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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

## Livermore Council to Decide Future of Springtown Golf Course

The future of the Springtown Golf Course will be back in the hands of the Livermore City Council on April 11.

Last December, the council set in motion a parallel process to determine the future of the golf course that included both closing and keeping it open.

At that time, the council directed staff to prepare an initiative to preserve the course as open space; to proceed with developing a master planning process

for conversion of the golf course property; and to continue to work with the Springtown Homeowners Association to refine a proposal that would keep the course open.

The proposal to place the operation in private hands was submitted on behalf of the Springtown Homeowners Association (HOA) by Mark Kolt, a local venture capitalist.

Based on what staff sees as potentially significant problems with development impacts, site

constraints, financial viability and public acceptance, staff is recommending that the council formally reject the proposal for private operation of the Springtown Golf Course.

The recommendation includes moving forward with a master reuse planning process. This would include a feasibility assessment in partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

(LVJUSD) to convert the golf course property to open space;

Language would be developed for the November 2016 ballot that, if approved, would preserve the golf course property as Open Space. Its wording would preclude any future council from rezoning the 85-acres to residential and then approving housing without a subsequent of the public.

During the process, the golf course would remain closed.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore-Amador Garden Club member Lee Giroux describes some of the plants that will be available at the club's annual plant sale. For the story, go to page 12.

## TVLC Undergoes Leadership Changes At a Key Time

By Ron McNicoll

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) has undergone changes at its two major leadership positions.

In addition, a board member has resigned, leaving three vacancies on the board at a time when a group of parents appears highly motivated to make changes in the board.

The parents have set out to change the board to make it what they say should be more transparent and accountable.

Acting at its special meetings on March 28 and March 30, the TVLC board voted to accept the resignation of Acting CEO John Zukoski and the resignation of board president Tim Hall. Hall will remain on the board until his

term expires at the end of this year. Director Scott Lessard was chosen by the board to become its new president.

Hall cited health reasons for his decision to give up the presidency, said Lynn Lysko, the new TVLC interim CEO. A committee of board members and stakeholders is working to find candidates for the permanent CEO position. The previous permanent CEO, Bill Batchelor, resigned last year.

Lysko has served as the TVLC Director of Charter Development, and will continue to do so. She holds a doctorate in Education, and becomes the first occupant of the CEO position to come from the education segment of the public charter school. The

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## To Address Traffic, 'We Need to Get Things Done and Quickly'

Within five years, MTC has predicted that traffic along the I-580 corridor in the Valley will be more congested than I-80, now ranked as the worst in the Bay Area.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne offered that observation in introducing a meeting to discuss transportation issues. He concluded, "We need to get things done and quickly."

The meeting, hosted by the City of Pleasanton and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, provided updates on the widening of State Route 84 and a BART extension to Livermore. Neither project has full funding.

Changes in Wheels bus service, as well as traffic on Foothill Road in Pleasanton, were also addressed during the meeting.

Miley said there is a need for

people to use public transportation. He said, "Traffic is not just a Tri-Valley issue, it's a California issue. It's a colossal concern."

Andrew Tang, who heads the BART Livermore extension project, noted that the cost of the 5.5 mile extension is estimated at \$1.2 billion, with \$550 million in funding identified. BART is in the process of a project environmental review that would be used to deter-

mine what project moves forward. Options include full BART down the middle of 580. This would entail moving and rebuilding current freeway lanes.

A second alternative would be either a diesel or light rail project. No cost estimate was available. A third consists of express buses that would provide access at the level of BART tracks. The cost is estimated at \$200 million, which

includes building new structures at the current Dublin-Pleasanton BART station to accommodate the buses. The final option under consideration would result in modest improvements to current bus service.

Tang noted there is enough money to build the bus alternatives, not BART. All but the bus enhancement option require a fed-

(See TRAFFIC, page 4)

## Dublin Boosts Next Council's Pay 21%

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council raised next year's council pay by 21 percent, up from the current \$903 monthly payment to \$1098. It represents the first boost since 2012.

The council voted 4-1 at its meeting March 29 to make the change. During the council discussion, members referred to it as a 5 percent increase, apparently a verbal shorthand for the 5 percent per year over the four years since the last pay increase, as presented in a staff report. A state formula sets ceilings on annual cost of living increases.

The pay boost will not begin until December, when the new council is sworn in.

Doreen Wehrenberg cast the lone vote against the raise. She agreed with Kevin Hart, who made the motion, that the job takes much time and commitment to community. However, said she was willing to keep council pay at its current level.

Don Biddle, who seconded Hart's motion, said that a raise might make a difference for someone who may be considering running for the council. A person might want to run, but would have to pay for child care during meetings and other events, or miss

work on a job. "If some people feel they don't want the increase, they can always donate it (to charity)," said Biddle.

Vice Mayor Abe Gupta said he did not have any strong feelings about the pay increase either way.

Mayor David Haubert observed, "It's an awkward situation. We have to act on our own behalf. I don't mind staying with what we have, and don't care if we have an increase."

Gupta and Biddle have two years left on their terms. Haubert's mayoral term is two years, so his seat will be up for election in November, as will Wehrenberg's.

On another item, the council looked over the proposed 2016-17 budget, scheduled for approval May 23. The council gave direction to staff concerning several items, including hiring one more police officer to add to the public safety effort.

Several residents of East Dublin talked about break-ins in their neighborhoods in the past couple of months, and urged the council to do more to reduce crime.

One speaker said that her home in Dublin Ranch Golf Course has been broken into twice in two years. Another resident, Arun

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Mark 9 turret from the USS Louisville, rusting in the Nevada desert, where it once served in Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's nuclear testing program.

## Mystery in the Desert Is a Mystery No More

By Jeff Garberson

Of all the improbable things to find lying abandoned in the Nevada desert, a gun turret from a World War II era U.S. Navy cruiser might be near the top of the list.

Nevertheless, a turret answering that description can be seen there, rusting in the sun at what used to be called the Nevada Test Site, some 100 miles north of Las Vegas.

On careful examination, the scars of devastating naval battles

and frightening kamikaze aircraft attacks are visible on parts of the turret.

No one paid attention to these historical clues until recently. For decades, the purpose of the gun turret would be explained to visitors, but its exact origin was a mystery, a matter of speculation.

The turret's purpose, in the days when nuclear tests were conducted on towers above-ground, was to cut costs by eliminating multiple stations for measuring the gamma

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## No Swimming or Wading At Del Valle Pending Tests

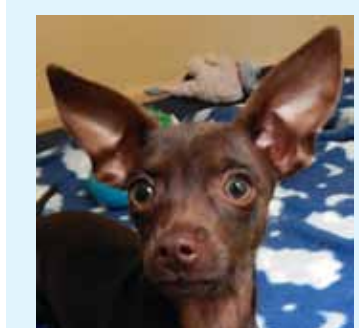
East Bay Regional Park District is testing the water at Del Valle Regional Park to determine whether it should continue its current ban on swimming and wading because of the risk of toxicity from blue-green algae blooms.

The ban at the park, located south of Livermore, has been in place since December, when tests showed toxicity at dangerous levels. This was the first time that toxicity has been seen at the lake at such levels, according to Hal MacLean, water management supervisor for the Park District.

Dangerous toxicity was again detected in January but has not been seen since then, MacLean said. Nevertheless, the Park District is continuing to prohibit swimming and wading to protect park visitors and their pets, MacLean said. The blue-green algae are still present. Their blooms are complex, changing with time and able to produce toxicity suddenly and unpredictably.

Fishing and boating are not affected by the ban, MacLean said. However, fish caught in the lake should be cleaned thoroughly

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### PET OF THE WEEK

You won't regret talking to adorable two-month-old Tattle! While she won't reveal your secrets to anyone, she will follow you around and climb into your lap at the first opportunity. A chocolate-brown Chihuahua mix, Tattle is friendly, loving and gets along well with other dogs. Spin a tale with Tattle at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

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A view of the completed bandstand.

## Carnegie Bandstand Dedication Slated

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore will celebrate the completion of the Rotary Bandstand in Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore with a Dedication Ceremony on April 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.. The Bandstand will be officially presented to the City of Livermore for the use by and enjoyment of the community for years to come.

Over the past five years, members of the Foundation and the community worked together to plan and execute this project. From the initial idea through the planning, permitting, fundraising and construction, this has been a community endeavor. Over 100 volunteers and donors turned a dream into a beautiful gathering space. Electrical, concrete, steel, stucco, framing, roofing, landscape and painting contractors and suppliers donated much of the materials and expert labor, and members of the two Livermore Rotary Clubs provided countless hours of volunteer labor.

The end result is a city focal point that reflects the character and charm of Livermore and blends perfectly in the historical setting of Carnegie Park. The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support for this project through donations totaling more than \$125,000.

## Livermore to Give Compost Away to Celebrate Earth Day

The City of Livermore is celebrating "Earth Day" with a Community Compost Giveaway. It will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 9 am – 12 pm, or until supplies last, in the parking lot of Livermore's Maintenance Service Center at 3500 Robertson Park Road.

The compost will be given away for free with a limit of two bags per Livermore household.

When Livermore residents put their food scraps, food-soiled papers, and yard trimmings into their Organics cart, the material is collected and processed into a rich soil amendment called "compost." Livermore residents can add this amendment to their garden soil to "close the loop" on composting.

Visit the Livermore Recycles website at [www.livermorerecycles.org](http://www.livermorerecycles.org) or call the City of Livermore's Recycling Helpline at 925-960-8015 for more information.

# Valley Schools Rank High in California

Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVPC) has been ranked 19th on a list of 243 California charter prep schools.

In a separate listing, Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton ranks 23rd among California public high schools, and Foothill High School is listed as 31st.

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) was placed 10th on the California list. This is consistent with API rankings that the state formerly used. Using API, PUSD finished anywhere

from 10th to 13th over several years.

The listings were compiled by Niche.com, which ranks schools throughout America. The rankings are based on a combination of 80 percent statistics gathered from such sources as SAT and ACT test scores. Perceptions of parents and students who leave comments about their schools and districts on the business's web page are also used, said Jessica Hair, a representative of Niche.com. Schools need a mini-

mum of seven on-line comments to qualify for ranking.

LVCP principal Eric Dilie said that while the students do well on standardized testing, the important thing is that students must be able to communicate effectively and collaborate with others to truly be successful in life. "Straight A's and a 36 ACT score will not mean much if the student cannot collaborate with others, problem solve, and communicate effectively."

Other high schools in

the area were also rated by Niche.com. Livermore High School is 262nd in the state, and Granada High 353. No ranking was listed for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, but it received an overall grade of "B+."

A score for Dublin High School was not available. However, on another Niche.com web page, the school was given an "A" grade. The Dublin Unified School District was ranked No. 41 out of 445 school districts in the state.

## GOLF COURSE

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The North Livermore Community Alliance has been urging the city to convert the land to public open space. According to the Alliance, they have an organization SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Education) that has expressed interest in bringing an agricultural park component to the area. SAGE currently operates the Sunol Ag Park.

On the other side of the issue, the Springtown Homeowners Association has sought ways to keep the golf course open. The HOA has been working on a plan with Kolt. He failed to meet the council imposed March deadline for paperwork submission on his proposal. The council established a May deadline for submission of a final plan.

At the end of March, Kolt turned in the following description:

- The existing HOA Buildings would likely be demolished and replaced with 2 new buildings; one 13,000 sq. ft. building that will serve both the golf course and SHOA uses, and one approximately 100,000 sq. ft. Class A Office building.

- A new entity would be formed, Springtown Partners, which would be a C Corporation or a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)

consisting of private investors.

- The HOA would lease its property to Springtown Partners for 99 years and terminate its lease with the City of Livermore for the existing clubhouse and parking lot use.

- The City would lease the golf course to Springtown Partners for 49 years, with the City no longer responsible for any golf course costs.

- Springtown Partners would infuse \$25-\$30 million of capital into the project; manage design and construction, hire a golf course operator and assume all risks associated with construction and ongoing operation of all facilities.

- There would be no change in the HOA Bylaws. The proposal does not indicate that the HOA would bear any financial responsibility for the project.

According to staff, the proposal is silent on several critical development impacts and site constraints that could make the project infeasible; including parking requirements, traffic impacts, and an incompatible zoning designation. In addition, the proposal does not include details on what occupancy rates or rent amounts were used to demonstrate that the project

is financially viable.

Although not indicated in the updated proposal, staff notes that Kolt confirmed via email that a parking structure may be the only feasible way to accommodate the required parking for the envisioned project.

With the aim of moving forward with closing the golf course, staff has held initial meetings with LARPD and LVJUSD staff regarding the development of a master planning process for reusing the golf course property. LARPD staff has indicated willingness to lead the master plan process. In January, the LARPD Board approved staff's participation in the effort.

City staff has developed a list of preliminary concepts, issues and concerns for the master planning process that will be used as the basis for additional discussions to finalize an outline, budget and scope for the final master planning effort.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Water Forum Set

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore will hold a Water Forum on April 10th from 12 to 1 pm at 1893 North Vasco Road.

The event is part of a series of presentations organized by the Social Justice Committee around the theme of water.

The April 10th event will feature a presentation by Dick Quigley, who has been an elected member of the Zone 7 Board of Directors since 2004 and is the current Vice President of the Board. He has been involved for more than a decade on issues of local stream management, topics of mutual interest between Zone 7, the Tri-Valley cities and retail water agencies, and Zone 7's financial plans.

His presentation will include an overview of current topics related to Zone 7's mission and the Tri-Valley's water supply. Director Quigley endorses the 'delta fix', which includes the twin tunnels. He will answer questions about the delta fix.

## Workshop on Economic Zone

A joint workshop to discuss the potential Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., April 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The Pleasanton City Council and Planning Commission will be involved.

The meeting will include updated information and a discussion of the the proposed Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone, a 40-acre area along Johnson Drive between Stoneridge Drive and I-680

Go to the City's website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to review the Economic Impact Analysis and other documents.

## New Pricing Policy

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors adopted a new Pricing Policy to standardize and establish the rationale for all fees charged

by the district.

The new policy explains the basis for why LARPD charges fees, the philosophy behind the pricing and the criteria considered. The goal of the pricing philosophy is to maintain a high level of resident satisfaction as the District evolves. User fees are combined with tax revenue to support LARPD's investment in quality facilities, programs and services.

Also during the meeting, the Board received an update on the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. The District's consultant, RJM Design Group, has completed the administrative draft of the Master Plan Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration that went out for public comment for a 30-day period ending March 9. A report of recommended responses to public comments is anticipated to be brought to the Board in April or May. Directors will have the opportunity to discuss, modify, add or change the recommendations of the consultant in responding to public comments.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore hosted the Academic Olympics last week. This is the 30th year of the competition. This year, the science competition included a design challenge and the social studies a group research project. An art show was added. Team 2 working on the design challenge consists of Arron Martinez, Evelyln Arroyo and Courtney Schnapp.

## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for an Open House to discuss your experience with walking, biking, and trail conditions in Livermore. This hands-on, interactive workshop will provide attendees an opportunity to identify areas for improvement to make Livermore's streets and trails safer and more comfortable.

**WHAT:** Active Transportation Plan Open House  
**WHEN:** April 18, 2016  
**TIME:** Stop by anytime between 4:00PM - 7:00PM  
**WHERE:** Robert Livermore Community Center (4444 East Avenue)  
**WHO:** Everyone (children welcome - kids activities will be provided)

For more information about the Open House, project news, an online survey and interactive map, and ways to get involved, please visit our website [www.WalkBikeLivermore.net](http://www.WalkBikeLivermore.net). Questions? Email us at [ActiveTransportationPlan@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:ActiveTransportationPlan@cityoflivermore.net).

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# EDITORIAL

## Bandstand Dedication

Five years ago, the Rotarian Foundation approached the City of Livermore with the idea of building a bandstand in Carnegie Park in the downtown.

Once approval was granted, the Foundation organized a team of volunteers and collected donations of materials and expert labor to make the dream a reality.

The bandstand will be officially presented to the City on April 14, adding to the growing venues for concerts, performances, ceremonies and addresses in the downtown. Examples representing potential uses include entertainment at the Thursday Farmers' Market and a place to hand out awards after the Rodeo Parade.

Designed to blend in with the historic Carnegie Building, it features a 20' gazebo over a 30' stage - an architectural trompe l'oeil designed to accommodate larger groups without the need of an oversized structure.

Charles Hartwig, a member of the Livermore Rotary Club and Rotarian Foundation, is quoted as saying, "This will be a great gift to the city."

We applaud the Rotarian Foundation.

## DUBLIN

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Goel, said that over the past three or four weeks there have been four burglaries in the Dublin Ranch Golf Course area.

The neighborhood has been working with police to speed detection, he said.

This week, Haubert sent out a press release following up on the crime topic. Police have arrested suspects involved in several recent crimes. The police have been

conducting outreach meetings, and have had more than 16 since January. A town hall meeting is planned for 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Amador Elementary School.

Haubert said he has called on Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley to personally review the criminal charges of the suspects apprehended to make sure they are the toughest possible.

## TVLC

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first three brought business backgrounds to the position.

The board also accepted the resignation by letter of Umashankar Meda, who did not give a reason for his resignation. This leaves the board with four members, with three needed for a quorum.

Although the two meetings ended in major changes, people interested in seeing a live-stream record on the TVLC web page will not be able to see the actions. The TVLC camcorder apparently was broken, making it unable to transmit pictures or sound.

Zukoski will return to his previous job as Director of Finance. Effective March 31, he also resigned his position on the board of the Livermore Charter Zone Corporation (LCZC), a financial support group for TVLC.

Zukoski had been slated to end his Acting CEO function June 30, and originally submitted his resignation effective then. He changed his mind and moved up the date to March 30, said Lysko.

Zukoski's resignation letter to the board said that he made his decision to resign the position after talking to family and friends.

"The past few months have been extremely challenging for TVLC. However, things are turning around. A new CEO can provide a fresh start for the organization. This also represents the best action to take for my own health and well-being," said Zukoski.

TVLC parents were galvanized into action to reform the board at a Livermore City Council meeting in December. Parents at that meeting accused the city of unnecessarily delaying an occupancy permit for the building and a requirement to pave the TVLC elementary school parking lot nearby. Construction of

new left turn lanes at North Canyons Parkway were also required.

However, at the council meeting, Livermore Mayor John Marchand read from an agreement signed in June 2015 by Zukoski that agreed to do the improvements before occupancy of the new building, located at 3090 Independence Drive. The disclosure of the provisions was news to Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory principal Eric Dillie, who organized a turnout of more than 200 e-mails to Marchand. It was also true that no one on the TVLC board knew that Zukoski had signed the contract.

Parents demanded information from the TVLC board to learn what was going on. Eventually Zukoski issued an apology to the mayor and also separately to the TVLC community of parents and teachers.

Since then, more parents have been attending TVLC board meetings and asking many questions about decision-making and transparency.

Further, TVLC was very late with a second quarter financial report that goes to the Alameda County Office of Education. Its outside audit was also late. These and other occurrences wound up in a Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which supervises the two Livermore charter schools.

The New Jerusalem Elementary School District in Tracy also issued NOVs to TVLC concerning its two Acacia charter schools in Stockton, on basically the same grounds.

The administrative failures affecting the Acacia schools have resulted in financial consequences, with some rental support money from the state canceled because of the failures.

Through it all, parents have expressed high enthusiasm for the schools' faculty and principals, declaring that results have been good for their children, both academically and socially.

# District 16 Assembly Race Tops Democrats' Target List

The upcoming contest for the Assembly District 16 seat has been ranked at the top of the Democratic party's 2016 election target list.

The seat is currently held by Republican Catharine Baker. Her lone challenger on the June 7, primary ballot is Democrat and former Pleasanton City Council member Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

As the only two contenders, both will move on to the 2016 November general election.

In a press release, Speaker of the California Assembly Anthony Rendon has called Assembly District 16 the top pickup opportunity for Democrats in the state and pledged his full support for Cheryl Cook-Kallio's campaign.

"Cheryl Cook-Kallio is a proven leader on issues important to local residents such as increasing access to women's healthcare and

equal pay for equal work. As a dedicated and pragmatic public servant and accomplished educator, she is a perfect fit to represent the 16th Assembly District," Speaker Rendon said. "We are going to give Cheryl all the support she needs to get elected this November."

AD16 is the only seat in the Bay Area currently being held by a Republican.

Cook-Kallio commented, "I can't tell you how humbled and honored I am to receive this news. But we won't win this race from Sacramento, we are going to win it with the grassroots in our district and the generosity of people throughout the state."

Cook-Kallio has been endorsed by over 100 elected officials, community leaders, and current and former assemblymembers, including Susan Bonilla and Joan Buchanan.

California Senate President Kevin de León has also endorsed Cheryl Cook-Kallio's campaign for Assembly District 16.

Kevin de León said, "In the classroom and on the City Council, Cheryl has been a powerful advocate for the issues that matter most to Assembly District 16. Her successful efforts to improve access to women's healthcare and decrease traffic congestion has made her an incredibly effective public servant. She has my full support for Assembly."

Baker has asked supporters to work together to keep AD16 from the Democrats and keeping them from achieving a 2/3rd super majority.

"I am a Democrat and I support Catharine Baker because she immediately went to work for my community, and it is obvious she cares,"

said John Marchand, Mayor of Livermore. "Catharine is bipartisan, independent and has worked tirelessly to represent this district well."

Baker has been endorsed by Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Councilmembers Kevin Hart and Doreen Wehrenberg; the entire city councils and the mayors of Livermore and Pleasanton.

Bipartisan education leaders have endorsed Catharine Baker for re-election to the State Assembly.

They include Mark Miller, Pleasanton School District Board Member and Livermore School Board members endorsing Baker are Chuck Rogge, Kate Runyon, Chris Wenzel and Anne White.

The district includes Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

## TRAFFIC

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eral environmental review. The federal study would not begin until after BART completes its report.

Tang estimated that construction of a BART extension would be completed in 2026, "if all goes well."

He described the demand for parking as an ongoing issue. There is talk of adding more parking structures. He added that a study is in the works that would determine the priority of parking for each station.

Richard Carney from the Alameda County Transportation Commission discussed express lanes and the widening of SR 84.

Express lanes opened in February along the I-580 corridor. Carney noted that the first seven days saw 126,000 users with 20 percent representing carpools. A difference of 30 mph between the freeway lanes and the express lanes was recorded.

The widening of SR 84 from two to four lanes to Pigeon Pass is anticipated to be completed in 2017. The final 2.5 miles from Pigeon Pass to I-680 is in "early development," according to Carney. The EIR for the final widening would be expected to be completed in Feb. 2018. Typically, once an EIR is complete, it takes three years to design the project and acquire the right-of-way. Construction could start in 2021. However, there are no funds identified, he said.

Miley commented, construction could be completed in 2023. "We've got to see if we can deliver this faster."

Carney admitted that there is pressure to accelerate the process.

Thorne added, "I think

you're going to get more pressure."

Thorne said of traffic, in general, "We are continually tweaking roads to get them to do something they can't do now. It sounds like we're just rearranging the deck chairs. The only solution is more rail, not just BART."

Michael Tree, Executive Director of the Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority, described changes in Wheels bus routes that are designed to improve access to BART. If approved, buses in the future will connect with BART every 15 minutes. There will be a direct link to Las Positas College where an effort is underway to provide an "easy pass" to every student so each can travel

without cost.

The redesign of the system is anticipated to increase ridership due to the frequency and ease of access. A meeting will be held May 2 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore to take public comment on the proposed changes.

Residents living on Foothill Road were told that the intersection at Kilkare and Main is being changed. The changes are expected to make it more difficult for drivers to use Foothill Road to avoid traffic on I-680. Once the intersection has been changed, Caltrans will look at the impacts and determine if additional projects would be needed to reduce traffic on Foothill.

## Mysterious 'Dark Matter' Is Subject Of Wednesday Talk

Dark matter, which can't be seen or detected but is believed to make up some 85 percent of the mass of the universe, will be discussed next Wednesday, April 13, at a dinner meeting of the Valley Study Group at Castlewood Country Club.

The event, open to the public, begins at 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$32, including dinner and the talk. Reservations must be made by Saturday, April 9.

Although they cannot detect dark matter directly, astronomers believe it exists because of its gravitational influence on galaxies and clusters of galaxies.

Next Wednesday's speaker will be astrophysicist William Dawson of Lawrence Livermore National Labora-

tory. Dawson is part of an investigation into the nature and behavior of dark matter as revealed when galaxy clusters collide.

Galaxy clusters are the largest objects in the universe, with "hundreds to thousands of galaxies all gravitationally bound and orbiting one another," Dawson wrote in an email.

Their collisions are "the most energetic events since the Big Bang," he added. They allow the researchers to compare and contrast the behavior of ordinary matter with that of dark matter under extreme conditions.

To make arrangements, phone 925-447-8876 or send an email to VSGPresident@gmail.com.

## MAILBOX

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### Keep BART Running East Bay Leadership Council

Arousing fear and outrage has proven to be an effective strategy, especially during this political season.

The past few weeks have seen a great deal of hand-wringing and outrage in the media over BART's woes. The service disruption between North Concord and Bay Point has brought back traumatic memories of the 2013 strike, and old animosities have resurfaced.

The East Bay Leadership Council (EBLC) hopes to put that animosity aside and focus on keeping BART running. But just as we get the government we deserve, we also get the infrastructure we

deserve. Let us be worthy of the inheritance left to us by past generations and not squander it for the sake of pithy tweets or political posturing.

The system's age is contributing to the current problems. Suggesting that this claim only serves some ulterior motive is false and is a distraction from the real issues.

The core BART system will soon be half a century old. The system suffers \$9.6 billion dollars' worth of deferred maintenance and critical components now require replacement. This work has to be paid for, and neither the State of California nor the federal government is likely to bail us out any time soon.

Whether you believe the system has been mismanaged or not; whether you ride along the screeching decades-old tracks or not; whether you personally suffer through overcrowded cars and service interruptions or not, we all benefit from a system that eases commutes, connects people to jobs, provides mobility to those with limited means, and helps keep our air clean.

The alternative is longer commutes, more polluted air, a weaker economy, and a diminished quality of life. This is our reality.

The EBLC believes it is reasonable to question labor practices and compensation at BART. We encourage the Board of Directors and senior management to work diligently to address these issues, and we call on the California legislature to contribute to a solution. It is our collective civic duty to hold our leaders accountable.

Broken infrastructure is just as bad for riders as a BART strike. We hope that BART and our region's leaders get the message: come together and keep BART running.

We also hope that the region's citizens recognize that investing in our infrastructure is responsible civic engagement when the system is in need of public investment. The Bay Area is among the world's largest economies and requires a reliable world-class transit system befitting its status.

Ultimately, vilifying public servants is no more productive than vilifying elected leaders. Both result in a race to the bottom where the only participants left are those comfortable with a good public shaming.

It is ridiculous to think that choking off BART's resources will lead to a better BART.

### Need for Housing Jesse Murray Livermore

It seems like the only views of area residents on residential development proposals that The Independent covers are those of opponents to development. This leaves the many of us for whom the current housing shortage is a serious problem without a voice in media coverage of the debate.

As my family, which relies on a mid-level lab salary and is above the census median in income for the area, can't afford to buy, this is a great many people. Perhaps The Independent would consider talking with residents about the crippling effects that the cost of housing has on family growth, career aspirations, and financial well-being? The results would certainly be more interesting than the three columns of unedited block quotes from residential development opponents that The Independent printed last week.

This would also mean that The Independent would live up to its name, rather than serving as a mouthpiece for a narrow set of local perspectives.

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# MYSTERY

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ray output of nuclear explosions detonated at different sites.

The late Bill McMaster of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory saw a way to create a single station that could turn and point its detectors at many sites. He had a surplus Navy gun turret shipped in from Mare Island Shipyard in the Bay Area.

The turret was installed as if aboard ship and fitted with a lead-lined barrel that could be aimed precisely at the top of a 500-foot tower a thousand or more yards away where the burst of gamma rays from a nuclear detonation would indicate its explosive yield.

The turret was used to diagnose three tests in 1957, all part of Operation Plumbob. Soon after that, the turret was retired, as the U.S. and Soviet Union entered into agreements that led

to an end to testing in the atmosphere.

While the turret's brief role was known and discussed by old timers and tour guides, its deeper history was a mystery. Now it has been revealed through the personal efforts of Rob Hoffman, a theoretical physicist in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory weapons program who comes from a Navy family.

The Navy connection is not just a figure of speech. Hoffman's father and younger brother were both chief petty officers. His uncles served in the Navy as well. His twin brother was a career officer in the Marine Corps and is now an intelligence analyst with the Coast Guard.

With this family background and his work at LLNL, Hoffman took on the historian role almost exactly one year ago after visiting

the abandoned turret as part of a tour of the Test Site, now called the Nevada National Security Site.

Since then, he has spent nights and weekends scanning the internet, corresponding with aging Navy veterans and with the Desert Research Institute, and checking archival records at sites around the country, from San Bruno to Washington, D.C.

He continues to make new contacts and uncover new information, but in the meantime he published a historical report at LLNL late last year and has plans for a more formal article, perhaps in a Naval history journal.

The turret is from the 1930s and is known as a Mark 9, he found. It housed three 8-inch guns and was carried by a dozen U.S. ships, 10 of them cruisers, but two aircraft carriers as well.

"The battle history of

these ships is a tale of great success and sorrow," he wrote in the LLNL report. Five were lost to enemy action in battles with names like Sunda Strait, Coral Sea and Guadalcanal that are burned into the memories of those who fought in the Pacific in World War II.

Which of the ships did the turret come from?

Opinions varied among people who had worked at the Test Site. Hoffman eliminated the names of those that were sunk in action. Then he familiarized himself with the battle histories of surviving ships that carried the Mark 9. He studied repair records at places like Pearl Harbor and Mare Island and traveled to the desert to crawl over the turret to compare battle and repair records with scars, misaligned seams and repair welds.

He was able to eliminate from consideration the USS Portland, Pensacola and Salt Lake City. All of these

were damaged in battles near Guadalcanal in 1942, but none appeared to sustain damage that would match scars on the Nevada turret in detail.

By contrast, he found a close connection with the damage and subsequent repairs to the USS Louisville, which was hit twice by kamikaze attacks in January 1945 en route to the Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

Dozens were killed or wounded. The Louisville was forced to limp back to the Bay Area for repairs at Mare Island Shipyard, arriving a month later.

Repair records from the shipyard match the Nevada turret down to scrapes, scars, bolt and welding patterns and a slightly displaced faceplate where a replacement part was installed.

Hoffman continues to gather new information and interact with historians and others who might shed light on the history of the turret, but for now he is convinced that he has identified the ship that it came from.

The process has been

a lot of fun, he said. He was happy to recognize the Louisville for serving her country by contributing to LLNL's nuclear testing program "long after her last salvo was fired."



# DEL VALLE

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before eating with no consumption of internal organs.

"Blue-green algae" refers to a variety of algae and bacteria that live naturally in lakes. Why they sometimes turn toxic is not clear, according to public health authorities. However, the process is often connected with warm temperatures and stagnant waters.

The Park District had not seen toxic blooms at any of its lakes prior to 2014, when they occurred at Lakes Temescal and Chabot.

Federal, state and regional public health authorities warn about the risks of exposure to toxins from blue-green algae, both for pets and for people.

The California Department of Public Health says the toxins have killed dogs in Humboldt County and sea otters in Monterey Bay. For people, the department warns of risks ranging from rashes and gastrointestinal upset to nerve and liver damage.

"At high levels, exposure

can result in serious illness or death," according to a departmental fact sheet that cautions against drinking, breathing or skin contact with water contaminated by the toxins. Because of their smaller body mass, young children are at greater risk than are adults.

MacLean was not aware of anyone being sickened by the toxins at Del Valle to date, but cited the "terrible" dog deaths elsewhere. "If you start getting people sick, that will take this to a real nasty level," he worried.

He expressed concern about upcoming warm weather and the possibility that park visitors will ignore or will not see warning signs. Just last weekend, he said, Del Valle park rangers had to order visitors out of the water.

Warnings about the swimming and wading restrictions are posted at the park and on the East Bay Regional Park District website for Del Valle, [http://www.ebparks.org/parks/del\\_valle](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/del_valle).

# Projects Listed for Dublin School Bond Funding

The Dublin Unified Board of Trustees approved a resolution that prioritizes projects of Measure H, the \$283 million general obligation bond measure which goes before the voters on the June 7, 2016 ballot.

The vote took place at the March 29 meeting.

Top priorities identified include:

- The initial phase of second high school on the east-side of Dublin

- Modernization and renovation of older schools on the west side of the community, including Frederiksen, Dublin and Murray Elementary Schools

- The addition of science labs at Dublin High, Wells and Fallon Middle Schools

Measure H will need to pass by a 55 percent vote in order for this funding to be available.

A comprehensive Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is in

the final stages of development. Input from more than 1,000 community members was included in the FMP process. The FMP is an important element in establishing the priorities for Measure H.

"It was critical that the community understand that we have clear priorities for the use of the potential funding from Measure H," said Board President Dan Cunningham. "This resolution is a direct response to meet our needs in preventing overcrowding, and to renovate and modernize our older schools on the west side of our community."

The table listing the priorities can be found on the front page of the district website under District Headlines at [www.dublinusd.org](http://www.dublinusd.org).

# PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW WHEELS BUS SERVICE PLAN

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is holding a Public Hearing to obtain public input regarding a new bus service plan that is planned to improve ridership, improve access to BART, reduce duplication of service and simplify service.

Date: **Monday, May 2, 2016**  
 Time: **6 PM**  
 Place: **Bankhead Theater**  
**2400 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551**  
 Served by Wheels Routes 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20x, 51, and the Rapid

Translation services are available with 72 hours advance notice by calling Wheels at (925) 455-7555. You may also review the proposed changes and give your input by April 22, 2016 at [www.wheelsforward.com](http://www.wheelsforward.com).

Copies of the changes are also available at Wheels Administration Office at 1362 Rutan Ct, Livermore and at Wheels Transit Center, 2500 Railroad Ave, Livermore.



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# SPORTS NOTES



Elite Taekwondo Academy of Livermore sent 8 athletes to the American Open Taekwondo Championships (Hayward, CA) on March 26th to compete in both poomsae forms and kyorugi sparring. Every Elite team member medaled in this competition, which drew competitors from across the western United States. In the top photo, Master Jeff Avila poses with (from left), Christian Doucet (Gold/sparring), Allison DeGuzman (Silver/sparring and Gold/poomsae), and Geonhan Kang. (Bronze/poomsae). The lower photo shows Master Avila with (from left) Ryan J. (Bronze/sparring), Aanya Singhal (Silver/poomsae), Keerthana Ravi Shankar (Gold/poomsae), and Alex DeGuzman (Gold/sparring and Silver/poomsae). Not pictured: Mauricio Mendiola (Gold/sparring).



The Granada High School boys varsity lacrosse team hosted Monte Vista, losing 1-22. The Matadors played a good game with Shane Jenkins scoring one point and goalie Jared Faith recording thirteen saves. The defense saw a lot of action with Magnum Resler-Miller having two takeaways and Colby Brocklesby, Devin Parker, Harrison Goold, Kavan Bagatelos, and Robert Guel one each. Jenkins got two ground balls and Colby Brocklesby, Harrison Goold, James Pryor, Magnum Resler-Miller, Parker Turk, Angus Stewart, and Erik Mork one each. Pictured is goalie Jared Faith defending the goal.



Pictured is Tri-Valley Elite wrestler Kyle Parco.

## Girls Middle School State Wrestling

Nine middle school girls representing 3 different Livermore teams competed last Saturday at the 12th annual Girls Middle School California State Championships held in Albany.

8th grader Jessica Bepple, representing Cyclone Wrestling Club, started the day as the number 2 seed in the 118lbs. weight class after last year's 4th place finish in state. She pinned her first 2 opponents to make the semifinals where she wrestled the number 3 seed. She won that match 8-2 and advanced to the finals. In the finals, she lost to the number one seed, a two time state finalist from Washington Manor. She finished in 2nd place with a 3-1 record. Jessica plans on attending Livermore High School next year.

6th grader Jalen Bets represented her team, the Tri-Valley Elite Wrestling Club. She pinned her first two opponents quickly to make the semifinals. She lost there to the eventual 2nd place finisher. She bounced back quickly though, pinning her opponent in the consolation semifinals. She continued her trend of pins by pinning her opponent in the consolation finals. Jalen finished in 3rd place with a record of 4-1 and had 4 pins.

Last week, the Junction Avenue K-8 team was a standout at Tri-Valley League Championships, and showed no sign of slowing down. They sent 5 girls to the state tournament, and had 3 of them place. Showing tremendous endurance and grit, 8th grader Fiona Smith had a total of 7 matches on the day. In her 2nd match, she lost a very close match, 2-4, to the number four seed, Kacie Lambert from Albini Middle School. She battled back through the consolation bracket, winning her next 3 matches by points, including one overtime win, to make the consolation semifinals. There, she met the eventual 3rd place finisher. Fiona lost in triple overtime, 2-1. Fiona bounced back by winning the 5th place match, avenging her earlier loss to Lambert. Fiona finished in 5th place with a 5-2 record. Fiona plans to attend Granada High School next year.

Amy lost to the eventual 2nd place finisher. In the consolation bracket, she won her next two matches by pin. After sustaining a head injury in her consolation quarterfinal match, she still wrestled hard. She lost in the consolation semifinals to the eventual 3rd place wrestler. In her sixth match of the day, she came up short wrestling for 5th place. Amy finished in 6th place with a 3-3 record. She had 3 pins on the day. She looks forward to earning her third league championship and a higher state placing next year as an 8th grader for Junction.

Her teammate, 6th grader Francesca "Frankie" Richmond placed 6th in her first State Championship tournament. After winning her first match, she had to wrestle the number four seed, Gurleen Bhullar from Albany Middle School. Frankie upset the number 4 seed by holding on to a tight 2-1 victory. In the semifinals, she lost to the eventual state champion. Down 2-0 in the consolation semifinals, Frankie put her opponent on her back 2 times in the third period, but came just short of earning near fall points. She lost 3-0 and moved into the 5th place match. In her 6th match of the day, Frankie lost another close match 0-2. She finished with a 3-3 record. Also wrestling for Junction were Alise Bradford and Sonja Kehoe. Cyclone wrestling also had Ximena Pulido (1 win by pin) and Monserrat Arevalo representing them in the tournament.

## Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:  
**AAA Division:** Angels 13, Twins 3; The Angels beat the Twins 13-3 Saturday behind both the bat and the arm of Quinn Boyd. Quinn racked up three RBIs on two hits. He singled in the third and fourth innings. Quinn brought the heat against the Twins during his outing. Quinn held the Twins hitless over two innings, allowed no earned runs, walked four and struck out five. Nine runs in the first three innings helped the Angels blow out the Twins. An error, a walk by Mason R, an error, a steal of home by Nathan K, and a passed ball during the first inning fueled the Angels' offense early. Sean Epps reached base two times in



Pictured are Phantoms U11 players Ryan Gill (73) and Takumi Romero (99) in white.



The Livermore Phantoms U13 Black took on the Walnut Creek Warriors Maroon team this past Sunday and came away with another win. The Phantoms outscored the Warriors 14-3, getting big goals from the attack line and key face-off wins from the middies. Tight defense enabled Livermore to control the game from start to finish. Pictured is Jake Herweg scoring one of his big goals on Sunday.



The West Coast Kaos U13 girls kicked off the spring season with a solid match against the San Lorenzo North Stars. Kaos came out firing with two quick goals in the first half and another two in the second. West Coast Forward, Alivia Ganz, recorded her first hat trick of the season. Pictured is Alivia Ganz breaking away.



Pictured is Tri-Valley Elite wrestler Erin Corneilus.

the game for the Twins. He also drove in one runner. He singled in the first inning. Nathan recorded the win for the Angels. He allowed three runs over two innings. He struck out five, walked two and surrendered two hits.

**Minor AA:** Cardinals 8, Royals 3; Cardinals: Dimitri Mesnickow (P) pitched a great scoreless 1st inning striking out 2 and catching a fly ball. With 1 run scored in the 2nd, bases loaded, and no outs, Stefano Matteucci (C) got the runner at home, followed by 2 more strikeouts for Dimitri to get out of the inning. Lane Curtin (P) finished up the last inning facing 3 batters. First batter hit a solid line drive back to Curtin, who caught but then dropped the ball, then gathered himself to finish the play and get the runner at 1st. Game ball was given to Connor Mathis (2-3, 1 RBI) for his clutch hit in the 3rd with bases loaded, 2 outs, scoring the run that put the Cardinals ahead in the game.

**Cardinals 12, Giants 2:** Cardinals allowed 2 runs to score in the first inning despite great defense. With bases loaded, no outs, and playing a tight infield, Jordan Blansett (P) to Anthony Ponce (C) got the first out at home plate to stop the first runner from scoring. Dimitri Mesnickow (SS) had an unassisted out, followed by a strikeout to end the inning. 2nd and 3rd innings were kept scoreless by Jordan and Lane Curtin, retiring the side with 3 strikeouts each. Gavin Morton (P) received the game ball for his pitching in the 4th and 5th innings. He ended the 5th and last inning facing only 4 batters, walking the first and then striking out the next 3. Top Hitters: Lane Curtin (2B, 1-2, 1RBI); Zach Lindstrom (1-2, 2RBIs); Dimitri Mesnickow (1-1, 5RBIs).

**Farm:** Pirates vs. Mets: Both teams played a fabulous game with a lot of solid hits. Top players on offense for the Pirates were Dylan Kandel, Noah Langhart and Sammy Nicholson, and for the Mets Justin Gerow, Jonathan Hernandez and Jake Tompkins. Top defensive players for the Pirates were Dylan Bennett, Olivia Mitchell and Leo Quijalvo, and for the Mets were Dean McCarthy, Mike Pinter and Kingston Tong.

A's vs. Yankees: With only 6 players available, the short-handed A's took it to the Yankees. Sluggers



The Granada High School junior varsity boys lacrosse team hosted Monte Vista High School resulting in a loss for the Matadors. Alec Faith and Colton Casey each scored a goal and goalie Ryan Myers made nine saves. Brad Mitchell, Ethan Weisbrod, Matt Hall, and Ryan Patchen each had one takeaway. Pictured is Liam Randhawa running with the ball.

Caden Theiss, Will Leonard and Simon Koziowski led the way with 4 hits each in the 4th inning affair. Lucas Kaufman and Dominic Macchiano each had 3 solid hits. Joseph Ibarra showed amazing bat control in his final at bat, fouling off multiple pitches before smacking his 3rd base hit of the day. Stellar defensive play by Will, Lucas and Joseph contributed to the great game.

## West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U16G showed strong in the California Regional League's state cup tournament series this past weekend. Wildfire bested Central Valley Crossfire Blue and Mustang Blast and tied the nation's number 6th ranked girls team, Santa Clara Sporting green. The strong showing propels Wildfire into the semi-finals in two weeks.

In the first game against Central Valley, Wildfire dominated with the majority of possession. After several shots on goal, Wildfire found the net halfway through the second half. Wildfire delivered two goals to give them a 2-0 victory.

Later that afternoon, in a much-anticipated match against Santa Clara Sporting, Wildfire came out swinging. The girls were determined not to let Sporting get the advantage. Wildfire's defense held strong throughout the first half allowing no scores. Early



Stephen Geyer attempts to score from 1st base on a hit to deep right field. Catcher Mikian Pickerill is receiving the throw and was able to tag him out. This took place in Granada Little League Majors division action between the Rockies and Giants. Photo - Bill Nale



Wrestling for Tri-Valley Elite Wrestling Club, Jalen Bets, 6th grade, finished in third place at the 12th annual California Girls' Middle School State Wrestling Championships. She was 4-1 with all four wins by pin.



8th grader Jessica Bepple, from Cyclone Wrestling Club, finished in 2nd place at the 12th annual California Girls' Middle School State Championships. She went 3-1 and had 2 pins.



Amanda Silveira of the West Coast Wonder U17 team provided multiple assists and a goal over beautiful corner kicks all weekend even bending one like Beckham.

in the second half, Sporting nailed a shot into the top right corner of the goal giving them the lead. The next 30 minutes was a battle of physicality as the Wildfire fought to set up a play on offense. With 3 minutes in the match, forward Jasmyne Dunn, navigated her way up the middle into a breakaway that led to a beautifully placed shot into Sporting's net. This tied the match 1-1. With momentum on their side, Wildfire continued to drive until the final moments of the match. One last shot by forward Paola Samaniego hit the Sporting's crossbar and dropped just shy of the goal line.

In Sunday's match, Wildfire faced Mustang Blast from Danville. Wildfire went up early with two goals within the first ten minutes. Just before the half, Mustang managed to get one goal back. The remainder of the match was

an all out offensive assault by Wildfire. The match ended with a 6-2 Wildfire victory. The six goals were shared by Callie Crain, Tori Diehl, Meghan Giamona and Paola Samaniego.

West Coast Wildfire will now spend the next few weeks preparing for a semi-final match against the number 15th ranked team in the country, CV Crossfire.

The West Coast Krush 05 Girls officially kicked off the new year with their first game of Spring League on Saturday and by participating in the Woodland Play Date on Sunday.

Krush had an early morning on the pitch visiting Mustang SC 06G Elite in Danville. In their first official game under the new age configuration, the Krush girls played hard and showed a lot of heart, but wound up falling to a strong Mustang team 3-0.

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# SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Krush 05 pictured are (front, from left) Ciella Seals, Katherine Phelps, Hailey Garvin, Hailey Brackett, Presley Perez and Ella Coltrin; (back) Kaya Whittaker, Kira Korsak, Katelyn Caine, Coach Sara Giroto, Jillian Barth, Daisy Tompkins, Makenna Galvan and Kimmie Keller; not pictured Lexi Pletschette.



The West Coast Wildfire U16G played to win at the California Regional League's state cup tournament series this past weekend. Wildfire bested Central Valley Crossfire Blue and Mustang blast and tied the nation's number 6th ranked girls team, Santa Clara Sporting green. The strong showing propels Wildfire into the semi-finals in two weeks. Pictured is Wildfire's outside-mid, Tori Diehl, about to drill a shot into the net. Diehl scored two of the Wildfire's 6 goals in Sunday's match against Mustang.

Sunday's Play Date started off against Tecos Hayward SC Tecos Girls. Krush was off to a bit of a slow start, allowing Tecos Hayward to get on the board with a goal in the first half. In the second half, Krush started taking control of the game. The Krush defense, made up of Kaya Whittaker, Katherine Phelps and Kira Korsak, held off the Tecos Hayward's offense and Hailey Garvin scored Krush's only goal of the game off a Tecos Hayward penalty. Final Score 1-1.

The midday game saw Krush facing the number one team in NorCal for 05 Girls, San Juan Spirits. Krush held their own against the strong San Juan team, allowing only one goal in the first half, and completely shutting them out in the second half, playing together as a team. Final score 0-1 San Juan.

Krush's final game of the day was against the Play Date hosting club Woodland SC's Arsenal 05 Team. Both teams played well in the first half, with Krush's teamwork on display, ending the first half 0-0. Ciella Seals scored the winning goal in the second half off a cross from Garvin. Final score 1-0 Krush.

Goalies Jillian Barth and Hailey Brackett had a strong showing throughout the day, with some great saves and only allowing two goals scored the entire day.

**West Coast Wonder U17** girls competed well against the top teams in the state over the weekend. April 2-3 in Tracy marked the beginning of CYSA State Cup group play. Wonder got off to a slow start on offense, but recorded two solid games vs Bay Oaks and Santa Clara Sporting. Wonder's goal production stepped up big time over the State Cup Champions La Morinda with goals from Madison Gannon, Kailee Haskins and Amanda Silveira. The game was an offensive thriller but in the end went to La Morinda 5-3.

Wonder saw their best performance in the 4th and final match beating Mustang Soccer's Velocity 3-0. Goals scored by Bri Haskins, Isabella Cuevas, and Sydney Duncan. The team secured a shutout with GK Caylin Stanley and Sonia Nichols. Back line was anchored by Isabella Cuevas, Amanda Eijansantos, Sophia Shokor, Morgan Hall, and Erica Dias. Midfield provided the engine for the team with Lesly Jimenez, Marissa Pletschette, Amanda Silveira, Selina Cardoza, Toni Melissare, Sydney Duncan, and Casey Hamilton.

### TVE Wrestling

The second week of March, several of the older Tri-Valley Elite (TVE) kids traveled down to Fresno, CA to compete in the Frosh/Soph State tournament. This age group (2000-2001) is called "Cadet." TVE came away with 2 Cadet State Champions, as well as a 3rd State Placer. Those 2

the second half the Phantoms White were able to find a few more goals to hold off their opponents, 8-5.

The Phantoms U13 White team played another great game Saturday in Folsom, despite the loss. The team continues to show improvement in defense, physical play, and passing skills. Dominick Braaten scored his first goal of the season. Other goals were scored by Ronin Tsang and Clark Disu, who scored 2 goals in the 3rd quarter to put the Phantoms within a goal of Folsom. The Phantoms were unable to mount a comeback but never gave up.

### Fusion SC Fall Soccer

Registration is open for the Livermore Fusion SC Recreation and Select (Rec Plus) fall soccer programs. Registration is open through May 15th with both programs starting in July and running until November.

The Recreation program starts at the U5 age group; the Select program at the U9 age group. To register a child for either of the fall soccer programs, or for more information, visit the Fusion SC website at [www.fusionsc.org](http://www.fusionsc.org) or call the office at 925-443-7570. Register as soon as possible to ensure a spot is available.

### Youth Track Club

FTC Track Club, a USATF (USA Track and Field) certified club that specializes in youth athletes from ages 7 to 18, is building a team to compete this winter/spring in USATF track meets including a meet at the national level in July. The organizers are looking for athletes of all ages and different events, especially relays. Visit [www.ftctrackclub.com](http://www.ftctrackclub.com) or contact Coach Jorge Quero, [jquero@ftctrackclub.com](mailto:jquero@ftctrackclub.com) or (925) 209 7520.

**Livermore Phantoms U-11 Black** played their fellow Livermore-ites the Phantoms U-11 Whites on Friday evening at Robertson Park. The U-11 Blacks lost the close game 5 to 6. Goals were scored by Ben Wojewski (4) and Lucas Wallin (1). Ella Coltrin, Teagan Bailiff, Tate Rosberg helped control the mid field while attackers Jason Kitahama, TJ Newcomb, and Jack Littauer moved the ball towards the goal. Defensive players Grady Roffey, Ben Castillo and Kaled Disu did their best to protect their end, while goalie Ryan Doko made 6 awesome saves.

### Bocce Tournament

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will once again host a Bocce Tournament. It will take place at Campo di Bocce, 175 E. Vineyard Ave. here in Livermore on Sunday, May 1st, 2016.

Up to 24 teams will be competing for the perpetual trophy and bragging rights while helping raise funds for the club's community donations to organizations like past grant recipients of Every 15 Minutes, Axis Community Health, Livermore Schools, Open Heart Kitchen and veteran programs.

All are invited to join Rotary members, business and community leaders in this fun event. Sponsor a team to enjoy a day of good fun and food.

For more information about Rotary and how the Livermore Valley Club helps our local community and community projects, visit [www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org](http://www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org) or send an email inquiry to [Info@RotaryClubofLivermoreValley.com](mailto:Info@RotaryClubofLivermoreValley.com).

### Fusion Soccer Club

Registration is now open online for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club fall recreational and select soccer. Programs are available for children ages U5-U19. Visit [fusionsc.org](http://fusionsc.org) for more information or to register.

Walk-in dates for registration are Sunday, April 17th, 11am-3pm; and, Wednesday, May 4th, 6pm-8pm.

Visit the office at 1976 Fourth Street in Livermore to learn more about our programs.

### Golf Demo Day

The annual golf demo day will be held Sat., April 9 at Las Positas Golf Course, 917 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore.

The presentation will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include newest equipment from vendors. Free fittings will be available with Titleist, Taylor Made, Callaway, Nike, Cobra, Adams, Mizuna, and US Kids.

Also get an opinion on the correct club from one of five PGA professionals, call 455-7820 for information.

## Pace for Peace Set for 8 a.m. April 23

Tri-Valley Haven's Spring Pace for Peace will take place on Sat., April 23 starting at 8 a.m.

Participants can participate in the 10K run or 5k run/walk both through Livermore's wine country. Both courses are a perfect option for athletes and non-athletes alike, including teams, families, strollers and dogs. The start and finish line for both routes is at 3663 Pacific Avenue, near downtown Livermore. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. All proceeds go to lo-



AL FONTES



STEVE PAGE

## Coaches Headed to State Wrestling Hall of Fame

Two Livermore High School coaches will be inducted into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame at a banquet to be held May 21.

Steve Page and Al Fontes will receive Lifetime Service Awards.

Fontes has over 35 years service in the sport of wrestling. He has served as the California State Editor of the California Wrestler Newsletter since 1995 and been a contributing editor of several national wrestling publications and websites (Wrestling USA Magazine, Amateur Wrestling News, WIN Magazine, InterMat, and theMat.com). Awards include Wrestling USA Editor-of-the-Year in 2001, WUSA Person-of-the-Year in 2001, and was the Irv Oliner Award recipient for contributions to California wrestling.

Fontes coached wrestling for 25 years, at Livermore HS, Antioch HS, Liberty HS, Junction Avenue Middle School, Christensen Middle School, for the Tri-Valley Wrestling Club, and Delta Wrestling Club. He was California Team Leader at

the NHSCA Senior High School Nationals in 2001, 2002, and 2006, winning the national team title in 2001 and posting runner-up finishes the other two years. In addition, he has been responsible for compiling statistical history of all CIF State Champions, NCAA Champions, High School All-Americans, Freestyle/Greco-Roman All-Americans, and Olympians, which have been posted on the California Wrestler Newsletter website and wrestling publications. He wrestled for Livermore in the early 1980s and Chabot College. He graduated from the University of San Francisco.

Page served the wrestling community for over 30 plus years. During his tenure, his coaching dual meet record while at Granada High School (1973-1981) and Livermore High School (1983-2004) was 259-38-3 (86.33 win percentage). He produced 98 individual East Bay Athletic League Champions (EBAL), 60 CIF North Coast Section medalist, 7 CIF North Coast

Section Champions, 6 CIF State medalist, and several Cadet, Junior, and Espoir Freestyle/Greco-Roman All-Americans. In addition, Steve coached numerous EBAL Championship teams, several CIF North Coast Section Top 5 team finishes.

Along with coaching, he was a long time tournament director, founder of the Tri-Valley Wrestling Club (1973), former Bay Area Wrestling Association (BAWA) President (involved with several functions of the BAWA organization), and was the Junior National Team coach. Steve wrestled for Granada High School and San Francisco State. A large percentage of his former wrestlers went on to compete at the collegiate level and coach at the middle and high school levels.

The banquet will be held on May 21 in San Jose. For information about the banquet and the Hall of Fame, go to [www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/2016-honorees/](http://www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/2016-honorees/) or call Lynn Dyche at 408-978-9543.

## Run for Education Ready to Go

The 4th Annual Pleasanton Run for Education is just around the corner. Thousands of local runners and walkers will be taking to the streets of Pleasanton on Sunday, April 17, 2016, to take part in this family-friendly event that benefits the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE). There are 3 fast, flat courses to choose from: 5k, 10k & 15k, and all races start and end at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. For the younger runners, kids can choose to run a 1/2k, 1k or both.

All participants receive a race T-shirt and a finisher's medal. They are invited to stay afterwards to enjoy the Expo, music, food, entertainment, Kid's Zone, awards ceremony and other vendor surprises.

The Pleasanton Run for Education announced the return of the Title Sponsor, Club Sport. "We are very proud to be the title sponsor of the PPIE Pleasanton Run for Education for the third straight year," said Ralph Rajs, Senior Vice President, Club Sport. "We not only want to help our members get fit, we also want to have an impact in our community. When businesses support education everyone wins, especially kids."

Sponsors are critical to producing this event, according to Susan Hayes, Executive Director at PPIE. "Almost 30 years ago, PPIE was formed as a collaboration between business, education and the community to provide high quality education to all students," she said. "Sponsorships contin-

ue that tradition by allowing PPIE to host events where all three stakeholder groups can gather together and celebrate education while raising funds to continue that mission."

For the complete list of sponsors, visit our sponsor page at [www.ppieerun.com](http://www.ppieerun.com).

Volunteer opportunities are still available, including pre-race set up, course marshals, water station hosts, Expo booth assistance, post-race breakdown and more. Sign up online as an individual, or with family or friends on the website's volunteer page. All volunteers receive a complimentary Run Volunteer T-shirt.

Online race registration and course information is also available at [www.ppieerun.org](http://www.ppieerun.org).

Since 1987, PPIE has raised over \$5 million dollars for our schools through corporate partner donations, special events, and community-based fundraising efforts. Funds raised by PPIE support and re-establish critical district-wide programs for students which have been threatened in recent years by state budget cuts, and fund projects enhancing educational excellence for all students.

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Pictured are the Junior Elite 13-19 Women's group Eily Corbett, Nikki Yamamoto and Sydneu Wu.

## Acrobatic Competition Set at Las Positas

By Carol Graham

The 2016 Acrobatic Gymnastics State Championships will take place on April 9-10 at Las Positas College.

"Acrobatic gymnastics is a phenomenal sport to watch," said event coordinator Aleks Eydelman. "Those who have seen a Cirque du Soleil show have probably seen acro because most shows include an acrobatic gymnastics act."

Participating in the Official USA Gymnastics-sanctioned competition are more than 300 athletes, ranging in ages and levels from beginners to the senior-elite athletes who represent the United States in international gymnastics competitions.

"This is a terrific opportunity for Bay Area gymnastics fans to see the beauty and power of acrobatic gymnastics," said coach Marie Annonson.

All are invited to attend the championships hosted by Livermore's WestCoast Training Center. Tickets, which include in-and-out privileges, are: \$10 for ages 13-64 (\$15 for a two-day pass); \$5 for ages 7-12 and 65 and over (\$8 for a two-day pass); and free for children up to age 6. Parking passes are available for \$2 from parking-lot kiosks.

"Most spectators make sure to not miss the elite competition because the quality is breathtaking," said Eydelman, WestCoast's program manager. "This competition marks the first time in the season that all of the elites from the entire state compete against each other. It is the first big jump from small competitions to a larger, more professional arena. The youngest competitors are often crowd favorites, as well. They are so much fun to watch because they are just so adorable!"

Acrobatic gymnastics, nicknamed acro, was previously called sport acrobatics. Competition includes two or more gymnasts performing routines consisting of acrobatic moves - dance and tumbling - set to music. Athletes' different sizes and abilities allow them to carry out the complex moves, with bases mainly performing supporting and pitching (throwing) roles, while tops are known for balancing, flexible poses and flying.

"The championships weekend is exciting and competitive, as well as supportive and very positive," said Eydelman. "Because acrobatic gymnastics is a team sport, athletes are taught to rely on each other and support everyone - including the athletes they compete against. Athletes make strong friendships with their competitors because they all

know how hard they had to work to get to this competition."

On both Saturday and Sunday, doors open at 7:30 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 8:30, and competitions starting at 8:45.

"Each day is broken into four or five sessions," said Eydelman. "At the beginning of each session, the athletes have 30 minutes on the floor to warm up. When the session starts, pairs and trios perform their 2 to 3-minute routines, one at a time. The event goes until the early evening without a break in the schedule. Athletes and families are there to support their entire team, and usually find time to eat, relax and chat during times when no team members are competing. There will be a snack bar with lots of options to choose from, including Jamba Juice."

This is the ninth time WestCoast has hosted the acro state championships, and the fourth time it's taken place at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Award ceremonies are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 4:15 p.m. on Sunday.

"The event sometimes runs early though, so it's possible that the awards will start up to an hour ahead of schedule," said Eydelman. "Spectators can come and watch the competition whenever they'd like, but I would recommend not missing the three elite sessions: Saturday at 8:45 a.m., and Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and 2 p.m."

To learn more, visit [www.westcoastc.com](http://www.westcoastc.com).

## Wizards to Hoop It Up for Education

By Carol Graham

It's a thrill-a-minute show when Swoop, Sarge, Space Jam, King Arthur, A-Train, Broadway and Loonatik hit the basketball court.

The Harlem Wizards are coming to town for the first time ever to help raise funds for the Livermore Valley Educational Foundation (LVEF).

"This year is LVEF's 25th anniversary. What better way to celebrate than to host a 'slamastic' community event that our students and families will enjoy?" said Event Co-Chair Greg Park. "Basketball aficionados are treated to great skills, slick dribbling, alley-oops and crazy slams. It's so much more than a basketball game. The night is funny, theatrical, exciting and spectacular, and the gym will reverberate with oohs and aahs, laughter and enthusiasm."

The Harlem Wizards will play two games against home-town teams made up of school district staff members and students, community and business leaders, and elected officials. The first game takes place on Thursday, April 21, at Livermore High School; the second game takes place on Friday, April 22, at Granada High School. Tip-off time is at 7 p.m., but attendees are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy pre-game action.

"First, these will be great shows," said LVEF Co-Founder William Dunlop. "Second, they will provide a substantial increase in funding for programs in the schools."

Tickets are: \$12 for students (\$14 at the door); \$14 for general admission (\$16 at the door); \$25 for reserved seating (includes free team poster); and \$40 for Courtside Plus (includes



Harlem Wizards in action.

a pre-game meet-and-greet with several players, souvenir lanyard, poster, and \$15 discount on a Wizards' team jersey).

"All of the funds raised go to enhance programs in our schools," said Dunlop. "When LVEF started in 1991, imminent budget cuts were going to result in eliminating after-school sports programs and severely cutting back music programs. Our initial focus was on saving the sports and music programs."

"After we had been successful at that for a couple of years, we began to look more broadly at the schools, and the serious needs of teachers and students. During the early 2000s, we

provided substantial money to preserve the student-to-teacher ratio in grades K-3. We also worked on partnerships, such as with the Rotary Clubs, to provide matching funds. Last year we helped fund the 2nd-grade Shakespeare program. But our main focus is still the same: to make sure that Livermore students have the best programs that can be provided."

The two Harlem Wizards shows are expected to sell out, with more than a thousand attendees at each game.

The Harlem Wizards began in 1962, when the team was created to entertain crowds and help raise funds for schools, foundations and charitable organizations

around the world. Audience members not only watch the Wizards, but also participate in the show as players often bring children onto the court to be part of a basketball trick or comedic act.

"I'm looking forward to a gymnasium full of excited kids and families whooping it up with the Harlem Wizards - in awe of their amazing basketball skills and hilarious antics," said Park. "I hope attendees take away memories of an amazingly fun family event connected with a better awareness of the great work LVEF does for our schools."

For tickets or to learn more, visit [www.livermorevalleyeducationfoundation.wordpress.com](http://www.livermorevalleyeducationfoundation.wordpress.com).

## Pleasanton Selects New City Attorney

Daniel Sodergren has been selected as the new City Attorney for Pleasanton.

He replaces Jonathan Lowell, who has retired.

Mayor Jerry Thorne made the announcement Monday. "I am pleased to announce Daniel Sodergren as our new City Attorney. Dan has a long and successful track record in the field of municipal law, with a particular emphasis on issues related to land use. Of particular value to our community is the fact that he has been a Pleasanton resident for a number of years," Thorne said.

Sodergren has close to 30 years of legal experience, most of which has been in local government. He currently serves as the city attorney for Tracy, where he has worked for the past 11 years. While there, Sodergren developed and managed a team of legal talent

with a practice active in a range of local government issues, many having to do with development and land use. Sodergren has also been responsible for all litigation and providing legal advice to the city council, including but not limited to those related to planning, land use, CEQA, initiatives, elections and utilities.

"Being a resident of Pleasanton has enabled Dan to witness firsthand how active our residents are in all aspects of our community, and this insight, coupled with his legal experience, makes him an outstanding choice to join our team as our legal counsel. We all know that our community has a very high standard of service, and we need public servants who recognize this and can respond in kind. Dan not only possesses the right academic and legal qualifications to do an outstanding job, he also has the added

benefit of being a Pleasanton resident," Thorne said.

Sodergren previously served as City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Livermore and as Special Counsel for the cities of Palo Alto and Oakland. While in Livermore, Sodergren was involved in the redevelopment of downtown Livermore and the initial phase of Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan.

There were approximately 20 applicants who participated in the recruitment process.

Sodergren's appointment is subject to ratification by

the Council in April. His start date as counsel for Pleasanton will be May 16, 2016.

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## Screening of 'The Hunting Ground' Planned



Tri-Valley Haven will host a screening of The Hunting Ground on Thursday, April 14th at 7:30 pm

The free screening will take place in Tri-Valley Haven's backyard, 3663 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. The Hunting Ground is described in a press released as "a renowned and acclaimed documentary about sexual assault on U.S. college campuses, their institutional cover-ups and the devastating toll they take on students and their families. Weaving together

footage and first-person testimonies, the film follows the lives of several undergraduate assault survivors as they attempt to pursue both their education and justice."

Dress warmly and bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Hot cocoa and refresh-

ments will be served. This film discusses sexual assault and is recommended for ages 16 and up.

For additional information please call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven at (925) 667-2707 or [Christine@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:Christine@trivalleyhaven.org).

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## SHORT NOTES

### Caregiver Education

Being a family caregiver, handling sensitive topics and making difficult decisions, especially when emotions are high, is never easy. To help community members, Hope Hospice will present, Making Decisions about Caregiving, on Saturday, April 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This class will cover information about formulating a care plan, working together with family members and exploring various care settings, including in-home and residential care, distance caregiving, community services and resources and relocating loved ones.

Speakers include Camilla Maguire, medical social worker, Hope Hospice; Debbie Emerson, health educator, Hope Hospice; Jessica Thomas, certified senior advisor, Comfort Keepers; Maureen Gandara Swinbank, senior services supervisor, Livermore Area Recreations and Park District (LARPDP). For more information about this session, visit HopeHospice.com.

Any community member engaged in the role of family caregiver or expecting to soon become a caregiver is invited to attend this class. Light refreshments will be

served.

This class will be held at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin (2nd floor conference room). Register online at HopeHospice.com or contact Hope Hospice Community Education Volunteer Debbie Emerson at debbie@hopehospice.com. This program is available at no cost to all community members, however, donations to Hope Hospice are appreciated.

### Cinderella Classic

The 40th Cinderella Classic and Challenge is set for Saturday, April 9.

Open only to women and girls, this bicycle tour winds through the Tri-Valley. The metric-century is mostly flat with a few moderate hills. The challenge route of almost 100 miles with an elevation gain of 2000 feet is for experienced riders.

The ride begins in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. There is no day of registration available with the event limited to 2500 riders.

All riders should be on the course by 9 a.m. It closes at 5 p.m.

For information, go to www.valleyspeakers.org/

cinderellaclassic.

### Wildflowers

Lowland Wildflowers will be the topic of the Sun., April 10 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 1 p.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Most LARPDP wildflower hikes require a trek into the hills, but this walk will stay down in the flatlands. There will still be plenty of flora found. This will be a slow-paced walk of about 1 mile. Strollers are welcome, but be aware trails are dirt and rocky in some areas. Call 925-960-2400 for directions to the Nature Area entrance.

The daily parking fee has increased to \$7 per vehicle at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. There is an annual parking pass available that provides significant savings over the daily fee for regular park visitors. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

### Grief Camp for Children

Gentiva Hospice, a mem-

ber of the Gentiva Health Services family of home health and hospice companies, is sponsoring a free children's grief camp - Camp I Believe - for children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a loved one. Open to children across Northern California, Bay Area, Camp I Believe will take place September 23rd to 25th at Mt. Hermon Redwood Camp in Felton, California.

Camp activities and programs help children to express feelings, build confidence, foster a sense of community, and identify with other children and adolescents who are experiencing similar struggles. Camps are organized and operated by skilled professionals such as social workers, bereavement and spiritual care coordinators, and trained volunteers.

For more information on Camp I Believe or to request a camper application, please contact Christina Voissem at 925-737-0203 or go to www.gentiva.com/hospice/camps/

### Parenting Education

The Tri-Valley YMCA hosts a parenting education series with programs every second Tuesday.

This month's topic: Posi-

tive Discipline and Effective Consequences will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on April 12 at the Y-Parent Education Class.

Those attending will learn, practice and share with other parents positive and effective ways to guide kids through challenging behaviors and stay connected to them in the process.

Upcoming topics: May 10th: The Importance of Play; Understanding your Child's Natural Language; June 14th: Siblings & Friends: Helping Kids Navigate Important Relationships.

Childcare is available with advanced reservation. Contact Susan Mancino, MFT Intern with questions or to RSVP. 925-354-1392, smancino@ymcaeastbay.org

### Junior Ranger Program

Mount Diablo State Park is taking registration now available for the Spring 2016 Junior Ranger Program. This annual program includes topics on: prehistoric times, California Indians, wildlife, geology and other areas. Hosted by a park docent, each session includes presentations, hands-on activities and a hike.

Children, ages 7 to 12, plus one accompanying adult are eligible to participate. Sessions will be held at various locations in the Park. The five weekend sessions begin Sunday, May 8th and conclude Saturday, June 11th. Registration is limited to 15 children, plus one parent per child. While there is no charge for the program, payment of the Park's entrance fee is required.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Elliott at 925-362-8697 or at SAE612@msn.com. Advance registration is required. This program is sponsored by Mount Diablo State Park in cooperation with the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association

### Dog Park Reopens

The Dougherty Hills Dog Park, in Dublin, which has been closed since mid-October for renovations, will reopen on Friday, April 15.

Improvements to the site include turf renovation, improved irrigation and drainage, new drinking fountains, and an expanded entry area.

The Dougherty Hills Dog Park is located on Amador Valley Boulevard at Stagecoach Drive.

## OBITUARIES

### Richard A. Holland

Richard (Rick) was born and raised in Livermore. He attended St. Michael's School and Livermore High School.

Rick spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force. After his stint in the military and several administrative jobs he moved to Stockton, CA, where he and his sister Kim Chimiklis opened a Social Services Agency to assist developmentally disabled persons.

Rick moved to Oregon in 2010. Rick is pre-deceased by his sister Kim Chimiklis and his father Clyde Holland.

He is survived by his mother Mona Holland-Ferrario, his step-father Jack Ferrario and his children Renee' Holland and Nick Holland.

At Rick's request no services will be held.

### John Joseph

Rasmus, Sr.  
May 6, 1923 - April 2, 2016  
Resident of Livermore

John Rasmus, Sr., 92, husband of 70 years to Kathryn A. Rasmus, died of natural causes April 2, 2016. He was born May 6, 1923 in Atlantic City, New Jersey to Mary Rasmus. John grew up in the coal mining town of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

A star football player in high school and at the local Catholic seminary, John joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and served until the war's end in 1945. A member of the Marine Corps 1st Division, he participated in combat and the Marine Corp invasion of Pelelui Island, where he served as a fighter aircraft mechanic chief during the conflict.

Partially disabled, he left service in 1945 and married Kathryn Daniels, his wife of 70 years. A lifetime lover of flying, John set a Texas State record in 1945 for soloing after only 8 hours of flight instruction. John worked in various capacities as a skilled aircraft mechanic, QC inspector and quality control manager until retiring from the U. S. Department of Defense in 1985. He continued his passion for flying, owning his own private plane since the 1960s, fishing in the bay, and becoming an avid golfer at Livermore and Pleasanton golf courses. When no longer able to golf, John returned to his other past-time of playing poker, as a regular at well-known Livermore clubs. Known for his intense love of life, and

survivor ethic, his personal motto, often expressed jokingly, and given happily as advice to all, was "you got to keep moving so the 'grim reaper' don't catch you" - which he himself practiced to the very end.

John is survived by the wife he loved for 70 years, Kathryn, his son, John Rasmus, Jr., daughter, Donna Marie Minighini, grandchildren Jacqueline Lopez, Alexandra Dean, Jamie Olmos, and Jack Rasmus-Vorrath, as well as numerous great-grandchildren. He will be remembered most for his intense life spirit, which he bequeaths to all who knew him.

Services will be held at St. Michael Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00PM. A mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 11AM with burial to follow mass at St. Michael cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Michael Church to support services for needy children.

Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center FD1974, Livermore, CA. (925) 455-9696

### Dr. Warren F. Heinemann

Dr. Warren F. Heinemann, Maj US Army Retired passed away the morning of April 2, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife Judy, his brothers Dean and Robert, his ex-wife Kathy and his children, Latoria, Edward and Joanne, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by his extended family of in-laws, nephews and cousins, veterans and coworkers, friends and his family in faith.

He was born to Charles Frederick and Wanda Heinemann on March 25, 1947 and grew up on their farm in Cheney, Washington, as the middle of 3 active brothers. An avid outdoorsman he enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and activities with

the Boy Scouts of America.

After graduating from Eastern Washington University he joined the US Army and spent the next 20 years serving across the country and the world. After leaving active duty, he relocated to Livermore, CA with his family and continued serving for another 20 years as a government contractor, training reservists at the RTS Med, Camp Parks, CA.

Warren was baptized and raised in the Methodist Church, accepting Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1960 and has always strove to be a presence in the Church through his life. He found great joy in serving the community and fellowship at Celebration Christian Center where his presence at the door, greeting everyone with a smile and a story will be missed.

His family thanks you for your consideration in their time of mourning. We ask that in lieu of flowers a donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action network (www.pancan.org) be made in his name. He felt strongly that not enough was being done for those impacted by this disease.

Friends and family are invited to a visitation on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 6-8pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, CA. Memorial Services will be held, 2 pm Friday April 8, 2016 at Celebration Christian Center, 1135 Bluebell Dr., Livermore, CA. Burial will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 581D Midway Rd., Dixon, CA on Monday April 11, 2016 at 10 am. Procession will depart Callaghan Mortuary by 730 am.

Arrangements are being coordinated by Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore, CA.

### Elizabeth Frances Nichols

Feb. 15, 1947 - April 2, 2016  
Elizabeth Frances Nichols, 69, died at her Livermore, California, home with her husband at her side, April 2, 2016, after a two year, very courageous, fight against cancer. Elizabeth was born in Norton, Kansas



but grew up in Midwest City, Oklahoma, near Oklahoma City.

She put herself through college and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. in Sociology, obtained a Master's degree in Sociology from Temple, and had advanced to doctoral candidacy in Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley. Elizabeth was a lifelong scholar, read widely, and had far ranging academic interests including sociological method, European history, labor history, feminism, religion, revolution, politics, and nuclear safety. A published article on sociological method is widely used in university sociology classes. While in college she served on the editorial board of the Berkeley Journal of Sociology. Elizabeth, at various times, participated and held leadership positions in local women's organizations including the National Organization for Women and the presidency of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, AAUW. For a time, she was also active in politics and in 1994 was elected as a member of the Democratic Central Committee, 15th Assembly District.

After the age of 60, she learned Italian to further her research and was learning German so she could speak to her granddaughter who resides in Germany. She regularly attended the weekly Kaffee Klatch with other German speakers. During the last two years, she rekindled her artistic interests and was able to exhibit life drawings in a local art show last year.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Nichols and Bertha Elaine Nichols (née

Carstens). She was also preceded in death by a number of older half-brothers and half-sisters on her father's side. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Richard Zelenka, and her three children, David Zelenka, Margaret Oliver and daughter-in-law, Samantha Noll, Catherine Widmann and son-in-law, Alexander Widmann, and her precious granddaughter, Marlies Widmann. Elizabeth, a lifelong lover of cats, is also survived by Vincent.

Funeral Services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA, on Tuesday, April 12, at noon. Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. There will be a viewing at the mortuary Monday, April 11, from 4 to 7 pm.

Charitable contributions in remembrance of Elizabeth can be made to Planned Parenthood or the AAUW/LPD (Livermore Dublin Pleasanton) Scholarship fund.

### Ralph Peter Guzman

Longtime Livermore resident Ralph Peter Guzman died peacefully April 3, 2016 with his loving wife Kathy by his side.

Ralph was born in San Bernardino California April 29, 1935. He was the middle child of ten children.

In his youth, he was an accomplished Golden Gloves Boxer. Ralph moved to Livermore in 1958 where one of his first interests was exercising Thoroughbred Race horses at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. One of his first jobs was working at Purity Grocery, where the Donut Wheel now exists. He was later employed at Lucky Groceries Store chain where he retired as the store manger after 40 plus years. Not one to sit idle, Ralph re-



modeled houses and worked at the local bowling alley in the years after his retirement.

In 1971, Ralph met Kathy at Granada Lanes where she was employed. Kathy quickly became his best friend, soul mate and they later married and enjoyed 44 years in a loving and blissful marriage. Ralph and Kathy enjoyed trips to Reno where they would gamble and play in slot tournaments. More often than not, Ralph's luck would prevail and he would frequently win his share of the prize money. Ralph also enjoyed betting on horse races and playing dice at his favorite hangout, the Oak Door. However, Ralph's real passion was golf, which he played at least once a week with one or more of his close friends, Chip, Debi, Tommy and Steve. One of the benefits of playing golf with Ralph is that you would rarely lose a ball as Ralph was extremely diligent in hunting down wayward shots, sometimes to the dismay of the group of golfers behind him. Ralph also was an avid sports fan and loved his San Francisco Giants and 49ers.

Those who knew Ralph will remember his generosity, witty humor, fierce competitiveness and most of all him being a loyal, loving friend.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Kathleen Guzman, daughter Robin Guzman, brothers Manuel Guzman and Tony Guzman, both of Los Angeles, Carroll Lamey of Modesto and a sister Jenny Holms of Fresno.

The viewing will take place at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, Tuesday, April 12th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Vigil will immediately follow.

Services will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church 458 Maple Street, Livermore Wednesday, April 13th 11:00 a.m. Following the service, burial will take place at St. Michael's cemetery 3885 East Avenue, Livermore. Reception will immediately follow.

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## Robotics Team Overcomes Obstacles to Earn Awards

By Carol Graham

Consider it The Little Robot That Could.

"We had just a few seconds left to get our robot over a four-inch wall," said Avneet Singh. "That's fairly easy, except there was a ten-inch foam ball in the way. With little time, our driver decided to floor it, so to speak. We hit the ball, and jumped. The whole crowd went silent in that moment. When our robot landed - and survived - everyone cheered!"

It was a well-deserved victory for the Livermore Valley Charter Prep robotics team: Tri-Valley Sensory Overload (TVSO). Competing in its first FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Robotics Competition, TVSO earned Best Rookie Seed Award following the three-day competition that took place March 10-13 at Madera High School in Madera, Calif.

"As a mentor and teacher, I want to state how proud I am of our students' hard work and dedication," said TVSO lead Mirko Danilovic. "The team members stand as evidence that nothing can stop young and dedicated people in achieving their

goals."

For LVCP's first robotics team, the victory was especially sweet.

"TVSO came in 7th out of 49 central California teams which included Silicon Valley, San Francisco and Sacramento," said parent and LVCP Site Council Board Member Louann Tung. "It's the story of how they got there that is interesting. Robotics competitions cost tens of thousands of dollars due to sophisticated hardware, competition fees and travel expenses. Compared to other teams from Danville, Palo Alto and San Jose, TVSO was at a disadvantage from the beginning due to lack of sponsors and lack of space at LVCP. My son, a freshman on the team, said that other teams had elaborate repair pits of large carts and many tools; TVSO just had a plain white table."

Yet, despite limited space and funding, TVSO proved that with a lot of heart, young scientists can create robots that succeed.

"Danville, for example, has a state-of-the-art robotics lab at the school, whereas TVSO built their robot at a student's grandfather's bunker building 30-minutes away on Mines Road, and in

a teacher's family room. Yet TVSO persevered and spent many long weekends and all-nighters perfecting their robot, and the effort paid off," added Tung. "Danville, by the way, came in 40th, and the San Francisco team was last."

In January, participating robotics teams were provided with a list of tasks robots must perform in the FIRST Robotics Competition, dubbed "a varsity sport for the mind."

"With six weeks to design, build, program and test, we created our robot," said Singh, an LVCP junior. "It is officially called 'The Bicep' after its two-pivot arm."

The Bicep was funded by grants and a variety of small donors.

"We were fortunate to get rookie grants from the FIRST Robotics Competition and the Brin Wojcicki Foundation, and Orchard Supply Hardware donated wheels for our robot," said Danilovic. "The rest of funding was donated by parents, and one student donated his award from the Association of Computational and Mathematical Modeling competition."

For the two dozen participating students, more was



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the Livermore Valley Charter Prep robotics team: Tri-Valley Sensory Overload show some of the material they used to build their award winning robot.

gained than the award alone.

"We learned how to write business proposals, approach people, organize teams, work with others, handle stress, be professional, use many different tools, handle money, and how to research, plan and execute," said Singh.

Following its inaugural appearance, The Bicep has been sealed and stored before its next competition at

the Silicon Valley Regional.

"Continuing to compete requires more money. With this recent success, TVSO is hoping to attract more corporate sponsors so that they can add more complex equipment," said Tung. "Now that the team is on the school's radar, Principal Dillie wants to budget more money for the robotics team and have a space for them at

school to do their work.

"The FIRST competition was a serious, state-of-the-art competitive arena," she added. "It was fertile ground for any student interested in electrical and mechanical engineering and physics. It offered the best hands-on learning."

To learn more, visit [www.lvcvp.org](http://www.lvcvp.org), or contact [sofrc@trivalleyteam.org](mailto:sofrc@trivalleyteam.org).

## Jazz Concert with Jeff Bordes and Friends Benefits LPC Music

Las Positas College Music Department will present a New Orleans Jazz Celebration Concert featuring the LPC Jazz Ensemble and special guests, Jeff Bordes and Friends! This special evening of high-spirited New Orleans tunes and grooves will be performed on April 8 for an 8 p.m. on main stage at the Mertes Center for the Arts, building 4000.

Proceeds of this concert will benefit the LPC Music Department Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are \$10 students/seniors/veterans and \$15 general admission. To purchase tickets in advance: go to <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door, 1 hour prior to the performance start time.

"We are delighted to bring Jeff Bordes to Las Positas College to perform with our students," said Cindy Browne Rosefield, Las Positas College director of Instrumental Music. "He is a highly respected educator and jazz musician and we are so fortunate that this native son has returned to call Livermore his home."

Special guest "Friends" include trombonist and jazz educator extraordinaire, Dave Eshelman; LPC Music Instructor and woodwinds wizard, Tim Devine; our own local chanteuse Meredith McHenry; Mr Main Street Music himself Ken Cefalo on guitar; Dubs Drum Basement owner and powerhouse on the drum kit, Darren Phillips and stepping in on bass, Cindy Browne Rosefield.

"This is a special evening not only having Jeff work with our students, but to bring in these local artists who are a wonderful collection of mentors, colleagues and past LPC students of mine", said Browne Rosefield.

Bay Area jazz trumpeter and Pleasanton native Jeff Bordes needs no introduction to jazz fans. A 1997 graduate of the famed jazz incubator Berklee College of Music in Boston, Bordes has been playing since a very young age, and changing the face of jazz. Career highlights include live performances and recording projects with such greats as Branford Marsalis, Alex Acuna, Richie Cole, Tom Petty, Stevie Nicks, Sheryl Crow, and recently John Mellencamp. He has done performance tours of the US and internationally with a number of groups, including Bill Berry Big Band and the great Dizzy Gillespie.

In addition to his performance work, Jeff is passionate about spreading the word of Jazz as a featured clinician in schools and music festivals throughout the world, as well as teaching privately. He also writes articles on jazz for numerous music publications, including All About Jazz and Trumpet Player Online. And if that's not enough, Bordes composes scores for film and commercials, including contributing to the soundtrack of the award-winning documentary "De Colores."

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

## DSRSD Expands Recycled Water System

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) has extended its recycled water system 3.6 miles into western Dublin to irrigate parks, schools and commercial properties and save 49 million gallons of drinking water a year, enough to serve the indoor water needs of 610 families. The \$5.1 million project extended purple recycled water pipelines west of Interstate 680 for the first time and converted irrigation systems at 35 sites.

Pipeline construction be-

gan in mid-June 2015 and was completed in December. Since then, 33 irrigation systems have been converted and the remaining two will be finished in time for the summer watering season.

"By the end of 2016, the City of Dublin expects to use recycled water for 91 percent of our municipal operations, which frees up approximately 164 million gallons of drinking water a year for other uses," said Dublin Mayor David Haubert. The City of Dublin

is one of DSRSD's largest recycled water customers. The western Dublin project converted four more city parks, Shannon Community Center, Dublin Senior Center, and roadway medians on San Ramon Road, Dublin Blvd., and Amador Valley Blvd.

Recycled water used for landscape irrigation flows through a system of reservoirs, pumps, and pipes separate from the distribution system that delivers drinking water to household

taps. In newly built areas of Dublin, developers install recycled water pipelines before streets go in. In established areas, the separate pipelines must be installed under existing roadways.

DSRSD began retrofitting large irrigation sites in Dublin's established core in 2012. When the drought intensified in 2014, DSRSD accelerated its retrofitting timetable, completing projects to bring recycled water to Santa Rita Jail and adjacent government facilities in early 2015 and now to western Dublin in early 2016. The 2015 and 2016 projects were partially funded through a \$2 million Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant, reducing their cost from \$8 million to \$6 million.

DSRSD partnered with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in 1995 and formed the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program to produce recycled water from wastewater. Between 1995 and 2006, the two agencies built a water recycling plant, distribution network of pipelines, pumping stations, and storage reservoirs. They continue to connect new irrigation customers to the network every year. The City of Pleasanton joined the partnership in 2014. In 2015, DSRSD, EBMUD, and Pleasanton water customers used more than a billion gallons of recycled water.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rangoli, an artform from India in which patterns are created using a variety of materials, could be seen in front of the Bankhead Theater last weekend. Rangoli is usually made during Indian festivals. The purpose decoration, and it is thought to bring good luck.



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The public had the opportunity to view a variety of art works during last weekend's Livermore Art Association Spring Show. The event, held at The Barn, included art demonstrations.

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# Variety of Plants Offered at Annual Event

By Carol Graham

It may open at 9 a.m., but gardeners, perhaps more than all others, know it's the early bird that gets the worm.

"It was a hoot to see a line form before our opening a few years ago," said Plant Sale Chairperson Karen Abbruscato. "It's now a tradition to have folks show up early to get the best selection of heirloom veggies, white elephant items, and unique garden plants."

On Saturday, April 16, the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) will hold its Annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

"It's a fun event for individuals and families since we're very low-key, happy gardeners," said Abbruscato. "We also have on hand people who are experts in specific areas for friendly advice."

The plant sale offers around 1,500 plants including annuals, perennials, succulents, roses, vegetables, and shrubs, along with garden-related items, like pots, tools and decorations.

"We've had a big swing toward drought-tolerant plants, so this year we'll have many," said Publicity Chairperson Bev Howell.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

"Also, we'll have grapevine wreaths, tea cup succulents, lavender bags and bird-houses, which we have not had in previous years. It's a fun time for both the customers and the members of the garden club."

Abbruscato added, "We have a large variety of edibles for those wanting to start a spring or summer vegetable garden. The biggest selection is the tomato area with all types from large juicy slicers for sandwiches, burgers or salads - to cherry tomatoes that are the first to harvest and are so wonderful to pop in your mouth."

Tomato workshops, designed to help gardeners achieve the best results, will be offered at the sale.

"As for non-edibles, we're going to have individual ar-

reas for Mediterranean and native plants, succulents, roses, and geraniums," said Abbruscato. "We'll have flowering plants for sun and shade, hedges, and grasses. We have a lot of the more-common plants like Mexican feather grass and irises, but for more-unique plants, like the native California fuchsia, people will need to get there early."

The annual plant sale is the biggest fundraiser for LAVGC, whose mission is to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening, and to promote better horticultural practices, civic beauty, and conservation of natural resources.

"The garden club relies on income from the plant-sale fundraiser to support the community projects we do around town, such as maintaining Livermore's Hansen Park roses and the First Street flower pots, and donating to Pleasanton schools on Arbor Day," said Abbruscato. "We also plant and maintain the sensory garden at the Pleasanton Senior Center, and support both the Eden Project at Crosswinds Church to supply organic produce for those in need, and Camp Arroyo's 5th-grade outdoor education garden."

In addition to community service, LAVGC's 250-plus

members: visit notable gardens, nurseries and horticultural events; hike to enjoy Tri-Valley wildflowers; attend luncheons and cooking classes; and hear speakers on diverse topics such as pruning fruit trees, growing grapes in home gardens, and discouraging garden pests.

Club membership is open to anyone with an interest in gardening. Meetings take place the second Thursday of each month, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Visitors are welcome.

"At the plant sale, we'll have a membership table promoting the club, offering details on club activities, and accepting new members," said Abbruscato. "We'll also have a display with information about GMOs (genetically modified organisms). There are a few of us who are passionate about educating people about what GMOs are and why people should be aware of them. I hope everyone gets a chance to see the display."

Early bird or not, it's a safe bet that the estimated 500 attendees will leave the sale not only with beautiful plants for their gardens, but enriched with ideas, inspiration and knowledge.

To learn more, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

# Reception to Be Held to Say Thanks to Historian

For the past several years, Livermore Historian Don Meeker has informed and amused those attending Livermore City Council meetings with historical facts. At the March 28 meeting, he concluded his appearances by presenting a tie to Mayor John Marchand.

Meeker will be moving to Washington. A reception will be held to recognize his achievements as an official and unofficial historian. The Livermore Heritage Guild, in conjunction with the Livermore Art Association, will host the event. The event is not open to the public.

The Livermore Heritage Guild provided a list of his achievements:

Transcribed Livermore City Meeting minutes for May 1876 to August 1921.

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As a member of the Heritage Guild, he served as vice president, curator, and collections manager. He began the Guild's history talks program.

In addition to taking on the role of City Historian, he served on the Human Services Commission for eight years.

Meeker took on other community activities over the year, including vice president of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, volunteer for Shakespeare's Associates, volunteer at the Homework Hangout at the Rincon Library, member of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, and a graduate of Leadership Livermore.

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# Dublin to Celebrate 'Year of the Farm'

The City of Dublin Heritage Park and Museums is celebrating 2016 as "Year of the Farm." A year-long series of exhibits and events that connect the Dublin of today with Dublin's farmers of the past is planned.

Dublin's "Year of the Farm" kicks off with a museum exhibit celebrating Dublin farmers, presented in the Murray Schoolhouse Little Classroom. Farm-to-Table: Dublin's Farmers opens on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, with a reception from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The display will be open to the public on Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., through July 31, 2016. Admission is free, and the exhibit is suitable for all ages.

The Farm-to-Table exhibit provides an overview of Dublin's agricultural past, exploring who was farming and what they were growing in various locations around the Dublin landscape. The exhibit takes visitors back to when Dublin was a rural farming and ranching community with fewer than 300 residents. Over the past 150 years, Dublin's farmers raised cattle and poultry, and grew walnuts and tomatoes. Museum guests will learn how these small farms and businesses approached sustainability, family, and community, and explore the

processes farmers used to produce different types of crops and how they fit into the larger California agricultural economy.

On Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, in conjunction with Dublin Pride Week, community members and volunteer gardeners will help prepare a new Farm Yard adjacent to the Kolb House, clearing and tilling the soil in preparation for "Year of the Farm" planting festivities at the Spring Faire. To volunteer in the Heritage Park Farm Yard during Dublin Pride, or to obtain more information about any of the Dublin Pride Week activities, please visit [www.dublinprideweek.com](http://www.dublinprideweek.com), or call (925) 833-6630.

Children will be the first to plant the new Farm Yard garden, as they learn about historic gardening and sustainability at the annual Spring Faire on Saturday, May 7, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Spring Faire activity wristbands are \$5 and include the hands-on gardening activity, as well as a tractor-drawn hay ride, milking the 'cow,' butter churning, ice cream making, and do-it-yourself project pen activities, where families can create with recycled materials and take home one-of-a-kind crafts. Spring Faire visitors can also visit the Farm-to-Table exhibit or tour the home of Dublin's farm family, the Kolbs, to see what they'd likely be doing on a spring day in 1949.

Also in May, Dublin Heritage Park hosts Farm-to-Table Tea Lunches on Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. These springtime tea lunches center on locally grown produce and farm-fresh treats, served up inside the rustic Sunday School Barn decorated with farm décor. Tickets are \$25 per person. Purchase tickets on-

line at [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com). Space is limited, so purchase your tickets early.

"Year of the Farm" will continue into the fall with the annual Harvest Festival on October 15, 2016, featuring an exhibit on Historic Highway 21, the route that carried Dublin's farm goods to different parts, sending local products near and far.

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## Dublin High to Stage Musical 'In the Heights'

"In the Heights," the musical, focuses on how each individual struggles to survive and how these same individuals come together as a community to mourn their losses and rejoice in their triumphs. It looks at the importance of home, family and finding where you belong.

Dublin High School will present the play as its spring production. Performances are planned April 21-24 at 7 p.m. and April 23 and 24 at 2 p.m. at the Dublin High School Performing Arts Center, 8151 Village Parkway.

This is the first time in eight years, students been given the opportunity to put on a musical.

"We have a beautiful set, an extremely talented cast- now all we need is to fill the seats," says drama director Scott Di Lorenzo.

From the brilliant mind of Lin Manuel Miranda (the current Broadway star of and creator of the hottest Broadway ticket right now, Hamilton) comes his first show the Tony Award winning, In The Heights.

During the performance of In the Heights, the audience encounters the many colorful residents of Washington Heights -- a New York City neighborhood on the brink of change. Usnavi, a first generation Dominican-American corner bodega owner, and his friends and family are dealing with the pressures of rising rents and closing neighborhood businesses. As one family struggles to figure out how to pay for an Ivy League tuition for their brilliant and hard working daughter, a young woman is trying to put a down payment on a new apartment. Usnavi himself is trying to get back to the Dominican Republic to reconnect with his roots after the death of his parents.

In Washington Heights, over the course of the show, the hard-working residents of Washington Heights grapple with love and lust, identity and racism, all while the prospect of a winning lottery ticket hangs in the air, potentially changing the livelihoods of the people and the community forever. This revolutionary new musical combines Latin rhythms and dance with hip-hop lyrics to tell a story about what it means to chase your dreams as you cling to your roots, and to celebrate the community from which you grew.

Cast members include Usnavi: Caedon Perriman; Benny: Noah Mac; Sonny: Trevor Haar; Kevin: Mathew Glynn; Graffiti Pete: Jonah Wendleton; Piragua Guy: Noah Bradley; Nina: Gwynnevere Cristobal; Vanessa: Keiva Bradley; Abuela: Nicole Dayton; Camila: Christine Padrid; Daniella: Simonne Campos; and Carla: Claire Kantz

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Pictured are Joy Sherratt (as Lottie), Rachel Powers (as Caroline), Amy Franklin Leonards (as Rose) – and Bijou the dog. Photo - Antonio Gonzalez

## World Premiere of 'Enchanted April' a Milestone for PCRT

The Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) will present the World Premiere of Enchanted April, A New Musical Romance. Performances will be weekends April 23 through May 8 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Enchanted April was commissioned by West Bay Opera, with script and lyrics by Charles Leipart and musical score and orchestration by Richard B. Evans. It has been work-shopped at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. with Broadway actors, and may well be headed to Broadway at this writing.

Curtain time for performances is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased by calling (925) 931-4848 or online at [www.pcrtproductions.org](http://www.pcrtproductions.org)

The PCRT production includes Broadway veteran David Bryant (the original Marius in the original Broadway

production of Les Miserables). In addition, the creative team of this World Premiere production will be led by Broadway veteran and Bay Area Director/Actress/Choreographer Lois Grandi. Lois will direct this production and have the assistance of Enchanted April creators, Charles Leipart (Lyrics/Book) and Richard B. Evans (Music and Orchestrations) along with award winning Music Director, Pat Parr.

Bryant\* will be joined on stage in the PCRT production by several national touring and Bay Area professional actors, including Joy Sherratt\*, Christopher Vettel\*, and David Judson\*. (\*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers)

Enchanted April is based on the novel, The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim. The story and lively score of Leipart and Evans' musical reflect its setting in post-

# Smuin Ballet Among New Shows Added at the Bankhead Theater

Three new events have been added to the current 2015-2016 LVPAC Presents season at the Bankhead Theater, including the return of local favorites Smuin Ballet in May and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band in June. Rudy Colombini and the Unauthorized Rolling Stones will also be making their first appearance at the Bankhead Theater in June.

Earlier this year, LVPAC also added the Grammy-nominated Colombian music ensemble Cimarrón to the Bankhead calendar. A total of seven shows are now planned for the last two months of the season, adding to originally scheduled performances by Ukrainian folk group DakhaBrakha, the political comedy of Capitol Steps, and vocalist Karen Marguth and Le Jazz Hot.

On May 22, San Francisco-based Smuin Ballet will offer an evening of works highlighting the sleek and sophisticated contemporary dance style for which they are known worldwide. Featured in the program will be choreographer Helen Pickett's dramatic new piece "Oasis," which puts a timely focus on the issue of water scarcity and abundance.

Led by Rudy Colombini's Jaggeresque showmanship, the Unauthorized Rolling Stones will appear at the Bankhead on Satur-



Ken Sutter Photo

day evening, June 11. The all-star band delivers the theatrics of a Rolling Stone concert, performing the Stones' popular hits with all the energy of the original.

A favorite of local audiences, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band (PHJB) arrives for its fourth visit to the Bankhead on June 13. Deriving its name from the venerable music venue in the French Quarter, PHJB travels the world sharing music that embodies a joyful, timeless spirit with a deep reverence for the treasured history of the art form of New Orleans jazz.

LVPAC was awarded a grant to present Cimarrón

by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation through the "Southern Exposure: Performing Arts of Latin America" program, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. Cimarrón will bring the fiery sounds of joropo, the festive dance music of Columbia, to the Bankhead in a public performance on May 18, as well as in a special performance for Tri-Valley students through the educational outreach program.

LVPAC Presents reaches its milestone tenth season this fall, opening September 10, 2016 with a gala celebration at the Bankhead

Theater featuring the return of folk singer Judy Collins. The full schedule for the 2016-2017 season will be announced on Wednesday, May 25, with subscription tickets available immediately to LVPAC members. Single tickets to all shows will be available to the general public beginning in early July.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets to all shows may be purchased at the box office, by calling 373-6800, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or via the LVPAC mobile app.

LVPAC Presents Shows:  
Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 pm Dakha Brakha; Fri., May 6 at 8:00 pm The Capitol Steps; Wed., May 18 at 7:30 pm Cimarrón; Fri., May 20 at 8:00 pm Karen Marguth & Le Jazz Hot; Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 pm Smuin Ballet; Sat., June 11 at 8:00 pm Rudy Colombini and the Unauthorized Rolling Stones; and Mon., June 13 at 7:30 pm Preservation Hall Jazz Band.



William "Charlie" Chin as Uncle Toisan.

## Spend An Evening with 'Uncle Toisan'

Museum on Main welcomes renowned writer, story teller, musician and historian William "Charlie" Chin to Pleasanton for "An Evening with Uncle Toisan" at the Firehouse Arts Center on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm in the evening, with doors opening at 6:30pm.

William "Charlie" Chin will be returning to Pleasanton to portray Chinese-American character, Uncle Toisan, whose history-based life spans from his arrival as a "paper son," the Chinese Exclusion Act, detainment at Angel Island, the post-civil rights era, and the emergence of Asian-American consciousness. There are only 40 tickets left for this very special and moving performance.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors (65+)/Students (with valid ID), \$5 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

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

## 'Bling It On' Benefits American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton invites all to its Semi-annual jewelry event "Bling it On" Jewelry Event on April 15, 16, and 17. The event will feature fine jewelry, vintage and costume jewelry and a wide selection of rings, earrings, brooches, bracelets, pearls, and watches.

The Discovery Shop is located in Mission Plaza Shopping Center at 1989 suite E Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The shop hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 6, Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 12 to 5. Contact Kelley Jewell Meno, Mgr. at 925.462.7374 for more information about the event or to donate to our cause.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, service and advocacy.

# Pacific Chamber Symphony Program Features Händel's Contrasting Works

The musicians and chorus of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO) present their final concerts of the current season on April 16 and 17, performing Händel's Music for the Royal Fireworks and his Four Coronation Anthems. The Saturday April 16th concert starts at 7:30 pm at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 17 Knox Drive, Lafayette. The Sunday April 17th concert starts at 2:00 pm at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore.

These two elements of Händel's works are seldom heard together: the ultimate joyful Fireworks "party music" and the beautiful, deeply affectionate Coronation Anthems. As PCO conductor Kohl explains, "What I want to explore is the underlying power of compact and efficient expressions that permeates Händel's music, from the most delicate moments to those of high drama. Hearing these works together will deepen the appreciation for the Messiah, which we will bring back next season."

Händel's Music for the Royal Fireworks was first performed in London's Green Park on April 27, 1749 celebrating the end of the War of the Austrian Succession and the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748. Adhering to the king's supposed wish, Handel employed a huge orchestra without strings. The music came off much better than the fireworks. Not surprisingly the weather was rainy, but matters deteriorated when one of the pavilions soon



Photo - Barbara Mallon

caught fire. The following month Handel gave his second performance that included strings as he initially had intended. Kohl notes, "Handel's music is full of subtleties that can be best appreciated in the chamber orchestra setting."

The first performance of the four anthems, for the coronation of George II of England on October 27, 1727, utilized an enormous orchestra and chorus in the vast Westminster Abbey cathedral. Kohl suggests, "Bringing these anthems into intimate venues allows the audience to appreciate the lyrical beauty of the works". Chorus master Roberta Lappa adds, "Our wonderful singers, gathered from around the Bay Area, will deliver the clarity and power that these anthems require. Performance practices for these anthems vary, as do the printed scores now available. Regardless of the interpre-



tation, it is Händel's genius for his dramatic musical settings of the texts that shows through."

Kohl and Lappa agree that the Coronation Anthems are perfect companions to the Music for the Royal Fireworks. All pieces demonstrate Händel's ability to fulfill his obligations to his patrons while leaving us with highly enjoyable music that has delighted generations from all countries, cultures and social classes.

PCO, created 27 years ago and in its 10th year in Livermore, is composed of some of the best musicians in the Bay Area who year after year come back to play under Kohl's

leadership. "These are top professional players who have devoted their lives to their art," says Kohl. "What makes us different is the unique relationship that we have developed over years. Furthermore, I strive to compose the programs emphasizing how different elements can play off one another," explains Kohl.

Tickets are \$28-\$55, students \$10-\$12, and may be purchased on-line at PacificChamberOrchestra.org. For the Livermore performance only, tickets are available on-line at BankheadTheater.org, at the Bankhead Box Office, 2400 First Street or by phone at 925.373.6800.

After the Livermore concert attendees are invited to join Maestro Kohl and friends for a dinner and conversation at Uncle Yu's. Reservations for the dinner may be made on-line at PacificChamberOrchestra.org.

## Broadway Chorus to Perform 'More Of Your Favorites'

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus and Broadway Chorus Kids will perform "More of Your Favorites" at the Livermore High Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple Street.

Performances will be held April 15-16 at 8pm and April 17 at 2pm. Audience members cast their votes during the last concert for their favorite Broadway musicals to create a show completely comprised of audience and chorus favorites. The results are being kept as a surprise.

The chorus is directed by Glen Riggs, accompanied by Chris Erwin and produced by JoAnn Loitz.

For tickets, go to [www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/individual-tickets](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/individual-tickets) or call 925-462-2121.

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Fun at last year's festival

## Wildflower Festival Set in Sunol

Spend a beautiful day outdoors welcoming spring at the Sunol Spring Wildflower Festival. The festival will take place on Saturday April 9, 2016 from 11 am – 4 pm, near the Old Green Barn Visitor Center at Sunol Regional Wilderness at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras. Anyone with an interest in wildflowers, nature, or the outdoors is encouraged to attend – there is something for everyone. Naturalists and volunteers will provide fun and easy ways to identify wildflowers, and information on the best places to spot the abundant varieties.

The day will begin with a traditional spring perfor-

mance by Japanese Wadai-ko drummers, followed by music with the all-women Americana group Extended Roots. Lots of crafts, hikes, nature slideshows, and exhibits will be offered throughout the day. Hikes range from all-ages and kid-friendly, to butterfly- and ethnobotany-themed, to a longer hike to Little Yosemite, a picturesque natural gorge. Local vendors and artisans will also be onsite. This year there will be a barbecue food truck with lunches for purchase (including a veggie option). Visitors are always welcome to bring their own lunch and enjoy a picnic in

the great outdoors.

Entertainment includes Extended Roots and Wadai-ko taiko.

Exhibitors are the California Native Plant Society, Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda Creek Alliance, UC Berkeley Bee Lab, Alameda County Clean Water, Alameda County Dept. of Agriculture, EBRPD Integrated Pest Management, Leave No Trace, and the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

The event is free to the public, but the usual \$5 cash only parking fee will be charged. Carpooling is encouraged.

Call (510) 544-3249 or visit [www.ebparcs.org](http://www.ebparcs.org) for more information.

## Alisal Elementary to Celebrate Diversity

Alisal Elementary School will hold a week long celebration of diversity, April 11-15. Students and staff will be celebrating “Different Is Awesome” week, which will highlight and honor differences in members of the Pleasanton community. The celebration will focus on fostering pride in differences including different abilities, different appearances and different beliefs.

Alisal will welcome Amador Valley High School special needs student and basketball player Kevin Laue on Wednesday, April 13, and San Francisco Sports-Journalist and author Amy Gutierrez on Thursday, April 14, to speak with students during school-wide assemblies.

Local community members from around Pleasanton will visit throughout the week, to join in the week-long-celebration of guest-readers, reading books that highlight differences in main characters. Students will work through ability awareness stations in PE, and students in music classes have learned songs to highlight respect and acceptance.

Contact Karen Johnson ([kcjohnson@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:kcjohnson@pleasantonusd.net)) or Christine Fitzsimmons ([cfitzsimmons@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:cfitzsimmons@pleasantonusd.net)) for more information on this celebration or for volunteer opportunities.

## San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers Return with Their Spontaneous Approach to Music Making

The sound of dozens of fiddlers will fill the Bankhead Theater when the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers perform Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2016.

Led by Scottish master fiddler Alasdair Fraser and backed by piano, drums, harps and guitars, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers are said to be as lively as a dance band and as majestic as a symphony orchestra. For 30 years, the members have honored the fiddling tradition of playing by ear, allowing them to follow the spontaneous evolution of the melody wherever it leads.

Founded in 1986 by Alasdair Fraser and friends, the group has grown to over 200 members from all over Northern California, the US and beyond. Varying widely in age and backgrounds, the fiddlers are drawn together by their love of Celtic traditional music. Many members know hundreds of tunes by heart and love nothing better than to get together and play. They can be heard individually and in small groups throughout the year at contra dances,

pub sessions and Scottish festivals. The large group can sometimes number more than 100 members and gathers annually for events such as the spring concert series in the Bay Area, which includes this April's Bankhead performance. The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers have also toured Northern California and Alaska.

Fraser, who serves as musical director for the group, ranks among the finest interpreters of Scotland's music; his playing has earned critical acclaim worldwide. He maintains a busy performing sched-

ule with musicians such as cellist Natalie Haas, guitarist Tony McManus and pianists Paul Machlis and Muriel Johnstone. In addition to leading the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, Fraser also serves as Director of the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School in California, where he teaches every summer, and has been artist-in-residence at the prestigious Celtic Connections Festival in Glasgow for the past several years. His music is widely available on CD, and can also be heard on such movie soundtracks as “Titanic,” “The Last of the Mohicans,” “Wyatt Earp,” “Spitfire Grill” and “Treasure Planet.”

Tickets for the single performance on April 24th at 2:00 p.m. are \$16 for students and \$25 or \$39 for adults.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, by calling 373-6800, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or via the LVPAC mobile app.



Pictured are the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers. Alasdair Fraser, master fiddler, founder and leader of the SF Scottish Fiddlers, is shown above.





Nancy (left) and Gary Harrington (right) lead the art walks.

## Art Walk to Take in South Side of Pleasanton

Pleasanton's 2nd Saturday Spring Public Art Walk Series concludes with the Southern Tour.

During this Saturday's Pleasanton Public Art Walk, April 9th, the secrets of Centennial Park with its interesting design and much "hidden" symbolism will be revealed.

The 2-hour walk and talk begins at 9:00am starting

from the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Ave. This art walk includes the Pleasanton Library with the new sculpture "On the Count of Three," Senior Center with Centennial Park, Civic Park, and the southern portion of Downtown Pleasanton.

Nancy and Gary Harrington, of the Harrington

Art Partnership, will lead this walk, showing the existing public art and giving information about the artists and anecdotes regarding their works. Participants will be shown pictures of two newly installed sculptures "Goldie," now located at the Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada; and "Sunday with Jessie," located on the side

of the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

There will also be information about the Harrington Art Partnership, and how to participate in bringing more public art sooner to Pleasanton.

Walkers will receive a map of the Pleasanton Art Walk, with location of the art, its name, and the artist.

## IN THE HEIGHTS

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Aarushi Bajaj, Hannah Bumanlog, Nicki Butler, Catherine Capretta, Isabella David, Maegan Endaya, Caroline Hall, Kera Hunsaker, Meg Johnson, Brianna Knapp, Lilla Lavanakul, Tyler Law, Miguel Lopez, Jared Nugent, Savannah

O' Callaghan Jones, James Perez, Dylan Seeley, Becca Silva, Srinidhi Srinivasan, Emma Sundstrom, and Tori Wong

Dance Ensemble (Dance Only): Gabriella Alejandre, Grace Batra, Steven

Chang, Gabriel Da Silva, Priyanka Kedia, Maddie Nobida, Suelyn Pewitt, and Alaqu Simmovich.

Tickets are \$16 students/seniors, and \$19 general admission. They can be purchased at [dhsdrama.com](http://dhsdrama.com)

## ENCHANTED APRIL

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Victorian London and in Portofino, Italy – the Jazz Age and the 1920s – romantic, lyrical, jazzy.

It's a cold and rainy, post-war-London, February, 1922. In the London Times, a small classified ad appears: "To those who appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine: To let for the month of April - a medieval castle on the Italian Mediterranean shore."

Life and love are about to bloom for four London women: Rose - neglected by her husband and hiding a secret desire; Lottie - full of life and a mischievous streak; Lady Caroline - a stunningly beautiful but jaded debutante; and Mrs. Fisher - a widow who believes her glory days are all behind her. These four ladies find each other and the castle of their dreams for one magical month on the Mediterranean. They seek a much needed antidote from their London cares,

and what they find on the Italian shore awakens them to a world of beauty, ardor, and the joys of living. Love and comedy ensue when their husbands and lovers descend on the ladies' heavenly retreat.

The novel was first published in London in the early 1920s, and has spawned two films (the 1992 version is popular on Netflix, starring Miranda Richardson, Joan Plowright, Jim Broadbent, Alfred Molina), plus a Broadway stage play which starred Molly Ringwald and Elizabeth Ashley, and earned a Tony Award nomination for Best Play in 2000.

In 2015, PCRT Co-Artistic Director David Judson met and worked with Enchanted April composer Richard Evans, which led to discussions around a production opportunity with PCRT.

After securing Lois Grandi to direct, 3 months of casting followed. "We

carefully looked across the nation for the right blend of talent that could very well help send the show to Broadway," notes Judson. "We were thrilled to book David Bryant in one of the leading roles. He will be originating the role of 'Frederick' in our show."

Since its inception in 2009, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) has had as its goal to bring professional musical theatre to the Tri-Valley.

A significant step along that path was PCRT's appointment in 2011 as the resident professional musical theatre company at Pleasanton's newly-renovated Firehouse Arts Center.

Presenting the World Premiere of Enchanted April, with the company's hallmark of including Broadway veterans both on stage and on the creative team, is considered another major milestone for PCRT.

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Dave Hohle

## National Speaker to Present Talk

National speaker Dave Hohle will present a lecture titled, "Time is not a factor in your life" on Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 263 S N Street.

"This talk explores how we can gain increasing freedom from the hard limits associated with time and age," says Hohle. "Physicists have long disagreed about time, but have generally accepted it as a fundamental quantity. In metaphysics time disappears altogether.

Hohle says his ideas are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

Dave Hohle is a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. He travels from his home in Chicago, Illinois.

# Book Tells a Story of Triumph Over Tragedy

By Carol Graham

She remembers dropping the phone and falling to her knees. She remembers calling out, "No, oh God, no!"

More than anything else, Lisa Moreno remembers her son's words when he learned of his father's death.

"No Mama, not my daddy!" cried the eight-year-old. "I love my daddy, Mama."

It was February 5, 2011 - a Saturday. Moreno, the mother of four with one on the way, was feeling especially tired and spending a quiet morning watching old movies on TV.

Across town, a witness noticed a man step out of a taxicab on Livermore's Airway Boulevard off ramp, then walk up the overpass. He sat on the guardrail over I-580's eastbound fast lanes, leaned forward, and was gone.

"Troubles come at you like big waves," says Moreno, 43. "I'm either going to ride the wave or drown in it, but I don't give up. It's not an option."

In her self-published book, "Love Never Gives Up: Triumph Over Tragedy Through God's Unfailing Love," Moreno shares her story - a vivid account of abuse, addiction, adultery and the cycles of hopelessness and healing. She tells of her experiences growing up with a volatile father, and of her tumultuous relationship with Louis, which ended that terrible February

morning (no drivers were involved). She tells how fear and brokenness followed her through life, yet ultimately led her to seek out God's love.

"In my book, I talk about addiction, suicide, and other topics that need to be addressed," she says. "My faith has been stretched, pulled and tried. Through my trials I cling tighter to God. I fail - everyone does - but God does not fail. Trust in God even if you don't understand."

Over the course of a year, Moreno lost six loved ones while her teen-aged daughter was diagnosed with and underwent treatment for cancer. Yet "Love Never Gives Up" is an uplifting story of faith, resilience, and hope. Today Moreno says her daughter is, "Alive and well, healthy and enjoying her life."

What Moreno's writing may lack in editorial polish is made up for with heart.

"There are typos but they don't take away from my story," says Moreno. "My book is for everyone, preteens to adults. They'll see where I came from - a seemingly hopeless case to where I am now."

Reviewers on Amazon have embraced Moreno's inspirational spirit.

"I was surprised at how much this book pulls you in, twists and turns, and God shows up on every page," writes one reader. "Not preachy or better-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Lisa Moreno tells her story in 'Love Never Gives Up.'

than-you, but honest with an easy to follow storyline. You won't want to put it down."

"This is a true story," writes another, "of someone who locked her hands in God's through it all, and survived."

Moreno, who lives in Livermore, continues to devote her time and energy to helping underprivileged, at-risk youth.

past 12 years.

"Up to 120 people would come to these parties, where we have food, arts, crafts, Bible stories, games and gifts," says Moreno.

"I could never have it any bigger because I needed a venue. But this past year my pastor and a young adult group from church helped host the party, and 700 people came. There were Disney characters, carnival activities, a turkey drive, pizza, and desserts for our VIPs - the children. It was a huge blessing! So thankful."

As for her own children, Moreno says, "Emotionally, what we all went through was horrendous. My kids suffered too, but now we are helping others with our story. It is so rewarding. My daughter Lani wants to be a journalist, my son Lou wants to go to film school, Luke wants to be a chef, Levi likes baseball and football, and Logan loves Thomas the Train.

"I know Louis is with God. I grieved for him, but he can't come back to me. He would want me to go on with my life," she adds. "I don't live in the past, I can't do anything about it. But I can live in the here and now, and live my life to the fullest. Helping others feels so good. This is how pain is not wasted."

Visit Moreno's blog at [www.5KidsEmptyFridge.com](http://www.5KidsEmptyFridge.com), or Lisa C. Moreno on Facebook.

## Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library to Hold Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library will host its annual Spring Book Sale, which will begin on Friday, April 22, 2016 and run through Sunday, April 24, 2016. The sale will be held at the library, located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

For Friends of the Pleasanton Library members, on Friday, April 22, the sale runs from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the door for \$10/year for individuals and \$5/year for students through grade 12. For non-members, the sale will run from Saturday, April 23,

from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and again on Sunday, April 24, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. A popular feature for Sunday is the \$7 per grocery bag full of your choices.

More than 40,000 donated books, CDs, DVDs and other odds and ends are for sale, with most hardcover and large paperbacks at \$1, and paperbacks at 50 cents. The Friends also accept credit cards, as well as cash and checks. Due to the event's popularity and limited space, no strollers or electronic devices will be allowed.

To become a member of the Friends of the Pleasanton

Library, visit [www.friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org)

The Friends of the Library is a 501c3 nonprofit group of volunteers created to support the library. All revenues support new materials, programs and equipment and all proceeds go to directly support library programs and services.

The Friends always seek adult volunteers to help with setup and during the sale, as well as help with some library tasks throughout the year; call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

# Two Day Town - A Music Lovers Festival

The sixteenth annual Two Day Town festival will be held at Lake Del Valle Regional Park on April 22-24. Two Day Town (TDT) is a Leave-No-Trace, family-oriented camping and community event featuring forty musical acts on three stages over the three

days of the festival. There's fun around every corner, including a staffed, creative activity area for kids, guided nature hikes and trail-bike excursions, yoga classes, and for those who prefer to leave the cooking behind, an on-site café, that caters to meat lovers and

## Dublin Farmers' Market Opens for Season April 14

Dublin Farmers' Market opens its sixth season on Thursday, April 14, at Emerald Glen Park. It will be located in the plaza off Gleason Drive. The Market runs Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., through September 22. The City of Dublin partners with Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association to operate the weekly market.

Dublin Farmers' Market offers not only traditional farmers' market fare of fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, and hot foods, but also a festive atmosphere and weekly special events, such as free concerts, cooking demonstrations, and children's activities, making it an ideal mid-week break to enjoy summer evenings with friends and neighbors.

The first Market of the season, April 14, will include a free concert by the energetic classic rock band Red Fury, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Free concerts are also offered on "First Thursdays," along with beer and wine tastings from local breweries and vintners to celebrate the first Market of each month. The season line-up includes performances by 1980s party band Rebel Yell on May 5; Latin fusion and reggae dance band Rucktan on June 2; the Steely Dan tribute band Aja Vu on July 7; award-winning rock and rhythm & blues cover band OTR on August 4; and upbeat soul, funk and R&B dance band East Bay Mudd on September 1.

Cooking demonstrations are featured on "Dublin Cooks Nights," the second Market of each month.

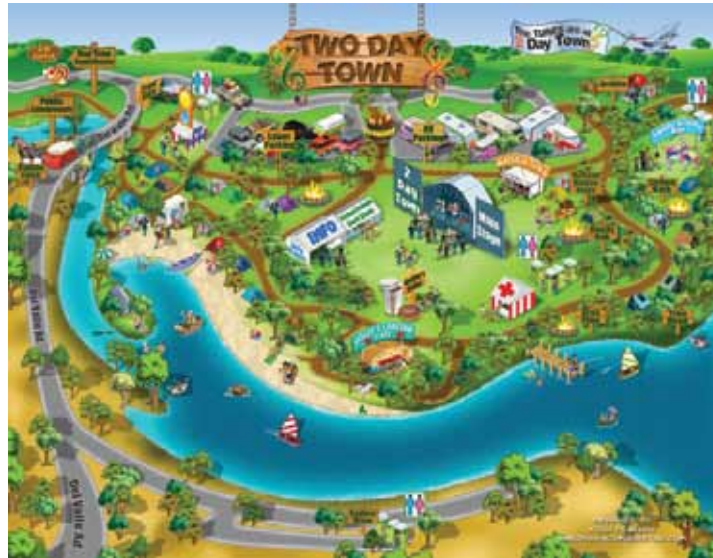
"Community Nights," offered the third and occasional fifth Market of the month, showcase local groups, such as school bands, and dance and martial arts troupes.

"Family Nights," planned for the fourth Market of each month, feature special children's activities and entertainers, such as Lindsay Wildlife Museum on May 26, and the Oakland Zoo Mobile on July 28.

Sponsors, performers, and community groups interested in participating in the Dublin Farmers' Market may contact Frank Luna at (925) 556-4506, or [frank.luna@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:frank.luna@dublin.ca.gov).

Farmers, food product vendors, and artisans interested in selling at the Dublin Farmers' Market may contact Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association at [www.pcfma.org/sell](http://www.pcfma.org/sell).

For updates about the Dublin Farmers' Market, "like" the Market's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/DublinMarket](http://www.facebook.com/DublinMarket).



meat-free folks. There will be live on-stage music with professional quality sound, uncountable impromptu jam sessions among the hundreds of musicians, and tent & RV camping on the Two Day Town site or in the adjacent regional park campground.

Participants can see, hear, and interact with some of the top northern California musical performers including Michael McNevin, six-time West Coast Songwriters Association "Song of the Year" winner, who writes and sings songs like Mark Twain wove tales. Funk band Big Sticky Mess, just back from their South American tour in Brazil, is guaranteed to get both young and old on their feet and dancing. There is something for everyone's taste, including jazz by The Lost Cats, western swing with Don Burnham & The Bolos, bluegrass, and of course good ol' rock & roll by local favorites Bacchus Brothers and the Mundaze. Event spokesman and Two Day Town Honorary Mayor Michael Ferrucci says, "Bobby Black has played

with Don Burnham's band at the festival, and it's not unusual to have spontaneous jam session with members of the bands."

Since the beginning, TDT has been held the last full weekend of April on the west shore of Lake Del Valle. Nestled in the hills south of Livermore, the park provides a scenic environment for escaping the hustle of everyday life. Mayor Ferrucci says, "Two Day Town is a family oriented event. No alcohol is sold at the park. There is no advertising or marketing. Around fifteen hundred people attend the festival, which is held rain or shine. The event has grown organically, by friends telling friends, sharing their experience. We want it to continue to grow while keeping the relaxed spirit and mix of spontaneous music with on-stage performances."

Two Day Town remains an all-volunteer experience. Volunteers receive free admission and typically work two four-hour shifts. About 400 volunteers are needed, both skilled and unskilled. Jobs vary from promotional

activities such as posting fliers, to event tasks including taking tickets, directing traffic, helping with children's activities, leading nature walks, staffing first aid stations and tent set-up/tear-down. The musical acts require technicians, stagehands, volunteers for lighting, shuttling musicians around the site, and more. Volunteer choices are on a first-come,

first-served basis, so sign up early. To volunteer, click the "Volunteer!" link at: [www.twodaytown.com](http://www.twodaytown.com).

A special event will take place at this year's festival. Mayor Ferrucci will confer Honorary Deputy Mayor status on fifteen-year-old Ariela Castillo, a student at San Ramon Valley High School. Castillo is an ideal candidate for the position. She says, "From the first day I set foot at beautiful Lake Del Valle, when I was only 2 years old, I knew that Two Day Town was my second home."

She has attended every festival since then, becoming more involved over time. She says, "Last year at Two Day Town, Mayor Ferrucci asked me to come up on stage and help him introduce bands. Ever since then I have been participating more and more as Mayor-in-training and was invited to serve on the TDT executive board. Being a part of the board has given me an insight into what happens behind the scenes and all the necessary efforts by our volunteers to make this cohesive community a reality year after year."

Two Day Town provides an opportunity for people to strengthen long term relationships, and simply relax and enjoy the people, music and activities. In the words of Mayor Ferrucci, "As a group, our purpose is to take responsibility for creating a better world in our little space, one week-end at a time. We maintain a Leave-No-Trace philosophy that has been embraced by the East Bay Regional Park District as we leave the park in better condition than we find it."

Castillo sums up the excitement and philosophy of the festival, "I want to become mayor because I want to make sure that anyone, young or old, can grow to love Two Day Town as much as I do. I have been playing guitar and ukulele for two years as well as percussion in my school band. Some of my goals with Two Day Town include getting people excited about music, urging others to 'Leave no Trace,' and get as many people as possible to participate in our weekend community, however small it may be. These small steps inspire our communities to actively participate in our large world."

Two Day Town Passes are now on sale. Advance purchases save money and help fund the event preparation. Advance purchase prices are weekend pass, \$75; single day pass, \$40; family pack of 10 or more weekend passes, \$65 per person. Children 12 and under, with adult, are free. Volunteers receive free admission. Visit [www.twodaytown.com](http://www.twodaytown.com) to purchase, photos, videos, music samples and more, or call 510-418-4707 or 337-5516.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## Call Out for Wearable Art

A Call to Artists has been issued by the Bankhead Theater Gallery and Bothwell Arts Center for a fun exhibition wearable art made of recycled material from June 28th through August 26th.

The exhibit opens with a reception on July 9th from 1:00-4:00 pm and closes with a mini-fashion show on August 27th from 10-12 noon. Specifically, entries for wearable art created with elements such as a metal pop tops, plastic containers, old clothing, paper or plastic bags, cardboard or anything that might otherwise end up in the landfill are sought. A fashion show and exhibition of the creations will invite the public to think about the environment and the importance of recycling and conserving our limited natural resources.

Contact [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org) for entry form and/or info. Email entries due by June 7th to [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org).

### ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

#### An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary

**Time:** Photographs From a Tour in Vietnam Exhibition, March 2 – May 29 at Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), 925-462-2766, open Tue.-Sat. 10-4, Sun 1-4, free admission. This exhibition features photographs taken by Steven Burchik during his service with the US Army in Vietnam.

**The Figure in Place**, Harrington Gallery's next exhibition features 5 prominent Bay Area figurative painters. Colorful, dynamic, and diverse, the installation explores "the figure" as the subject, with a variety of media and approaches. Exhibition will be open to the public Thursday, March 3 through Saturday, April 9. The artists: William Rushton (San Jose), Brook Temple (San Rafael), John Goodman (San Francisco), Kim Frohsin (San Francisco), Linda Christensen (Aptos). Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society**, Art Extraordinaire, a new exhibit, on display Feb. 19 through May 1 at the Blackhawk

Gallery, 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. The exhibit features sculptures by guest artist Dan Woodard and works by forty-five member artists. Member artists' work include oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, photography, sculpture, ceramic, glass, fiber art and jewelry. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10 am to 8 pm and. Sunday 11 am to 6 pm

**Life in the Abstract** features paintings by John Beahm and D'Anne Miller. Through May 15 at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties, 1983 Second Street, Livermore. Artists' reception will held Saturday, April 9, 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to stop by for wine, hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to meet the artists. Show is open for viewing during regular business hours or by appointment. Contact Cher Wollard, 925 784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com) for information.

**The Romance of the California Ranch**, a photographic exhibit by Susan Gerber. Cuda Ridge Wines, through June 30. Artist's reception at the winery on Sunday, April 17th from 1-4 pm, with refreshments and complementary wine tasting of two wines. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appointment by calling 510-304-0914.

**"In Good Company" Honors SWAN Day 2016**, as well as Women's History month. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Silicon Valley Women's Caucus for Art will jointly present a juried art exhibit "In Good Company." The display of more than 50 works in a wide variety of art forms will be on display in the Bankhead Theater Visitors Center and Gallery from March 2 through May 1, 2016. The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public. Visitor Center and Gallery, located in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street in Livermore. The Center is open to the public seven days a week from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

**Livermore Art Association Spring Show**, Sat. and Sun., April 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Artists' reception and awards, 7 to 9 p.m. Sat., April 2. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org)

**Fresh Works VI Annual Juried Exhibition**, Harrington Gallery featuring both local and greater Bay Area artists. Juror is Richard Ambrose. April 30-June 4. Reception Sat., April 30, 1 to 3 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Feeling Good: Art of Local Artists**, juried fine art exhibit showcases works by members of Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, May 4 to June 27, noon to 6 p.m. the visitors area of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No admission charge. Art and wine reception Sun., June 5, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Call for Artists**, 44th Annual Art in the Vineyards, Sunday May 29, 2016. 2 Dimensional Fine Art, Sculpture, Photography and Ceramics. Applications are now being accepted. Open to LAA members and non members; information at 925-449-0670 or email: [ekeele@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekeele@sbcglobal.net)

**Call for Artists to the Primavera 39th**

**Annual Alamo-Danville Artists' Society (ADAS) Spring Art Show**. Judge will be Pat Suggs. All artists in all mediums are welcome. There will be cash awards, merit awards and honorable mention awards. All art work must be original work by the artist and not previously shown at an ADAS Juried Show. Show Dates May 21 & May 22. Go to <http://bit.ly/1GpSHp6> Questions, call 925 413-3438 or e-mail [adas-shows@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adas-shows@sbcglobal.net)

**Art in the Vineyards**, Sun., May 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. No admission charge. Presented by Livermore Art Association.

### MEETINGS/CLASSES

**General meeting**, Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, April 11, 7:30 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Pastel artist Tina Moore will present the program. There is no admission charge

**The Artists' Flea Market**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., April 23, adjacent to Farmers Market, Delucci Park, Pleasanton. Paint, canvas, frames, easels, pads of paper, instructional books, equipment, etc., will be available.

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

**Colored Pencil** - Basics and Beyond for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., April 4th, 9:30-noon, 5 weeks; Tues., April 5th, 6:30-9 p.m., 5 weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up - [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com)

**Drawing Class** - "Basic Drawing: Focus on Nature" for beginners and the artist who wants to improve drawing techniques. Classes start with the basics and quickly focuses on nature drawing. Included-instruction on site techniques, three dimensional development, and composition. Starts Wed., April 6th, 12:30-3 p.m., 5 weeks, Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th St. Livermore CA. Sign up-[maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com). Drawing Class: "Intermediate Drawing: Focus on Nature" for students who have taken basic drawing classes and want to go to the next level of drawing realistic nature subjects. Starts Thurs., April 7th, 12:30-3 p.m., 5 weeks. Location and sign up info same as above.

### WINE & SPIRITS

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Livermore, Sat., April 9, newest Chocolate Truffle & Wine pairing flight. Sun., April 10, "Sunday Funday," featuring newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open 11:30am-4:15pm. For more information, contact [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com)

**Winemaker's dinner** featuring Cedar



Gina Kaiper's oil painting "On the Bridge" is included in the exhibit at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center, April 8-30.

## Oceans, Rivers and Bays

Pleasanton artist Gina Kaiper is exhibiting paintings on the theme of "Oceans, Rivers, and Bays" at the Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton, April 8 through 30.

Her oil paintings, on the upstairs wall, depict water scenes from the West Coast, the East Coast, and France.

"Our recent drought has made me especially conscious of water's importance to our way of life and to the natural environment," Kaiper says. "These paintings also show how water's visual appearance changes depending on location, weather, and even the time of day."

Kaiper is a member of the Pleasanton Art League and the Livermore Art Association. After retiring from her career as a writer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, she enrolled in art studies at Las Positas College. More information about her work can be found at [www.ginakaiper.com](http://www.ginakaiper.com).

The Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton, is open 12-5 Wednesday through Friday and 11-3 on Saturdays.

Mountain Winery at the Zephyr Grill & Bar, 6 p.m., April 11. \$89 per person; reservations at 961-1000.

**Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's legacy with Shakespeare**, a day of the Bard and local brews on Sat., April 23 from noon to 7 p.m. at Eight Bridges Brewing Co., 332 Earhart Way, Livermore. Showings of "Drunken Shakespeare" are planned at 2 and 5 pm. by Livermore Shakespeare Festival. It features the Bard's famous drinking scenes. There is no admission charge. A portion of the beer and food proceeds benefit So Wise So Young, Livermore Shakespeare Festival's education program in the Livermore schools. The event is sponsored by First Street Ale House in downtown Livermore.

**Livermore Valley Wine Auction**, May 14, 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Live music by Uncorked; black tie optional. Live and silent auctions. Presented by the

Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation and the Wente Foundation for Arts Education. To purchase tickets, go to [www.lvwf.org](http://www.lvwf.org)

### MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**Heart by Heart in concert**: Original Heart band members and Rock 'N Roll Hall of Famers Steve Fossen (bass) and Mike Derosier (drums) and the 'second incarnation' of the iconic Hall of Fame (2013) rock group. Heart by Heart's mission: create music that is authentic, passionate, and true to Heart's original recordings. Lead vocals by Somar

Macek, Randy Hansen on guitar, and Lizzy Daymont on guitar, keyboard, and vocals. In concert at the Firehouse Arts Center: Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9. Both shows 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$36-\$46; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, April 9, Dvorak Cello Concerto featuring Austin Huntington, soloist. 7 p.m. pre-concert talk, 8 p.m. concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, spring concert, 2 p.m. April 10. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free, donations appreciated. Doors open at 1:40 p.m. Information call 846-5897 or go to [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

**The Swingles**, April 13, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Crazy Little Thing Called Love**, jazz benefit featuring the Amador Valley High School Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m. April 14. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**The Wonder of Elvis** - The Tribute one-man show starring Rob Ely, 8 p.m. April 15, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Jayne Stone's Lomax Project**. In concert at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, April 15, 8:00 p.m. Multiple award-winning Canadian banjoist, composer, and producer Jayme Stone brings together some of North America's most distinctive and creative roots musicians to revive, recycle and re-imagine traditional music. Focusing on songs collected by folklorist and field recording pioneer Alan Lomax, the repertoire includes Bahamian sea shanties, African-American a cappella singing from the Georgia Sea Islands, ancient Appalachian ballads, fiddle tunes, prison songs, and more. Tickets \$17-\$27; available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Waterloo: The ABBA Concert Experience** eight-piece production show "Waterloo" performs all the greatest hits of ABBA. 8 p.m. April 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony**, April 17, 2 p.m. Majestic Masterpieces. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers**, 2 p.m. April 24, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Student Music Recital**, April 27, 1 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Lei Day..A Garland of Aloha Halau Makana Lani** presents a musical journey to the islands of Hawaii accompanied by Weldon Kekauoha, 2:30 p.m., May 1, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Dakha Brakha**, sound and soul of Ukraine

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Lynda Briggs painting.

## PAL Work On Display

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at seven businesses in the Pleasanton Dublin Area.

Viewing locations are located at: Bank of America at 337 Main Street Pleasanton, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street Pleasanton, Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road Pleasanton, Wealth Management Associates at 400 Main Street Pleasanton, Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard Dublin, The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton, and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd. Dublin.

Those interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, contact John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

in their "ethno-chaos" style. May 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Eos Trio**, Del Valle Fine Arts, 8 p.m., May 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Orchestra Concert**, May 12, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Gypsy Roots**: Roots, Soul, Rock, Blues, Jazz & Pop, 2 p.m. May 15. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**Cimarrón**, 7:30 p.m., May 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

373-6800.

**Creations of Impulse Presents Hoeres & Villians: The Musical**, May 19-21, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**Karen Marguth & Le Jazz Hot**, May 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, May 21, A Tale of Two Cities, with soprano Heidi Moss. 7 p.m. pre-concert talk, 8 p.m. concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Pleasanton Chamber Players 2016**, 2 p.m., May 22, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

**The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet**, 2 p.m., May 29, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

### ON THE STAGE

**Robot Planet Rising**, An Intergalactic Nemesis Live Action Graphic Novel. April 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald adapted by Simon Levy. Role Players Ensemble production, April 15-May 1. Tickets and Information at [www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com](http://www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com). The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

**Enchanted April (World Premiere)** — "A New Musical Romance." Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre Company at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. From cold and rainy post-WWI London to a romantic medieval castle on the Mediterranean, this lyrical story is full of heart, humor, and colorful characters. It is based on the novel. Opening night Saturday, April 23. Shows run through Sunday, May 8. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$18-\$39. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Defending The Caveman**, April 28, 7:30 p.m.; April 29, 8 p.m.; April 30, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**O'Neill: The Rhythms of His Soul**, a lively musical revue devised by Foundation Director-Emeritus Dan Cawthon, April 30-May 1 and May 14-15 in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. The production includes early American popular music, well-known songs of the day, songs of the sea, and familiar music hall tunes. Eugene O'Neill Foundation. Tickets for public performances will be available online at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's website at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org)

**A Raisin in the Sun**, Spring play, May 6-15, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Men Are From Mars Women Are From Venus**, Off-Broadway hit comedy Firehouse Arts Center 8 p.m. Friday, May 13 - Saturday, May 14. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

org, 931-4850.

**Student One Acts**, May 18, 1 p.m., May 20, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Speech Performance**, May 16, 7 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Fri., April 8, Comedy Series continues featuring two headliners, Mickey Joseph & Jeff Applebaum. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online [www.laspositasvineyards.com/happenings.html](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com/happenings.html) or in person in the tasting room. Tickets include small bites appetizers & cocktail hour from 6:30-7:45pm with the show starting at 8 pm. For more information, email [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com)

**The Capitol Steps**, May 6, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

### MOVIES

**The One I Love** (2014, rated R, 101 minutes). "Thrill Rides" Movie Night Series at the Firehouse continues with a romantic thriller! Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. General admission tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Free popcorn. Soda and snacks available to purchase. No outside food or beverages are permitted. Advance purchase tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office. Synopsis: Struggling with a marriage on the brink of falling apart, a young couple (played by Elisabeth Moss and Mark Duplass) escapes for a weekend to a house recommended by their therapist (Ted Danson). Note: All films in the "Thrill Rides" series are rated R, so I.D. will be checked.

**Classic Films Series**, Pleasanton Library, first Thursday of each month, current series Last Hurrah: Best Final Performances. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Information 931-3400 ext. 4. No admission charge.

### DANCE

**Aspen Santa Fe Ballet**, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Dance Production**, May 6, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Smuin Ballet**, featured in the program will be choreographer Helen Pickett's dramatic new piece "Oasis," May 22, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Valley Dance Theatre** annual repertoire production, Spring Rep, on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore. The program will be accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. This season's production will feature the Asian Artistry and two newly commissioned pieces, Quartz and Moonstone, which join Valley Dance Theatre's origi-

nal Opalescent piece, Pearl, debuted in 2010. Tickets [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org); by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

### AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for "In the Heights,"** the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations. Auditions, April 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. No appointment necessary, Callbacks by invitation on April 16. Auditions held at the TVRT rehearsal space: 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, in Pleasanton. Prepare 16-32 bars of an up-tempo pop or Broadway song, (not from the show). Dance call will be held at callbacks. [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org) and download and print an audition form ([www.trivalleyrep.org/data/assets/docs/audition\\_form\\_in\\_the\\_heights.doc](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/data/assets/docs/audition_form_in_the_heights.doc)).

### CHORAL

**"Voices from Heaven,"** an evening of German choral music, will be presented April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, Pleasanton, performed by Bay Area Classical Harmonies (B.A.C.H.), directed by Andrew Chung. This concert will include works by Buxtehude (Magnificat), Händel (Messiah—"Worthy is the Lamb"), Brückner, and Schütz. Tickets are available at the door: \$25 general, \$20 seniors, \$10 students. B.A.C.H. brings together some of the finest Bay Area classical singers and performs in intimate settings. Lynnewood Church is located at 4444 Black Avenue in Pleasanton, across from the aquatic center. [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org), 925 846-0221.

**Valley Concert Chorale**, America: To Thee We Sing! Featuring special guest chorus, Cantabella Children's Chorus [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or 866-4003.7:30 p.m. May 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; 3 p.m. on May 15 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or 866-4003

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus and Broadway Chorus Kids Presents:** "More of Your Favorites" Livermore High Performing Arts Theater, April 15-16 at 8 pm and April 17 at 2 pm. [www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/individual-tickets](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/tickets/individual-tickets) or call 925-462-2121.

**Choir Concert**, April 15, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Young Voices in Harmony Festival**, the first youth choral festival in the Tri-Valley to feature middle and high schoolers. Presented by Cantabella Children's Chorus. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton. Registration of participating choirs starts at 9:45 AM. Workshops and rehearsals will start at 10:00 AM. At 2:00 PM — the final concert, which is open and free for public. [www.cantabella.org](http://www.cantabella.org)

### MISCELLANEOUS

**War Comes Home: The Legacy Exhibition**, March 2 — April 24 at Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton,

[www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), 925-462-2766, open Tue.-Sat. 10-4, Sun 1-4, free admission. This exhibition highlights private correspondence from almost every major conflict in U.S. history to offer insights into the thoughts and emotions of veterans and families upon their homecoming.

**An Evening With... Uncle Toisan**, Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

**Astro Teller**, rapid innovation as an experimental design process. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m., April 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Uncorked Celebration**, Taste, enjoy & honor winning local wines from Tri-Valley Conservancy competition, April 14, 6:00 — 9:00 pm. Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. 6 p.m. taste of the competition, 7 p.m. winners announced. Tickets and information at [www.trivalleyconservancy.org](http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org)

**Diablo Trails Challenge**, 5K, 10K, half marathon, 50K, Sun., April 17, Hosted by Brazen Racing, this fund-raising run for Save Mount Diablo showcases just a fraction of the Diablo wildernesses' beauty. The 5K, 10K and Half Marathon will all begin and end at Castle Rock Recreation Area in Diablo Foothills, Walnut Creek. The 50K, traditionally a point to point run, will this year be a loop from Castle Rock Recreation Area. All races will be professionally timed. The 50K starts at 6:30 am and all other races will begin taking off at 8:30 am. All runners receive medals and T-shirts after the race. Visit Brazen Racing for more information, [www.brazenracing.com](http://www.brazenracing.com).

**1st Wednesday Street Party**, May 4, 6 to 9 p.m. downtown Pleasanton. Cinco de Mayo celebration. Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**2016 Spring Faire**, Saturday, May 7, from noon to 5:00 p.m., Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Free admission. Springtime blooms in the park, one-of-a-kind arts and crafts, live music, and enjoy great food with a glass of wine or champagne. There are plenty of children's activities as well. [www.dublin.ca.gov/1501/Spring-Faire](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/1501/Spring-Faire)

**70th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show**, Sat., May 7, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Exhibitors registration 8 a.m.; judging 10 a.m.; show open 2 to 5 p.m.; awards ceremony 2:30 p.m. Information, call Alain Pinel office and ask for Leslie, Joyce or Marti, 251-111. Co-sponsored by the City of Pleasanton and Alain Pinel.

**An Evening With... John C. Harper**, Tuesday, May 10, 7 pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series,

## Arts Program Scholarships Available

Producer Jo Schuman Silver, The Steve Silver Foundation and Beach Blanket Babylon - the world's longest running musical revue - have announced the 2016 Steve Silver Foundation and Beach Blanket Babylon "Scholarship for the Arts" program. Created in 2002 as part of its commitment to the arts, the "Scholarship for the Arts" program has grown into an annual event eagerly anticipated by San Francisco Bay Area high school seniors.

High school seniors throughout the San Francisco Bay Area are asked to submit a completed entry form along with a three-minute performance in one of three categories: singing, acting or dancing. Nine finalists — three from each category — will be selected by a panel of performing arts professionals and notified on Monday, May 9, 2016 and will perform their three-minute piece live at Club Fugazi (home of Beach Blanket Babylon) on Monday, June 6, 2016 in front of a panel of celebrity judges and an invited audience made up of their family and friends. One winner from each category will be presented with a \$15,000 check from The Steve Silver Foundation and Beach Blanket Babylon toward their higher education. The "Scholarship for the Arts" is based entirely on talent; grades and financial needs are not factors. All entries must be postmarked or uploaded by 11:59 p.m. PST on Friday, April 29, 2016.

For complete rules and guidelines, or to download an entry form, visit [beachblanketbabylon.com/scholarship](http://beachblanketbabylon.com/scholarship).

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Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museummain.org](http://www.museummain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the

Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museummain.org](http://www.museummain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766. **Livermore Valley Film Festival**, May 13-15, 2016. "Where Science Meets Art." The three-day event will showcase independent and feature films in downtown Livermore. Information and tickets: [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).



**On Saturday, March 26, the Music Pathways All-Stars entertained the residents of Watermark Communities retirement home. Under the direction of Artistic Director Jim Hurley, eight musicians ages 12-17 performed a 30 minute acoustic set that covered a range of genres, from "Pachelbel's Canon" to Santana's "Europa." Funded by the Wente Foundation for Arts Education, Music Pathways is a non-profit program that provides music education to at-risk and disadvantaged Livermore youth. For more information visit [www.music-pathways.org](http://www.music-pathways.org).**

## Poetry Workshop Scheduled

A Poetry Workshop will be presented by Kevin Gunn at an April 16 session hosted by the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch. The workshop at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, begins at 2 p.m.

Gunn is the current Poet Laureate of Livermore. He curates the Ravenswood Poetry Series. In that role, he works with elementary school students and presents workshops in local schools. He also started a Teen Poet of the Month contest program. Kevin is a retired teacher who formed a long-standing poetry club at Livermore High School in 1991. He has won a number of awards in various local contests, including first place in the annual Ina Coolbrith contest. He has been published in *Song of the San Joaquin*, *California Quarterly*, *Chiron Review*, and many local publications. Kevin's chapbook "Hey Yard Duty, Johnny Said the F Word" will be coming out from *Finishing Line Press* in early 2016.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, April 16, 2016, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$12, non-members, \$17. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by email to [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, contact Jordan Bernal at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).

## 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](mailto: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.)

**The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** will meet on Thursday, April 14, 7:00pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Paolo and Darya Ferrer, owners of Succiko, a Castro Valley shop specializing in succulents and air plants will be the speakers. They will provide an overview of the succulent species and growing conditions, and demonstrate design ideas for indoor use. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Futsal team openings**, Hispanic Heritage Center invites boys and girls from 7 - 11 years old to join a futsal team. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays in Junction Ave K-8 School 7-9 years old (6:00 - 6:45 p.m.); 9-11 years old (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.). Fast and exciting style of soccer where a lot of goals take place. Each team has 4 players, a goalkeeper and a few alternates. For more information, contact: Orlando Perez (925) 858-4601 [titi10@yahoo.com](mailto:titi10@yahoo.com) or Alicia Calónico (925) 784-4258 [aliciaalonico@gmail.com](mailto:aliciaalonico@gmail.com).

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Swap Meet**, Sun., April 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Wells Middle School, 6800 Penn Dr., Dublin. Swap, sell or just look. Information, 828-5299. Free admission.

**Mount Diablo Rose Society**, meeting 7:30 p.m. Wed., April 13 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Topic will be the *Fragrance of Roses* presented by Judy Eitzen, a Master Gardener and volunteer at the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden. In addition to providing an overview on the biology of fragrance, Judy will bring many examples of roses to allow us to experience a variety of fragrances. Information, Barbara Norkus @ 925-989-1748 or [bnorkus@caprireaalestate.net](mailto:bnorkus@caprireaalestate.net)

**Dreaming on the Labyrinth**, Planting Seeds of Desire. April 17, 10am-5pm at the Bothwell Performing Arts Center. The day includes, labyrinth, dreamwork and expressive arts...all promoting mindfulness, higher consciousness for creative living. [www.heartofthecreative.com](http://www.heartofthecreative.com) Open to adults 18+ fee: 87 register:[heartofthecreative@gmail.com](mailto:heartofthecreative@gmail.com)

**Tri-Valley Haven's Spring Pace for Peace**, 8 am. on Sat., April 23. The 5K/10K Hope Run will go through the Livermore Valley wine country. Race day registration starts at 7:00 am at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore or to register online follow the link at [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org). All proceeds go to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and homelessness served by Tri-Valley Haven and to our abuse prevention programs. For more information and to download pledge forms, visit The Haven's website: [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or contact Lisa at (925) 667-2728. Proxy pledge donations or sponsorships may be sent to: Tri-Valley Haven - Pace, 3663 Pacific Ave, Livermore, CA 94550.

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** meets 7

p.m. Mon., April 18 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Willie Mims Chair of the Education Committee of the East Contra Costa County NAACP will speak about education and charter schools. Also meet Nate Miley & Brad Parker candidates for Alameda County Supervisor. Refreshment, discussion, public invited.

**Scholarships**, Livermore Filipino-American is offering 3 scholarships to deserving high school seniors pursuing higher education at an accredited college or university. First place will be awarded \$1000, second place \$750, and third place \$500. To be eligible, each applicant must be a current member of the organization or a child of a Fil-Am member and graduating from Livermore High School, Granada High School, or Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory. Please have your child see their guidance counselor for an application. For more information or to get an application form, please contact: Scholarship Committee Chair, Mrs. Raquel Holt, Livermore Filipino-American Organization, Inc., P. O. Box 172, Livermore, CA 94551. Deadline to submit is April 15, 2016.

**Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs)** monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, April 21st from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

**Plant Sale**, Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will hold their gigantic annual Plant Sale on Saturday, April 16, 9am to 1pm in the parking lot of Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, rain or shine. The member grown plants will consist of annuals, perennials, roses, succulents, vegetables, shrubs, drought tolerant plants and trees. Garden related items and plants will be sold at low, low prices. New this year will be grape vine wreaths, birdhouses, tea cup succulents and lavender bags. At 10:30 a workshop will be held to instruct customers in the best way to plant tomatoes for great results. Club members will be available to offer expert advice on plants. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Grief workshop**, Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. Eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 pm starting April 7th, through May 26th, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

**The Tri-Valley Democratic Club** presents a speaker from the NAACP & Dorothy Chou Proudfoot Candidate for Superior Court Judge in Alameda. April 18, 7 p.m. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Refreshment, discussion, public welcome.

**Cake4Kids** members bake and deliver birthday cakes for foster children and at risk youth, who wouldn't otherwise have a

birthday celebration. Each year, Cake-Off 4Kids contest is held to raise funds. It is open to Cake4Kids volunteers and the general public (no professional bakers). Bakers can choose from various categories. The winners receive cash prizes. The event includes refreshments, kids' activities and a silent auction plus unlimited cake tasting of all the contest cakes. The cake contest entry fee for bakers is \$15 Attendee tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids aged 7-14 and kids under age 7 are admitted free. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 11 at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front Street, Danville. For information, go to [www.cake4kids.org](http://www.cake4kids.org). To learn more about the competition, go to <http://www.cake4kids.org/events/>

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, April 14, noon, lunch in San Leandro, RSVP by April 11 to Bette, 510-357-7873. April 17, 1 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by April 14 to Marilyn, 408-420-0130. April 16, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by April 16 to Harriett, 447-8229. April 21, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by April 19, to Mary, 705-7337. April 22, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by April 19 to Marilyn, 408-420-0130. April 24, 12:30 p.m. lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by April 21 to Marsha, 830-8483.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Patrick Lofft. He will present an interactive tour of the varied features of the L-AGS Website. A few of the contents which will be reviewed are: Membership Application, Useful Genealogy Internet Links, Local Public Libraries and other Facilities with Genealogical Holdings, Genealogy Data Records for Eastern Alameda County, California, Member's Publications etc. There is no charge. Visitors are welcome. For additional information contact: Marilyn Glass & Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, email: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Tri-Valley Republican Women** Federated dinner meeting April 14. Guest speaker, Joseph Brocato, will speak on *Unsung Heroes: The Extraordinary Contributions of Women in the Defense of Liberty and Freedom*. This presentation highlights some of the uncommon contributions in the civilian workforce and military support units. Social 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. at Beeb's Restaurant in the banquet room, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. Reservations due by 04/12/2016; \$30 members, \$34 guests. Contact Linda Krikorian — email: [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com) — phone: 925/426-1474.

**6th annual Golf Tournament**, to benefit the Livermore High School Alumni Association. Fri., May 20 at Las Positas Golf Course. Reservations due by May 10. For more information, or to help with this event contact: Kristin waters-Meyer, [skmeyer24@comcast.net](mailto:skmeyer24@comcast.net); Simon Meyer, [skmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:skmeyer@comcast.net); or Jim Perry, [jerry23105@aol.com](mailto:jerry23105@aol.com).

**Del Arroyo 4-H Club**, meets on the third Wednesday of each month. In April, the meeting will be held at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. The meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and end around 8:00 p.m. For more information call Margaret Miller, Club Leader, at 925-447-6980 or email Margaret at [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com).

com. **Five Wishes Workshop**, Heritage Estates will host a presentation by Hope Hospice clinical staff of The Five Wishes. The event will be held Sat., April 16, 10 to 11:30 p.m. at 900 East Stanley Blvd., 2nd floor Independent Living Activities Room, information 373-3636, ext. 210. Presentation by Michael Malek, MD, Hope Hospice Chief Medical Officer; Christine Raymond, FNP-BC, MSN, ACPNP Hope Hospice Nurse Practitioner; and Veronica Martin, MSW, Hope Hospice Social Worker. The Five Wishes is America's most popular living will. At the end of the workshop those attending will be provided with a 5 Wishes document, have an understanding of options at the end of life and how to document final wishes, and have an opportunity to review 5 Wishes with clinical staff.

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

**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.

**Harlem Wizards Basketball Fundraisers Flying Dunk** Sponsor Livermore Dental Care and the Livermore Valley Educational Foundation present the Harlem Wizards vs Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Staff and Students plus Community and Business Leaders at Livermore High School on Thursday, April 21, 2016, and Granada High School on Friday, April 22, 2016. Both games start at 7 p.m. These must-see games will celebrate LVEF's 25th year anniversary and provide fantastic entertainment for all ages. Proceeds benefit LVEF. Student tickets start at \$12/ticket, general admission starts at \$14/ticket. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [LVEF.org](http://LVEF.org) or email [info@lvef.org](mailto:info@lvef.org)

**Tri-Valley Health Fair**, Sat., April 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. The Health Fair will include vendors, dental and vision screenings, physical examinations, entertainment and other health related resources. Those interested in volunteering for the event, contact Valerie Pavlakis at (925) 931-5353 or by email at [vpavlakis@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:vpavlakis@cityofpleasantonca.gov). The Tri-Valley Health Initiative is a collaboration with Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Center for Healthy Schools and Communities,

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Alameda County Social Services Agency, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, John Muir Health, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, City of Dublin, Dublin Unified School District, City of Livermore, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

## Writing club for young adults,

Whether a seasoned writer or just starting out, join published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at Livermore Public Library for the Writing Club for Young Adults, ages 13 through 21 will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month: April 21, and May 19. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5576.

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

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

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

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

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge, investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys

to get to know. SIR Branch #121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel, Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about your opportunities. For more information check our website: [branch121.sirinc2.org](http://branch121.sirinc2.org) or email Neal Cavanaugh at [nealcavanaugh@att.net](mailto:nealcavanaugh@att.net) (put "SIR" in the subject line).

**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 veteran's causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veteran's organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

**Pleasanton Lions Club** welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Check the website for meeting location: [Pleasanton.lionsclub.org](http://Pleasanton.lionsclub.org)

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

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

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

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

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire,** John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month

at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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

**ValleyCare Auxiliary,** Volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floor service, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, call 734-3368.

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews,** affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, [Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org](http://Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org), 485-1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church,**

4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. a friendly congregation welcomes all. Worship at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Also, on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m., newest offering "Come As You Are," is an informal, contemporary worship experience. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake,** Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave: Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St. 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

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

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

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

**Center for Spiritual Living** Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://csllvighthouse.org>.

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

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** for women of all ages and life stages. Meets Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am through May 15, St. Charles Parish - Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Questions: Donna Leach (925-443-6815) [[dleach45@gmail.com](mailto:dleach45@gmail.com)] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002) [[adele\\_obrien@hotmail.com](mailto:adele_obrien@hotmail.com)]

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

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**Unity of Tri-Valley** - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. [www.trivalleyunity.org](http://www.trivalleyunity.org) (925.829.2733).

**Grief Workshop,** to help people with the healing journey. Eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 pm starting April 7th, through May 26th, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. Call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

# Milestones

## Las Positas College Talk Hawks Shine at International Tournament in Vienna

The Las Positas College (LPC) "Talk Hawks" forensic team made its mark at the International Forensics Association (IFA) Tournament held in Vienna, Austria earlier this month. The team competed against 15 other teams, finishing in first place amongst all two-year institutions, and second place overall.

"We are extremely proud of our team's performance at the international competition, where they demonstrated great skill and poise and served as excellent ambassadors for our

school and our nation," according to LPC President Barry Russell, PhD.

Tim Heisler, director of the LPC forensics program, noted that this is LPC's eighth year of participation in the international event. He added that the previous seven tournaments brought home two international champions, while this year the team won four events and added five new national champions to its roster in one single competition.

The students paid their own travel expenses to make the trip, which also included an opportunity to tour Vienna for three days. During this time they went to the opera, heard a performance of music by Mozart, perhaps the country's most famous native son, and visited neighboring Slovakia.

Students winning individual awards were: Phillip Bannister, International Champion-Duo Interpretation, 4th Place-Informative Speaking, 7th Place-Poetry Interpretation; Jennie De Rose, International Champion-Prose Interpretation, 6th Place-Persuasive Speaking; Kimbria Mitchell, 5th Place-Dramatic Interpretation

Vincent Walker, International Champion-Informative Speaking, 3rd Place-Dramatic Interpretation, 6th Place-Poetry Interpretation; Katelyn Harper, International Champion-Duo Interpretation, 7th Place-Speech to Entertain; Erin McQueen, 3rd Place-Dramatic Interpretation, 6th Place-Poetry Interpretation; Danielle Leedeman, International Champion-Speech to Entertain, 3rd Place-Rhetorical Criticism

The Forensics program is the official designation for the Las Positas College Speech Team. This academically competitive program travels locally, nationally and internationally to compete at tournaments throughout the year. The Forensics program started at LPC in 1975 and is currently the top speech team in Northern California.



Pictured are (from left) Joshua Montez - Tracy, Danielle Leedeman - Pleasanton, Kimbria Mitchell - Castro Valley, Vincent Walker - Castro Valley, Phillip Bannister - Castro Valley, Katelyn Harper - Livermore, Jennie De Rose - Castro Valley, and Erin McQueen - Livermore.



Pictured are (back row, from left) Jim Dobson - coach, Vincent Walker - Castro Valley, Katelyn Harper - Livermore, Phillip Bannister - Castro Valley, Joshua Montez - Tracy, Danielle Leedeman - Pleasanton, Tim Heisler - coach; (front row) Erin McQueen - Livermore, Jennie De Rose - Castro Valley, and Kimbria Mitchell - Castro Valley.

## ROMANCE



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Perkins and Mr. David Kleckner, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cassandra Kleckner to Eric Carrillo. The happy couple will wed the summer of 2017.

## Hempel Joins LVEF Board

Keven Hempel has joined the Board of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF).

A Livermore native since 2004, Keven is a father, husband, and founder of True North Services Inc., a business advisory consultancy. His writing has been published in the California Hotel & Lodging Association magazine, CACM Vi-

sion Magazine, and The CAI Communicator. He has also given presentations to Tri-Valley business organizations on business growth strategies.

Keven's "Laundry Buddy" earned first place in the "Invention Most Likely to Succeed" category at the Las Positas College 2013 "Shark Tank Incubator" competition. "I feel that inspiring the

young and providing them opportunities is the best way to leave a mark on their future," says Keven. "I felt like LVEF was a perfect fit for what my beliefs and values are. I know by being a part of this great team, it will allow me to reach out, volunteer and inspire the community in any way I can!"

For more information about LVEF visit [www.lvef.org](http://www.lvef.org).

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