on East Dublin Properties Fails

A bid by Vice-mayor Abe Gupta and Mayor David Haubert to instruct staff to study the consequences of peeling back the number of non-vested units in East Dublin lost on a 3-2 vote.

Councilmembers Don Biddle, Doreen Wehrenberg and Kevin Hart voted against the motion at a council workshop on Aug. 18.

More than a dozen audience speakers asked for a study, with most requesting a growth moratorium. A few recommended a development cap or a growth plan similar to those in Livermore and Pleasanton, a point that Gupta made in his discussion.

Gupta said that there were assumptions made in

the 1990s about East Dublin when the current plan was adopted. "Obviously it doesn't work now." He said it is time to take a fresh look.

Gupta's motion would have had staff look at the implications of reducing densities on 9 non-vested properties from more than 1600 units to approximately 600 units, with 100 units in

the Jordan Ranch, removed from consideration. The plan was included in the agenda report. Jordan Ranch is working with the school district to provide a school site. Gupta said he was talking only about a study. However, other councilmembers said it's important not to slow down the possibility of a school site in any way.

The staff study would have looked at fiscal impacts on the general fund, impact fee programs, economic development, public infrastructure, and the legal and planning policy implications.

Councilmember Doreen Wehrenberg said that it was too late to do anything about

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## Swalwell Backs President on Iran

Rep. Eric Swalwell has announced that he is supporting the State Department's and President Obama's stance on signing the bilateral nuclear pact with Iran.

In a statement this week, the 15th District Congressman said, "Next month, Congress will vote on the Iran nuclear agreement, an effort to prevent one of the world's most evil regimes from having the world's most dangerous weapon."

"After participating in classified briefings, asking tough questions of the Obama administration, meeting with proponents and opponents, and listening to my constituents, I have concluded this agreement is the best available opportunity for a nuclear-weapon-free Iran," said Swalwell, who is a member of the House Intelligence Committee.

Swalwell said, "Iran will be obstructed from its two paths to a bomb" in regard to uranium and plutonium. It will be forced to significantly reduce the number of centrifuges, which are needed in bomb development,

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## Tesla to Open Showroom in Dublin

Tesla Motors will be opening a showroom and service center in downtown Dublin.

The firm, which manufactures electric cars in the former NUMMI plant in Fremont, will refurbish the former Stoneridge Jeep/Chrysler dealership on Amador Plaza Road and St. Patrick Way. The Jeep/Chrysler dealer moved to 2700 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton.

Tesla has taken out necessary permits to make the changes in the two-story 25,000 square foot building. There is also a 4-acre sales lot. Tesla will be leasing the building.

Dublin Mayor David Haubert said, "The new dealership will be an exciting addition to downtown Dublin. It's a great location for Tesla, exactly at the crossroads of (Interstates) 580 and 680."

Haubert added, Owners of Teslas can take advantage of a great location for their service needs. "The company wins, Dublin wins."

City staff members said that Tesla intends to sell a full line of its products at the store. A notice on Tesla's website says that store hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The final days before the start of school have seen the temperature soar. Kids found the perfect place to cool off at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin.

## Zone 7 Rejects Grand Jury Statements on Purchase Of Ranch

**By Ron McNicoll**  
 Zone 7 Water Agency disagrees with allegations made by the Alameda County Civic Grand Jury concerning a supposed lack of transparency in the process of spending \$18 million to acquire nearly 5000 acres of watershed land adjacent to Lake Del Valle.

The Grand Jury issued a report June 29, objecting to what it called the lack of a public process in discussing elements related to the purchase. The Grand Jury had no quarrel with the \$18 million expenditure itself.

The Grand Jury report said that there was no public discussion of such details such as where in the budget the payment money should come from, how funding \$2.7 million of it from developer drainage fees is justified, and why it is important to acquire watershed land.

The Grand Jury decided in July 2014 to investigate, after a citizen filed a complaint in November 2013. As required by law, the citizen was not identified.

Zone 7 is responding in an 11-page document, which was scheduled for possible approval at the board's meeting Aug. 19, after The Independent's deadline. The Grand Jury said that Zone 7 must respond by Sept. 29.

The reply, which is available

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## Laboratory's Role In Iran Negotiations Described

**By Jeff Garberson**  
 About a year ago, technical experts from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory produced an estimate for U.S. negotiators in Europe that Iran would need only two months to assemble enough enriched nuclear fuel to make an atom bomb, according to

Laboratory director William Goldstein.

This estimate of Iran's so-called "break-out time" to a bomb spurred "all sorts of actions including negotiations" that led to the recent international agreement, Goldstein said in a talk given last week to Livermore Rotary Club.

The estimate was the product of interactions between LLNL staff in Geneva and Vienna and technical experts in Livermore, with transcontinental telephone calls arranging for calculations that would give negotiators "numbers for that break-out time based on various scenarios that were

on the negotiating table," he said.

He did not go into detail about what sorts of actions were stimulated by the Livermore estimates and declined to answer subsequent questions from the Independent on the subject. He referred those questions

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## Survey Shows Concerns About Water and Growth

Pleasanton residents continued to express exceptionally high levels of satisfaction with the local quality of life, city services, and sense of public safety. However, drought and water issues, and quick growth were found to be top concerns.

Those were among the findings of a survey conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates to determine Pleasanton residents satisfaction with city services and quality of life. A telephone survey of 726 randomly selected City of Pleasanton voters was conducted June 3-15, 2015.

The results provide baseline data for the performance of city staff both in terms of the ratings of departments and in the evaluation of the overall professionalism, courtesy and competence of city employees.

The Pleasanton City Council heard a presentation at its meeting last Tuesday.

The survey addresses a variety of topics including perceptions of the following issues: quality of life, top concerns, attitudes toward city government, contact with city departments and facilities.

Satisfaction levels were highest for public safety, library services, parks/recreation, and sewer services.

Drought and water issues are top concerns. Quick growth emerged as a serious issue to nearly one-quarter of Pleasanton residents.

Of those surveyed, 97% identified the city as an excellent place to live; 98% of parents rated Pleasanton as an excellent place to raise children. Older residents saw the quality of life as

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Work on the Bandstand is going well with framing and other work underway. The Rotary Bandstand, possessing both old-fashioned charm and contemporary function, features a 20' gazebo over a 30' stage - an architectural trompe l'oeil designed to accommodate larger groups without the need of an oversized structure. Located in Carnegie Park, home of Livermore's Thursday night Farmers' Market, the Rotary Bandstand will provide a venue for concerts, performances, ceremonies and addresses. The Livermore Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley are building the gazebo. It is being funded through the foundation.

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# State Offers Rebates in 'Turf & Toilet' Program

The California Department of Water Resources is offering rebates to homeowners who conserve water by switching to low-flow toilets or installing lawns that are low in water consumption.

Dubbed "turf and toilet," the \$30 million rebate program is financed by the Proposition 1 water bond approved by voters in 2014. Some \$24 million of the total amount will go for turf, with a goal of replacing 10 million square feet of it. There will be no rebate for artificial turf or bare ground.

One-half of the financial total for lawn replacement is reserved for disadvantaged communities, and the other half is statewide. The toilet program is statewide.

Some \$6 million will finance the upgrading of 60,000 water-wasting toilets. To learn if someone qualifies for a rebate, it is necessary to register at <http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/>, and follow the instructions on the site. People are advised to refrain from starting projects until they learn via e-mail whether they qualify for funding. Payment will be by check.

Details about the intended lawn conversion are among the questions on the web site. For example, they show the proper way to document your lawn with photographs, and how to measure square footage for the project.

# Leadership Group Recognizes Zone 7 for Transparency

Zone 7 Water Agency has been awarded a certificate of transparency by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), a professional association dedicated to improving special districts.

SDLF board president David Aranda said that by meeting the requirements for the award, Zone 7, "has proven its dedication to being fully transparent as well as open and accessible to the public and other stakeholders."

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig told The Independent that the agency was "pleased to receive recognition from the SDLF for excellence in transparency, confirming successful implementation of Zone 7's core value to be a transparent special district."

To receive the award, an agency must demonstrate compliance with eight governance transparency requirements. They include ethics training for

all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller in a timely manner.

Zone 7 also fulfilled 15 website requirements, including providing agendas, minutes, the current budget and the most recent audit.

The award is granted for

two years. Zone 7 may then apply for the award again for another two-year period.

## WATER RATE WORKSHOP SET

Zone 7 has set a board workshop to discuss water rates. The meeting, which is open to the public, is set for 4 p.m. Aug. 26 at Zone 7 headquarters, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore.

Traditionally, the board has reviewed rates for the coming year at its September regular meeting, which this year will be on Sept. 16. The board makes a final decision at the October meeting, which will be on Oct. 21. The board set rates for 2015 and 2016 in October 2014, but is not prevented by any law from changing the 2016 rates.

# LARPD OKs Final Budgets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors approved its final 2015-2016 fiscal year end operating budget.

The budget shows expenditures totaling \$18,857,583. Revenue shows a 7 percent increase over 2014-2015. Salary and benefits were increased in 2014-2015 and also in the new budget.

Revenue primarily comes from property taxes as well as earned income from programs, rentals, youth and senior services, aquatics and more. In addition, income growth is due to new contracts with Kidango and Zone 7 Water Agency, new programs and facilities such as Cayetano Park, fee increases and larger enrollment.

The district will be working with Zone 7 to pace trails.

The Board also approved the final Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget for fiscal years 2015-2018. CIP expenses for 2015-2018 total \$6,330,924. Major focus areas include playground renovations at May Nissen, Big Trees and Pleasure Island parks, as well as at Jane Addams preschool. Also listed are Sycamore Grove Park projects, such as interpretive nature education, trail connections and

trail improvements; and large capital asset repairs, including finishing the roof replacement at May Nissen Pool, upgrading ESS building exteriors and the Robert Livermore Park Snack Shack.

During the meeting, the

board commemorated the 10-year anniversary of the Robert Livermore Community Center with a video showcasing all the center has to offer such as pools, double gymnasium, party and event rentals, senior services, preschool and more.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

**San Francisco Premium Outlets** opened the 185,000 square-foot expansion on August 13, making it the largest outlet center in the state. The event featured the dedication of new public art. Thirty new stores opened including Byer California, Catimini, Jimmy Choo, Rag & Bone New York, Scotch & Soda, UGG Australia, and Vince. An additional 20 stores will open through the rest of the year. Speakers included Livermore Mayor John Marchand (at right) and Dave Ackerman, Director of Marketing and Business Development for San Francisco Premium Outlets (at left) pictured with the artist, Seth Vandable. His work, "Taking Flight," shown in the background and at left, was dedicated during the opening. San Francisco Premium Outlets hosts 160 outlet stores. The outlet mall currently employs 2,000 full and part-time employees and has added another 750 retail positions with the opening of its expansion. For more information, visit: [www.premiumoutlets.com/sanfrancisco](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/sanfrancisco).



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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## A Comfortable City

Pleasanton has been featured as one of the most comfortable cities in America in a recent article by Expedia. Over 600,000 guest reviews were analyzed by the travel website to determine the top cities for comfort across the U.S. Pleasanton ranks 86 of the 101 cities named.

"This designation speaks volumes about the heart of our great city, the downtown," said Pleasanton Downtown Association Executive Director Laura Olson. "It's important that everyone who travels to Pleasanton feels welcome. We're also very proud that those who live and work here recognize how warm and inviting our City truly is."

This recognition is added to the many Pleasanton has received in the last year. Earlier this month NerdWallet named Pleasanton #13 in the 'Best Places to Start a Business in Northern California.' Last September, 24/7 Wall Street ranked Pleasanton as #4 of 'America's 50 Best Cities to Live In.' In January, DatingAdvice.com named Pleasanton #14 on the list of 'Best Small Cities for Singles.'

## Mobile Home Owners to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Golden State Mobile Homeowners League local chapter at the clubhouse at Hacienda Mobile Home Park.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 25. Maintenance issues will be discussed. It is open to park residents and guests who have been invited, said chapter president Cove Corey.

## School Reserve Cap

Senator Steve Glazer, D-Contra

Costa, announced legislation Tuesday that would restore fiscal responsibility to the budgeting decisions of local school districts. The legislation would reform the state's school reserve cap to give schools more room to plan for the future.

The bill, SB 799, will be introduced Thursday.

The state's reserve cap limits school districts to setting aside 6 percent of their budgets to prepare for economic downturns. Sen. Glazer is part of a coalition of legislators and the California School Board Association proposing to raise the cap to 17 percent.

"Getting the state's financial balance sheet in order has been an important goal of the Governor and the Legislature," Glazer said. "That leadership should be applauded. But what we don't want to do is exercise fiscal responsibility at the state level only to erode that same financial prudence on the local level."

The proposal:

- Raises the cap from approximately 6 percent to 17 percent. Seventeen percent is the minimum recommended that the Government Finance Officers Association recommends for local governments.

- Ensures that the cap does not apply to money set aside for such things as emergencies or future large purchases, such as technology, school buses, instructional materials, or of future obligations such as construction projects, retiree benefits or self-insurance.

- Increases transparency by requiring school boards to specify reserve levels and why they exist.

- Exempts small school districts (with fewer than 2,501 students) and districts that don't receive state aid.

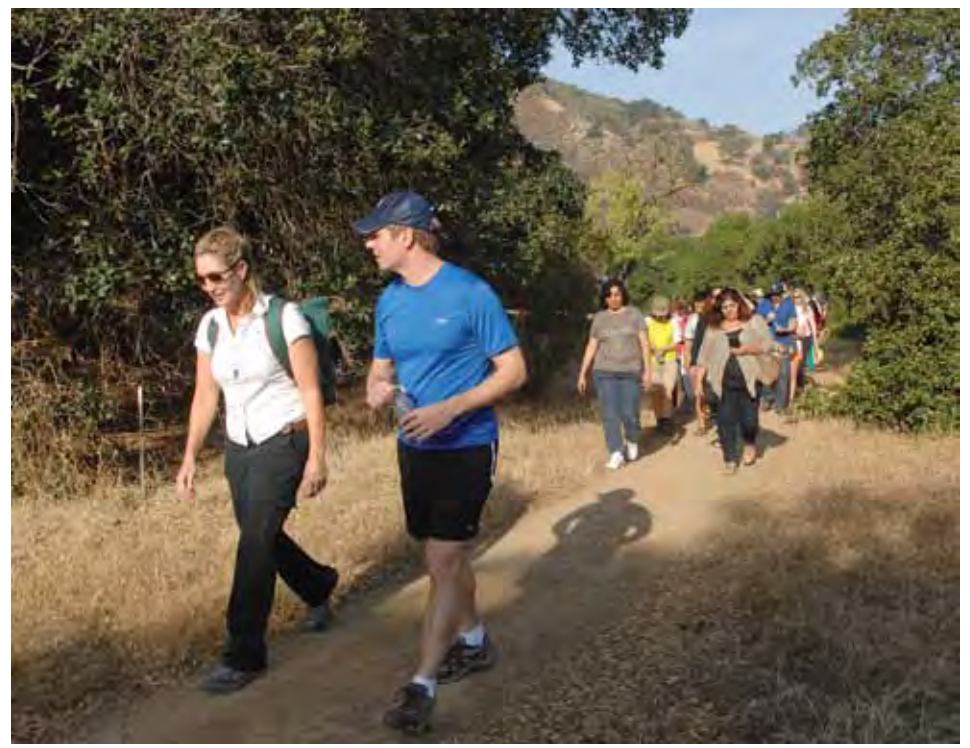


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Congressman Eric Swalwell took his most recent town hall meeting to the trails last Sunday. Congressman joined residents and representatives from the Tri-Valley Conservancy on the new regional trail link for Sycamore Grove and Del Valle Regional Parks. Among the topics were area trails and conservation efforts. The Tri-Valley Conservancy was instrumental in making the new trail a reality, working with the East Bay Regional Park District and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to obtain the land and build the trail.

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# EDITORIAL

## Gone, But Not Forgotten

Friends and family recently celebrated the life of Archer Futch.

He was remembered as a family man, a lover of the outdoors, and someone with a high degree of integrity. People talked about how he loved to go for walks.

We remember him as a long time activist in the forefront efforts to prevent urban sprawl by establishing urban growth boundaries. He served on the South Livermore Valley Area Plan Committee that put in place the South Livermore boundary, which was ratified by Livermore voters. Futch was a catalyst helping to create voter approved urban growth boundaries for Alameda County and North Livermore. The boundaries have preserved vineyards, ridgetands, ranchlands, and open space setting the stage for the great quality of life enjoyed in eastern Alameda County.

He served on the Livermore City Council and as Mayor. He was respected by both sides of an issue, but was uncompromising in his pursuit of issues he felt were important.

Futch has been described as a true southern gentlemen, courteous and kind to all.

He will be missed. His legacy of vineyards and open space around the city will ensure he is not forgotten.

## SWALWELL

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and must lower its uranium stockpile by 97 percent.

Swalwell said that as Deputy District Attorney in Alameda County, he executed thousands of plea agreements. "I offered the offender a path to success, but also prepared for failure. I approach this agreement no differently. What matters most is how compliance is verified. To monitor compliance, the International Atomic Energy Agency will have around-the-clock access — including electronic and video monitoring — to Iran's nuclear sites. Only once Iran fully complies will

it receive sanctions relief," said Swalwell.

Swalwell said that the United States will play a leadership role in dismantling Iran's nuclear capabilities. However, if a violation were to occur, "We will be able to take action against Iran with international cooperation. Both scenarios are more desirable than alienating ourselves from the world and acting alone," said Swalwell.

"Seeing no realistic or viable alternative, I will vote in support of the Iran nuclear agreement and dutifully ensure compliance every second along the way," he said.

## SURVEY

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slightly better than do younger residents, with 81% of those age 75 and over rating it excellent, while only 59% of those age 18 to 29 did so.

In dealing with quality of life, growth emerged as an issue with 24% saying there is too much taking place. That was up from 8% in a survey conducted in 2013. Water and the drought were seen as serious issues by 14% of those surveyed. Concerns about the cost of housing dropped from 10% in 2013 to 8% in 2015.

Among the comments made by residents regarding quality of life were the following: "I would like to see the city government limit the amount of business growth, because we are losing the small-town image." "I would like the city government to restrict construction so that those of us that already live here have enough water." "Pleasanton has become overcrowded for the geographical area and too crowded for the amount of cars. There have been a lot of car accidents and traffic problems." "I grew up here when it was just a small town. Now there are way more issues as it is getting bigger that are taking away from the country small town it used be."

When asked to rate problems the city faces, the drought and traffic were seen as the most serious faced

by Pleasanton with 87% mentioning current drought conditions in California, 78% water shortages due to more frequent droughts; and 67% traffic congestion on local freeways.

While 81% believe it is important to conserve water whether or not there is a drought, 51% say they have reduced use as much as possible.

When it came to priorities, 82% rated libraries as a high priority, up from 75% in 2013.

In talking about services, public safety rated high for both fire (90%) and police (92%) services.

Parks are the most used city amenity, with 94% reporting visiting a city owned park or recreation facility at least once a year; 84% visited the library once a year; 21% the Callippe Golf Course; 54% the Firehouse Arts Center; and 49% the Amador Theater.

Comments related to problems and services included the following: "They should continue their staffing." "I don't want them to cut back as the population grows; staffing should grow with it." "Traffic flow is pretty bad. Timing of the signals is non-existent. If a signal goes down, it takes about a week to get back on schedule." "They need to limit growth so the services can catch up with the current

# NIF fires 300th shot in FY15

Last week, the National Ignition Facility (NIF) fired its 300th laser target shot in fiscal year (FY) 2015, meeting the year's goal more than six weeks early.

In comparison, the facility completed 191 target shots in FY 2014. Located at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), NIF is the world's most energetic laser. Increasing the shot rate has been a top priority for the Inertial Confinement Fusion (ICF) Program and in particular the NIF team at LLNL. The greater than 50 percent increase in NIF shots from FY 2014 to FY 2015 is a direct result of the implementation of an efficiency study conducted in FY 2014 for the NIF.

NIF is funded by the

National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the agency charged with ensuring the nation's nuclear security. The chief mission of NIF is to provide experimental insight and data for NNSA's science-based Stockpile Stewardship Program in the area of high-energy-density physics, a scientific field of direct relevance to nuclear deterrence and national nuclear security.

"Demand for experiments at NIF have always exceeded capacity. The work by the team at NIF to produce additional shots has provided important new opportunities for NIF users and increased this unique scientific platform's contributions to national security," said Stephen L. Davis, Brig

Gen, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs. "I congratulate the NIF team and its many partners for not only meeting, but also exceeding the goal."

LLNL director Bill Goldstein added, "This is a remarkable achievement for team NIF, whose incredible effort and persistence turned this huge challenge into a reality. Without the support of NNSA and our many partners, this would not have been possible."

This 120-day efficiency study was developed in partnership with other NNSA laboratories and drew on best practices at the Z Facility at Sandia National Laboratories and the Omega Laser at University of Rochester. This study identified

more than 80 improvements to equipment and procedures that could lead to reduced time and effort for fielding experiments.

To date the NIF team has implemented over 50 of these improvements and will continue implementing the remainder of the improvement in FY 2016. Improvements include equipment modifications to reduce the time needed to perform critical tasks.

Some of the most significant were control system improvements to streamline the shot cycle; process improvements to reduce time needed to align targets and diagnostics; and user interface improvements to make it easier for users to set up and execute experiments.

## Lab Partnership to Explore Software Designed to Advance Three-Dimensional Printing

Researchers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and a Bay Area company are joining forces to explore how design software can accelerate innovation for three-dimensional printing of advanced materials.

Under an 18-month Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), LLNL will use state-of-the-art software for generative design from San Rafael-based Autodesk Inc. as it studies how new material microstructures, arranged in complex configurations and printed with additive manufacturing techniques, will produce objects with physical properties that were never before possible.

In the project, LLNL researchers will bring to bear several key technologies, such as additive manufacturing, material modeling and architected design (arranging materials at the micro and nanoscale through computational design).

Through the application of goal-oriented design software tools, LLNL and Autodesk expect to generate and analyze the performance of very large sets — thousands to tens of thousands — of different structural configurations of material microarchitectures.

LLNL and Autodesk have selected next-generation protective helmets as a test case for their technology collaboration, studying how to improve design performance.

In addition to benefiting from the use of computer software, helmet design also stands to receive considerable advantages from additive manufacturing.

Helmets represent a class of objects whose internal structures not only need to be lightweight, but also must absorb impact and dissipate energy predictably.

Advanced additive manufacturing techniques are expected to allow the LLNL/Autodesk researchers to produce complex material microstructures that will dissipate energy better than what is currently possible with traditionally manufactured helmet pads such as foams and pads.

"As an organization that is pushing the limits on generative design and high-

performance computing, Autodesk is an ideal collaborator as we investigate next-generation manufacturing," said Anantha Krishnan, LLNL's associate director for engineering.

Mark Davis, Autodesk's senior director of design research, called helmet design an excellent example of a design problem with multiple objectives, such as the constraints of desired weight, cost, durability, material thickness and response to compression.

Patrick Dempsey, LLNL's director of strategic engagements, noted, "Livermore is excited about combining its knowledge in materials and microstructures with the capabilities of a global leader in design software to demonstrate the ability of additive manufacturing to create new products."

LLNL's Eric Duoss, a materials engineer and the co-principal investigator for the CRADA with Lab computational engineer Dan White, believes the agreement could lead to new design methodologies with helmets as just one example.

"The difference in the design method we are proposing versus historically is that many of the previous manufacturing constraints

can be eliminated," Duoss said.

"Additive manufacturing provides the opportunity for unprecedented breakthroughs in new structures and new material properties for a wide range of applications," Duoss added.

It has yet to be determined what kinds of helmets will be designed under the CRADA, but sports helmets, including football, baseball, biking and skiing, are possible, according to Duoss.

Within the past two years, the Lab's Additive Manufacturing Initiative team has used 3D printing to produce ultralight and ultrastiff mechanical materials that don't exist in nature (published in the journal *Science*), produced mechanical energy absorbing materials (published in *Advanced Functional Materials*) and printed graphene aerogels (published in *Nature Communications*).

Other LLNL staffers working on the project are: computational engineers Nathan Barton, Mark Messner and Todd Weisgraber; chemical engineer Tom Wilson, materials engineer Tim Ford, chemist Jeremy Lenhardt, applied physicist Willy Moss and mechanical engineer Michael King.

## Free Bus Rides to Urge Students to Try Transit

## DUBLIN

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the coming units, since it could take the staff a long time to conduct a proper study. Further, East Dublin was designed to pay for itself for the most part, in terms of taxes balancing out the cost of improvements and services.

School superintendent Steve Hanke did not comment on any action that the council should take on the matter. Instead, he emphasized how important it is for the city, developers and the schools to work together to solve future school housing planning problems.

Councilmembers agreed a joint meeting with the school board would be a good idea. Hart noted that it would be the third meeting between the two.

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus service, announced that Tri-Valley middle and high school students can ride free as part of its annual Try Transit to School promotion.

Now in its 15th year, the special promotion offers unlimited rides on all regularly scheduled Wheels bus routes from September 7-18th for all Tri-Valley middle and high school students. During the promotion, students can ride Wheels free to and from school, as well as during non-school times to get to work, shopping and other fun places.

"We're proud to offer a great transportation alternative for students in our annual Try Transit to

School promotion," states Don Biddle, LAVTA Board Chair. "We hope students and parents take advantage of this promotion and continue to ride Wheels throughout the year. It's a hassle-free way to move around the Tri-Valley."

To take advantage of the promotion, students simply board a Wheels Bus and ride. No ticket or pass is required.

For schedule information, the Wheels bus book is available on the Wheels website, [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com) and is available at key locations in the Tri-Valley including the Livermore Transit Center, as well as on-board the buses. Information is also available by calling the Wheels Customer Service line at (925) 455-7500.

## MAILBOX

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### Name calling Ken Bradley Livermore

A recent writer of a letter to the editor felt the need to

use name calling when referring to our councilperson Stewart Gary. Livermore is a small town with dedicated people trying to do what is right and best for the community. I disagree with the council more than not. When I speak at city council meetings I think no one can hear me. But hopefully I treat others respectfully.

As to housing not paying its way; a long term resident may feel that housing does not pay. Please look at the horrendous fees charged to build new housing and then have someone point out the property taxes that will be assessed to these homes. We

may not agree with the final council decision but there is no need for name calling.

### BART to Livermore Daryl R. Carlson Livermore

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There are strings attached to monies necessary to get a BART station—they include parking facilities and dense housing in close proximity to the station. There was a perfectly sensible plan for the downtown station that got torpedoed. Now Isabel is being targeted. Maybe they should build one in Tracy and we would not could not have to build all that housing that some residents find so odious.

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# NEGOTIATIONS

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to the Laboratory's federal sponsor, the National Nuclear Security Administration. Nevertheless, it was the most specific revelation to date about the role played by the Laboratory in the Iran negotiations.

Previous information available from the Laboratory on its role in the negotiations was more general, as discussed in the Independent's May 21 article, "Behind the Scenes, Laboratory Expertise Helps U.S. Negotiate with Iran."

As for the future, Goldstein told the Rotary Club that the Laboratory will have a continuing role in the inspections that follow the agreement, offering "both technology and training... No question about it, that's part of our mission," he said.

Reflecting LLNL's diverse efforts, Goldstein's talk covered much more than the Iran negotiations, starting with the Laboratory's traditional role in assuring "the nation and...the President of the safety, security and reliability of the nuclear deterrent."

This responsibility, shared with Los Alamos National Laboratory, is particularly challenging in the absence of full scale testing, he said, because "all these (nuclear weapons) systems are being relied on well past their design lifetimes." The last U.S. nuclear test took place 23 years ago.

The continuing nuclear weapons maintenance effort is known as Stockpile Stewardship. Its success "really has entailed a paradigm shift for the Laboratory" away from "nuclear weapon designing and testing" to more basic science studies aimed at "getting a fundamental understanding of the very unique...kinds of physics... taking place in a nuclear weapon," he said.

These demands in turn have driven the Laboratory to develop extraordinary capabilities including powerful supercomputers and unique research instruments like the giant laser, the National Ignition Facility, he added.

Regarding the huge laser, he said that it was designed to "simulate what happens inside a (nuclear) weapon," but is also "very useful at simulating what comes out of a weapon...all sorts of exotic (particles and radiation)...and what they can do."

He said the laser was being applied to studies for the Defense Department that could be "very useful" in tracking a terrorist nuclear weapon back to its maker if, "God forbid, (one) goes off."

In more basic studies, the National Ignition Facility is exploring astrophysics and

other science "at temperatures and pressures that can be accessed nowhere else on earth."

The laser still has not demonstrated ignition – the phenomenon, embodied in its name, in which a burst of energy in the center of a fusion target ignites surrounding thermonuclear fuel, producing a dramatically greater energy release.

"We expect (ignition) to be achieved," he added, and if that happens "it opens up the potential" for fusion energy production. If fusion energy becomes feasible, he said, "That could change all the economics around energy use."

He mentioned the rise of other forms of energy, such as wind, that are now becoming attractively priced and can improve further with better energy storage systems – the kinds of problems the national laboratories are especially well suited to work on, he believes.

His comments returned to fusion, however, as a "potential game changer," saying he hoped "we can start down that road in my lifetime."

Asked later how he thought fusion might be pursued if and when ignition is demonstrated, he said that would be up to the U.S. Department of Energy. "Our focus is on achieving ignition and supporting... Stockpile Stewardship," he said through a spokesperson.

Other points made by Goldstein during his talk to Rotary:

- The Laboratory developed a non-nuclear bomb for the Air Force, called the BLU-129, that uses a carbon fiber casing to minimize shrapnel and reduce the risk of injury to friendly ground troops. Developed jointly with the Air Force Weapons Laboratory and other contractors, the bomb was deployed in an unusually short 18 months and is now in military use. Goldstein would not say where, but online articles in military

newspapers mention its high potential value in crowded neighborhoods in Afghanistan.

- Computer security is "one of the huge challenges of our time." The Laboratory's computers are being probed "hundreds of times per day, people trying to break into our computer network." To date, the network has not been compromised. The classified network is separated from the internet by an "air gap," meaning there are no hardware connections. Still, "It is only a matter of time before some kind of compromise takes place," he warned.

On a related topic, he said he thought the recent breach of computer security at the federal Office of Personnel Management "just boggles the mind, is just amazing."

The Office of Personnel Management maintains files of security clearance investigations containing extensive personal information from the lives of employees at LLNL, Sandia and many other national security institutions around the U.S.

"It's a huge issue for our people (at LLNL) and for anyone who has a security clearance," he said. OPM "had this stuff available to a foreign country," he said, shaking his head to signal disbelief. "I'm not supposed to tell you what country, but if you read the papers you know."

Press accounts often identify China as the country that hacked the OPM

system. FBI agents speaking to the Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association two months ago confirmed China as the country responsible.

Goldstein added, "There are ways to protect against that (breach.) That wasn't being done. Hopefully this is a wake-up call for many other places in the government."

- Given the range of its experience with complex, ever-changing computer networks, the Laboratory "has a lot to offer in terms of solutions" to the nation's computer security problems. "Given...the fact that networks are dynamic and things are being added and taken away all the time... That's part of the thing that we're addressing, looking at ways to simulate that dynamism and use knowledge of that to make predictions about how networks are going to behave and where they're most vulnerable."

- Because of the chilling of U.S.-Russian relations, the Laboratory's growing interactions with counterpart laboratories in Russia are now in "a bit of a freeze." That includes Russian national security facilities, where collaborative efforts were aimed at protecting Russian nuclear materials against theft by terrorists. It also includes the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, near Moscow, which carries out basic research. There, Livermore and Russian physicists worked productively together to co-

discover a number of new elements, including element 116, Livermorium.

Goldstein highlighted the White House-sponsored program called Your Brother's Keeper, which recently brought about 100 middle school children to LLNL from San Francisco, Oakland, the Central Valley and elsewhere for a day of tours and science demonstrations. He also described joining with Sandia, the City of Livermore and others in i-GATE, the state sponsored

technology incubator, which "has really taken off" and "now has companies coming out of it."

He hopes to "supercharge" the connection with the community and industry in the Livermore Valley Open Campus, he said. This is open area in the southeast of the LLNL-Sandia site where the two laboratories aim to "bring the unique innovation and culture and capabilities of the labs into interactions with the private sector and academia."

## Pleasanton Doing Good Job Reducing Water Use

Pleasanton residents and businesses reduced water use in July to 46.8% of the level during the same period in July 2013.

Water usage is based on 2013. Year to date, the city has seen an overall reduction of 38.2%.

That was the update on drought conditions presented to the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday. The council voted to continue stage 3 emergency status, which mandates a reduction in water use of 25%.

Dan Martin, utility supervisor, declared, "The numbers are a testament to how seriously everyone is taking the situation."

Martin noted that 97% of single family residences are in compliance with the reductions. The goal is to achieve 100% compliance, he stated.

The city will hold a workshop with the theme What to do With That Brown Lawn. Martin noted that a similar event had drawn large numbers. He said that those who would like to attend the Sat., Sept. 12 event should sign up by calling 931-5504. The session will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the operations center, 3333 Busch Road.



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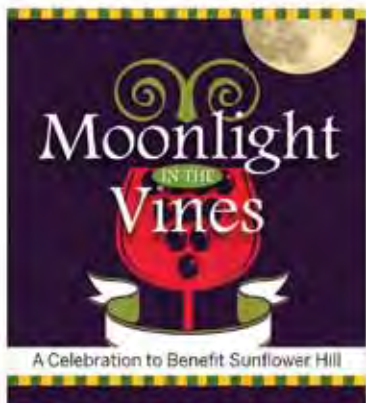


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## Purple Pipe Projects Begun

### DSRSD

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) celebrated extending its purple pipeline network beyond Interstate 680 to bring recycled water irrigation into western Dublin. About 40 people attended a short ceremony last week, including elected officials and representatives of various agencies that have partnered with DSRSD to bring a drought-resistant water supply to the community.

The event took place at the City of Dublin's Shannon Park, with a construction crew busy in the background installing pipes that will deliver recycled water to irrigate the park's drought-parched lawns. By the end of the year, DSRSD will have installed 3.125 miles of new purple pipes on Dublin's west side and converted sprinklers at 35 large irrigation sites, including parks, schools, road medians, and multi-family and commercial properties. The project will save 49 million gallons of drinking water every year, enough to serve about 865 Dublin homes, according to the DSRSD project manager, Senior Civil Engineer Steve Delight.

"Dublin is a model city in its use of recycled water for irrigation. They've been an indispensable partner from the beginning of this effort 20 years ago and share our vision of a more diverse and reliable water supply portfolio for the Tri-Valley," said DSRSD General Manager Bert Michalczyk at the event.

Earlier this year, DSRSD installed pipelines in central Dublin to connect the Santa Rita Jail and other Alameda County properties to the recycled water distribution system. The District accelerated the timetable for both the central and western Dublin projects in 2014 in response to the region's severe drought. A \$2 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), funded through Proposition 84, is partially funding both projects, reducing the District's cost to \$5.984 million.

Speaking at the event, Dublin Vice Mayor Abe Gupta noted that more than 80 percent of the water used for the city's municipal operations is recycled water, saving more than 150 million gallons of potable water annually. By the end of 2016, that number will grow to about 94 percent, reducing the city's drinking water demand by 164 million gallons annually.

Tim Sbranti, deputy chief of staff for Congressman Eric Swalwell and a former Dublin mayor noted that Rep. Swalwell fully supports local efforts through the Water Policy Roundtable to explore next steps in water recycling, including using it as a source of drinking water. The Roundtable is an ad hoc committee of elected officials from the Tri-Valley's cities and water utilities that is discussing an indirect potable reuse project using reverse osmosis technology to make the region's drinking water supply less dependent on imports from the State Water Project.

## Pleasanton

Pleasanton is about to embark on a recycled water project, which when finished will bring approximately 450 million gallons a year of recycled water to the Hacienda Business Park, the Ken Mercer Sports Park, and the Tennis and Community Park.

"City staff has been working for the past 4 years in preparation for this moment," said Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton City Manager. "We received \$17 million in low-interest loans and incentive grants from the State to develop the purple pipes' infrastructure to pipe recycled water to some of our city's largest water consumers."

To spur the development of the infrastructure for purple pipes (the recycled water distribution mechanism) the State last year provided \$1 billion in low-interest loans and incentive grants to local governments and agencies to encourage the use of recycled water. Pleasanton received a roughly \$12 million low-interest loan and an approximately \$5 million grant.

"The average annual water usage for the Ken Mercer Sports Park alone is nearly 64 million gallons," Fialho said. "We have built our community around providing outstanding amenities, including our 44 parks and numerous playing fields, so when the drought hit us, we all paid the price. But it looks like purple is the new green,"

Fialho added, "We're very excited to be building the largest retrofitting of purple pipes in the Tri-Valley area."

Engineers and construction crews are currently out in the field setting up signage, chalking areas to be trenched, and getting ready for the purple pipes to be delivered on-site. Crews will be installing nearly 10 miles of purple pipes. The entire project will last roughly 1 year.

There will be temporary lane closures and some parking disruptions during construction. For more information about this project and periodic updates, go to [www.PleasantonRecycledWater.com](http://www.PleasantonRecycledWater.com) or follow on Twitter @pleasantonca

## SPORTS NOTES

### Teen Part of Gold Medal Team



Chris Roessler (top photo) helped lead the team to the gold medal moment (lower photo).



A Livermore teen traveled to the Dominican Republic to help the 16U LABC USA baseball team win the gold medal. Chris Roessler pitched a complete game win in game 3 of the tournament to help the USA team advance to the medal rounds.

The Latin America Baseball Classic is held annually in Santo Domingo and features teams from the Dominican Republic, Canada and the USA. According to Big League Edge, it is the largest international youth baseball event in Latin America. The team was coached by former Major League pitcher Jim Parque and MLB Scout Chris Pera and was chosen from 30+ tryouts held across the United States.

This was the first time

many players on the USA team had been to a less developed country. The players and families brought old baseball gear, clothes and school supplies to give to the Dominicans as a good will gesture.

Chris says "This was an eye opening experience as many of the Latin players were playing with old or damaged equipment. During one game the other team was using a bat that was bent because that was all they had. In another game, the other team did not have enough helmets. When they loaded the bases, they had to borrow one of ours for the batter."

Even though their equipment may have been old, the competition was tough with the Latin players taking big swings and their pitchers

throwing into the 90's. Two of the games went into extra innings. Chris says "This was a great way to end the summer and I will remember this for the rest of my life."

Chris Roessler plays on the baseball team for Livermore Valley Charter Prep where he was the 2015 Bay Counties League MVP and plays for the Nor Cal Prospects in the off season under Coach Matt Crudale.

Source for Latin America Baseball Classic facts: <http://bigleagueedge.com/page-70>



After a stellar week at Junior Nationals, Maxime Rooney from the Pleasanton Seahawks blew minds at the 2015 Phillips 66 National Championships in San Antonio Texas, August 6-10th. Rooney represented the Seahawks with a 200 Meter Freestyle swim, out touching the rest of the field and setting a new Junior World Record with a time of 1:47.10. This swim put him 25th in the world and #3 in the nation, it also earned him a spot on the 2015 FINA World Championship team, which will take him to Singapore at the end of August. Rooney kept up the impressive performance throughout the rest of the National Championship. He dropped 1.08 in his 100 Meter Freestyle, coming in 10th overall with a 49.36 and he finished 20th in the 200 Meter Butterfly, after being seeded 41st at the onset of the meet. In addition to making the Junior World Team Rooney also made the Junior National Team and National Team.

## Craft Beer Recognizes Goodguys

Goodguys Rod & Custom Association and Livermore's Altamont Beer Works have teamed up to brew and promote an exclusive, limited edition craft beer in honor of the Goodguys 29th West Coast Nationals taking place in Pleasanton, the weekend of August 21-23 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The idea for the unique collaboration came from Andrew Ebel, a local Pleasanton resident, beer enthusiast and VP of Business Operations and Marketing for Goodguys. "We were looking for a new and unique idea for a promotion to support our biggest Bay Area show of the year and thought it would be fun to do something totally different that not only hot rodders cruising in for the show from

all corners of the country would love, but also the local community. The local beer scene is really popular and is definitely growing, so I called Steve Sartori at Altamont Beer Works to see if he was interested in collaborating on a special beer in honor of our show. He was on board instantly and the rest is history."

The brewing began on Friday, August 7. The beer will debut in participating hotels, restaurants and tap houses just in time for the show on Wednesday, August 19. There will be an official tap launch for the beer that same day at Altamont Beer Works in Livermore at 5PM. Everyone is invited to attend. The beer will also be on tap at multiple pouring locations at the Alam-

eda County Fairgrounds all weekend long at Goodguys 29th West Coast Nationals.

Altamont Beer Works co-owner and head brew master, Steve Sartori, describes "Goodguys Citra Haze" as a super nice, easy drinking and moderately hoppy summertime session beer. "We are stoked about working with Goodguys and with what we have going on with the beer," says Sartori. "The super light, tropical hop flavors and aromas will be the perfect fit for a nice warm weekend of hot rodding and beer drinking fun!"

A full list of participating pouring locations will be made available in the coming days. For more information on Altamont Beer Works visit [www.AltamontBeerWorks.com](http://www.AltamontBeerWorks.com).

### Seahawks Shine

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team had six swimmers selected to represent Pacific Swimming at the North American Challenge Cup, an international all-star meet, at the University of California San Diego in La Jolla, California August 6-9, 2015. Teams from Mexico, Gulf Swimming, Southern California, and Pacific Swimming competed. Southern California took first place, with Pacific Swimming placing second.

Miranda Heckman, age 14, was the top Seahawk at the meet. Heckman scored 51 points for Pacific Swimming by placing first in five of six events and taking third in her other event. Heckman's most competitive race was the 100 free as she out touched the second place competitor at the wall by .03 seconds. She went 58.30 taking first and also earning her a Winter Junior National time standard for the 100 Free. Heckman's other first place finishes came in the 200/400/800 Frees and the 400 IM. She came in third place in the 200 IM. She managed best times in all her events except one, the 400 Free.

Also placing in six events, was 12 year old Alex Ren. He took first in the 200 Back with a best time of 2:23.63, winning by two seconds. Ren also raced to three second place finishes (200 Free, 100 Back & 200 IM), a third place (400 Free) and a 6th place (50 Free). His races earned him five new personal bests.

In the 15-16 Boys, the Seahawks were represented well by both Chris Jhong and Tyler Lu, each earning three medals. Jhong took first in the 400 IM with a time of 4:33.36, a personal best by two seconds. Jhong took second in the 200 IM and third in the 200 Fly as well. Lu took sixth place in both the 200 Free and the 1500 Free with personal best times. He also took eighth in the 400 Free.

Gwyneth Wong, 12, placed seventh in the 100 Free with a best time in finals of 1:04.10. Mattias Blanco, 14, swam the 100 Back in 1:06.72 and took eighth.

### Fusion Soccer

The Livermore Fusion U9 Boy's Maroon team captured the Davis Legacy Super Classico title over the weekend. In hot conditions, the boys showed great skill and team ethic going unbeaten in the group stages, taking comfortable wins against teams from Ethos Soccer Club, Placer United and Walnut Creek Soccer Club.

On Sunday afternoon, the Fusion U9 boys were matched up against El Dorado Hills Pumas in the U9 Boys Championship final. In temperatures well over 100 degrees, the Fusion team had to battle back after conceding an early goal in the first half. The team didn't panic and stuck to their game plan, as the game went on they became more and more dominant and began to control the tempo of the

game. In the second half, the Fusion U9 boys scored 2 goals to take the tournament final.

The Livermore Fusion U9 Girls Maroon team traveled to the Davis Legacy Tournament. The girls took second place in their first tournament of the season. They fought hard in game one as their opponents netted the first 3 goals. The fusion U9 team quickly answered back with 3 goals by Jessica Orthmann. It was a fierce battle and in the last 20 seconds Kylie Hahlbeck scored the winning goal leading her team to a 4-3 victory. Game two the girls continued to play hard and shut out their opponents with a strong defense and an unstoppable offense, leading to a 6-0 victory. In game three, competition stiffened as the girls met El Dorado Hills SC Elite and both teams battled hard with a 0-0 tie sending both teams to rematch in the wildcard playoff.

### West Coast Soccer

West Coast U19 Katz moved up to #9 in the state rankings with 3 shutout victories at the Jenna Betti Memorial. West Coast Katz graduated 10 great players this past year, leaving 8 remaining members to anchor the new team. With the addition of 10 new players, Katz is starting to gel. West Coast Katz started out the tournament a little out of sync but that quickly changed as the team got aligned and scored 2 vs Cap FC. Katz continued and began to control the tempo of the

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Pictured are Livermore Fusion U9 Girls Maroon team (top, from the left) Uri Robledo, Maya Derting, Abi Aranas, Eden Kokelaar, Lauren Lopez, Alyssa Eaton, Autumn Johnson; (bottom row) Ashley Pritchard, Elena Derting, Piper Sweeney, Jessica Orthmann, Kylie Hahlbeck, and Jordan Kixmiller



The Livermore Fusion U10 Girls Maroon team took home the Championship trophy this past weekend in the Davis Legacy Super Classico. The girls played extremely hard despite the soaring temperatures, going 3-1 over all games. In the final, Fusion outmatched Manteca Benfica, winning 3-0 in a rematch from their previous 1-0 loss in the morning game. The defense for Fusion shined all weekend only giving up 2 goals to the competition. Defenders Ella Coltrin, Brittany Hahn, Lynnsey Garcia, and Katy Canaan played solid defense while midfielders Daisy Tompkins, Jasmine Branda and Ginger Hopcus created many scoring opportunities. Goalkeeper Annabella Keenan was outstanding in front of the net. Olivia Draghi took home Player of the Tournament honors for the Fusion team for her strong play which netted 2 goals. Also scoring for Livermore and playing well were Kendra Riddiough, Veronica Fenner, Kaitlyn Bosques, and Gillian Winslow.



Pictured are members of the West Coast U19 Katz. The team moved up to #9 in the state with 3 shutout victories at the Jenna Betti Memorial.



Pleasanton Seahawks competing at the International NACC meet were Alex Ren, Mattias Blanco, Chris Jhong, Tyler Lu, Miranda Heckman, and Gwyneth Wong.



Pictured are Livermore Fusion U9 2015 Davis Legacy Super Classico U9 Boys Champions (top row, from left) Coach Matt Fitchett, Dylan Wherry, Anish Dhankal, Andru Navarro, Hayden Hobbs, Kyle Hoopes, Griffin Sutton; (bottom row) Anthony Sena, Derek Rubin, Chaz Patterson, Mason Frank, and Manny Silvera.



Pleasanton Rage U12 Orange team stood out from the competition as they went undefeated in the Vacaville Shootout tourney. They totaled 19 goals and allowed 0 making it a true championship run. When asked how it felt to win the championship... "It's great, but we know that as a team and only as a team can we make a championship dream come true." Pictured are (front, from left) Erica Haley, Kayla Robertson, Kathryn Pearson, Ava Ricker, Tiana Cello, Ashleigh Garcia, Shay McIntyre, Jasmine Cochiosue; (back) Alexa Ruiz, Kenna Asmussen, Olivia Martin, Analise Hernandez, Coach Nina Cefalo, Sadie Brown, Kayla Cameron, Sierra O'Donnell, and Carolin Steele.

West Coast Wildfire U16 cracked the top ten in Northern California. The team went undefeated in the Henna Betti Memorial showcase this past weekend. Wildfire's first game vs top ranked Diablo FC saw a 0-0 stalemate as both teams showed top caliber play with great action both ways. Second game would be a scorcher as the temperature was well over 100 degrees and playing on turf. Wildfire went down 1-0 but with some halftime adjustments Wildfire scored two in the second half to defeat a solid North Bay Barcelona team 2-1. Third and final game was played at Clayton Valley HS on black turf in mid afternoon heat. Wildfire defeated Diablo FC Academy 2-1 to take home the tournament championship.

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League. Games begin on Sept. 20. High and low divisions are offered. Fee is \$495 per team (based on 6-team leagues, 10 games plus playoffs for the top four teams). Registration will be taken through dept. 10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center Gym, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Completed roster, waiver and fees must be completed at registration. For information, contact Kacy Silva, ksilva@larpd.org or 373-5733.

For more information go to www.fusionsc.org

### Prep2Prep All-Stars

The first annual Prep2Prep California All-Star Classic will be held Sun., Aug. 30 at Las Positas College in Livermore.

This two game event will feature 48 of the top men's basketball prospects from the 2016 and 2017 classes from Northern and Southern California.

The action will be live streamed from the event homepage: [www.prep2prep.com/allstarclassic/2015/default.aspx](http://www.prep2prep.com/allstarclassic/2015/default.aspx)

The only local player invited is Timmy Falls from Dublin High School.

### Mavericks Fastpitch

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

### Thunder Sox Tryouts

Thunder Sox baseball team will hold fall team tryouts, 9U-14U on Sun., Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon at Bill Payne Fields, Patterson Pass Road, Livermore. [www.tsoxbaseball.com](http://www.tsoxbaseball.com)

### Water Polo

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) offers a USA Water Polo team (USWP), the LAZERS. As a USWP club team, all practices and competitions will be sanctioned, requiring all participants to be registered with USWP. All experience levels are welcome, however athletes must be able to swim two laps (50 yards) without stopping. Register for the LAZERS team and play the world's most exciting aquatic game. To register, call LARPD at 925-373-5700, or visit [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org). For more information about the LARPD LAZERS, visit [lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com](http://lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com) or e-mail [lazerswp@gmail.com](mailto:lazerswp@gmail.com).

The fall session begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and is coed for ages 14 & under. The beginners (Level 1) practice on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Level 2 experienced players, practice Tues./Wed./Fri. 4:53-6:30pm. The session runs until Nov. 5.

### Track and Field Club

FTC track club is taking registrations for fall season (Sept.-Dec.) and will begin practices on Sept. 7th. FTC is based in Pleasanton and is a U.S. Track and Field (USATF) sanctioned club for kids aged 7 to 18, from any school and from any geographic area. Participants compete in USATF sanctioned meets. Athletes in other sports who want additional speed training and conditioning are also accepted. To learn more, visit [www.ftctrackclub.com](http://www.ftctrackclub.com), or contact Jorge Quero (925) 209 7520.

### Adult Softball

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

### Fall Softball

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

### Golf Tournament

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

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

### Adult Basketball

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# Swing and Sway to the Sounds of Ukuleles in Concert

By Carol Graham

Even though school is about to start, summer isn't over yet.

On Sunday, August 30, audience members will be transported to tropical shores as the Pleasanton Ukulele Band (PUB) performs a concert of 25 pieces ranging from lilting Hawaiian songs, like Lovely Hula Hands and Little Grass Shack, to the sensuous Sway, lively Runaround Sue, and breezy Kokomo.

"Closing your eyes and listening to the ukulele puts you in paradise," said PUB Director Leonard Cooper. "This concert is a dream come true. Everyone in the group is working to make it a day to remember."

Titled "With These Four Strings," the concert features nearly three dozen ukulele players and a percussionist who together create an aural experience much like the "wall of sound" developed in the early '60s - with layer upon layer of instrumentation bathing listeners in music and melodies.

"The concert will showcase the many and varied talents of the Pleasanton Ukulele Band," said PUB Communication Facilitator Desiree Elder, who is also a dance instructor. "There will be small-group vocals, soloists, banjoleles, comedy, and a special guest appearance by the Island Spice Polynesian Dance Revue performing hula and French Polynesian dances."

Dressed in authentic costumes, dancers will perform both non-Polynesian dances, including a playful number set to a medley of flapper-style songs, and hula and Tahitian dances.

"I love to watch the Hawaiian dancers as I sing Hanalei Moon," said PUB Music Committee Coordinator Sue Williams. "When we practice and the dancers face the uke players, there is a bond. Our playing improves as we watch the dancers tell the story with their hands."

The concert takes place at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Tickets cost \$10, and are available online at firehousearts.org.

The Pleasanton Ukulele Band was formed in 2013, following the instrument's resurgence at the end of the 20th century.

The ukulele, sometimes abbreviated to uke, originated in the 19th century as an Hawaiian adaptation of the Portuguese machete. Its name means "jumping flea," perhaps in reference to the lively movement of the player's fingers. The ukulele was popularized in the United States in 1915, when the Panama-Pacific International Exposition's Hawaiian Pavilion welcomed up to 34,000 visitors each day for ten months and featured ukulele music.

Appreciation for the four-stringed instrument increased from the Jazz Age through the '60s, then made a powerful comeback in the '90s, bolstered by an unlikely assortment of factors involving a striking Hawaiian, YouTube and the Beatles.

In 1993, Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole released an enormously popular ukulele medley, Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World - a piece Cooper will perform at the



concert. A decade later, Jake Shimabukuro's ukulele rendition of While My Guitar Gently Weeps was posted on YouTube and quickly became one of the site's first viral videos, eventually receiving more than 14 million views. Additionally, YouTube's tens of thousands of instructional videos greatly expanded the ukulele's popularity.

"Because it's an instrument that's easy to play and transport, the appeal of the ukulele has grown immensely over the last few years," said Elder. "I learned my first song, Amazing Grace, in five minutes! Just about any song you know of can be played on a ukulele."

The concert's playlist includes songs spanning the last century to the Best Day of My Life, Billboard's number one adult pop song in 2014, along with a variety of sing-alongs.

"But if a piece is not listed as a sing-along and the audience knows it, sing along anyway," said Cooper, a former Dublin school district music specialist for 34 years. "This is a concert for the whole family. I want the audience to leave the theater knowing they've been



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Ukulele group rehearses for its upcoming concert.

greatly entertained." "There's a uke player in all of us," said Elder. "I hope concert attendees get to know the ukulele a little more and learn about Hawaiian culture through dance and song. But most of all, I hope they have fun."

It would be nearly impossible not to. More than any other instrument, the ukulele evokes the laid-back

atmosphere of island life, with images of moonlight sparkling on sapphire seas, palm trees curving over sun-warmed sand, and balmy breezes carrying the scent of plumerias and gardenias.

"Forget your cares and worries," added Williams, "and join us."

To learn more, visit pleasantonukuleleband.blogspot.com.

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## Arthur to Discuss of Robert E. McGinnis

Author Art Scott will discuss his book The Art of Robert E. McGinnis at 2pm on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing. Be advised the slideshow presentation includes a few nude illustrations by Robert E. McGinnis. Viewer discretion is advised.



Sample of painting

Robert E. McGinnis began his career in 1947 as a cartoonist, and produced his first cover illustrations for 1956 issues of the magazines True Detective and Master Detective. In 1958 he painted his first paperback book cover, and from that day forward his work was in demand.

The emergence of the "McGinnis Woman"—long-legged, intelligent, alluring, and enigmatic—established him as the go-to artist for detective novels. His work appeared on Mike Shayne titles and the Perry Mason series, and he produced 100 paintings for the Carter Brown adventures. McGinnis became famous for his work in other genres as well: espionage, romance, historicals, gothics, and Westerns.

McGinnis's first major magazine assignments were for The Saturday Evening Post, and his work has graced the pages of Cosmopolitan, National Geographic, Good Housekeeping, Guideposts, and others. McGinnis women frequently cropped up in men's magazines of the '60s and '70s.

His first movie poster was for Breakfast at Tif-

fany's, with an iconic rendering of Audrey Hepburn. Almost instantly, his poster artwork could be seen everywhere—in theaters, on billboards, in newspapers, and even on soundtrack albums. His work for Hollywood became a who's-who, with posters for James Bond, The Odd Couple, Woody Allen, The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes, and many more.

Some of his most ambitious works have been his gallery paintings, often depicting stunning American

landscapes, vast Western vistas and, of course, beautiful women. Delving into private collections and personal archives, with many of the works shot from original paintings, The Art of Robert E. McGinnis opens the door to an unparalleled and illustrious career; one that continues to this day.

This program is part of the Friends of the Livermore Library and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

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## ZONE 7

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able on the Zone 7 web page at [http://www.zone7water.com/images/pdf\\_docs/agenda-august/8-19-15\\_10.pdf](http://www.zone7water.com/images/pdf_docs/agenda-august/8-19-15_10.pdf), responds to each Grand Jury statement point by point.

Zone 7 says that the agency board was transparent as much as a public agency can be in the process of acquiring property. The land was held privately among several trusts. It was necessary to talk to the trusts' representatives privately in closed sessions.

Lack of privacy in negotiations could have opened up the sale to other parties, which would have raised the price. Under the circumstances, the Brown Act allows for closed meetings, says Zone 7's response.

The closed sessions were confined to discussion of negotiating strategy, price and terms. The numbers of the parcels and the names of the negotiators were printed on every agenda that listed a closed session devoted to the discussions.

All agendas are posted 72 hours prior to a meeting on

the Zone 7 web page. People may request them via e-mail or postal mail. No one from the public appeared or spoke at any of the meetings where the item was noticed, says the Zone 7 reply.

The Grand Jury report said that Zone 7 failed to follow its core values of openness, transparency and fiscal responsibility.

The Zone 7 response says that its core values statement says communications shall be open and public, except when the Brown Act authorizes otherwise.

The Grand Jury report stated that Zone 7 "failed to adequately disclose detailed budget information" regarding the purchase before the adoption of the 2013-14 budget. "The purchase included a questionable use of restricted funds," said the Grand Jury in an apparent reference to the agency's use of \$2.7 million in drainage fees as part of the financing for Patterson Ranch.

Zone 7 says that the budget was discussed publicly at

a finance committee meeting in April 2013 and at a board meeting in May 2013, prior to the property purchase.

The Zone 7's opinion, its reply sets the context for the use of the \$2.7 million in developer-paid flood control fees. The Zone 7 Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP) approved by the board in 2006, shows the connectivity of three Zone 7 duties: flood control, water management, and environmental stewardship.

A project that improves the stability of a flood control channel also expands the capacity to handle storm water, and enhances groundwater recharge. In the draft letter, Zone 7 notes that the portion that improves flood control capacity would be funded by developer impact fees (in this instance, the \$2.7 million mentioned by the Grand Jury). The proportion that enhances water recharge would come from the water rate fund. The proportions would be scaled according to an analysis of

their relative benefits.

### RUN-OFF CONTROL HELPS QUALITY

According to Zone 7, buying the Patterson Ranch, and being able to manage it as watershed, it will be able to control runoff that goes into Lake Del Valle. That reduces the amount of water that goes downstream, which is a help for flood control. Spending flood-control fees in this way is "very cost-effective," says Zone 7.

The response also points out that there are water quality benefits from having watershed control of the Patterson Ranch, which will continue to graze cattle. Grazing is a land use that needs special attention when it comes to management, with an eye toward minimizing run-off pollution, since the land is adjacent to Lake Del Valle. The lake is a reservoir for Zone 7 water, as well as for downstream water agencies in Fremont and San Jose, all members of the State Water Project.

For Zone 7, when the

Lake Del Valle water leaves the reservoir, it percolates into the Arroyo Del Valle, and helps to recharge the underground water basin. It also can be directly piped to the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant.

On the Grand Jury's comments urging more transparency, Zone 7 notes that it has followed the "spirit and the letter" of the Brown Act. Further, the agency has won awards from professional associations for its outreach and transparency. Its most recent was received Aug. 6 from the Special District Leadership Foundation, a professional association dedicated to improving special districts. First place awards for outreach in 2008, 2009 and 2011 came from the Association of California Water Agencies.

The Grand Jury also said that Zone 7 "must provide greater transparency, making archived video or audio of public meetings available on Zone 7's web site."

Zone 7 will consider this

recommendation, says the response. However, the response notes that "Zone 7's current approach goes well beyond the requirements of the Brown Act, the sole legal requirement for transparency. Zone 7 respectfully disagrees that there is any requirement to make changes in policies or procedures."

Although not mentioned in the draft letter, Zone 7 has talked about video posting, computer streaming, or TV broadcasts even before the Grand Jury issued its report. Currently, Zone 7 is researching cost and effectiveness of such options.

In addition to citing the agency's awards for transparency, the Zone 7 draft letter adds that its transparency includes public participation at board and committee meetings, and detailed minutes, which are posted on the web site as soon as the board approves them. People also have the opportunity to read local news accounts about Zone 7 meetings and activities, states the draft.

## OBITUARIES

### Sarah (Sally)

#### Anne Greenspan

Jan. 14, 1934 – July 23, 2015  
Resident of Dublin, CA

Sarah (Sally) Greenspan passed away at the age of 81 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sally was born in Sioux City, Iowa and received her Bachelor's degree from Providence Hospital College of Nursing in Oakland. She enjoyed sewing, shopping,

cooking, and ocean cruises. Sally was predeceased in death by her beloved

husband, Stanley. She is survived by her son Steven and his wife Denise; daughter Suzanne and her husband Mark; daughter Sheri; grandchildren Jennifer, Benjamin, and Melanie; and sister Marlene.

Sally was interred in a private ceremony at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon. A celebration of Sally's life will be held at the family home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the East Bay.

### Kelly Elizabeth Goins

Kelly Elizabeth Goins was a loving wife, a loyal friend, and a life-long learner. She was born on October 18th, 1980. Despite a zest and zeal for life, she succumbed to her illness on August 15th, 2015 at the age of 34 years old.

Kelly was preceded in death by her father Anthony Booker and her grandparents Raymond and Josephine Grogan. She was survived by her devoted husband Demetrius Goins, mother Kelly Gardner, two sisters Sharon Grogan and Jessica Booker, mother-in-law Esther Goins, father-in-law Arthur Goins, uncle Tim Grogan, aunt Amy Grogan, sister-in-law Aleyah Goins, brother-in-law Audarius Goins, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She graduated from Foothill High School in Pleasanton, CA. Then, she trained as a pastry chef at the Culinary Arts Academy in San Francisco, CA. After finding a passion in education, she completed her Associate of Arts degree at Chabot College in Hayward, CA followed by a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master in Business Administration at DeVry University in Fremont, CA. At the time of her passing, she was pursuing a PhD in Marketing at Capella University while being a college professor at Las Positas College in

Livermore, CA and was in the middle of cultivating the beginning stages of her own full service marketing firm.

In her personal life, she enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, traveling, and playing games with family and friends. She was a long-standing member of the Girl Scouts of the USA, her special gumbo brought family and friends together, and she was a traveler that never missed an opportunity to see a new city and/or a new country, especially alongside her husband, Demetrius Goins.

Time spent with Kelly was always precious and will always remain to be invaluable to anyone lucky enough to have had the pleasure. Demetrius said, "She wasn't just my wife... She was my friend. My best friend." She was married to Demetrius Goins in 2007.

When Kelly believed in a person, she invested and committed to their collective goals—she published a video that invited anyone and everyone to train with her for a marathon, she said, "We can accomplish something together." Through hard work and her gregarious, vivacious spirit, she contributed greatly to many organizations and individuals.

Kelly had a vibrant inner spiritual life. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age while attending New Hope Baptist Church in Pleasanton, CA and St. Matthews Baptist Church in Livermore, CA. Despite many trials and tribulations, her faith carried her and inspired her to be highly charitable, as well as forgiving and accepting. She loved many and was loved by more.

### Sailes K. Sengupta

Sailes Kumar Sengupta, 80, of Livermore, California, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2015 at Valley-Care Stanford Health Center in Pleasanton.

Born in Bankura, West



Bengal India to Bhabani Charan Sen and Pratima Sen (nee Gupta), he spent his childhood split between Bankura and Kolkata, India, growing up in a large joint family.

Sailes was a brilliant student in many academic subjects, but first and foremost was Mathematics. He particularly excelled during his Master's degree in Pure Mathematics from the University of Calcutta, graduating at the top of his class. He was awarded the prestigious

Gossain Scholar of the Year and won three gold medals. He then chose the path of an educator and was employed in a State College teaching college mathematics for six years. He came to the United States in 1963 to pursue doctoral work at the University of California at Berkeley where he was offered a research fellowship. He had especially fond memories of his years living at UC Berkeley's International House, meeting and mingling with scholars from all over the world. Upon completion of his Statistics Ph.D. in Game Theory in 1969, he took on his second life's adventure: marriage. He returned to India and married his wife, Sumedha Choudhury, who shared his love of Mathematics, Statistics and Music.

Together, they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he began life as an academic in America's heartland at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where he taught for six years in the Math Department. He moved to Rapid City, South Dakota in 1976 and taught undergraduate and graduate students at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology from 1976 until 1990. Over that time, he began to shift his professional interests to research, and published several important journal papers and edited a book. After proudly gaining US citizenship, he held summer research positions at Langley National Lab in Langley, VA and Argonne National Lab in Argonne, IL. Yearning to return to the Bay Area, Sailes eventually took a position as a Visiting Scientist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Monterey, CA and later a position as a Research Engineer in Electronics Engineering at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where he continued to publish his work regularly. He retired from the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in 2005.

He was a long time member of the American Statistical Association, Sigma XI and the IEEE. He had recently completed the manuscript for a Statistics textbook he co-authored with his wife.

An avid reader, Sailes kept himself busy in retirement reading literature in both English and Bengali. He was a lifelong music aficionado, both of Indian and Western classical music. He enjoyed playing the bamboo flute (bansuri) and electric Hawaiian guitar, and attending concerts around the Bay Area and at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, as a patron of that organization. He and his wife also traveled internationally whenever their time and health permitted.

He was a lover of current events, politics, grassroots causes and accepting of all people regardless of their background. Over the years he mentored many students and young minds to pursue their academic interests. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Sailes was extremely loving and proud of his two daughters, Dyuti Sengupta and her husband Rajneel Ganjoo of Belmont, CA, and Chaitee Sengupta, and her husband, Berg Danielson of Seattle, WA.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Sumedha Sengupta, daughters Dyuti and Chaitee, four beautiful grandchildren, Kavi and Maanas Danielson and Ayana and Kaya Ganjoo, his two brothers, Baladeb and Basudeb Sen; his sister Pranati Roy of Kolkata India, as well as his many adoring cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A private viewing and cremation service was held at Callaghan Funeral Home and Mortuary, in Livermore on August 17, 2015. A private memorial will be held on August 24, 2015.

Donations in lieu of flowers are requested to be sent to one of the following charitable organizations: the American Heart Association, the South Asian Heart Center in Mountain View, CA or the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

### Clara Elizabeth Griffith

Clara Elizabeth Griffith died on August 15, 2015. She was living at Kindred Convalescent Hospital when she passed away as a result of 2 strokes. Clara was born in Mc Curtain, Oklahoma,



April 28, 1920. Her mother was Mary M a y Bales, a member of the Choctaw n a t i o n ,

and her father was James Sylvester Skidmore, an itinerant preacher and farm worker. Clara had two brothers and a sister. Clara was close to her younger brother Otis (Odie) Skidmore, until he died at the age of 50.

Clara lived in many places in her young and adult life. She worked as a waitress, a ranch worker, a cannery worker, a laundry worker, a house and office cleaner, she did everything she could to help support her family and later, her husband.

The love of Clara's life was her third husband, Edward (Eddie) Griffith. Married in 1960, they moved to Livermore in 1967. Eddie was in the Painter's and Tapers Union and Clara worked as an office cleaner. Eddie had a stroke in the year before he died. Clara took care of him by herself until he died of a heart attack in 1992.

Clara was a longtime member of Asbury Methodist Church and well known at the Senior Centers in Livermore and Pleasanton. In Livermore, Clara had lunch and played bingo on Wednesdays and Fridays. Clara loved to help others play their cards and told the callers to slow down and save their voices. Clara and her friend Frieda attended the luncheons at the Pleasanton Senior Center. It was

always a special occasion.

Clara was an avid gardener. One of the frustrations of her later life was that she could no longer take care of her garden. Clara was a talented seamstress. She sewed her own dresses and jackets in her younger years. She loved to crochet and embroider. Many of her friends have lap blankets and pillowcases that she made.

Clara will be missed by her niece Peggy and Peggy's husband Bob, their daughter Debbie, her cousin Leon and his wife, Robin. Her friends Frieda, Marianne, Phyllis, Helen, Barbara, Norma, Joyce, Steve and Elliot from Walmart, and many others will all miss her friendly presence in their lives.

The Graveside service will be at 9:30 AM Monday, August 24th, at Memory Gardens, in Livermore. The Memorial Service will be at 10:30 AM at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore.

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## SHORT NOTES

### Nature Programs

Mammalian Madness will be the topic of the Sat., Aug. 22 program led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Join this talk on some of the burdens and perks of being a mammal in today's environment. Participants will look at some cool mammal accessories, talk about the survival strategies of the different animal groups and learn what it takes to be a part of the mammal team. This is a sit-down talk good for ages 5 and up.

On Sun., Aug. 23, the program will focus on Wonders About Water. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer and Dave Lunn from Zone 7 at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road at 10 a.m.

Where does our water come from and where does it go? What is the history of the stream that runs through Sycamore Grove Park (the Arroyo del Valle), and how has its course and flow changed over time? Find out the answers to these questions and more on this walk with Dave Lunn, who worked for Zone 7 Water Agency for many years and has a wealth of knowledge about the history of water in our area.

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

### Storytime Sessions

The Livermore Public Library will offer 13 storytime sessions each week this fall. Have fun singing, dancing, reading, and listening, as we encourage early literacy. Storytimes run from August 31 to December 18, 2015. Library storytimes are free of charge.

Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

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

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Mondays (2 sessions) 10:15am and 10:45am; Wednesdays (2 sessions) 10:15am and 6:00pm; Saturday 10:15am

Please note that seating is limited at the Civic Center, Monday and Wednesday morning Family Storytimes. Please arrive early enough to obtain your free ticket to enter the event.

- Big Kids Read (grades 1-5) – Mondays at 4:00pm

The Big Kids Read program is designed for school age children and highlights nonfiction reading, educational concepts as well as fun fictional stories for older audiences. Join storyteller John Weaver as he shows off his exciting experiments and action-packed stories. Audience participation is important at Big Kids Read.

Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

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

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

- Springtown Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) – Tuesday 6:00pm; Thursday 10:30am

For further information, please call 925-373-5504, or visit the library's website [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Commissions, Committees

Pleasanton is currently seeking applications to fill vacancies on a variety of commissions and committees. Commission members must be Pleasanton residents, with the exception of the Economic Vitality Committee, in which case members must be employed by the City of Pleasanton. The deadline to apply for any of these positions is Friday, September 11, 2015.

The City Council is accepting applications for the following vacancies:

- Civic Arts Commission
- Housing Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Library Commission
- Youth Commission (Middle School Member)

- Economic Vitality Committee seeks 1 member from each of the following categories: Business at Large, Commercial Real Estate Development, Environmental Industry, Residential Real Estate Broker, Residential Real Estate Development

Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street or on the Web site: <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/application.asp>

For more information, please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 925.931.5027.

### Rack Room Shoes

Family footwear retailer Rack Room Shoes opened the doors to its new 5,300 square-foot store Thursday, August 13, in the San Francisco Premium Outlets.

"The community has been anticipating the opening of this new wing in the Livermore center for some time now, so we're glad to make our grand introduction in the midst of that excitement," said Dan Lazar, Rack Room Shoes Regional Manager. "This is new territory for our brand, but with our diverse offering and excellent customer service, we expect to quickly become the family footwear destination of choice in the area."

Rack Room Shoes opened its first Northern California store in Folsom earlier this month.

The retailer is providing customers the opportunity to impact

the local community through its annual Shoes That Fit fundraiser, which now includes a new matching component. Rack Room Shoes invites shoppers to donate in-store or online to raise funds to provide new shoes to children with limited resources. Donations are funneled through local school liaisons who will identify students in the area needing new shoes. Rack Room Shoes will match 100 percent of the funds, up to \$300,000.

Customers can add on a donation at the register upon check out at the new store or online at [www.rackroomshoes.com](http://www.rackroomshoes.com). Over the last two years, the company has donated more than \$1 million to Shoes That Fit through the annual fund-raiser.

For more information, visit Rack Room Shoes' website at [www.rackroomshoes.com](http://www.rackroomshoes.com).

### Application Essay

The Livermore Public Library invites local high school seniors to attend a presentation and workshop on "Writing a Successful College Application Essay." This free event will take place Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. No registration is required.

Jackie Stamps, an independent college admissions advisor located in Livermore, will explain what college admissions departments look for in an application essay, alert students to potential pitfalls, and give strategies for composing a distinctive essay.

In addition, she will discuss how the University of California admissions essay differs from other application essays and how to make the best use of a supplemental essay. The session also will give students the opportunity to begin planning their own college application essay.

For questions or more information, call Jennifer Mosel, Teen Services Librarian, at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Roller Derby Donates

Roller derby leagues from the Bay Area to Boston have partnered with Brown Paper Tickets and the American Red Cross to help save lives through coast-to-coast "Make 'em Bleed" roller derby blood drives, Aug. 2-Dec. 31.

On Friday, Aug. 21 (Livermore, California): Join the Quad City Derby Bombshells from 1-7 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave.

To donate blood, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are

required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Essay Competitions

Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 is seeking middle school students to enter the Patriot's Pen competition and high school students to compete in the Voice of Democracy competition. Both are essay competitions.

Theme for the 2015-16 Patriot's Pen competition is "What Freedom Means to Me." The competition is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Theme for Voice of Democracy essay event is "My Vision For America."

The entry deadline for both is Nov. 1, 2015. The contest consists of four levels: 1) the local VFW; 2) district level; 3) state level; and 4) national.

For information, go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), post6298@gmail.com or call Russ Kennedy, evenings 828-9687.

### Healthcare System

From 10 am to noon on Sat., Sept. 12, Hope Hospice is offering a class to help people navigate the healthcare system and learn how to become an advocate for a loved one. This is one of several classes in the Hope Hospice Family Caregiver Education Series.

In this session caregivers are helped to understand health insurance coverage, Medicare (Parts A, B, C, D and supplements) and the alphabet soup of medical specialties and specialists. There will be information on how to keep track of health histories, medications, and medical appointments and tips on how to communicate effectively with healthcare professionals.

The featured speaker for this class is from LASHICAP (Legal Assistance for Seniors – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program). Her two presentations are, Welcome to Medicare: An Overview of Coverage and Options; and Knowledge is Key: Know Your Medicare Rights.

Family Caregiver Education Series classes are held from 10 am to noon at the Hope Hospice office, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. There is no charge to attend.

To register and learn more about other classes in the series, visit [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com) and click on the Family Caregiver Education Series on the home page.

### Gift Program

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is seeking applications for its annual Community Gift Program to benefit local and surrounding area nonprofit organizations.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 21.

Established in 2008, the Community Gift Program provides a total of \$100,000 in awards to support nonprofit organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community service and philanthropic needs of local and surrounding communities.

Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

In 2014, the Community Gift Program received 89 applications for grants. Thirty-seven applications were selected for

awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education, engineering and cultural arts.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Friday, Aug. 21. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 9.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at [www.llnslc.com](http://www.llnslc.com). For an application, go to the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llnsgift.asp>.

## Strong Activity at Hacienda Business Park

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton reports businesses were active in the last few months with a number of key announcements coming from several tenants. Likewise, tenant activity in the park has been steady and strong with over a dozen new companies settling into Hacienda since the beginning of the year.

"Tenant activity in Hacienda has been very good so far this year" says James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Even with a slight increase in vacancy this last month, Hacienda's occupancy has increased by nearly two percentage points since the end of last year. Additional activity is expected before the end of the year."

Major business activity includes the following:

- Virtual Tours of Guinness & Famous Distilleries: Diageo, a global leader in beverage alcohol, has partnered with Google's Business View to offer a free virtual tour that allows people to see inside the walls of the famous Guinness Storehouse and four other distilleries.

The free 360-degree virtual tour offers people an inside look at the Guinness Storehouse at St. James' Gate in Dublin, the number one tourist attraction in Ireland. The tour includes all seven floors of the massive building, including the top-floor Gravity Bar, the highest bar in Dublin.

Virtual tours are also available at four single-malt scotch whiskey distilleries in Scotland – Cardhu, the Singleton of Glen Ord, Talisker and Lagavulin.

Plex Software Adopted by Accuride: Plex Systems' unique manufacturing management software will be used by the Accuride Corporation to manage its financials and supply chain systems.

Indiana-based Accuride is a leading supplier of components to the North American commercial vehicle industry, such as school buses, big rigs and fire trucks. The company has adopted Plex Enterprise Edition financials and supply chain applications.

- Oracle has released a variety of big data solutions that simplify information access and discovery, enabling customers to turn raw data into usable information quickly. Oracle Big Data Discovery, Oracle GoldenGate for Big Data, Oracle Big Data SQL 1.1, and Oracle NoSQL Database 3.2.5 further Oracle's vision to enable Hadoop, NoSQL, and SQL technologies to work together and be deployed securely in any model—whether public cloud, private cloud or an on-premises infrastructure.

## Crowned King Once More: August 27th is International Cabernet Day

by Laura Ness

If you so much as doubt the regality of Cabernet and the blends it stars in, watch "Red Obsession," a Russell Crowe narrated documentary about the meteoric rise of Bordeaux en primeur prices in the face of increasing demand from the Chinese, as they rally to show off their newly acquired wealth with purchases of the most expensive wines on earth. Nearly everyone in China who knows that French wines must still be opened with a corkscrew will recognize the names of the Premier Grand Cru houses, namely Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Margaux, Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Haut Brion, and Chateau Latour, clothing to be associated with these ultra-premium luxury brands.

Notwithstanding the current Chinese invasion of California vineyards, including right here in the Livermore Valley, their attempt to recreate the old chateaux of Bordeaux on Chinese soil is truly mind-boggling, given that their soil and weather conditions bear more resemblance to the unsuitable climes of Alabama and Minnesota than anything found in either France or the Golden State. But little matter. They're buying up primo Cabernet land in Livermore as fast as they can.

Despite the continual media obsession with Pinot Noir, Cabernet is still King. If Cabernet is put on the label, it is sure to sell, even more rapidly than a proprietary Bordeaux blend. Here in Livermore, the trend towards higher and higher end Cabernet seems boundless, and the bar has been continually raised. Even with the discovery of how wonderfully the region can execute the other four Bordeaux varieties, the first choice of most consumers would be Cabernet.

Let's take a look at the numbers, which never lie, but instead point to the growing myth of Cabernet being the be all and end all: the last supper wine in the minds of the majority of wine enthusiasts.

In California, of the 600k acres of wine grapes planted, 88K of them are Cabernet Sauvignon. Only Chardonnay has more acreage, at 97K. Pinot Noir comes in at 42K and Merlot at 45K. In case you're curious, statewide, Cabernet Franc has inched up to a whopping 3500, Malbec is at 3677, followed by Petit Verdot, at 2616.

It would be nice to know how many acres in the Livermore Valley are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon.

However, since Alameda County is considered part of District 6 for grape acreage and crush reporting by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, along with Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, it's hard to tell. We know that there are 1350 acres of Cab planted throughout the District, compared to 1660 of Chardonnay. Maybe somebody out there has the answer with regards to the Livermore Valley.

In celebration of International Cabernet Day, August 27, four Livermore Valley wineries are teaming up with the Livermore Trolley to treat you to a day with the King. For \$15 in advance, \$20 day of, you'll enjoy transportation between participating wineries, including Concannon, McGrail, Nottingham Cellars and Steven Kent.

The sleek, comfortable trollies will offer shuttle service from 11:30am until 4:30pm, between the above named wineries. By purchasing a wristband (\$15), you will receive unlimited access to the trollies, arriving approximately every 20-25 minutes. To reserve your seat on the Trolley, please call or email: Phone: (925) 989-0421

Online: [LivermoreWineTrolley.com/Reservations](http://LivermoreWineTrolley.com/Reservations)

Here's what each of the four #Cab Day Trolley Celebration wineries has going on:

At Concannon Vineyard, choose from a \$10 Tasting or a \$30 Cabernet & Cheese Pairing Experience. John Concannon will host complimentary tours at 1:00pm and 4:00pm, highlighting the very special 50th Anniversary of Concannon Cabernet Clones 7, 8 and 11. Enjoy a Cabernet Sauvignon Flight and Cheese pairing at 1:30pm or 4:30pm in Club 1883. A 15% discount on all wine purchases will be offered.

Please note: the Cabernet and Cheese Pairing Experience must be reserved in advance:

Phone: (925) 583-1559

Email: [Reservations@ConcannonVineyard.com](mailto:Reservations@ConcannonVineyard.com)

Online: [ConcannonVineyard.com/CabernetDay](http://ConcannonVineyard.com/CabernetDay)

At McGrail Vineyards and Winery, you'll delve into how barrels make their mark on this handsome varietal. For a \$10 Tasting Fee, you'll learn about the importance of oak barrels as you taste four Cabernets from the same vineyard, each done with different oak aging programs.

You'll learn more about the specific impact of American, French and Hungarian oak as you enjoy samples of wine. Enjoy a 15% discount on purchases of three bottles or more.

Nottingham Cellars will celebrate Cabernet Sauvignon – the backbone of their Bordeaux style wines – with a \$10 flight of both single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons and Cabernet Blends produced from some of the finest fruit grown in Livermore Valley. Enjoy 15% discount on all wine purchases, excluding Supremacy.

The Steven Kent Winery takes great pride in celebrating yet another year of producing great Cabernet in the Livermore Valley. The winery will celebrate the King of grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon with a special selection of Cabs from their deep library of special cuvees, vintages and vineyard designates. Tasting fee for this special experience is \$15. Receive a 15% discount on all wine purchases, with the exclusion of Lineage.

But that's not all. Several other wineries who count Cabernet high on their list of revered offerings, will celebrate the day, and in fact, the entire weekend following.

Ruby Hill and Rubino Estates will mark the occasion by featuring their 2012 Estate Ruby Hill Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, which was chosen Best Cabernet of Show at the 2015 Uncorked competition earlier this year. It is well-priced at \$29 per bottle, and on sale for \$27 for #CabDay. They will also pour and feature the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva Collection Livermore Valley Reg. \$28: #CabDay Sale Price, \$26. If you haven't visited the sleek Rubino Tasting Room yet, this is a good excuse.

Las Positas Vineyards will offer a Cabernet vertical flight, including the 2011 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2011 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, along with barrel samples of their 2013 Reserve Cabernet and their 2013 Meritage. What an outstanding lineup!

Don't pass up this chance to indulge in the King at this beautiful setting out near Olivina. For their chocolate pairing flight, offered both Friday and Saturday, you'll be treated to a pairing with Bacon Brownies in honor of International Bacon Day, which is August 30th. Is there anything better than chocolate, bacon and Cab? It's a combo fit for a King, and in this case, we mean Elvis.

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### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 462696

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

FERAL CAT FOUNDATION Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

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# Lab scientists' discovery of new young planet provides insight into Jupiter

For the first time, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists working as part of an international team, have discovered the most Jupiter-like planet ever seen in a young star system. The discovery provides clues to understanding how planets formed around our sun.

Using a new advanced adaptive optics (AO) device on the Gemini Planet Imager (GPI) <http://planetimager.org/> on the Gemini South Telescope in Chile, the team took an image of the planet, which is about twice the size of Jupiter.

Called 51 Eridani b, the planet is the first in a wave of discoveries by a new generation of planet-hunting instruments. It could help scientists unlock the secrets of how Jupiter and other gas giants form and shape their planetary systems. It is a million times fainter than its star and shows the strongest methane signature ever detected on an alien planet, which should yield additional clues as to how the planet formed.

Since a planet's luminosity is a function of age and mass and initial conditions, it can provide insights into their formation, according to Bruce Macintosh of Stanford University, former employee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and lead author on a paper appearing in the Aug. 14 edition of the journal, Science.

"Many of the exoplanets astronomers have imaged before have atmospheres that look like very cool stars" said Macintosh, who led the construction of GPI and now leads the planet-hunting survey. "This one looks like a planet."

The Gemini Planet Imager (GPI) was designed specifically for discovering and analyzing faint, young planets orbiting bright stars. After GPI was installed, the team set out to look for planets orbiting young stars. They've looked at almost a hundred stars so far. "This

is exactly the kind of planet we envisioned discovering when we designed GPI," said James Graham, professor at UC Berkeley and GPI project scientist.

According to the cosmic clock, 51 Eridani is a young star – only 20 million years old. When planets coalesce, material falling into the planet releases energy and heats it up. Over the next hundred million years these planets radiate that energy away, mostly as infrared light.

Once the astronomers zeroed in on the star, they blocked its light and spotted 51 Eri b orbiting a little farther away from its parent star than Saturn does from the sun. The light from the planet is very faint – more than one million times fainter than its star – but GPI can see it clearly. Observations revealed that it is roughly twice the mass of Jupiter. Other directly imaged planets are five times the mass of Jupiter or more. In addition to being the lowest-mass planet ever imaged, it's also the coldest – about minus 800 degrees Fahrenheit. Previous Jupiter-like exoplanets have shown only faint traces of methane, far different from the heavy methane atmospheres of the gas giants in our solar system.

All of these characteristics, the researchers say, point to a planet that is very much what models suggest Jupiter was like in its infancy.

LLNL was responsible for the AO system, one of the most advanced in the world. Designed to be the world's "most sophisticated" astronomical system for compensating turbulence in the Earth's atmosphere, the system senses atmospheric turbulence and corrects it with a 2-centimeter-square deformable mirror with 4,000 actuators. Together with the other parts of GPI, astronomers can directly image extra-solar planets that are 1 million times fainter



An artistic conception of the Jupiter-like exoplanet, 51 Eri b, is seen in the near-infrared light that shows the hot layers glowing through clouds. Because of its young age, this young cousin of Jupiter is still hot and carries information on the way it was formed 20 million years ago. Image by Danielle Futselaar & Franck Marchis/SETI Institute.

servations and data analysis.

Among GPI's advanced adaptive optics features is the ability to selectively correct vibrations, even at high frequencies. During observations of 51 Eridani in January, a new source of vibration significantly reduced image quality. "The GPIES astronomers contacted us immediately. We designed and tested a new filter that solved the problem in time for the next night's observations," Poyneer said.

Ammons added, "Here at LLNL, we are building a new optical component for the Gemini Observatory that will, for the first time, directly measure the masses of GPI exoplanets.

LLNL's scientific involvement and technical support of the Gemini Planet Imager is led by Ammons and funded by the Laboratory Directed Research and Development program.

than their host stars.

Livermore researchers include Lisa Poyneer, David Palmer, Brian Bauman and Mark Ammons. During the GPI development phase, Palmer was project manager for GPI, led the adaptive optics development effort and designed

and built the real-time computer that controls the AO system. Poyneer developed advanced algorithms and led adaptive optics system testing in the laboratory and at the telescope. Bauman created GPI's innovative and compact AO optical design. Ammons, an astrophysicist,

is a member of the GPI Exoplanet Survey science team and contributes to GPI ob-

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## Livermore Valley Opera Announces its 2015-2016 Season

# 'Madama Butterfly' to Open Season at the Bankhead

The Livermore Valley Opera has announced its 24th performance season at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore featuring two fully-staged operas and special events throughout the season.

Unstoppable women, cross-generational conflict and unstoppable passion all make unforgettable appearances in the new season of the Livermore Valley Opera. Since its founding in 1992, Livermore Valley Opera has grown and matured from a boutique local opera to a regional organization, well recognized for its high quality productions, world renowned professional singers and vision and respect to the classical interpretations of the beloved opera masterpieces. This season is no exception with LVO's staging of two beloved classic Italian operas.

The schedule is as follows:

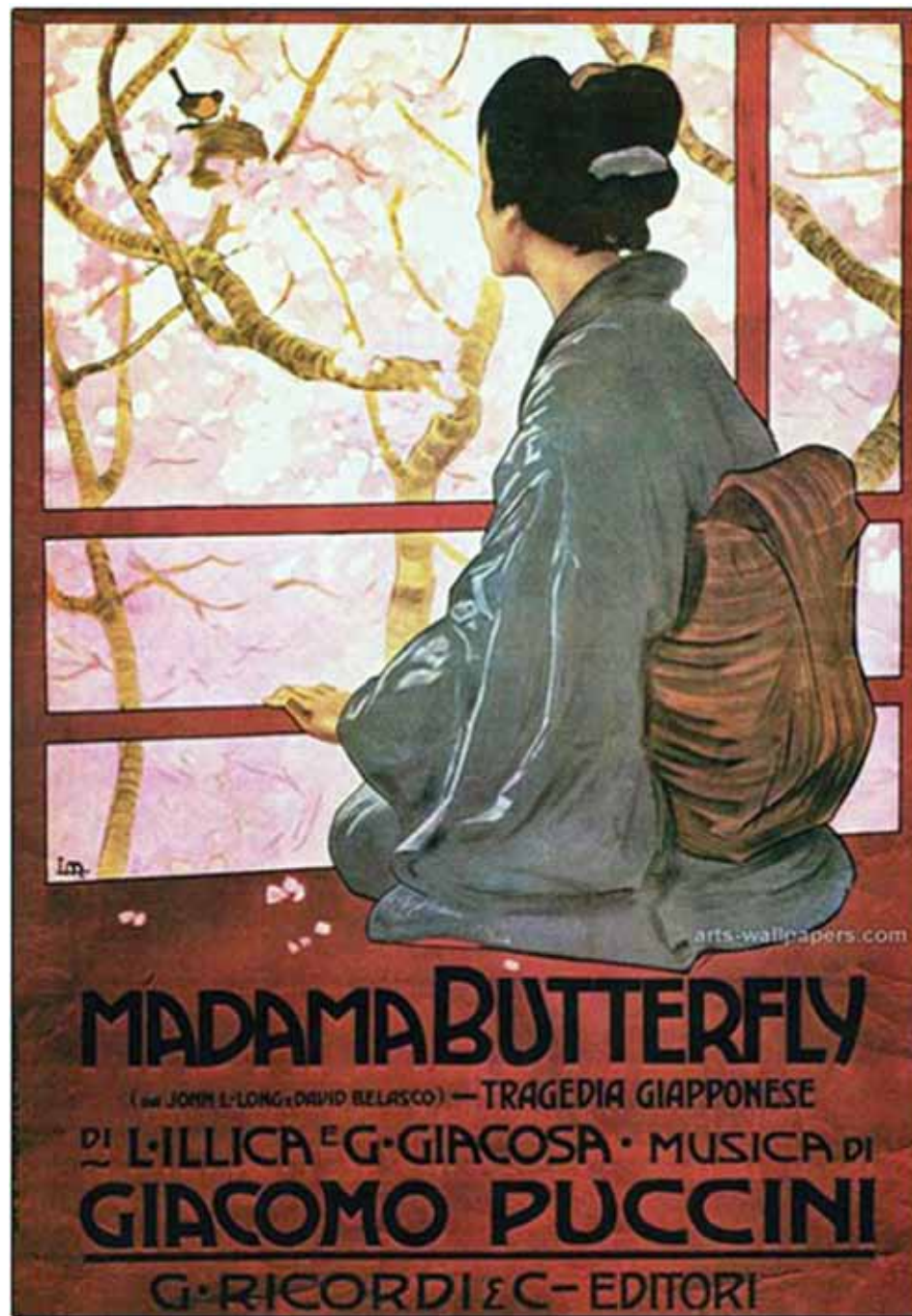
Madama Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini will be performed Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 27 at 2 p.m., Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. An opening night gala dinner will be held on Sept. 26 at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard starting at 4 p.m. (separate ticket purchase required).

The second opera will be The Italian Girl in Algiers by Giochino Rossini with performances

on March 12 at 7:30 p.m., March 13 at 2 p.m., March 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 20 at 2 p.m. An opening night gala dinner will be held on March 12 at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard starting at 4 p.m. (separate ticket purchase required).

"Our first opera, Puccini's Madama Butterfly, tells a sensual and tragic story of a young girl rooted in the traditionalism, but yearning for a release, a true, all conquering passion that spans oceans and traditions," explains Katie Das, LVO Marketing Chair. "Most of all, this young girl is seeking to be her own person, someone who is capable of making her own decisions, no matter how difficult the choices may be. Her persona and motivations are relatable to anyone in today's world, proving why Puccini's opera is a classic and always relevant."

The story of Madama Butterfly tells a story a 15 year-old geisha, Cio-Cio San, who willingly becomes a common law wife of an American naval officer, Pinkerton. He abandons her, pregnant and lonely and she spends the next three years yearning for him to return to her. But it's so much more than a "boy leaves girl story" in a dated orientalist surroundings. Cio-Cio San steps out as a powerful



and decisive woman, who, despite her tender age is able to make difficult and terrible choices that speak of her maturity and grown-up passion.

The all-star cast of Madama Butterfly is led by audience favorite and Metropolitan Opera singer soprano Marie Plette, a returning star to the stage for LVO. Her performances of Madama Butterfly prompted the New York Times to remark, "The opera did partake of the other great unifying factor here: a star turn, by Marie Plette in the title role."

In March, 2016, the narrative about strong women overcoming obstacles continues with a Rossini comedic masterpiece The Italian Girl in Algiers, led by mezzo soprano Shirin Eskandani who thrilled LVO audiences with her lead performance in Cinderella (March 2014).

"The witty, funny and complicated, main character and heroine of the opera, Isabella, finds herself - much like Dorothy in a grown up version of the Wizard of Oz - conquering a horde of scheming admirers and defends herself with humor and courage," explains Das. "Prepare to laugh out loud, cheer and be proud of this beautiful and smart super-woman of

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# Darlingside Kicks Off Pleasanton Firehouse Season 6

With a quartet of distinct voices clustered around a single microphone - plus guitars, cello, mandolin, violin and bass - Darlingside draws audiences into their musical world.

The group kicks-off the Firehouse Arts Center's 6th Season on Saturday, September 5, at 8:00 p.m. The Firehouse show will include songs from their brand-new album "Birds Say," which is scheduled for release September 18.

Opening Night reserved seating tickets for Darlingside in Concert are \$20.00-\$30.00, and can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance.

The band's sound, characterized by bluegrass and rock instrumentation, classical strings, tight vocal arrangements, and smart lyricism, is the product of com-

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Darlingside in Concert

## Sunset Soiree Features Program of Dance

Livermore School of Dance presents its 4th annual Sunset Soiree on Saturday, August 29th, 2015 from 6:00-8:30pm in front of the Bankhead Theater at Shea Homes Park.

Bring a picnic din-

ner and chairs and enjoy an evening outside while watching the sunset in Downtown Livermore.

Grab a spot starting at 6:00pm. The entertainment will begin at 6:30pm with DJ Matticus and local vocal

artists of the Livermore Valley. The entertainment continues with the Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company performance directed by Liz Roberts. The show includes Jazz, Modern, Musical Theater,

Tap, Hip Hop and Contemporary Lyrical styles of dance with popular songs of today and some added classics. The evening will end with some fun night lights. DJ Matticus will lead the audience into a free dance for all. This is a very family friendly and fun event for all ages. Admission is free.

There is an opportunity to visit one of the neighboring eateries and sit outdoors in their patio dining areas to enjoy the music and dance performance.

Livermore School of Dance would like to personally thank the City of Livermore for the mini grant for this performance.

Livermore School of Dance Jazz and Tap Division, directed by Liz Roberts since 2004, offers a nurturing environment for all ages and levels. For information: [www.livermoredance.com](http://www.livermoredance.com) • [livermoredance@gmail.com](mailto:livermoredance@gmail.com)



Photos include the splits (upper right), Jaren and Nadia (lower right) and last year's Sunset Soiree. Photos - John Buyer Photography



## Evenings on the Green: Final Concert This Summer

The Evenings on the Green wraps up its successful free family-oriented concert series on Tuesday, August 18 with separate performances by Kalaikoil and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.

Cresta Blanca Girls Scouts will provide free face painting, according to program manager Catherine Ndung'u-Case. She also noted, "With over 3,000 attendees for the season, the series, sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center was wildly successful. People responded to our diverse programs that featured American jazz, blues and rock in addition to diverse offerings that included Japanese Taiko drumming and African dance. This week contrasts traditional Hindu dance and vocals with popular Americana community concert band music.

Kalaikoil, started in 1995 by Swetha Dixit, trains artists in the traditional arts of India: Hindu Vedic chanting, Carnatic vocals and Bharatanatyam for all ages in a studio in Dublin. Traditional Vedic chant is often considered the oldest unbroken oral tradition in existence, the fixation of the Vedic texts as preserved dating to roughly the time of Homer. Bharatanatyam is a form of Indian classical dance, known for its grace, tenderness and sculpture-like poses. Today, it is one of the most widely performed dance styles and is practiced by male and female dancers across the world.

Formed in 1986 to give



**Kalaikoil**



**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**

public performances that encourage interest in music and cultural activities, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band always plays an eclectic mix of classics, standards, shows and musicals tunes, patriotic songs and marches from a library of over 1200 pieces. Led by conductor Bob Williams, the band plays at numerous events including Veteran's, Memorial and 4th of July celebrations, and farmers' markets in Livermore and Pleasanton. Their most recent appearance was at the Ravenswoods ice cream social in Livermore. They

will be at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturday September 26.

The concert begins at 6:45 pm in the Livermore Plaza adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, and is sponsored by The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC).

This eclectic twelve-concert series is also funded by Shea Homes, Sanctuary Ultra Lounge Restaurant, Catering and Events; Winemakers Pourhouse Beer Garden; Sauced BBQ and Spirits; Uncle

Yu's and The Independent. The remaining concert schedule can be found in elsewhere in this newspaper.

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

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

## Whistlestop Writers Host Open Mic Evening

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

Share your work in a fun, welcoming environment. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "It's an evening of great food, great wine, and great writing. You won't be disappointed!"

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/WhistlestopWriters> or call 925-890-6045.

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# Program Focuses on Folk Music of the Early 20th Century

Award-winning nationally touring duo Jennings and Keller will take the audience on a folk music journey through the early part of the twentieth century on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 2pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. This event is free for everyone.

Laurie Jennings Oudin and Dana Keller will share songs from Jimmy Rogers, Woody Guthrie, The Carter Family and many more, exploring the significance and impact these early songwriting pioneers had on modern music. They will explain the history of the Dobro guitar, from its beginnings as a Delta Blues and Hawaiian instrument to its use in music today. They will also share some expert Chet Atkins-style guitar picking, explaining the legacy of this innovator of modern guitar.

Their music is called 'Fusion Folk Americana'—a blend of many different

elements that comes from their vast and wide-ranging musical backgrounds. Their story begins in 2006. After playing together in several different bands, Laurie and Dana decided to join forces and take their show on the road. With the release of their 2007 debut cd, *Susan's House*, Jennings and Keller quickly gained recognition as well as songwriting awards throughout the country. In 2007 alone, they were finalists or winners in five (5) different songwriting competitions across the country.

In May of 2009, Jennings and Keller released their second cd, *As The Universe Unfolds*, which garnered great reviews as well as airplay on independent radio stations from Florida to California. They have just released their third cd, *Mirror With a Memory* (June, 2012), their most sophisticated and exciting collaboration to date.



Jennings and Keller

For more information, visit their website at [www.jenningsandkeller.com](http://www.jenningsandkeller.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).

## Event Featuring Livermore Valley Cabernets to Benefit Open Heart Kitchen

McGrail Vineyards and Winery in Livermore will host "Open Your Heart to Livermore Valley's Best Cabernets," a fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

This event kicks off with a tasting of 15 local Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignons and Sauvignon Blancs, followed by a tri-tip buffet dinner and dessert. The fun continues with prize drawings and dancing to the music of Larry and Friends. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$85 per person. Advance tickets are required by visiting [mcgrailvineyards.com](http://mcgrailvineyards.com). For more information, please call (925) 580-6793.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds the hungry every weekday as an interfaith effort, and serves more than 313,000 meals annually. There is no qualifying process to receive meals. Meals can be eaten at OHK's multiple serving sites, or taken to go. OHK works in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, more than a dozen local food pantries, and various Tri-Valley non-profits with missions to promote nutrition and hunger relief.

## DARLINGSIDE

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plete collaboration. Instead of a traditional 'frontman,' lead vocals are traded from moment to moment, and each song features a new combination of instruments and textures, pulling heavily from folk, retro-pop, barbershop, and chamber music. David Fricke of Rolling Stone says, 'a rich line in acoustic textures and chamber-rock dynamics... now in my daily rotation.'

Darlingside is (in their words): Dave Senft (bassist and former street musician), Don Mitchell (guitarist, banjoist, and former

boy alto), Auyon Mukharji (classical violinist who studied mandolin in Ireland and Brazil) and Harris Paseltiner (classical cellist and guitarist).

The Massachusetts-based quartet's wide-open arrangements are marked by the interplay between the four: "Each song and set of lyrics are created by all of us together, a sort of 'group stream-of-consciousness,'" Harris says. "So we moved away from a single lead vocalist and started gravitating towards singing in unison, pass-

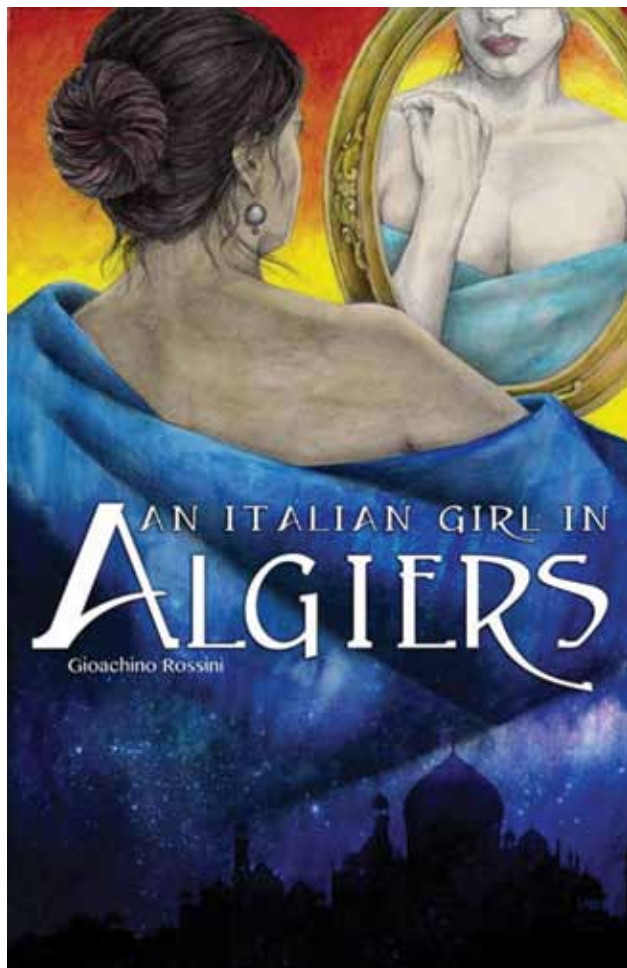
ing the melody around, or harmonizing in four parts through an entire song." Live and on record, they present a unified voice by clustering around a single condenser microphone and blending their voices in the room before they hit the mic.

The naming of the band reflects the arch humor, cryptic wordplay, and playful banter that the four close friends share on and off stage—but the music Darlingside plays is serious, cinematic, and deeply moving.



## LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA

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the early 20th century. This madcap, farcical opera, in a style resembling Laurel and Hardy skits, also has a serious undertone which pokes fun at authority figures, inept lovers, and unfaithful husbands, while making Isabella the clear winner in a battle of the sexes."

Tickets are adults

\$39-\$89; students 18 years and younger \$10 off on all days, all seating sections. Student ID required.

Opening night gala tickets are \$90, and are available through Bankhead Theater box office .

Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time. LVO's tradi-

tional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Performances will be presented at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

The season includes the following special events:

- Dinner with Two Divas, September 18, 2015: An exclusive intimate event where guests dine with and enjoy the singing talents of the Divas of Madama Butterfly. The event features the perfect combination of opera, wine, and food. This limited attendance event is set in one of the Tri-Valley area's most beautiful homes. Visit the LVO website at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).

com for ticket information.

- OperaLIVE!: Free, one-hour public events at local libraries featuring professional opera singers performing arias from the season's opera productions. OperaLIVE! is a LVO community outreach program. Visit the LVO website at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for event dates.

- An Intimate Musical Evening, January 2016: An intimate, gourmet dinner with a lead singer from the season's operas. Limited to 10 guests. Visit the LVO website at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for details.

- Opera in the Vineyard: This benefit for LVO offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas performed by professional singers in an informal setting. It is a "bring-your-own-picnic-dinner" event set in a Livermore vineyard

and winery. Visit the LVO website in 2016 for dates and ticket information.

Visit the LVO website at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for more information about a variety of events throughout the season.

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# Yesterday into Today

by Sarah Bobson

## OLOMPALI: A 60S COMMUNE

On Highway 101, about three-and-a-half miles north of Novato in Marin County, there is a sign nestled in a wide stretch of undeveloped land that announces Olompali State Historic Park. I have driven past it dozens of times over the years, never suspecting that in the late 60s this bucolic expanse of golden grassland and tree-studded hills was once the site of a hippie commune. A most unusual, perhaps even extraordinary, commune that attracted as guests some big names in the pop music scene of the time: the Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, Grace Slick, Santana, David Crosby, Moby Grape, and Quicksilver Messenger Service.

The commune occupied 690 acres. It has been described as resort-like. It included a 22-room mansion, a swimming pool, horses, a school, and an outdoor bread oven. The commune was founded by Donald McCoy, a California native in his mid-30s and a wealthy Marin real estate developer who developed the first modern houseboat marina at the Sausalito Heliport at Richardson Bay. After separating from his wife, McCoy wanted a change in his life as well as a nurturing place to raise his three young daughters, who his wife had left with him. In 1967, he thought Rancho Olompali, once a Miwok Indian site and later the location of the old Burdell Mansion, would be the perfect spot. He rented the land. He and some of his friends and their families joined him to form the core group of what came to be known as The Chosen Family.

The Chosen Family originally consisted of 26 adults and 11 children who shared the ranch's facilities. This included the mansion, several other buildings, a tiled swimming pool, and a commercial-sized baking oven. The family made bread in the ovens and distributed loaves with the help of the Diggers of San Francisco. The Diggers, located in Haight-Ashbury, was a radical, community-action group of activists and improvisational actors that provided free food to whoever needed or wanted it. One of its founding members was actor Peter Coyote, seen in films such as *E.T. The Extraterrestrial*, *Erin Brockovich*, and the television series *Law & Order: LA*. Twice a week, the Diggers joined the Chosen Family to bake hundreds of loaves of bread, sometimes in the nude, to be handed out as part of the Diggers' daily soup kitchen. The bakers would move in the hot sun, sans clothes, between the outdoor bakery that sat atop an octagonal concrete slab and the pool.

The mansion housed a large communal kitchen and dining area, living room, bathrooms, and some bedrooms upstairs. Because the mansion's sleeping quarters could not accommodate everyone, some adults and

children slept in the Burdell's former guest house, which had been converted into a dormitory, as well as other small houses and structures on the property. Homemade bread and organically grown vegetables provided part of the diet. The children attended school at the ranch, taking their daily lessons from an ex-Nicasio principal. They played with the ranch's horses, took pottery classes, or, in the parlance of the day, "did their own thing."

Visitors who came from all over included actors, spiritual leaders, astrologers, numerologists, and, of course, the musicians, including members of the Grateful Dead. The cover of the Dead's album "Aoxomoxoa," in fact, features a photograph of Jerry Garcia and the band posing with commune members among the trees of Olompali.

Life at the ranch seemed idyllic. The children romped and played, and the adults romped and played, and worked on the ranch, while McCoy footed the bills. He was a generous man. It is reported he spent half his wealth of a half-a-million dollars buying his friends cars, motorcycles, horses, light show equipment, and musical instruments, whatever they needed. He also set up a working bakery, recording studio, and arts and crafts workshops. Not exactly the vision one has of a 60s commune.

Then a series of events turned the idyllic into the not-so-idyllic bad trip. McCoy's father-in-law filed a lawsuit to stop McCoy from squandering money the father-in-law felt should go to McCoy's children. McCoy journeyed to India with two other Family members, one of whom was Sheila McKendrick, the ex-wife of Robert McKendrick, the man who assumed leadership of the commune in McCoy's absence.

By the end of December 1968, though, McKendrick's leadership had declined considerably. He left in January, a short while after McCoy returned from India on Christmas Eve with an intense religious message for The Family. McCoy was hopeful that life at the commune could experience a rebirth. However, over the next few months a series of unfortunate events, as Lemony Snicket is wont to call it, befell the commune. A member of the Chosen Family borrowed a visitor's motorcycle to take it out for a spin and had a fatal accident. Two large-scale drug raids took place at the commune in mid-January. On February 2, the old wiring in the main house shorted out and the ensuing fire gutted the building. McCoy lost the lawsuit, his supply of money was cut to a bare minimum, and he lost custody of his children. The stress of all this resulted in McCoy spending time in the hospital for what was described as a physical

breakdown. As if all this were not bad enough, two small children, one four-years-old and the other two-years-old, drowned in the murky waters of the tiled pool. The press sensationalized the accident, blaming the commune for gross negligence. County, health, and sanitation authorities descended on the ranch with a long list of code violations. The landlord ordered everyone off the property in 30 days. Within eight hours, all but 18 Family members and guests left. By the summer of 1969, the short, sweet, and not-so-sweet life at the commune had come to an end.

Such are the surface details of this 60s-style utopian experiment, but what of the first-hand, personal accounts of life at the commune? In September's column, two former members of The Chosen Family, Maura McCoy, the founder's daughter, and Noelle Barton, tell their side of the story.

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## Robot Roundup Planned at Livermore Civic Center Library

The Livermore Public Library is hosting a fun open house for the library's Summer Robotics Camp participants to show off their work to friends, family, and the public. The "Robot Roundup" will be held from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The participants will stay to demonstrate what their coding and what robot theaters can do.

Starting in June, 18 kids, ages 10-14, signed up to participate in the library's nine-week Summer Robotics Camp. Participants were introduced to coding and built a robot

theater from the wires up. This included using Hummingbird Robotics Kits, along with CMU Create Lab, Snap!, and Scratch. Additional pre-made robots were purchased to promote an interest in computer science, programming, and technology among youth and young adults in the community and are available for checkout with a library card.

This program was made possible by a grant from the Pacific Library Partnership.

For more information about this free event, visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5500.



Pictured are Wild West fundraiser attendees.

## A Wild West Evening to Benefit Museum

Gamblers and bandits and wild women! Oh my! Step back in time at Museum on Main's 7th annual fundraiser, "A Wild West Evening: Brothels, Bar Rooms & Bandits," on Saturday, August 29 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The event features a return to Pleasanton of the 1890s when it was one of the most desperate towns in the west. Guests will rub shoulders with local characters from yesteryear, such as the well-known Senator George Hearst, Phoebe Hearst, John W. Kottinger, Leland Stanford and the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).

Ticket includes a BBQ dinner and dessert, musical entertainment by Extended Roots and chips for gaming tables, sponsored by the Pleasanton Lion's Club. Additional chips and drink tickets for the no-host bar may be purchased at the event. Live and silent auctions feature themed baskets, sports memorabilia, getaways and more. Western attire encouraged, but not the law.

Tickets \$50 per person, over 21 only. For tickets phone the museum at 925.462.2766 or mosey on down to 603 Main Street. Cash, credit cards, checks and gold nuggets are accepted.

## Pleasanton History Walk on Saturday, August 29

A stroll down Main Street would have looked very different one hundred years ago than it does today. To discover the history of downtown Pleasanton, put on walking shoes and stroll through time. Participants will be taken to the old Town Hall, the Roxy Theatre, the site of the first hotel in Pleasanton, and the oldest building in Downtown.

Museum on Main invites all to join the free

Pleasanton History Walk on Saturday, August 29. Tour departs from the Museum on Main at 10:00 a.m. and is approximately 1 ½ hours long. The tour is appropriate for all ages, covers a distance of approximately one mile and is handicapped accessible. Tours are limited to the first 25 people in attendance.

For more information on tours or programs at Museum on Main contact

Sarah Schaefer, Director of Education at (925) 462-2766 or education@museumonmain.org. The Museum On Main is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, 925-462-2766, Fax: 925-462-2779. Regular hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Admission is free, donations always appreciated. www.museumonmain.org.



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NIGHT  
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Thru  
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# EVENINGS ON THE GREEN

2015

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<b>August 25</b>	KALAIKOIL	Classical South Indian Dance
	PLEASANTON COMMUNITY BAND	Marches, Show Tunes and Favorites

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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

**Monoprints and Collagraphs** of Edmee Acuna Keele will be on display August 1st thru August 31 at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5556 Tesla Road, Livermore. Edmee usually prints at the Fort Mason Studios in San Francisco and belongs to the Fort Mason Printmakers group. She shows her work with the group in the San Francisco Open Studios.

**Artists at Work Nights**, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 10: Joanna Cranshaw and Jonathon Miller; Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwell-artscenter.org.

**Art Exhibit Showcases Veterans Administration Hospital Residents**, "View from the Hill," on display through Aug. 21 at the office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Drysdale Properties, 1983 Second Street in downtown Livermore. The show can be viewed during normal business hours, or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or cherv@cherv.com.

**Inside and Out: Plein Air and Studio Works**. Announcing the newest installation at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Featuring recent works by seven Bay

Area artists who paint together for inspiration and challenge. The pieces are begun out of doors and completed in studio. Open to the public through September 12. 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. Donations always appreciated.

**Special Art Exhibits**. Firehouse Arts Center public spaces will host two unique exhibits through the end of summer: the dense oils of William Rushton and the atmospheric landscapes of Victoria Veedell. Both artists use vibrant color palettes in very different ways. Rushton's pieces will be located in the Grand Atrium Lobby through August 26. Veedell's work is in the main floor Hallway Gallery through September 5. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

**Absolutely Abstract Art Show**, Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., from Sept. 1-30. Only show dedicated to abstract art in the Tri-Valley. No admission charge.

**Pleasanton Art League Fall Members' Exhibit**, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Sept. 24-Oct. 24. Reception and awards Sept. 29, 6 to 8 p.m. Information, www.PAL-ART.com or www.firehousearts.org.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

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

**Figure Drawing Workshop**, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are avail-

able. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

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

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

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

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](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.

**Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer Art**, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years. Sessions: Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443-8755 or frank.a@comcast.net

**New Drawing Class**- "Basic Drawing: Focus on Nature" This class is for beginners and the artist who want to improve drawing techniques. Classes start with the basics and quickly focuses on nature drawing. Included-instruction on site techniques, three dimensional development, and composition. Starts Wed., Sept 16th 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks or Thurs., Sept 17th 12:30-3 PM for 5 weeks. Maryann has a certificate in nature illustration from the Tucson Desert Museum, Art Institute. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame 1912 2nd St Livermore 925-

443-3388

## Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond

- Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., Sept 14th 9:30 to noon for five weeks and Tues., Sept 15th 6:30 to 9 PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388

## WINE & SPIRITS

### The Chef & The Winemaker - A

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

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery** special events: **Tapas, Tasting, and Tunes** every other Friday July 3-Sept. 11, 6 to 9 p.m. wines and a delicious mixture of sweet, savory, and a bit of spicy flavors from the acclaimed chef, Eduardo Posada, of Posada Restaurant and Catering. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com)

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Fri., Aug. 21, 6 to 9 p.m. Evening in the Vineyards concert featuring Joey T & Friends. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's and chocolate truffles will be available for purchase ( sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, go to [www.laspositasvineyards.com](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com). Space is limited.

**Music on the Patio at Nottingham Cellars**: performances are 1 to 4 p.m.: August 22 Dave Land back on the patio; August 29 The energetic Kylie Thomasson is returning to get the patio singing along. • August 21, 6-9pm When in Rhone Wine and Food Pairing with Posada Posada will be creating some tasty pairings with 5 of the Vasco Urbano award winning wines. RSVP Required. Limited Seating. \$55 Club/\$65 Non Club. Contact daved@nottinghamcellars.com or 925.294.8647 for tickets. • August 27, 11:30am-4:30pm Cabernet Sauvignon Day Wine Trail 2015 Nottingham Cellars is one of the stops on the Livermore Valley Wine Trolley celebrating CAB DAY. Let the trolley do the driving while making the rounds between Concannon Vineyard, The Steven Kent Winery, McGrail Vineyards and Nottingham Cellars. Each winery will have special offerings for trolley riders. Purchase wristbands [www.LivermoreWineTrolley.com/Reservations](http://www.LivermoreWineTrolley.com/Reservations) or call 925.989.1559. • August 27, 6-9pm Music in the Orchard at The Purple Orchid Georgi and the Rough Week will be headlining the third concert of the series benefitting the Pedrozzi Foundation. Join Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beerworks and Ken's Woodfired Pizza for an evening of food, libations and a relaxing evening in the orchard. No outside food or beverage. Tickets available online at [pleorchid.com and in our tasting room. \\$10 presale/\\$15 at the door.](http://www.pur-</a></p>
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## Discover The Garden at Wente

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

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

**Page Mill Winery** is hosting a fundraiser for Livermore High School Color Guard on Thursday, Aug. 27th from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. All tasting fees and a portion of sales will go directly to the Color Guard. The Color Guard is looking to purchase a new floor mat, uniforms and flags. There will be wine tasting, food, vendors and The Foam Riders playing from 6-8pm. The winery is located at 1960 S. Livermore Ave.

**Charles R Vineyards**, Free Summer Concert Series continues on Friday, August 28th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm with live music by Steve Kritzer, a man of many musical gifts, Kritzer is as comfortable with Celtic and Bluegrass music as he is with traditional Folk, Country, Rock, Big Band Swing and more. Sip, sing and sway the August summer night away. Seating is first come, first serve. Wine by the glass and bottle available for purchase. T.G.I.F. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (5800 Greenville) in Livermore

**Murrieta's Well**, celebrate the season at a Fall Crush Dinner. Family-style menu focuses on freshly harvested produce specially paired with a selection of estate grown small lot wines. Live music from Vivo Violinist Duo. Friday, August 28, 2015, 6:00-9:00pm, \$65 Silver Spur Club Members; \$80 for non-members. [www.murrietaswell.com](http://www.murrietaswell.com)

**Open Your Heart to Livermore Valley's Best Cabernets**. Saturday, August 29th, 6:30 - 10pm. Wood Family Vineyards along with 14 other local Livermore Valley wineries will be pouring at McGrail Vineyards. This is a fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen. Advance tickets are required. \$85 per person. [www.mcgrailvineyards.com](http://www.mcgrailvineyards.com)

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

**Wood Family Vineyards**, Sept. 6 and 7, Double Barrel Food at the winery on Sunday, September 6th, noon to 4:30pm. 33rd Annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration and on Monday, September 7th, noon to 4:30pm. Labor Day Festival at Wood Family Vineyards. 7702 Cedar Mountain

Road, Livermore. [www.woodfamily-vineyards.com](http://www.woodfamily-vineyards.com)

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue--the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

## Mads Men: A Celebration of Instrumental Hits from the 1960's Mad Men Era.

2-time Grammy Award winning violinist Mads Tolling headlines. International crossover star Tolling and his Mads Tolling Quartet: Colin Hogan at piano, Sam Bevan on bass, Eric Garland on drums. Diverse and entertaining production includes popular TV and movie themes, and Top 10 hits, ranging from "The Pink Panther" and "Meet the Flintstones," to "Georgia On My Mind" and the theme from "Mission Impossible." Mads Tolling, former member of the Turtle Island String Quartet and Stanley Clarke's Band, is hot off the recent acclaimed debut of his Violin Concerto with the Oakland East Bay Symphony. Saturday, August 22, 8:00 p.m. No opener. Reserved seat 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, Pleasanton.

**Jazz at the Leshar Center**, presented by the Diablo Regional Arts Association, continues its fourth season of phenomenal jazz performances by a stellar lineup of talented artists. Cyrus Chestnut, proclaimed the greatest jazz pianist of his generation by Time Magazine, will perform August 22 at 5pm and 8pm. Tickets (\$40) are available at [www.lesherjazz.org](http://www.lesherjazz.org). The series concludes August 29 with Martin Taylor and Bucky Pizzarelli.

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

**Start-Up Band Summer Concert**, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

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

**The Front Porch Music Festival**, Sat., Sept. 5, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Features nationally acclaimed artists from around the country. Sip world class wines from Wente Vineyards and The Winemakers Studio. Purchase wine from our tasting rooms, beer from Eight Bridges Brewing and food from Ken's Pizza & The Wood Fire Kitchen by Wente Vineyards. Advanced tickets only \$35, 12 years old & under \$10. Tickets at the door will be \$45. No outside food or alcohol allowed. 925.456.2305 or wentevineyards.com

**Darlingside in Concert**. Opening Night Season 6 @ Pleasanton's Firehouse

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Arts Center. Saturday, September 5, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00-\$30.00; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Show includes songs from their brand-new album "Birds Say," which drops September 18! Indie, folk, and retro-pop sensibilities; four-part barbershop harmonies; classical strings paired with bluegrass, folk, and rock instrumentation.

**Spencer Day 'The Look of Love,'** 8 p.m., Sept. 12, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**Blue Sky Riders.** Grammy winning legend Kenny Loggins, Songwriter of the Year Gary Burr, and Georgia Middleman, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Annual Piano Recital,** Saturday, September 19, 2015, 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 Misha Galant, MTAC Young Artist Guild member and Livermore-Amador Symphony performer will present timeless music masterpieces by J. S. Bach, William Bolcom, Franz Liszt and Sergei Rachmaninoff. The community is invited to attend. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: 925 443-2514 [accoll@comcast.net](mailto:accoll@comcast.net)

**House Rent Party with Rick Estrin and The Nightcats,** Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, tickets [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

### Firehouse Arts Center Season 6:

Tickets now on sale both online and at the box office. Three theater companies and diverse concert and show offerings, with cabaret, pop/rock, indie, country, folk, blues, jazz, world music, films, holiday, magic, classical, and tribute shows all on the schedule. Darlingside (season kick-off Sept 5), Julian Lage (of the Oscar nominated film "Jules at Eight"), Ambrosia, m-pact, Heart by Heart, Alex Ramon, Jayme Stone's Lomax Project, the Unauthorized Rolling Stones, Tito Y Su Son de Cuba, Comedy Kiss-Off, Larkin Poe, and the big return of December People. South Pacific, Enchanted April (world premiere!), Elf the Musical (Bay Area premiere!), Tales of Olympus, A Midsummer Night's Dream. New Firehouse Film Series features 4 classic independent film thrillers. Become a Theater Member! Enjoy ticket discounts and priority ticketing, drink vouchers, 'invitation only' events, and other perks. Ticket and membership info now at [www.firehousearts.org](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.

**The Mousetrap,** by Agatha Christie, directed by Brianna Grabowski & Chanel Vismara. The Mousetrap is a

whodunnit mystery that will keep you guessing. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Aug. 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22 and 23 at 2 p.m. San Ramon Community Theater. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information call 925-389-PLAY (7529), or email us at: [info@sanramoncommunitytheater.org](mailto:info@sanramoncommunitytheater.org)

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

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

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

**The Ray Charles Project.** Sept. 5, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**A Streetcar Named Desire** by Tennessee Williams, Role Players Ensemble production, Sept. 4-19. Tickets and Information at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com). The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

**Circus and Acrobats of China,** Sept. 13, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Civic Arts Stage Co Presents Tales of Olympus Jr.** 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 18-27, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**COMEDY**

**Retzlaff Vineyards, Comedy Uncorked,** 6 to 10 p.m. Sept. 19, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-8934.1. Go to [www.comedyuncorked.com](http://www.comedyuncorked.com) for updates.

**The 40th Annual San Francisco**

**Comedy Competition,** Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## MOVIES

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

## DANCE

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

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

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

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 43rd Competition for Young Musicians,** application deadline is Sunday, September 27, 2015. (Applications will be accepted starting on 9/18.) Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on February 20, 2016. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applications must be accompanied by an \$8.00 application fee and a recording for preliminary screening. Additional information at [www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org) or contact the competition chairperson at (925) 447-1947.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

**149th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games** presented by the Caledonian

Club of San Francisco, Labor Day Weekend September 5-6, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Includes Irish dancing, Highland dancing, piping and drumming, sports, music, etc. [www.caledonian.org/](http://www.caledonian.org/)

**The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With...** The Harringtons & The Pleasanton Art Partnership Tuesday, September 8th, 7 pm: Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, to discuss the many artworks in the community. The Harringtons will share the stories behind many public art pieces around the city and the artists, including those in the Harrington Art Partnership, a 10-year public art acquisition and installation program. September classes are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

**Lobster Clambake at Wente,** Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards, [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Children's Fair,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Sept. 12 Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Entertainment, make it and take it booths, food booths, and more. No admission charge. Hosted by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. 373-5700.

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

**Spatter,** Sept. 19, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Arts and culinary marketplace, wine tasting, interactive art experiences, music by Double Funk Crunch. No admission charge. Presented by City of Dublin. [www.dublinsplatter.com](http://www.dublinsplatter.com)

**Livermore Valley Chamber of**

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

**Quilting in the Garden,** Sept. 26 and 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts hung from tree to tree; several classes, lectures and a garden tour are part of the event.

Featured artist Freddy Moran; guest artist Sally Collins. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Information about activities go to [www.aldenlane.com](http://www.aldenlane.com) or [www.inbetweenstitches.com](http://www.inbetweenstitches.com)

**26th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show,** presented by the Altamont Cruisers, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 27 in downtown Livermore. Featuring muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Parade of Champions begins at 3:30 p.m. [www.altamontcruisers.org](http://www.altamontcruisers.org)



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
**The Warriors Dance Team held auditions for the 2015-16 team last Saturday, August 15 at Las Positas College in Livermore. The audition process took place over several days, with finalists selected from the preliminary auditions participating in an interview, boot camp and finals auditions to be held today, Thurs., Aug. 20 at Las Positas College starting at 7 p.m.**

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA



LASYO Gören Berg &amp; Kathy Boster Music Directors



Concertmaster Ethan Ha and Harpist Shannon Zheng were soloists in Carl Stix, 1896 work, "Legend." This was a premier of a new transcription published by Dominique Piana of Livermore. Ethan just graduated from Livermore High School and is entering UC Berkeley this fall. Shannon is entering the tenth grade at San Ramon Valley High School.

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

**Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association annual BBQ fundraiser** on Sat., Aug. 22, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Menu features Tony Macchiano's famous "Lickity Spit" BBQ dinner. There will be live and silent auctions and dancing to Phil the DJ and more. Advanced purchase recommended. Tickets are \$40 per person, \$45 at the door-limited availability; \$320 for a reserved table for eight with sponsor sign. Pay online at [www.ptsc.org](http://www.ptsc.org) For information, contact Jorge Victoria at 925-989-6882; to make payments by phone, call 925-846-4134 after 7:00 p.m.

**Page Mill Winery is hosting a fundraiser for Livermore High School Color Guard** on Thursday, Aug. 27th from 4:30 to 8:00 pm. All tasting fees and a portion of sales will go directly to the Color Guard. The Color Guard is looking to purchase a new floor mat, uniforms and flags. There will be wine tasting, food, vendors and The Foam Riders playing from 6-8pm. The winery is located at 1960 S. Livermore Ave.

**Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Clean-up.** Sat., Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to noon Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park, Livermore. Pre-registration is required, call TVC: 925-449-8706 or go to [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org)

**A tour of the Garden of Grace** with a vegetable garden Q&A period to follow. August 22, 2015, 10 to 11 a.m. Asbury United Methodist Church; 4743 East Ave; Livermore.

**Solar Financing Forum**, Aug 29 (Sat) 1-3PM at Dublin Library (200 Civic Plz, Dublin). Reps from Solar companies and organizations will present their programs and answer questions. Hosted by OFA East Bay Central Chapter. Contact Eloise Hamann at (925) 997-4646 for detail.

**Questers** is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view member's collections, visit historic sites, museums and antique shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail [rjfgiono@comcast.net](mailto:rjfgiono@comcast.net).

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** will host guest speaker, John Morley, who will discuss the pros and cons of Convention of the States. John is District Captain for the Convention of States Project for the 12th and 13th Assembly Districts of California. John is an elected member of the Republican Party of San Joaquin County, a member of Tracy Republican Women Federated, and member of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of California. Please join us on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Social time is 6:30 pm. Dinner and speaker time is 7 pm. For reservations

and information, contact Linda Krikorian, 925426-1474 or email [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com), by Monday, September 7

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking)** monthly mixer. This event is open to everyone... even first time attendees. Special this month, \$10/pp for everyone. 5 to 7 p.m. Mon., Sept. 14, Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John St., Downtown Pleasanton. RSVP and prepayment are required. [www.gnon.org/rsvp.html](http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html). Questions 925-487-4748

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, August 21, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every day, Bay Area hospitals need hundreds of units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Summertime donations go down because schools are out and people are on vacation. So we need you more than ever! Please come donate, and bring a friend or family member to the drive. There's no easier way to help save a life than donating blood. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, Aug. 24, 1 p.m., lunch in Livermore, RSVP by Aug. 22 to Janet, 443-3317. Aug. 26, 1 p.m., lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Aug. 24 to Gloria, 846-8320. Aug. 30, noon, brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Aug. 28 to Ruby, 462-9636.

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

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

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

**The 50th reunion of the Livermore High class of 1965** is coming up soon Friday, October 2. A number of activities are planned for the first weekend in October. A cocktail hour, dinner/dance and general reminiscing set for Fri., Oct. 2 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. at the Bella Rosa Center. LHS graduates from the class of '65 era are invited to attend the party. Registration form is available at [www.livermore-highclassof1965.blogspot.com](http://www.livermore-highclassof1965.blogspot.com). Detailed

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information about other planned activities is also listed on the blog. Send question to livemoreclassof1965@gmail.com.

## Birthright Pregnancy Support

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

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

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

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

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org/](http://www.sirinc.org/). For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

McInnis at 925-980-5331.

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

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

**Eric's Corner** is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. Special speaker on August 29, Ms Karen Newcomb, a marriage and family therapist. She will be discussing coping with chronic conditions, self-advocacy and communication skills. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. All are invited to attend. Meetings are held at 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., second floor, Pleasanton. We meet from 6:30 - 8:00 on the third Thursday of each month. For more information please visit us at [ericscorner.org](http://ericscorner.org)

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

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

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

**Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton**, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at [www.dbsalliance.org/](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 [katiestrube@comcast.net](mailto:katiestrube@comcast.net).

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

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

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore,** services 10 a.m. every Sunday,

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

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

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

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

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

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

**United Christian Church, www.ucciv.org.** a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Livermore,** 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. 925-462-4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal**

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore;** worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. [www.trivalleychurch.org](http://www.trivalleychurch.org).

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

**Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.** Services 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service with their parents. 10:30 contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org) (925) 846-4436.

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

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

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

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

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

lynnwood.org or visit our website at [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

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

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

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

**Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin.** 10:00 Sunday service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925-829-2733.

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

**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 Cultural Jews** new Preschool Program, TVCI is starting a new preschool program to explore the Jewish holidays in a secular way. Holiday crafts, activities and food. Apples and Honey for the new year. Sunday- Sept.13 10:30-11:30 at the Ireland Home-19663 Fremery Ct., Castro Valley. \$7.00 per child. Call 510-888-1404 for information

"**1 & 2 Corinthians**" will be the featured study of Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton this fall. A Children's Program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class starts on Sept. 10 and continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2014. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, on Aug. 27 at 10:00am to find out more. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email [sherri.cbs@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.cbs@gmail.com) for more information or to register."

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews** invites the community to a "kumzits" to celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, August 30 from 10:30 - 12:00 at the Bothwell Arts Center; 2466 8th St., Livermore. Come and meet the local Secular Humanistic Jewish community. Learn some Jewish songs and dances, hear a story, and talk about being part of a cultural Jewish community. All are welcome. Let us know if you're coming so we can plan for food. RSVP to [reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org](mailto:reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org)

# Milestones

## Community

### Jacob Pabley - Eagle Scout Troop 924



**Xtreme Force Dance Company Competition Team** competed in the five day Dance Nationals in Anaheim, CA, this summer. The Livermore dance studio had over 60 dancers compete against the best of the best. The team took home 9 National First Place awards. They also earned the title of National Dance Champions at Kids Artistic Revue National Dance Competition with several dance routines including Jazz, Tap, Hip hop, lyrical and contemporary dance routines. The kids performed 6 routines to make it to the "best of the best" battle on the final day. The Xtreme Force Dance Company brought home the National Grand Champion Award, an 8 foot trophy. The Livermore dancers are now working hard on their new season.

### Livermore Teen Chosen to Compete in Pageant

Livermore teen, Hannah Jacobson (pictured at right, will be representing Livermore and the San Fernando Valley in the Miss California Teen USA Pageant in December.

Hannah was selected by Top 10 Productions to compete after completing the application and interview process last spring. She will be competing in evening gown, interview and swim suit.

Born in Pleasanton and raised in Livermore, Hannah, 15, is a sophomore at Livermore Valley Charter Prep High school and studies ballet at Silicon Valley Ballet (Ballet San Jose) school.

The competition will take place in Long Beach, CA, December 6, 2015 and can be streamed live on the Miss California USA pageant website.



Jacob Pabley started his adventures in scouting in 2003 when he joined Troop 915 as a Tiger Cub. He had lots of fun and steadily moved up the ranks. In 2008, Jacob earned his Arrow of Light (the highest rank in Cub Scouts and the only Cub Scout rank that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform) and bridged to Boy Scouts. He initially joined Troop 975 but eventually moved to Troop 924. As he made his way through the Boy Scout program – going on hikes, attending camps, and earning badges and ranks – Jacob also focused on giving back. He worked many day camps and away camps, volunteered to help at VA hospital events and flag ceremonies, and participated in fundraisers and other troop/community events. Jacob always encouraged younger scouts and helped show them how to have fun while advancing through the Scouting program. Through scouting, Jacob learned life-long skills, increased his self-confidence and leadership abilities, and became a

kind, compassionate, helpful young man. Jacob completed the entire scouting experience - starting at Tiger and ending at Eagle.

Jacob's desire to be active and to help out was also evident at Livermore High School. As a sophomore, he joined LHS's Link Crew (a club designed to help freshmen adjust to high school life). He stayed active in Link Crew for three years and became the club's vice president the last year. Jacob truly enjoyed helping younger classmates to make the best of their high school years. He also spent two years in varsity football and one year in varsity volleyball. Even though his senior year was busy, he had fun helping build the senior float and performing a main role in the senior class homecoming skit.

For his Eagle Project, Jacob wanted to do something that was a little different, and he wanted his project to somehow help children. Using an assembly line, a happy group of volunteers, and many boxes of purchased/donated items, his Eagle Project produced 100 Comfort Bags for Children in Crisis Situations. Each drawstring "backpack" bag contained items that were fun (toys and coloring books), comforting (stuffed animal and glow stick), and functional (pencils and toothbrush kits). Jacob's project took over 77 hours to plan and execute. He had 26 volunteers and received a little over \$850 in donations. Giving displaced children something of their own that will help them take their mind off of their troubles - to



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feel happy - was the ultimate goal for Jacob's Eagle Project. The comfort bags will be handed out by firefighters in the Livermore-Pleasanton fire departments as needed.

Jacob's Eagle Court of Honor was held on August 3rd, 2015 in the Cresta Blanca North Ballroom at Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore. It was attended by over 140 family, friends, scout officials, and special guests including Mayor John Marchand, Mayor Emeritus Dr. Marshall Kamena, and Mr. Derek Weber, representing Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

Jacob has continued to give back to scouting. He is currently an Assistant Scout Master for Troop

924, and, this summer, he staffed Cub Day Camp, Webelos Day Camp (as Camp Master), and Wolf-Bear Adventure Camp. Jacob attended Croce Elementary, Christensen Middle School, and Livermore High School. He graduated from LHS in June 2015. He started classes at Las Positas College on August 17th. His goal is to get an associate's degree, transfer to a 4 year college, and earn a bachelor's degree. In spring, he also plans to give back to his high school by volunteering to be an assistant coach for LHS's boys volleyball team. Jacob's goal is to one day become a police officer or a firefighter. He also would like to serve in the military prior to beginning his career.