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Tri-Valley Takes On 'Islamophobia'

By Heidi McMichael

Wearing his emerald-green kurta pajama and turban, Mohammed Rizwan Dad Khan Mandozai wants to show pride in his Indian heritage and Muslim traditions. But the glances and whispers from the Las Positas College students tell him others might see something different.

"Islam is about peace," Mandozai, 20, said. "I don't want people to hate me or anyone's choices. Learn the real person before you judge them."

Now, some Tri-Valley cities are encouraging people to do just that. In the past few weeks, the

Dublin and Pleasanton city councils proclaimed August as Muslim awareness and appreciation month. Livermore leaders plan to make a similar declaration before it's time for the 2020 celebrations.

This is welcome news for Mandozai and his older brother, Mohammed Arbaaz Dad Khan Mandozai, who has also faced intolerance and ignorance of cultural differences. He's had some trouble with those who don't understand certain traditions, such as the day-time fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"One time, I had been fasting all day and needed to take a break

to eat, but my teacher told me he couldn't make accommodations," Mandozai, 23, said. "I didn't complain, because my education is important."

The Mandozai brothers came to the Tri-Valley from Hyderabad, India four years ago to continue their studies. They attend the Muslim Community Center - East Bay in Pleasanton and are pleased to see their contributions to the area gaining acceptance.

"People are talking more about our culture," the elder Mandozai said. "I'm feeling more positivity."

GROWING PAINS

The two brothers are among

the nearly 250,000 Muslims living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, according to the nonprofit Institute for Social Policy and Understanding.

Sameena Usman, a government relations coordinator for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), said about 90,000 now call Alameda County home. "The Muslim population has grown in the Tri-Valley, and the mosques are overflowing and expanding," she said.

Dublin and Pleasanton's proclamations follow the state, which in 2015 approved House Resolution

(See ISLAMOPHOBIA page 5)

Tesla Park Preservation Approved

A 3,100-acre patch of open land in the hills southeast of Livermore is on the path to preservation. But the battle between off-road enthusiasts and environmentalists about the future of the area known

Before state lawmakers ended the legislative session for the year on Sept. 13, they approved a bill to allow the sale of the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area for conservation purposes. Assembly Bill 1086 is now on its way to the governor's desk to wait for a signature.

The decades-long debate was spurred by a California Parks Department plan to expand the neighboring Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area by opening the Tesla site for off-road recreation. The proposed expansion pitted riders against conservationists who worry dirt-bikes, ATV's and other motorized vehicles used on trails could damage the environment.

(See TESLA PARK, page 3)



The Lincoln Highway Military Convoy featuring historical automobiles passed through Livermore on Sept. 14, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first U.S. Army motor transport convoy that traveled the newly-constructed Lincoln Highway in 1919. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Valley Link To Ease Commutes

Valley Link is asking Faster Bay Area for money to improve rail service and speed up traffic along I-580.

Michael Tree, Valley Link's executive director, said the board authorized a letter of support for the project and a request for money during its Sept. 11 meeting at the Martinelli Events Center near Livermore.

Tree said Valley Link is an ideal project for Faster Bay Area because the plan provides trains linking Tracy to the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, which would eliminate some of the traffic on I-580. BART has already agreed to give Valley Link the \$400 million Alameda County voters approved for the BART extension from East Dublin/Pleasanton to Livermore. BART's board voted 5 to 4 to not do the extension, but agreed to leave the money for Valley Link. It will also receive about \$200 million in

(See VALLEY LINK, page 9)

LLNL Brings the World's Largest Precision Lens To Completion

In four years, an extraordinary new telescope on a mountaintop in Chile will begin the most powerful sky survey ever undertaken. When it does, it will depend on highly sophisticated optical assemblies designed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The telescope — Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, or LSST — will include three lenses, one of them thought to be the largest high-performance optical lens ever fabricated, at 5.1 feet (1.57 meters) in diameter.

That lens, and its smaller companion at more than 3.9 feet (1.2 meters), are part of an assembly built during the past five years by Boulder,

(See OPTICAL LENS, page 10)

Resolution Bans Vaping from Pleasanton Schools and Events

In an effort to protect teenagers from the harmful effects of vaping, Pleasanton Unified School District unanimously passed a resolution to ban e-cigarette use on campus and at school events, and vowed to support legislation to keep vaping and tobacco products out of young people's hands.

Before passing the resolution at its Aug. 27 meeting, PUSD's adult board members asked Megan Sloan, student board representative, whether vaping is much of an issue at Amador High School.

Sloan, an AHS junior, said students "always hear talk on campus, but it's a whole new thing when you are walking into a bathroom, and see stuff and smell stuff. It's demoralizing, especially when

there is a lot of support out there for students dealing with addiction."

Also worrisome is that the use of tobacco and e-cigarettes is seeping down into middle school. "It is really alarming," said Sloan, adding that some of the influence comes from social media.

Trustee Steve Maher, who served as acting principal at Amador before he retired, asked Sloan if she thought installing tobacco and vaping detectors in restrooms and behind buildings would help the situation.

Bathroom monitors would be helpful, Sloan said, but students might find another way to do vaping, and they could find something that is even worse for them. Something with new chemicals could

come along, with components and their effects that are unknown.

Further, what she experienced walking into the school restroom was a situation where people were trying to get relief from their own anxiety. "This is numbing for their stress," she said.

Trustee Joan Laursen said the district should enlist the support of city government to ban e-cigarette sales in Pleasanton.

"Students can buy this in any tobacco shop, or can go to another community. At some point, we need to step up enforcement, so students don't try untested products that have a deleterious effect on health," Laursen said.

Youth vaping has come up in the

(See VAPING, page 10)

City Releases Ballot Initiative Arguments

The city has released the pro and con statements that will appear on Livermore's Nov. 3, 2020, ballot for the initiative that would change the city's plan for downtown Livermore.

The measure is titled, "Citizens Initiative Changing Development Regulations in Downtown Livermore, and Amending Regulations to Allow Housing at the Civic Center."

Supporters of the city plan refer to theirs as the "Approved Downtown Plan;" supporters of the alternative plan call theirs the "Central Park Plan."

If citizens vote in favor of the initiative, it would amend the city's General Plan, Downtown

(See INITIATIVE, page 12)

Dublin High Wellness Center Opens to Bolster Students' Emotional Health

Students at Dublin High School who are facing challenges now have a new starting point to seek emotional reassurance and advice.

The Wellness Center offers mental health services from school counselors and provides a home for student-run organizations where teenagers can talk candidly with their peers about their emotional pain. The Wellness Center is located in one of the portable buildings near the tennis courts at the 2,500-student campus.

School psychologist Sarah Munoz said the center will be a safe space for all students, according to a story in the school's newspaper.

The idea is for students to come to realize that seeking help for life's troubles, big or small, is normal, and that the center is there to welcome them with open arms.

The center offers crisis counseling for problems that arise in the

moment, and students may also make appointments for regular recurring sessions, either one-on-one or in group therapy. A social worker will be assigned to the center, and interns from various social services agencies will be available.

The Wellness Center also will provide meeting space for two student groups, The Elephant In The Room and Bring Change 2 Mind.

The Elephant In The Room project was founded by a student whose good friend died of suicide. The initial meeting drew 120 students and staff to focus on how to improve and support teenage mental and social health.

Bring Change 2 Mind is national in scope, with 7,500 members at 250 schools, according to its Web site. The national organization provides its clubs with educational materials that help students focus on mental health issues. New clubs are also

given a \$500 grant to help become established.

The center will also provide snacks for students who may have missed a meal or forgotten their lunch money, so hunger doesn't affect their focus in class. Students also were encouraged to create a garden outside the center to add a safe space to sit during lunchtime.

Munoz told the student newspaper she expects there will be modifications in the program during the first year, as counselors gain more experience with students' needs.

The Wellness Center's opening was celebrated with a Sept. 12 luncheon attended by private donors, school officials, and community leaders. Those attending included Amy Miller, Dublin Unified School District's school board president, Mayor David Haubert, and Camp Parks Commander Col. Jon Ellis.



Kealy Morrissey (left) and Sydney Friday (right) read uplifting notes during the opening of the Wellness Center at Dublin High School. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



KAT

A cat named Kat! How about that! She doesn't wear a hat, but she'll jump in your lap and curl up for a nap! She leaps, she plays, she sleeps, she purrs; she would love to make you hers! Kat is a 2.5 month old female shorthair kitten. Meet Kat at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

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The Taste of Livermore, hosted by Livermore Downtown, took place on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 15. Participants visited downtown restaurants to sample a bounty of wines, beers and culinary treats, along with enjoying live music and shopping specials. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

LLNL Retirees Might Settle Lawsuit with UC

Is the long-running lawsuit aimed at regaining University of California healthcare for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees finally coming to a close?

The question arose last week after UC Regents scheduled a closed-session briefing on the suit during a regular monthly meeting being held this week at UCLA. No advance information was available on the details of the briefing, which took place after the Independent went to press Tuesday evening. The agenda referred to it as a recommended settlement for board action.

Neither retirees nor university officials would say what the nature of a settlement might be or whether it is actually imminent.

Still, a recent letter to members of the ad hoc retiree group that has carried on the suit noted that group leaders have engaged in

more than 10 mediation sessions with university counterparts.

The letter cited "slow but steady progress" toward a resolution, without offering details of what a settlement might contain.

At the same time, it cautioned that "if we do reach a final agreement... it will involve a compromise, and we will not get everything we are asking for (in) the lawsuit."

UC managed the laboratory from its founding in 1952, so LLNL employees were just like those at Berkeley or UCLA. Nine years later, the Board of Regents authorized the expansion of health care benefits to cover UC retirees in addition to active employees.

Laboratory retirees enjoyed UC health care benefits until 2008, shortly after a for-profit consortium replaced it as manager. That year, retirees were forced to

find health care in individual, industrial-style programs, some of which were less reliable and more expensive than UC's had been.

Many of the retirees considered the loss of UC healthcare to be a violation of commitments made during their careers at the laboratory — promises on which some based career decisions.

They tried to negotiate a return to university health-care programs. When that didn't work, they formed a grassroots organization called the UC Livermore Retiree Group, raised money and, in 2010, filed suit. It became a class action four years later.

During the years of litigation, the retirees experienced both wins and losses. Significantly, they won two Court of Appeal decisions.

Despite these favorable rulings, the recent retiree group letter noted, "we have to balance what we can get

now (in a possible settlement) against what we might get if the litigation goes on."

Even if the retirees come out on top in a trial, "there will almost certainly be an appeal by the losing side and years of delay."

If the parties reach a settlement now, the letter pointed out, several steps remain.

For one, there will be a court hearing on preliminary settlement approval.

Assuming approval, a mailing to members of the lawsuit class would explain the terms and allow them to raise concerns.

After that, the court would have to give final approval before the settlement can be implemented.

The ad hoc UC Livermore Retiree Group is distinct from Livermore Laboratory Retirees Association, although many members are part of both.

National Voter Registration Day

This year, National Voter Registration Day is on Sept. 24. Organizing for Action (OFA) East Bay Central is organizing three voter registration drives in the Tri-Valley: Dublin Target (7200 Amador Plaza Rd.), Livermore Walmart (2700 Las Positas Rd.) and Pleasanton Walmart (4501 Rosewood Dr.). Registrations take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All U.S. citizens aged 18 and older are encouraged to register to vote. Volunteers will have registration forms and reminders for the primary election happening on March 3, 2020.

See nationalvoterregistrationday.org

Tri-Valley Job Fair in Pleasanton

Tri-Valley's largest job fair returns to Pleasanton. More than 40 employers will be available to speak with, along with networking afterward.

The job fair will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

Livermore Public Library Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Livermore Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. An agenda will be posted at the Civic Center Library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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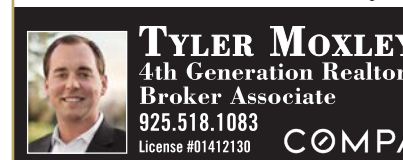
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More Than \$160,000 Raised to Help Feed the Hungry

By Bruce Gach

Two nonprofits that work together to grow organic produce and feed nutritious meals to those in need in the Tri-Valley raised more than \$160,000 this month.

Open Heart Kitchen, a nonprofit that prepares food free of charge for anyone who's hungry, held its yearly fundraiser on Sept. 13 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. More than 300 attended the fifth annual event, which brought in about \$100,000. That's \$42,000 more than last year.

Kaiser Permanente won Open Heart Kitchen's volunteer group award with workers spending more than 250 hours helping the nonprofit

in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and dozens of Tri-Valley schools.

The Oakland-based Kaiser gave Open Heart a \$40,000 grant for its bagged lunch program. The program currently serves more than 4,800 Tri-Valley children.

Open Heart served 328,000 meals last year. The nonprofit's programs include a daily hot meals, help for seniors and bags of food for children to take home so they don't go hungry on weekends.

Development Director Denise Bridges said the meals provide a safety net for those in need during challenging times.

"This is a wonderful orga-

nization that meets a critical need in our community," Tammy Reus, of Livermore, said.

Open Heart Executive Director Heather Greaux talked about the nonprofit's plans to move into one kitchen once construction of the Housing Consortium of the East Bay building in Livermore is complete.

Fertile GroundWorks, a nonprofit that grows organic produce to help feed the hungry, raised more than \$60,000 at its annual Taste for Giving event on Sept. 8. Fertile GroundWorks donates 75% of its vegetables to Open Heart.

The nonprofit started growing produce in 2010 in

a field behind Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. It has grown from six planting beds to 76 that supplied more than 19,000 pounds of organic produce in 2018. Fertile GroundWorks expects to produce more than 26,000 pounds this year.

"This is a wonderful cooperation between both organizations," said Livermore resident Jean King, who attended both fundraisers. "They complement each other in their wishes to help those in need in our communities."

California Set to Become Third State To Ban Wild Animal Circus Acts

California has become the third U.S. state, after New Jersey and Hawaii, to pass legislation banning the use of wild and exotic animals in circuses, according to an Animal Defenders International (ADI) press release.

The bill, SB313, sponsored by Senator Ben Hueso and championed by ADI, has passed both the Assembly and Senate, and now heads to Governor Newsom's desk.

"We are thrilled that California continues to take the lead on animal protection issues," said ADI President Jan Creamer. "ADI has spent years documenting the inherent suffering of wild animals in circuses, and we are delighted to see our efforts come to fruition."

Studies and evidence show that the health and welfare of animals in traveling circuses is inevitably compromised due to neces-

sarily small, barren, mobile accommodations, restricted movement, long journeys, and excessive periods of time spent in transporters and containers. Training methods are brutal; ADI undercover investigations have documented systemic violence and abuse, occurring in the U.S. and worldwide.

Proving that attitudes are changing with the times, American audiences have been turning away from animal circuses in droves, while according to a 2015 Gallup poll, more than two-thirds of Americans are troubled by the use of animals in traveling shows.

To date, more than 90 jurisdictions in 32 states have taken action to restrict wild animals from traveling circuses. Other states are also considering bans on wild animal circus acts, and a federal bill to end the use of

wild and exotic animals in traveling shows nationwide — the Traveling Exotic Animal and Public Safety Protection Act (TEAPSPA) — is gaining bipartisan support.

Added Creamer, "We urge more states to follow suit."

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Pleasanton Asks for Public Comments

The City of Pleasanton is soliciting public comments on the DRAFT FY2018-2019 HUD Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER assesses the City's performance in meeting the goals, objectives, and actions proposed under its FY2018-2019 Action Plan and FY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

The DRAFT CAPER is available for a 15-day public comment period, from Sept. 9 through Sept. 23, on the City's website (www.cityofpleasantonca.gov), as well as via hardcopy at City Hall, the Senior Center, and the Main Library.

Comments may be submitted to Housing Manager Steve Hernandez via mail at: City of Pleasanton, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, PO Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566; via email at shernandez@cityofpleasantonca.gov; or via phone at 925-935-5007.

TESLA PARK

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Tesla Park is known for its biodiversity. It boasts numerous threatened and endangered species, wildlife habitat and native plants.

The land has history, too. More than a century ago, it was home to the miners of the booming towns of Carnegie and Tesla. By the 1940s, they'd become ghost towns. People started riding off-road in the rolling hills. The privately-owned Carnegie Cycle Park opened in the 1960s. Then, in 1979, the state bought the land with money from the off-highway vehicle trust fund and established the present-day Carnegie park.

The current plan adds the Tesla property to the Carnegie 1575-acre recreation area. However, lawsuits have been filed to challenge

the expansion.

"Tesla Park is one of the most beautiful places in eastern Alameda County. The dust, noise and damage of OHV use makes it impossible to enjoy nature with motorcycles, ATVs and 4-wheelers scarring the landscape," stated Livermore resident Nancy Rodrigue in a news release. She is a member of Friends of Tesla Park. "That is why people from across the region are working to preserve this exceptional part of our natural history."

Members of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association disagree. They argue that selling the Tesla site takes away valuable recreation areas and that the state might lose money on the sale. They also point

out that selling the property is inconsistent with parks and recreation plans that were approved by the state for the area.

State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Senator Steve Glazer, both Democrats from Orinda, worked together to push AB 1086 through the two chambers late last Friday evening just before lawmakers wrapped up the legislative session for the year. It allows the state to sell the expansion area along Tesla Road to a local agency or nonprofit for park or open space uses if the Parks Department determines that doing so is in the public interest. The money would go back into the trust fund for off-highway recreation.

While the bill's passage

Computer Virus Causes City Communication Breakdown

By Mari Chew

The City of Livermore has been having problems with its communication services since Aug. 27 due to a computer virus that infiltrated City Hall's email system. It resulted in unauthorized emails being sent to people from city staff accounts.

Since the incident, city officials have been working with the California Office of Energy Services and Alameda County to restore services.

The City Council and Livermore Police held a closed-door meeting Mon-

day evening to address the "threat to public services or facilities."

As the city continues its efforts to resolve the problem, IT services are gradually

being restored. The phones and voicemail systems were working intermittently at press time Tuesday evening. The city's email was still inaccessible.



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EDITORIAL

Thanks to the efforts of our two state representatives, Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Senator Steve Glazer, the Tri-Valley and East Bay moved closer on Friday to safeguarding a beautiful, rugged piece of land against mechanized destruction. Bauer-Kahan and Glazer worked together in the waning days of the legislative session to pass a bill, Assembly Bill 1086, which allows the state Parks and Recreation Department to sell the 3,100-acre Tesla site for conservation rather than develop it for off-road vehicle use.

Protecting Nature, Saving Tesla

Tesla is the popular name for the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area, located right next to the heavily scarred Carnegie off-road vehicle park about 12 miles east of Livermore. Tesla's future, should it become another Carnegie, is revealed by aerial photos showing moonscape terrain, ripped by spinning tires.

That visual impact tells only part of the story. Oil spills, destruction of historical and anthropological sites, air and noise pollution, disruption of wildlife migration patterns – these could all be in Tesla's future.

Despite last week's success, no one should consider

the fight over. AB 1086 enables but does not achieve Tesla protection. The many local and regional conservation groups will have to keep up the pressure to combat continuing efforts by off-roaders to persuade the governor not to sign the bill, and Parks and Recreation not to sell the site. The conservationists deserve our support as they do battle. Meantime, last weekend, they rightly took a moment to thank Bauer-Kahan and Glazer for their fine work. We join in praise of public service at its best.

MAILBOX

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The Quiet American – A Critical Indictment

Patrick Weidhaas, Dublin

I came to this country from West-Berlin, W-Germany in 1964. One of the first things I found out was that Germany's dark history had not been forgotten in America. Every so often I would be reminded of the Nazi atrocities through movies, TV, books, comments and jokes from people. I must have heard "Germans follow Orrders!" a thousand times over the years. Almost as often, questions would be raised: "How come the German people went along with Hitler? Surely, they must have known of the atrocities." Implicit in all these comments was always the message, "This could never happen here in free America! We Americans are different."

For most of my life here in America I believed that America and Americans are different. That Americans would never go along with a criminal, fascist regime. That Americans would speak out against an oppressive, dictatorial regime – bring it to a screeching halt. Well, I was wrong.

For over two years Trump and his corrupt gang feed us daily lies, instill fear and terror in our immigrant communities – no different from what the Nazis did to European Jews, steep to utmost cruelty and cause irreparable trauma and lasting harm in thousands of innocent children who are forcibly separated from their parents, stir racist sentiment, roll back regulations that were in place to safeguard our air and water, completely ignore science and the existential threat of climate change, even threaten to fire employees at federal agencies like NOAA if they dare to contradict Donald Trump when he falsely claims that Alabama would be hit by the recent hurricane.

Despite these and many other examples of cruel, racist, corrupt, incompetent, and criminal behavior, 40% of Americans are quiet, follow orders from this man, go along with this regime. Most likely, they will vote for him again. Trump's only true statement was that he could

shoot someone on Times Square and his supporters would cheer him.

In my opinion, Americans – at least 40% of them – have no longer any right to criticize or make fun of Germans who went along with Hitler. These (quiet) Americans are no different!

Create an American National Service

Gary Estee, Livermore

Even though it was more than 45 years ago, I easily recall my last year of high school and the terrible anxiety that arose from the realization that I would soon be thrust into the outside world as an adult. I had little money for college and no ready job prospects at the time. I also lived with my parents in a small town with minimal opportunity for persons of my age group. I was, like the majority of my compadres, worried as hell. This problem has existed for as long as America itself and will continue unless we act.

My proposal is that the government rebrands the CCC program at the federal, state and municipal levels. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a work-relief program that gave millions of young men employment on environmental projects during the Great Depression. Considered by many to be one of the most successful of Roosevelt's New Deal programs, the CCC planted more than three billion trees and constructed trails and shelters in more than 800 parks nationwide during its nine years of existence.

My name for this program would be the American National Service. It would be mandatory for all young adults who completed or departed high school (either expelled or voluntarily departed.) Like the military draft, each would receive a notification to report to a local processing center for testing and assignment. If they had already been accepted to an institution of higher learning or occupational training facility, they would be deferred until completion of the course of study.

At the processing center, each would be evaluated as to their abilities (based on high school record, physical condition and testing) and offered several options for their service. Service would last one year plus any additional time required for task training. If they decided to accept a local assignment, then they could still reside with their families. If they select a state or federal job, they would travel to a site residence, receive training and perform their assigned duties. Each would work for a year and be paid at the current minimum wage level.

For this initiative to be activated, it will require one political idealist to start the

ball rolling. Any takers?

Livermore Homeless Need Assistance

Bill Stevens, Livermore

Livermore is fighting over downtown development, but my opinions on this do not really matter. Livermore People have already made up their minds, or are clueless of the ramifications on the outcome. However, I feel that we are overlooking an elephant within our midst – Livermore homeless people. Why are we bankrolling a Black Box Theater and a Science Center when there are Livermore people needing basic needs met? I believe that City and police staff know who they are, and what is needed. Can we provide a safe, sanitary location with water, sanitation and power for our Livermore homeless people?

A public discourse is needed.

No Animal Abuse For Entertainment

Eric Mills, Oakland, Action for Animals Coordinator

America seems on the brink of a sea change regarding public attitudes about the use/abuse of animals in so-called "entertainment."

Witness the ban on Sea-World's orca shows; demise of the Ringling Bros. Circus; bans on use of wild animal acts in circuses in New Jersey, Hawaii, and California; outlawing of greyhound racing in Florida via ballot initiative; current push to outlaw thoroughbred racing due to the thousands of annual deaths on U.S. race tracks. Can rodeo be far behind?

Most of rodeo is bogus from the git-go. Real working ranch hands never routinely rode bulls, wrestled steers, rode bareback, barrel raced, or practiced calf roping (terrified babies) as a timed event. Nor did they put flank straps on the horses and bulls or work them over with painful "hotshots" in the holding chutes. Some "sport"!

Indeed, rodeo is not a sport at all. That word denotes willing, evenly-matched participants. Rodeo does not qualify. Rather, it is a macho exercise in DOMINATION. It needs to go, and legislation is in order.

PG&E Outages

Tom Isenburg, Livermore

Livermore Park is finished. Why are there continued arguments and requests for installing green grass and trees along with parking garages? Heck, the City proved it doesn't like trees. It killed a bunch of them along L Street.

The city has spent millions of dollars to grade, surface and paint parking lines so we know where to park, and lights to find our parking. Fortunately, a small patch of unpaved ground was left so we can park our horse trailers. The park is done. We still have places to park our cars for the parades like we had before this need for a "be a big city planning group." Go ahead, build that hotel on the west side of L Street. Livermore City killed all the trees on that side so it is wide open to a hotel company or homeless shelter.

What we should be doing is calling out PG&E for the constant sharp outages they have sent across our electricity lines over the last month. I count five outages so far – just enough to shut down computers, electronic clocks, alarm systems and TV cable boxes. By the way, who do we charge PG&E to purchase a replacement cable box that they ruined with these outages? So give up on the 'park' on Railroad Avenue and get our money out of PG&E.

Youth Environmental Summit

Ann Brown, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Tri-Valley Chapter

Jill Buck and Celine Lerouquier, Go Green Initiative

On behalf of the 96 youths from Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin who attended the first "Youth Environmental Action Summit of the Tri-Valley" on September 7, at Amador Valley High School, I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of our volunteers, speakers, and sponsors who helped to make the event such a success.

This all-volunteer event was planned over the summer by a team of 30 youths who met in subcommittees to create the website, registration, publicity, program, social media, security plan, recruit speakers, and resource guide. With everyone pitching in, we were able to pull together all the details in a short timeframe.

Recruiting speakers and leaders for our breakout sessions proved to be easy, as everyone was eager to reach out to Tri-Valley Youth. We were thrilled to hear the opening keynote by Rep. Eric Swalwell, who shared his personal stories from his youth and his experience in Congress. His message of "start local and build your base of experience" was well received.

We were also so inspired by the closing keynote, video, and slides presented by scientist and author Dan Linehan. He left no doubt in our minds about the difference one person can make. In between, participants met in a variety of exciting breakout sessions.

A huge thank you to volunteer presenters: Elyse Wohlenberg, Bryan Luo, and Jessica Luan, How to Start a Local Leaders Club; Ashley McClure, MD, Climate Change is a Health Emergency; Kate Roney, Ella Crenshaw, Nancy Metzger-Carter, Schools for Climate Action; Darrell Davis, Safe Routes to Schools - Clean and Green Transportation; Tony Green, Citizens' Climate Lobby - How to Give Effective Presentations; Lauren Londono, Veganism and Sustainable Lifestyle; Alyssa Gomez, The Healing Effects of Nature; Dan Linehan, Finding Your Path to Make Positive Change; and Joseph Steelman and Chanddeep Singh, Living Arroyos - Protect Your Watershed.

Our Youth Activist Panel included students Julia Smith, Maodan Touhour, Kate Roney, and Ella Crenshaw. Thanks to them for sharing their successes and challenges!

Adult volunteers from CCL Tri-Valley and the Women's March Action Group included Van Rainey,

Leslie Swanson, Pat Padilla, Barbara Reynolds, Claudia McDonagh, Kim Christensen, Gale Naylor, Libby Galt, Jill Miller, and Erica McNeerney. We so appreciate their help in making the event run smoothly.

Finally, none of this would have possible without the financial and in-kind contributions of our sponsors: Kaiser Permanente, Go Green Initiative, Citizens' Climate Lobby Tri-Valley Chapter, Corner Bakery Cafe, Inklings Coffee & Tea, Dublin Bowl, Sweet Freedom Bake Shop, and Bobo's.

We will be supporting the youth as they implement their action plans, and hope to showcase their accomplishments at celebrations of Earth Day 2020 next April.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact trivalley-yeas@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/yeastrivalley.

Imagining an East Side Hotel

Jim Caselli, Livermore

I am prompted to write my thoughts regarding the Downtown Livermore east/west hotel controversy by Rick Nordyke's very insightful letter, which touches upon issues that have neither been mentioned often enough nor clearly enough.

I attended the first workshop with no preconceptions regarding the east vs. west location of the hotel. It was very clear to me, as Mr. Nordyke mentioned, that the moderator was anything but neutral. The moderator's comments about the value of the presence of the hotel struck a note with me. I drove south on N. Livermore Avenue, as someone from out of town would do. I imagined what a three- or four-story edifice would be like on the corner where the Speedee Oil Change used to be, as I came up from the underpass. It would certainly strike the eye. So would a poke with a sharp stick.

West Makes Sense

Karalee Brune, Livermore

When people spew nasty vitriol and mistruths, I tend to turn off. Where were these folks during the outreach meetings? I attended all the special meetings concerning the downtown development. What I heard over and over was, "Let's have something that we can be proud of that will benefit us all and improve our city center. We wanted more parking! We did not want a lot of housing in this location, we wanted a park, and we wanted the hotel on the west side."

I did not meet Joan Sepala until about a month ago but include me in the "special interest" group, as I want what the majority want. The idea that a 2000-seat theater is in the works is ridiculous! I even passed petitions against it! Where would they put it?

The wineries want a hotel so they can be a "Wine Country Designation," and they want it NOW! I believe their reason for the east side is so it can be completed faster.

Putting it on the west side makes more sense. First, it can be bigger, and bring more revenue to the city. Second, it will have a restaurant – again a money maker but most of all, it will

serve breakfast. Visitors don't like to search around for breakfast. Third, it won't be squished up against the view of a brick wall, and fourth, people won't have to valet park their cars. The hoteliers wanted it on the east so it could be seen by people coming into town. Nice, but these days we pick out our hotels on the Web.

I read the objection that a garage in the east would increase traffic on Livermore Ave. At least the traffic will mostly come from the same side of the street. Traffic from the garage can exit on Railroad Ave. and drive around the back of the theaters. Parking should be closer to the center of action, in this case our theaters and most of the restaurants!

Come on City Council, let's get a move on it. Have the vote in March 2020 and let the chips fall where they may. Don't take it personally if we don't agree with your plan, and we'll do the same.

Jobs, Not Housing, Crisis

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

Cities on the peninsula from San Francisco to San Jose (Silicon Valley) made a mistake some years back. They welcomed the tech industry with open arms but failed to balance housing with job development.

Now giants like Apple, Google, Facebook and the rest have built massive locations close to one another when balance for housing remains way out of whack. (Cities encouraged this and even managed to get BART all the way down the peninsula!)

Now Legislators from that area are trying to force the smaller East Bay cities to take on the responsibility shirked by Silicon Valley (eg. SB50 and others to come).

East Bay cities, which have balanced jobs and housing, will have to pile on housing where they do not want it, build additional schools, extend water supply and sewage infrastructure, and make major transportation changes reducing air quality. Yet, without blaming Silicon Valley, Oakland's mayor criticizes cities for wanting to "preserve" their communities.

Cities from San Francisco to San Jose continue to benefit from their tech arrangements. If they want the East Bay to handle their mistakes, at least they need to grease the skids (pay for Valley Link, pay for the additional infrastructure, etc.). Better yet, they should encourage tech companies to create satellite offices in the East Bay and beyond.

The Twilight Zone

Robert Rao, Livermore

We are 22 trillion in debt with no way to pay it back. We are over-spending by a trillion a year and can't seem to stop.

Going broke are: Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs, Amtrak, post office, and the schools are broken...and the Democrats see manmade global warming as our number one "biggest threat?"...and now they are being led by a 28-year-old ex-bartender from New York who is leading them in the "Green New Goofy Deal."

Have we entered the Twilight Zone?

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59 to recognize California's Muslim community. After its passage, CAIR reached out to Bay Area towns to encourage them to make their own proclamations.

The first year, one city council honored the request, Usman said. Four more followed the next year.

This year, she counts 15 so far. Alameda County also plans to participate with its announcement set for Sept. 24.

"These proclamations show that our elected officials are in solidarity with the Muslim community," Usman said. "And it means a lot to us given the divisiveness in our country right now."

CAIR offers free legal services to Muslim-Americans experiencing bullying or hate crimes. The nonprofit also works with elected officials to encourage public policies that benefit the Islamic community.

The proclamations are particularly important in these difficult times, Usman said. "One of (President Trump's) first executive orders was to ban Muslims from coming into the country, and that was traumatic for our community."

She wonders if it was the onslaught of negative political rhetoric and anti-immigration policies that spurred the recent surge of inclusivity.

CONNECT AND CONQUER

The Dublin City Council in its Aug. 20 proclamation asked residents to extend

the respect and camaraderie every American deserves to Muslims.

"While I haven't heard of any negative incidents against Muslims in our community, I wouldn't doubt that some Muslim Dubliners have encountered prejudice," Councilman Shawn Kumagai said. "This simple gesture is a way for us to reaffirm that we as a community stand united with them."

The City Council in neighboring Pleasanton made a similar proclamation on Sept. 3. "Our city celebrates the diversity of all community groups and looks forward to the continued opportunity to provide such recognitions," Pleasanton spokeswoman Cindy Chin said.

People across the Tri-Valley are now coming up with ways to honor the contributions of Muslims next year in August. Suggestions include starting an annual Muslim festival and sharing culture with Arabic art, Afghani music, Yemeni coffee and henna painting.

The lineup could also include training sessions such as those CAIR held this summer in the Milpitas and Santa Cruz areas. More than 2,000 people came to learn how to help if they see someone being harassed or discriminated against, Usman said.

AN 'ISLAMOPHOBIA' ANTIDOTE

Las Positas College student Maryum Harhara, who attends the Tracy Islamic Center, hopes to see events

where people can ask questions about the religion, too. She said Muslims in her hometown have faced "Islamophobia." The 19-year-old was volunteering at her local masjid when she learned someone had thrown a Molotov cocktail at the mosque.

"If Tracy were to hold events for the whole town to partake in, then it might allow others to feel more comfortable around us," she said. "After all, we are human."

The Mandozai brothers see emphasizing similarities, rather than differences, as a way to relate with others, too. They aren't trying to sway anyone to their religion, but they would like their traditions to be better understood.

The older Mandozai suggests non-Muslims visit a local mosque to learn the answers to questions they might be curious about, such as why Muslims don't drink wine. While newcomers could find restrictions like taking off their shoes or covering their heads unusual, they might broaden their perspective by seeing how Muslims purify themselves and observe religious holidays.

"If we could share with everyone in English, and not just Arabic, what our religion is all about, people could sit down, learn and find some peace together," he said.

Usman and other activists plan to keep working toward that harmony. They hope to show communities how to

appreciate and find strength in their diversity, rather than letting differences rip them apart.

"When you think of a fabric that has been woven together, you can see the beauty of all the colors," she said. "And in a mixed salad, you should still be able to taste and appreciate each individual ingredient."

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8,610 voters signed the Livermore Central Park Plan Initiative. *It has been certified for a vote by the people in November, 2020.*

10,203 voters signed the Protect the Central Park Vote Referendum to protect the right of voters to adopt a better plan for the community. *The signatures have been submitted to the County for verification; with so many signatures, the referendum will surely qualify for the ballot.*

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SPORTS NOTES



Dublin High School's Talia Southon spikes the ball past her Amador Valley High School opponents in the Thursday, Sept. 12, contest. Amador won 3 matches to 1. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



The Matadors' Josiah Knight carries the ball against the Foothill Falcons on Friday, Sept. 13. The Falcons beat Granada 35 to 13. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Pleasanton Rage 05 Orange Crush



West Coast Krush's Carly Singleton moved up the field to get a goal and an assist.



West Coast 09 Boys Avalanche defeat Ballistic 3-1.

Granada High School JV Football

The Matadors faced off against the Foothill Falcons from Pleasanton. The first quarter started with a bang as Daniel Waxman (30) sacked the Falcons QB (4) and created a fumble, recovered by GHS Logan Tucker (74). Later in the first, Stephen Geyer (6) recovered a fumble and ran it back 30 yards for a TD. XP no good. The Mats' defense continued to shine as Eric Hall (5) intercepted a pass on the Falcons' 40 yard line. The run game began to take shape as the offensive line - Tanner Parker (58), Marc Fontanilla (77), Kaleo Gomes (56), Andrew Hoffman (75), and Logan Tucker (74) - allowed the Mats' Leif Jensen (22) to hit pay dirt on a 3 yard TD run. XP pass from Brandon Shah (1) to #5 was good. The Mats' defense - led by Kobe Jerusalem's (33) sack, Mathieu Rochelleau's (26) batted pass and great tackles by #74, #22, #28, and #33 - helped stop the Falcons before the half. The game tightened up in the second half as the Falcons scored midway through the third quarter. Granada responded with the ground and pound, led by #22, #6, and #5. Alex Clouser (34) also had a 21 yard catch down to Falcons 4. B. Shahranit in for 1 yard TD. XP missed. Falcons responded with another TD. After the Mats turned over on downs, Falcons marched down the field and scored a TD as time ran out. The XP pass was good, and the Falcons flew away with the win, 21-20.

West Coast Soccer

The 2010 West Coast Aftershocks started off the fall season with a hard fought win in their first State Cup qualifying game against Pacific SC Santos in Lodi. Aftershocks struck first with a breakaway goal by Jaymeson Caolli taking them into half time up 1-0. Pacific scored early in the second half tying the game up at one a piece. West Coast did not let up and fired back with a goal by Lucas Boosahda, assist by Matthew Richardson, but Pacific scored off a penalty kick shortly after. Not willing to settle for a tie, Aiden Lopez scored with an assist from Lucas Boosahda, and a final unassisted goal by Matthew Richardson sealed the victory in the last three minutes for the 4-2 win. JJ Medina, Adrian McCall and Gabe Dael helped lock the defense for the Aftershock allowing very few shots on goal, and Noah Miller held strong in goal with several crucial saves.

West Coast Krush 04 Girls

The West Coast Krush 04 Girls team remains undefeated in NorCal Fall League after winning their first home game and second game of the season on Sept. 14 in Livermore against Napa United 04G Red. Napa scored the first goal of the game, but Krush responded minutes later. Kimmie Keller sent a cross from the outside to the goal box, finding Lauren Stoneberger, who volleyed the ball into the net past Napa's goalie. After ending the first half tied 1-1, Krush continued their attack scoring three more times in the second half. First Carly Singleton charged up the field from the back line on a nice tune placing the pass to a streaking Taryn Tinsley, who moved forward with the ball and around opponents shooting successfully, giving Krush a 2-1 lead. Singleton scored a goal of her own on a free kick that arched right over Napa's keeper head and just under the cross bar. Napa scored a final goal near the end of the game, but it was too late to stop Krush. Emari Araya sealed the 4-2 victory for West Coast Soccer.

West Coast U10 Klash Girls

The West Coast U10 Klash girls had a phenomenal start to the fall season winning both their league game on Sept. 14, and State Cup game on Sept. 15. West Coast faced Dublin United Premier first and although down by two goals early in the game they quickly came back in the first half with a goal by Alivia Narducci-Chiunti on a penalty kick, followed by an unassisted goal by Isabella Humphrey. WCS Klash started the second half strong with three back to back goals from Maya Boosahda for a hat trick, followed by two more goals by Alivia Narducci-Chiunti and Tatum Conover. Hard work from Claudia Daniels and

Kaylee Gilbert in defense, along with Ana Brewer-Portillo in goal, shut down Dublin's offense and allowed no scoring in the second half. The score was registered as a 7-3 win for West Coast. Sunday the West Coast U10 Klash Girls played their first State Cup qualifying game against the Alameda Islanders. Once again the team had a strong offensive showing with goals from Ana Brewer-Portillo, Maya Boosahda and an astounding four goals from Claudia Daniels, along with assists from Isabella Humphries and Viannina Martinez. Tatum Conover, Alivia Narducci-Chiunti, and Kaylee Gilbert again helped shut down Alameda's offense, allowing only one goal with final score of 7-1. For more information on the 2010 Klash go to www.westcoastsoccerclub.com.

West Coast Avalanche Earthquakes 09 Boys

On Sept. 14 the 09 West Coast Avalanche Earthquakes faced the Newark Elite Soccer 09 boys in their first State Cup game of the season. Both teams played a competitive game but it was the Earthquakes who scored first on a pass from Yusuf Khalil to Santiago Gomez. During the second half, Elite Soccer had some opportunities to tie the game, but goalie Neil Mishra played an outstanding game keeping Elite from scoring. In the 50th minute Jackson Adams dribbled with good ball control and then crossed the ball to Santiago who scored his second goal of the game, securing a 2-0 win for West Coast Earthquakes. On Sept. 15, the WCS Earthquakes took on Impact 09 Green boys at home in Tracy at Legacy Fields. The Earthquakes played a dominating game, scoring five goals in the first half. Bryce Perry and Avi Nukala both scored two goals each, with assists made by Santiago Gomez, Neil Mishra and Connor Giuliaci. Austin Aycock also came away with a goal of his own ending the half. The second half was played with the Earthquakes possessing the ball until a pass back to the goalie led to a breakaway to Impact's forward who scored their only goal, bringing the score to 5-1. The Earthquakes once again took possession of the game and wound up answering back with another goal by Santiago Gomez assisted by Bryce Perry. The WCS Avalanche Earthquakes won 6-1 and remain undefeated in the new season.

West Coast Soccer U14 Krossfire Girls

On Sept. 14, West Coast Soccer's Krossfire 06 NPL team faced off against a very tough Walnut Creek Surf 06G Blue team, that is currently ranked second in the nation by Got-Soccer. Krossfire put the offensive press on right away, moving the ball through midfield and into the Walnut Creek defense end with ease. Gianna Ramirez put Krossfire on the board in the twelfth minute, taking a pass from Payton Hoover and hitting a rocket into the top corner of the goal. The match would go to half with Krossfire up 1-0. The second half picked up right where the first left off. The Krossfire attack continued to push forward, while the back line, anchored by Brittany Hahn and Adriana Paneda, kept the Walnut Creek attack at bay. The 32nd minute saw Sophia Simonds intercept a pass and send it up field, the Walnut Creek defender tried to pass it back to her teammate, but Hoover was right there to intercept and sent a shot past the keeper to put Krossfire up 2-0. Kayla Robinson went on a sprint with the ball, past opposition forcing the defender to foul and earning a penalty in the 56th minute, Robinson finished the penalty kick to secure the 3-0 victory for Krossfire.

"The Krossfire girls played a very mature game. Our opponent had some outstanding athletes which we nullified through smart, technical, tactical and physical play," said West Coast Krossfire Coach Troy Dayak.

Next up for Krossfire is a trip to Santa Clara on Saturday for a Champions League match against Sporting Santa Clara.

West Coast Soccer U15 Wildkatz

Norcal National Premier League Champions League game of the week between West Coast Wildkatz and MVLA 05 Girls did not disappoint in the action. On a windy day in Tracy,

West Coast Wildkatz started off fast with two goal-scoring chances from shots by Zuzette Zamora that just missed the goal. MVLA converted on their first shot of the half by Charlotte Kohler gaining the lead. West Coast continued to create chances on goal but could not convert on their 10-2 shot advantage in the first half. The second half was back and forth action with great midfield play from MVLA's Amelia Khouri and Hailey Westcott and West Coast's Jadyrn King, Giovanna Garcia and Savannah Cordero. West Coast had some solid defense with Madison Reid, Niella Sessoms, Sydney Goodwin, Kamaria Hughes and Makena Ross, but the NPL player of the match from MVLA, Charlotte Kohler, created and converted on two more chances. Amrita Pasupathy helped keep a clean sheet for MVLA until Kamryn Grimes converted for West Coast. Zuzette Zamora, Nadia Sherman and Miette Sessoms fired multiple times at the goal but could not get any more to fall. The NPL Match of the week showcased some extremely talented players from both teams. West Coast's outshot MVLA 15-6 on the game stats, but MVLA walked away with the 4-1 win.

Coach Dayak said, "I'm very pleased with how many chances we created against a top-level team. I'm excited to get all of our players who are currently coming back from injuries healthy again so our team can be at full strength."

Livermore Earthquakes U10 Boys

On Sept. 14, Livermore Earthquakes U10 Boys Team Rumble won their first qualifying State Cup match 8-0 against Dublin United Premier SC, with Daen Hansen, Nathan Bone and Cruz Legorreta once again leading defense with both Alex Staples and Zayden Ishak in the goal. The boys moved the ball throughout the game with consistent one touch passing, allowing for five of their rostered players to score. Rumble's strong midfielder Dinolen Shang came away with the first goal, followed closely by center striker Tyler Plunkett, then key defender Daen Hansen from an assist by left wing Connor Shenave. To close out the first half, center Isaiah Rodriguez placed one cleanly in the net. Alex Staples, primary goal keeper, came out of the box in the second half as forward and scored twice - once with an assist from Connor Shenave. Tyler Plunkett cleared his second goal of the day with a nice assist from Cruz Legorreta. The last few minutes saw Isaiah Rodriguez closing out the match with a final goal to end the game 8-0.

Earthquakes Avalanche 09 Boys

The Earthquakes Avalanche 09 boys took on Ballistic United 09 boys on Sept. 7 at Christensen Field in Livermore. The first half was played with a lot of possession and outstanding defense by the Earthquakes, but Ballistic capitalized on an Earthquake pass earning the first and only goal in the first half. The Earthquakes came out in the second half strong and determined. They won a corner kick and Connor Giuliaci dribbled through the ballistic defender and delivered the ball in front of the goal to Marcus Malogan who tapped one in for Earthquakes' first goal. The next goal came from a midfield cross again from Connor Giuliaci to Yusuf Khalil, who blasted a nice shot past the goalie from the outside. Then, minutes before the whistle, Santiago Gomez made a fantastic pass up to Austin who was already sprinting toward the goal and with momentum kicked in the 3rd and final goal, leaving ballistics defeated 3-1. This was a great win for Earthquakes' season opener.

Fusion's 2006 U14 Boys Gold

On Sept. 8, Fusion's 2006 (U14) Boys Gold kicked off the preliminary round of State Cup play with a 3-2 overtime win against East Bay United. The first half ended 1-1, with Fusion scoring on a beautiful 20-yard kick from Bryan J. After a scoreless second half the match went to overtime. During overtime, Fusion created multiple near-miss scoring opportunities while shutting down East Bay United's

attack. Neither team scored during the two 5-minute halves, setting up a penalty kick shootout. Fusion PK Andric M. starred during the shootout, deflecting multiple shots, while Kyle H. and Gavin V. connected to seal the win for the maroon & gold. Brennan C. and Armando S. led a sterling defensive effort.

Fusion's U7 Zooming Zebras

Livermore Fusion SC has named Carmen N. the Player of the Week. Carmen won the award by being the Recreational or Select player who best embodies the Club's Word of the Week: Coachable.

Carmen plays for Fusion's U7 Zooming Zebras. Her coach, Alison Fschier, noted, "Carmen is one of the best listeners on the team. She will always try a new skill taught during practice and apply it in the game. At halftime she listens to our tips and uses them in the second half. Although she is one of the youngest players on the team, Carmen soaks in many different skills without complaint. Great Player!"



Fusion SC Player of the Week, Carmen N.



West Coast Soccer's Maya Boosahda makes a move against opponents.

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Granada High Graduate Makes Headway on the USS Essex

By Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Jerry Jimenez

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jenna Dobson, a native of Livermore, Calif., was inspired to join the Navy for educational opportunities.

Now, two years later, Dobson serves aboard one of the Navy's amphibious ships at Naval Base San Diego.

"Every day you have new challenges," Dobson said. "I've definitely learned a lot about myself, being away from home and having to build my own support system around me. It keeps you busy. It's a really good community."

Dobson, a 2016 graduate of Granada High School, is a mass communication specialist aboard USS Essex, one of four Wasp-class

amphibious assault ships in the Navy, homeported in San Diego.

"I take care of most of the graphic designs at work, which includes pamphlets, posters, and print jobs," Dobson said. "I'm letting the ship know what's going on, and doing what I can to boost morale."

Dobson credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Livermore.

"Growing up my dad used to tell me that slow is smooth, smooth is fast," Dobson said. "Sometimes you need to take a step back and realize that not everything needs to get done right now."

Essex is designed to de-

liver U.S. Marines and their equipment where they are needed to support a variety of missions ranging from amphibious assaults to humanitarian relief efforts. Designed to be versatile, the ship has the option of simultaneously using helicopters, Harrier jets, and Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC), as well as conventional landing craft and assault vehicles in various combinations.

Because of their inherent capabilities, these ships have been and will continue to be called upon to support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice.

More than 1,000 men and women comprise the Essex crew, which keeps all parts of the ship running smoothly, from handling weaponry to maintaining the engines. An additional 1,200 Marines can be embarked.

"The Marines help us complete the mission at the end of the day," said Dobson.

Serving in the Navy means Dobson is part of a world that is taking on renewed importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy has pushed me to become more open and more comfortable with myself. The nature of my job involves always talking to people, so that has really pushed me out of my comfort zone," Dobson said. "In a way the Navy has helped me find myself."



Jenna Dobson Photo - Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jackson Brown

REACH Acquires New Properties

After 10 years, REACH (Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for Special Adults in the Tri-Valley) has acquired two Livermore properties that will provide independent living for six adults with developmental disabilities. The new homes will bring the total number of individuals REACH serves to 32.

REACH has released a "Save the Date" notice for the public to attend an open house and dedication on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., with Livermore May-

or John Marchand speaking around 5 p.m. Further details, including location, will

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Joseph Edward Lennier

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce that Joseph Edward Lennier passed away from a brain aneurysm on Sept. 3, 2019, while in the hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif.



His family knew him as a kindhearted man, extremely intelligent, loving, and a mentor to many people who knew him.

Joseph was an avid golf player who enjoyed reading, fishing, collecting coins, and spending time with his family. He was also a loyal fan of the Oakland Raiders football team and would catch a San Francisco Giants baseball game when he could. Everyone always looked forward to "Uncle Joey's" BBQ's, which he so often had for his family and friends.

Growing up Joseph loved playing baseball and snow skiing, and he was on the junior golf team. Joseph went to Granada High School in Livermore, Calif., where he played on the high school golf team and football team.

In 1980, he started working for Bechtel Engineering as an engineering project manager. He later worked for General Electric and had the opportunity to travel the world! Joseph ended his career working for Westinghouse Electric where he was the manager in charge of removing and installing fuel rods to nuclear power plants internationally. Joseph was a dedicated employee who had a great knowledge of the work he did throughout his life.

Joseph was a loving father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to all. He is survived by his two sons Eric and Cameron, his father Charles Lennier, his mother Margaret Curtis, brothers Chuck and Dave, nieces Amber and Tayler, nephew Christopher, and by several aunts, uncles and cousins. We will miss you Joey! You will forever be in our hearts!

A Celebration for Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore, Calif., by invitation only.

Kathleen Mae Shay Sept. 24, 1934 – Sept. 14, 2019

Kathleen Mae Shay, 85, was born on Sept. 24, 1934, in Rushville, Neb., and passed away in Livermore, Calif., surrounded by her loving family and husband of 65 years, Harry.



Being a longtime resident of Livermore for 46 years, Kathleen made many longtime friends and was active in local organizations, charity events, P.E.O., Red Hat Society, and Sirettes Women's Social Group. She was a dedicated parishioner of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore.

Kathleen and Harry were married October 24, 1954. They decided to start a family, and for a brief time lived in Long Beach, Calif., then moved to Anaheim, Calif. They eventually moved to Cypress, Calif., for many years, and finally settled in Livermore in 1972 where they continued to raise their four children.

Kathleen enjoyed employment outside the household and worked for many years as an Administrative Specialist for a variety of companies before finally settling at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory until her retirement in 2000.

Kathleen participated in many activities and enjoyed her hobbies. Some of her fa-

vorites included: Bible study, interior design, wine tasting, Bunco, attending theater productions, family game nights, and traveling with family and friends.

Kathleen was a devoted wife, sister, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. She was a kind, generous person to everyone she met. Her quiet humor, and kind, sensitive nature will be remembered by all who knew her. Although she will be missed dearly, as our lives continue she will forever remain in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Kathleen is survived by her loving husband Harry Shay; her cherished children and spouses: Kristy Shay (Tony Sakelarios) of Las Vegas, Jeneen Catron of Fair Oaks, Dennis Shay (Jacque) of Oakley, and Cheri (Randy Stewart) of Livermore; her five grandchildren: Caitlin, Kelley, Alyssa, Rochelle, and Emily; and her brother Ronald (Judy) Van Tiffin of Washington; along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to end macular degeneration at: Bright Focus Foundation, 22512 Gateway Center Dr., Clarksburg, MD, 20871; or support.brightfocus.org.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore; (925) 447-4549. Visitation starts 10 a.m., followed by a mass at 11 a.m. The reception will be held immediately following at the St. Charles Parish Hall.

Keith Charles Peeso May 6, 1968 – Sept. 8, 2019

On Sunday, Sept. 8, Keith Charles Peeso, devoted husband and father of three, passed away at the age of 51.



Keith was born on May 6, 1968, to Joseph and Myrna (Jagosz) Peeso. On Oct. 21, 1995, he married Christine Lynn Zahnnow, his high school sweetheart. Together they have raised three sons, Joshua Charles (20), Bryan Eugene (18) and Zachary Keith (13).

Keith graduated from Hillside High School in San Mateo in 1987, and joined the Army. After three years of service, he joined the National Guard, and soon after served a tour of duty in the Persian Gulf War. In 1995, he joined the California Highway Patrol, beginning the career he always dreamed of. In March 2014, he became a Sergeant, and in August of 2016, a motorcycle Sergeant. He was proud of each of these accomplishments, and he especially loved being on the motorcycle.

Keith's greatest joy in life was spending time with his sons and his wife. He was an avid fisherman and sailor, and they spent a lot of time together on the water. He also passed along his passion for motorcycles, trucks, dirt bikes, and building and fixing things, and his boys are proving that these lessons have been well learned.

Keith was preceded in death by his father Joseph, his grandparents, his niece Sandi and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife Christine, his three sons Josh, Bryan and Zach, his mother Myrna, sister Karen, sister Kristi and her husband Jeff (Plaskett), mother and

father-in-law Judy and Gene Zahnnow, sister-in-law Kathleen and her husband Dean (Orfanedes), four nieces, three nephews, and many other family members who love him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the American Brain Tumor Association: www.abta.org; and the Rosie Foundation: PO Box 301, Franklin, KY, 42135. For more information about the Rosie Foundation, visit their Facebook page.

Harold L. Rucker

Jan. 6, 1934 – Sept. 3, 2019

Harold Rucker, an 18-year resident of Livermore, died on Sept. 3, 2019, as a result of an aortic aneurysm. He leaves his wife of 40 years, Roberta McReynolds; three children: Kathryn Rucker, Harold Rucker, Jr., and Karen Alvarez; two adopted daughters: Terri Diaz and Kim Smith; nine grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Gus and Ella Rucker and his brother Glen Rucker.



Born near Freedom, Okla., in the middle of the Dust Bowl, the family moved around Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Kansas – wherever the parents could find work as school teachers. They settled in Wichita when Harold was 11. He graduated from East High School in 1952, Oklahoma Baptist University in 1955, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Ky., in 1959. He was ordained a minister that same year. He received Privilege of Call into the United Church of Christ in 1965.

Harold's 60 years of ministry included pastorates in Houston; Biloxi, Mississippi; Pflugerville, Texas; Sedgwick, Kansas; and Foster City, California. He also was Chaplain at Western State Hospital, a psychiatric facility near Bolivar, Tennessee. Harold completed 5 units of Clinical Pastoral Education in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Texas. Additionally, Harold worked for Protestant Charities of Houston in the inner city; for the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service, as Mississippi Field Director; for the United Church of Christ 17/76 Achievement Fund; and as Chaplain for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Livermore, Calif.

Harold married Rev. Roberta McReynolds in 1979. They enjoyed traveling, particularly three pulpit exchanges in Edinburgh, Scotland; Bromley near London; and near Belfast, Northern Ireland. They also traveled to Israel/Palestine, learning about peacemaking efforts there. Harold loved to keep up with friends and family, and adopted photography, cars, airplanes, and basketball as hobbies.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10:30 a.m., at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. All are welcome. Memorial gifts may be sent to Niles Discovery Church, designated for St. James Orphan School, Kenya.

Concussions: A Health Risk for Everyone

By Jeff Garberson

Concussions may afflict as many as 4 million Americans every year, from the swimmer kicked in the head by another swimmer to an elderly woman who trips over a bunched throw-rug.

Toddlers experience them falling down stairs. Football players can get them even while wearing helmets, so can a bare-headed house cleaner who carelessly stands up under a shelf.

The effects of concussion are as wide-ranging as the list of possible causes, according to two medical experts who spoke on the subject last week in Livermore.

A concussion can produce dizziness, memory loss, confusion and nausea, the experts agreed — or it can seem to generate no consequences at all.

The effects might not show up for days, and sometimes they linger for weeks, according to the medical authorities, Dr. Paulomi Khadakhia Bhalla, a former Stanford Health Care neurologist, and Shelby McGinnis, a Stanford physical therapist.

Both Bhalla and McGinnis have extensive experience dealing with concussions and other injuries of the brain.

They spoke at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. Their presentation kicked off a new Stanford ValleyCare Speaker Series, which will continue into 2020 at the Bankhead.

People often hold misconceptions about concussion, McGinnis said. Among the most common is believing that losing consciousness indicates the seriousness of the injury.

"The reality," she said, "is that the loss of consciousness has no real impact on your long-term recovery and is more a result of the way your brain has been hit and the location of the hit than the severity of it."

On the other hand, concussion almost always affects vision, and a simple test of whether someone's eyes can smoothly track left to right motion of the finger can help make it clear whether concussion has occurred.

A video study of football players who were slow to get up after a hard hit showed that every one of them was later diagnosed as having experienced a concussion.

"You guys know what I'm talking about," McGinnis said. There is bouncing up right after a hit and "then there is the opposite of that." A player stays on the ground, holds or shakes his head, "tries to figure out what is going on — that is something you want to pay

attention to."

In soccer, supposedly a non-contact sport, but one in which players collide and headers are common, female players are more prone to concussion than male players because their necks tend to be weaker.

A weak neck can lead to sudden, violent movement of the head and brain. McGinnis once advised a young female athlete to take up wrestlers' neck-strengthening exercises for greater stability and a smaller chance of concussion.

McGinnis thinks the brain is best pictured as a tree supported by a trunk — the brainstem, extending upwards from the spine — with branches vulnerable to sudden, sharp motion as if they were shaken by the wind.

In a concussion, "The tree is being whipped around inside the skull."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines concussion as "a type of traumatic brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth.

"This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging brain cells."

Concussions happen to every age group and can occur in the most unlikely of situations.

McGinnis once treated a concussed young woman who had been struck in the head by a full bottle of Gatorade thrown by another spectator.

For two reasons, young children are considered most vulnerable to concussion. Learning to walk, they are prone to falls that shake or strike their heads, and they have yet to develop protective myelin coatings that will grow around brain tissue through about age 25.

Next after young children, in McGinnis's view, are adolescents, a group likely to engage in sports, but also prone to risk-taking in cars and elsewhere. A third group of concern is the elderly, who are often susceptible because of declining muscle strength, reduced sensation in their feet and poor eyesight.

Also, in the elderly, medications may contribute to loss of balance. The use of blood thinners can make head injuries more dangerous.

Knowing what symptoms to look for from a possible concussion is important, but the results are often ambiguous at best.

Sometimes, immediate

dizziness, nausea or memory loss can point clearly to concussion, but symptoms are often delayed and hard to distinguish from everyday ups and downs. The description of a teenager who acts moody or does not sleep well for three or four days after suffering a hard knock in a football game was provided as an example.

McGinnis described an elderly female patient, fictional but typical, who developed lasting symptoms of concussion from a fall without striking her head.

A medical check of "Mrs. Jones," as the patient was called, found no fractures, but as the days passed, subtler symptoms emerged.

She started to forget things, slept more than usual, turned down social invitations and basically didn't feel good. "Her husband agrees that she is not herself."

With the elderly, McGinnis said, it's important to be aware of the possible side effects of medications they may be taking.

In high school and collegiate sports, she noted, it is vital to remove players who are even suspected of having experienced a concussion. A new concussion on top of an unhealed older one is considered medically very dangerous.

Not only in the U.S. but in athletic programs around the world, the general rule has become, "When in doubt, sit them out." In other words, if there is any uncertainty, get the player off the field and to a physician for evaluation.

Baseline screening programs are commonly available today for athletes before the start of a competitive season.

Athletes are tested for performance in vision, balance, reaction times and other functions so that following some future head injury, medical personnel will be able to repeat the tests to look for any deterioration.

Stanford ValleyCare has been conducting baseline testing for local school districts for several years using a range of tests with names like ImPact, King-Devick and COBALT.

McGinnis considers them highly valuable. As Bhalla pointed out in an email, the brains of young athletes are constantly developing and changing, so the tests should be done annually to make results valid.

The ValleyCare Speaker Series is sponsored by ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. In January, Dr. Marion Buckwalter will speak on the aftermath of stroke. In May, Dr. Jake Scott will discuss the rise and threat of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

VALLEY LINK

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Bay Area bridge toll money.

Valley Link is seeking an additional \$600 million from Faster Bay Area for completing a 10-mile stretch rail along the I-580 corridor. The project would connect the East Dublin/Pleasanton station to a future transit station at Isabel Avenue in Livermore, and place a station at Greenville Road. It would cost an estimated \$1.2 billion.

Valley Link also wants Faster Bay Area to contribute to its long-term plan. The first phase of the Altamont Corridor would run from Greenville Station to Mountain House Station at the Alameda/San Joaquin County line. It would provide a universal passenger rail infrastructure that wouldn't have to share tracks with freight lines.

The current infrastructure isn't designed for high-speed

rail. But a three-mile tunnel and straightened passenger tracks along the Altamont Corridor would allow trains to run at 125 miles an hour, shaving off 15 minutes each way for commuters traveling between East Dublin/Pleasanton and San Joaquin County, according to Tree. Valley Link wants \$1.1 billion from Faster Bay Area to pay for that plan.

Valley Link is also asking for another \$200 million for station and equipment upgrades in the Bay Area that are ACE-related to the Altamont Corridor.

Faster Bay Area has not firmed up its plan to do the work by 2040. Its organizers are still looking into the political and financial feasibility. They are examining how the public would react to different ways of paying for it.

One idea involves a nine-

county sales tax, which would need a 55% supermajority for approval, instead of the usual 66.7% in most of California. The Bay Area was given a special dispensation by the legislature, provided certain provisions are followed. They include forming watchdog committees to oversee that the money is spent the way voters expect. Voters could decide in November 2020.

Toll roads could also provide funding.

Faster Bay Area is led by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the Bay Area Council and the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association.

The San Joaquin Council of Governments is considering putting a measure on the ballot in 2022 for Valley Link in San Joaquin County, Tree noted.

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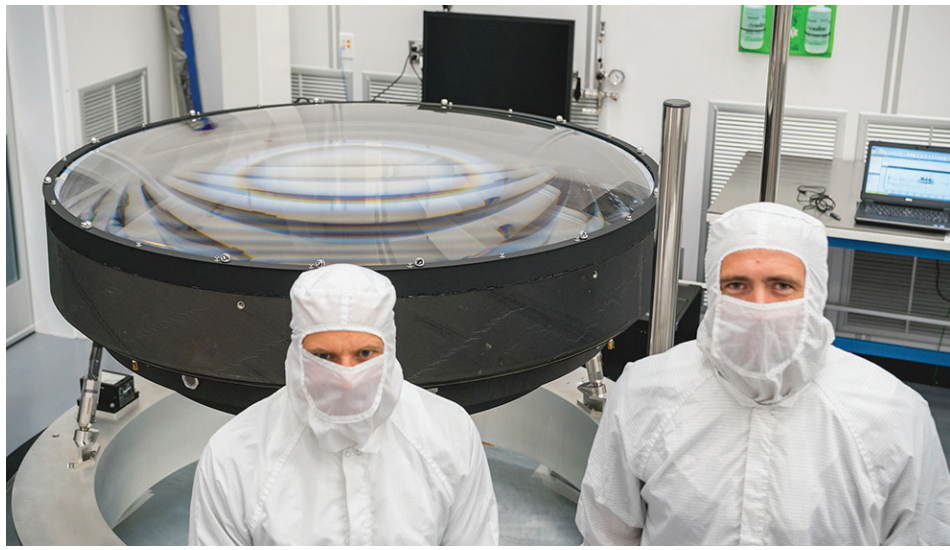
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OPTICAL LENS

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In four years, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST), developed at LLNL, will begin the most powerful sky survey ever undertaken. (Photo - Farrin Abbott/SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory)

Colorado-based Ball Aerospace and its Tucson-based subcontractor Arizona Optical Systems.

Mounted together in a carbon fiber structure, the two lenses were shipped from Tucson. They arrived after a 17-hour truck journey intact at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park.

SLAC is managing the overall design and fabrication, as well as the sub-component integration and final assembly of the \$168 million, 3,200-megapixel digital camera. It's now more than 90 percent complete and due to be finished by early 2021.

In addition to SLAC and LLNL, the team building the camera involves an international collaboration of universities and labs, including the Paris-based Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and Brookhaven National Laboratory.

"The success of the fabrication of this unique optical assembly is a testament to LLNL's world-leading expertise in large optics, built on decades of experience in the construction of the world's largest and most powerful laser systems," said physicist Scot Olivier, who helped manage Livermore's involvement in the project for more than a decade.

He said without the dedicated and exceptional work of LLNL optical scientists Lynn Seppala and Brian Bauman, and engineers Vincent Riot, Scott Winters and Justin Wolfe, spanning nearly two decades, the LSST camera optics, including the world's largest precision lens, would not be the reality they are today.

"Riot's contributions to LSST also go far beyond the camera optics. As the current project manager for the LSST camera, Riot is a principal figure in the successful development of this major scientific instrument that is poised to revolutionize the field of astronomy," Olivier said.

LSST Director Steven Kahn, a physicist at Stanford University and SLAC, said Livermore has played a significant technical role in the camera and a historically important role in the telescope design.

Livermore's researchers made essential contributions not only to the optical design of LSST's lenses and mirrors, but also to the way it will survey the sky and how it will compensate for atmospheric turbulence and gravity.

LLNL personnel led the procurement and delivery of the camera's optical assemblies, which include the two big, completed lenses and a third still to be completed. That lens, at 2.3 feet (72 centimeters) in diameter, is expected to be delivered to SLAC within a month.

The assembly also includes a set of filters to cover six wavelength-bands, all in their final mechanical mount.

Livermore focused on the design, then delegated fabrication to industry vendors, although the filters will be placed into the interface mounts at the lab before being shipped to SLAC for final integration into the camera.

The 8.4-meter LSST is expected to make digital images of the entire visible southern sky every few nights, revealing unprecedented details of the universe and helping unravel some of its greatest mysteries.

During a decade, LSST will be able to detect about 20 billion galaxies — the first time a telescope will observe more galaxies than there are people on Earth. It will create a time-lapse "movie" of the sky.

Its data will be sent out to astronomers around the world in such an intense stream that new methods are being developed to manage the flow.

The information will help researchers study the formation of galaxies, track potentially hazardous asteroids, observe exploding stars, and better understand the elusive dark matter and dark energy that together make up 95 percent of the universe.

The telescope's camera is the size of a small car and weighs more than three tons. It will capture full-sky images at such high resolution that it would take 1,500 high-definition television screens to display just one picture.

Research scientists aren't the only ones who will have access to the LSST data. Anyone with a computer will be able to simulate flying through the universe, past objects 100 million times fainter than can be observed with the unaided eye. The project will provide a platform so students and the public can participate in scientific discovery.

Riot, who started on the LSST project in 2008, initially managed the camera optics fabrication planning. In 2013, he became the LSST deputy camera manager and was promoted to full camera project manager three years ago. Since 2017, he's worked at LLNL and at SLAC on special assignment.

"There are important challenges getting everything together for the LSST camera," Riot said. "We're receiving all of these expensive parts that people have been working on for years and they all have to fit together."

He and Wolfe, an LLNL optical engineer and the LSST camera optics subsystems manager, are pleased that the world's largest optical lens has overcome hurdles.

"Any time you undertake an activity for the first time,

there are bound to be challenges," Wolfe said. "Every stage was crucial and carried great risk. You are working with a piece of glass more than five feet in diameter and only four inches thick. Any mishandling, shock or accident can result in damage to the lens. The lens is a work of craftsmanship and we are all rightly proud of it."

"When I joined LLNL, I had no idea that it would lead to the opportunity to deliver first-of-a-kind optics to a first-of-a-kind telescope," he added. "From production of the largest precision lens known, to coating of the largest precision bandpass filters, the LSST optics have set a new standard."

Livermore's involvement in LSST started around 2001. It was spurred by the scientific interest of LLNL astrophysicist Kem Cook, a member of the Lab team that previously led the search for galactic dark matter in the form of Massive Compact Halo Objects, MACHOs, the whimsically named counterpart to other dark matter candidates called WIMPs.

Participation in LSST quickly centered on the Lab's expertise in large optics, built over decades of developing the world's largest laser systems.

Starting in 2002, LLNL optical scientist Seppala, who helped design the National Ignition Facility, made a series of design improvements that led to the 2005 baseline design.

This consisted of three mirrors, the two largest in the same plane so they could be fabricated from the same piece of glass. The design includes three large lenses and a set of six filters that define the color of the images recorded by the 3.2-gigapixel camera detector.

Construction on LSST started in 2014 on El Peñon, a peak 8,800 feet high along the Cerro Pachón ridge in the Andes Mountains. It's located 220 miles north of Santiago, Chile.

Financial support for LSST comes from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science, and private funding raised by the LSST Corporation.

The National Science Foundation-funded LSST Project Office for construction was established as an operating center under the management of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy. The DOE-funded effort to build the LSST camera is managed by the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory.

The camera system for LSST, including the three lenses and six filters designed by LLNL researchers and built by industrial partners, will be shipped to Chile in early 2021.

VAPING

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city-school liaison committee. Miller, who sits on the committee with Maher, said the city council members want the city's Youth Commission to take the lead. It could research data about the problem and map out a direction for future actions.

Miller pointed out that if the city bans e-cigarettes, they could face a referendum seeking to overturn it, or the city might even face a lawsuit.

Governments across the country are beginning to crack down on youth vaping and the sale of e-cigarettes. In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday announced he will launch a state-sponsored public awareness campaign about the health dangers, and put \$20 million into a vaping

awareness campaign.

In June, the Livermore City Council banned flavored e-cigarettes, citing their appeal to young people. In response, e-cigarette industry leader Juul Labs Inc. collected enough signatures to place a referendum seeking to overturn the city's ban on the March 3, 2020 ballot. San Francisco in June also banned the sales and distribution of e-cigarettes to teens and children. Juul, with headquarters in San Francisco, mounted a campaign to challenge that ban and so far has collected about \$4.5 million for that purpose, according to Forbes Magazine.

E-cigarettes were designed to wean smokers away from tobacco cigarettes and their smoke and tars, but they still contain

nicotine, which the Surgeon General has said is an addictive substance. Warnings on e-cigarettes say that, too.

A severe lung illness linked to the use of e-cigarettes is blamed for six deaths in the U.S. and hundreds of cases have been reported in 36 states, including California, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The American Lung Association has warned that e-cigarettes are not safe. The FDA is stepping up campaigns to educate youth about the dangers, and the Trump administration on Sept. 11 announced its intention to remove most flavored e-cigarettes — considered more attractive to teenagers — from the marketplace. Only tobacco-flavored vapes would be sold.



Camp Parks in Dublin hosted "Western Sky," a joint training exercise with U.S. Navy Reserve and Army Reserve medical personnel participation, on Sept. 14 and 15. Officials were on hand from Camp Parks and the 352nd Combat Support Hospital (CSH). The Navy Reserve Expeditionary Medical Facility (EMF) out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., conducted the mass-casualty exercise during which casualties were triaged, assessed and treated in a mobile aid facility, then medevacked aboard a Navy Seahawk multi-mission helicopter out of Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev. The medevac exercises concluded two weeks of classroom and internal training that began in early September. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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ing business as: Digital Media Studios, 4695 Chabot Dr. Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered to the following owner(s): CRJ Enterprises, LLC, 281 Turquoise Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Clinton R. Johnson, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 9, 2019. Expires Au-

gust 9, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4621 Published Aug 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 561658

The following person(s) doing business as: D & D Holdings, 14 California Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered to the following owner(s): Lorraine Norma Brunell, 2390 Fernwood Ln, Brentwood, CA 94513, Steve Daniels, 2449 Skylark Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Keith Daniels 5355 Pleasant Hill Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562829

The following person(s) doing business as: Bossette

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tember 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

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October 28, 2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Courtney Peterson, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4624 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562441

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562435
The following person(s) doing business as: Casa Real, 410 Vineyard Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered to the following owner(s): Beets Catering Inc., 316 Stealth Court, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 8, 2007. Signature of Registrant/s: Read Phillips, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2019. Expires August 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4626 Published September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562821
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on August 27, 2019. Expires August 27, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4628 September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562977
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562809
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563093
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563148-563150
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562663
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The following person(s) doing business as: Lonzo Designs, 947 Via Del Paz, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joan Schafle. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 4, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Joan E. Schafle, Sole Proprietor, Designer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 4, 2019. Expires September 4, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4634 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563264
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to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Katherine A. Keller, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 9, 2019. Expires September 9, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4635 September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563327
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 562552
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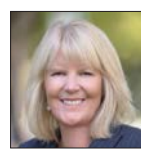
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Specific Plan and Development Code. Although the same elements are shown in both plans – park, parking, hotel, retail, residential and cultural – their location, size and nature are different.

Rebuttal arguments must be submitted to the Livermore City Clerk by 5 p.m. on Sept. 20.

Argument in Favor

Of Measure:

The Central Park Plan is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create something truly special in Livermore's downtown.

Placed on the ballot by almost 7,000 Livermore voters and designed by noted architects with deep Livermore roots, the Central Park Plan creates a centerpiece worthy of the community. Simply put, the Central Park Plan provides better parks and better parking, for a better Livermore.

The Plan:

- Creates a signature 3-acre Central Park stretching from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street, with a real park, larger than the Council Plan, activated with tables under trees;
- Retains Stockmen's Park, an open grassy area that can support events and provide seating for performances on an outdoor stage;
- Constructs convenient parking where most needed, near Livermore Avenue, the city's entertainment center, providing 316 more parking spaces than the Council Plan;

- Puts 3-story affordable housing off the park, not on it, as well as on Pacific Avenue (Council Plan includes 4-story apartments);

- Allows for a resort, destination wine-country hotel west of Livermore Avenue with more rooms, greater tax revenue and more economic benefits for existing businesses than the Council's Plan;

- Adds to Livermore's cultural hub by encouraging a black box theater and science center;

- And provides for interesting shops and restaurants along Livermore Avenue, creating a connection with existing First Street businesses.

In keeping with Livermore's traditional downtown, the Central Park Plan limits the height of any building to three stories.

In the past, Livermore voters successfully fought for urban growth boundary initiatives to block urban sprawl from destroying the surrounding vineyards, ranchlands and scenic hills. This time, residents can join together to create an inspiring Central Park enlivened by recreational, cultural and commercial destinations at the very heart of the community.

Argument Opposing

Measure:

The elected City Council urges a "No" vote on this initiative. If approved, this initiative will invalidate the Approved Downtown Plan

(the City's plan) that was based upon months of effort, which included recommendations from downtown development experts, input from thousands of Livermore residents and community stakeholders, and the integration of those ideas by professional Livermore city-planning staff. The Approved Plan is a plan by the people, for the people. This cannot be said for the initiative, nor the drawing that accompanies it.

- This initiative will triple the current housing densities in the downtown to 150 units per acre.

- It will harm First Street merchants by eliminating their parking and back patios, instead replacing them with micro-unit, shared housing.

- The initiative is vague and deceptive. For example, it allows the proposed parking lot next to the Bankhead to be replaced with other uses, including another performing arts theater.

- The initiative does not match the widely circulated drawing, and the inconsis-

tencies will require more public hearings resulting in years of delays and millions of dollars more than the City's plan.

The key to the Approved Downtown Plan is that it balances all of the competing priorities that were important to residents and stakeholders.

Paid signature gatherers deceived voters into signing petitions by promising more open space and more parking. However, a recent analysis concluded that the initiative provides less open space and less available parking than the Approved Downtown Plan – 3.32 acres of public open space versus 2.37 acres in the central park drawing. Additionally, the City's plan has 70 more available parking spaces versus the initiative.

In summary, if this initiative passes, the result will be higher density housing, less available parking, less open space, and more delays and costs.

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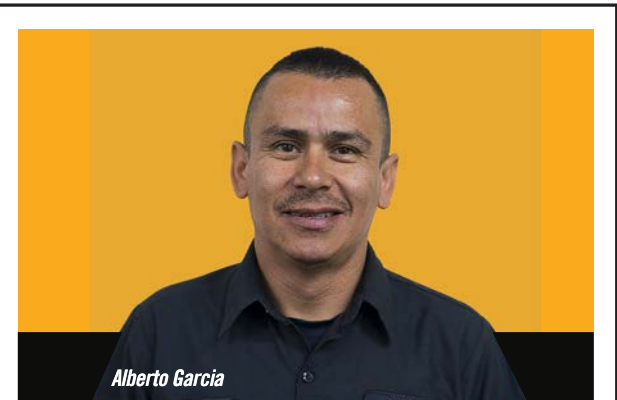
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Niles Canyon “Stroll and Roll” on September 22

Runners, pedestrians, hikers and bicyclists are gearing up for the “Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll” on Sunday, Sept. 22, for which a scenic stretch of Niles Canyon Rd. between Sunol and Fremont will be closed to automobiles to give outdoor lovers exclusive access to the canyon.

The event is being held for the third time in four years to raise awareness about a proposed new trail through the canyon that would expand public access to its forested borders, historic landmarks and sweeping vistas of Alameda Creek.

To make way for the Stroll and Roll, automobiles will be barred from a stretch of Niles Canyon Rd. from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the first hour – from 7 to 8 a.m. – the road will be open to bicyclists only to give cyclists a chance to traverse the winding thoroughfare unimpeded by others.

Participants in the event also will have the chance to discuss proposals for a Niles Canyon trail with staff from Alameda County and the East Bay Regional Park District.

A project study completed in 2017 suggested that a 10-foot-wide paved pathway running mostly along the north side of Niles Canyon Rd. would be the preferred way to enhance access to the canyon for pedestrians, bicyclists and possibly equestrians. Alameda County Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Richard Valle have been leaders in the push for a Niles Canyon recreation trail.

Proposals for a public trail through Niles Canyon are driven by the canyon’s breathtaking scenery, which is accessible only via Niles Canyon Road, a winding two-lane portion of State Highway 84. Bicyclists have repeatedly called for a trail due to safety concerns related to sharing the narrow roadway (which has no shoulder space in some sections) with automobiles. Recreation enthusiasts point out that hiking access to the canyon is limited, and that a trail would provide a vital link between trail networks in the Tri-Valley and Alameda County’s bay-front corridor.



Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll participants in previous years. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



An in-depth environmental review of the trail proposal is now being planned, with the study expected to begin early next year.

Organizers of this year’s Stroll and Roll said they are preparing for as many as 10,000 people to participate. There will be free parking for participants. On the Sunol side, parking will be provided in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission lot at 11600 Pleasanton Sunol Rd. On the Fremont side, parking will be provided at the Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area, 2100 Isherwood Way, Fremont.

To learn more, visit www.84strollroll.com.

Artists' Reception Offers a Multi-Sensory Experience

Livermore Chamber Awards Luncheon To Be Hosted at Wenté Vineyards

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual #LivValBiz Awards luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Wenté Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

The luncheon, the last in the Chamber's annual summer Wine Country Luncheon series, was created as an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge Chamber members excelling in business and contributing to the Livermore Valley community's economic vitality and quality of life.

"Businesses and organizations in every sector power the local economy, and we look forward to showcasing the best and the brightest in each of six categories with a #LivValBiz award," said Chamber CEO Dawn Argula.

The categories are: Best in Hospitality Award (Spirit of Hospitality); Dream Big Small-Business Award; Emerging New Business of the Year; Manufacturer of the Year; LVCC Achievement "Awesomeness" Award; and Economic Development Award.

The keynote speaker will be Catharine Baker, former California Assemblymember representing the Tri-Valley region. Baker is recognized for her involvement and support of the business community during her tenure.

Luncheon tickets are \$55 for LVCC members and their guests, and \$65 for "not-yet" LVCC members. To learn more, visit www.livermorechamber.org, or call (925) 447-1606.

"Where Art & Nature Meet," a new exhibit of more than 60 works of art, has opened at the Bankhead Gallery and will run through October 28.

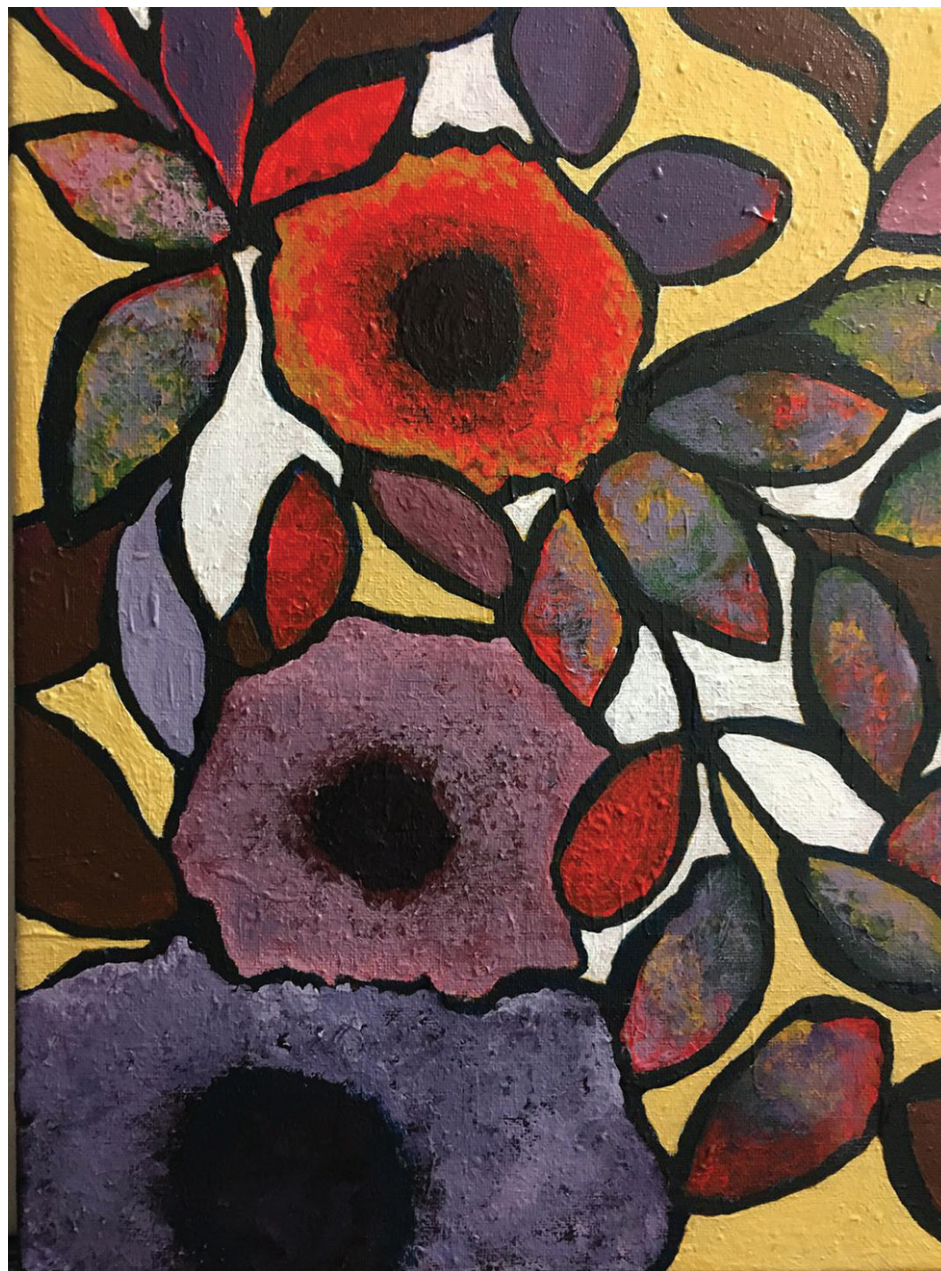
On Saturday, Sept. 21, a special Artists' Reception will connect the art exhibit with other senses as attendees hear live bird sounds, smell plants and flowers,

touch rock surfaces, and experience the exhilaration of a live butterfly release on the plaza.

The exhibit reflects the wonders of the natural world with birds, animals, flora and landscapes portrayed in a wide-range of mediums including drawings, paintings, photographs and mixed media works.

Anne Giancola, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's visual arts manager and exhibit curator, designed the reception around the theme of "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral."

In addition to the bird demonstration by Sherry Lizardo, and informative display of fossils and minerals by the Livermore



Valley Lithophiles, there will be live jazz music provided by the Tom Reynolds Conspiracy.

Light refreshments will be served at the free family-friendly event.

More than 20 pieces by featured artist Bettie Goosman will be on display in the Founders Room to the left of the lobby. Goosman's luminous watercolors have a rich quality of light, and highlight the beauty of the land, including views of her native South Africa, glorious canyons of the west, or vineyards near her home in

Livermore.

The Bankhead Gallery is located in the lobby of the theater at 2400 First St. in Livermore. The exhibition is free and open to the public Mondays through Wednesdays, and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

A free Closing Reception will be held in conjunction with Art & Wine Intertwined on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., with wine tasting, live music and refreshments. Many works in "Where Art & Nature Meet" are available for sale.

Dublin's Quarry Lane School Welcomes American Idol Finalist

The Quarry Lane School announced that it will welcome American Idol finalist Casey McQuillen to share her inspiring music and bullying-prevention message as part of her "You Matter" Tour, on Thursday, Sept. 26.

The "You Matter" Tour is an hour-long interactive concert of songs and stories that McQuillen shares with students about bullying, self-confidence, and the benefits of taking risks. She is a singer/songwriter and former American Idol contestant who has connected with students from more than 100 schools through her "You Matter" Tour.

"At Quarry Lane, we strive to create an inclusive, positive culture," says Candice McGraw, senior director at Quarry Lane School. "We are always thrilled to provide opportunities that promote messages of ac-

ceptance, kindness, respect, and self-love. Being an adolescent, in and of itself, presents many challenges, so we're really excited to host an event that recognizes some of the issues that may affect our students."

The event will be held at the Quarry Lane School's campus in Dublin for 5th through 12th grade students.

The Quarry Lane School is a private, secular day school that provides an academically rigorous and supportive educational environment for students entering preschool through high school. The school's ethnically diverse student body consists of more than 1,000 students at three campuses. It is the only East Bay private school offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.



Casey McQuillen

National Awards Program Seeks California's Top Youth Volunteers

Now through November 5, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for California's top youth volunteers of the year.

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months.

"We've honored young people from three generations since this program began, and while the world has changed many times over, one thing has stayed the same: Young volunteers are doing remarkable, meaningful work to address the challenges facing their communities," said Charles Lowrey, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "As we enter our 25th year, we remain inspired by these young people and their stories of service, and hope that they'll inspire others to get involved, too."

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer community service. Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the program was created in 1995 to recognize the exemplary volunteer work of middle level and high school students. Since then, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards have been given to more than 130,000 middle and high school students across the country at the local, state and national level.

To apply for a 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, students and certifiers must complete the online application by November 5, then submit the application for certification to their principal or head of a local participating organization, such as county 4-H organization, American Red Cross chapter, Girl Scout council, YMCA, or a Points of Light Global Network member.

Certifiers review all applications for their school or organization, then select a Local Honoree to nominate for state-level judging by November 15.

On Feb. 4, 2020, the top middle level and high school volunteer from each state will be named State Honorees. They will receive \$1,000 scholarships, engraved silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian for four days of recognition events from May 2-5, 2020.

In Washington, a national selection committee will name 10 of the State Honorees as America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive additional \$5,000 scholarships, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.


"When students use their energy, compassion and initiative to improve the lives of others, they not only make a difference – they also set an important ex-

ample for their peers," said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director of NASSP. "We're proud to honor middle level and high school students


who go above and beyond in their volunteer service."

Applications are available at spirit.prudential.com and www.nassp.org.


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SHORT NOTES

Hawaiian Dinner And Auction

A Hawaiian Dinner and Auction, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, takes place under the stars on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m., at 326 Maple St. in Livermore. The evening includes dinner provided by 3D Catering, a raffle drawing, and dancing.

Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$400 per table. Proceeds benefit the restoration and beautification of St. Michael's church and school parking areas.

To learn more, email duguid.knight@comcast.net.

Eden Garden and StopWaste Event

Eden Garden, an organic project near CrossWinds Church in Livermore, invites the community to a culminating event for their \$10,000 StopWaste grant on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., at 1660 Freisman Rd. (just east of the outlets).

"We were recently awarded a grant from StopWaste to promote awareness about food waste," said Karen Abbruscato. "This summer we and our challenge participants learned a lot about reducing food waste. Our next major requirement for the grant is to share what we've learned with a larger group."

Event attendees will have the opportunity to: learn more about the issue of food waste; learn simple tips and gain tools to reduce wasted food; sample foods made from ingredients that are often wasted; watch cooking demos and food preservation demos given by the edibles group of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club; speak with StopWaste representatives; participate in door-prize drawings; and meet people from other garden-related groups in the area.

To learn more, please

visit www.StopFoodWaste.org, or email garden@crosswindschurch.org.

Fall Nature Hike at Sycamore Grove

The year is winding down, the temperature is dropping, and the fall colors are beginning to appear. Join Ranger Darren for a walk through Sycamore Grove Park to observe the autumn changes and hopefully observe some resident wildlife getting ready for the winter season.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m., hikers will meet at the Reservable Picnic Area for the one- to two-mile hike that covers fairly level ground. Participants should bring water, and perhaps a camera. Adults are \$5, and youths aged 2-17 are \$1. RSVP at (925) 960 2400, or email valleywilds@larpd.org.

Livermore Heritage Guild

The annual Livermore Heritage Guild meeting takes place on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Duarte Garage, 2010 Pine St. Doors open for schmoozing at 5 p.m., with dinner (grilled beef, salad, combread and dessert) served at 6 p.m., followed by a history talk at 7 p.m. during which Jay Stevens will discuss Novagems from the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Tickets are \$25 in advance (at the History Center in the Carnegie building, 2155 Third St.), or \$35 at the door.

Art in the Vineyard

The Livermore Art Association presents the 47th annual "Art in the Vineyard" on Sunday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd. in Livermore.

Wente Vineyards and talented multimedia artists invite the public to enjoy a day of beautiful art, music and fine

wine. Admission is free.

The day includes music by Vintage Noise, art demonstrations, food and refreshments to purchase, and Wente winetasting (\$15-\$25, includes a commemorative wine glass).

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

If you are having trouble controlling the way you eat, are underweight or overweight, or are obsessed with food, weight or dieting — you are not alone. There is a solution.

Join Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., at the Multi Service Center, 3311 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins.

To learn more, visit www.foodaddicts.org.

Stoneridge Shopping Center Celebrates Simon Beauty Week

Stoneridge Shopping Center is hosting Beauty Week through Sunday, Sept. 22, during which participating retailers are offering special beauty deals and services to shoppers.

"Stoneridge Shopping Center houses the best beauty brands, and this event offers shoppers an ideal way of engaging with all of our beauty retailers while taking advantage of special offers on their favorite beauty products," said Director of Marketing and Business Development Michele Osgood.

Participating retailers include Ardent Goods, The Art of Shaving, Aveda, Bare Minerals, Kiehl's, L'Occitane, Lush, MAC, Macy's, Nordstrom, NYX, and Sephora. Guests are invited to visit these retailers for a variety of activities, such as shaving and beard care demos at The Art of Shaving, clean makeovers and

treatments at Bare Minerals, and mini facials and hand massages at L'Occitane.

Additionally, shoppers may participate in a beauty expo in the Grand Court on Saturday,

Sept. 21, from noon-3 p.m., that will feature activities such as: Aveda's braid bar, styling touch-ups, and a "puff up your pout" lip bar; Glamify Me creating glitter braids;

and Lush's do-it-yourself bath bomb, Groovy Kind of Love.

For more information, visit www.simon.com/mall/stoneridge-shopping-center.

LIVERMORE VALLEY Opera

Livermore Valley Opera presents an extravagant production of Tchaikovsky's best-loved opera

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A Letter, A Duel, and Unfulfilled Love

LIVERMORE VALLEY Opera

Tchaikovsky Opera “Eugene Onegin” Opens at the Bankhead



Candace Evans



Morgan Smith



Antonina Chehovska



Kyle van Schoonhoven

Tchaikovsky’s most-famous Russian opera, “Eugene Onegin,” opens on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Bankhead Theater on 2400 First St., Livermore.

The Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) production, with the orchestra conducted by Russian-born Music Director Alex Katsman and stage direction by Candace Evans, promises audiences an unforgettable experience.

“This is a beautiful opera about love denied, unfulfilled, and love lost set to Tchaikovsky’s best music,” said LVO Artistic Director Erie Mills. “This opera requires a powerful cast, and LVO’s cast is wonderful. It’s completely sung in Russian, but with the projection of English supertitles, the audience will not miss a word.”

Packed with memorable music, dances and a heart-stopping duel, Eugene Onegin tells the bittersweet tale of a love that could have been. In the 1820s, Eugene Onegin is a bored St. Petersburg dandy whose life consists of little beyond balls, concerts and parties. When his wealthy uncle dies, Onegin inherits a substantial fortune and a landed estate. He moves to the country and strikes up a friendship with his neighbor, a starry-eyed young poet named Vladimir Lensky.

Lensky takes Onegin to dine with the family of his fiancée, the sociable but rather thoughtless Olga Larina. There, Onegin catches

a glimpse of Olga’s sister Tatiana, a quiet romantic who is Olga’s opposite. Tatiana becomes intensely drawn to Onegin, and soon after professes her love in a letter to Onegin. Contrary to her expectations, Onegin does not write back. When they meet in person, Onegin rejects her advances politely, but dismissively and condescendingly. This famous speech is often referred to as “Onegin’s Sermon,” during which he admits that the letter was touching, but says that he would quickly grow bored with marriage, can only offer Tatiana friendship, and coldly advises her to exhibit more emotional control in the future, lest another man take advantage of her innocence.

From there, the plot’s twists and turns lead to a deadly duel, before Tatiana visits Onegin’s mansion, where she looks through his books with his notes in the margins, and begins to question whether Onegin’s character is merely a collage of different literary heroes, and wonders whether there is, in fact, no real Onegin.

Several years pass, and the scene shifts to St. Petersburg, where Onegin attends a majestic ball with the leaders of old Russian society. He sees a most beautiful woman, who captures the attention of all, and he realizes that it is the same Tatiana whose love he had once rejected. Although Tatiana is now married to an aged



Eugene Onegin cast members rehearse for Livermore production.

prince, Onegin becomes obsessed with winning her affection. This time, however, it is Onegin whose love is spurned, as Tatiana leaves him regretting his bitter destiny.

The LVO cast features: American baritone Morgan Smith, known for his dramatic portrayals and the power and beauty of his voice, performing the title role of Eugene Onegin; Ukrainian-born soprano Antonina Chehovska singing the role of Tatiana; tenor Kyle van Schoonhoven, a recent graduate of the

world-renowned Adler Fellowship at the San Francisco Opera, performing the role of Lensky.

On Sept. 28, an Opening Night Gala at Uncle Yu’s at the Vineyard begins at 4 p.m. (separate ticket purchase required). The gala includes a three-course dinner, with wines donated by Big White House Winery and John Evan Cellars, followed by a dessert reception at the Bankhead Theater, where LVO’s Katsman and Evans will be available to meet with guests and provide opera insights. Gala tickets

are \$95.

Tickets for Eugene Onegin range from \$20 to \$90. Included in the ticket price are engaging lectures held one hour before show time, along with LVO’s traditional artists’ reception in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Evening performances on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, begin at 7:30 p.m. Afternoon performances on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, begin at 2 p.m.

To learn more, visit www.LVOOpera.com, or call the Bankhead box office at (925) 373-6800.

Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

WOODSTOCK 1969

The much-anticipated Woodstock 50, commemorating the iconic counter-culture event in 1969 where 400,000 young people came together in the name of music, peace, and love, did not happen this past August, despite all the behind-the-scenes efforts to pull it off.

A number of articles since the end of 2018 have focussed on these efforts as well as the staggering number of problems and setbacks that have occurred. Many writers, such as Larry Fitzmaurice and Dee Lockett in their July 31st article in *Vulture*, have observed that these setbacks were “painfully reminiscent of the issues faced in the lead-up to Woodstock 1969, issues that included the following. Pre-concert: There were logistical disagreements between the creators/producers of the event and the moneypeople backing it concerning the concert’s location, how many attendees to allow, and the security needed. At the concert: There was an inadequate number of facilities providing portable toilets, food, and first aid stations to handle accidents, births, and drug overdoses. And then there was, of course, the weather, the torrential rains that occurred, compounding the unforeseen problems, leaving a mass of young people covered in mud and filth, looking somewhat like Col. Kurtz’s rogue military “gone native” in the Cambodian jungle in 1969 in the film *Apocalypse Now*.

The failure of Woodstock 50 to materialize is still being discussed in the media as people continue to grapple, I think, with their disappointment that the reunion celebration did not take place. Although it may be unfair to say this, if I were to boil down that failure to one factor underlying all of the complex, myriad issues, I would say it is due to the creator of the concert, Michael Lang. While an event that size, of necessity, requires many people having a say in its planning and execution, I believe Lang had an indelible hand in guiding the twists and turns of events. I base this on my reading of his account of Woodstock 1969 in his book *The Road to Woodstock*, where he presents a candid, detailed, behind-the-scenes look not only at what took place before, during, and after the coming together of the tribes, but, even more importantly, at the genesis of his role as a concert producer. The following are some highlights.

Before there may have been even a glimmer in Lang’s eye of the seminal event that would become known as Woodstock, Lang operated a head shop in Coconut Grove, the small, laid-back, artsy community nestled amid lush tropical hardwood hammocks, where the air hung heavy with the scent of jasmine. It is an area in South Miami just to the east of the University of Miami that I know well because I grew up just a few miles away. In those days, Coconut Grove boasted rents low enough for artists and hippies to afford, rents that have since skyrocketed due to the influx of the literati and glitterati, making this, Miami’s

oldest continuously inhabited neighborhood, now one of its trendiest. Lang, in his book, says that he set up shop in the “Grove,” as the locals fondly call it, because he knew the area from his childhood winter trips with his parents to escape the New York cold. Later, in the ‘60s, hippies began flocking there looking for a warm spot to hang out, which they found on the lawn at Coconut Grove’s Dinner Key on Biscayne Bay. Sixties musicians also began arriving to be part of the scene.

After dropping out of New York University in 1965, Lang headed to Miami, where he opened a head shop, although he had not majored in business and did not have firsthand experience running such a concern. As he describes it, “Having seen my parents take on new businesses, whether they knew that particular line or not, I thought, why not? I could learn on my feet, like they had.” And therein, I think, encapsulates Lang’s whole mantra for his life and for his idea to create the biggest outdoor concert ever held a few short years later. Lang spent the spring “developing ideas, making contacts, and figuring out just what the head shop was going to be,” another indicator of Lang’s can-do spirit. He used a few thousand dollars of his own money and called on his contacts in the burgeoning counterculture community, including other head shop owners, to learn about the business.

In 1966, Lang and his then-girlfriend tried to obtain but were denied a business permit to open a head shop in South Miami near the U of M. Undeterred, they looked for another location and found it in Coconut Grove, which was less conservative than South Miami. They eventually opened their shop containing glass cases filled with all kinds of smoking paraphernalia, including a variety of rolling papers, Turkish hookahs, and exotic pipes. Peter Max posters plastered the walls, beaded curtains hung in doorways, strobe lights suffused the store, and music by groups like the Beatles, the Stones, the Mothers of Invention, Dylan, and the Byrds played nonstop in the background.

In 1967, Lang met his future Woodstock partner Artie Kornfeld. Expanding on the scope of a poster company they started, they began promoting music groups because as Lang said, “everyone wanted to see the bands whose albums we were listening to.” This decision to make forays into music promotion could very well have been the embryonic stage of the development of the future Woodstock. Lang organized a local concert in the park, and later “started promoting a few shows at an outdoor amphitheater on Key Biscayne (which would later become the Winter White House for President Nixon). The acts included Ravi Shankar, who’d been a sensation at the Monterey Pop Festival in June.” Soon, Lang pointed out, “the shop became the gathering place for a growing counterculture

in Miami . . . anyone involved in the underground — from Timothy Leary to Jerry Garcia — would stop by my shop when in Miami.” Other counterculture visitors included Abbie Hoffman, who Lang quoted in his book as saying, “He (Lang) told me that he had this idea — a floating, free idea — for a festival.” Musicians like Joni Mitchell, Ramblin’ Jack Elliott, Fred Neil, and David Crosby also began hanging around. Before too long, Lang found the means to orchestrate Florida’s first-ever music festival, even though by this point the Summer of Love and the Monterey Music Festival had already happened. Lang went to see a William Morris booking agent and told him he would be able to sign six or seven big-name artists (performing on three different stages), including John Lee Hooker, Chuck Berry, the Mothers of Invention (led by Frank Zappa), Blue Cheer, the Crazy World of Arthur Brown, and the Jimi Hendrix Experience. The concert, Lang claimed, would draw 25,000 people. The agent found Lang’s proposal to produce the festival in three short weeks improbable. Nevertheless, Lang pulled it off.

From there, it was but a hop, skip and a jump, as we used to say when I was young, to envision another outdoor concert, this one even bigger, held over three days, that would attract nearly half-a-million young people. All that was needed was the financial backing, and Lang got that, even though rifts soon developed between the dreamers and the money people, rifts that would result in irreconcilable differences over the management of the festival and an eventual parting of the ways.

While Lang managed to pull off both festivals, the first-ever Florida Music Festival, and the first-ever mega-music festival at Woodstock in 1969, both against what appeared to most to be overwhelming odds, he wasn’t successful in producing the 50th anniversary concert. His “can-do” spirit had worked in 1969, and it would appear that that same spirit propelled him once again to believe he could make Woodstock 50 happen as well. But things were not the same; the times had changed. One could say that 2019 is a much more sophisticated and complicated era, and that the hippie strategy of getting things done purely on a dream, a desire, and who one knows can no longer succeed in the present world of sophisticated mega-music festivals with their sophisticated business models. Added to that, the present mega-music festival world has also learned from the gross mistakes and near-disastrous conditions that existed at Woodstock 1969, and have had no desire to repeat them. So, judging from the many articles I have read since the beginning of the year, when Lang knocked on their doors and said he wanted to put on Woodstock 50, another mega-event, they rallied around their fears of another potential disaster and said, “No.”

Arts Commission Honors Alameda County Leaders

The Alameda County Arts Commission are recognizing six individuals for their achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County with a ceremony on Oct. 1.

Among the recipients is Bee Chow, the founder of Cantabella Children's Chorus in Livermore.

In 1992, Chow started

the organization with a small music literacy class for 11 children. She was inspired by composer Zoltan Kodaly's philosophy that the singing voice should be every child's first and lifelong musical instrument. The name Cantabella Children's Chorus was derived from the Italian 'canta bella,' which means to 'sing beautifully.'

From these beginnings, Chow grew and nurtured Cantabella Children's Chorus into an international award-winning organization with a total membership of more than 250 singers ranging from kindergarteners to high school students. The mission of the Chorus is to develop healthy vocal techniques and choral artistry within children and youth through excellence in music education, fine choral production, and collaborative cultural arts experiences to enrich and reflect the diverse community.

While Chow's official retirement as artistic director took place in 2015, she continues to encourage, nurture, and support the organization, contending that the enjoyment of musical performances transcends social and economic differences.

The award recipients will be honored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors with a commendation ceremony, presented in conjunction with the County's celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month, on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 10:45 a.m. The event, which is open to the public, takes place at the Alameda County Administration Building, Supervisors' Chambers, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

In addition to Chow, the honorees are Suzanne Gayle of Hayward, Kendra Barnes and Laura Elaine Ellis of San Leandro, and James Gayles and Rob Jackson of Oakland.

HYPROV: Improv Under Hypnosis



Comedian Colin Mochrie and hypnotist Asad Mecci

From the minds of improv and comedy legend Colin Mochrie and Master Hypnotist Asad Mecci comes a brand new, mind-blowing, side-splitting show. Hypnosis and improvisation are two art forms that have captured minds and imaginations for decades worldwide.

Colin Mochrie, star of "Whose Line is it, Anyway?," will initiate and manipulate those under hypnosis and turn the show into an improv extravaganza full of music, horse races and

laughter. In the hands of two masters, and crafted from the volunteers' uninhibited subconscious, it's an entirely original and completely unforgettable show every time. Who knows where the unconscious mind might take us?

Twenty random volunteers from the audience will be hypnotized (the process is a show in its own right), their inhibitions evaporated and their minds no longer their own, the four or five best are left on stage when

one of the world's leading improvisers enters.

HYPROV with Colin Mochrie takes place on Friday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Tickets are \$20 to \$75.



Bee Chow

Marc Broussard Appearing at the Firehouse

Marc Broussard's soulful bayou blues will light up the night on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton.

Broussard is an artist with a unique gift of channeling classic R&B, rock, and soul into contemporary terms. The son of Boogie Kings guitarist and Loui-

siana Hall of Fame member Ted Broussard, singer/songwriter Marc Broussard was destined for a life as a music man.

In 2002, Broussard re-

leased his debut album, *Momentary Setback*, which he recorded and released independently at age 20.

In 2004, he released his major-label debut, *Carencro*, named after the Louisiana town where Broussard was born and raised. The album's thematic centerpiece is a hickory-smoked slab of bayou soul called "Home."

These and subsequent albums revealed Broussard as an old-school southern soul singer blessed with a rarefied talent, and innate stylistic and emotional authenticity.

The Firehouse performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$36-\$46.

To learn more, visit www.firehousearts.org.



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Livermore Art Association

Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sat. 11:30 to 4 pm and Sunday 10 to 2:30 pm. For information call 449-9927.

Members of the Pleasanton Art

League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Art Reception: Where Art and Nature Meet, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 21. Exhibit Dates: Sept. 11 through Oct. 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018 - 2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school, and adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Contact Peggy at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info: 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit childrenartclassesprojects.blogspot.com.

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

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First Street, Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Retzlaff Estate Winery, Live music every Sunday. 12:00 -

4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave. retzlaffvineyards.com.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band

appears regularly at Old Mexico Bar & Grill in Livermore on Portola Avenue - the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30. Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Marc Broussard, 8 p.m. Sept. 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925-931-4848.

COMEDY

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

Free comedy show every Thursday at Rebel Kitchen & Libations, 2369 First St., Livermore 7:30pm.

San Francisco Comedy Competition, 8 p.m. Sept. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925-373-6800.

DANCE

Tango Del Cielo, Sept. 21 - Sunday, Sept. 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925-931-4848.

MOVIES

"Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety" hosted by Axis Community Health on three Wednesday nights in coming months. The screenings will be followed by an audience discussion with input from a panel of professionals. "Angst" tell the stories of kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impact on their lives and relationships, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. The film includes a special interview with Olympian and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. Screenings: Livermore'

October 23, at 6:30 p.m., at The Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street; Dublin, November 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway. www.axishealth.org.

Dublin Picnic Flix, Free Summer Movie Series at Emerald Glen Park. Movies will begin at dusk usually 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Food trucks and other snack food vendors will be on site starting at 7 pm. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly and bring low-back chairs and blankets. Pets are not allowed. Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ in Dublin (7202 Amador Plaza Road) is offering 15% off take-out orders to enjoy while watching the movie (print and present flyer from website).

OPERA

Eugene Onegin, Livermore Valley Opera, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29, 2 p.m. Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 6, 2 p.m. chaikovsky's best-loved opera. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925-373-6800.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paint Pleasanton 2019, hosted by Pleasanton Art League (PAL) Sept. 20 - 22, invites artists to paint one of the many historic and scenic locations in the City of Pleasanton and surrounding areas. Organizers provide artists with lists of intriguing subjects. At www.pal-art.com, those

interested can read instructions, access the registration form, and then bring it to Museum on Main between 3 and 6 p.m. on Sept. 20 to register. For more information, contact: PALPlein-Air@comcast.net.

Tails at Twilight, Saturday, Sept. 21, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the lifesaving programs and services of the East Bay SPCA. Featuring great food, premium wines, craft beers, behind-the-scenes facility tours, fun silent auction items, exciting casino games, and special guest host Diane Dwyer. General admission is \$100. East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin.

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley will hold its 7th annual potluck picnic in recognition



Native American Day, Sept. 28

Open Mic Events at the Bankhead Extended through October

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced that StarsDay, the new free open-mic event which debuted this summer at the Bankhead Theater, will be extended through October 2019.

Designed to encourage local musicians, vocalists and spoken-word artists to share their talents with the community, StarsDay takes place the last Wednesday of each month in the outdoor courtyard of the Bankhead Theater.

Upcoming dates are Sept. 25 and Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Beginning at 6 p.m., any musician, artist or group can

sign up to perform, and will be assigned a time slot based on space available. Two microphones will be available for use, but musicians are responsible for bringing their own instruments and any other equipment needed.

The Bankhead House Band "Force of Magic" will also perform at each event.

Admission to the family-friendly StarsDay is free, and beverages and snacks will be available for sale from concessions. Entry to the courtyard is through the gate to the right of the Bankhead Theater box office, located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore

Livermore Art Association Exhibit At Civic Center Library

The Livermore Art Association is showcasing the works of diverse artists at its exhibit titled "Show of Champions," in the Civic Center Branch of the Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. The exhibit, located in the front hall of the library, will remain on display throughout the month of September.

More than 30 works are shown, and all of the participating artists have won awards for their artwork.

The exhibit includes artwork using oils, acrylics, pastels, printmaking, drawings, and photography.

Participating artist are: Sarah Harrington, Kathleen Hill, Larry Lagin, Meghana Mitragotri, Maclyn Pons, Barbara Reynolds, Lisa Rigge, Ron Rigge, Diane Rodriguez, Stephen Rodriguez, Alyn Saroyan, Charlotte Severin, Lynne Shephard, Clark Streeter, Craig Varden, Dianne Varen, and Norma Webb.

Writers Open Mic at Swirl on the Square

Whistlestop Writers celebrates the approach of fall with an open mic for writers of all genres. The event takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., in downtown Livermore.

"It's an evening of great food, great wine, and great writing," said Cynthia

Patton, Livermore's Poet Laureate and event host. "You won't be disappointed—even if you aren't a writer."

Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. To learn more, email LivermorePoetLaureate@gmail.com or find them on on Facebook.



Pleasanton Ignite, Oct. 5

of International Peace Day on Saturday, Sept. 21. This year's event will be at the Muslim Community Center, 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton, from 4-7 p.m. Children, youth, and adults of all ages are welcome to join in the fun.

Livermore Valley Wine Auction

The annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction, a black tie affair to benefit underprivileged local youth, is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. It will be held at the event center at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road. Tickets cost \$275 a person, or \$2,500 for a table of 10. To learn more, visit www.lvwf.org.

Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with.. William Clark

Tuesday, September 24, 2pm; Tuesday, September 24th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Native American Day. The 4th annual Native American Day takes place on Saturday, Sept. 28, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater Shea Homes plaza. The family-friendly event for all ages, offered in association with Livermore's American Indian Center, will include a tipi tour of a 20-foot Lakota tipi, dancing and singing, artifacts, free crafts provided by volunteers for all students, and Native American food selections.

30th Nostalgia Day Car Show,

The Altamont Cruisers, Sept. 29. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies 9 a.m. www.altamontcruisers.org.

Witches Night Out. It's time to gather friends and get in a spooky mood for Witches Night Out on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. The annual martini pub crawl and shopping open house takes place in downtown

Livermore. www.livermore-downtown.com.

Livermore Airport Open House.

All are invited to the Livermore Airport Open House and Airshow, held each year on the first Saturday in October. The event features parachute demonstration jumps, military/warbird fly-bys, Kid Zone activities, representatives from local flight schools, Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department Safety House, classic cars, wine tasting and food trucks. This year, the 23rd annual event takes place on Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 680 Terminal Circle. Parking and admission are free. www.cityoflivermore.net.

Taste of Africa. The Cheza Nami Foundation presents its 8th annual Taste of Africa extravaganza on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in downtown Livermore. The free outdoor festival is a celebration of culture and diversity offering food, music and a variety of activities, including children's crafts, face painting, vendor booths, and a travelling art exhibit. www.chezanami.org

IGNITE! 2.0 Art + Innovation.

As the sun goes down, Ignite lights up. The free event takes place under the stars outside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton. Held on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., the festival features hands-on activities for all ages, including light installations, innovative art displays, computer technology, music and robotics.

Bent Creek Winery, October 16,

Wine Wednesday as the last TGIT of the season. Featuring: Mojo Swingers. 5455 Greenville Rd., Livermore, 925-455-6320

Museum on Main Annual Ghost Walk,

a two-hour guided tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area. A volunteer team of ghost hosts lead groups, while actors play the roles of the

various ghosts around town. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 – 8 p.m. on: Friday, October 18; Saturday, October 19; Friday, October 25; and Saturday, October 26. Ghost Walk tours take place rain or shine - so dress appropriately. Costumes are highly encouraged! Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for children 12 and under. They 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, 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.

Hagemann Ranch Open House.

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

A Writers Meetup for Adults

18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at Livermorelibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.

Political Issues Book Club

meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs, both national and international Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 925-872-7923.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Grief Workshop will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 24, at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Pre-registration is required. Call Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Tri-Valley Trailblazers are sponsoring a free presentation, "Pine Nut Wild Horse Advocates," on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m., at the Livermore Library. TVT focuses on all matters that pertain to the use, enjoyment, care of or improvement of horses, safety and horsemanship, and the preservation of and enhancement of trails. www.facebook.com/TVTrailblazers, and www.facebook.com/Wildhorseadvocates.

How to Write a Book in Six Weeks is a fast-track class that teaches writing secrets and techniques to turn prose into page-turners. It covers all prose genres: fiction, memoir and nonfiction. Classes take place on six Thursdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. The course is \$110, and includes professional editing by instructor Barbara Flores, an award-winning four-time author. To register, call (925) 373-5700 or visit www.larpd.org.

Livermore Valley Coin Club, Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy collecting coins or other numismatics this is the place for you. The meetings incorporate shared numismatic knowledge, various club raffles, a Coin of the Month and a club coin auction. For information contact: Gary Antone (925) 373-6758

Valley Children's Museum, a community based, non profit, children's museum for children 3 to 10 years old, offering fun and educational STEAM based play activities. Located in Emerald Glen Park, Dublin, off Gleason Dr. Open Thursdays 4 to 8 pm during Dublin Farmer's Market & third Saturday of the month. Volunteer opportunities for teens and seniors. For more info visit <http://www.valleychildrensmuseum.org> or contact Linda Spencer, 925-683-4741 or linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org

The Fifth Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice for a fun and challenging day where you will be among an exclusive group of passionate golfers completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause! The event takes place September 30 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. You can pay your own \$2,500 entry fee directly, or

encourage friends and family to collectively support you and cover the fee. Register at hope100golfmarathon.com. For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at (925) 829-8770.

Livermore Lions Club meets for dinner every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. Lions are the world's largest service organization. Livermore Lions support the needs within the community and state, the nation and the world. Funds provided to support the homeless, the fire victims, and the hurricane and earthquakes victims. Charities include: Canine Companions, Blind Centers, and the Ear of the Lion. Check out our website (livermorelionsclub.org) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome.

Master Gardeners Talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 -11 am on the second Saturday of the month Mar-Nov.; Sept. 14 Firescaping in a Suburban environment; Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley's Connections Support Group, meets every Wednesday, from 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group provides support and education for anyone experiencing a mental illness. For further information, visit www.nami-trivalley.org or contact Kendall @ 925-872-0170.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. For more information, please visit <https://josemaria.californiadar.org/> or contact Debbie Janes at jmadar.regent@gmail.com. **DAR Jose Maria Amador, Pleasanton Chapter.** The local Jose Maria Amador chapter meets on the second Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. **DAR Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter.** Meets September through May on the first Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit <http://jhl.californiadar.org>.

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group - those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center on the second Saturday of every month from 10am - noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact mary.behrendt@comcast.net or 925-462-5081 for more

information. No cost.

Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237 located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net

Alcoholics Anonymous If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call AA) 925-829-0666

Native Daughters of the Golden West, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925-698-4345- website: NDGW.org

Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 784-3662 for more information.

Wednesday Night Run with Sunrise Mountain Sports, every Wednesday night (rain or shine) at 6:30PM. Start/End Location: Sunrise Mountain Sports 2184 First Street Livermore. The run/walk will start at 6:30PM, but come hang with us around 6PM to socialize/warm-up/change. There are a variety of distances starting at 2 miles and they go up to 9 miles. The most popular is the 3.5 mile course (that does have two water fountains along its route). Dogs, kids, and people of all paces are welcome. More information located on Sunrise's Facebook event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/>

The City of Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program is searching for patient, caring volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with students, lead small group conversation practice, conduct citizenship test preparation, or lead book clubs. No advance preparation is needed. Find more information contact the Adult Literacy team literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov / 925-931-3405.

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because

of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480-585-8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925-443-4444.

Tri-Valley Haven - Individual Counseling & Group Therapy Openings, For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven provides free, professional individual and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call: (925) 449-5845.

Docents for the Livermore History-Mobile. Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net.

Sing for fun, Music Sing-a-Long, sing familiar tunes with other folks along with piano accompaniment. The words of the songs will be provided. No musical experience needed. Most Mondays, from 11:00-12:00 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Small fee.

Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group), a free faith based, Christ centered (AI Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the St. Michael Convent building, first floor (375 Maple Street, Livermore). For further information contact Rachel at (510-501-1411).

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

Golden Circle Seniors, meetings Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Sewing, knitting and crocheting all year, saving items for the annual bazaar in November. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are donated to local charities.

Pleasanton Lions Club, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530 Main Street, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or

to get involved visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. All are welcome.

Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. www.alanontrivalley.org. 925-277-7661, help@AlanonTriValley.org.

Recovery International (RI) is a weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. There is no charge Anyone 18 or older is welcome; just drop in. Meetings every Sunday 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Arbor Vista library room, 1300 South Livermore Avenue.. Call Barbara, 916-335-8836 or Dave, 415-948-9462.

Ethos, free and confidential services related to pregnancy include guidance and referrals, baby clothing, and diapers. 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore. Call (925) 449-5887 for an appointment.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver fresh meals to home-bound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 p.m.. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/ or Jill Duerig / 1-510-378-7243 / jillduerig@hotmail.com

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

Square Dance Lessons in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more information call Margaret 925-447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com.

Shepherd's Gate New Life Thrift Store, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-7 Monday through Friday, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30pm Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

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

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group (CL) is a non profit, peer based, all volunteer, self help in-person support group for

people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings at Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton, every Monday 7 - 8:30 pm (except postal holidays). www.clutterless.org (national) or www.ClutterlessEastBay.org for more info.

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

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 p.m.. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

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

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

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

Splatter Festival in Dublin was Fun for All

By Bruce Gach

The temperature hit about 100 degrees Fahrenheit during last weekend's Splatter Festival, which had many attendees seeking relief by asking where the water games could be found for a quick cool off.

Dublin's annual end-of-summer event is less about water and more about "a splash of this and a splash of that, celebrating food, wine, art and music," according to Shari Jackman, the city's public information officer.

This year's 8th annual Splatter festival was held Sept. 14 at Emerald Glen Park. On the main stage, various groups played dance music, from high-energy rock to smooth and soulful tunes with dance parties forming around the stage. As the day cooled down, the music got hotter, concluding with a concert by "Earth to Mars," a Bruno Mars tribute band.

Games and carnival rides for all ages added to the excitement. Keeping with the local theme, wine, beer and food were mainly from Tri-Valley wineries, breweries, restaurants and food trucks.

In other areas, local groups performed guitar music, Irish dance, hula, ukulele melodies, martial arts and dance exhibitions. Master chefs shared cooking tips for parents and children.

Katie Martens, of Dublin, brought her entire family to spend the afternoon enjoying the festival. "We like to support local events," she said, as roaming entertainers serenaded the crowds.

Interactive art activities included painting squares of canvas for the 2019 community mural to be displayed in the Dublin Civic Center in the next few weeks. And the yearly Chalk Walk Art Competition theme this year was "What I Love About Dublin."

Clark Shaw watched his children painting kindness rocks to hide in the park for others to find.

"I'm from Livermore and come to events around the Tri-Valley," Shaw said. "This time I came here to support Dublin." (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

