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The West's Climate History Suggests An Ominous Future

By Jeff Garberson

If thousands of years of western climate history are any guide, the future may hold extremes of drought and flood that we are not well prepared for, according to a University of California expert who has studied climate change since the end of the last ice age.

Lynn Ingram, a professor

of geology in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at UC Berkeley, spoke last week to the Valley Study Group, meeting in Pleasanton.

She described scientific evidence of droughts lasting for decades and even centuries during the past several thousand years. She also told of floods lasting months

that literally covered the floor of California's Central Valley with water 10 to 15 feet deep.

She said that studies of climate history appear to connect extended droughts with periods of higher temperatures that occurred as a result of natural cycles, suggesting that learning from the past can help us

anticipate and deal with a future where temperatures rise because of human activities.

Her talk came two years after she and a former student, Frances Malamud-Roam, co-authored a book that described the extremes of western climate. The book, "The West Without Water: What Past Floods, Droughts and Other Climatic

Clues Tell Us About Tomorrow," received considerable attention nationwide.

Interest in the climate has, if anything, increased since then, spurred not only by daily reports of water rationing and competition for water resources, but also by the tragic consequences of drought, such as the fatal,

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Community and Education Leader, Barbara F. Mertes Dies

Barbara F. Mertes, Ph.D., has passed away at the age of 85. Barbara had an energy and passion for education, specifically community colleges. Her career spanned more than three decades including serving as a founding member of Las Positas College, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Planning and Facilities Development, and working on education policy issues at the state, national and international levels.

She served as dean of the Valley Campus, prior to its becoming Las Positas College.

Mertes was born and raised in Livermore. She attended Livermore public schools and earned her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. In 1975, she helped to found Chabot College Valley Campus, which became Las Positas College in 1988. As the District Vice Chancellor of Institutional Planning and Facilities Development, Mertes secured over \$100 million in competitive grants and allocations outside regular operating budgets for the continued development of facilities and programs at

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Isabel BART Station Plans in the Works

The City of Livermore is in the process of preparing draft scenarios showing what land use near the Isabel BART station could look like.

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts said three alternatives are in the works. Elements included in each are parking, retail and housing.

Roberts indicated that the bulk of the parking will be located on the southside of I-580 with over 3,000 spaces planned. "It will be one of the biggest parking areas in the BART system," he stated.

Roberts said that residents who already live near the proposed station expressed a desire for limited commercial, such as a small grocery store and a coffee shop. He explained that there is not enough residential development in the area at the present to support those uses. Providing enough additional residential development to make such uses viable is one of the factors driving the overall land use plan.

He described the potential residential development as a mix of options with housing on the northern edges at the 20 to 22 unit per acre level. This would include small single family homes and townhomes. Closer to the station, housing would be taller with units from 3 stories to 4 and 5 stories. He said the 5-story units at about 50 feet would be about as tall as the movie theater in downtown Livermore.

Asked about the perception that that would make the station area look like Dublin, Roberts said that there is a difference. Dublin development covers a 2.5 mile range

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Soccer Parade kicked off the season, as well as the Play Bernal fundraising, last Saturday. Teams from Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club and Pleasanton Rage marked. For the story on Play Bernal, go to page 7.

Council Asks for Changes in Garaventa Hills Plan

A controversial development in proposed for North Livermore was sent back for revisions by the Livermore City Council.

The unanimous vote came after several hours of testimony from residents opposed to the Garaventa Hills project. The plan would build 47 single family

homes on a 32 acre site north of Garaventa Ranch Road. Zoning would have allowed for up to 76 homes.

In rejecting the plan, councilmembers asked for smaller homes, less grading and a second access site for emergency vehicles and pedestrians. The plan had proposed only one entry point.

Councilmembers also asked for visualizations on what a project would look like from a number of vantage points.

Staff will work with developer on changes. The new plan will go to the planning commission for further review. The planning commission had recommended that the council approve the

project that was before the council.

"You have a little bit more work to do," Councilmember Lauren Turner told developer Lafferty Communities. She commended the developer for working with the city and residents.

Residents have been

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Board Authorizes Jordan Ranch Talks on School Site; Construction Funding Issue Part of Discussions

By Ron McNicoll

Dealing with the impact of a nearly vanished state school bond construction fund, the Dublin Unified School District Board unanimously approved moving ahead in memorandum of

understanding (MOU) talks between the Jordan Ranch developer and the school district.

Superintendent Stephen Hanke said the MOU is non-binding. All that is involved now are negotiations. If suc-

cessfully concluded with the developer, and later with the city, the district would wind up with a nearly free school site on part of a 10-acre parcel currently reserved for parkland.

The city has agreed in

theory to give up a 10-acre park in order to locate the elementary school on the site. They city also hopes to come to an agreement with the school district to install some sort of park use on part

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Supervisor Haggerty Receives Champion of the Arts Award at LVPAC Lobster Clambake

By Roberta Emerson

In recognition of his longstanding and dedicated support for the arts, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was presented with the 2015 Champion of the Arts Award at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's (LVPAC) Third Annual Lobster Clambake on Saturday evening, September 12. Haggerty is the inaugural recipient of the recently-created award, which will be presented annually by LVPAC to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to supporting the cultural and performing arts in the Tri-Valley.

As the sun set on the

warm, late summer evening, hundreds of guests spread out across the lawn at Wente Vineyards in Livermore for the annual fundraiser benefiting the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center. Emceed by Jessica Aguirre, evening anchor for NBC Bay Area News and host of "Class Action," the event featured an authentic New England-style clambake menu and live entertainment, as well as both live and silent auctions.

LVPAC Executive Director Scott Kenison gave guests a rousing welcome with his rendition of "Real Nice Clambake" from the musical Carousel, pointing

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students in Dublin turned out last Saturday to take part in the annual creek clean-up. They worked at Tassajara Creek, Alamo Canal, Alamo Creek, and South San Ramon Creek. The City of Dublin served a breakfast and pizza lunch to the workers.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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working to preserve the area as open space. However, Councilmember Stewart Gary pointed out that the land is zoned for housing. Changing the zoning to open space would result in a taking, which would likely trigger a lawsuit.

Opponents of the development cited the city's general plan provisions to protect hills as one of the reasons to reject the it. They also argued that habitat for a variety of threatened species would be lost.

Resident Verlin Crosley told the council that the proposal violates the general plan in that it negatively impacts the hills. "If approved, we are prepared to sue the city for not following its own general plan."

Another resident, Dennis Hughes, commented that the land may be zoned for housing, but, given the habitat and the proposed grading, the development doesn't have to be approved.

Resident Bianca Coverelli said in a matter of weeks an online petition seeking support in opposition of the development had netted more than 1,205 signatures, including support from around the world. "People care about Livermore." She urged the council to reject the plan in order to maintain the integrity of the hills and critical habitat.

Many speakers stated there were 10 endangered

species on the land, such as the California tiger salamander, the California red-legged frog, the burrowing owl and the San Joaquin kit fox. The habitat needs to be retained for those species.

That view was supported by a letter to the city from April Rose Sommer, an attorney from the environmental group Center for Biological Diversity (CBD). "The project will result in many significant environmental impacts that will degrade the uniquely biodiverse ecosystem of the project site," Rose wrote.

Other speakers stated they were speaking on behalf of CBD in asking that the environmental impact report be redone and recirculated to address impacts on habitat and various species. They cited changed circumstances since the study was conducted five years ago, such as the drought.

"Don't let this be your legacy, to take away open space," said resident Dennis Kai. "This does not fit."

The city would receive 85 acres adjacent to the Springtown Alkali sink as mitigation.

Patrick Toohey of Lafferty Communities noted that the land is within the urban growth boundary. The property has been designated for residential development for a long time. Toohey said that it had taken four years to come up with the plan before

the council. "We believe we have done what we are supposed to do to meet general plan provisions," he stated.

Richard Norris, an attorney for Lafferty Communities, pointed out that the developer has to obtain permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, State Fish and Game, Federal Fish and Wildlife and the Bay Area Water Quality Control Board before any building can take place.

Norris added that he believes that the plan is as sensitive as possible to the contours of the hills.

Councilmember Steven Spedowski's concerns related to the circulation. In order to access bus service or schools, residents would have to walk a long way, he said. He was also concerned that there was only one entry point and no emergency vehicle access.

Spedowski commented, "I don't deny the right to develop this site. My job is to make it the best possible development for the location." He wanted to see grading cross-sections and visual simulations of the project. He said that he could not find that the site was physically suitable for the proposed development in terms of shape, size, design and operations.

Gary said the plan would make it possible to see only the top of a hill. The viewshed is largely obstructed

from afar. "The cuts are too large. They are hurting the land form. Gary continued, the setbacks and floor area ratio don't meet the zoning. In addition the home sizes are not compatible with nearby developments" he added.

Bob Woerner said in looking at drawings provided by the developer, he couldn't tell what the impact on the viewshed would be. He wanted more precise drawings that included the proposed high walls. "For me the key is to subordinate the development to the land form. I do not think this plan does that," he stated.

Turner also wanted more pictures. "From what I can see, this development is not protecting the hills for any-

one but the folks who will live in the 47 homes." She asked if smaller homes had been considered.

Staff was asked what it

might cost to purchase the land. Planner Steve Stewart estimated it at close to \$10 million based on a purchase price of \$200,000 to \$250,000 per lot.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Wheels on Google Maps

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus service, announced that Wheels' bus schedules are now available in Google Maps.

Google Transit, a feature of Google Maps, is a web-based application that allows users to plan a trip using public transportation. The service calculates the route, transit time, transfers needed, and any necessary walking directions.

This on-line feature provides directions using the transit option on Google Maps, and provides public transit itineraries as an alternative when a user searches for directions in Google Maps.

"People who are familiar with Google, but not necessarily transit, will love this new tool," said Don Biddle, LAVTA Chair. "Riders don't have to sort through timetables to plan a trip, just enter your desired trip; locations and times and Google takes care of the rest. Wheels bus information will also be connected to other transit systems in the Bay Area, such as BART and ACE, allowing users to plan regional transit trips on Google."

Ryan Poscharsky, Strategic Partner Manager at Google stated, "We are pleased to welcome LAVTA to Google Maps. This partnership shows LAVTA's commitment to innovating, as well as serving and attracting new riders. Together we can provide useful and accurate information to help people quickly get to where they want to go."

Google Maps will now automatically show Wheels itineraries as an alternative to driving directions, when available. It also provides a link to Wheels website, www.wheelsbus.com, where riders can find scheduling information, customized

planning tools and fare information.

Child Abuse Prevention

Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker (R-San Ramon) announced that her bill, Assembly Bill 1058, which requires the State Department of Education to establish guidelines and best practices for child abuse prevention, passed out of the Legislature with unanimous, bipartisan support. AB 1058 is now headed to Governor Brown's desk for his consideration.

California has taken important steps to ensure school employees receive training on the detection and reporting of suspected child abuse. AB 1058 improves upon this by focusing on how better to prevent child abuse so there is nothing to be reported.

"We must take every possible precaution to ensure the safety of every child, and this includes preventing the circumstances which might allow for child abuse to occur on our school campuses," Baker stated. "AB 1058 will equip teachers and other school employees with the tools to prevent child abuse effectively on our campuses and in school programs."

In addition to the bill's requirements of the State Department of Education, AB 1058 encourages all public schools to train employees in child abuse prevention at least once every three years.

Baker added, "I'm pleased that AB 1058 has received such strong bipartisan support in the legislature, and I urge Governor Brown to sign this measure when it comes across his desk."

Correction

The name of a speaker at a Livermore School Board meeting who spoke in favor of bringing back music in elementary schools in Livermore was misspelled. The correct name is Juliana Zolynas.



Your nerve system is involved in everything your body does, from regulating your breathing to controlling your muscles and sensing heat and cold. Because your nerve system is so critical for your health when things go wrong

Say Goodbye to Nerve Pain

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Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy

- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness
- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

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EDITORIAL

Play Bernal Campaign

Nine Pleasanton youth sports leagues have begun the effort to raise \$2 million to help pay for three new playing fields on the Bernal Park site.

The "Play Bernal" campaign kicked off last Saturday during the annual soccer parade.

More than 8,000 Pleasanton youth participate in field sports alone. The three new fields will be the first state-of-the-art synthetic, multi-purpose fields. They will be equipped with lights for night play and stadium seating for spectators.

Participating groups include Ballistic United Soccer Club, Pleasanton Rage Girls Soccer Club, Pleasanton American Little League, Pleasanton Foothill Little League, Pleasanton National Little League, Pleasanton Phantom, Pleasanton Lacrosse Club, Pleasanton Pride, and Pleasanton Junior Football League.

The campaign committee noted that sports promote active lifestyles and offer important lessons in teamwork and commitment.

Helping to raise the money for the fields on which they will play will also instill a sense of pride at accomplishing such a major goal.

TESTING

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nearly met them or did not meet them.

Among Valley school districts, Pleasanton achieved the highest scores. In ELA 80 percent met or exceeded standards, and in math, 73 percent met or exceeded the standards.

Dublin showed 77 percent of its students at the "meets or exceeds" level in ELA, and 69 percent in math.

In the Livermore district, 58 percent of students met or exceeded in ELA, and 44 percent met or exceeded in math.

At the Valley's public charter schools, the k-8 school, Livermore Valley Charter School, scored 72 percent at or above the standard in ELA, and 60 percent in math.

The charter high school, where only 11th graders were tested, showed 66 percent at or above the standard level in ELA. In math, the story was different at the charter school. Some 35 percent of students were at or above the line in meeting or exceeding standards. Of the 65 percent who were below the line, 42 percent had not met standards, the other 23 percent were close to meeting them.

LVCP principal Eric Dillie said that he had gone through similar experiences in other districts when statewide testing changed. "All schools should treat (the test) as a starting point. Here we go with new standards," said Dillie. Some 97 students were tested.

John Zukoski, interim CEO for Tri-Valley Learning Corporation, which operates both charter schools, said that director of childhood development Lynn Lysko is putting together some things to improve the performances this year.

At the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, assistant superintendent Chris Van Schaack said that this year's performances will be used as baseline data for future testing. It also will help in evaluation of district programs for the current school years.

Van Schaack said there

were signs that the district also should help students become more "comfortable and confident in the computerized testing process, which was new for many."

In the Pleasanton school district, acting superintendent Jim Hansen said, "The district is proud of its students' strong baseline results, and would like to applaud our staff, parents and most of all our students for their dedication to preparation these last three years with the implementation of Common Core State Standards. PUSD's efforts in focusing on the Common Core/California State Standards, aligning instruction and instructional materials, and providing consistent professional development are being validated, having prepared students to meet the challenges of this new assessment."

Assistant superintendent Odie Douglas credited the good performance to teachers for moving ahead with their Common Core training, and parents for their support for their students, as well as the students' own hard work.

In Dublin, superintendent Stephen Hanke said that district officials are "pleased, but not surprised," with the students' performance. He credited the "hard work of teachers" in preparing students for the testing.

"While we anticipated a drop in scores under the new testing format, our results indicate that as a district we are on the right track," said Walter Lewis, the Dublin Director of Assessment, Accountability and Educational Technology. "We know there is always work to be done, but are very encouraged by what we see."

These scores provide a baseline for future testing and are only one measurement of student progress. As we prepare students to be college and career ready we will continue our focus on multiple measures, Lewis added.

For a look at the results, visit <http://caaspp.cde.ca.gov/sb2015/Default> on-line.

Docked Fee and Criticism Follow Nevada Explosion

By Jeff Garberson

An accidental chemical explosion that injured two workers last year has resulted in a \$2 million reduction of management fee for the contractor that operates the huge Nevada site where nuclear tests were once conducted.

The explosion, in June of last year, lacerated and threw one worker at least eight feet and generated shrapnel that could have killed others, according to a formal accident investigation.

The accident was "completely preventable," according to the investigation. It happened at what is now called Nevada National Security Site, where the U.S. once detonated nuclear explosives designed by Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories.

The investigation concluded that chemicals of

unknown origin were being stored improperly in a building where they were not permitted and that management culture discouraged workers from communicating about or objecting to unsafe conditions.

Nevada National Security Site is owned by the National Nuclear Security Administration, the same federal agency that Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories work for.

Located north of Las Vegas, the site is larger than the state of Rhode Island. It is managed by National Security Technologies LLC of Las Vegas. President of the company is Raymond Juzaitis, who in 2002 nearly became director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

At the time, Juzaitis was a senior manager at Los Alamos National Labora-

tory. The University of California, which managed both Livermore and Los Alamos laboratories, chose him as the new Livermore director until stymied by a group inside LLNL that was strongly opposed to the appointment of a director from "outside" LLNL.

He returned to Los Alamos for two years before moving to Lawrence Livermore in 2004. He became an associate director the following year. In 2007, he left Livermore to chair the nuclear engineering department at Texas A&M University. He moved from there to National Security Technologies, or NSTec, at the beginning of 2012.

As president of the company responsible for the accidental chemical explosion, Juzaitis received an official document called a Preliminary Notice of Violation,

signed by the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Frank Klotz. The Notice was highly critical but acknowledged the company's efforts since the accident to improve safety and planning.

The accident took place at the Nonproliferation Test and Evaluation Complex, an area at the eastern edge of the Nevada National Security Site where U.S. agencies like the Defense Department can study and model spills and dispersion of hazardous chemicals.

The investigation on which the Preliminary Notice of Violation was based found that the explosion occurred when the movement of an empty metal drum apparently caused detonation of shock-sensitive peroxides, which are chemicals that tend to become unstable as they age.

Pleasanton Takes Formal Step to Open STEAM Pre-school

The Pleasanton Unified School District took another step toward starting what may be one of the state's first STEAM pre-school, when the school board unanimously approved applying to the state Department of Social Services for a license.

The pre-school will be held in a building owned by the school district located at the edge of the headquarters campus. It formerly housed a commercial pre-school.

The board's vote for approval was at its meeting Sept. 8. It is expected to take

one to three months to gain the license.

Traci Peterson, coordinator for the Kids Clubs child care centers on some of the school campuses, said opening will be soon after the license is granted. The projected fee would be \$1350 per month.

Although the children will be 3 and 4 years old, even at that age, with their curiosity levels, they can begin benefiting from the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math orientation of the STEAM approach to education, Pe-

terson said at a meeting in the spring, when the board approved forming the program.

It is expected that with many science-oriented families in Pleasanton and the Valley, including commuters coming to Pleasanton, there will be many people signing up for the program.

Start-up costs of an estimated \$430,000 will come from the Kids Club programs' fund on a borrowing basis.

Trustees also discussed adding anywhere from one to three members to the districts' audit committee,

but took no action. They said they would bring it up again at another meeting. Currently the committee consists of trustees Chris Grant and Joan Laursen.

The idea is to add more scrutiny to the annual audit in the interest of transparency, said trustees. Grant and Laursen suggested naming a CPA, who by nature of the title would have experience in conducting audits. Another suggestion was for a chief financial officer or some other relevant corporation official. Trustees agreed that whoever serves should be connected to Pleasanton.

Sunol AgPark Intact; Watershed Center in Plans

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF-PUC) will be sparing 4 acres in the 18-acre Sunol Agricultural Park from being paved over with asphalt.

The SFPUC plans for a corporation yard there, part of a consolidation of its facilities in the Sunol Valley, have been changed. Earlier plans were to pave the land to accommodate parking

needs. However, the PUC has found a way to redesign its original plan so that the new facilities will be built in the footprint of the old.

PUC has held a dialogue for a few months with the farmers, and also with Sunol residents interested in the issue, said Tim Ramirez, manager of the PUC natural resources and land management division.

Currently, 40 SFPUC employees work at the facilities next to the ag park. Another 10 will be added, pulled in from a couple of other sites in the Sunol Valley.

Ramirez also talked about a future project: construction of a center that will educate visitors about the watershed. Ramirez said that just as the ag park teaches school children about farming, the

center will show them the importance of a watershed.

The watershed center is a big project. Originally it was slated for construction in 2017 or 2018, said Ramirez. However, the EIR has been slowed while the redesign of the headquarters/corporation yard was undertaken, so the watershed center is likely to be set back, too, he said.

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with extreme densities. The Livermore proposal would cover a much smaller area, about a half a mile. In addition, there would be a variety of housing types creating a different scale.

He estimated there would be about 2500 new units needed. However, no specific number has been selected.

Issues being addressed include the scenic corridor ordinance and the airport

protection zone.

Roberts noted that the interchange at Isabel-580 includes a 1000 square foot area of exemption from the scenic corridor provisions. The proposed land use would cover a 2000 square foot area. The city would look to expand the exemption area. The outer edges of the development towards Las Positas College would be consistent with the scenic corridor. He pointed out that since the station will be located above the freeway, along with pedestrian bridges, the greatest impact to the scenic views would come from those structures.

There are two different airport protection designations. One was created by the city. The second was established by Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission based on safety and noise studies. It consists of seven zones. The Livermore zone will need to be changed modestly to accommodate development. Under the county zoning, all of the proposed uses are allowed, said Roberts.

Asked about the possibility of extending the shorter runway at the airport, Roberts said there are discussions of the possibility. He said that extending the runway would not change the types of planes that could come in and out of the airport. It would help

operations, as well as reduce impact on residents because planes taking off could turn south and fly over the quarry area. Currently, they turn north, which takes them over residential areas in Dublin.

Roberts also noted that extending the runway would not attract additional planes. There is no capacity problem on the main runway now. Pilots do not have to wait in order to land.

For those who want BART, there are huge steps yet to be completed, according to Roberts. The city will complete the land use design and conduct environmental work. Workshops are being planned for this fall to take public input on the three land use options. He anticipated a final proposal would go to the Livermore City Council some time in 2016 and to the BART board in early 2017.

Funding would be the next hurdle. The proposed BART to Isabel extension project has an estimated cost ranging from \$800 million to \$1.2 billion. The estimate could change based on the final project design and timing of actual construction.

According to Roberts, the city is working with state representatives as well as Congressman Eric Swalwell on potential state and federal funding. Once a plan and funding are in place, it would take about three years to extend BART down the freeway the 4.8 miles from the Pleasanton-Dublin station.

About concerns of Collier Canyon residents that the road would be overwhelmed with people coming from the north to the Isabel station, Roberts said that he thinks the road is too narrow and windy, making it a slow commute option.

Roberts has been meeting with groups to describe the process. Roberts said that about three-fourths of those he has met with are very excited about having BART extended to Livermore. They do have questions about development plans.

To the suggestion that stopping at Isabel would not provide much relief on the freeway through Livermore, Roberts said that the Isabel station would be the first phase of a BART extension. Roberts said that at the state and federal levels, the interest is in BART reaching the Greenville site. The goal is to connect BART to the ACE train. That allows the system to function by tying the two big rail systems together, Roberts added.

Retiree Lawsuit Decision Expected

Having waited five years for their health care lawsuit to come to trial, retirees from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will have to wait a little longer for a verdict. Superior Court Judge Robert Gonzales last Friday indicated it would probably take two more weeks for him to render a judgment.

The retirees lost University of California health care in 2008, when a for-profit

consortium took over management of the federal Laboratory from UC.

They believe they are entitled to continued health care under an implied contract, and sued to regain it in 2010.

UC opposes the retirees' suit, which was filed on behalf of a grass roots organization, the UC Livermore Retirees Group. The retirees have prevailed in a series of

court rulings to date, including the decision last year that they could convert the suit to a class action.

The class, which has been certified by the court, consists of approximately 4,500 retirees and beneficiaries.

Last week's trial dealt with two issues: whether the UC Regents had the legal authority to enter into an implied contract, and whether they intended to do so.

Recognizing the complexity of the legal process, Marty Crowningshield, the leader of the UC Livermore Retirees Group, commented by email that more legal action is likely whatever Judge Gonzales's decision following last Friday's trial.

"This is only the first decision," he wrote, "the first step toward a conclusion."

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ongoing Northern California wildfires.

Ingram called California the "epicenter" of an extreme western drought whose signs were evident as early as 2002. It is even possible, she added, that we are at the beginning of a "megadrought," meaning one that last decades if not centuries, as California has experienced historically.

Independently, as if to add to her fears, the University of Arizona on Monday announced the results of a study showing that snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains is at its lowest level in 500 years.

Even during droughts, Ingram noted there can be periods of intense rain. Like everyone else, she said, she hopes that the current shift in Pacific Ocean temperatures called El Niño will bring rain this winter and start to reverse the damage that has been done to forests, agriculture and even human health by lack of rainfall.

Her Pleasanton talk sketched out the manner in which scientists have literally unearthed clues to ancient climate by studying soil and sediment layers around lakes and marshes, fossils, Indian shell mounds and tree stumps. These studies have occurred at sites around California and as far east as the Four Corners region where Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico meet.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, for example, scientists have read the historical climate evidence in the layered remnants of plants known to thrive either in the presence of salty water or in the presence of fresh water.

During periods of drought, salt-tolerant plants like saltgrass and cordgrass are found farther inland, where brackish water surges as ocean tides overcome weak streams of fresh water from the mountains.

Because one year's sediment layers on top of the previous year's, year after year, soil cores extracted with special drills can be chronological windows on thousands of years of natural history.

The cores allow scientists like Ingram to examine bands of mud to determine whether pollen and other materials laid down long ago were from plants that were salt-tolerant, reflecting drought conditions, or that needed fresh water, suggesting more plentiful rainfall.

These readings in turn indicate climate conditions in much of the state, since the Bay drains nearly half of California, from the Oregon border in the north to the Tehachapi mountains in the south.

Ingram's own studies of marshes in northern Suisun Bay were carried out using Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry to identify plant remains by measuring the ratios of carbon and oxygen isotopes.

Ingram cited studies, sometimes made using core samples and sometimes with different techniques, that showed prolonged droughts occurring all over the west, from the Sierras to the Great Salt Lake and south to the Four Corners area.

Possibly the most vivid early discovery was itself made during a drought -- the Dust Bowl of the 1920s and '30s -- when the surface of Lake Tahoe receded to reveal tree stumps more than 3 feet in diameter preserved under 12 feet of water.

As Ingram told the story in "The West Without Water," a Berkeley researcher estimated the stumps to be about 150 years old by counting tree rings. From the absence of decomposition, he reasoned that water must have risen rapidly to kill the trees and preserve them. In an era before radiocarbon dating, however, he could not tell when they died.

The invention of carbon dating techniques in the 1950s allowed the trees to be dated to about 4,800 years ago. This time is similar to the dates of trees found submerged in other lakes, like Tenaya in Yosemite, suggesting drought extending across the west.

There were also signs of extended drought in tree rings, both in the narrow banding of growth rings that indicates little rain and in increased scarring from wildfires that occur more often during times of drought.

Ingram sees both lessons and concerns for the west in these studies of past climate. She noted that the western

U.S. has warmed by about two degrees since 1890, and that predictions for future snowpack -- the source of about one-third of California's water -- are bleak for the last half of this century.

Wildfires are likely to become more common and more dangerous. Human health may be threatened in areas like the Central Valley because of increased dust and respiratory illness.

It may seem counterintuitive, she said, but in the midst of droughts, floods may become more severe. Models show that warmer air will absorb more moisture from the oceans and, in some cases, channel "atmospheric rivers" from the tropics to some part of the state with monster rainstorms carrying the flow of "two to 10 Mississippi Rivers" with hurricane force winds.

Such a storm started in late 1861, she said, lasting 43 days, into February 1862 and flooding California's Central Valley to depths of 10 to 15 feet. The state went bankrupt. Cattle and farms

were swept away and legislative activities had to move from Sacramento to San Francisco. In many places, the water did not recede for months.

Research has shown that such storms occur at intervals of 100 to 200 years and may have been responsible for the sudden rise in the level of Lake Tahoe that killed the 150-year-old trees.

Since the floods of 1861-62, parts of the Central Valley have subsided as much as 30 feet due to over-pumping

of the aquifer, she said, so a comparable future storm will be that much more devastating.

While science cannot predict what the future will hold, she said, it can give a range of possibilities. From drought to flood, California faces the possibility of extremes, at "both ends of the spectrum."

From resource conservation to land use planning and preparing for floods, "we need to begin preparing now."

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Rec U5 Boys - Avengers vs Monsters: The boys played a great game with goals being scored on both sides. The U5 Avengers Team - Alexander, Brian, Ethan, Evan, Luke, Nathan, Travis and Zachary - all had fun.



Pictured are Fusion U10 Boy Gold players Colby Dunlap on the ball with Tanner Lee (L) and Andrei Gran (R) looking on.



Fusion U9 Sharknados defeated the Warriors 5 to 1. Sharknados' Kameron Lamb and Damian Valdez scored goals with good teamwork. Andrew Rosingana was a constant force on the defense. Brahm Weintraub scored for the Warriors. Joshua Hydrick and Caleb Oforio showed skill in the goal.



The Fusion U8 Cheetahs fought hard against the Dragons in an action packed game. Both teams were effective in moving the ball down the field. Jess Wilder, Christian Zavala, Sean Dempsey and Ismael Duenas all scored goals for the Cheetahs.



Pictured are West Coast Soccer's U10G Krush team (from left, back) Sydney Goodwin, Nadia Sherman, Jillian Barth, Coach Sara Giroto, Kira Korsak, Hailey Garvin, Hailey Brackett; (bottom row) Mina Shokoor, Madilyn Harrell, Ciella Seals, Ariana Butler, Dakota Baird, and Alana Albarran.



Fusion U7 The Speedy Cookies played an awesome game against Lil USA. The Speedy Cookies were passing, kicking hard, and scored multiple goals. The Speedy Cookies played well with strong offense and defense. Notable players were Amelia, Beau, Julia, Katarina, Ellie, Katie Mae, Shea, Violet, and Maryn.



Last Thursday despite the triple digit temperatures, the Granada High School Freshman Football team played Las Lomas High School from Walnut Creek. The game ended in a 14 - 14 tie. With a temperature of 110 at the 5:30 p.m. kickoff, Channel 7 News was there to feature the game in a story about the Bay Area heat wave. Pictured are defensive linemen Devon Pearce, Nick Puso, Ian Rivera, and Gabriel Pinon blocking opponents, while quarterback Jacob Morton hands off the ball.



U6 Livermore Fusion Sassy Sisters played the Shooting Stars this past Saturday. All the girls worked hard and played well. Pictured are Kadence Gandolfo, Allison Tenca, Malia Rabino and Audrina Mottashed.



It was a great defensive match between the Fusion U8 Skylanders and the Cheetahs. Gavin Guenther and Sean Dempsey both scored for the Cheetahs. Alex Ramirez scored for the Skylanders. Cheetah goalies Connor Mathis and Russell Rasmussen were effective at blocking shots on goal. The Skylanders did a impressive job of moving the ball down the field.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore High School varsity girls water polo team put together a strong game on offense and defense to defeat Foothill High 15 to 6 in EBAL action. The win improved Livermore's record to 2-0.



On Friday and Saturday, September 11-12, the Livermore High School varsity girls water polo team participated in the Newark Memorial water polo tournament and played like champions. They lost only one game, by two points, and ended up in third place out of ten teams. The team includes Kayley Clark, Lindsay Clendenen, Katie Fournier, Julia Hall, Emily and Natalie Hawkins, Alicia Gornicka, Katelyn Johnson, Alex Kerin, Gianna Paden, Maddie Potts, Aislin Steill, and Fiona Weaver. They are led by head coach Amanda Johnston and assistant coach Katie Johnston.



Fusion U9 Crazy 8's defeated the World Cup Girls, 6 to 0. Crazy 8's offense was strong with Maddie Swansiger scoring a hat-trick. Adding goals were Addison Ogle, Maya Kuntz and Emily O'Hara. World Cup Girls top players were Dayne Palmer on defense and Giana Pritchard on offense. (Shown in photo are Addison Ogle and Giana Pritchard).

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club results:

U12: Bayern Munich 2, Hamburger SV 6: Top Offensive Players: Oliver De La Torre, Aadarsh Tripathi, Derek Wang; Top Defensive Players: Naveen Gopalakrishnan, Soham Kinikar, Joshua Young. Hamburger SV was ready to go in their second game of the day. Aadarsh Tripathi opened up the game with two goals. Bayern Munich answered back with two of their own. Oliver De La Torre scored a hat trick, and Aadarsh scored another goal to get a hat trick himself. Soham Kinikar locked down defense keeping Bayern Munich from scoring again. Excellent game by both teams.

Hamburger SV 2, Borussia Dortmund 3: Top Offensive Players: James Byrum, Archie Darlston, Jiankun Zhang; Top Defensive Players: Simon Clarke, William Zhai, Mathew Dickman. This was an exciting game to watch. Oliver De La Torre scored both of Hamburger SV's goals. Simon Clark held the back line. Borussia Dortmund was able to get the winning goal in the last minutes of the game. Great game by both teams.

U9: RCD Mallorca vs. RCD Espanyol: Top Offensive Players: Cole Edgerton, Anthony Negd, Andrew Negd; Top Defensive Players: Gavin Schoenweller, Sean Lau, Daniel Linhardt. Both teams played with tons of energy. AJ Becker made many saves in

goal. Cole Edgerton had a couple of great break aways. It was an exciting game to watch.

RCD Mallorca vs. Dena Downum: RCD Mallorca did a great job with Daniel Linhardt, Cole Edgerton, and Gavin Schoenweller doing a wonderful job in defense. Morgan Cooper, Anthony Negd and Andrew Negd did a fantastic job in offense.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer Wrath U15 girls started their State Cup pursuit with a convincing win over Heritage Kaos. Wrath dominated the game and Heritage's two goal-keepers had to make numerous saves through-out both halves. Wrath played with a strong defensive line consisting of Megan Clifton, Isabella Saavedra, Megan Mah, Kaila Vasconez and Savannah Seals. The girls passed well out of defense and made good use of goal-keeper Brianne Radliff to distribute the ball and control the back line. Midfielders Kate Wallace, Rachel McCarthy, Abby Hoobing, Allyssa George, Katherine Auer, and Devyn Baldus worked to dominate in midfield. They soaked up any pressure that Kaos put on the ball and passed well throughout the game. Wrath used the width to release the main forwards of Ami Shah, Aryanna Shokoor and Fran Hyde. The first goal came after some neat passing and a cross from Kate, as Fran Hyde chested the ball to take the lead. Ami Shah made the score

2-0 after a run from Rachel McCarthy. Other chances came in the first half falling to Abby Hoobing and Regan Mah - both saved by the outstanding first half goalie. In the second half, Wrath upped the pressure and extended the lead to 3-0 after a run from Fran Hyde put Megan through on goal. The lead was then extended with two fine individual goals. The first from Rachel McCarthy, who dribbled past the Kaos defense and then shot past the second half goalie. The last goal came straight from a corner, when Allyssa George bent the ball straight into the net from her corner kick. Kate Wallace and Ami Shah pressurized the goalie a couple more times but Kaos kept the score to 5-0.

West Coast Wild traveled to Orinda to play Lamorinda on Saturday. Wild started off with high press resulting in a goal by Kasidee Wiley in under a minute. With both teams playing great soccer Lamorinda capitalized on a misplay by the Wild for a goal. The Wild continued to move the ball and Sydni Lunt put the ball in the back of the net. Shortly after Devyn Gilfoy had a ripper shot that hit off the crossbar right to Melissa Ellis who headed it in. Halftime the score stood at 3-1. The second half was controlled nicely by the Wild. Near the end of the game Delanie Sheehan took a shot from about 20 yards out giving the Wild an impressive 4-1 win over top rank LaMorinda.

West Coast Wild traveled to Modesto to play the new CVFC team at Mary Grogan sports complex. Central Valley came out strong hoping to make their mark against the 3 time state champions and 2 time national champion Wild. CVFC held strong diverting several goal scoring chances by Wild forwards. After a few adjustments Kasidee Wiley found Robyn McCarthy off of a corner to break the seal. Just a few minutes later Melissa Ellis took a pass and hit a 30 yard rocket into the upper V of the goal. Delanie Sheehan took a pass from Lauren Sisneros who scored to give Wild a three point lead going into halftime. CVFC once again came out strong. Wild took advantage on a tactical change and it paid off as Michia Madison sent a shot in on goal that was blocked and Lauren Sisneros was in the right spot to put in the fourth and final goal of the game. Wild ended the weekend with two impressive victories out scoring opposition 8-1 playing in the two top leagues in California, Norcal-NPL & CalNorth-CRL.

West Coast Wave U14G continue their winning ways by traveling up to Santa Rosa United and winning 2-1 in Nor Cal Premier's Fall League on Saturday. West Coast remained unbeaten (2-0) in league play while Santa Rosa United suffered their first defeat in league play. The Wave struck on the board late in the first half as Arianna Moore sped pass the defenders to cross

the ball to Monique Reil (West High), who netted the ball. Second half was evenly played until Allison Jamison found Tori Trautwein who slotted the ball to Olivia Ganz. She placed the ball in the goal. Santa Rosa increased the pressure. Santa Rosa's controversial goal came as West Coast's goalie Jessica Zogaris was knocked over and 35 seconds later Santa Rosa scored as Zogaris was still on the ground. Sunday was more of the same as The Wave played in their first Nor Cal State Cup game versus Montclair Clippers in Livermore. The Wave had several chances. Monique Reil finished 2 opportunities to put the Wave up 2-1 at half. The Wave continued the surge as staff coach Sara Giratto said we have the possibility of scoring 3 goals in a half. The Wave met the challenge as Oliva Ganz, Tori Trautwein, and defender Lindsay Plant all scored. Montclair was able to score another goal on a great effort from their striker.

West Coast Soccer's youngest team, Krush, kicked off the NorCal Premier Soccer U10 Gold Division Fall League this past weekend with a pair of shutout victories.

Saturday saw Krush opening the season at home taking on their cross-

town rival, Livermore Fusion. Possession went back and forth for most of the first half. In the 20th minute, Krush was awarded a free kick that Nadia Sherman netted in the goal, giving Krush a 1-0 lead. Krush came out in the second half with all cylinders firing. In the first minute of the half Hailey Garvin connected with Dakota Baird for the 2nd Krush goal. Fusion tried to push through and get back in the game, but the Krush defense was just too much. Goalkeeper Jillian Barth fended off 5 shots earning the clean sheet while Ariana Butler, Sydney Goodwin, and Alana Albarran held down the back line. Krush added 2 more goals near the end as Nadia connected with Ciella Seals to put Krush up 3-0 and Ciella connected with Hailey to bring the final score to 4-0.

Sunday saw Krush traveling to Dublin to take on Dublin High Energy. Nadia took a pass from Alana and put Krush on the board first, going up 1-0 in the 4th minute. Krush then kept putting on the pressure. Madilyn Harrell intercepted a ball and put it on net to put Krush up 2-0. Hailey Brackett then took a pass from Nadia and battled to

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin player heads down field in what was one of many gainers on offense.

Dublin 47, Arroyo 0

By Travis Summers

DUBLIN – There is a giant letter “D” painted across the 50-yard line at Gaels Stadium.

But it would have been easy for one to think the Dublin “D” covered the entire field as the Gaels’ defense dominated Arroyo in a 47-0 shutout victory Friday. The Dublin defense limited the Dons to 73 yards of total offense, while allowing only seven yards rushing on 22 carries from Arroyo.

“We’ve got a really good defense,” Dublin head coach John Wade said. “We’ve got a lot of good, returning kids this season. They really get after it. They do what they’re told and are extremely coachable. It’s easy to find success with a group like this.”

The defensive dominance started from almost the first play as Arroyo quarterback Joshua Romero’s first pass attempt was intercepted by Dublin cornerback Jeremiah Burks. That interception set the first half tone as the Dons’ managed seven yards of offense and recorded only one first down – the result of a Dublin penalty – in the first two quarters.

Another interception on Arroyo’s first pass attempt of the second half ended in a touchdown as senior middle linebacker McKay McFadden returned a Kody Estacio pass for a 20-yard score.

“I just got back into my pass drop coverage and he threw it right to me,” McFadden said.

Wade cited a strong performance by McFadden and his linebacker peers, as well as defensive tackle Brandon Correa, for disrupting Arroyo’s backfield.

Another reason for the Dons’ limited success was the performance of Dublin’s run game. The ball-control style helped limit Arroyo’s chances by playing “keep away” as the Gaels ran the football 36 times on its 53 offensive snaps for 178 yards. Dublin recorded nine of its 15 first downs on running plays.

Running back John Son led the charge with 72 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries, while Dylan Grant added nine carries for 68 yards and the game’s final touchdown.

Arroyo’s defense didn’t do much to slow the Gaels’

offense, but penalties did give the home team issues. Dublin was penalized 80 yards including two holding calls that canceled touchdowns from Son in the second quarter.

The win gives Dublin its first 3-0 start to a season in more than a decade.

“This is my fifth season here, and we’ve never gone 3-0,” Wade said. “It means a lot to our kids. I know a perfect start doesn’t mean everything right now, but it does mean something because it says we’re headed in the right direction.”

Dublin will look to build on its perfect start when it hosts Newark Memorial (0-3) this week in its final tune-up before Diablo Valley Athletic League action begins on Sept. 25 against Campolindo (3-0).

Dublin 47, Arroyo 0
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D – Son 3 run (Dillon kick)
D – Smart 16 pass from Korb (kick blocked)
D – Son 3 run (Dillon kick)
D – McFadden 20 interception return (Dillon kick)
D – Son 38 pass from Korb (kick missed)
D – Houston 10 pass from Korb (Dillon kick)
D – Grant 3 run (Dillon kick)

Statistics: Rushing – Arroyo: Aldo Martinez 13-24, Phoenix Martinez 3-0, Joshua Romero 2-0, Alfonso Flores 1(-3), Kody Estacio 1(-3), Danny Nguyen 2(-11), Totals: 22-7. Dublin: John Son 17-72, Dylan Grant 9-68, Isaac Weiman 5-29, Evret Korb 3-12, Jeremiah Burks 1(-1), Jared Smart 1(-2), Totals: 36-178.

Passing – Arroyo: Joshua Romero 3-6-1, 32 yards; Kody Estacio 2-8-1, 34 yards. Totals: 5-14-2, 66 yards.

Dublin – Evret 6-17-1, 153 yards.
Receiving – Arroyo: Tyler Myers 3-61, Davon Dawson 2-5. Dublin: Jared Smart 2-66, John Son 2-61, Isaac Weiman 1-16, Steven Houston 1-10.
Records: Dublin 3-0, Arroyo 0-3.

Granada 37, Las Lomas 14

The Matadors built a 21-0 lead at halftime to eventually cruise to a 13-point road victory in Walnut Creek.

A pair of touchdowns from the Knights (1-2) made the score 24-14 in the third quarter. That was as close as the score would get, however, as Granada (2-1) added two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Granada limited Las Lomas to only 204 yards of total offense.

The Matadors will host Eureka (1-2) in its final non-league contest Friday.

Foothill 55, Stagg 37

The offensive juggernaut that is Foothill football continued its dominance with its

performance against Stagg (0-3).

The Falcons improved their record to 3-0 with their highest point total of the year. Foothill is now averaging more than 40 points per game in the young 2015 season.

Foothill will travel to Castro Valley (2-2) Friday before facing Granada (2-1) to begin the East Bay Athletic League calendar on Sept. 25.

Freedom 31, Amador Valley 28

Amador Valley fell in heart-breaking fashion as Freedom connected on a “hook-and-ladder” pass play with nine seconds remaining to hand the Dons their first loss of the season.

Amador Valley (1-1) trailed for most of the game before Ledre McCullough scored on a 1-yard rush with less than 30 seconds remaining, giving the Dons a 28-24 lead.

Unfortunately that lead was erased 14 seconds later when Freedom (2-1) quarterback Joe Sweeney hit receiver Baylei Coston at midfield before Coston pitched the ball back to Dominic Dominguez who was trailing the play at full speed.

Dominguez caught the pitch and sprinted down the sideline for the last-minute, game-winning touchdown.

Amador Valley quarterback Ronnie Jones threw for 220 yards and McCullough added 119 rushing yards in the losing effort.

The Dons will travel to El Cerrito (1-2) for the Gauchos home-opener Friday.

Golden Valley 30, Livermore 20

Golden Valley ended its streak of 15-consecutive losses with a come-from-behind victory at Livermore.

The Cowboys (2-1) held a 20-16 lead late in the fourth quarter, but the Cougars scored the game’s final two touchdowns to seal the victory and erase a losing streak that dated back to 2013.

Backup running back Rudy Aramburu scored Golden Valley’s final touchdown on a 90-yard run to end any chance of a Livermore comeback.

The Cowboys will look to rebound with a home game against winless Arroyo (0-3) this Friday.

Play Bernal Campaign Launched

Local sports groups, in partnership with the City of Pleasanton, have launched the “Play Bernal” campaign. The kickoff last Saturday included a parade for the more than 2,500 youth playing soccer in Pleasanton.

“It’s more important than ever than we support youth sports. Sports participation promotes active lifestyles and offers important lessons in teamwork and commitment. The new complex will attract youth to sports and become a new gathering place for the community,” said Jon Asmussen, head of the Play Bernal campaign committee.

Nine local sports groups have joined the effort to raise \$2 million to accelerate the development of the sports complex, currently under construction at the Bernal Community Park.

Participating groups include Ballistic United Soccer Club, Pleasanton Rage Girls Soccer Club, Pleasanton American Little League, Pleasanton Foothill Little League, Pleasanton National Little League, Pleasanton Phantom, Pleasanton Lacrosse Club, Pleasanton Pride, and Pleasanton Junior Football League.



Sign announces Play Bernal campaign.

More than 8,000 Pleasanton youth participate in field sports alone. The three sports fields will be the first state-of-the-art synthetic, multi-purpose fields for Pleasanton, home to a total of 55 sports fields. The fields will also be equipped with lights for night play and stadium seating.

The sixteen-acre Bernal Community Park will consist not only of the 3 synthetic sports fields using the latest technology and not crumb rubber, a source of previous controversy, but also will be home to forty-acres of an Oak woodland area, group picnic areas and children’s play equipment.

In the event that within 90 days after the opening of

Phase II of Bernal Park, the fundraising campaign has not raised the target amount, then each participating sports group will provide its share of the outstanding fundraising balance over a period of 10 years after the date of the park’s opening.

Four major sponsor opportunities are available that include naming rights for the sports complex and the three (3) artificial turf, lighted, multi-purpose sport fields.

A donor wall is being established. Through the end of September only, there will be 10% off for donations at the All-Star \$500 level (valid for online donations only).

To learn more about the Play Bernal campaign, visit www.playbernal.org

Dublin Grad Signs with Mariners

Dublin High School alum and baseball player Joe Mello achieved his lifelong goal of signing with a MLB team when he signed with the Seattle Mariners organization as a pitcher on Sept. 14. Mello attends spring training in March 2016 in Peoria, Arizona. His journey to reach this goal was not an easy one.

Mello, 22, who graduated from Dublin High in 2011, started playing baseball at the age of 2, with his dad Michael Mello. “Ever since I can remember, I’ve always had a baseball and bat in my hand every day, practicing for countless hours with my dad,” says Mello.

At the age of eight, Mello began playing travel baseball as shortstop and continued into his high school years, primarily with Headfirst Baseball Academy and NorCal. He played varsity baseball at Dublin High for Coach Shawn McHugh all four years. It was during this period that MLB scouts were already taking an interest in him as he was on track for a draft out of high school.

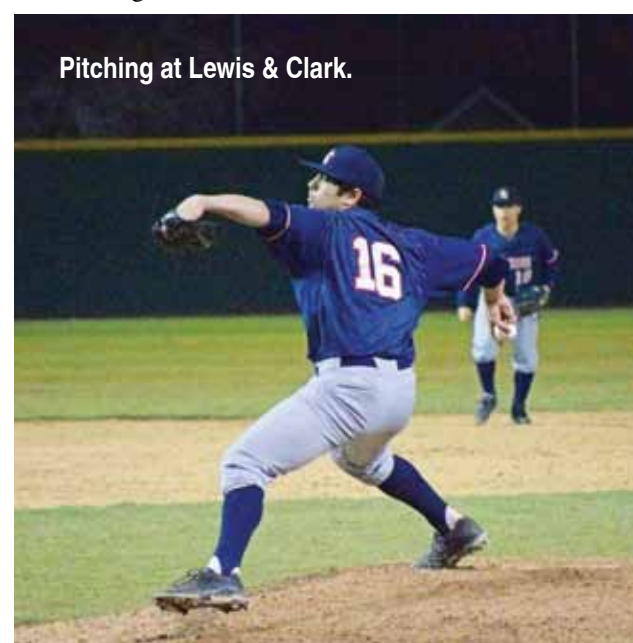
However, beginning with his junior year at Dublin High, Mello’s journey was slowed due to injuries. First, a bone spur in his right elbow caused him to sit out most of his junior season. Then in January of his senior year he tore a ligament and knew he was going to have to miss his final season of high school baseball. On May 4, he underwent Tommy John surgery to repair the tear followed by months of rehabilitation leading him to turn down a baseball scholarship to University of Oregon and a shot at the June MLB draft.

Once his throwing arm returned, he went on to play for Coach Steve Friend at Chabot Community College as well as for the travel-

ing team Headfirst Bercoich Gold. While playing on a summer team, the Wenatchee Apple Sox, Mello was ranked in the top 10 scouting list. His strong arm caught the attention of Head Coach Jeremiah Robbins of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho who offered Mello a baseball scholarship. It was there during the 2014 season that he switched to pitching after being a shortstop all his life. As relief pitcher, Mello consistently threw 95 mph and hit 97 during one of his games.

“Though I started out playing shortstop at LC, I did a little bit of pitching and started falling in love with it,” explains Mello.

Earlier this summer, Mello pitched at an MLB tryout in Elk Grove in front of scouts from 10 teams. It was several weeks of waiting before he got a call from Mariner scout Stacey Pettis, who had been following Mello’s career through the years, and wanted to see him pitch. Pettis said the Mariners were interested and would get back to him.



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SPORTS NOTES



The West Coast Warlocks came into last weekend's match with a 1-0 record. Tyler Wallace, Sal Ramirez, Danny Ramirez, Anthony Blake, and Jeremy Miller all kept pressure on on offense the entire game. Kevin Kovacs, Loudon Philbrick, Raul Olmos, Zach Valenzuela, and Jordan Tran added the key passes, steals, and defensive presence to keep the other team on its toes. Dylan Lee and Owen Gervase made some amazing saves to help shut down the opposing team's last ditch effort to seal the win 6 - 5. On injured reserve and on the quick mend is Mark Sorensen. Warlock goals were scored by Anthony Blake, Danny Ramirez, Sal Ramirez (2), Jeremy Miller, and Dylan Lee



Pictured are U14 Boys Fusion Black (from left) Cole Niermeyer, Traice Addington, Dylan Breesch, Brandon Umeki, Caleb Nieto, Florian Leinfellner, Jacob Hutchinson, Thomas Kello, Will Nordvik, Michael Buti, Jake Carmichael, Jeremy Dyson, and Austin Weinschelbaum. Not pictured: Matthew Gomes and Seth Jeppson.



West Coast Wrath U15 won their first state cup game of the season with a convincing win over Heritage Kaos. The team coached by Kendra Perry, included Francesca Hyde, Regan Mah, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Rachel McCarthy, Abby Hoobing, Megan Clifton, Kaila Vasconez, Savannah Seals, Brienne Radliff, Isabella Saavedra, Megan Clifton, Aryanna Shokoor, Katherine Auer, Ami Shah, and Devyn Baldus.

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get it in the net in the final seconds of the half. Krush went into halftime up 3-0. The second half was all Krush. The defensive line of Sydney, Ariana, Kira Korsak and Alana kept High Energy from ever getting a scoring opportunity. The middle of the field was held solid by Mina Shokoor and Nadia who pressed the ball into the offensive zone throughout the entire half. Madylin took a pass from Nadia and scored to put Krush up 4-0. Just over 3 minutes later Madylin intercepted another pass and netted a hat trick. Krush would go on to win 5-0.

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage results:
U12: Warriors 6, Orange Crush 0; Mariah Branscomb scored three goals early in the first half for the Warriors, who also received goals from Kiana Fuentes, AvaMarie Perry and Rebecca Williams. Goalkeeper Anna Shackelford preserved the shutout with a last-minute save.

Livermore Fusion

Fusion Soccer results:
Boys U8: Lightning: Dogs vs Bolts: In the third game of the season, the players are understanding their positions and the importance of teamwork. For the Lightning Dogs, Mason Peters and Ethan Holt led the offense with many shots on goal and Mason scoring. Huck Easter showed good ball handling skills and passed the ball well. Jaxon Hornett and Conner Werley made some key blocks on defense. For the Bolts, Harry Dunne was the player of the game, as he had some big blocks and played exceptionally well as goalie. The Bolts' offense was led by Griffin Lee and Matthew Eichenberger, who both scored goals.
U10 Boys: It was a great weekend for the Fusion U10 Boys Gold team who started the season undefeated. In their season kickoff the squad notched a big 4-0 win against Tottenham East Bay Spurs. The clean sheet was maintained by the first class goalie play of Nathan Thompson and Gabe Henninger and the "shut down" defense of Josh Eichenberger, Andrei Gran, and Colby Dunlap. Great buildup from Tanner Lee and some beautiful crosses by Alistair Bealer lead to two goals a piece by Colton Crouch and

Angel Murillo. The second game was a thrilling come from behind affair. Down 0-2 at the half, the Fusion boys played their hearts out on their way to a very well deserved 2-2 tie. Once again the midfield spark from Tanner Lee and some outstanding attacking moves from Basheer Khairie got the boys back in the game. Alistair Bealer scored early in the second half and Nate Lewis scored with his usual sweet touch to level the score line. Aggressive play by Nathan Negrete and once again the stone wall defensive of Eichenberger, Gran, and Dunlap made it impossible for Bay Oaks to get even a shot off in the second half.

Fusion Boys U10 Bronze Select team started the weekend off slowly with a loss to the Mustang SC Mavericks on Saturday. They came back strong on Sunday with a very exciting win over the Walnut Creek Liverpool team, 3 - 2. The boys played aggressively and demonstrated very solid teamwork on the field. Team members are Brandon Niermeyer, Daniel Walter, Dylan Marques, Gavin Vadney, Jake Follis, Noah Olivier, Regan Smith, Ryan Emerson, Travis Clemens, Trent Terkeurst, Tristan Weed, and Tyler Orth.

Youth Open Gym

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department announced its fall season line-up for the Youth Open Gym program, which includes both basketball and volleyball. The Youth Open Gym program is designed specifically for children in grades 6 through 12, and is aimed at giving kids an opportunity to develop their on-court skills in both basketball and volleyball.

Participants are encouraged to come with a group of friends or come alone and make new friends. Play is drop-in format (non-instructional), though City staff will facilitate court use. All equipment will be provided and all skill levels are encouraged to join.

Grades: 6 - 12: Saturdays (September 12 - November 21 except Oct. 31), 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Harvest Park Middle School Gym, 4900 Valley Avenue. Residents \$30, nonresidents \$33.

To register, visit pleasantonfun.com course: 61285. Limited space



The Fusion U14 Goal Getters played the Hot Shots in an up and down scoring game that kept everybody on the edge of their seats. During the 1st half the Goal Getters took the lead from the Hot Shots with 2 goals from Holly Brixey putting her team ahead 2 to 1. Despite 2 more scores by the Goal Getters: 1 from Holly Brixey and 1 from Lindsey Homen, the Hot Shots scored 3 goals fighting back with a last minute tie of 4 to 4.



Pictured is West Coast Wild player Kasidee Wiley starting off with a goal in the 1st minute of play over the weekend against Lamorinda.



The West Coast Wizards U12 boys team opened up league play after winning 5 league titles against Mustang Spartans. The game started at a quick pace as Mustang moved the ball around and applied pressure. The defense stayed strong as goalkeeper Antonio Crivello had 1 save on 2 shots in the 1st half and defenders Mason Baldi, Jeremy Sanchez, and Brayden Callan. West Coast had their chances with Tyler Stubbles, Brandon Adams and Ishmail Jimenez all having solid opportunities. Mustang scored as they passed the ball and found a hole in the defense. Second half Mustang controlled the game a little more as they connected passes and had a little more possession, Forward Brandon Hill had opportunities and West Coast best chance came from James Foley. Mustang Hayden James Foley scored a hat trick in the game to give the Spartans a 4-0 win.

available. For more information, please contact the Pleasanton Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or by email at pleasantonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

U14 Boys Fusion Black team started out the season with a 2-2 tie against U14 Ballistic United Elite 2 the weekend of 8/29/15. Outstanding defensive play by Austin Weinschelbaum and Cole Niermeyer. Goals by Caleb Nieto and Michael Buti.

Fusion followed that up with a 9-3 win over U14 PSA Royals on Sunday 9/13/15. Great goalkeeping, team defense and all around offensive play. Goals by Caleb Nieto (1 goal), Michael Buti (2 goals), Brandon Umeki (1 goal), Thomas Kello (3 goals), Dylan Breesch (2 goals).

Livermore Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes all Livermore girls aged 5-18 for our 2016 Spring Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is now open at LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org. Visit website or email registration@LivermoreGirlsSoftball.org for more information.

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 6th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The event offers several distances including a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

This year the opening ceremonies will include the VFW Color Guard. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. Since 1958, the Boosters have awarded more than \$247,000 in scholarships.

Race-day registration begins at 6:45a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 10K starts at 9:00am and 5K at 9:15 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 10:45 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K

are \$30, the 10K \$35 per runner, and half marathon entry fees are \$45 per runner. Group/family discounts are available for four or more runners. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$10.

Every race participant receives a commemorative T-shirt, medal, and post race refreshments. The awards ceremony honors the top finishers in each race, school participation, and a tribute to our veterans. All schools in Livermore may compete for the top participation award. The school with the most participants receives a \$250 cash donation. For more information, for sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit www.racetotheflagpole.org, or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolrace@yahoo.com.

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#40 Joel Indrebo of the Ravens breaks a long kickoff return against the Intermediate Eagles during Livermore Junior Football League game day action.



#34 Xavier Wullenwaber gains ground as he shoots the day during Livermore Junior Football League game day action.



In the photo, 44 Tanner Lewis of the Broncos trying to get around the edge versus the Jets during Livermore Junior Football League game day action

Sports Vision

Dr. James Volponi of Tri-Valley Optometry is sponsoring a Sports Vision Seminar for athletes, coaches, officials and parents on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

The event is free and open to the public. The content of the seminar will include the science behind sports vision, examples of cutting edge training exercises and a discussion of sports

eye protection. A unique presentation about visualization and mental focus will feature elite athletes, Dana Vollmer (4 time Olympic Gold Medalist, 4 World Records), Andy Grant (Livermore Sports Hall of Fame, Pan Am Games Gold and Silver Medalist) and Matt Croghan (2 time NCAA Div. 2 Silver Medalist and 5 time All American swimmer).

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OBITUARIES



BARBARA MERTES

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both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. She created partnerships between the colleges and surrounding businesses and public agencies in order to leverage resources and to improve the quality of instruction. It had been her strong desire to shape policies that keep the opportunity for higher education available to every citizen and to make the colleges important resources for the economic, social and cultural development of our communities.

Mertes served on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees for fourteen years, representing Area 7, which included the city of Livermore and portions of Pleasanton.

"Dr. Mertes was a very compassionate and dedicated Board Member since 2000. She was highly respected by her peers on the Board, as well as the community. She has always put students and the colleges first when making decisions on the Board. Dr. Mertes will be greatly missed as a member of the Board and our community; and her knowledge and history with the colleges and District will be hard to replace," said Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles, president of the Board of Trustees.

In October 2010, Las Positas College celebrated the dedication of the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts. Even after retirement, she maintained her involvement with the college through its foundation which was co-founded by her late husband, Dr. David Mertes.

Barry Schrader, a trustee emeritus of the district, and a close friend of Barbara and David Mertes for more than 30 years, described her as "a brilliant educator, a gracious lady... she was indefatigable in her efforts to make Las Positas College a fully-accredited campus and should be credited with its founding and ultimate success as the fine institution it is today."

Dr. Jannett Jackson, Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, stated, "Dr. Mertes provided a foundation for the success of our community and our students, and she leaves behind a legacy of leadership, mentorship and a College that provides our community with opportunities for economic success."

In conjunction with Dr. Mertes' family, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is planning a celebration of her extraordinary life on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The event is open to the community. It will take place at Las Positas College, in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts Main Theater, doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

A district press release states, "No words can adequately express our sadness at Dr. Mertes' death or our gratitude for the opportunity to work with her. We will honor her memory by dedicating ourselves to continuing the work she loved so much."

Barbara was the first to publicly support in a community theater in downtown Livermore.

Beverly Louise Copeland

July 6, 1935 July 19, 2015
Livermore, California

Our beloved Beverly died peacefully, but unexpectedly, of natural causes in the hospital after a stay of 13 days.



Many of her family surrounded her with love in the final hours and made sure she was as comfortable as possible.

She leaves to the future her husband of 29 years, Charles William (Bill) Copeland; sister Kathrine Salter, daughters Karen DeSair Piazza, husband Tony, Julia DeSair Azevedo, husband Gilbert, Dawn DeSair Emery, husband Steve, Libby DeSair Martinez, husband Win and son Chip DeSair, wife Donna; Grandchildren Tina Hilburn, Teresa Graves, Meghan Nunez, Gilbert (Gib) Azevedo III, Amanda and Holly Emery, James and Jarred Martinez, Jake, Clayton, Josh and Corey DeSair; Great-Grandchildren McKenzie and Tobin Hilburn, Londyn and Anthony Graves, and Max and Ryder Nunez. Beverley was preceded in death by parents Morris Clement and Edna Opperman.

Known to them all as "Grammie," she delighted in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of her favorite ways to celebrate their birthdays was to send them each a card with a number of dimes representing their age enclosed with the card.

Born in Lynwood, CA, the family moved to Antioch, CA, where Beverly graduated from Antioch High School in 1953 and later went on to obtain an AA degree in Business Administration.

Her career included significant assignments with the City of Antioch, the East Bay Regional Park District, Hope Hospice, the Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation and the Maintenance Superintendents Association.

After retiring from the East Bay Regional Park District, Beverly and her husband, Bill, published a magazine for the Maintenance Superintendents Association for twenty-two years.

Beverly dedicated her free time to several groups and organizations, including the Four Leaf Clover Club, her water aerobics class, the Maintenance Superintendents Association, where she served as Secretary to the Executive Board, Hope Hospice of Alameda County, where she served as the first accredited massage therapist, and the Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation, where she served as the San Francisco Bay Area Liaison for more than ten years.

Beverly's was a life well spent. She always gave more than she was asked.

A Celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the Springtown Association auditorium at the Springtown Golf Course in Livermore, CA.

Diane Gloria Coburn

Diane Gloria Coburn was born on October 6, 1938, to Ingaborg Ingrid Helena Johnson and Alfred Coburn, Sr. in Oakland, California.

She graduated Valedictorian from San Leandro High School in 1956 and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1960.

She taught elementary school in the Oakland-San Leandro School District for about 30 years. She had a special credential for teaching the blind and a special interest in teaching the deaf.

Diane always loved animals and creatures of all kinds. She especially loved Dalmatians and never owned any other kind of dog until Brandy and Bandit were adopted a year and a half ago. She said that a dog without spots was not worth calling a dog.

She also loved to travel. Over the course of her life, she has been all over the world with her friends and family, especially her good

friend Dorothy Cunningham and then with The Rev. Carol L Cook.

Her favorite places included all parts of Africa, the east coast of Australia, northern Italy, and South America. Near the end of her life, she especially enjoyed cruising. She went to Alaska and Mexico several times with her dear friends Michael and Bill. Her last cruise was from Dubai to Singapore via India. She had a wonderful sense of adventure.

She is loved and survived by her brother Fred and her sister-in-law Amber. She was very close to her nephew Ernie and her niece Karyn Pedersen. She is also survived by her brother Roger Stolberg and his wife Mary as well as by her sister Melody and her husband Mike Gentry. She has many nieces and nephews as well as cousins on the west coast. She had many many friends who loved her greatly. She was a true light to all of us.

Services were held at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore, California. Tuesday September 15, 2015. Final resting place at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore, California.

Delma A. Kline Sept. 17, 1932-July 25, 2015 Resident of Livermore, CA



Delma passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was a resident of Livermore for 50 years, moving from San Francisco in 1965 with her husband James and three sons. She was predeceased by James in 1984. She is survived by her sons, John (Marge), Ken (Julie) and Paul (Maurine), niece, Patricia (Robert), sister Margo, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A special thank you to her wonderful care giver, Kimmy McCole, for being Delma's angel.

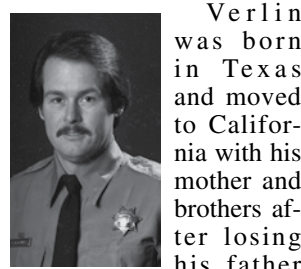
Delma loved dancing, music, and her garden. She was a tireless volunteer for many organizations in Livermore. Recently, she was named Outstanding Volunteer for the Livermore Valley Opera for 20 years of service. Delma also received Volunteer of the Year for the California Area Recreation and Park District for her many years with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of the groups she supported. Livermore Valley Opera, LARPD Foundation, Good News Bears, Soroptomists International, Hope Hospice and Ravenswood Historical Society.

Delma was a wonderful, loving, caring, strong, stubborn, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. A celebration of life will be Sunday, September 20th at 11 a.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue.

Verlin Dale Blackwell Resident of Dublin January 8, 1944

Verlin Dale Blackwell passed away on Labor Day after a valiant battle with congestive heart failure.



Verlin was born in Texas and moved to California with his mother and brothers after losing his father to cancer as a young boy. Verlin graduated from high school and later went on to earn an AA degree from Chabot in Administration of Justice. After graduating from the police academy, Verlin went to work for the Alameda County Sheriff's Department as a deputy. He retired in 2000 after twenty-four years.

Verlin was a long-time

San Francisco Giants and Forty-Niner fan and loved country music and jukeboxes, of which he owned three.

Verlin met his wife Karen in 1982 and they married in 1989, having over twenty-six wonderful years of marriage.

Besides his wife Karen, Verlin is survived by his daughters Penny and Cindy, bonus daughter LeighAnne and grandsons Christopher, Stephen and Lane. Verlin was pre-deceased by his parents Charles and Era Blackwell and his brothers Donald and Bill.

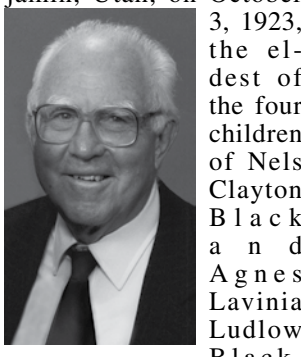
A celebration of Life will be held for family and close friends at the family home on Saturday, September 19th. at 1:30 p.m.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary, 925-447-2942

ValGene Black

ValGene Black, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on September 7, 2015, less than a month shy of 92. Val lived in Livermore since 1962.

He was born in Benjamin, Utah, on October



3, 1923, the eldest of the four children of Nels Clayton Black and Agnes Lavinia Ludlow Black. He grew up in Delta, Utah, and although he didn't live on a farm, he enjoyed helping his grandparents on their farms. He raised rabbits & chickens, milked cows, and took care of his pet goat. In high school he was on the football, basketball, and track teams.

He was a graduate of three schools: Brigham Young University with a degree in mathematics; the University of New Mexico with a degree in mechanical engineering; the Naval College at Annapolis. He later retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander.

During WWII he served on the battleship USS Wisconsin patrolling near Japan. His ship was anchored adjacent to the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay where Val witnessed the signing of the Japanese surrender which ended the war.

At BYU he met Rhea Hicken of Richmond, Utah, and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1944. They were married 68 years.

After the war Val spent most of his 40-year career serving his nation by designing and testing nuclear weapons. He began in 1947 at Los Alamos National Labs in New Mexico, transferred to Sandia National Labs in Albuquerque in 1949, and then to Livermore in 1962. He was the first Sandia Livermore employee to be honored for 40 years of service.

In the 25 years after Val retired from Sandia, he and Rhea traveled extensively throughout the world. They visited China, Israel, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, and most of Western Europe. Together they visited the pyramids in Egypt, rode camels in Morocco, climbed Ayers Rock in Australia, and walked the Great Wall of China. For nearly 40 years they made frequent trips, as a couple and as a family, to

the Hawaiian Islands - Oahu, Kauai, and the big island of Hawaii being among their favorite destinations. Val also spent time in Brazil with his son Don. He was an avid backpacker, and in their late 50s Val and Rhea climbed the 17-mile trail to the top of Yosemite's Half Dome and back in one day.

Val and Rhea were active life-long members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and worked as volunteers in the Oakland Temple for more than twenty years as well as serving in various leadership positions throughout their lives. Val also volunteered with the Livermore Interfaith Council where he still, at age 91, regularly delivered food to many local churches and civic organizations that help those in need.

An active scout leader for decades, Val received several leadership awards, including the Silver Beaver. For over 20 years Val took older Scouts to Yosemite, and four different years he took them bicycling around the Hawaiian Islands. Hundreds of youth from the Livermore area have continued "Val's Yosemite Ride" annually for 45 years. Between the ages of 63 and 73 he bicycled enough miles to circle the earth twice. Val finally stopped riding his road bike at age 89.

Val is survived by his four children, Wayne Black (Mei-Yu) of El Cerrito, CA; Karen Riggs (Larry) of West Valley City, UT; Kenneth Black (Janelle) of Livermore; Donald Black (Eliane) of Slidell, LA; 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and sister Thelma Black Soares of Orem, UT. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his brothers Robert and Paul, and his granddaughter Heidi Black Wright.

Richard William VanderBeek

Richard William VanderBeek passed away September 9, 2015 at the age of 76 due to complications from diabetes and cancer. Richard was born March 13, 1939 to Bill and Lura (Roberts/Jones) VanderBeek in Modesto, CA where he lived until he joined the Marines

in 1958. After his tour with the Marines, Richard moved to Livermore, CA in 1964.

Richard is survived by his wife of 34 years, Vera (Bowler), children David (Kristine) VanderBeek, Dawn (Sean) Clancy, and Denise (Rusty) Steele, and his stepchildren Robert (Dana) Palmer, Tami Palmer, and his beloved grandchildren, Desiree, Jake, Joshua, Autumn, Alyssa, Maggie, Michael, Katlyn, Zachary and Delilah. He is also survived by his brothers, Jim Martin, Robert Jones, Randy Jones, Henry VanderBeek, and sister Sue Hall. He was married to his first wife Janice (Rego) for 20 years until her passing in 1979.

Richard worked more than 30 years as a Water Reclamation Plant Operator in both Livermore and Dublin. He also was proud of his years working at Jerry's Garage on First Street.

Richard's military career was cut short when he was honorably discharged due to diabetes in 1964. Richard was very proud of his military service and was disappointed he could no longer serve. He shared stories of his time spent in San Diego and Alameda, but his fondest memories were those spent on the Island of Okinawa.

Every year, while his children were growing up, Richard took them on month-long family vacations in their RV, exploring the western states. He enjoyed tinkering with electronics and computers, watching westerns, and spending time with family and friends. Richard loved taking Sunday drives - mostly with the destination unknown. Many times he would end up on the porch of family and friends, ready for a visit.

Richard had a great wit and will be remembered for his sense of humor, his physical perseverance, his ability to handle difficult situations and move forward, and his devotion to his family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 am at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. At noon, following the time of remembrance, family and friends are invited to join together to celebrate Richard's life at his home.

SHORT NOTES

September Stars

September Stars will be the Sat., Sept. 19 program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Come to Sycamore Grove for a walk into the park after dark. Join this hike into the hills to get away from the city lights and watch the stars come out. The moon will be in its first quarter so we will get to look at the craters and shadows on its face with a small telescope. The hike will be approximately 4 miles on paved and unpaved trails.

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.

Award for Park Design

Designed to recognize excellence in electrical/technology installations and the Bay Area electrical contractors responsible for their outstanding achievements, NECA's Project Excellence Awards program has been embraced by project owners, general contractors, architects, engineers, NECA electrical contractors, and other project team members who have had the honor of receiving an award for their submitted project(s).

On September 9, 2015,

electrical contractors and their project team members received Project Excellence Awards. Among those honored was Columbia Electric, Inc. (San Leandro) for Livermore's Cayetano Park project.

Columbia Electric was contracted to build and install sports park lighting and pathway lighting for the Cayetano Park, a state of the art park for the City of Livermore. They used modern Musco Lighting for the field lights and decorative pathway lighting along the walking paths.

The workmanship allows the park to be enjoyed for nighttime use by many children and parents for years to come. CFO Kim Scruggs said that "Columbia was honored to be recognized for our work at Cayetano Park. The collaborative spirit of our project team members was evident throughout the project."

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out that “the musical is, at its core, about a community that supports one another.” Last year, when Kenison was weighing whether to take the job, he said he was impressed with Livermore’s sense of community and the opportunities he saw to build on it. Already a number of changes are underway including a deeper relationship with resident companies, an educational collaborative to connect more young people to the arts, and plans for a new film festival, “Where Science Meets Art.” In the future, Kenison said the Bankhead lobby will be opened up as an art gallery and welcome center, allowing the facility to be shared by more people and adding to the sense of community downtown.

Leading up to the presentation of the Champion of the Arts award, LVPAC Board President Joan Seppala paid tribute to Supervisor Haggerty’s contributions to the quality of life in the Tri-Valley. She particularly cited his role in helping to create the Bankhead Theater and then helping to rescue it from near bankruptcy last year. Seppala said the story really began when, shortly after taking office, Haggerty led the county in its negotiations with the owners of the Altamont Landfill over its proposed expansion. He put tremendous energy into getting Pleasanton and Livermore involved, charging from one city council meeting to the other in a single night to explain how the Valley would gain an income stream for years to come.

Months extended into years as Haggerty worked with others, finally winning a complicated settlement with the Altamont landfill company and later an agreement with the Vasco landfill company as well, that would provide landfill fees estimated at \$115 million over 40 years or so. Of that, about

\$23 million was committed to the Bankhead Theater, money that was essential to support further fundraising. As Seppala said, “Scott brought new meaning to the concept of recycling. He was turning garbage into art.” Haggerty understood the value of a theater to the community; his father, a Fremont Planning Commissioner, had dreamed of building a performing arts center there, but it never happened.

Even after the Bankhead opened in 2007, “the drama didn’t end there.” Four years later, the State of California eliminated redevelopment agencies and the loss of those funds killed plans for a regional theater that would have helped pay off debt on the Bankhead. Seppala said Haggerty’s commitment never wavered. In the years following, he helped engineer an agreement allowing the City of Livermore to take over the landfill money to help repay the bank. He fought for \$2.8 million in County funding as well.

Before introducing Jean King, chair of the LVPAC board, to present the award, Seppala praised Haggerty’s courage and vision in making the Bankhead what it is today, a “beacon for the arts, reaching out over the entire region.”

In accepting the award, Haggerty acknowledged the influence of his father’s dream on his own involvement in the arts, and thanked his family and staff for their support and encouragement. He credited his dedication to a belief in the essential value of the arts. Art means many things, he said. “Art” is supporting schools so every child has the opportunity to explore and learn, and “art” is being able to go into a theater to hear a band or see a show. “Art,” concluded Haggerty, “is what makes you smile.”

Haggerty was elected president of the Alameda County Board of Supervi-

sors earlier this year. First elected as Supervisor in 1996, he represents the First District which includes Livermore, Dublin, most of the City of Fremont, and unincorporated areas of East Alameda County.

At the conclusion of a spirited live auction for packages from private wine tastings, tours and concerts, to luxury vacations and sporting events, Lara Webber, conductor of the Livermore Amador Symphony (LAS), introduced the “Fund a Need” auction. She noted LVPAC’s mission extends to helping every child in the community experience the arts. This is achieved through reduced ticket prices and educational outreach, including performances by LAS in three elementary schools this year. Webber said, “We must develop, foster and nurture programs to bring arts to children as a central tenet of our community,” and LVPAC plays a key role in coordinating those efforts.

Emcee Aguirre added the story of her own first exposure to the arts, a performance of “The Nutcracker” she saw as a small child that inspired her to dream of performing and, eventually, led to her career as a reporter and news anchor.

LVPAC operates the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center, which offer dozens of public activities each year including classes, workshops, concerts and performances. Home to nine resident companies and over 40 studio artists and cultural arts companies, LVPAC’s facilities serve as the heart of the arts community in downtown Livermore.

If, as Haggerty said, “art is what makes you smile,” art was in clear evidence all night Saturday, as clambake attendees celebrated the achievements of the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center and stepped forward with renewed support to fund their ongoing success.



Pictured are (left to right) LARPD General Manager Tim Barry, Amber Beatty, Dylan Beatty, Russell Meglio, James Dayton, Patrick Lucky, Jules Davis, LARPD Aquatics Supervisor Sharon Grant, LARPD Board Chair Bob Coomber.

Staff Recognized for Lifesaving Rescue at Pool

A special presentation honored five Aquatics staff members who were part of a life-saving rescue at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. The presentation took place at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board meeting.

Lifeguards Jules Davis, James Dayton, Patrick Lucky and Russell Meglio – along with Aquatics Supervisor Sharon Grant – were presented with District Citations for their swift and effective actions. These LARPD staff saved the life of 13-year-old Dylan Beatty, who was swimming at the lap pool with his mother, Amber, present on July 25. Dylan suddenly went down to the bottom of the pool and did not come up. Lifeguard Jules Davis observed this and dove in, bringing him up and discovered he was not breathing and had no pulse. Staff performed rescue operations, including use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). He was breathing and had a pulse when paramedics arrived to transport him to the hospital. Doctors determined that Dylan had a medical condition causing heart failure while in the water. He was

given an implantable cardioverter defibrillator.

Amber Beatty and Dylan attended the meeting and shared their thanks to the Aquatics staff, as did the Board of Directors, for their swift and effective performance under pressure.

Also as part of the meeting, the Board received an interagency planning update on community projects. The District is directly involved in community planning activities with other agencies on an ongoing basis. Staff updated Directors on four projects:

- In the early 2000s, LARPD and the City of Livermore jointly funded a study of the Oak Grove Nature Reserve, an area to the north of the well-used bike trail that was formerly quarried for gravel located adjacent to the Arroyo Mochito behind College Avenue between L Street and Holmes Street. A Master Plan for the undeveloped area was completed in 2005, though both agencies agreed they could not, at the time, pay to construct or maintain a new park as designed and left the door open for volunteers to complete parts of the park with donated funds. To date, no one has come forward, and the concept

has been dormant. Recently Zone 7 Water Agency took ownership from the City, as Zone 7 is applying for grant funds to improve the creek area for flood control and groundwater recharging. The Master Plan identifies this property as a passive park only, which would most likely be operated as an open space park. The District has requested that the City and Zone 7 meet with LARPD to discuss and identify who would be responsible for issues such as development, creek and trail maintenance, enforcement of rules and regulations, grant funding and management.

- The District is participating with the City in the planning of BART to Livermore to make sure the potential impacts to and plans for parks, trails and open spaces are represented. The City is currently preparing several options, which will be available for public review and comment.

- LARPD has been meeting with the City and members of the Springtown Association to discuss the future of the Springtown Golf Course. The City has worked with more than 10 contracted operators of the course since the early 1970s in an attempt to find ways to make operation financially viable, but ongoing efforts have concluded that it cannot be operated without a substantial subsidy. The City is looking at options for future use such as converting it to open space, greenbelt or park land. The District will consider involvement only if there is a means to fully fund any associated costs LARPD may incur.

- The District has met with the City, Zone 7 and the East Bay Regional Park District regarding Lake “A” Reclamation. Lake “A” is a gravel quarry pit, which contains water, operated by the CEMEX Corporation. CEMEX has determined that they will end operations earlier than anticipated, and the corporation is required to provide certain work to restore the property to a more natural condition. LARPD is working with other agencies to consider potential uses, costs associated and funding sources for possibilities for Lake “A.”

DUBLIN

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of the site.

The city would lease out the site to the school district at a relatively nominal amount. Some day, if there were enough statewide bonding money or local effort or both, and the district has met its growth needs, the district could pay back the city and buy the land.

In exchange, the Jordan Ranch developer will build residential units on the previously reserved school site, which is also 10 acres, and a much smaller nearby parcel.

The district wants the deal because it can’t afford the \$30 million it would take to buy the current site. It also cannot afford the \$36 million estimated cost of the buildings.

The issue before the school board at its Sept. 8 meeting concerned entering into talks with the developer. Essentially, trustees were interested in what impact the developer’s request for a rezoning on the current school site would have on the number of students generated from the site.

The developer, who has vested rights, currently is approved for three zoning districts: medium, medium high and high density. Jordan Ranch wants that changed to all medium density housing.

The change would reduce the total number of units from 225 to 150. There would be fewer units. However, some of them would be bigger under the proposed zoning. Individually, they would generate more school-age children. Collectively there would be 112 students at the k-8 level, instead of the 109 under the zoning now.

Trustees said they were comfortable with the fact that there would be little impact from the change.

The developer would like the school district’s support in making the change, said

Hanke. The city council said previously that it wants to be sure the school district is agreeable about the impact on schools that result from any zoning changes.

Short-term prospects for any state bond money to solve Dublin’s problems look impossible, according to some. Hanke told the Independent that the state bond last approved by voters has only \$8.6 million left. “I understand there are more than \$1.8 billion in projects on the approved list (by the state).” One of those projects is Amador Elementary School, which opened this fall in Dublin. A \$25 million bond note financed the construction. Although a bond note is handled somewhat differently than a bond approved by the electorate, it is eligible for state reimbursement.

Gov. Jerry Brown said he is not interested in supporting a school construction bond in 2016. However, a group collected signatures to put one on the ballot then. State officials are examining the petition to see whether it qualifies.

IMPACT FEE MAY GO UP

The lack of state bond money also puts more importance on developer fees and passing local bond measures. The board talked about both.

Trustees are considering raising the developer residential impact fee. The district’s demographer, Blair Aas of SCI Associates, said that his study of the fee provides justification for raising the fee by 98 cents to \$6.89 per square foot for residential construction. The commercial fee would remain at 54 cents per square foot.

Included in SCI’s computations was the assumption that the district will need a second high school with a build-out enrollment of

1500, said Aas. The district has made no decision about that, and is waiting for a consultant’s Facilities Master Plan in February.

The board is set to vote on raising the developer fee at its Sept. 22 meeting.

Trustees unanimously authorized hiring consultant TBWB to conduct a survey of residents to gauge support for a bond measure, as discussed at a work session Aug. 31. The consultant would be paid \$6500 per month from September to February, or \$45,000.

Making an effort to pass a bond in 2016 is necessary for the district to remain at Level 2 developer fees, said Hanke. Every four years, a district has to show a local bond effort, if it expects to charge Level 2 fees. The measure does not have to pass, at 55 percent, but must receive at least 50 percent plus one vote, to show that the district made the effort, and voters care.

Level 2 fees are charged only when strong facility needs in fast-growth areas are proven. The Pleasanton and Livermore districts charge developer fees at Level 1.

MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY FORUM

A facilities master plan high school community forum will be held Tues., Sept. 29 in the Dublin High School student union from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The district is in the process of creating a plan to address future facilities needs and is seeking feedback from the community.

Those planning to attend are asked to register at www.dublinusd.org. Free child care will be provided.

Those attending will work in small groups gathering feedback. All are welcome, even if not registered.



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The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) held a September 11th Memorial at the LFPD Headquarters/Fire Station 1 last Friday. Firefighters, police officers, city officials and veterans joined members of the public for a ceremony to honor and remember those who fell on September 11, 2001. The ceremonial ringing of the bell took place in memory of those who died in the line of duty.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 15779984

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Naomi Rohit Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: (a)Naomi Rohit Shah Proposed Name: (a)Naomi Nikul Patel Present Name: (b)Naomi Shah Proposed Name: (b)Naomi Patel

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at

least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 11/12/2015
Time: 1:30 PM
Dept: 503
b. The address of the court is: 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544

3. a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Independent Newspaper 2250 First Street Livermore, CA 94550

Dated: July 30, 2015 /s/: Winifred Y. Smith Judge of the Superior Court

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 506966

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROY LESCHINSKEY Case No. RP15783162

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ROY LESCHINSKEY**

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **LOIS WEBB** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ALAMEDA**.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: **LOIS WEBB** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

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7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing of personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. (X) Attorney for Petitioner: **RONALD W. HILLBERG - ATTORNEY 630 CRANE AVENUE, Suite C TURLOCK, CA 95380-4549 (209) 667-0761**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 508827

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Teacher Learns about the Marines at 'Boot Camp' Program

By Carol Graham

When one of Doreen Aubel's senior students spoke of his post-graduation plans, the Granada High School health teacher moved into action.

"He talked with great enthusiasm of the benefits of the Marine Corps," said Aubel. "Many of us educators know very little about these opportunities afforded our graduates. We often talk of college as the only avenue to success, but in reality there are many roads students can travel to become successful."

Wanting to learn more, Aubel was told by Tri-Valley recruiter Sergeant Michael Lindsey of a free educators' workshop, the Marine Corps Western Recruiting Region Educators Workshop, that takes place four times a year in San Diego.

Aubel attended the July 20-24 session, arriving on a sun-soaked, 77-degree Monday. While some of the city's annual 30 million visitors took in Sea World, Coronado and the San Di-



Dorren Aubel gets help with her helmet.

ego Zoo, Aubel reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

"I had very little knowledge of the military, and this was a very hands-on workshop," she said. "We were treated like recruits, and put through some of the mental and physical drills involved

in boot camp. During five rigorous days, I was able to experience many of the exact same things recruits go through."

The workshop began with participants standing on the legendary yellow footprints that greet all Marine Corps recruits and organize them

into their first formation.

"We were divided into two groups of 40, and assigned a DI (drill instructor). Over the next few days I participated in the bayonet course, physical training, obstacle courses and marksmanship practice," said Aubel. "I was able to

witness and personally experience how the relationship with the DI changes from a completely dominating role to a mentoring role, and finally to a role of fellowship. I gained a great respect for the Marine Corps.

"I also learned about the many educational opportunities available to Marines - both during their time in the fleet and after they leave - and about the 700 Military Occupational Specialties or jobs available to our young men and women. Each has specific training which varies in length from a few months to a few years."

The workshops, started in the 1980s, are open to high school and college teachers, counselors and administrators. Their purpose is to provide educators with experience and understanding that will enable them to advise students who are considering entering the military. Educators who may be skeptical of, unfamiliar with, or hostile toward the military are especially encouraged to attend.

"The thing that impressed me most was how each and every Marine I came into contact with exemplified a high degree of character, integrity and honor," said Aubel. "I ate lunch with new recruits and new Marines, as well as those who had 20 years of experience. Their respect for teachers and education was highly evident. I came away with a very different perspective and an extreme sense of pride."

Aubel has been teaching since 1989, the last ten years at Granada. When classes for the 2015-16 school year began on August 24, Aubel returned equipped with a wealth of new information.

"This experience helped me to see one more opportunity young people may choose for their future," she said. "Students often ask questions about the process of getting into college or the college experience. Now I have more knowledge for students who are looking into the military."

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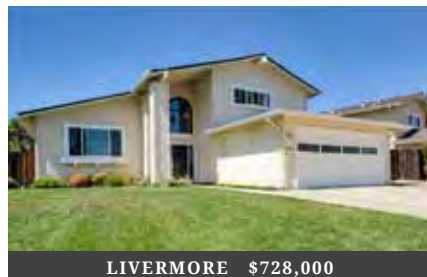
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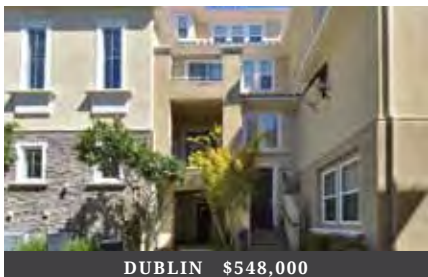
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Rick Estrin and the Nightcats to perform.

Rick Estrin and the Nightcats Bring the Blues to House Rent Party

The Bothwell Arts Center's Second Annual House Rent Party on Saturday, September 26, 2015 will offer a night of

the blues, while raising funds for the facility. In a nod to the depression-era tradition of tenants inviting a band to play then passing

a hat to help pay the rent, the Bothwell will welcome Blues Music Award-winning singer/harmonica

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40th Annual SF Comedy Competition Makes a Stop in Livermore

Known for launching such comedy greats as Robin Williams and Ellen DeGeneres, the annual San Francisco Comedy Competition fields approximately three dozen comedians judged over multiple weeks in venues across the Bay Area. In this, the competition's 40th year, the Bankhead Theater will play host to the contestants on Friday, September 25, 2015, before they move into the competition's final week.

Tickets are \$32 or \$49 for adults and \$16 for

students.

"Stand up is arguably the hardest form of com-



edy. There are no props, magic tricks, partners or music to fall back on," said

Yael Kohen, author of *We Killed: the Rise of Women in American Comedy*. If stand-up comedy is already hard, the format of the San Francisco Comedy Competition certainly does not make it any easier. From hundreds of applicants, approximately thirty comedians are chosen to perform

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Grammy Nominated Julian Lage in Solo Concert, Live at Firehouse



Julian Lage

Guitarist, composer, and arranger Julian Lage has collaborated and recorded with numerous other luminaries, including Jim Hall, Mark O'Connor,

Nels Cline, Carlos Santana, Chris Eldridge, Scott Colley, Antonio Sanchez, Gary Burton, David Grisman, Eric Harland, Anthony Wilson, Martin Taylor,

Joshua Bell, and Yoko Ono.

The Firehouse Arts Center concert on October 4 at 2:00 p.m. is a rare solo

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Bluesmen to perform at Firehouse.

Blues Cross-Country All-Stars in Concert

All-star blues musicians from Texas and California present a blowout, cross-country concert at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday, October 3, at 8:00 p.m.

Producer, ring-leader and Grammy Award nominee Mark Hummel, most recently Winner Best Album and Best Traditional Album 2014 Blues Music Awards, brings to the Firehouse stage a who's who of bluesmen: representing California are Mark Hummel (harp-blower, vocalist, bandleader and Grammy nominee), Little Charlie Baty (ex-Nightcats bandleader and guitar hero) and RW Grigsby (bassist) – and the Texas bluesmen are Anson Funderburgh (guitarist and Rockets bandleader) and Wes Starr (famed Austin drummer who has played with a who's who of Texas music royalty).

Reserved seating tickets: \$17.00 - \$27.00, and can be purchased online at 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.

Hummel is a Grammy-nominated, Blues Music Award winning American Blues harmonica player, vocalist, songwriter, long-time bandleader of The Blues Survivors, and premiere blues harmonica player of his generation. His current album project, "The Hustle is Really On," features the GS/LS Revue, and has been nominated for the Handy Blues Award. Although not scheduled for release until 2016, Hummel promises to preview a number of cuts on the Firehouse set list.

Guitar man Anson Funderburgh hails from Plano, Texas. Founder of Anson & The Rockets, he went on to win 10 Handy's with the group. Anson has played with Delbert McClinton, Boz Scaggs, Snooks Eaglin, Grady Gaines, Earl King and Jimmy Buffett among other notables. Fun

stuff: Funderburgh is the inspiration for "Beavis" (Beavis & Butthead); former The Rockets bassist Mike Judge is the creator of the B&B characters.

Guitar genius and Alabama native (now a long-time Californian) Little Charlie Baty met future long-time bandmate and fellow harp man Rick Estrin at a Muddy Waters club concert while at UC Berkeley. Baty formed Little Charlie & The Nightcats, and by mid-70's Estrin joined on harp, with Baty moving to guitar while splitting sets on harp with Estrin. In 1986 the band signed with Alligator Records, and the rest is blues history: for over 3 decades Estrin wrote all the songs and Baty led the band.

Holding down the fort are the upright-bass player R.W. Grigsby from Sacramento, and Austin drums legend Wes Starr, who has played with just about everybody (Asleep at the Wheel, Jimmy Page, Paul Rogers, to name just a few).

Livermore Valley Opera Hosts Screening of 'Tosca' at the Vine

The Livermore Valley Opera, will host a special screening of its highly acclaimed 2012 production of Puccini's *Tosca*.

The presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore.

"This first-ever LVO opera screening serves a dual purpose," explains Jim Schmidt, President of Livermore Valley Opera. "Two of the major stars of *Tosca*, Metropolitan Opera singer Marie Plette in the lead role, and Phillip Skinner as the evil Scarpia, will also star in our upcoming production of *Madama Butterfly*, which opens September 26 at the Bankhead Theater.

A brief introductory talk before the screening begins at 7:00pm will offer commentary on the singers' roles in the operas, the differences in how they approach the roles in *Tosca* versus *Madama Butterfly* and the unique performance demands of each.

"This event serves as a great preview of what audiences can expect from *Madama Butterfly*," adds Schmidt. "We believe that in viewing these two singers' captivating performances in *Tosca* will enhance the experience of seeing *Madama Butterfly*."

The second reason for screening as cited by Katie Das, LVO Marketing Director, is to introduce



Pictured are Phillip Skinner and Marie Plette from LVO's 2012 production of *Tosca*. Photo - Barbara Mallon

the public to the excellent, high-definition projection and powerful sound track of LVO opera recordings. "We believe members of the community will enjoy this unique experience of viewing of a quality LVO opera in the relaxing atmosphere of the Vine Cinema and Ale House known for its excellent art selections, friendly ambiance and delicious food and drink."

LVO's 2012 production of *Tosca*, called "rivet-

ing" by The Independent is a story of love, murder, suicide, a rebellion and a fiery diva. The drama is set in Rome in a time of political upheaval of June, 1800. The opera's true historical references are matched with the dramatic and powerful arias and music of Puccini.

Tickets are \$10 per person available at the door or through LVO's website at www.livermorevalleyopera.com

Freeze Frame Competition Winners Announced

Tri-Valley Conservancy has announced the winners of Freeze Frame 2015.

Eric Ahrendt gave a fantastic showing, securing both first and third place with his photos "Joan's Farm & Pumpkin Patch" and "Wildflowers and Hills." Gene Frieders captured second place and the people's choice with his piece, "North Livermore Passing Storm."

To see the award winners, as well as the full line-up of this year's Top 25, go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org, or visit the Robert Livermore Community Center between now and September 30th to see the Top 12 on exhibit in person.

There were a record-breaking 82 entries.

Sweater Tree Forest Returns to Downtown Livermore

The Bothwell Arts Center will sponsor the return of the Tree Sweater Forest this year in downtown Livermore.

The fun and whimsical fiber art installation, created with yarn, first made an appearance last fall on trees along First Street in Downtown Livermore. Popular with both knitters and local residents, the Tree Sweater Forest returns beginning September 30 and will remain on display through November 20, 2015. Hand-knit sweaters will wrap around select trees on First Street between Maple Street and L Street.

Local knitters and crocheters say they are enthusiastic about this creative way to make use of leftover yarn and unfinished knitting projects. Known as yarn bombing, knit display pieces are used to add temporary creative statements in a public area. Local knitters first decorated Livermore's trees last fall and wanted to bring the sweater project back



Trees from Tree Sweater Forest 2014



this year. The sweaters also have a useful purpose after the display period is over, when they are donated to the Valley Humane Society to be repurposed as pet bedding and comfort pieces for shelter animals.

Four maps of the trees will be available after September 30th at the Bankhead Theater, the Bothwell Arts Center, and the Carnegie Museum and Art Gallery, as well as online

at bothwellartscenter.org. The Tree Sweater Forest can be viewed any time between September 30th and November 20th, including during ArtWalk on October 10th when attendees can meet some of the knitters at the Bothwell booth. The Valley Humane Society will be at the booth with some adoptable pets.

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SF COMEDY COMPETITION

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short, three to seven minute sets in one of two preliminary weeks consisting of six shows in six venues. Each show has a unique group of judges who score the contestants in seven categories. Ten comedians proceed to the semi-finals for six more shows where the sets are slightly longer, and the top five move to the finals. After sets of 12 to 15 minutes are performed at the finals, the winner is announced.

Originally founded and held in San Francisco, the venues for the competition are now spread across the greater Bay Area and surrounding regions and, this year, extend to Southern California as well. Com-

petitors must polish their sets for a variety of venues, which include comedy clubs, bars, restaurants, casinos and theaters such as the Bankhead, as well as for a range of audiences.

The SF Comedy Competition has served as a stepping stone for numerous comic legends, launching many of them to stardom, including Dana Carvey who won the competition in 1977 before going on to appear on "Saturday Night Live." The list of famous runners-up is long as well, and includes Robin Williams, who placed second in the competition's inaugural year, and Ellen DeGeneres, who also just missed first

place a decade later.

The SF Comedy Competition is only the first of more than a half dozen comedy shows scheduled by LVPAC Presents this season. On October 30th a veteran of the SF Comedy Competition, Paula Poundstone, makes a return to the Bankhead Theater. A range of laughter-inducing experiences follow, including the cerebral stand-up comedy of scientist-turned-comedian Tim Lee, as well as the hit one-person shows "Late Nite Catechism," and "Defending the Caveman," Broadway's longest-running solo play. Masters of improv, The Second City, return to Livermore with a show about love

and modern romance in February, and the completely improvised musical comedy "Broadway's Next HIT Musical" appears in March. The annual springtime return of The Capitol Steps is perfectly timed in an election season already rife with the kind of headlines, tangled logic and slips of the tongue that fuel the Washington DC-based group's hilarious, razor sharp satire.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankhead-theater.org, by calling 373-6800 or via the new LVPAC mobile app.



Claudio Jimenez Quispe with one of his works.

Artist's Work on View at Las Positas College

The Las Positas College inaugural President's Speaker Series kicked off with Peruvian retablo art demonstrations and work by artist Claudio Jimenez Quispe.

From September 15-30, Quispe will be onsite in the Art Gallery at the Mertes Center for the Arts, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. He is available for informal lectures to small groups or "drop in" visits by students and community members. He will have a full demonstration area where attendees can observe the process he uses.

An internationally renowned maker of retablos, Quispe is from a famous family of retablo makers in Ayacucho, Peru. Currently working in Lima, Peru, his work has been exhibited all over the world. He is a featured artist at Santa Fe's International Folk Art Market.

The Peruvian retablo is, in a sense, a blend of the several styles of retablos. Figures of individual saints may be carved or sculpted of a mix of plaster and cooked potato and set in a shadow box. Mr. Jimenez Quispe uses the form of a three dimensional painting of a scene. The Peruvian retablos traditionally serve as household shrines, which combine folk and Christian tradition. The art form has evolved to include the depiction of secular scenes of daily life in Peru such as markets, shops, harvests, weddings, and other ceremonies.

The community is invited to attend to view the exhibition in the Art Gallery at the Mertes Center for the Arts at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Program Focuses on Downton Abbey Era, Music

Welsh musician Dulais Rhys is scheduled to present the illustrated lecture *Downton Abbey: The Music and the Era* on Sunday, September 27, 2 pm, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

To followers of the Edwardian era on both sides of the Atlantic, *Downton Abbey* has become a not-to-be-missed television event. Since its inception in 2010, public fascination with the portrayal of life and love in an historic, but fictional, English country house has snowballed, especially after PBS acquired the first series for broadcasting in 2011 as part of its Masterpiece series. It is currently PBS's highest rated drama in four decades.

Dulais Rhys will present a look at the music of *Downton Abbey* within the context of the Edwardian



period (beginning of the 20th century), including references via slideshow and audio examples of the era's arts, social developments, technical innovations, historical events and retrospective perceptions. The popular music of the period as well as television period drama theme tunes will also be discussed.

Dulais Rhys is a professional musician based in San Francisco. He holds bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees in music from the University of Wales as well as several teaching diplomas. He also studied composition, conducting and electronic music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in

Baltimore, Maryland. His book *To Philadelphia and Back: The Life and Music of Joseph Parry* was published in 2010.

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.

HOUSE PARTY

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player Rick Estrin and the Nightcats.

All funds raised through ticket sales and donations will go to support the Bothwell Arts Center and its mission to provide affordable working, performing and teaching space for local arts. The first Bothwell Arts Center House Rent Party, held last year, featured the legendary Barbara Dane and the Golden Gate Hot Five.

Tickets for the House Rent Party with Rick Estrin and the Nightcats at the Bothwell Arts Center on September 26th at 8:00 p.m. are \$20 in advance through the Bankhead Theater ticket office or online at www.bankheadtheater.org. Admission at the door is \$25. The Bothwell Arts

Center is located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore.

Rick Estrin has been called "the brightest wiseguy in all bluesland" by *DownBeat* magazine. A San Francisco native, Estrin got his first harmonica at age 15 and just three years later was sitting in on jam sessions around the city. His career led him to Chicago where he worked with hot South Side bluesmen such as Johnny Young, Eddie Taylor, and Sam Lay, before meeting up with Muddy Waters. Estrin eventually returned to the Bay Area where he joined guitarist Charlie Baty and performed to international acclaim for decades as Little Charlie & the Nightcats. After Baty retired, Estrin reformed

and reinvented the band and has continued to electrify crowds ever since.

Estrin is joined by guitar phenomenon Chris "Kid" Andersen, singing stand-up drummer J. Hansen, and instrumentalist Lorenzo Farrell, who plays electric and acoustic bass, organ and piano. Together they serve up "fresh and modern original blues injected with a solid dose of gritty roadhouse rock 'n' roll."

Linda Ryan, co-manager of the Bothwell Arts Center, describes Rick Estrin and the Nightcats as "awesome foot-stomping jump-off-your-seat blues." She sees the event as an energizing opportunity to show how all types of art come together at the Bothwell. Although it is often

seen primarily as a venue for such art forms as painting, drawing or craft work, she notes that the Bothwell Arts Center is also home to numerous music and performing arts groups who regularly teach, rehearse and perform there.

The Bothwell Arts Center serves as an arts incubator, offering affordable and rentable classroom, rehearsal, performance, event, and studio rental space for artists, musicians, theatrical, acting, choral, and other individuals, groups or events with a cultural arts focus. Since it opened in 2006, over 20,000 people from children to adults, have benefited from the classes, workshops, performances and events held in the facility.



Mystical Morning by Lisa Rigge



Out of the Dark by Maryann Kot

New Art Showing at New Coffee Shop in Livermore

Maryann Kot and Lisa Rigge are displaying their artwork at the Espresso Rosetta Coffee Shop at 206 So J Street, Livermore from Sept. 15th to Dec. 31st.

Rigge is well known for her fine art photography and hand tinted digital photographic work. She teaches hand tinted photography in Pleasanton and collage at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore and at Awakenings in Pleasanton.

Maryann Kot is well known for drawing and painting Realism and focusing on still life and nature subjects. She is showing Giclee Prints of her original work. Maryann teaches colored pencil and drawing at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore.

The art displays at the Rosetta are organized by Jennie McGregor, a local photographer. They are chosen for their relativity to the current season showing and the atmosphere of the coffee shop itself.

In this fall early winter show, Lisa focuses on the bright, warm colors of fall for her choice of art, and Maryann presents the warm and cozy moments people seek as the weather cools.

The Espresso Rosetta, located on the corner of J and Second St. in Livermore, opened its doors this year. Owners Mercina and Jeremy Schneider, long time Livermore residents, offer a perfect espresso possible in an atmosphere that is inviting and friendly. "Meeting friends, experiencing the art on the walls, and having the best Caffe Americano ever brightens my day" quotes Maryann as she planned her art display at the coffee shop.

Meet the Ghosts Who Haunt Pleasanton

As dark falls upon downtown Pleasanton at the end of October, visitors are likely to catch a glimpse of the spooky spirits that call Main Street home. Museum on Main announces the annual Ghost Walk, a two hour guided tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area.

This family-friendly tour, held for over ten years, continues to be a popular event during the Halloween season. Approximately 1,200 people join in Ghost Walk each year, with many of the tour times selling out in advance. Most of the attendees are adults from all around the Bay Area, but children also attend and have a great time.

With a volunteer team of ghost guides to lead groups and actors playing the roles of the various ghosts around town, Ghost Walk is a very unique experience. Executive Director, Jim DeMersman notes, "Ghost Walk is a unique experience has successfully brought the haunted side of Pleasanton to 'life' through the stories and experiences collected from psychics, ghost hunters,



Two of the "ghosts" tell their stories to Ghost Walk guests.

and shop workers over the years. Ghost Walk is more spooky than it is scary. It's not a haunted house type of program where people jump out to scare you."

The museum announced the return of teen improve students from the City of Pleasanton's Creatures of Impulse. DeMersman said, "The improv team is a great addition to Ghost Walk. They are so fun playing the many roles of the downtown ghosts. We are pleased they will be back again this year."

Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between the hours of 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16th, Saturday, October 17th, Friday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 24th. Ghost Walk tours take place rain or shine - so dress appropriately. Costumes are highly encouraged.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, by phone at 925-

462-2766, or in person at Museum on Main. Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$13 Children 12 & Under.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or call (925)462-2776.

JULIAN LAGE

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appearance by Lage, presented as part of his Julian Lage Solo Project, which is his self-described exploration into the world of solo guitar work. Inspired by the orchestral approach to the guitar of the great Andres Segovia, as well as the shorter song forms of contemporary acoustic music, Lage says this current solo project "shines a light directly on the interaction between musical storytelling, spontaneous composition, and the singular voice of a vintage Martin guitar." "I always had a fan-

tasy about doing a solo guitar project," Lage explains, "especially one that highlighted various orchestrational aspects of guitar playing and guitar techniques...I discovered what a rare opportunity this was for me to recalibrate my senses to one instrument, and within that recalibration learn to savor the vast world of intimacy and nuance, both qualities so inherent to the guitar."

As a child guitar prodigy, Julian was the subject of the 1997 Oscar-nominated documentary

"Jules at 8," his age when he began performing with renowned artists like Carlos Santana. He made his first recording, with David Grisman, at the age of 11, and then caught the notice of the world at large when he appeared alongside Gary Burton at the 2000 Grammy Awards.

Though still in his twenties, Lage has already enjoyed a genre-crossing career. As the New York Times has put it, Julian is an artist whose roots are "tangled in jazz, folk, clas-

sical, and country music." His album "Sounding Point" was nominated for a Best Contemporary Jazz album Grammy in 2010, and his most recent duo album, "Free Flying" with Fred Hersch, received a coveted 5 star review in Down Beat magazine.

Reserved seating tickets are \$15.00 - \$25.00, and can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Autumn in the Regional Parks

Park It column by Ned MacKay

After three months' out of state helping East Coast family, I'm back home and resuming writing the Park It column. Many thanks to Carolyn Jones for filling in very capably during my absence.

So what's going on post-Labor Day in the East Bay Regional Parks? Quite a bit, actually. Autumn always brings a cornucopia of special events to the parklands. A partial list would include the Regional Parks Botanic Garden plant sale on Oct. 3 at Tilden Park in Berkeley, the Gathering of the Ohlone Peoples on Oct. 4 at Coyote Hills in Fremont, the Ardenwood Harvest Festival on Oct. 10 and 11 in Fremont, and the Cowboy Hootenanny on Oct. 24 at Sunol Regional Wilderness.

More on these and other activities as their dates draw nearer. Meanwhile on the very near horizon, there's the 31st annual California Coastal Cleanup, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Sept. 19.

Volunteers will pick up litter and recyclables from shoreline parks, lakes and creeks throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Locations will include Martinez Shoreline, Point Pinole, Point Isabel, Crown Beach, Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline and Hayward Shoreline. Every year the volunteers reap an unfortunately impressive harvest of trash, creating cleaner habitat for all the animals that the shoreline supports.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should bring a refillable water bottle, a bucket for trash, a hat, and gloves. Wear closed-toed shoes and work clothes. The park district will provide snacks, water, disposable gloves and trash bags.

Registration is required for the coastal cleanup. For information and registration, call 510-544-2515 and refer to program number 10694.

Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont is staging its own volunteer day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the park's 2,000 year-old Ohlone village site. Volunteers must be 12 or older.

Volunteers will clean, weed and renew the replica village structures. The park's interpretive staff will provide snacks, water, gloves, and tools and give a presentation about the site's historic and cultural significance.

Registration is required for this activity, too. For information and registration, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to program number 10438.

If it's too late for you to sign up for either of the above, you can still check out the 60th birthday party at the Little Farm in Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. It's from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

The Berkeley Kiwanis Club built the Little Farm in 1955. It is home to a wide variety of domestic farm animals including cows, chickens, ducks, goats and pigs. It's a chance for city kids to learn where their food comes from. Birthday celebrations will include crafts, games and other diversions. No pinning the tail on the donkey, though.

The Little Farm is located at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. For information, call 510-544-2233.

Redwood Regional Park in Oakland will be the venue

for all kinds of different artistic expressions during an Art in Nature Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20.

For a mile along the park's Stream Trail, there will be 12 theme areas featuring music, dance, sculpture, painting, martial arts and other creative expressions. The event is sponsored by the park district, Regional Parks Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and Samavesha, a multidisciplinary arts organization.

The Stream Trail is accessible from the park's Redwood Road entrance. However on-site parking is very limited. So the best way to get there is via shuttle bus from Merritt College at 12500 Campus Drive in Oakland.

Both the festival and shuttle service are free of charge. For more information, visit ArtInNatureFestival.org.

It's old news, but still worth reporting. The pair of peregrine falcons that were nesting at the Castle Rocks near Walnut Creek has successfully raised a couple of chicks. The falcons have departed until next season, so the rocks are again open to public access.

The Castle Rock formations are actually in Mt. Diablo State Park, but people often reach them from the Stage Road Trail in Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area at the end of Castle Rock Road.

State and regional park staffs don't really encourage climbing on the rocks, because there aren't any official trails, it can be dangerous, and people occasionally get hurt. So if you do explore the rocks, be careful and exercise common sense.

The ban on entering the Castle Rock formations will be back in force from Feb. 1 to July 31, when peregrine falcons will likely return.

Extremely fast power-divers when they hunt prey, peregrines have made a comeback in recent years. Their population had declined in part because pesticide ingestion had reduced the thickness of their eggshells.

When present, the falcons at Castle Rock inhabit one of only three active peregrine territories in the Mt. Diablo area. The birds do not nest in groups and they are territorially aggressive. The rocks are really enough space for only one pair.

The nesting period includes courtship, nesting, and fledging the young. Normally peregrines lay their eggs in mid-March. The eggs hatch in 32 days or so, and the chicks fledge about 45 days after that.

Open Mic Session Set

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

All are invited to take part in an evening of food, wine, and writing. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "Even if you don't have something to read, show up and support talented local writers."

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.

Nella Terra Cellars to Host Susan Day Komen Event

With October designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The Vineyards at Nella Terra Cellars will host the winery's first-ever fundraiser to support the Susan G. Komen 3-Day® and a broader effort to fund breast cancer research, scientific programs and community outreach programs. Proceeds from the event on Friday, October 16, 2015 will go towards the fight to end breast cancer.

This will be an evening of music, games, gourmet tacos and dancing to live country, rock and blues music from 7 to 10 p.m. with the TCB Band. No host wine and beer, soft drinks and water available.

Bring the children for some favorite activities, including face-painting, a bounce house -- and there is also bocce ball. Nella Terra's hillside vineyard is nestled atop the Sunol grade on the outskirts of Livermore Valley.

Each year, more than 200,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women and nearly 2,000 cases are diagnosed in men in the U.S. Participants can help toward the goal of a world without breast cancer, and attend the fundraiser, by making a \$30 donation online by logging on to your PayPal account at <https://www.paypal.com>, click send money, and type in agallaurie@aol.com, or by a \$30 check made out to Susan G. Komen 3-Day. Tickets are \$35 at the door.

To learn how to participate or volunteer with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, visit The3Day.org or call 800-996-3DAY for more information.

Nella Terra Cellars, Inc. is located at 5005 Sheridan Rd, Sunol; 925-493-9020 or 510-928-7036 nellaterracellars.com

Ticket donations are free for children under 14, with accompanying adult; \$30 for adults 14 and over. A \$35 ticket donation will also be accepted at the door, either by check or cash.

Philanthropy Soiree to Benefit ValleyCare Charitable Foundation

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation is hosting a Philanthropy Soiree, a fun filled event benefitting the local hospital. The festivities are planned for Fri., Oct. 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Rubino Estates Winery in Pleasanton.

The night begins with a VIP Reception with hospital executives for our Magnum and Imperial Sponsors. Doors will open for general admission at 6:30pm. The evening will include award winning wines and delicious food, as well as a chance to take home unique silent and live auction items. In addition, Rubino Estates Winery has produced a Cabernet Sauvignon named "Philanthropy" for the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation that will be unveiled at the event and available for purchase. A \$15 proceed from each bottle will benefit the Charitable Foundation.

ValleyCare's Charitable Foundation has been supported by the Tri-Valley Community for over 50 years. Funds raised each year are vital for the continued delivery of state-of-the-art health care you have come to expect and deserve.

The winery is located at 1188 Vineyard Avenue. Tickets are \$65 per person. Prepayment is required. For tickets and information go to www.valleycare.com/foundation-fundraising-events.aspx or call, 373-4560.

Livermore Heritage Guild to Host Annual Dinner and Meeting

The Livermore Heritage Guild will hold its 42nd Annual Dinner & General Meeting, on Saturday, September 19th at 5:00 P.M., at the Duarte Garage, L Street & Portola.

This year's Dinner will feature BBQ Tri-Tip and Flaca's Salsa, Guacamole & Chips from the provider of popular Mexican food available at local Farmers' Markets. Fine Livermore Valley Wines provided by Occasio Winery, 2245 S. Vasco Rd., Wente Vineyards and Cannon Vineyard wines are available as well as Working Man Brewing Company's beer, 5542 Brisa St.

Tickets are available at the Livermore Heritage Guild, Livermore History Center, 2155 Third Street, 925-449-9927, for \$25.00.

The evening's highlight will be a historical presentation by the Guild on the Hagemann Ranch and early Livermore. The Guild will honor Susan Junk, retiring Board Secretary, and Susan Canfield, longtime Livermore elementary school teacher and Chair of the Guild's Elementary School Historical Livermore Walking Tours. This Spring Ms. Canfield organized over twenty-five Walking Tours of Livermore Third Grade classes serving approximately 900 students, parents, and teachers.

In addition to the Walking Tours, this year the Guild provided the HistoryMobile to every Elementary School in the Public School District. This spring the Livermore Elementary Schools Third Grade classes unveiled a new local Livermore History curriculum created by teachers Anne Anaya and Janet Gulbransen with assistance and researched materials provided by the Guild.

January 2015 saw the Guild begin a new role as man-



House at Hagemann Farms



agers of the Hagemann Ranch. The Guild repaired the Ranch House sufficiently to house our on-site caretaker, Historian Bria Reiniger. Working with Sunflower Hill they have cultivated an acre of the Ranch producing over 4000 pounds of fresh produce for Open Heart Kitchen and other kitchen providers, as well as selling to the

general public. Fertile GroundWorks created a historical kitchen garden close to the Ranch House replicating the Ranch's fresh vegetable source. The produce of this garden also serves the needs of Open Heart Kitchen. 4-H recently began horse operations by bringing horses to the Ranch for limited 4-H Projects. The Guild anticipates expansion of horse operations including Special Needs Children's Therapy Programs once the designated barn is certified structurally sound for use.

Hagemann Ranch needs a great deal of work, maintenance and upkeep and the Guild seeks volunteers with construction trade skills and a willingness to become involved in our community and history.

The Guild, headquartered at the Livermore History Center, houses the archives of original source historical materials documenting Livermore's storied past. The

Guild continues to organize and document our archives including newspapers dating to 1870 and over seven thousand historic photos. Don Meeker, Guild Collections Manager, has photographed and catalogued real estate and

Assessors records creating a documented picture of the Livermore's early years. The Guild operates and maintains the Duarte Garage, which houses the collection of restored antique fire trucks including the Seagrave.

Big Turnout for Summer Reading Programs at the Livermore Library

Over 1,500 children, teens, and adults participated in this year's popular Summer Reading Programs, sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Approximately 4,000 books were read by participants this summer. There were 840 children who successfully completed the Independent Reader game, received a medal, and were entered into a raffle for a chance to win a "staycation" package filled with prizes.

On September 28, 2015, the 840 children who finished the game will have the opportunity to meet and shake hands with Mayor John Marchand and the Councilmembers during the televised city council meeting.

Ebere Aladi, third grader at Croce Elementary, was randomly selected as the lucky winner of the "staycation" package. This package includes: four skate rentals and skate sessions from Tri Valley Ice, a \$40 gift certificate to Boomers, four weekend train tickets at the Niles Canyon Railway, a one-year parking pass for Sycamore Grove Park, four swim passes from LARPD, two one hour pedal boat rentals at Lake Del Valle Marina, and a five hour drop-in pass to Play-Well LEGO Activity Center in Pleasanton.

Pre-readers who finished the Summer Reading Program received a free book and were entered into a raffle. Jade Cabrera, who is starting kindergarten at Livermore Valley Charter School, was randomly chosen as the lucky winner of the Pre-reader raffle. She won a \$50 gift card to

Livermore Cinemas for her and her family.

There were 321 teens who participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program, reading a total of 1,845 books. Of those, 113 teens read 10 or more books to successfully complete the program. Winners of the Teen Summer Reading raffle were randomly selected. Liana Tran was the winner of a Kindle Fire. Austin Phillips, Julia King, and Frida Hernandez each won a \$60 Target Gift Card. Teens also won movie prize packs which included a DVD copy of a popular movie, a \$25 gift card to Livermore Cinemas, a \$10 gift card for CREAM, and popcorn and candy. Abraham Martinez won The Maze Runner movie prize pack; Molly Faria is the recipient of the Divergent movie prize pack; Amanda Newton won the If I Stay movie prize pack; and Maddie Holt is the recipient of The Fault in Our Stars movie prize pack.

Businesses and organizations who donated to the kids' and teens' Summer Reading programs include: Foster's Freeze, Niles Canyon Railway, Tri Valley Ice, Boomers, LARPD, East Bay Regional Park District, Play-Well TEKologies, and Cinema West-Livermore 13 Cinemas. The Friends of the Livermore Library provided funding for additional prizes.

A record number of adults participated in the Adult Summer Reading program this year with 362 adults reading a total of 1,896 books. Ten weekly raffle winners were

randomly drawn throughout the summer, and three grand prize winners were drawn during the last week of August. Winners received movie passes and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Livermore resident Joy Adams was one of the grand prize winners and she won an \$85 gift card for Campo di Bocce. "Thank you so much to the Friends of the Livermore Library for thinking of us 'big kids' with the Adult Summer Reading Program," said Adams. "I'm so thrilled to receive the grand prize. My whole family will get to benefit from your generosity."

2015 Adult Summer Reading Program Winners were Danadevi Paz, \$25 gift card for Livermore Cinemas; Erin Criminale, \$25 gift card for First Street Alehouse; Michaela Reuben, \$25 gift card for Patzi's Pizza; Edward Lee, \$25 gift card for Posada Restaurant; Danielle Nabozny, \$25 gift certificate for Loard's Ice Cream; Thomas McCaffrey, \$25 gift card for Sauced BBQ & Spirits; Bridget Holt, \$25 gift card for 1st Treat Yogurt; Misty Herr, \$25 gift card for Demitri's Taverna; Radha Patel, \$25 gift card for Lanna Thai; and Celene Resong, \$25 gift card for Vine Cinema & Alehouse.

The grand prize winners were Becky Wisely, \$80 gift certificate for Terra Mia Restaurant; Janet Anderson, \$85 gift card for the restaurant at Wente Vineyards; and Joy Adams, \$85 gift card for Campo di Bocce of Livermore.

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.

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.

Artists at Work Nights, Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12: artists at work night. 62 South L Street, Livermore. www.bothwellartscenter.org.

"Paramnesia," Photo Series by Naomi Vanderkinden, August 28 - September 28, 2015, using 19th century photographic techniques, to create a unique blend of old and new images. Louie-Meager Art Gallery, Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. M/W 11a.m.-4p.m., T/Th 10am-3pm, and by appointment. Free admission, \$4 parking fee. For more information visit www.ohlone.edu/org/artgallery or call 510.659.6176

Absolutely Abstract Art Show, Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., 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.

Rain Dance, an art exhibition at the Bankhead Theater, presented by the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Featured are artists Jason Conn, Danielle Eubanks, Kerry McGehee, Linda Ryan, Julie Hayward Trout, and Bernard Weston. Display through Nov. 2 in the lobby, open Tuesdays-Sundays, 12-6 p.m. The Artists' Reception will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 1-3 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Native American dancers from the Indian Education program at the American Indian Center will perform pow wow dancing at the reception. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore. Call 925.447-ARTS for more information about Rain Dance.

Yupo Paper works by Charlotte Severin at the Firehouse Art Center September 10- October 14. Meet the artist reception will take place on September 29 6-8p.m. Artwork will be on display in the Main Lobby on the Charlotte Severin Gallery Wall and in the main corridor of the Firehouse Art Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue.

Art of David Lee and Ira is on display at the downtown Livermore office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, 1983 Second Street, through Oct. 17,

2015 during regular business hours. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925-784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com.

Artwork Showing: Espresso Rosetta Coffee Shop, 206 S. J St., Livermore, (corner of J Street and 2nd Street). Works by Lisa Rigge and Maryann Kot. Experience Lisa Rigge's fall color photographs and Maryann Kot's archival reproductions of original art in the friendly atmosphere of the new coffee shop, Espresso Rosetta, in downtown Livermore. The work will be on display through Dec. 31st.

Celebrating our Abilities Arts & Crafts from Present & Past Times: Tucked in a quiet neighborhood on Kottinger Drive is a talented group of seniors. Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00am to 4:00pm Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens Senior Apartments will be having an open house Art Fair displaying the many talents of the seniors living in the communities. The show will be held in the community rooms of both senior apartment complexes. There will be arts & crafts activities to participate in. Kottinger Place - 240 Kottinger Drive, Pleasanton/Pleasanton Gardens - 251 Kottinger Drive, Pleasanton. For more information contact Cecelia Florini at Kottinger Place (925)846-0133 or Kottinger@barcelon.com.

ArtWalk, downtown Livermore, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10. Free event. www.bankheadtheater.com.

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

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.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2015 - 2016 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school and also is offering an adult class. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley since

1980. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

WINE & SPIRITS

Discover The Garden at Wenté Vineyards, exclusive tour of The Restaurant's ½ 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 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 14. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; wentevineyards.com

Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery & Vineyard is partnering with **Casse-Croûte Bakery** in Livermore to bring you "The French Connection." Friday, September 18 from 5 to 8 PM, a limited number of tickets are available to taste the bakery's savories with Rodrigue Molyneux's selection of three French wines. \$20 a person or \$35 for two people. Stop by Casse-Croûte, 50 South Livermore Avenue, for more details.

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., Sept. 18, Evening in the Vineyards concert from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Charged Particles. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's and for dessert chocolate truffles all available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, go to www.laspositasvineyards.com Space is limited. Sat., Sept. 19, Saturday Tasting and Picnicking outdoors under the Heritage Oak Tree. Come to the vineyards for a special tasting & buy a bottle and stay for a picnic. \$10 for Reserve flight offered from 1130am-3pm. For more info, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. Sun., Sept. 20, "Sunday Funday, newest wine and cheese pairing flight, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Nottingham Cellars, Livermore, Music on the Patio, 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 19, Eric Eckstein; Sept. 26, Chris LeBel. On September 24, 6-9pm **Music in the Orchard** the last of the summer concert series at the Purple Orchid Resort and Spa benefitting The Pedrozzi Foundation will be headlined by the popular Crawdad Republic. Join Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beerworks, Ken's Woodfired Pizza for an evening of food, libations and a celebration of the end of summer. Tickets available online at www.purpleorchid.com and in our tasting room \$10 presale/\$15 at the door. No outside food or beverages. On September 27, Battle of the Bay with Steven Kent Winery. Afternoon of BBQ, **Wine and Baseball at the ballpark in Oakland**. 11:05 BBQ in the Westside Patio with wine from both wineries. 1:00 game time A's vs. Giants with seats in section 201. Limited tickets available. For tickets and more details visit www.nottinghamcellars.com or call the winery 925.294.8647 ext. 5

Charles R Vineyards final "4th Friday" Free Summer Concert Series for 2015 on September 25th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Live music by Greg Lamboy. Seating is first come, first serve. We welcome picnics. Wine by the glass and bottle available for purchase. (Tak-

ing Patterson Pass Road or Las Positas to Greenville Road may reduce traffic time) 8195 Crane Ridge Road/5800 Greenville Road, Livermore.

Craft Beer Dinner, Wenté Grill Chef Owen Nattress plans final 2015 Craft Beer Dinner featuring four courses paired with brews from Heretic Brewing in Fairfield. Representatives from the brewery will be present to speak about their brews and provide the opportunity for you to sample their favorite creations. Fri., Sept. 25, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$79 club members, \$89 nonmembers. The Grill at Wenté Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore Valley. Dining Reservations 925.456.2450. wentevineyards.com

Dog Day Afternoon, Saturday, September 26th, 2015, 11am - 5 pm. Wenté Estate Winery & Tasting Room and The Winemakers Studio, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore Valley. Afternoon of tail-wagging fun. There will be many pet related vendors, music and more on site for a fun afternoon with your furry friend. \$5 from every tasting flight purchased will benefit the East Bay SPCA. Complimentary tasting with a donation of dog toys, dog food, treats, blankets, etc. Wines by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. Food from The Wood Fire Kitchen will be available for purchase. No outside food or beverages permitted 456.2424. wentevineyards.com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Wine Wednesday at Retzlaff, 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 28. 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. Aug. 8, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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 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

House Rent Party with Rick Estrin and The Nightcats, Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, tickets www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Richard Marx, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Tubes, Oct. 2, 8 p.m. Bankhead The-

ater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Blues All-Star Revue: Golden State - Lone Star Revue. California and Texas Blues all-stars meet up on the Firehouse Arts Center stage for a big cross-country blues blowout concert. Saturday, October 3, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets: \$17.00 - \$27.00. Headliners: representing California are Mark Hummel (harp-blower, vocalist, bandleader and Grammy nominee), Little Charlie Baty (ex-Nightcats bandleader and guitar hero), RW Grigsby (bassist) -- and the Texas bluesmen are Anson Funderburgh (guitarist and Rockets bandleader) and Wes Starr (famed Austin drummer who has played with a who's who of Texas music royalty). Ring-leader Mark Hummel is Winner Best Album and Best Traditional Album 2014 Blues Music Awards; 2014 Grammy Nominated for Best Blues Album. Tickets: www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Concert featuring Heidi Moss, soprano and Kurt Erickson, piano, Sun., October 4, 4 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton. Moss teams up with Lieder Alive! resident composer Kurt Erickson to present a concert of new and familiar works in the German lieder and art song tradition. Works by Schubert, Strauss, Wolf, and also specially commissioned pieces by composers David Conte, Henry Mollicone, Daron Hagen, Erling Wold, and Kurt Erickson. Festive Reception will follow. Freewill offering. Childcare provided. 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton www.stclarespleasanton.org/concerts-at-st-clares/

Julian Lage in Concert. Sunday, October 4, 2:00 p.m. As part of his Julian Lage Solo Project, Lage presents a rare solo concert at the Firehouse in Pleasanton. The Grammy-nominated New York-based guitarist, composer, arranger was also the subject of the Academy Award nominated documentary 'Jules at Eight', his age when he began performing beside renowned artists like Carlos Santana. Lage's most recent album 'Free Flying' received a coveted 5 star review in Down Beat magazine. Reserved seating tickets \$15.00 - \$25.00, www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Unauthorized Rolling Stones, 8 p.m., Oct. 9 and 10, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

The Farallon Quintet, Del Valle Fine Arts, 8 p.m. Oct. 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Roger McGuinn, leader of the 1960's band, The Byrds, 8 p.m. Fri., Oct. 9 Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Turn! Turn!, Eight Miles High and The Byrds' number one hit Mr. Tambourine Man, landed them in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. www.bankheadtheater.org at the box office, or call 373-6800.

Tony Furtado singer, 2 p.m., Oct. 11, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Edmar Castaneda Colombar Harpist, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Jazz Concert, 7 p.m., Oct. 15, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php

Rosanne Cash and John Leventhal, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

'An Afternoon in Havana' Featuring Tito Gonzalez, 2 p.m., Oct. 16 and 17, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Wailin' Jennys, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Christian Bautista, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Firehouse Arts Center, 2 p.m. Oct. 18. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4850.

Paco Pena, Flamenco guitarist. Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops Concert, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. Dream Along with the Pops, Livermore Community Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Livermore. Fund-raiser. \$30 per person. livermoreamadorsymphony.org/pops.

ON THE STAGE

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Role Players Ensemble production, Sept. 4-19. Tickets and Information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

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

Bram Stoker's Dracula, vampire Count Dracula comes to life in Charles Morey's adaptation of this classic tale of good versus evil. Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Telling Tales, Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents an evening of storytelling. The first DMT Telling Tales in the 2015-2016 Season, with the theme of secrets kept or revealed: I've Got a Secret. 8 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2015. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$5 open seating (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter, fall play, Oct. 16-25, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php

Encore Players Fall Production, Oct. 23, 24, 8 p.m. and Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center. Tickets at www.bankheadtheater.com or 373-6800.

Jekyll & Hyde the Musical, weekends Oct. 24 through Nov. 8. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the

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box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Creations of Impulse Presents NIGHT-MARE 2015. Oct. 29 and 31, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Leading Ladies by Ken Ludwig. Oct. 30-Nov. 15, Role Players Ensemble production. Tickets and information at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

COMEDY

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

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

Paula Poundstone. Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

The Babadook (movie). 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for: The Pirates of Penzance, fresh take on comic opera by Gilbert & Sullivan. September 19th and September 20th at 10:00am---- Callbacks (by invitation only) September 27th at 6:00pm. 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. No appointments necessary. All Roles open, No AEA ---- Small stipend available. Please prepare 16-32 bars any Gilbert and Sullivan or comparable musicals (no pop or rock style). Please download and bring audition form filled out and have all conflicts from October 25th -January 31st listed. Also, bring a current head shot and resume. (www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/the-pirates-of-penzance). Show will run January 16th through January 31st 2016 at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Contact Producer, Kathleen Breedveld with any questions. KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com

Auditions; A Christmas Carol. San Ramon Community Theater will hold auditions and callbacks on September 28 and 30, respectively at 7:00PM. All must sing. The characters do not need to look like the character they are playing, but need to voice the character in dialogue and song. The Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. San Ramon Prepare an up-beat song in your key with recorded accompaniment or sheet music for our pianist. A recording must not have vocals. The information form: Will be on the website. Print it, attach a head shot photo and bring to audition. Those unable to make the audition date, please call 925-389-7529 to setup a different date and time. Call 925-389-7529 or email terrycun@ymail.com

Valley Concert Chorale scheduling appointments for auditions for singers

who would like to be a part of the Chorale's 2015-2016 season. Auditions will be held on the following dates: Mondays, September 21 and 28. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. Information at www.valleyconcertchorale.org

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Paws In Need Paws & Outlaws

Barbeque on Saturday, Sept. 19 at The Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. 3 to 6 p.m., live music by Blue House Band plus trip tip and pulled pork from Red Smoke Grill. Funds raised will benefit Paws In Need, which serves the Tri-Valley from Livermore to Danville by providing financial assistance for two vital programs--a Spay/Neuter program to combat dog and cat overpopulation and the Just Like New Fund to care for sick or injured pets and community animals when the owners are unable to do so due to financial hardship. There will be a raffle and prizes during the evening. \$35 per person and \$15 per child. For information or tickets, contact one of the co-chairs Lisa Williams at lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com or Leslie Haas at leoleslie@att.net. Tickets may also be ordered at the Paws in Need website, www.paws-in-need.org.

Pleasanton Lions Club 4th Annual "Taste of Pleasanton" Fall Restaurant & Shoppe Walk Fund-raiser. Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 6pm-9pm. Shop while sampling fabulous foods, desserts and beverages from over 20 local restaurants and shops while strolling downtown Pleasanton. Tickets cost \$25.00 (tickets are limited and must be purchased prior to the event) Contact Pam Grimes for tickets or more info: 925-872-7552. Tickets may also be purchased from the following downtown Pleasanton businesses: Renee Huber State Farm and Comerica Bank, www.pleasantonlionsclub.org Proceeds benefit projects and charities supported by the Pleasanton Lions.

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, Tickets and information at Livermore Chamber of Commerce, www.livermorechamber.org
Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, September 24-26, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The promoters of the event are Rusty Barn Promotion Group. The Festival features every brand of sewing, quilting and embroidery machines from very best sewing, quilting, needle-art, knitting, rubber stamping, embossing, scrapbooking and creative arts vendors. 4501 Pleasanton Avenue Pleasanton (Young California Building). Parking: \$10.00 per car charged by the Fairgrounds. Free admission this year only both to consumers and guilds. Coupons widely available locally and at www.quiltcraftsew.com

Quilting in the Garden. Sept. 26 and 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts hung from tree to tree; several classes, lectures and a garden tour are part of the event. Featured artist Freddy Moran; guest artist Sally Collins. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Information about activities go to www.aldenlane.com or www.inbetweenstitches.com

26th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, presented by the Altamont Cruisers, 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
19th annual Airport Open House and Air Show celebrates the airport's 50th anniversary; Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the Livermore Municipal Airport. Exhibits, food, entertainment, and a display of aircraft. www.cityoflivermore.net

Senior Info Fair, Sat., Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Free admission. Information, 556-4511.

A Taste of Africa, Sun., Oct. 11, two events: 1) Shea Homes Plaza, 2400 First St., Livermore, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Includes Manzili hut exhibit, marketplace, kids' activities, music and dance showcase, DJ. Free admission. 2) Bankhead Theater, 3 to 6 p.m. silent, auction, complimentary South African wine tasting, complimentary Kenyan hors d'oeuvres, Taste of Africa production with Julia Chigamba and Chinyakare Ensemble, Ck Ladzekpo and the West African Drumming and Dance Ensemble, Ibou Ngom and Saif Kone - tickets \$35 regular, \$18 student, \$12 youth. Purchase tickets at www.chezanami.org or call 398-3827. Sponsor Opportunities available with additional perks. Make a Donation to

the silent auction. Volunteer to help by emailing info@chezanami.org or calling 925-398-3827

Author Jojo Moyes Reading & Book Signing. 7 p.m., Oct. 15, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Dublin Schools, 1915, 1950 and Today, special exhibit, Oct. 17 through January 2016. Little Classroom, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

Old-fashioned fall fun at the Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the picturesque Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Live entertainment by The Dublin Bluegrass Jam Band in the Hay Barn. See farm animals, take a tractor-pulled wagon-ride, play in a hay stack, and stroll through the scarecrow exhibit on the grounds. The 1910 Kolb House and 1850s Murray Schoolhouse will be open during the event for tours. Fall foods, including caramel apples, pie, hot apple cider, and popcorn will be available for purchase. Children can participate in the "Hands-on-History" activities with the purchase of a \$5 activity pass. Admission to the Harvest Fair is free. Passes for the living history activities can be purchased at the

event for \$5. www.ci.dublin.ca.us
The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney Speaker Series An Evening With... Harry Houdini, Tuesday, October 20th, 7 pm: Broadway and television actor Duffy Hudson takes the stage as illusionist and magic mastermind, Harry Houdini. Hudson, as Houdini, will bring to life the personal side of Houdini, including his ventures into film and aviation. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Sold Out.
Night of the Livermore Dead: A Zombie Pub Crawl, 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 29. Downtown Livermore. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. www.bankheadtheater.org.

7th Annual Downtown Halloween Carnival, Oct. 24, 1 to 5 p.m. Livermore Downtown, Inc. event. www.livermore-downtown.com

Alex Filippenko, black holes in space. Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Ghosts of Dublin, Fri., Oct. 30, 7:30 to 9:30p.m. Kolb Sunday School Barn, 660 Donlon Way, Dublin. Historian Rita Szollos shares pictures and stories of local people and places. \$5 residents, \$6 nonresidents. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

Annual Walk for Education Set for Sept. 26 in Livermore

American Swim Academy is hosting the 7th Annual Walk for Education to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF). The walk takes place at the Livermore High School football track in Livermore on Saturday, September 26 from 9am until 12pm. The Livermore community, as well as students, friends and families from every Livermore Valley school, are invited to participate in the walk to raise funds and awareness for the Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

"The Walk 4 Education is a fun-filled community event that promotes active lifestyles and healthy communities," said Kelly Bowers, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent of Schools. "We are thrilled to continue partnering with American Swim Academy and Livermore Valley Education Foundation to produce this

fantastic event."

Registration is open to the public at www.AmericanSwimAcademy.com/lvef. The entry fee is just \$5 and each registered participant will receive a t-shirt and refreshments.

There will also be a Family Fun Festival during the walk with live entertainment, DJ music, family friendly booths and more. "The Walk for Education is something that our staff looks forward to every year," said Ana Garcia, Director of the American Swim Academy in Livermore. "Over the past six years, this event has raised over \$70,000. We are thrilled to be able to give back the community and our schools in this way."

The LVEF is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. LVEF works with teachers, students and parents to

determine where funding is most needed and then oversees the distribution on a district wide basis. The majority of funding for LVEF comes through fundraisers and community support. "LVEF is deeply grateful for the support of American Swim Academy in putting on this wonderful community event for the 7th consecutive year," said David Jonas, President of the LVEF. "We've added some changes to make this year's walk our most successful ever, including awarding a free Jamba Juice smoothie party to the top participating K-5 classroom at each school," he added.

For more information about the 2014 Walk for Education, please visit www.americanswimacademy.com/lvef or contact Jennifer Oliveira at 925-833-7946 x105.

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Milestones

Annual Event Raises Over \$1.1 Million for Foundation

Shana Morrison's opening ceremony, which included a flash mob of campers dancing and singing to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'," was among one of the surprises guests witnessed for The Taylor Family Foundation's (TTFF) 25th Anniversary at this year's Day in the Park auction fundraiser helping to drive donations over \$1.1 million.

The event celebrated the Foundation's Double Anniversary: 25 years of giving and 15 years of providing summer and weekend camp programs at TTFF's Camp Arroyo.

Local celebrities ABC7KGO TV's Cheryl Jennings, longtime supporter, Doug McConnell (Bay Area OpenRoad host), Sue Hall (KOIT 96.5), and Narsai David (KCBS) were on hand to encourage fundraising efforts for The Taylor Family Foundation's 25th Anniversary.

The festivities started with an Epicurean Ensemble showcasing more than 70 Bay Area restaurants, breweries and California wineries including Walnut Creek Yacht Club, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Yankee Pier, Boston Beer Company and Wente Vineyards. All of whom have supported the event for more than a decade.

In keeping with tradition, the Live Auction started off with Send-a-Kid to Camp, during which guests donated a combined \$551,000.

Proceeds from Day in the Park go directly towards funding and facilitating The Taylor Family Foundation's Mission to provide wellness programs for Northern California children with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, and developmental disabilities such as asthma, autism, brain tumors, burn survivors, diabetes, heart

disease, pediatric cancers, pediatric HIV/AIDS and skin disease.

Since its inception in 1990, TTFF has raised more than \$20 million to better the lives of over 45,000 children and provide their families with a respite from ongoing challenges. In addition to funding camp programs,

TTFF provides financial and emotional support for children and families in the community who are in critical need. TTFF supports these families in medical crisis through grants that provide children with clothing, pay for funeral costs, pay for medical devices, and help with day-to-day expenses.

Education

Tatianna Mercurio of Pleasanton, a graduate of Foothill High School majoring in film studies, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester 2015 at Baldwin Wallace University, according to Stephen D. Stahl, Provost. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the Dean's List.

Madison Brinnon, of Pleasanton, qualified for Belmont University's Summer 2015 Dean's List. Eligibility for the summer session is based on a minimum 9-hour course load over 10 weeks and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Hannah Winslow, of Pleasanton, CA, a member of the Colgate Class of 2016, has earned the Dean's Award for academic excellence for the Spring 2015 semester. This recognition is awarded to students with a 3.30 or higher term average.

At the Mortar Board National Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona in August, the San Diego State University Chapter of Mortar Board earned the Gold Torch Award, a national distinction that is given to the most exceptional chapters of Mortar Board. Kara Matsune, a Management major from Pleasanton, was a part of the award winning chapter. Recipients must excel in all areas of chapter operations while promoting scholarship, leadership and meaningful service to their institutions.

Mariah Kock has joined a newly enrolled Honors College freshman class of over 400 at Kent State. In line with strong overall university enrollment growth, the Honors College is proud to welcome Mariah as one of over 400 new freshmen who were all awarded an Honors College scholarship.

Elizabeth Ann Lopez of Livermore was among 864 students who received degrees in from Clemson University during commencement ceremonies at Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville, South Carolina.

Livermore High School student Cassidy Kovisto has been recognized for superior achievement by the National Society of High School Scholars. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

More than 1,400 freshmen joined the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute community on August 31 with the first day of classes. They hail from 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from countries all over the world. Local residents include Andrew Dawson and Sean Hurst from Livermore and from Pleasanton, Megan Gupta, Ria Shroff and Anna Toy.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Italian Catholic Federation Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to a potluck and guest speaker evening on Sept. 18th, 2015. Meetings are the third Friday of each month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. The social/cocktail hour begins at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 P.M. Please call Judy at 462-2487 for more information.

Alameda County CattleWomen Beef Is King Cookout Contest. Entries are due by Sept. 28. The contest will take place on Sun., Oct. 4. Bring entries by 10 a.m. with judging to follow at noon. To enter contact Annie Warner at Madsencattle@yahoo.com.

Tri-Valley Republican Women cordially invite all to a dinner meeting and presentation by Mr. Nan Su, who will speak on "Changing China: The Past and The Future". Mr. Nan Su will discuss China's culture and its effects on social, environmental, political and economic aspects of our lives in America. Mr. Su is a news commentator for SOH International Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV network since 2003. He is an activist for human rights and helped coordinate the Human Rights Torch Relay in 2008 which stopped in more than 100 cities around the world. The meeting will be held on Oct. 8 at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore (580@Airway Blvd.). \$34 for guests/\$30 for members. Social time 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7 pm. RSVP by Monday, October 5, to Linda Krikorian, 925-426-1474, or email krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com

Livermore Lions is partnering with the Tri-Valley Haven for the Annual Xmas Boutique on Sat., Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Handcrafted gifts are the primary focus. There may be some retail manufactured gifts from many popular companies. There will be food and regular raffles of gifts and prizes. Entry to the Bothwell is free for buyers. For information on tables, pricing and access times to the site for setup or special needs please contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925 449-9974 or Tri-Valley Haven Stacey Connor 925 449-5845 XT 274 for further details and entry times for vendors. Event opens 9-5 PM for buyers. Times for vendors will allow time to setup, call in advance and thank you for your support.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Joy Cohn and Tom Mathews on October 12. L-AGS members Joy Cohn and Tom Mathews have discovered they are cousins, but better yet, they learned that their ancestors faced off against each other during the darkest days in Puritan New England's history. Tom and Joy will discuss the Salem Witch Trials touching on the history behind the trials, their causes, the executions and the families of both the victims and the accusers. They will also explore what happened to those families after the trials; where they went and what became of them. The meeting is at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. Come at 7:30, all are welcome no charge. For more

information contact program@L-AGS

Holiday Boutique. Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association annual Holiday boutique on November 8, 2015 at the Veteran's Hall in Livermore at Fourth and L Streets, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 20 plus vendors will be there with their tables full of handcrafted items so get out your holiday shopping list and come on down. While you are shopping stop by the snack bar for lunch from the veterans from Las Positas Veterans First Program as they will be serving you.

Square Dancing for all ages 8 years and up. Beginner class starting October 8, 7:00-8:30pm, experienced dancers until 9:30pm, at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome October classes are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

Gardening program, September 19, 2015 - 11:00 am to 12:00pm. Using cover crops to improve soil fertility. Asbury United Methodist Church; 4743 East Ave.; Livermore.

Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia, the film, will be shown at 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 19 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA. No 20th century figure had a more profound effect on the worlds of literature, film, historical debate & the culture wars. This film gives the viewer an outside looking in view of American history from the Cold War to the present through the lens of Gore Vidal, peppered with interviews with him and some of his friends. Meet & greet potluck starts at 6:30 PM, while a discussion follows the film. This public event is free/\$3.00 donations, unaffiliated, wheelchair access, with A/C & EZ parking. For more information, call 925-462-3459 or email flickknight@gmail.com

Brainstorm, The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain. Dr. Daniel Siegel, best-selling author of the book, will speak and answer audience questions on Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Topics include: popular myths about teenage behavior, why teens are driven to seek out novelty and take more risks, how the brain undergoes rapid changes through the early 20s, and why adolescence is a "Golden Age" of innovation and creativity. Tickets are \$10 online at www.firehousearts.org, at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Tickets are also available at the door. Note: Books are available to purchase at the event, courtesy of Towne Center Books.

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, September 18, 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. 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 and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Dinner and car show, Fri., Oct. 9, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2117, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Cars displayed 4 to 9 p.m. Tri-tip dinner 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets \$15, RSVP at 455-8829. To reserve a space in the car show, call Marci at 292-5299.

Looking Forward... Paying for College, The Pedrozzi Foundation, in coordination with Congressman Eric

Swalwell's office, will be hosting a financial aid awareness seminar. Colette Hadley, Director of Consulting Services, for the National College Access Network (NCAN), will be the guest speaker. This will be a free community event. 6:30-8 p.m. Tues., Oct. 6 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Paws In Need Paws & Outlaws Barbeque on Saturday, Sept. 19 at The Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Rd. in Livermore. 3 to 6 p.m., live music by Blue House Band plus trip tip and pulled pork from Red Smoke Grill. Funds raised will benefit Paws In Need, which serves the Tri-Valley from Livermore to Danville by providing financial assistance for two vital programs--a Spay/Neuter program to combat dog and cat overpopulation and the Just Like New Fund to care for sick or injured pets and community animals when the owners are unable to do so due to financial hardship. There will be a raffle and prizes during the evening. \$35 per person and \$15 per child. For information or tickets, contact one of the co-chairs Lisa Williams at lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com or Leslie Haas at leoleslie@att.net. Tickets may also be ordered at the Paws in Need website, www.paws-in-need.org.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Special open Speaker Meeting, Sept. 21 in Pleasanton. Dr. John Patty will speak about "Leaving the Self-Reinforcing Cycle of Clutter & Anxiety." Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at 925/289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at: www.clutterlesseastbay.org

Writing club for young adults, Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults, ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Sept. 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Sept. 22 to Gloria, 846-8320. Sept. 27, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Sept. 24 to Ruby, 462-9636. Sept. 30, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by Sept. 28 to Vickie, 510-656-1166.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) 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. Tri-Valley CAREs' overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, September 17th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at http://trivalleycares.org

Caregiving and Private Caregiving class Sat., Sept. 19 sponsored by

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Heritage Estates, Kindred, and Professional Healthcare At Home. Skilled home care services help patients recover from illness, injury, or surgery in the comfort of their own homes. Through our non-medical services, trained caregivers assist clients with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, companionship, and transportation assistance. Classes will be held in the Assisted Living Activities Room, Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Heritage Estates, 850 East Stanley Blvd. Livermore. Call Heritage Estates to RSVP at 925-373-3636.

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

Leading the Way! Mony Nop Foundation Mardi Gras Bash 2015, 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 16 at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. \$100 per person includes a sit down dinner, raffle prize drawings, live and silent auctions, live band and dancing. The Mony Nop Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. MNF recommends that donors consult with a licensed Certified Public Accountant regarding tax-deductible donations. Tax ID# 46-2438663. For information or to purchase tickets, go to www.monynopfoundation.org

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

Flea Market, presented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 19 in the parking lot at 527 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Space set up from 6 a.m., close at 4 p.m. Cost \$20 for a 15x15' space, \$5 for a table rental. Sign for a space at the Eagles social room. Vendors welcome. Call Eagles Hall, 449-6281 or Val Olson at 449-5807 for information.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets 7 p.m. Mon., Sept. 21 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Democratic Party Region 2 Director Craig Cheslog will discuss the recent elections, mailers & phone calls, top 2 primaries, unions and Democrats, party organization, improving club impact on elections & electing more Democrats. Refreshments

26th Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show, Altamont Cruisers Car Club, Sun., Sept. 27, 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

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. Detailed information about other planned activities is also listed on the blog. Send question to livermoreclassof1965@gmail.com.

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

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/. 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 McClinnis 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. For more information check our website: branch121.sirinc2.org or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the subject line).

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 Parkway, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

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

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

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

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.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.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Christian Church, www.uccilv.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/ All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; worship service 10:15 a.m. Sundays. 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.

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

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 or call 447-2351.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org or visit our website at www.lynnwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 2:20 p.m., 2nd ward 9 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 12 noon. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 1 p.m.; 4th ward 9 a.m., Springtown ward, 11 a.m. Young single adult ware, 1:30 p.m., 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. www.smbclive.com or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. 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.

"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 continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2015. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or

to register."

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Worship is at 10 a.m. The worship celebration is called "Ancient Future" because it is rooted, as the early church was, in God's story, which is central to participants' lives. Sunday school, child-care and separate gatherings for teenagers are all offered each Sunday concurrently with the worship service. For more information, go to www.centerpointechurch.org or call the office at (925) 846-4436.

Grief workshop, Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and we will explore them in this eight-week series of workshops. Join us for eight Thursday nights at 7:30pm starting September 17th to November 5th, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Silva at 925-846-9543

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for women of all ages and life stages, Meets Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am beginning October 1 through May 15, St. Charles Parish - Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Highlights of the 2015-2016 Season: Fr. Mark Wiesner- Top 10 Reasons to be Catholic; Martha Leiker - author, former nun and CIA agent; Janet Whitaker - singer, composer, musician. Questions: Donna Leach (925-443-6815)[dleach45@gmail.com] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002)[adele_obrien@hotmail.com]

"The Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World" has visited over 3,000 parishes around the world and is coming to the greater SF Bay Area. This is a photographic exhibition of more than 100 Eucharistic Miracles--all recognized by the Catholic Church. This exhibit is sponsored by the "Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association" and hosted by the Eucharistic Adoration Ministry of St. Michael parish in Livermore. The exhibit will run from 7AM-9PM, Saturday and Sunday, October 10 & 11, 2015 in St. Michael parish hall located at 326 Maple Street in Livermore between 3rd & 4th Streets. Faith-building coloring activities will be available for children. Admission is free. Voluntary donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, email EucharisticAdorationMinistry@yahoo.com.

Eckankar, "Are You Looking for a Sign from God?" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, September 20, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship Service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

Sukkah raising, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews celebrate the season. Sept. 27th ,10:30 am - 12:30 pm at 1817 Sinclair Drive in Pleasanton. Bring a brunch dish to share and a piece of fruit or vegetable (or something else) to decorate the sukkah. If available, also bring a large green branch for the roof. Crafts for the children and fun games for all. Please donate healthy non-perishable food to the annual High Holy Days Food Drive. A \$5 donation is requested for each adult non-member attending. Tickets at www.eventbrite.com/e/trivalley-cultural-jews-sukkot-tickets-18586557895

Milestones

Community



Anti-Bullying Film Earns Recognition for Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts from Troop 31179 - Kaylie Lawsen, Olivia Powers, Morgan Rogge and Tabitha Turner (pictured above) - completed their Silver Award, the highest award earned by Cadettes, for an anti-bullying film that they made.

The short film, "Tell Someone," earned them not only the Silver Award, but also earned them a prestigious "Shooting Star" recognition from the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, given in recognition of exemplary community service. The film was presented by the Scouts to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District school board in an effort to disseminate it to the area schools and as a result it was added to the LVJUSD District Website. It has been shown in area schools as part of the school orientation process.

The idea behind the film is that bullying will always happen; the important thing is that students talk to someone when it does.

The film was conceived, written, storyboarded, cast, staged and produced by the girls. Part of the project was to marshal community resources to respond to a community need and to that end local film company, Flip 2 Media, offered to help by shooting and editing the film. The result is a very professional piece that all involved can be very proud of.

The girls are very grateful to the community support they received in making this film, and are especially thankful to Thad Coberg and his team at Flip2 Media for their substantial efforts in making this film a reality.

The film "Tell Someone" can be viewed by going to the LVJUSD website and click on the "schools" tab, and then "school safety" or on YouTube via the following link: <https://youtu.be/2ZPVCSDZUM4>

LVEF Funds Project to Help Developmentally Challenged Students

When Sarah Woolsey, a special day class aide at Joe Michell K-8 School in Livermore, needed desktop slant boards for her developmentally challenged students, she approached the Boy Scouts. The slant boards would provide significant ergonomic benefit to her students by elevating their desktops to a more comfortable writing angle.

Eagle Scout candidate Chris Ayon stepped up to help Sarah out. Chris had the know-how, but not the funding. So Sarah appealed to the Livermore Valley Education Fund (LVEF), which came through to make the project happen, supplementing funds that Sarah received from the Joe Michell PTO.

Chris feels great about the project and that the slant boards will help make Sarah's students "feel independent and successful in school."

For more information about LVEF visit www.lvef.org.



Pictured at right are Sarah Woolsey and Chris Ayon with slant boards.

Pleasanton Police Department Promotes Two, Adds Two Officers at Special Ceremony

Pleasanton Police Department Sergeant Maria Munayer was promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant and Officer Benjamin Sarasua to the rank of Police Sergeant in a special badge pinning and oath of office ceremony. Recent Police Academy graduates, Matt Harvey and Ken White were sworn in as Pleasanton's two newest Police Officers. All filled vacancies that were created during the past year.

Lieutenant Maria Munayer was born and raised in Alamo, California. She has been a member of the Pleasanton Police Department since 2001 and has served in a variety of assignments to include Patrol, Detective, SWAT and the Special Enforcement Unit. She was promoted to Sergeant in 2009 and has worked in both the Operations and Investigations divisions most recently serving as the Supervisor in the Youth and Community Services Unit. In 2008, Munayer co-founded a non-profit organization called The Bridgewatch Angels. During the holidays, the Bridgewatch Angels patrol the Golden Gate Bridge to engage in suicide prevention.

Sergeant Benjamin Sarasua was born in Redwood City, California and moved to Pleasanton as a child, graduating from Amador Valley High School. He enlisted in the Ma-

rines and after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, his unit was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sarasua joined the Pleasanton Police Department in January, 2007. He has held a variety of collateral assignments which include SWAT/Sniper, FTO, Force Options and Detective. He also served on the Strategic Planning Committee and participated in the newly developed Branding Campaign for the department. Sarasua has recently completed his 20th year of honorable service with the Marine Corps.

Officer's Matt Harvey and Ken White graduated from the Southbay Regional Police Academy in San Jose on September 1, 2015. Both competed in a very challenging selection process, participated in multiple interviews, medical and psychological examinations, and an in-depth background investigation. Harvey is a former Pleasanton Police Explorer and graduate of Foothill High School. White has a background in Loss Prevention and was named Regional External Investigator of the Year for Nordstrom, Northern California in both 2010 and 2011. Both officers will undergo a sixteen-week field training process before being assigned to patrol Pleasanton as solo officers.