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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.

More TVLC Resignations Show Reform Movement Underway

By Ron McNicoll

A slow-building movement to change the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) board's personnel and culture that started in January came to a crescendo at a board meeting April 28. The meeting drew an estimated 200 parents and teachers.

TVLC manages the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) and

Livermore Valley Charter Prep.

Some in the audience learned for the first time that earlier in the week former board president Tim Hall had resigned his board membership. He was not present at the meeting.

They also heard that the board's attorney, Derek Austin, will be leaving May 31. TVLC will be looking for outside legal services

to replace him. Austin was present at the meeting.

The Reform Our Schools group seeks to create accountability at the corporate level including the TVLC Board of Directors and the TVLC Executive Team. As a way to begin reforms, audience members called for the resignations of board president Scott Lessard and board member Dave Goulart,

Livermore residents. Both men defended themselves.

Lessard has been accused by the LVCS Site Council as not legitimately holding his seat. The council contends that he had not been nominated by the site council for re-election to the board Dec. 10. A school site nominee must be nominated by that council. However, the voting that selects

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New Bus Routes OKed Haggerty Says Dublin 'Short-Changed'

Changes in Wheel bus service were approved Monday by the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA).

The vote was 6 to 1 with Supervisor Scott Haggerty opposed. Dublin Councilmember Don Bidle recorded two votes, one for himself, the other for Mayor David Haubert, who was absent. LAVTA rules allow one representative to place a vote for a representative of the same city who is not present.

Thomas Wittmann of Nelson Nygaard noted that there is more need than can be accommodated within the existing budget.

Highest priority in the changes represented improved access to the East and West Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations. Ten new and modified routes serve BART, including two routes that will operate on a 15-minute Rapid frequency all day on weekdays.

The new Route 580X will operate from the Livermore Transit Center/Downtown Parking Garage directly to BART using the new I-580 Express lanes during the commute times on weekdays. The 580X is projected to take approximately 15-20 minutes to arrive at the BART station.

Las Positas College will have 15-minute all day Rapid service directly connecting to BART and ACE in Livermore.

Wheels will introduce a new

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin Pride activities last weekend drew large numbers of volunteers, who gathered at Emerald Glen Park to receive instructions and then head out to their sites. They undertook a variety of tasks from helping seniors to improving schools and beautifying parks.

Sikh Center Wins Permit To Operate in Measure D Area

By Ron McNicoll

A Sikh religious community has won approval from the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) to open a center on developed property at the northwest corner of Interstate 580 and

North Livermore Avenue. The area is just outside the Urban Growth Boundary set by Alameda County Measure D.

The approval, a 2-0 vote, took place on April 28, with chair Larry Gosselin and member Frank Imhof

voting in favor of the use. Heather McGrail Lorier was absent on leave.

Officials of the Tri-Valley Sikh Center will return at a future meet-

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Tesla Motors Plans Large Facility in Livermore

Tesla Motors Inc. has leased warehouse space in Livermore totaling over 1 million square feet.

The Palo Alto-based company, led by Elon Musk, reportedly could also take another roughly 300,000-square-foot building at the same location.

The Oaks Business Park, under way on Discovery Drive, located near the Livermore Municipal Airport and about 20 miles from Tesla's Fremont factory.

The deal highlights Tesla's ramp-up as it prepares to fulfill pre-orders for its less-expensive Model 3 sedan starting at the end of 2017.

The Model 3 starts at \$35,000 and even though it is not expected to start shipping until late next year, Tesla has received more than 400,000 pre-orders.

The Livermore project, developed by Trammell Crow Co. and partner Bentall Kennedy, is relatively close to Fremont to make it attractive, experts said. The location could also allow Tesla to attract a workforce from a larger geography, such as the Central Valley.

Its LEED credentials, its central location, interstate access and exposure all carry the day according to a site selection expert.

Another major Bay Area company announced plans to move to

(See TESLA, page 4)

Two Vie for District 16 Assembly Seat

Two candidates are on the June 7, 2016 ballot seeking the State Assembly, 16th District.

Incumbent, Republican Catharine Baker, faces a challenge by Democrat Cheryl Cook-Kallio. With only two candidates in the race, both will move on to run against each other in November 2016.

The Independent interviewed both, asking questions about BART, water, education, and health care, among other topics.

The interviews are in alphabetical order.

CATHARINE BAKER

Catharine Baker will be seeking her second term in the Assembly. A Dublin resident, she worked as an attorney prior to her election. She prides herself on being able to work across party lines to achieve results.

When she first ran in 2014, she expressed opposition to the proposed twin tunnels under the Delta. She said, "I was strongly against the plan in 2014. I co-authored legislation that would have put the issue back on the ballot. While, the bill didn't move forward, I believe it was a way to make a statement."

Baker said that the price tag is too high with no upper limit; there are environmental impacts and the tunnels won't provide any additional water.

Baker also opposes the high speed rail. "It needs to be scrapped." There are better ways to use the money for such things as water investments, on schools, and needed transportation infrastructure.

"I believe in BART to ACE. Nothing but good could come out of the connection." Baker said she introduced a bill that would have set up a joint powers author-

ity (JPA) that would take the EIR process away from BART. The JPA would involve representatives from East Bay Leadership, Innovation Tri-Valley, San Joaquin and Alameda counties. The group would advocate for the extension to ACE much as the way businesses in Silicon Valley lobbied for the BART extension to San Jose.

The bill would be the first step, she said. That would be followed by putting out a real concept for the extension with funding and identification of those who would be part of the effort. Baker said that the idea would not likely move forward this year because of broader discussions concerning BART. She added that she would be happy to hold hearings on the idea in the Tri-Valley.

Other issues concerning BART have to do with the ability of work-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Gemma Anderson, climate scientist in astrophysics at LLNL talks with a student.

Dublin Voters Face Decision on \$283 Million Bond

Dublin Unified School District voters will be asked in the June 7 primary election whether they want to approve a \$283 million bond issue to fund school construction and refurbishing needs for the next 15 years or more.

An approval of 55% would be needed to approve the measure. The bond description itself, written by County Counsel Donna Ziegler talks about the financial ramifications of the debt.

The estimated tax rate would be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. To pay off the bonds, because of the interest charged, the bonds would cost \$552 million total.

The ballot argument in favor of Measure H says that there will be an annual audit, a citizens oversight committee, and the funds will stay in Dublin.

Building more schools will prevent overcrowding. The funds will

pay to update aging classrooms and science labs, help buildings meet fire and safety codes, and improve energy efficiency. Outdated portable classrooms will be replaced. Access will be ensured for students with disabilities.

The bond will provide good facilities and instructional technology that will attract and retain the best teachers, says the ballot argument in favor of Measure H.

The pro-Measure H signers

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Dinner Offers Insights into A Variety of Career Paths

By Carol Graham

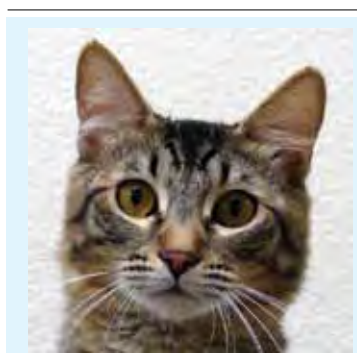
Huda Rahhal learned much while having "Dinner With a Scientist."

"I gained a lot of details about jobs, which was what I was looking for," said the Foothill High School sophomore. "I want to understand what is it that I would do if I majored in this or that. After all, I'd be doing it for the rest of my life. What

better way to understand jobs than to talk to employees?"

Dinner With a Scientist took place on April 21 at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. More than 45 Tri-Valley girls in grades 9-12 participated in the opportunity to speak with women working in STEAM (science, technology,

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PET OF THE WEEK

Enjoy personalized attention with Porter! A lively young tabby, Porter can be found clambering up cat towers, exploring moving toys and circling back for cuddles; it's all in a day's work for this amiable feline. He has a streak of independence, but is happiest in company. Pick up one-year-old Porter before he gets whisked away! He is waiting patiently 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/G. Subramonian

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Perfect weather resulted in large crowds attending the Livermore Valley Wine Country Fest over the weekend in downtown Livermore. The event included arts and crafts booths, community booths, entertainment, children's activities and beer and wine tasting.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Last year, Esperanza Morales-Rodriguez and her 14-month old daughter, Yulidia Perez Morales, were hit and killed, and two boys aged six and seven were injured in an alleged drunk driving crash after the close of the 2015 Livermore Wine Country Festival. A memorial was held to honor the victims to raise public awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. MADD San Francisco Bay Area members and the victims' families and friends gathered at the site of the crash. Pictured is Carol Leister from the MADD advisory board placing flowers.

Junction K-8 Students to Receive Lessons in Computer Coding

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District launched a partnership with Knodemy, an education technology company, to teach computer coding to students in after school programs at Junction K-8 School.

Knodemy, a Livermore-based start-up company will provide students enrolled in two after-school programs with a new kind of remote-learning opportunity. Students in grades 4-8 will participate in hour-long sessions once per week for six weeks with instructors from Knodemy. Using individual chrome books, students will learn computer programming and web concepts utilizing programs including Scratch, a coding platform that allows students to create their own stories, games, and animations.

The Livermore BELIEVES (Broadens & Enriches Lives, Instills Educational Values, Encourages Students) program will host this new remote-learning partnership. BELIEVES is a free after school program open to all Junction students in grades 1-5. Participants attend daily until 6 pm and receive homework support, snack, supper, and enrichment opportunities

on a daily basis. The PAL program, the grades 6-8 program at Junction, will offer the Knodemy coursework. PAL is run in partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARP).

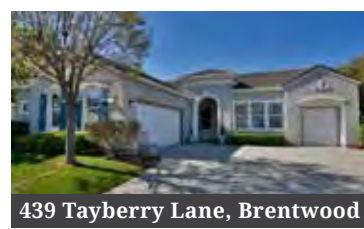
"It's an exciting development for our after school programming" says Kim Farrand, Administrator on Special Assignment. Farrand championed this partnership and coordinated its implementation. "All trends indicate that online learning will continue to play an ever more integral role in the education of our students."

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) remain key focus areas for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. "The career opportunities that are available to students with skills in the STEM areas often include high paying, high demand

jobs," says Amy Robbins, Director of Curriculum. "By introducing elementary and middle school aged students to these new activities through the partnership with Knodemy, students will develop new skills and deeper understanding in order to be prepared to maximize the opportunities available at the high school level."

Regina Brinker, STEM Coordinator for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, stated, "It's great for Livermore that the School District can partner with a local start-up company to implement this program. Many innovative companies and technologies are being developed right here in Livermore through the two National Laboratories, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia, as well as through the iGate innovation hub and incubator located right in the heart of downtown."

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Regular Pap tests can help diagnose cervical cancer early, but what else can you do to lower your risk? Join us for a free community talk with Stanford Medicine physicians to learn about causes and risk factors for cervical cancer, treatment options, and steps you can take to help prevent this disease.

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1119 E Stanley Blvd (Cardiopulmonary Room) • Livermore, CA 94550
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Thursday, May 26 • 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

PG&E Funds Paid to Cities

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is paying property taxes and franchise fees of more than \$318 million this spring to the 50 counties and 243 cities where the utility owns and operates gas and electric infrastructure that serves 16 million Californians, including millions to East Bay cities and counties.

Dublin will receive \$647,671; Livermore \$644,945; and Pleasanton \$687,984.

PG&E pays franchise fees to cities and counties for the use of public streets for its gas and electric facilities. The utility submitted the fees to counties by March 31 and to cities by April 15.

PG&E's franchise fee payments to East Bay cities and counties totaled more than \$28.2 million – more than \$11.1 million for natural gas and more than \$17 million for electric service.

Fee to Be Phased Out

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority Board unanimously adopted a resolution that phases out the Agency's Benchmark service and fee in June 2017, saving close to \$1 million each year for garbage ratepayers in the county. The service, funded by an annual fee to garbage account holders in Alameda County, was developed to increase the level of waste reduction in households and businesses in the county.

The service began in 2013 and has provided account holders with information on waste reduction performance. The idea for the program, based on academic studies, was that feedback to account holders on recycling performance would result in improved recycling habits.

Account holders will continue paying for the fee (ranging from \$1.74 to \$20.68 annually depending on the level of garbage service) through June 30, 2017, with a final report going out to account holders in July 2017. More information on the Benchmark service can be found at www.stopwaste.org/benchmark.

Cook-Kallio Endorsed

Education leaders in the 16th Assembly District and throughout California, including State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and former State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, have

endorsed Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Assembly, calling her a leader in education.

In addition to Superintendents Torlakson and Eastin, Cheryl Cook-Kallio is supported by local education leaders throughout the district and the state, including Trustee Joan Laursen, Pleasanton Unified School District; Trustee Chris Grant, Pleasanton Unified School District; Board President Craig Bueno, Livermore Valley Unified School District; and Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli, Chabot-Las Positas College Board.

Amador Park Update

After a lengthy investigation, Pleasanton Police Detectives established information that a shooting had occurred at the park and there was in fact two victims who were narrowly missed by the rounds. Patrol officers detained Trevor Copeland, leaving the park shortly after the shooting. The investigation revealed that Copeland was in fact responsible for the shooting and had specifically targeted the two victims. A search warrant was served by the Criminal Investigations Unit at Copeland's home on May 3, 2016.

Evidence of the crime was located at Copeland's residence. He was arrested for two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Copeland admitted to his involvement, including the fact that his motive was to rob the two victims.

Copeland was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Miley Endorsed

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, up for reelection in the June 2016 primary, received the endorsement of 14 term Congresswoman Barbara Lee, 13th District of California.

On announcing the endorsement Congresswoman Lee said, "I've known Nate for over 25 years from our early work together when he was on the Oakland City Council. Nate has always been a champion for the disadvantaged, especially seniors and youth. He puts the public's interest first, has a track record of delivering services, and the know-how to get the job done."

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Eena Duggal, Family Medicine
4456 Black Ave., STE 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566

ValleyCare Physicians Associates
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Pleasanton, CA 94588

5575 W. Las Positas Blvd., STE 130 & 330,
Pleasanton, CA 94588

5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., STE 110,
Pleasanton, CA 94588

EDITORIALS

Zone 7 Water Board: Angela Ramirez Holmes and Eric Thiel

On the June 7, 2016 ballot, seven candidates are seeking one of three open seats on the Zone 7 Water Board of Directors.

After interviewing all seven, The Independent recommends incumbent Angela Ramirez Holmes and newcomer Eric Thiel for election.

Both question the need for the Delta Fix involving the construction of twin tunnels to deliver water to the south.

As an incumbent, Ramirez Holmes has questioned management when it comes to issues such as the twin tunnels, transparency, and rate increases. She says of the Delta Fix, "I'm convinced it is not the best thing for our buck. I think the State Water Project, with tunnels or not, faces the same issues of drought. It is not helping in regard to diversifying our water supply or improving water conservation." On financial management, Ramirez Holmes pushed for stronger fiscal oversight, calling for regular Finance Committee meetings to better scan financial issues.

With regard to transparency, Ramirez Holmes proposed televising board meetings. She suggested there be more public outreach to inform the public about what Zone 7 is doing.

Thiel would bring a strong environmental background to the board. He has taught high school, taking classes for years to the Arroyo Del Valle to study the ecology of the stream. This has given him a working knowledge of the importance of the arroyos to water and wildlife. Based on the information he has seen, Thiel said, "I'm not convinced the Delta Fix will make the necessary changes to promote sustainability. It would foster additional growth, not focus on additional conservation."

The other two incumbents on the ballot, Sandy Figuers and Dick Guigley, should not be returned to the board. They continue to support the twin tunnels despite evidence that the tunnels are too costly, will not add any water, and will have negative environmental impacts. In addition, we have found them to be too in lockstep with management, failing to ask questions that need to be answered.

We believe that Angela Ramirez Holmes and Eric Thiel would best represent the public on water issues on the Zone 7 board.

Measure K: No

Pleasanton voters will decide the future of the current Lund Ranch development plan in June.

Measure K on the June ballot asks if the project in Southeast Pleasanton should be approved.

In our opinion, it should not be.

While we think it is overall a good project, one aspect of it we believe violates Measure PP, the ridgeland protection measure. Measure PP prohibits structures on slopes of 25% or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline.

A portion of one of the roads within the Lund Ranch development would be constructed on a slope that exceeds 25%. There has been controversy over what constitutes a structure and whether the definition includes roads. The City's municipal code is clear. It defines "structure" as anything constructed or erected which requires a location on the ground.

Some argue that only a very short stretch of the road goes over a 25% slope. That's not the point. Allowing a violation of the provisions of Measure PP, no matter how small, sets a precedent that could be used to allow similar violations for future developments proposed in hilly areas.

The vote is not about an up or down vote on Lund Ranch, it is about protecting Measure PP and its provisions. We urge a "no" vote on Measure K.

Swimming, Wading Okay Again at Lake Del Valle

Swimming and wading are once again permitted at Lake Del Valle. However, visitors to the popular park south of Livermore should avoid getting lake water in their mouths, East Bay Regional Park District announced.

Swimming and wading had been prohibited at the lake since December because of the presence of toxic blue-green algae growths.

"Blue-green algae" refers to a range of algae and bacteria that live naturally in lakes and sometimes release toxic chemicals.

Why this happens is not clear, but the process is often associated with warm temperatures and stagnant waters.

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.

The toxins were first detected at Del Valle in December and found again in January but not since then, according to Hal MacLean, water management supervisor for the Park District.

Still, areas of algae growth are sometimes visible in the lake and could be blown into swim areas, he said.

He cautioned swimmers and waders to stay away from algae patches and to avoid getting lake water in their mouths.

Del Valle Regional Park is managed by East Bay Regional Park District for the State of California.

Las Positas College Plans Expanded Work-Based Learning

Las Positas College has launched a Work-Based Learning Initiative, which supports the college's role in building the area workforce and provides new opportunities for employers, students and alumni. The college's Career Technical Education (CTE) Program administers the initiative. It includes activities supporting work-based learning and a new website connecting employers with Las Positas College students and alumni.

"Las Positas College plays a pivotal role in fueling economic development in our region," said Las Positas College President Barry A. Russell, "Our new Work-Based Learning Initiative supports this role, strengthens our area workforce and promotes prosperity in our community."

CTE Project Manager Vicki Shipman said the college has always offered work-based learning op-

portunities. The initiative will increase these activities, which include internships, job shadowing, field trips, guest lecturers, career-related student competitions, work experience, service learning and faculty externships.

Shipman explained there are benefits for both employers and students. "For example, employers are able to recruit and screen potential employees and students get real-world experience in a specific industry and learn about the workplace. It's a win-win opportunity for everyone."

Shipman said employers can participate in work-based learning activities through a new College Central Network Services website www.collegecentral.com/laspositascollege. Las Positas College students and alumni can register for internship and job shadowing

opportunities on the website. The website services are free of charge.

For job placement opportunities, people can visit the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center at www.trivalleyonestop.org. The career center connects qualified job seekers with employment and career development opportunities. It provides employers with job-ready candidates, recruiting assistance, customized training and outplacement services. The center has offices on the Las Positas College campus in the Student Services and Administration Building, Room 1604-C, and at 6300 Village Pkwy. in Dublin.

The college's CTE Program focuses on specific industry sectors, ensuring a talent pipeline of skilled workers from the college to the workplace. Industry sectors served by the CTE Program are the following:

Public Safety and Health Sciences (Administration of Justice, Administrative Medical Assistant, Biomedical Sciences and Fire Sciences/Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services); Business and Entrepreneurship (Business/Marketing/Accounting, Early Childhood Development, Interior Design and Viticulture and Enology); Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation (Automotive Technologies, Engineering Technology, Welding and Fabrication and Occupational Safety and Health); and Information, Communication and Technology (Computer Sciences, Mass Communication, Theater Technician and Visual Communications/Digital Media).

For more information about Las Positas College's CTE Program, please visit www.laspositascollege.edu/careereducation.

SIKH

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ing to iron out details about what is expected of them on the 2 acres of agriculture on the 9 acre parcel.

The property was used to raise chickens, honey bees and strawberries by a previous owner. Spokesperson Jarnail Gummah said that the community will not raise chickens, but likes the other two uses. He said that food is important at a Sikh gathering, with many Sikhs originating in India's major agricultural area of the Punjab.

Two Sikh community members bought the house, to establish the center, so Tri-Valley Sikh Center members won't have to drive to Fremont and San Jose for services. They use rental space in Dublin as a temporary location for the center.

Gummah told the BZA that one member brought in a petition supporting the project signed by 10 members who live in the unincorporated area of the county.

Sierra Club representa-

tive Dick Schneider contended that most of the members live in Tri-Valley cities. That shows a predominately urban use for the property. It's the intention of Measure D that new uses in the Measure D area should primarily serve agricultural uses and people living there, said Schneider.

Schneider said this week he will meet with representatives from Friends of Livermore and Friends of the Vineyards to see whether they will file an appeal of the decision with the Board of Supervisors.

Others also spoke against the use. Jean King, representing Friends of Livermore, said that granting the application is inconsistent with Measure D. "In 2000, voters approved a long-range plan. Implementation has been absolutely essential. Everyone needs to follow the rules," said King.

Monica DePalmo, a board member at Friends of the Vineyards, said that the

use is not legal according to the East County Area Plan (ECAP). "It would change the character of the area," she said.

Gummah, spokesperson for the Sikh presentation, said that the proposal meets local land zoning law and local, state and federal law.

The Tri-Valley Sikh Center already owns the home on the property. They were told by the planning department that there would be no problem in getting approval, said Gummah.

Gummah said he foresees donating food to charities.

Although the commitment to agriculture provides a link to the rural area, BZA chair Larry Gosselin said that he sees the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) as relevant, and voted for the use based on that.

Basically, the law prevents discrimination against religious congregations who

own land and want to build on a site. Its proponents contend it takes precedence over zoning laws.

Gosselin said that in his reading of court cases, it was clear to him that the RLUIPA law supersedes Measure D.

Schneider, co-author of Measure D, said that other applications have come to the county citing RLUIPA. In every instance the Alameda County Board of Supervisors denied the application.

TESLA

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the same center last year. Gillig, a 125-year-old, family-owned company and the nation's second largest builder of transit buses, will occupy a half-million square-foot manufacturing and office facility at the new Oaks Business Park.

MAILBOX

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Yes on Dublin Measure H Jean Josey Dublin

Dublin has great schools, because Dublin residents support school bonds. The state owes Dublin \$28 Million from the construction of Amador Elementary; we don't know when or if that will be repaid. Dublin already assesses developers at the highest legal rate. Measure H is the only way to get enough money to start the first phase of a second high school. Measure H is the only way to repair the aging elementary schools in our district. Measure H is the only way to build more science labs at our secondary schools.

Dublin is the fastest growing city in Northern California. We are legally obligated to educate all these new students. Without Measure H, the money to house those students must come from the general fund, which would mean program cuts, larger class sizes, boundary adjustments, or even worse options like year-round calendar, or double sessions. Yes, our taxes are high, but good local schools protect our property

values. Our students deserve our support. Vote Yes on Measure H.

Vasco Road Landfill Jim Frerking Livermore

Dump fees at the Republic Services - Vasco Land Fill are getting excessively high, at least that is my feeling. No wonder so many people dump their trash along the sides of rural roads. A person working at minimum wage has to work over 3 hours (before taxes) to dump one single yard of trash at the Vasco Landfill. Who controls the dump fees in Alameda County? If it is Alameda County that Republic Services have to go to for an approval to set their fees then my feeling is that someone is turning a blind eye in the county, or/ and for sure they have not checked outlying areas to see what others are doing. After seeing the landfill located in Roseville, Roseville is recycling what is dumped from every car or truck or trailer. The Roseville site is the most modern facility I have ever seen (granted I have not toured the county inspecting them). In comparison at the Vasco Landfill where, you dump it, they bulldoze it and compact it. Vasco does not take notice of what it is.

I was at my son's home in Roseville just this past weekend and he is doing some remodeling to his home. He had a load we were going to take to the local dumps which we were taking in a dump trailer. This load included old cabinets and tile countertops as well. I told him this load would cost him far more than he thinks, because at

the Vasco dumps you pay for a MINIMUM 1 ton (ONE) whether you dump 2,000 lbs or 500 lbs out of my dump trailer and the cost at Vasco Landfill is \$83.50 per ton + FEES = \$109.38 a load (as of May 2015). At that he called the Lincoln Landfill site and inquired. They told him the cost would be \$47.00 per ton. We drove out to the site, which makes Vasco Landfill look like something out of the 60's, and were weighed in and after dumping were weighed out. To our surprise they only charge for what you dump and in this case was 1,020 lbs or \$23.97 total, also no surcharge fees of any kind, at the Vasco Landfill the cost would have been \$109.38 (as of May 2015). See Roseville Landfill at <http://www.wpwma.com/landfill.html>

Something is wrong here, we all want our cities to be well kept but with the fees charged at the landfills some people are going to continue to dump their trash on the side of the road and if it continues more people will follow in their footsteps. I think it is only right that Alameda County look at other counties and think "WHAT ARE WE DOING WRONG?"

Yes on Proposition 50 Barbara Hempill, Member League of Women Voters California Pleasanton

The League of Women Voters California supports Proposition 50 (SCA 17) on the June 7 ballot. This constitutional amendment will give the houses of the legislature clear authority to discipline members by suspending them and withholding their pay, benefits and privileges of of-

fice, reflecting the League's concern for accountability and combating corruption. Lawmakers should be able to hold their colleagues accountable if they breach the public's trust. Safeguards in the measure will prevent this authority from being misused for partisan purposes.

Downtown Livermore John Cotton Livermore

I was fascinated to read the article on Livermore's downtown renovation in the most recent Independent. As long-time residents at Tahoe, we regularly commuted to the South Bay via Livermore, initially on Ist/Holmes Streets. Once the rerouting started, we chose to bypass via Greenville & Tesla. As a result we missed the changes as they were being made.

In 2011 when we were looking for a new residence, we were very pleasantly surprised to see a brand new downtown. This renewal was clearly a bold step in the right direction. I can understand now why a move to make the central area purely pedestrian might have seemed too bold given the times. However, the one remaining drawback from making central downtown into a truly superb setting is the continued presence of automobiles.

It seems to me that the current program of developing much of the area presents an opportunity to take the next step. This is not 1950's American Graffiti. The practice of "cruising" is now a good three generations out of date. I sincerely hope a movement is started to eliminate the one blot that remains in Livermore's downtown.

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State of the City: Dublin a Great Place to Live and Do Business

Dublin Mayor David Haubert delivered his state of the city talk at a luncheon hosted by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

He started by declaring, "The state of the city is almost an emotional day for me. I get to reflect back on what a great city Dublin really is, to look at last year, today and where the city is headed."

The introduction was followed by a brief video focused on various aspects of the city, with the theme, "Dublin is a place where businesses and residents can live the American dream."

Business people talked about how the city had been supportive in helping them to open and to carry on successfully. "Dublin represents a good place to attract talent, not just local talent, but from San Francisco and Silicon Valley. There are great transportation links with BART nearby, carpools, park and rides. It's just perfect. People can get here easily. Our staff love commuting here," said Giles House of Callidus-Cloud.

It was noted that retail provides a range of options. There are expanded dining opportunities.

Haubert offered some facts about the city. There are 8 million square feet of commercial space and 22,320 employees. The unemployment rate at 2.8% represents a very low number. The 15 square miles includes 2050 businesses with the numbers growing.

He continued, noting that Dublin is a very young city, with about 60% of the residents below the age of 40. "That means young families are moving here." The population is diverse with a high percentage of

Asian and Indian residents.

"We are about two-thirds of the way through a massive transformation with about ten years to go before build-out. There will be a lot of growth over the next ten years," according to Haubert.

He stated that residents enjoy a high quality of life with quality affordable housing, recreation and good schools. He mentioned 65 affordable units built specifically to house veterans.

Dublin, he said, has been a leader in the use of recycled water. About 90% of the water used for city operations is recycled.

He asked, "Who has the guts to build a water park in the middle of a drought. We do, because we saved 164 million gallons of potable

water in 2015."

After fifteen years of planning, the water park is projected to open in 2017. "If you're a kid in Dublin, it's a great time," he declared.

The future includes new parks, as well as a military history center.

Haubert continued, stating that the city manages its money wisely. "We save and spend. We don't borrow." The city is fiscally sound with property and sales tax both having increased over the past year.

In the future, revenues from property and sales taxes will level off. At the same time, the need for revenues for parks and continuing services will increase. As we move closer to the end of growth, we will have to make changes in how we

budget and bring in revenue, according to Haubert.

Haubert said, "Word on the street is that Dublin is a good place to come to." Information regarding the city has been translated into Chinese. There are opportunity sites along the freeway that we are marketing to businesses who want to come to Dublin."

In the future, Dublin Crossing will include a hotel. A 1000 new residences will be built across from BART. The East County Hall of Justice is under construction. All will bring jobs and people who spend money. Kaiser is coming to town with specialty services, including oncology, heart and specialized needs.

"Dublin is a good place to live now and in the future."

Modernizing U.S. Electrical Grid Is Subject of Talk Next Week

Efforts to modernize the aging U.S. electrical grid will be discussed next Wednesday, May 11, at a dinner meeting 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 this Saturday, May 7.

Speaker will be John Grosh, a deputy associate director at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Laboratory's efforts are part of a 3-year collaboration sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy involving utilities, other national laboratories, academia and state and local agencies.

Most of the U.S. electrical grid is more than half a century old, and some parts were literally built in the 19th Century. Weather-related outages alone cost the U.S. economy tens of billions of dollars per year, according to industry sources.

Industry experts point to the need for upgrading hardware but also developing and installing interactive computer controls and cybersecurity features while simultaneously integrating new and widely distributed power sources like wind and solar energy generators.

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

Yes on K Reports Most Money

Contribution reports for Measure K, show the "yes" side collecting more money than those opposed to the measure. Voting yes on the measure would approve the Lund Ranch development.

Measure K, on the June 7, 2016 ballot, asks voters to approve Greenbriar Homes' Lund Ranch development approved by the city council in January.

On the "no" side, Save Pleasanton Hillside reported collecting just over \$42,000 between Jan. 1 and

April 23, 2016. The group spent just over \$26,000 for paid signature collectors. Contributing over \$5000 or more each were David Malough, Greg O'Conner, Allen Roberts, Greg Wohlenberg, and William Lincoln.

Three different groups in support of "yes" filed reports.

Protect Pleasanton Neighborhoods reported \$3020 in monetary and non-monetary donations. The group reported 26 donations

ranging from \$25 to \$300. Mike Edwards with \$300, Wayne Strickler \$250, and George Dort, \$150 were the top donors.

Greenbriar Homes Communities, Inc. and Affiliated Entities, including GMC Lund Ranch, LLC reported \$57,617 in expenditures and contributions with \$42,500 spent on consulting.

Yes on Measure K reported \$15,625 in monetary donations with \$15,000 coming from GHS Lund Ranch LLC.

LARPD Board OKs Funds for Asset Management Program

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) board approved the expenditure of \$90,000 to create an asset management program.

The vote was unanimous. Board member Beth Wilson stated, "I think this is an important project."

The City of Livermore is currently undergoing a study and establishment of its Asset Management Program. The opportunity presented itself for LARPD to do a study by using the same consultant, Kayuga Solution. The District, by agreement, manages a large number of City-owned properties.

General Manager Tim Barry noted that there was an opportunity for the district to piggy-back at a reduced cost on work being done for the City.

"The district has long needed such a program," he commented.

The project would look at all of the district's assets and determine current condition and replacement life cycles for each. The information gathered from the study will go into a software database the District can use to identify budgetary needs each year and to manage resources.

Once up and running, LARPD staff would be trained to operate the program.

Board President Steve Goodman, while wholeheartedly in favor of moving head, warned other board members, "I think it will be quite sobering to get the information. I think we will find we have a lot of assets we've forgotten. There is likely to be a tremendous amount of cost involved in going forward. It will be interesting to see what the strategies will be. It will impact everything. There is only so much money."

WHEELS

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type of service in the Dublin area. The Wheels On Demand service will replace bus service in areas that a study found cannot support fixed route service.

Haggerty objected to the changes. He said that with the elimination of some routes, Dublin residents were being short-changed. He said he had proposed running a shuttle service around Dublin, an idea never explored. On demand service, using private companies such as Uber and Lyft, Haggerty said would just cost residents more money. "Dublin residents aren't getting a fair shake out of the tax dollars they put into the system. I'm not in my happy spot."

Some of the changes include the elimination of routes 2 and 3 in Dublin. Bus service would be added to Dublin High and Fallon School. Route 3 was realigned in Pleasanton.

In a deviation from the proposed changes, the board directed staff to look at three routes that offer access to the national laboratories in Livermore. The new schedule, as proposed, would eliminate the 20X route, which Dublin residents in the audience said they used to get to their jobs at the labs. One Dublin resident and Lab employee noted

that he didn't think the full ridership of the 20X route was reflected in the data. "I do not want 20X deleted."

He and several others pointed to the increased ridership each summer when the labs bring in interns and summer students. Concerns were raised about the increased time the commute would take from Dublin if the changes were implemented as proposed.

Staff will consider the 20X, 11 and 580X routes to determine if there were a way to provide better commute options for those working at the labs.

Complaints were received regarding the elimination of some stops on routes, making it harder for those in wheelchairs and those who have difficulty walking to use the buses.

One group in the audience was pleased with the changes. A contingent of 18 residents and staff members from Stoneridge Creek and Creekside in Pleasanton applauded the addition of a stop at the facilities. They noted that a bus stop had been required as part of the development, but there was no bus. With the new route, they will be able to take the bus to BART, shopping and other locations.

Several representatives of businesses with large em-

ployee bases noted that there was no service envisioned for their staffs.

Olivia Sanwong, speaking for Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc, a company on Sunol Blvd., asked for service to the facility. There is a bus stop. She urged LAVTA staff to anticipate growth in companies and plan accordingly to provide transit opportunities.

Pleasanton Councilmember Karla Brown asked that there be an item on an upcoming agenda to look at the demand by large employers for transit service.

Wittmann stated that innovative ideas could be considered. There are options we want to look at including Wheels on Demand.

Route 10 service was increased to every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays. The route is proposed to begin/end at the Livermore Transit Center and the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station.

Route 11 was realigned to connect to the Vasco Road ACE Station.

Full details concerning changes can be viewed at www.wheelsforward.com.

DUBLIN

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include Dublin resident and County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, former Dublin City Councilmember Anthony Oravetz, former school board trustee Sean Kenney, Wells Middle School teacher Erik Bertelson, and Amador PFC president Sobia Qureshi.

The argument against Measure H says, "The root cause of school overcrowding is new home construction and poorly negotiated developer deals." The signers contend that what they refer to as a developer-backed bond will perpetuate a cycle of building more to solve school overcrowding. It will also, in their view, keep the developers off the hook for higher fees, and therefore bigger share of the responsibility to pay for local schools.

The proposed bond won't deliver a new high school, say the opponents. It further would saddle the district with much more interest rate debt than it pays now for previous bonds.

Further, the board will have complete discretion to determine which projects are completed.

The argument against Measure H was signed by former Dublin school district Citizens Bond Oversight Committee chair Dan Cherrier, and residents Peter Houston, Billie Withrow, Usha Rana, and Ramonico Firmeza.

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SPORTS NOTES



Fusion '04 Boys Maroon dominated the game against Bay Oaks on Saturday earning the 2 to 1 win. The team played a solid game, possessed the ball well, were able to spread out the opposition and create scoring opportunities. Fusion took 9 shots on goal and held Bay Oaks to 0 shots ending the 1st half 0-0. Great offensive attack by Fusion in the 2nd half with 16 shots on goal; 2 on target resulted in 2 goals, courtesy of Aiden Kelleher and Ivan Munoz. Defense was solid, shifting well as a team and put good pressure on the ball. Bay Oaks snuck by the defense to score a late goal, ending the game 2-1.



Pitcher Neil Shaw flips the ball to the catcher with his glove following a bunt as Andrew McKeever attempts to score from third base. Andrew was out at the plate on a close play. This took place in a Granada Little League game between the A's and Twins in the Majors division.

Photo - Bill Nale



The '03 Fusion Boys Maroon faced their toughest battle on Saturday against the 2nd place team, Richmond Sol. Sol came on strong and dominated to take a 3-1 lead in the 1st half. Fusion struggled, but pulled it together both offensively and defensively to maintain their 1st place position with a 4-3 win. Pictured is Mikey Christian, the Fusion goalkeeper, making a save.



The Livermore Fusion U14 Gold girls team earned back-to-back wins over the weekend. On Saturday the Fusion girls bested Tri-Valley SC Spirit by a score of 2-1 at Robertson Park. Midfielder Peyton McGrail scored the opening goal in the first half. Shortly before halftime, striker Chloe Totten notched the game winner, helping the Fusion to their first victory of the year. On Sunday, Fusion took to the road and competed against the San Ramon Azuri. The game remained scoreless until the hour mark when Camille Wigginton broke free and rocketed a shot to the upper corner giving Fusion their second win in as many days.



West Coast Kaos held on to the Norcal Premier spring league bracket lead with a 2-1 win over the weekend against the California Northstars. West Coast's midfield and defense kept the Northstars from any serious offensive challenge. Pictured is West Coast outside defender, Gaby Casillas taking the ball up the sideline.



The Livermore Phantoms U11 White played a very physical game against the Folsom Falcons on Saturday, which had the Phantoms on the losing end, 5-1. On Sunday, the Phantoms rebounded against the Lamorinda Torch in Lafayette. The Phantoms came out of the gates very strong, taking a 5-1 lead in the first half. As the Torch tried to reignite in the 2nd half, the Phantoms weren't having any of it as they pulled away with another 5 goals and won 10-1. There were contributions from everyone, including Jason Cruz, James Foulk, Thomas Nicholas, Alexander Operin, Takumi Romero, Luke Varagas, Jack Varagas, Jacob Salhoff and Jonathan Van Essen. Goals were scored by Anders Bostrom, Jack Hansen, Ryan Gill, Jack Eaton, and Chase Parker. Pictured is #50 Jack Eaton.



Many former Phantoms Lacrosse teammates met as crosstown rivals when the Granada High School varsity boys lacrosse team played Livermore High School winning 17 - 10. Matador Harrison Gould scored five goals, Connor LoVoi made four, Brandon Brocklesby and Trevor Moreau made three, Shane Jenkins made two and Michael Puso made one. Max Pinedo Henrich and Moreau each had three assists, Jenkins had two, while Ethan Shang, LoVoi, and Gould had one. Gould got six ground balls, Magnum Resler Miller, James Pryor, and Pinedo Henrich each got three, Jonathan Short, Moreau, and Jenkins got two, while Parker Turk, Kavan Bagatelos, Puso, Shang and Brocklesby each got one. Resler Miller had four takeaways and Bagatelos had two. Goalie Jared Faith made eighteen saves. Pictured is Matador Jonathan Short and Cowboy Devin Funaro.



Pictured is the Phantoms U13 white team after their first victory of the season



Fusion's recreation 5v5 soccer finished the 5th game of Spring league. The U7/U8 boys "Fireballs" and "Sharks" had a close match Sunday with a final score of 5-6. A Fireball player looks for teammates while preparing to launch a kick.

Livermore Little League

Livermore Little League highlights:

T-Ball: 4/16 - Rockies vs Giants: Rockies' Hitters for the "Hit to the Grass" award: Matteo Pineda, Grant Perotti, Landon Kuempel, Landon Borja, and Clark Newton. Rockies' defense players: Lily Young playing pitcher - made two great throws to first base, Matteo Pineda playing short stop had an awesome back handed stop and Darren Bruan playing second base fielded the ball and tagged the base for an out.

4/18 - Rockies vs Rangers: Rockies' "Hit to the Grass" award goes to Shane Weeck, Nile Cassett, Nico Rodrigues and Lily Young. Rockies' Anthony Oliva playing outfield backing up the short stop, made a terrific stop and threw the ball to Shane Weeck for an out on 2nd base. Rockies' Ari Merendino playing 2nd made an awesome play by stopping the ball and stepping on the base. Rockies' Jaxson Stallings playing 1st base made several great catches.

4/20 - Rockies vs Reds: Rockies' Hit to the Grass: Ari Merendino & Nico Rodrigues, Rockies' Landon Kuempel playing the pitching position made an awesome throw to Lily Young at first base for a great play. Rockies' Nile Cassett working the short stop position made a terrific stop of a fast bouncing ball. Rockies' Shane Weeck playing 1st base stopped the ball and stepped on the base for an unassisted out.

A Division: 4/19 - Cardinals 16, Red Sox 13: The Cardinals got off to a quick start behind the hitting of Anderson Schwarer and Robbie Lopez but the Red Sox came roaring back with outfield and line drive catches and the superb hitting of Ty Rankin, Crissy Creeden, and the moon shot double of Ray Hill. The Red Sox maintained their lead as the Cardinals clawed back finally breaking through in the fifth inning behind the clutch doubles of Jayden Merfeld and Sean Puzder and the bases clearing triple of Jacob Green. Cardinal fielding stars included Ward Piazza with his pop up catch and Jacob who made a game turning double play. When the dust cleared, the Cardinals barely hung on for a 16-13 victory.

4/23 - Cardinals 13, Royals 10: The Cardinals' 13-10 victory over the Royals was well fought and well deserved.

The Royals got off to a red hot start behind the 4-4 hitting of Rowan Day and Cooper Eason's 2 doubles. The Royals' Christopher Silva led an early inning charge that the Royals held until the middle innings. The Cardinals came back with strong hitting from Parker Pompillio and Robbie Lopez -- both had 3-3 days. Robbie hit his first triple of the year. In the end it was defense that won it for the Cardinals including a perfect throw by Jayden Merfeld from third to first for the out. The game balls went to Patrick Bellhumeur who made great play after great play at 1st supplementing his 2-hit, rally-starting day and Deacon Gonzales who made a beautiful force at second on a play the Cardinals had just practiced 2 days before. Deacon also hit 3-3 for the day.

AAA Division: 4/18 - Blue Jays 12, Mets 5: The Blue Jays jumped out to an early lead on the Mets and captured a 12-5 victory. The game was decided quickly as the Blue Jays exerted their will early with seven runs in the first three innings. An RBI single by Jacob S, an RBI single by Damian G, an RBI single by James B, an RBI single by Bradley W, and an RBI single by Carter M in the first inning and an RBI single by Anthony Y and an RBI single by Alexander M during the second inning fueled the Blue Jays' offense early. Devin I racked up two RBIs on one hit for Blue Jays. He tripled in the fourth inning. The Mets' Logan Van Roll was perfect at the plate, going 3-3. He singled in the first, third, and fourth innings. The Blue Jays converted a triple play in the fifth inning. The Blue Jays easily handled the Mets' pitching as nine hitters combined for 10 hits, 10 RBIs and 11 runs scored.

AAA Division: 4/16 - Athletics 19, Mets 5: The Athletics were on fire as they beat the Mets 19-5. The pitching was strong for the A's as Jake Follis and William Fuller both pitched two scoreless innings. In the second inning, catcher Dylan Voelker threw the ball to third baseman Shane Meyer to catch a Mets' baserunner trying to steal. On offense, every A's batter reached base. Joseph Freitas led the charge with an RBI single, a two RBI double and a two run homerun. Shane Meyer had four hits and Cody Terpstra had three hits for the A's.

4/18 - Athletics 7, Cubs 14: The

The West Coast Wildfire U16 girls delivered a 2-0 knockout blow to Central Valley's FC Diablos in the Norcal Premier State Cup quarterfinals. Wildfire controlled the match with non-stop offensive plays and an impenetrable defensive line. The Wildfire now advance to the semi-finals. Pictured is midfielder Mayzin Kung stopping her opponent in the middle of the field.

Athletics fought hard but could not overcome the Cubs as they lost 14-7. The A's scored five runs in the fifth to mount a comeback. In the sixth inning, the A's William Fuller pitched a shutout inning as Dylan Voelker, Josiah Hurd, and Henry Gleason caught fly balls from three consecutive batters. The Mets in turn made a quick three outs to end the game. On offense, the A's Noah Roe had two singles, two RBIs, and scored a run. Shane Meyer had two singles and stole home twice, and Joseph Freitas also hit two singles.

Major: 4/19 - Royals 6, Pirates 5: The Royals managed to pull out a 6-5 victory over the Pirates in six innings. The Pirates jumped out to an early lead, but were unable to hang on. The Royals took the lead back in the 6th on an RBI single by Jordan D. The Royals were led by Kyle B's hitting. Kyle went 2-2, drove in one and scored one run. He singled in the second and fourth innings. Royals' Chanston B. was in control on the mound. He gave up just one hit, allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out six during his four innings of work. The top of the first saw the Pirates take an early lead, 2-0. The Royals scored one run in the second inning, and then followed it up with one more in the sixth. In the second, the Royals scored on an RBI double by Tyler O., playing Kyle B. The Royals got two-run rallies in the fourth inning and the fifth. In the fourth, the Royals scored on an RBI single by B., scoring Tanner G. The Royals tied the game in the fifth on a passed ball that scored James F. Pirates' Michael Anolin went 3 for 3 with an inside the park home run. Pirates' Crayton McCafferty had a good showing on the mound and pitched for 4 solid innings.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights: **Minor AA:** A's 8, Cardinals 4: It was a close game through 3 innings, when the A's scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 4th to clinch the win. Cardinals handed the game ball to Dimitri Mesnickow(P). In the bottom of the 3rd, with one out and bases loaded Dimitri struck out the next two batters keeping the A's from scoring. Dimitri also batted 2 for 2, with 1 RBI. Top Cardinals' Hitters: Giancarlo Bonfiglio (2-2); Anthony Ponce (1-1, double); Lane Curtin (1-2, 1 RBI).

Diamondbacks 15, Royals 7: The D'backs hosted the Royals in an exciting game with several lead changes. For the Royals, Jacob Shin put up three hits and scored twice. Parker Kleszyk contributed a hit and some good defense, and Luke Beasley helped out with two innings of effective pitching. The D'backs' batting and base-running was lively, with Hayden Rago scoring 3 times and Joe Cooksey scoring twice. Tyler Palma hit a double and a triple with 4 RBIs for the D'backs.

Diamondbacks 3, Cardinals 3: Six full innings played, it was the Cardinals' pitchers (Blanscett, Mesnickow, Ponce - 14 strikeouts, 2 walks) versus Diamondbacks' pitchers (Katz, Bist, Palma - 17 strikeouts, 3 walks). With the score 3-1, Cardinals caught up in the bottom of the 6th with a lead off single by J. Blanscett, next batter D. Mesnickow reaching base on a catcher's interference call, then third batter Z. Lindstrom singled to score 2. D'backs struck out the next 3 batters, stranding Lindstrom on 3rd. Top Hitters Cardinals: Jordan Blanscett(2-2,double); Zach Lindstrom(2-3,3RBIs); Anthony Ponce(1-2); Robert Hansen(1-1). Game ball handed to Cole Camilleri (pool player-Yankees) for key

defensive plays made at short and first base. Top Hitters Diamondbacks: Palma(1-2,2RBIs); Muela(1-1,1RBI); Mack(1-2,double); Rago(1-2). Game ball handed to Joshua Katz(P) for 2 scoreless innings in the 1st and 2nd, striking out 6 of the 7 batters faced.

AAA Division: Angels 19, A's 8: The bats were busy at GLL Field one on Saturday, and when the dust cleared the 3A-Angels had a 19-8 win over 3A-As in six innings. Hitters on both sides were strong at the plate as the teams combined for 30 hits, including seven extra base hits. Eight runs in the first three innings helped the Angels blow out the A's. A two-run single by Peyton R in the first inning and a walk by Lucas S during the second inning helped the Angels post some runs on the board early. Quinn B went a perfect 4-4 at the plate for the Angels. He doubled in the third inning and singled in the first, fourth, and sixth innings. Grant M did his best to jumpstart the offense for the A's, reaching base two times. He scored two runs and had one RBI. He tripled in the second inning. The Angels easily handled A's pitching as 10 hitters combined for 18 hits, 12 RBIs and 19 runs scored. After posting five runs in the third, the Angels again scored five in the fourth. In the third, the Angels scored on an RBI double by Quinn, scoring Luke P. The inning looked promising, as Luke singled, plating Daniel S to kick things off. That was followed up by Quinn's single, scoring Michael B.

Teeball: D'Backs vs. Cardinals: The D'Backs were a defensive powerhouse on Saturday afternoon with pitchers Saxon Schreiber and Beckett Guenther connecting to first basemen Savannah Wiedeck and Jackson Stimmell for multiple outs. Blake Sanders and Nathan Dempsey also recorded several outs at 3rd base and the catchers' positions. Hudson Guenther provided some additional support in the outfield during the 3rd inning. The D'Backs batted well and scored multiple runs with strong hitting from Drake Avila and Ryan Hollinger.

Pleasanton Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:

7U Division: Renewal by Anderson vs AI's Roofing Supply: What an action packed game between two amazing teams. Renewal by Anderson's Marissa Schaeffer, Elizabeth Foster, Claire Yung, Isabella Wyrugh, Lauren Wood, and Haley Madsen all reached the ball with force and consistency. On the defense, Julia Wanis, Jensen Goodell, and Malana Schreiber did fantastic jobs of outing at least one player each. Also worth mentioning is Gianna Gutierrez's impressive pitching - multiple girls were able to hit the ball. Meanwhile, for AI's Roofing Supply, Kaia Wescott, Charlotte Santana, and Emily Evans hit the ball really well. Emily Evans, Cammie Garcia, and



The Granada High School boys junior varsity lacrosse team hosted Livermore High School winning 5 - 4. Jaxen McLaren scored two goals, Colton Casey, Liam Randhawa, and Tristan Clark one each. Alec Faith, Randhawa, McLaren, and Casey each recorded an assist. Faith and Clark got two ground balls while Lochlan Felcan Smith, Andrew Choumas, Brad Mitchell, Daniel Pryor, Ethan Weisbrod, Garret West, McLaren, and Randhawa one each. Max Bauer had four takeaways, Weisbrod had two, while Harrison Meadows, Nicolas Gottero, Michael Nowaczyk, Matt Hall, Randhawa, West, Pryor, Mitchell, and Choumas each had one. Goalie Ryan Myer made sixteen saves. Pictured is Brad Mitchell running with the ball.

Kaia Wescott produced at least two outs each on defense. In addition, Charlotte Santana's fast pitching was quite impressive.

Renewal by Anderson vs Handles Gastropub: Renewal by Anderson's Marissa Schaeffer, Claire Yung, Julia Wanis, Lauren Wood, and Gianna Gutierrez all hit the ball with consistency and control. It was amazing that Haley

SPORTS NOTES

Three to Be Inducted into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame

On Monday, May 16, three more athletes will be inducted into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame.

The Livermore-Granada Boosters, as part of their annual Olympian Banquet, established the Hall of Fame in 2009. Since inception twenty-seven athletes have been inducted. Their names are listed on the Livermore-Granada Boosters website (livermoregranadaboosters.org) as well as being displayed at Buffalo Wild Wings on First Street in Livermore.

This year's inductees include 1999 Granada graduate Matt Laye, who was an award setting cross country and track runner in high school as well as UC Davis. Since college graduation Matt has earned a PhD from the University of Missouri in Medical Physiology, and recently has devoted his energy and studies to ultra distance running including the completion of 50 mara-

thons as well as winning the 100 mile trail championship in 2014 in Huntsville Texas, and in 2015 the 53 mile run in Scotland, UK. Matt is currently a Professor at College of Idaho in the Department of Human Performance.

Leah Avilla is a 2003 graduate of Livermore High School. Her major events were the breaststroke, Individual Medley and 200 free-style. While in high school she was an eight-time EBAL champion, four time NCS champion and an eight time All American. After graduation Leah attended the University of Texas where she was a four-time NCAA All American, and eight-time All Big-12 performer, and team captain of her team in the 2006-07 season.

Randy Grant is a 1981 graduate of Granada High School where he excelled in football, soccer and baseball. In his senior year in football he led the EBAL with 56 receptions for 1073

yards and 12 touchdowns. He earned All EBAL and ALL NorCal recognition for these efforts. As captain of the soccer team he led them to the NCS championship as well as earning All EBAL status. After high school he was a walk-on at the University of Illinois where he played in the 1983 Rose Bowl. In 1984 he had 41 receptions for 680 yards, and his 8 touchdowns led the Big-10 conference.

In addition to these three athletes Bob and Cheryl Rumberger will be honored with the Keith S. Fraser Community Award for their efforts in starting the Safe and Sober Grad Night Program in Livermore in 1988.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased on the Livermore-Granada Boosters website, or purchased at the door at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The banquet starts at 6:30 pm.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School downed Livermore High School 5 to 1 in EBAL varsity girls' softball action.

Madsen hit a pitch on a bounce (it would count as a hit). Marissa Schaefer and Haley Madsen played outstanding defense, each contributing at least two outs in the game. Meanwhile from Handles Gastropub, Mackenzie Gallagher, Tessa Dacquisto, and Maya Ching hit really well throughout the game. Mackenzie Gallagher and Chloe Barrios played solid defense, each producing at least one out.

Beeline Bikes vs. Jamba Juice: Stand out players for Beeline Bikes were Saira Fakiri who really showed her skill at bat and fielding in this game, Lydia Frey who did a great job pitching and got 3 players out on 1st, and Paige Nelson who consistently hit well and made great plays in the field to get players out. Jamba Juice's outstanding players in this game were Katie Musil, Audrey Nussbaum, and Chloe G. who all showed great skill and spirit both on the field and up at bat. Great playing girls.

Logoboss vs Beeline Bikes: This was a spirited game, characterized by teamwork and skill. Logoboss players Zahra Alami, Charlotte Martin, and Hayleigh Betti all showed their skill at bat and in the field in this game, working well with teammates and exhibiting positive attitudes. Beeline Bikes' stand out players in this game were Krislyn Khouri, Elsa Pimentel, and Carys Shannon who also exhibited great skill at bat, and teamwork in their plays in the field. Other notable hardworking players were Logoboss's Abigail Riley, Sanaya, and Avery, and Beeline Bikes' Brooke Stedman, Mady Kim, Paige Nelson and Aashna Garg. Excellent playing girls.

8U Division: Kids and Teens World vs. Eddie Papa's: Kids and Teens World: Excellent hitting by Zoe Shuga and Allison Zacharias in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd innings. Great hitting by Juelliah Valenzuela in the 2nd and 3rd inning and strong pitching in the 3rd. Kids and Teens World vs. TCP Total Pitching Center: Kids and Teens World: Sophia Buttafoco had great hits in the 2nd and 3rd innings. Siena Kinneer hit great in the 1st inning and pitched strong in the 3rd inning. Chloe Lew hit great in the 2nd and 3rd innings and got an out at 3rd in the 3rd inning. TCP Total Pitching Center: Overall player of the game was Cali Medrano. Geri Lozares and Anna "Nans" Taylor both pitched a solid game.

Middle School Teal: Dietz & Watson v. V.E.P Healthcare 3: Facing off for the first time, V.E.P Healthcare and Dietz & Watson played an exciting game. V.E.P Healthcare started the game off with great defense. Calli Turns did an awesome job of pitching. Catcher Hannah Loeffler was great behind the plate and on first base. V.E.P Healthcare's big hitter of the night was Britney Aguilar. Dietz & Watson also had some big hitters. Eleanor "Els" McCarthy hit a double for two RBIs. Gianna Ghio added an RBI with a single and stole two bases. Claire Enright hit a sacrifice for an RBI, stole two bases, and scored twice. Top Players: V.E.P Healthcare - Britney Aguilar, Hannah Loeffler, Calli Turns; Dietz & Watson - Claire Enright, Gianna Ghio, Eleanor McCarthy

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U16 girls delivered a 2-0 shutout of FC Diablos in the quarterfinal round of the Norcal Premier Soccer State Cup.

Facing an unknown challenger from the Central Valley, the FC Diablos, Wildfire came off the starting whistle with early control of the game. Within the first 10 minutes of the match, Midfielder Sierra Martin scored a goal from a cross by Defender Kylie Martinez. Wildfire moved ahead 1-0. The Diablos made a few runs of their own but West Coast's defensive line of Leila Anzo, Mimi Freeman, Kylie Martinez, and Tyarah Trias was too much of a barrier for the Diablos offense. Only one shot on goal was allowed in the first half and West Coast Goalie, Callie Crain snagged the ball to prevent a score.

Twenty minutes into the second half, West Coast was again on full offensive assault. Midfielder, Isabella Barbero, made a solid run down the right side of the field where she crossed perfectly placed ball into space right in front of the Diablos goal. Charging

from the middle, Midfielder Kayla Grisham beat everyone to the ball and fired a shot into the left corner of the goal. Wildfire moved ahead 2-0. FC Diablo was not able to answer with any serious offensive effort. West Coast Wildfire claimed the win and advanced to the semifinals. Wildfire will face the Cal Cougars next Saturday in Turlock.

The West Coast '03 Kaos continued their march to an undefeated spring season with a 2-1 win over the California Northstars. Over the weekend, Kaos faced a re-tooled and stronger San Leandro Northstars team. West Coast was first to score on a breakaway by Forward, Alivia Ganz. Ganz fired shot into the top left corner of the net outside the reach of the Northstar Goalie.

Later in the first half, the West Coast midfield of Kate Zeck and Alina Garcia moved a ball up field and distributed it out to outside Midfielder, Alyssa Williams. Williams cleared a shot into the right side of the goal. West Coast midfield of Zeck and Garcia and defensive line of Kiara Rodriguez, Kelsey Brumm, Cassidy Brackett, and Gaby Casillas controlled most of the game and kept the Northstars from any serious offensive attempt.

West Coast Kaos continue to hold their Norcal Premier bracket lead with 4 wins, 2 draws, and no losses.

Phantoms Lacrosse

The Phantoms U13 White lacrosse team played two games this weekend. Saturday they played Palo Alto Tomahawks Green team. The Phantoms played their best game of the season, securing their first victory of the season in a 10-5 win. Goals were scored by Logan Pelkey, Ronin Tsang (3 Goals), Landon Scott, Clarke Disu (2 goals), and Zachary Sousa (3 goals). Overall it was a game full of great passing, tough blocks, and saves by both Logan Wright and Daniel Moy in net. Both Daniel and Logan W secured a game ball in the victory for their efforts to keep the ball out of the net for the Phantoms. On Sunday the Phantoms played the Lamorinda burn and suffered another tough loss. Despite the score, the team continued to battle hard for loose balls and give it everything they had. Sunday's game saw goals from Logan Pelkey (2), Cassandre Hamel, Dominick Barateen, and Diego Juarez-Castillo. Zachary Zousa had another strong game on both ends of the field, and Dominick Braaten played hard on defense.

Phantoms U11 Purple on Sunday April 24th, took on the San Ramon Stealth, final score 5-4 with Phantoms winning. Goals by Brandon Niermeyer, Scott Wortham and Charles Jorgensen. Great defense by Zach Agrella and Sofia Greshham.

Saturday, April 30th was a tough match with Oakland Skyline with a 12 to 4 loss for Phantoms. Goals were scored by Luke Leary, Brandon Niermeyer, Zach Agrella and Scotty Wortham with assist by Charles Jorgensen. Strong defense by Sebastian Padilla, Jason Webb and Dylan Gunderson.

Sunday, May 1st Walnut Creek Warriors defeated the Phantoms 11 to 5. Phantoms' players gave it their all. Goals were scored by Brandon Niermeyer, Luke Leary, Colby Dunlop and Nikolai Mirra. Standout plays by Nathan Strong, Gillian Winslow, Aidan Andre, and Bryce Moy. And as always, keeper Andrew Kramer making those great saves.

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 or contact Coach Jorge Quero, jquero@ftctrackclub.com or (925) 209 7520.

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 for more information or to register.

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

Fall Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association is now accepting registration for the Fall Recreational season. The season starts in late August and goes through October. No prior experience necessary. To learn more, visit the website at lgsa.org or email info@lgsa.org.

Hook & Ladder

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 8th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore. A 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run are available. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Through March 31st, registration is \$30.00 for the adult 5K or \$35.00 for the 10K (\$20 and \$25 respectively for those 17 and under) and \$10.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. On April 1st, 5K and 10K registration fees increase by \$10.00 and kids 1 mile fun run by \$5.00. On May 1 all registration fees go up \$5.00. Registration closes May 30th or when sold out. Additional fundraising and donations is allowed and encouraged by all participants. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K is a stroller friendly run/walk on a 50/50 paved, dirt road course. The 10K is 90/10 dirt and paved road. Strollers are not permitted on the 10K course. Both courses travel through Sycamore Grove Park. The Kid's One-Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Awards will be given 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+. Special prizes for overall top 3 male and female race winners 5K and 10K run. Top 20 male and female racers in both 5K and 10K will receive a "TOPTWENTY" technical tee shirt. Special top 3 Firefighter awards for both 5K and 10K. Ribbons, fire prevention materials, and ice cream will be served to all kids who participate.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. Many of the event sponsors will have booths and all participants will receive a tee shirt and gift bag. Great raffle prizes are available to all runners and additional tickets will be available for purchase. On line registration can be filled out at: www.onyourmarkevents.com

Run to Remember

The California Peace Officers Association (CPOA) invites everyone to participate in an event that honors those who've lost their lives in the line of duty, while making our lives safer. The 8th Annual Run to Remember 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 7, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton.

The Run's 10K & 5K Walk & Run courses are made up of small rolling-hill trails that run throughout the scenic



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School defeated Granada High 13 to 4 in EBAL in a girls varsity lacrosse matchup.

Mavericks Fastpitch Tryouts

Mavericks Fastpitch, a competitive travel ball team based out of Livermore, competes in ASA, NSA & USSSA tournaments. Program seeks volunteers to volunteer time and offer a helping hand to organizations throughout the local community.

Looking for motivated, competitive, dedicated players who want to play and compete at the highest level for the 2016 Spring, Summer and Fall seasons. Currently scheduling tryouts for our 10U, 12U and 14U programs.

To register for tryouts send emails to: mavsoftball121@gmail.com or call 650-922-2165

Entry fee will include the commemorative T-shirt; beverages; a barbecue lunch, catered by Outback Steakhouse; and a huge raffle. The Outback BBQ begins at 10 a.m., and will include a main, side, chips and drink. Extra food tickets are \$12. Kids love to play in the law-enforcement vehicles that are brought out and opened up to explore in. Also, the traditional nearby fly-over and landing of the East Bay Regional Parks' search & rescue helicopter is always an exciting part of the event. Kids always enjoy checking out the cockpit as parents snap photos.

The entry fee for the 10K or 5K Walk/Run is \$40.00 pre-registered or \$45.00 race-day.

The Kids' Fun Run is \$20.00 pre-registered, or \$25.00 race-day.

The Run to Remember will be held at Shadow Cliffs Regional Regional Park, located at 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:30 a.m., 10K will start at 8:20 a.m. and the 5K will follow at 9:00 a.m. The Kid's Mile will begin around 10:15 a.m. The post-race awards ceremony and barbecue are scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. For more CPOA's A Run to Remember event information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832. Online registration ended May 4.

Water Polo

LARPD offers a USA Water Polo team (USWP), the LAZERS, which encourages high standards of play and good sportsmanship. As a USWP club team, all practices and competitions are sanctioned, requiring all participants to be registered with USWP. All experience levels are welcome, however athletes must be able to swim two laps (50 yards) without stopping. To register, call LARPD at 925-373-5700, or visit www.larpd.org. For more information about the LARPD LAZERS, visit lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com or e-mail lazerswp@gmail.com.

The summer session begins the week of May 31, 2016, and includes play for the following age groups: 14 & Under Co-Ed Level 1 (beginner), 14 & Under Co-Ed Level 2 (advanced), 15 & Up Girls, 15 & Up Boys.

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Students Riding to Raise Awareness and Funds for Clean Water

By Carol Graham

As a freshman at Azusa Pacific University four years ago, Kimberly Golden noticed posters for the first-ever "Ride For Water" campaign, in which a team of male cyclists would raise awareness and funds for clean water in developing countries.

"Jokingly, my best friend and I looked at the poster and told ourselves that we would be a part of the first Ride for Water women's team," said Golden, 21, of Glendora. "Little did we know we would be given the opportunity to pioneer that team this summer. The seed that was planted four years ago has grown into something amazing."

Ten riders will participate in 2016's Ride For Water - five men and five women, including Jacqueline Summers, a 2012 graduate of Granada High School in Livermore.

"We have committed to riding our bikes across the country in partnership with 'charity: water,'" said Summers. "Our goal is to raise \$80,000 while also raising awareness regarding the global water crisis. All of our riders attend or are alumni of Azusa Pacific University. It's the fourth year that APU has sent a team of riders across the country, but the first year they've included a team of female cyclists. Because women are disproportionately affected

by the global water crisis, we find it crucial that women stand up for other women, and work hand in hand with each other."

The women's team will leave from Florence, a town near the midpoint of Oregon's coast, on May 16th; the men's team will leave from Seattle on May 17th. They will travel 2,187 miles to Chicago, where the two teams will meet and continue on together to New York.

"We all will arrive on July 4th," said Summers. "After 50 days of riding, we'll get to celebrate our ride and the 4th of July in New York City."

The ride ends, fittingly, at the headquarters of charity: water, a non-profit organization bringing safe, clean drinking water to people in developing nations.

"They have multiple strategies to access clean water, such as piping systems, wells, and gravity drip systems," said rider and Azusa resident Ashlee Ginn, 22. "One of the coolest things about charity: water is that they believe in self-sustaining communities. After they build projects, they train and prepare people of the town to know how to fix a water project when repairs are needed. This way, more jobs are created and the community is able to function independently."

To secure funding for the Ride For Water campaign, the young philanthropists have gotten busy - and cre-

ative.

"First, we needed to get \$10,000 in corporate sponsorship in order to fund the ride, including gas, spare parts, and food for all ten riders and four drivers," said Summers, noting that two sets of support drivers will accompany the teams. "Luckily, two Dublin, Calif., companies - DeSilva Gates Construction and Pacific States Environmental Contractors - made large donations. We also try to promote the ride to thousands of followers on social media, so most of our donations come from the donate button on our website, where we also sell two styles of t-shirts through our online store. And one of our male teammates who has been growing his beard for over a year, is shaving his beard if students donate \$1,000 through GoFundMe. Hopefully most of our donations will come through strangers we meet along the ride as we sell t-shirts and speak at churches."

Two things the teams are still in need of are the donation or use of a van for the support drivers, and housing along the route, which is shown on the website.

"Contact us if you or someone you know lives nearby and would be able to house some tired riders!" said Ginn. "We are beyond grateful for the donations, and we're very fortunate to be close to \$30,000 before



Pictured from left to right are Ashlee Ginn, Jacqueline Summers, Sophia Buie, Katie Maginnis, and Kimberly Golden. Photo - Rachel Lewis, of Rachel Kehlee Photography

we even start our ride which is motivating us to keep raising money."

The riders have also received product sponsorships such as protein bars, cycling gear and sunscreen, said rider and Aptos resident Sophia Buie, who was with Golden when they spotted the first ride's posters.

"Clean water controls so much of our life. Access to clean water not only allows for better quality of life through nutrition but allows women and children to go to school and be educated, work, play, and create businesses," said Buie, 21. "I am passionate about social justice and

love that Ride For Water incorporates an activity like cycling, which challenges a person individually, in order to bring change to a group much larger than oneself."

It is a mindset echoed by the other riders.

"When you stop and think about it, water is not just a beverage, it saturates our daily life," said Ginn. "Sanitation wouldn't be possible without water. Cooking wouldn't be possible without water. Hydration. Cleanliness. Health. Access to clean water changes the lives of entire families, economies and towns. Families who barely eat can now grow

their own gardens of food. Water changes everything."

"Some of the things that we take for granted every day are a luxury to others," added Golden. "We are so excited not only to raise money for the global water crisis, but also to inspire other girls to try new things and pioneer new adventures. Our team has become a little family who is striving to make a difference through one of the biggest adventures of our lives."

To learn more, donate, or purchase t-shirts, visit www.rideforwater.com. Look for a follow-up article this summer.

SHORT NOTES

Huge Block Sale

It started as a "poke" on Nextdoor.com. It has now grown into a huge neighborhood block sale. Jeff Pereyda said, "When I asked if anyone was interested in doing a neighborhood wide Block Sale, we got a lot of replies."

He said, "I have committed to personally inviting over 600 neighbors to participate in the neighborhood sale on May 21."

The streets taking part are: Charlotte (parts), Hazel, Katrina, Geraldine, Debra, Joyce, Carla, Theresa, Lenore, Felicia, Desiree, Celeste, Bianca, and Shelly.

In each of the invitations, Jeff included a list pad, about 10 or so price tags to get people motivated and some helpful garage sale tips like:

Use price tags--makes it easier for both buyer and seller. Make a list while you think of items to sell.

Clean up your stuff and do not sell junk like broken toys, etc.

Bundle small items into a bag. Example—a bag of beanie babies for \$5.00

Selling electrical items? Have an extension cord for testing the item before the sale.

Carry at least \$50.00 in change in a money apron in small bills. People carry a lot of twenty dollar bills.

Young participants are encouraged to sell lemonade or make a flower stand and have fun.

Jeff adds, it looks like others will be picking up the idea into their own neighborhoods as well. Alexis may host all the streets from Arlene to Vasco. That is another 500 or more homes.

ValleyCare Recognized

ValleyCare has been granted a three-year accreditation by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons, and designation as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology. ValleyCare is the only Breast Center in the Tri-Valley to achieve either of these accreditations.

"What sets ValleyCare's Breast Center apart is the team-oriented, personalized approach to patient care," said Denise Estrada, Manager of Cancer Services. "Everyone - physicians, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, patient navigators - works together to provide each patient the highest level of care possible. We walk with patients every step of the way to ensure women receive care in an environment that sup-

ports their full healing."

Accreditation by the NAPBC is only given to centers that voluntarily undergo a rigorous evaluation process and review of their performance.

During the survey process, ValleyCare demonstrated compliance with standards established by the NAPBC for treating women who are diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease. The standards include proficiency in the areas of: center leadership, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement.

Receiving care at a NAPBC-accredited center ensures that a patient will have access to:

- Comprehensive care, including a full range of state-of-the-art services
- A multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate the best treatment options
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Quality breast care close to home

Lioness Club Changes

The Livermore Lioness Club is moving to a new venue on a new day of the week. Beginning in May, the Livermore Lioness Club will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at the Castle Rock Restaurant. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Castle Rock is located at 1848 Portola Ave in Livermore.

The Livermore Lioness Club is sponsored by the Livermore Lions Club and supports and/or donates to local high school scholarships, The Ronald McDonald House, Tri-Valley Haven, Shepherd's Gate and needy families, veterans, and seniors throughout the year.

New members are welcomed all year long. Those new to the community or just looking for a way to make new friends or a difference in the lives of those in need, attend a meeting and think about becoming a Lioness.

Swim Facilities Open

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Park District staff members test water quality at least once a week in its swim facilities, and post updates at www.ebparks.org and at the parks. Conditions can change at any time; check regularly for updates.

Nature Programs

Familiar Feathered Friends will be the topic of the Sat., May 14 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Rangers Patti Cole and Charlotte Miranda at 8 a.m. in Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

This is a special bird walk today to introduce our new bird field guide. This guide was created especially for Sycamore Grove Park by a local high school student, who is an avid birder, from Girl Scout Troop 30157 for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Beginning birders are strongly encouraged to join this program; all are welcome. For those who need them, there will be binoculars to lend for the program.

A Native Garden Open House will be held on Sun., May 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Stop by the new native garden only a few hundred feet from the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, and take a quick tour to learn about the plants featured there. Attendees can also follow the tracks in the paths and make art featuring the animals that "made" them. Kids are invited to help pump water to the plants.

Ranger Amy and Open Space Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Nature Stories in the Park - Bugs will be the topic of the Sun., May 15 2 p.m. program.

LARPd rangers and librarians from the Livermore Public Library will entertain families with children's books about nature and wildlife in this free

story time. There may even be a visit from the famous Smokey Bear. The story time will take place rain or shine. Park at the Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, and follow signs across the creek to the campfire area. Registration is not required for this free program. However, the first 25 children who register will receive a Smokey Bear gift bag. Call 925-373-5504 to RSVP or for additional information.

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.

Greenbelt Outings

Greenbelt Alliance is offering the following events:

Mother's Day Wildflower Walk: May 8, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. see the many wildflowers of Mount Diablo's spring bloom.

Ride the Line, May 15, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bike East Bay for a ride in Contra Costa County. The ride includes sweeping views of the foothills and fruit tasting at two local farms.

Hiking Henry Coe, May 15, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Henry W. Coe State Park is the largest state park in Northern California.

Secret Life of Wildflowers, May 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join Ken Lavin for a talk exploring some lesser-known aspects of the flowers encountered on outings.

Summer Solstice Saunter, J

Live Well Resource Fair

To Celebrate Older Americans Month, the City of San Ramon invites all adults, new retirees, seniors, and their families and caregivers to the annual Live Well Resource Fair on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Beginning at 8:30am there will be a



All Livermore High School alumni are invited to march in the upcoming Livermore Rodeo Parade, Saturday June 11, 2016. Show your support for LHS as the school celebrates the 125th anniversary of Livermore High. The parade route is less than one mile. A limited number of rides will be available for alumni who cannot walk this route. A free barbecue lunch will be served to LHS alumni who sign up for the parade. Email LHS125parade@gmail.com to register for this event. Please provide name, year graduated, and if a ride is needed.

free pancake breakfast provided by the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

A vendor fair will be available from 8:30am to 11:30am, which will include numerous professionals distributing valuable information on exercise, nutrition, travel, housing, financial advice, hospice care and more for everyone 50 and older. Health and wellness professionals will also provide several health screenings.

The National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse will provide the featured presentation this year from 11:30am-12:30pm. Accidental overdosing is a prevalent issue especially when people have multiple medications to take. Come learn about accidental overdosing and prescription drug abuse and how you can protect yourself and your loved ones.

This program is provided by the City of San Ramon - Parks and Community Services Department. For more information about this event, call (925) 973-3250, email parks@sanramon.ca.gov or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks.

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DINNER

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engineering, art and mathematics fields.

"We had more women participate this year," said organizer Danielle Mintz, Granada High School's College & Career Specialist. "We've always had 10-15 women participate in the past, but this year we had 21."

Professionals included a physicist, veterinarian, dental hygienist, nuclear scientist, mechanical engineer, nurse, project manager, and animator for the Golden State Warriors.

"I learned about careers in fields I had not even considered, and which seem fascinating to me," said Anvitha Kachinthaya, a Dublin High School freshman. "There were very interesting wom-

en from a variety of careers - from an astrophysicist-turned-climate scientist and an applied mathematician to a firefighter. Talking with them helped expand my horizons. I learned about their daily lives and the work they do, as well as how it impacts the world."

The format works a little like speed dating: each table sat five students and two professional women, who spoke and answered questions about their educational and career paths. The women rotated seven times in order to visit all students.

"I asked, 'What is a day in your life like?' and 'What does a typical workweek look like?'" said Sarah Passanante, a Granada High School junior. "It's important

to understand the available lifestyle when choosing a career, and this was a great opportunity to investigate. I heard actual experiences, not just canned sales pitches."

All three students mentioned that they enjoyed learning that many paths can lead to career success.

"I found that unorthodox paths could lead to success, and that it's possible to both work in science and have a fun personal life," said Passanante.

Added Kachinthaya, "I learned that nothing a person does has to be permanent. Women who had studied one subject, were working in another field altogether. A degree in science can take a person in many different

ways, and now I have real-life examples."

Students who attended the dinner are members of GetSet: Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together, an extracurricular program open to girls at all Tri-Valley high schools who have an interest in STEM subjects.

"GetSet hosts various hands-on workshops and field trips throughout the year," said Mintz. "Dinner With a Scientist is our end-of-the-year event."

The event's atmosphere allows students and professionals to share a meal (provided by Dublin High School's student catering department) and conversation in a setting more relaxed

and intimate than a typical career fair.

"It was not only informative but also fun, because talking to professionals over dinner made for some interesting side conversations, especially with my friends around me asking questions such as, 'Which do you think is the cutest pet?' to a veterinarian," said Kachinthaya. "That started an interesting conversation."

GetSet is funded by the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, which provides learning opportunities for students wanting to acquire career training and technical skills.

Now in its 4th consecutive year, Dinner With a Scientist is rewarding for all participants.

"I hope the professionals realize how much of an influence they have on these young girls," said Mintz. "And that this event opens up more doors for internships, mentorships, field trips, and job shadow days between companies and local schools and programs."

"I appreciate that I got to meet with these professional women," added Rahhal. "I attended to ask questions to help me better understand things that books and schools don't teach me. Hearing all about the successful careers of women encourages us girls to be anything we want to be; we just have to work hard to earn it."

To learn more, visit www.tvrop.org.

OBITUARIES

Robin Hendrix

Jan 29, 1954-April 9, 2016.

Robin Hendrix of Livermore, a retired 911 dispatcher for the Milpitas Police Department, passed away

on April 9, 2016. Robin was born on January 29, 1954 in St. Albans, New York and

Connie Pfirmann of Manteca, CA.

In addition to both her parents, she is survived by her adoring husband, David; sons Chad, Chase, and Christopher; and beloved grandchildren, Isabella and Vincent Hendrix. She'll be remembered forever by her loving family and close friends.

A public service will be held for Robin on Sunday, May 15th at Callaghan Mortuary located at 3833 East Ave. Livermore, CA 94550, to begin at 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life immediately following will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Ave. Livermore, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robin's honor to the San Jose Police Chaplaincy Program at 471 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose CA 95112.

Evelyn Elisabeth Meyer

May 5, 1961 - April 12, 2016

Evelyn Elisabeth Meyer, 54, passed away peacefully at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton, California on the morning of April 12, 2016.

Evelyn was born on May 5, 1961 in Peterborough, Australia to Ruth a and Wolfgang A.O. Meyer. She was ten years old when she moved to Livermore, California with her family where she spent the remainder of her youth. The Bay Area was Evelyn's home for much of her adult life where she primarily worked in the food service industry and outreach programs.

Evelyn had the most generous, loving heart, always taking time to care for her family and friends. She loved to cook and bake, especially during the holidays. Her favorite place to visit was the beach.

She will be dearly missed by many. Evelyn is preceded in death by her father, Wolfgang A.O. Meyer (1980) and sister, Christine Meyer Benedix (2006).

She is survived by Ruth Golde, mother; sisters Marion Richardson (Robert) and Lydia Aguilar (Miguel); brothers Garry Meyer and Simon Meyer (Kristin); and nieces and nephews Ryan

Nardo (Mandy), Nicholas and Peter Lappa, Monica Lewis and Kenny Benedix, Gabriella and Anthony Aguilar, and Cooper Meyer.

Evelyn's celebration of life will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at the home of Simon & Kristin Meyer (1170 Lexington Way, Livermore, CA, 94550). The gathering will be hosted by Evelyn's family. Please wear green in honor of her love for frogs.

Evelyn's private burial at sea will take place on Sunday, May 15.

Janice (Jan)

Darlynne Remitz

June 23, 1944-April 24, 2016

Resident of Livermore

Jan Remitz passed away peacefully on April 24, 2016 at the age of 71.

She was born June 23, 1945 to Lee and Edna Deobke in Lodi, California along with two brothers, Butch and Dick Deobke. She married the love of her life, Terry Remitz on May 25th,

1973 and blended their two families with sons, Mark Nesbitt and Tim Remitz. The Remitz family resided in Campbell where they pursued their entrepreneurial dreams at which time they established their business and resided in Saratoga. After much success they decided to sell their business and build a home of their dreams and resided in Pleasanton and established their thriving business of today, Travly'n Toys, a Trailer Dealership in Tracy for 22 years.

Jan was an extremely hard worker, self-disciplined with an amazing sense of style. She had a fierce sense of humor combined with an adventurous spirit. She played just as hard as she worked. She spent many years playing with family and friends on their house boat in Lake Don Pedro and eventually moved on to design and build their dream Lake House in Lake Almanor, which she has forever had memories since she was a child. She loved the outdoors, whether it was boating, skiing, snowmobiling, golfing or traveling and cruising around the world. She loved the simple pleasures of life as well, she loved to cook and entertain her friends and family (she can read cookbooks just like it was a novel), she gardened and always had a green thumb, she was extremely well read and had a passion

for reading fiction. And to top it all off she received her greatest gift of all which were her twin granddaughters, Morgan and Madison who ended up being her greatest joy in life.

Jan is survived by her true love Terry Remitz, loving son and daughter-in-law Mark and Jennifer Nesbitt and adored granddaughters Morgan and Madison Nesbitt.

A visitation with vigil was held May 2 at St. Michael Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. A mass followed the vigil, and entombment at St. Michael Cemetery after mass.

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Lillian Guesnon

Sept. 15, 1940 - April 30, 2016

Resident of Pleasanton

Lillian Lusignan Guesnon was born in Oakland, California. She attended Saint Michael's Elementary School in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School in 1959. She was married in 1963.

Lil's life work was serving others through her church community, Cursillo and Dress a Girl Around the World as well as other ministries. She was an accomplished seamstress and happily shared her talent with as many people as she could. She was a true American patriot and a fan of local sports teams. Lil had a fun-loving, gentle, yet generous spirit.

She leaves behind her sister, Linda Guesnon, five adult children, Mark Guesnon, Karen Reedy, Maryann Franz, Laura Guesnon and Scott Guesnon as well as her daughter-in-laws and son-in-laws that she called her own. Lil had twelve grandchildren ages 4 to 26 and one great-grandchild. Lil touched many lives in the 75 years that she was with us. Her work on earth is over. May she rest in peace.

A vigil will be at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin, CA on Thursday, May 5 at 7PM with Mass on Friday, May 6 at 10AM.

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Shirley Jean Lawson

Shirley Jean Lawson, 81, passed away May 2, 2016 with her husband of 62 years and her surviving children by her side.

She was preceded in death by her son Richard Lawson, her granddaughter Michelle Lawson and son



Stuart Lawson. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her daughters Debbie Olsen, Denise Hernandez and her son Mike Lawson, sons-in-law Randy Olsen, Jose Hernandez and daughters-in-law Carol Lawson, Becky Lawson and Kathy Roddy.

She has 14 surviving grandchildren and 10-1/2 great grandchildren (one on the way).

Shirley grew up in the Yuba City/Marysville area where her sister Joanne Walker and brother James Fouch still reside.

Shirley met Leonard while attending Yuba City High School. They were married Oct. 24, 1953. They traveled around while he was in the Air Force and had the first two children, Debbie and Mike. They settled in Chico for Len's college degree and had two more children, Rich and Denise. They then settled in Sacramento where Stuart was born, then went on to Livermore where they have lived since 1966.

Shirley was involved in all of her children's activities from school to Little League, Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. She worked at Livermore National Bank that changed to Central Bank and then Bank of the West. She made friends with everyone and was well liked by all. She was a happy, funny person, always making jokes and making people laugh. She spent her retirement years traveling around the country with Len in their motorhome visiting family and friends and beautiful places. She especially loved the Oregon Coast and was able to visit there last October.

Please come celebrate her life with us at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 1 p.m.

Another service to follow in Marysville/Yuba City with burial at Lofton Cemetery in Wheatland in the family plot.

Cathy Groth

Cathy Groth passed away on the afternoon of April 24, 2016. Her youngest daughter and her husband were at her bedside at the time of passing. Cathy fought very hard trying to beat Metastatic



Stage IV breast cancer. She left us much too early and she will be dearly missed by her family

all the people she knew and loved.

Cathy Carpenter was born on March 9, 1961 in San Luis Obispo, CA to Bill and Gail Carpenter. Bill passed away in 2005 and Gail in 2008. Cathy spent her childhood years in New Hampshire, Guam, before finally settling in Livermore in 1972 when her dad Bill landed a job with Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation.

Cathy attended Junction Avenue middle school, and she graduated from Granada High School in 1979. She then attended Chabot Junior College in Hayward, CA. In 1979, she met her future husband Curt Groth via a blind date set up by her very good friend Wendy Wells. In 1980 Cathy took a job in Sunnyvale as a secretary for System Development Corporation and then accepted a job at LLNL late in 1980. Cathy work at LLNL for 23 years before leaving the lab to be a full-time mom.

Cathy married Curt Groth in 1982 and they had two children (Christie, 1991) and (Katie, 1999) who both brought immense joy to them. Cathy loved being a mother and she really excelled in that role. Cathy was a loving mother, a great listener, and someone who made people feel understood. She was the perfect blend of a loving mother and fair, yet firm disciplinarian. A loving hard-ass as we liked to say.

Cathy made life fun and was a person everyone enjoyed being around, she had a great sense of humor and was the epitome of being fair and always listened to the other point of view and was exceedingly honest. No matter what we were doing, as long as Cathy was with us, it was totally fun. Christie and Katie played a fair amount of sports. Cathy was always there, cheering them on. She drove her kids everywhere and they had many fun times together, shopping, eating out, and just going places. Some of her favorite things to do included being in nature, listening to music, dancing, landscaping, and she had a flair for interior decorating. Cathy loved being with her family and was always

teaching. Repetition paid big dividends as both Christie and Katie are wonderful young women who have a lot of their mother in them. Cathy's favorite place was Maui, HI. She loved any and all places that had a beach. The family spent much time in Carmel as that was another family favorite location.

At the young age of 39, Cathy was diagnosed with breast cancer. Three years later at 42 she decided to leave the Lab so she could be with her kids. At the five year mark Cathy's oncologist told her that she had beat cancer and she was home free. After being cancer free for 12 years, cancer returned in October 2012, this time with breast cancer that had metastasized. Cathy was diagnosed with Metastatic Stage IV Breast Cancer and her life expectancy was 3 - 5 years. Undaunted by this news Cathy began an aggressive campaign to defeat cancer once again. Reading and doing research on Chemotherapy and Naturopathy was her single and sole focus. Taking hormone blockers was successful and was paired up with a Naturopathic regimen. Once hormone blocks started to fail Cathy tried a total Naturopathic plan. A total Naturopathic plan did not work and Cathy tried the dreaded chemotherapy. Cancer eventually figures out chemotherapy and Cathy had to switch from chemo to chemo but she kept fighting. Along the way, in her studies Cathy read about immunology and an appointment was set up with UCSF. The oncologist at UCSF and Cathy had an immediate connection and it was agreed that once Cathy's run with chemo failed the next time, she would go to San Francisco and get on an immunology oncology trial starting in June 2016. One condition was the size of her liver needed to shrink, it was too large for the trail to be successful. The cancer continued to grow in Cathy's liver. A new chemo was introduced and it didn't work either. Cathy fought as hard as she could but simply ran out of time to get to the trial.

In addition to her immediate family, Cathy leaves behind her brothers Steve and Jason Carpenter and a sister Marla (Bennett) and their respective families. A Celebration of Life is planned for May 21st in Livermore.

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ASSEMBLY

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ers to strike. Baker introduced a bill that would focus on union contracts. Even though there is a negotiated no strike clause, workers strike and they continue to be paid. The bill would require them to uphold all of the agreed upon provisions of a contract by continuing to work, if they want to continue to receive wages and benefits.

Baker talked about another BART issue. "I think I'm making progress on a parking structure. Supervisor Scott Haggerty has also worked on the issue. When the Dublin-Pleasanton station was approved, the EIR included an additional structure in Dublin." She intends to pursue the structure.

Asked about the expansion of the Carnegie Off Road Vehicle Park into the Tesla area, Baker said that she has met with both opponents and proponents of the expansion. She has asked to see a park where off road sustainable trails are in use. She will be visiting the Hollister Hill site to see how sustainability works. "I will form my own opinion regarding the expansion," she stated. "I have not taken an official position."

In her view, the appropriate time for her to become involved would be when legislation comes before the Assembly with regard to state parks and funding.

Public employment retirement benefits and the ability to fund them are continuing concerns for the state. Baker would like to give local governments the ability to negotiate with unions to have unions pick up additional costs of retirement and health care benefits for local government employees.

Proposition 30, the voter approved measure that helped provide funding for schools, would be up for reauthorization. She opposes extending its provisions. "It was sold as a temporary measure. As part of gaining trust of voters, we need to recognize that."

Baker also believes that the measure makes the state dependent on personal income tax to meet its budget needs. When there is a drop in the economy, there is an impact on the state. She would like to see more money put into a rainy day fund and remove the state's exposure to economic impacts.

She said that she was one of the first to endorse the school construction bonds on the November ballot. "This is different. It creates a partnership involving communities, developers and the state in funding construction of new schools and upgrading and repairing older schools. It is the right thing to do."

Health care access has not gotten better, nor has the cost gone down with passage of the Affordable Care Act, points out Baker. With doctors declining to take Medicaid patients, there is a need for greater reimbursement of doctors and health care providers.

Her opponent has accused her of flip-flopping on issues, voting differently on the same bill. Baker pointed out, "Bills change. If a bill is good in committee I will vote for it. However, if when a bill goes to the Senate and comes back with changes I can't support, I will vote against it," she explained. She noted that of the 2400 votes, she voted differently when it reached the floor only 50 times.

If re-elected, she would continue to focus on education, and water and transportation infrastructure. As chairman of the higher education committee, she said that she wants to end the imbalance between residents and non-residents admitted to California universities, capping the number of non-residents at 10%.

Other interests include human trafficking. She would like to see vertical prosecution, with the same staff carrying through to the end. She believes that would result in making it easier to gain prosecutions.

Domestic violence is another area of interest. Legislation she has sponsored would provide the same protections for victims as is now provided to electees by making it difficult to obtain the home address of the victim. Baker would also

include reproductive health care workers. Baker noted, "I am the only admitted pro-choice Republican in the Assembly. I voted for the celebration of Roe v. Wade. I support keeping abortion legal, well regulated and safe. I take a lot of flack for that as a Republican."

She also noted that she is one of few Republicans who voted for the governor's plan to deal with global warming.

CHERYL COOK-KALLIO

Cheryl Cook-Kallio served on the Pleasanton City Council for eight years. She retired from her teaching job last year after more than 39 years in the classroom.

Asked about BART to Livermore eventually connecting to ACE, Cook-Kallio said, "Everything I've heard says it's dead. There is no funding." She said there has been an attempt to put together a JPA. The idea never made it out of committee. "People want action. You can't say you favor something and not fund it," she stated.

She expressed herself as perplexed as to why her opponent has attempted to have legislation approved that would interfere with a locally elected BART board when it comes to dealing with unions. "People want to get on a train that shows up on time and is safe and well maintained. They don't want BART politicized," she stated.

Cook-Kallio opposes the twin tunnels that would deliver water to the south. There are many environmental concerns. The plan does not bring one drop of water to this area.

Water is a complex issue with a variety of sources, continued Cook-Kallio. The state should recognize that the drought is a reality now and could occur again in the future. Now is the time to plan for future droughts by providing for more recycling, storage, desalination that is safe and economically feasible, and conservation. "California operates under an archaic water system that needs to be updated for today's reality," according to Cook-Kallio.

Roads and bridges are crumbling due to lack of investment, she stated. Too often residents of Assembly District 16 are stuck in traffic for hours at a time. This hurts families. She believes that focusing on funding and improving local infrastructure will bring jobs to the district and improve the quality of life of all residents.

She visited the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park to see for herself potential impacts. "There is no way to repair the land once it has been destroyed. That problem is visible at the park."

In opposing the expansion into the Tesla area, Cook-Kallio stated, "It seems to me the only recourse would be to have the legislature look at the issue." She felt that the EIR as proposed would not address environmental issues. "As a program EIR, it deals only with the various parts, it does not deal with the whole picture. That is a disservice to the environment." She pointed out as an example, the use of water to mitigate dust. That is a bad idea given the state's water issues.

The state does have a problem with funding retirement benefits for public employees. During flush times, many cities picked up the employee portions. That has created a liability that could be dealt with in a way similar to the one Pleasanton has used, according to Cook-Kallio. An actuary told the city that it needed to make some payments to draw down the liability, but it shouldn't pay off the debt. The city made more money through its investments of the funds. Over time, the money from investments would help to fill the gap.

The high speed rail project was narrowly approved by voters said Cook-Kallio. She opposes moving forward. "It is frustrating for us in the Bay Area, who need congestion relief, to see the money go elsewhere. People want traffic issues taken care of now."

Unlike her opponent, Cook-Kallio supports the reauthorize of Proposition 30, the state proposition

that has raised money to finance public education. "I hear over and over again, the difference it makes to schools when the money isn't available to provide programs. There is a need for good schools." She notes that the state constitution specifically states that the state should first set aside money for K-12 schools and higher education. "That shows me how important education was viewed in the past. It is criminal not to give every child a chance to be successful. You can't have aging infrastructure and not repair it. The costs are greater when maintenance is deferred."

To achieve repair and construction funds, Cook-Kallio supports the State School Bond on the November ballot. While she supports the bond, she sees a need to come up with a better long term solution for fixing crumbling public schools rather than overburdening individual communities.

"I have the first-hand experience needed to ensure all California students leave our schools with a well-rounded education, a strong foundation and the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century," she added.

She agrees there is a problem with the health care system. Service is down and costs are up. "There is a need to find ways to provide help for underserved women, who are generally single moms." Cook-Kallio believes there should be funding for preventative health care. She is proud of the fact that she was instrumental in expanding basic care at Axis Health Care in the Tri-Valley.

When it comes to health care, she stated that more needs to be done through the state and federal government "It will take years before the system is smoothed out."

Cook-Kallio believes she knows how to work with other assemblymembers to obtain transportation dollars. Federal electees are important to deal with as well, since many roads are federal.

She is also proud of the role she played as a city councilmember, to help obtain funding for an inner-operable communications system, that will allow police and fire responders to talk to each other.

If I'm elected, Cook-Kallio would like to focus on bringing more affordable healthcare to underserved communities, particularly women and families. "I would also like to make sure all students are well served in the classroom. Finally, I would like to make sure we fund transportation improvements to ease commute times and make traveling safer."

TVLC

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a nominee for board membership, is handled by the TVLC board. A petition to the TVLC board, signed by 65 people, calls for Lessard's immediate removal.

Lessard said at the April 28 meeting that it was true he was not re-nominated by a vote of the LVCP Site Council. At the same time, no one had challenged his re-appointment by the TVLC board. He said that he was attending site council meetings and reporting to the council and TVLC board regarding actions.

"They did not question my nomination or my position," said Lessard. He noted that no one raised the issue until "unproven allegations" stated that selected sites to house the schools were bad deals.

In a Notice of Violation over its Acacia Schools in Stockton, TVLC was told by New Jerusalem Elementary District it was paying too much rent on one of the buildings in that real estate market. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), which oversees TVLC, raised questions about the cost of the rent that Livermore Valley Charter Prep will pay when it moves to 3090 Independence Drive, a modern, re-conditioned office building in Livermore.

Lessard stated, "If the allegations were factual, we need to fight them. If not, we

Dining for Women - An Educational Giving Circle

By Carol Graham

When Sally Blaze attended a Dining For Women gathering in Castro Valley, she knew she could continue but she had a better idea.

"I started the Livermore chapter of Dining For Women," said Blaze. "I found it to be the perfect way to make a difference in the world, become better educated about challenges women and children face in the poorest communities, and also re-engage with friends in our local community."

Dining for Women (DFW) is an educational giving circle dedicated to eradicating poverty and transforming the lives of women and girls in the developing world by helping fund the grassroots organizations that empower them and promote gender equity.

It began in 2002, when Marsha Wallace, a mother and nurse in Greenville, S.C., read an article about a group of friends who met for potluck dinners and collected donations - money they otherwise would have spent in restaurants - for needy families. Wallace was struck by the idea of using dining-out dollars to help others, and the idea for Dining for Women was conceived.

"Poverty is sexist. Women are a majority of the world's extreme poor, a majority of the world's illiterate, and throughout the world are disproportionately deprived of basic human rights: the ability to consent to marriage as adults, to receive an education, and to live free from sexual and physical violence," said Wallace. "One of the most pressing issues of our time is ending poverty in the world, and we know the key is putting women and girls at the center. When girls are educated, they marry later, have fewer children, and earn up to 25% more in future wages. When

women and girls are educated and economically productive, they stabilize their families and communities. When communities are more stable, nations are more stable, and when nations are economically more stable, the world is more peaceful."

Dining for Women chapters meet on a regular basis (usually monthly) to share a meal together at a member's home, church or office break room. Members share camaraderie and learn about that month's current projects through materials (videos, fact sheets, and presentations) provided by the DFW organization. Each member makes a donation based on what she would have spent dining out at a restaurant. This collective-giving model uses small donations aggregated together to make a big difference.

For Blaze, who organized Livermore's first gathering last October, "There is always a risk to starting something new. Will others find it fun and worthwhile? Will others want to participate?" she wondered.

She soon had her answer.

"At that first gathering, we had about 15 women show up and donate over \$350," said Blaze. "It was amazing and exciting. It may not sound like much, but it made me so appreciative. Sometimes it is the simple actions that lead to the greatest reward."

The group has since grown to 35 members.

"The Livermore chapter gathers once a month, for about 90 minutes. After socializing and eating, we learn about the month's sponsored program and watch a short video," said Blaze, a realtor with Alain Pinel Realtors. "Our potluck is very low key, we encourage people to bring what they enjoy cooking. We rotate hosting the monthly gatherings, and regular attendance is not required; people come when they can. Each member donates

an amount appropriate for her."

Wendy Frattollin, DFW's Communications & Member Director, said, "We encourage individuals to start their own Dining for Women chapter - it's simple, easy and fun, and we mentor them every step of the way! We also have chapters across the U.S. that welcome new members."

Dining for Women has approximately 8,000 members in 424 chapters across the U.S., along with 12 international giving circles established in Belgium, Canada, Germany, Mexico, Peru, and United Arab Emirates/Dubai.

Since 2003, DFW has raised more than \$5 million, and currently awards more than \$800,000 in grants each year.

On March 8, DFW donated \$100,000 to the Let Girls Learn Fund, which offers grants to Peace Corps projects focusing on girls' empowerment and education. The donation was announced by First Lady Michelle Obama at a special event recognizing International Women's Day.

"Through education and engagement, Dining for Women encourages our members to become global citizens and powerful agents for change in the world," said Frattollin. "Aside from the wonderfully inspiring stories about the women and girls abroad that DFW's grants support, there are also equally inspiring stories about how Dining for Women has impacted our own members' lives."

"Our chapter is very new so we're excited to expand in our community," said Blaze. "We are spreading through friendships. It's great to see how our lives overlap and connect in various ways. We all have a passion for reaching out and helping those less fortunate. It is so easy to make a difference in the lives of these women, and the DFW program is a phenomenal organization."

To learn more or join, visit www.diningforwomen.org.

need to find out and correct the information. Let's put students first, rather than continue in-fighting."

The Charter Prep Site Council voted on April 25 that Lessard was not its representative, said Kristin Kohn, the TVLC board secretary. On April 26, the Charter School Site Council, on which Kohn also serves, asked for Lessard's removal.

Kohn noted that there is ambiguity in the bylaws. "We have to resolve the issues as soon as possible. It's essential to follow the rule of law and the bylaws."

Kohn said that she asked Acting CEO Lynn Lysko to consult outside counsel for an opinion about Lessard's situation. That process has begun.

She stated that she has enjoyed working with Lessard, but TVLC members serve at the pleasure of the council. "My personal opinion is that he should resign," said Kohn. She asked to have an agenda item for the next meeting to set up a process for reviewing Lessard's status.

Goulart said he received 10 e-mail and in-person requests to leave the board. At least 40 people to whom he spoke support him. Until those numbers change, he will remain, he said.

At the next board meeting, scheduled for May 12, Goulart stated, "I will give you a formal evaluation of

myself." He added, "If you don't want me, vote me out."

A look at a web site begun by a new group "Reform Our Charter Schools," shows a petition asking the TVLC to remove Goulart immediately. It was signed by 43 people.

The reform group's web page can be found at <http://reformourcharterschools.org/>

The TVLC board unanimously elected Tristan Pico to the board in an at-large position. She has been a leader in the Parent Teacher group at LVCS.

Pico stated after the meeting, "I will be working hard to improve communication, transparency, and accountability while focusing on responses to our authorizer's concerns, financial stability, and selection of a permanent CEO. It is time to reinvigorate our schools putting students first, supporting staff, and encouraging family involvement."

The board of directors voted unanimously to authorize Interim CEO Lynn Lysko to hire a contractor to provide financial services.

Charter School Management Corp., which has offices throughout the state, will replace the three people who had been doing the work and have resigned. There will be a trial period until June 30, with a possible one-year contract afterward. Lysko said, "It's important to

hire them quickly, in order to meet the deadline for the third school year report for the Alameda County Office of Education."

Hiring outside TVLC is designed to show LVJUSD that it means business in responding to Notices of Violation sent by the district, Lysko implied.

The board approved a response to the LVJUSD, in order to meet the May 1 deadline set by the district. Most of the information already had been released in earlier documents, including meeting a payment schedule starting in June 2016 for \$208,000 that it owed Las Positas College for classes taught at LVCP by LPC instructors. Another category involved a plan for outreach to encourage more minority students, with an action plan included.

The TVLC response also addresses LVJUSD comments on the foreign student exchange program. Lysko said that this program has been suspended until further notice, and provided a letter from LVCP principal Eric Dillie stating that had happened. Lysko said that TVLC will meet commitments to current foreign exchange students. There are 78 students at the present time. That number will drop sharply in the fall at the beginning of the new school year.

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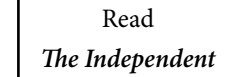
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2nd Annual Grantmakers Panel to Be Presented by Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance will present the Second Annual Grantmakers Panel featuring local corporate and foundation representatives discussing their charitable giving. Held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, on Thursday, May 12, 2016, from 9:30 to noon, this annual event is open to staff, board directors and volunteers of nonprofit organizations. All interested community members are encouraged to attend. Register online at TVNPA.org; there is no cost to attend.

Panelists will shine a light on their giving criteria and expectations and provide information on forming partnerships with grantmakers and applying for grants. Representatives from Fremont Bank, Hindu Community and Cultural Center at the Shiva - Vishnu Temple in Livermore, PG&E, Ross Foundation, Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, Safeway, and Sandia National Laboratories will be on hand to share insights and answer specific questions from attendees.

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is a sponsor of the event. Free parking is available in the Livermore Valley Center parking structure on Railroad Avenue, directly across from the Bankhead Theater. Public transportation is available at the nearby Livermore Transit Center.

Nonprofit organizations throughout the Tri-Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area attend TVNPA events to meet, collaborate and share resources as they work to achieve their missions. Since 2014, TVNPA has served more than 140 nonprofit organizations at its free monthly meetings.

Topics cover a wide range of best practices for nonprofit staff members, boards and volunteers such as planned giving, annual fundraising campaigns, board development, social media, organization branding, elevator speeches, volunteer management and much more.

Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month; all are invited to attend. Visit TVNPA.org to learn more and to join the TVNPA email list. Contact the organization at info@TVNPA.org or Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, PO Box 2467, Livermore, CA, 94551.

76th Rose Show Planned at Senior Center

The 76th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show will take place Sat., May 7 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Theme will be "The Days of Wines and Roses." The show is hosted by Alain Pinel Realtors and the City

of Pleasanton.

The event has become known as "the people's show," because anyone can enter their homegrown roses. It started at a Pleasanton bank in the 1930's when Harry Harding gave his customers rose bushes to show

Clear the Shelters Pet Adoption Event Set

Tri-Valley Rotaract is hosting the first "Clear the Shelters" event on May 7th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Shea Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. This family-friendly event will feature 7 local animal shelters and their available household pets up for adoption. On hand will be the Valley Humane Society and Tony LaRussa's ARF. The event will also feature pet-friendly local vendors and children's activities.

Millions of healthy, adoptable, but homeless pets are euthanized each year in the United States. Stop by to meet a new family member.

Farm Day and Plant Sale Planned at AgPark

Sunol AgPark will host a Farm Day and Plant Sale on May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The park is located at 505 Paloma Way, Sunol.

Meet the farmers and tour the AgPark. Enjoy a picnic under the oaks or by the Water Temple - bring your own picnic or pre-order at info@sagecenter.org.

Volunteer for the workday in the native plant hedgerow.

The Sunol AgPark features nine organic farms on 18 acres next to the historic Sunol Water Temple.

For further information or how to volunteer go to www.sagecenter.org

SAGE hosts regular community volunteer workdays at the Sunol AgPark. Learn about gardening, sustainable farming, and the farm's natural resources while working alongside Sunol AgPark farmers and community members.

Bring gloves & hand tools (or just yourself). Bring layers, but plan for hot weather in Sunol. These interested in other volunteer days and want to know more, email education@sagecenter.org.

City Grants Available for Tourism and Special Events

The 2016-2017 Tourism and Special Event Grants are now available through the City of Livermore. Under this program, five (5) grants of \$1000 each will be awarded to organizations that successfully demonstrate that their event will directly benefit Livermore downtown businesses and local wineries.

Events must at least:

- 1) be held within the grant period between July 1, 2016-June 15, 2017;
- 2) generate the largest attendance (minimum of 1,000 expected attendees); and
- 3) encourage tourism to the area. Grant funds cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the event expenses and groups must demonstrate that at least fifty (50%) of the event expenses will be generated from other sources.

Organizations interested in being considered must submit an application form along with supporting documentation to The Community and Economic Development Department Attn: Theresa De La Vega, Economic Development Specialist, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. The application period is May 2-27, 2016.

Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, May 27, 2016 to be considered. The application form and guidelines are now posted on the City of Livermore website and are also available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA.

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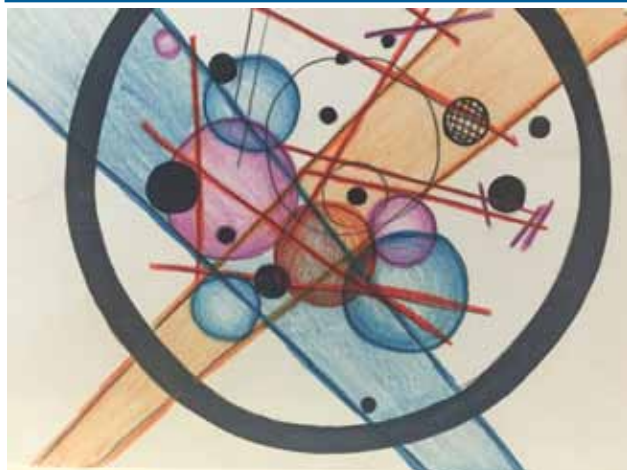
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David Cassidy, Juice Newton Among Programs Added to Bankhead Summer Schedule

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center announced the LVPAC Presents Summer Series at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, featuring August performances by Juice Newton and David Cassidy. The seven show series opens in July with New York-based string and vocal quartet Well Strung, and also includes the return of such local audience favorites as The New Christy Minstrels and Keiko Matsui. Mainstage events are just some of the many performing and visual arts opportunities offered this summer in downtown Livermore. LVPAC will present “Evenings on the Green,” a free outdoor concert series on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater joined by “Art on the Green” once a month, as well as “Recycled Runway,” a summer-long exhibit of extraordinary wearable art in the Visitor’s Center and Gallery.

Juice Newton will play a single performance at the Bankhead on August 5, 2016. Newton’s big voice and crossover style propelled her from her country roots to the top of the pop charts with such songs as “Queen of Hearts,” “The Sweetest Thing,” and “Break It to Me Gently,” which won her a Grammy Award in 1983. Her hit song “Angel of the Morning” was recently used in the movie *Deadpool*.

David Cassidy soared to fame as part of the cast of

the popular 1970s television show *The Partridge Family*, and the hit song, “I Think I Love You” quickly made him a record-breaking teen idol. Since then, Cassidy’s talent and creativity has entertained millions on the concert stage as a solo artist, as well as in Broadway, television and Las Vegas shows. He will appear at the Bankhead on Friday evening, August 12th.

To open the summer season, LVPAC will host string and vocal quartet Well Strung to the Bankhead on July 9th. Called “the hottest things with a bow since Jennifer Lawrence in *The Hunger Games*” by the *New York Daily News*, Well Strung forms a musical bridge between classical and pop music, fusing Mozart, Bach, and Vivaldi, with Adele, Taylor Swift, and Kelly Clarkson in an innovative and appealing style.

Returning to Livermore will be popular shows from previous years including folk legends The New Christy Minstrels, contemporary jazz artist Keiko Matsui, the Official Blues Brothers Revue, and the comedy of “Late Night Catechism: Sister’s Summer School.” In addition to LVPAC Presents shows, resident company Tri-Valley Repertory Theater will present the Broadway musical, “*Mary Poppins*,” which combines elements of Disney’s popular film with material inspired by P.L. Travers’ beloved book

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Juice Newton (top) and David Cassidy (lower photo) will perform this summer.



Samples of some of the work in the show.

Village High School Art on Display in Pleasanton

Village High School in Pleasanton, with support from the Pleasanton Art League will have its first public art show at the Pleasanton Senior Center on May 16-20th from 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. with a reception (also open to the public) on Monday, May 16th from 4-6p.m.

Titled, “It Takes a Village,” the show will feature finished work, as well as studies that showcase fundamental steps in art-making such as value, line quality, and the use of color across various media. Art students at Village are encouraged to experiment as well as have a concept that drives the art. Pleasanton schools have been able to hang on to visual art programs (with help from local non-profit groups, like PPIE), a critical link in a healthy, well-rounded curriculum. Art is also used at Village as a vehicle of self-expression and self-discovery. Kids attend Village High for many reasons, but all have been given large challenges to overcome. The school tries to meet those challenges with smaller student-teacher ratios, individualized curriculum, and an expanded counseling program.

For more information, visit Village’s website at www.villagehighschool.com or the Pleasanton Art League at www.pal-art.com or call the show coordinator at (925) 596-0353.



Four Performances of Comedy Production

The Off-Broadway hit comedy *Men Are From Mars – Women Are From Venus Live!* (MMWV) is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up. The comedy production is based on the New York Times #1 best-selling book of the last decade by John Gray. Moving swiftly through a series of vignettes, the show covers everything from dating and marriage to the bedroom. NOTE: Adult themes.

MMWV plays the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for 4 shows: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 12-14 at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$55. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, by phone at 925-931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Free parking every day in lot.

It's a great recipe for a night out: a little storytelling blended with some comedy and a dash of sage wisdom from the book. According to the producers, the hilarious on-point show never fails to generate lots of elbowing throughout the evening. Sexy and fast paced, the content "is meant for adults, but leaves audiences laughing and giggling like little kids."

Since first published in 1992, John Gray's book *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus*, exploring the differences between the sexes, has sold in excess of 50 million copies, been translated into 40 different languages and is one of the most recognizable titles in the world.

After opening in Paris in 2007, *Men are From Mars – Women are From Venus Live!* has been seen by more than a million people in Europe. It debuted in the United States in 2013, playing to rave reviews throughout North America ever since.

MMWV stars NYC's own Amadeo Fusca, 2013 winner of the legendary Friars Club "So You Think You Can Roast?" competition, where he beat out 55 other comedians, roasting 80s child star Ricky Schroeder, and NBA Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman in the process. In addition to his comedy, Amadeo can also be seen in a wide variety of TV and movie roles, including a co-starring role in the final episode of the HBO hit series *Boardwalk Empire*, and a co-starring role in the season finale of the Netflix series *Marvel's Daredevil*.

Gypsy Soul Brings Mixture of Musical Styles to Show

When the Irish/French lyricist and singer with the stunning three-octave range meets the Italian/Ukrainian composer, musician, and producer who was a classical child-prodigy turned folk-rocker, you get *Gypsy Soul*. The duo delivers a mix of rich folk, jazz, pop, and touches of bluegrass. The duo returns to the Firehouse Arts Center for one performance only on Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Winner of the 2012 Independent Music Award, Cilette Swann and Roman Morykit are celebrating their 13th album project: *True*, which releases April 22, 2016, and is already garnering rave preview reviews across the industry. "Gypsy Soul is gourmet music for music lovers," K-LOS Radio in Los Angeles.

Swann and Morykit first met in Edinburgh, Scotland. "It was musical lust at first sight," she recalls. Vancouver, BC native Cilette, of Irish and South African descent, had been in Paris, singing in French jazz bands, while British-born Roman, with roots in the Ukraine and Italy, arrived from London with his rock band *Raising Cane*.

After a few months of writing and recording, the pair's professional relationship became romantic and soon the two were married and *Gypsy Soul* was born. A chance meeting on a plane with a film and theater producer, led the couple to move to Los Angeles to pursue film-scoring opportunities. They've had their songs licensed in numerous TV shows and feature films, which have aired globally.

With 13 album collections, a Top 40 music video, a top 5 hit on the International New Age and Folk charts, and approaching 2 million downloads worldwide, *Gypsy Soul* is proud of its commitment to independent music making from the very beginning, gathering a devoted fan base with their personal approach and compelling story.

People Magazine writes, "Cilette Swann's voice is haunting and Roman Morykit's musicianship is superb. Their music stirs the soul and moves the spirit."

Reserved seating tickets are \$15-\$25, with youth, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

Cilette Swann and Roman Morykit



Photograph "Dancing Puffins" by Lisa Rigge



Painting "Roses in the Garden" by Ritu Ahluwalia

'Feeling Good' Art On View at the Bankhead

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is presenting the first joint exhibit at the Bankhead Theater in conjunction with the Pleasanton Art League and the Livermore Art Association.

The theme is "Feeling Good: Art by Local Artists." It is the first time both local art organizations have collaborated on a show at the Bankhead.

The jurors, Ken Ball and Dirk Christiansen, both experienced gallery owners, juried the show. Work from 44 artists was accepted. The media artists worked in ranged from acrylic and oil, to mixed media, to photography. Christiansen said that he was impressed by the wide range of art styles and the way the artists interpreted the theme.

The artwork is described as upbeat and fun and surprising, and is everything the theme promises.

The show runs from May 4 to June 27, with the reception on Sunday, June 5 from 1-4. The reception is free and open to the public. Wine and food will be provided.

Festival Features Nearly 50 Feature and Short Films

The Livermore Valley Film Festival (LVFF) announced the official list and schedule of films to be shown at the three-day event, "Where Science Meets Art," in downtown Livermore beginning Friday, May 13, 2016.

The LVFF will feature a broad range of independent films from around the world that explore how science and technology are both portrayed in films and used in the filmmaking process. Over the weekend, nearly 50 feature and short films in a variety of categories will be screened in downtown venues. Workshops and panels will be offered by professional filmmakers. Awards will be announced, including the winners of LVFF's 48-hour Filmmakers Crush Competition.

The festival, including workshops and the award ceremony, runs from 10 am to 10 pm on Friday, from 9 am to 10 pm on Saturday, and from 9 am to 8 pm on Sunday.

LVFF Director Lynn



Monica pointed to the diversity of films submitted, both in type and geographic source. "For a film festival, particularly a new one, to be able to provide such breadth is tremendous," she said. "It allows each filmmaker's entry to be viewed against comparable works and provides a far richer, more enjoyable experience for the audience."

Of the films chosen for the festival, one third are from outside the US including entries from Pakistan, Australia, Iran, Sweden, Germany and Japan. Approximately half of the films from the US were created by Californian filmmakers, many of them Bay Area-based. There are more

short films than feature length but the categories, which include documentary, narrative fiction, science/technology/innovation,

social/health/disability, and student submissions, are equitably represented.

While all the films reflect the theme "Where Science Meets Art," each takes a different approach to exploring the intersection between the two. Among the feature films to be shown will be "Cesium and a Tokyo Girl," an adventure fantasy from Japan that tells of Mimi and the seven gods who go in search of her grandmother's myna bird, Hakushi.

Another feature film, the documentary "A Beautiful Equation," follows eight grandmothers as they rehearse for and perform a unique presentation about

two renowned physicists, Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr.

The many short films to be screened range from "KIRK," a film portrait celebrating the "art in motion" of renowned Bay Area kinetic sculptor Jerome Kirk, to the comic French short "The Right Person for the Job," an entry in the "Social/Health/Disability" issues category.

The LVFF will run from May 13-15 and will begin with a Red Carpet Premiere at 6 pm on opening night featuring a 7:30 pm screening of "The Man Who Knew Infinity." It is the story of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a World War I-era mathematics pioneer, as well as a special guest appearance by Broadway actress and comedian Julie Halston.

As part of the LVFF, participants of all ages are invited to enter the 48-hour Filmmakers Crush Competition and produce a five minute film on an assigned topic in 48 hours or less.

Competition results will be shown during the LVFF and awards given for Best Open Film Division and Best Student Film Division. The LVFF will close with an awards celebration for all film categories on the evening of Sunday, May 15th.

For more information, a list of films, daily schedule, film screening tickets, and festival passes visit www.livermorefilm.org. For purchase of tickets go directly to the LVPAC website ticketing page <http://tickets.livermoreperformingarts.org/single/EventListing.aspx>.

Pacific Masterworks Chorus

'Love Is in the Air' Program

Pacific Masterworks Chorus Presents a program "Love is in the Air" at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.

It will take place at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin.

Since chorus director, James Toland took over creative direction of the Pacific Masterworks Chorus two years ago, this group of local singers has seen dramatic changes. The number of singers has jumped from

fewer than twenty singers to forty. Musical selections are now in multiple languages and are performed from memory.

The PMC spring concert, "Love is in the Air," will include favorites such as Cole Porter's "Let's Fall in Love" along with choral love songs like "A Red, Red Rose" and "Amor De Mi Alma." Pianist Danielle Naler is the keyboard wizard performing with the




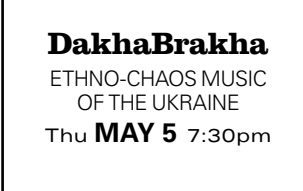



chorus. Joining will be violinist Micah Naler performing two solos composed by Fritz Kreisler, "Liebesfreud" and "Liebeslied."

Additional solos will be performed by tenor Alex Taite singing "Ah! Fuyez douce image" from the opera Manon by Jules Massenet and Adam Chase who will perform "Im wunderschönen Monat Mai" of Robert Schumann.

During intermission

audience members will be able to mingle with the chorus and enjoy complimentary refreshments. There will be a door prize and raffle to help support PMC. There will be information about joining the chorus, which is open to anyone who loves to sing.

Tickets are \$25/\$20 seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door or online at: <http://brownpapertickets.com/profile/64198>

	
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Poetry Collection Focuses on Autism

Finishing Line Press will publish *Across An Aqueous Moon: Travels in Autism*, a poetry collection by Livermore resident Cynthia J. Patton.

The book explores parenting a child diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, a condition that affects 1 in 68 children. In her book, Patton faces adoption, autism, abandonment, divorce, and dating with strength, hope, acceptance, and love.

According to Patton, "It's a story in poems that reveals the power of human resilience and the complexity of life on the spectrum."

Former Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post adds, "Poetry should find us and hold us, especially in the moments of our lives that inevitably define us." Patton writes eloquently about her daughter and autism, and reminds us that even when confronting disability, "hope blooms amidst the grass of doubt."

Post is the author of *Floodwater*, *When The Sun Drops*, and *Trip Wires*.

Patton is a public interest attorney, autism advocate, writer, speaker, nonprofit



Cynthia Patton

consultant, and founder of the Livermore-based organization, Autism A to Z. She attended the University of California, Davis, where she received a BS in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning with a Minor in English as well as a JD from the Martin Luther King Jr. School of Law. She was the Editor-in-Chief of ENVIRONS: The UC Davis Environmental Law & Policy Journal. Prior to autism entering her life, Patton worked as an environmental attorney, a scientific editor at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and a grassroots advocate for organizations

such as the Sierra Club and Save The Bay.

In addition to poetry, Patton has published articles, essays, and two books on wetland protection and restoration. She is completing a memoir on her unconventional journey to motherhood, titled *My Guardian Angel Sings the Blues*. She hosts the monthly Whistlestop Writers Open Mic at Swirl on the Square in downtown Livermore (4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m.), and co-produces and hosts *Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word*. Her award-winning work has appeared in twelve anthologies, including five volumes of the best-selling *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, plus numerous print and online publications as well as her popular blog, *An Unplanned Life*.

Patton's work has also appeared on stage. There's *No Daddy Here*, will be performed as part of PRT's *Fatherhood* production on Saturday, June 18. Both performances occur at 7:30 p.m. in the Prince Gallery, Petaluma, CA.

Learn more about her life and writing at CynthiaJPatton.com



Christ centered art on display.

Public Invited to View 'Love Never Fails' Themed Art Exhibition

Christ Centered Art will open Sat., May 14 with its 8th annual show at Trinity Church in Livermore. The theme will be "Love Never Fails," from 1 Corinthians chapter 13. The show closes May 15. A gallery will be opened to the public for viewing artwork. There will be opportunities to hear guest speakers and participate in art activities.

Each year Christ Centered Art provides an opportunity for Christian Artists in the greater Bay Area to continue a rich artistic heritage of expression through biblical imagery by inviting artists to create works centered around a specific biblical theme.

Christian Art dates back in history as early as the second century.

One of the most reflective summaries about these arts was taken from a visiting Olivet University student who commented, "The artists' works were

very inspiring and powerful to me. The works had a holy presence and a process that cannot be done without the inspiration and revelation from God, who is the origin of all creation."

This year's featured guest speakers are Dr. Gary McCoy, professor of Church Music & Worship, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, and Chris Mullen, founder of Mercy and Grace' prison ministry, also recently featured in *Stories of Faith and Courage from Prison*, by Jeffery Peck and Connie Cameron.

Christ Centered Arts Program:

Saturday, 11 am – McCoy, leads the audience on a *Walk Through the Gallery*, followed by keynote speaker, Chris Mullen, sharing 'how love is making a difference today.' Light refreshments will be served during a program break, followed by an artists' reception at the close.

Sunday, 6 pm – 'Come and Paint' workshop is an opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and family. Artist Michelle George offers step-by-step instructions on how to create a 'take home' masterpiece of a local Livermore scene. No experience is necessary. The event is open to adults and children over the age of 10. Cost for 'Come and Paint' is \$20 per person/\$15 each additional family member. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 40. For reservations or further information, please contact Michelle George, michelle-george@comcast.net.

Trinity Church is located at 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore. You can visit Trinity's website at www.trinitylivermore.org

For further information, please contact Dr. Merril Smoak, 925-447-1848, or Linda Stewart, Linda.stewart2@comcast.net.

Local Author Writes about Motherhood

Juhi Kunde, a Livermore resident, published her debut book, *Expressions of Milk*, in time for Mother's Day. This gift book features illustrations and poems about motherhood.

"It often makes moms cry; it usually makes moms laugh and it always leaves moms nodding their heads in agreement," says Kunde. "I couldn't find a gift book that connects mothers to the everyday realities of motherhood. So, I wrote one."

While there are many poetry books about motherhood, they are usually either about dark topics such as the death of a child or they are overly sentimental and sappy. Even though Kunde had just been diagnosed with cancer, she said that she felt deeply compelled to push through the hardships of her medical treatments and publish a book that shares actual experiences of mothers: the happy moments, the frustrated times and the funny things too.

"I think mothers of all ages often feel alone. Society sets a lot of expectations about what motherhood should be. And those expectations are often miles away from the realities we face," explains Kunde. "I want mothers to know they are normal. We have all gone through it." *Expressions of Milk* is available in softcover and e-book on Amazon.com. The hardcover book is also available at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton and Rakestraw Books in Danville.

Kunde comes from a long line of writers and poets including her grandfather Avinash Mehta, a novelist, and her grand-uncle, Sitanshu Yashaschandra, an award-winning poet, playwright and academic. She is a professional science writer whose work has appeared in newspapers, radio shows and magazines.

Poetry Reading Set at Ravenswood

The City of Livermore and Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn present the latest in a continuing series Poetry at Ravenswood on Sun., May 8.

Featured will be Susan Cohen and Dennis Maloney. Readings begin at 2 p.m. Open Mic follows after a short break.

Susan Cohen was a newspaper reporter, journalism professor at the University of California, Berkeley and contributing writer to the Washington Post Magazine before re-discovering poetry while on a Knight Fellowship at Stanford University in 1998-99. She has since earned an MFA from Pacific University, and her poems have appeared in dozens of journals and anthologies. She is the author



Dennis Maloney and Susan Cohen featured poets.

of two poetry chapbooks and two full-length collections: *Throat Singing* and *A Different Wakeful Animal*, which was a finalist for the Philip Levine Prize, Richard Snyder Award and May Swenson Prize before winning the 2015 Meadowhawk Prize from Red Dragonfly Press.

Dennis Maloney is founding editor and publisher of the widely respected White Pine Press, as well as a poet and translator. His translation include *Isla Negra* and *The House in the Sand* by Pablo Neruda; *The Landscape of Castile* by Antonio Machado; *The Poet and the Sea*

by Juan Ramon Jimenez; *Dusk Lingers: Haiku of Issa*, *Between the Floating Mist: Poems of Ryokan* and *Tangled Hair* by Yosano Akiko.

Several volumes of his own poetry have been published, including *Sitting in Circles*, which was published in Japan in a bilingual edition; *The Pine Hut Poems*; *The Map Is Not the Territory*; and *Just Enough*. He divides his time between Buffalo, New York, and Big Sur.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Admission is \$5. Light refreshments will be served.

For information, contact Kevin Gunn at livermore-poetry@gmail.com or 925-216-1891.

Library, Park District Plan Nature Storytime at Sycamore Grove

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and Livermore Public Library are teaming up again to offer a Nature Storytime in Sycamore Grove Park. This free, special event will take place at 2pm on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the Reservable Picnic Area, 5035 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

LARPD Rangers and Librarians from the Livermore Public Library will entertain families with stories about nature and wildlife. This time, we are learning all about bugs. This storytime will take place in a special part of the park that is normally only available with a reservation. Registration is not required for this free event, however, the first 25 children who sign up will receive a special gift. Parents can call (925) 373-5504 to RSVP. For questions or more information about this program, please call Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576, or visit the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net.



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Final Concert of Season for Youth Orchestra in Dublin

New youth Orchestra Gradus ad Parnassum of Tri-Valley is closing its inaugural season with the final concert. It will feature internationally acclaimed Music Director Imant Kotsinsh, Artistic Director pianist Temirzhan Yerzhanov in a rare Chopin's work and Bay Area's favorite coloratura soprano Alexandra Sessler in dazzling arias of Queen of the Night and Adele.

The concert will be held on Sunday, May 15, 6 PM at the Dublin High School Center for the Performing Arts & Education, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568.

The program will include the following: Bach: Aria "Wie freudig ist mein Herz" BWV 199 no. 8; Holst: Moderato from Fugal Concerto; Bartok: Romanian Folk Dances; Elgar: Salut D'Amour; Mozart: "Der Holle Rache" (Königin der Nacht, Die Zauberflöte); J. Strauss: "Mein Herr Marquis" (Adele, Die Fledermaus); and, Chopin: Andante spianato & Grande Polonaise Brillante for

piano & orchestra

Tickets are \$20 (general), \$12 (seniors & children). They are available at <http://gradusap.brownpapertickets.com>

Latvian-American conductor Imant Kotsinsh is a prominent artist in his native country and abroad. His resident conductor positions include The Bolshoi Theater, Monterey Symphony and Symphony of New Russia; guest appearances - Moscow Philharmonic, The National Latvian Symphony, Gyunggi Philharmonic, Symphony Orchestra of Russia, Perm Tchaikovsky Opera, Chi in u National Opera, National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine, Latvian Opera; Music Director positions - Daugavpils Symphony, Yaroslavl Philharmonic and National Symphony Orchestra of Uzbekistan.

Alexandra Sessler, Soprano, divides her time between opera, choral singing, composition, and voice instruction. With appearances nationally and internationally, she has sung with companies such as

OPERA America, the San Francisco Symphony, West Edge Opera, Pocket Opera, Opera Cultura, Lamplighters Music Theatre, Golden Gate Opera and at Guadalajara, Mexico's beautiful Teatro Degollado. She is a voice and piano instructor and teaches privately, and also at Spindrift School of Performing Arts, and Bronstein Music.

Temirzhan Yerzhanov launched his international career by winning the Gold Medal at the International Robert Schumann Piano Competition in Zwickau, Germany, and now is an emerging conductor as well. Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory's graduate and former faculty member was awarded 'Best Performer of 2007' title by San Francisco Classical Voice, and has toured a dozen of countries with orchestras, in solo recitals and in collaboration with instrumentalists, opera singers and opera companies, appeared on many TV and Radio stations and recorded CDs.

For more information, visit www.gradusap.org

Tapestry, the Bay Area's only combined vocal and handbell ensemble, will present a program titled "The Brilliance of Broadway" in four concerts, including one to be held in Livermore. It will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Tapestry will perform an evening of favorites from classic Broadway shows. The concerts are free, open to the public, and are appropriate for all ages with a free will donation benefitting Swords to Plowshares, providing services and care for our American Veterans. For more information contact Cindy Krausgrill, Director, 925-672-7751 or visit www.tapestryringsandsingers.org.

Rotarian Foundation Awards Close to \$55,000 in Grants

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore presented its 2016 Grant Awards at a noon meeting of the Livermore Rotary Club on Wednesday April 27.

In 1987, the two Rotary Clubs in Livermore jointly established the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, focused on youth, service, and creating opportunities in the Tri-Valley where the members work and live. The goal of the Foundation is to create opportunities for Livermore organizations that enrich our lives and build our community. With a focus on youth, the Foundation supports projects that have the greatest impact per dollar spent by helping start up exciting new programs, supporting proven good ideas, and developing strong institutions and community resources.

The amount in awarded in grants since 1999 have been in excess of \$1,100,000. The 2016 awardees, totaling almost \$55,000, are:

American Assoc.

of University Woman - Karen Cowan - \$1,800; Wing Healing Therapist Foundation - Sandra Wing - \$5,000; Community Children's Health Access - Catherine Arthur - \$5,000; Shakespeare's Associates, Inc. - Beth Trutner - \$7,000; Abode Services - Jessica Delaney

- \$5,000; Sunflower Hill - Lynn Monica - \$5,000; Reins in Motion - Katy Kempton - \$6,820; Granada High School Monica Brickwedell/Sue Ackerman \$12,100; and, Calico - Catherine Jamison - \$8,000

For more information, or to donate, see <http://rotarianfoundationlivermore.org>.

Finishing Line Press has published "Hey Yard Duty Johnny Said the "F" Word," a collection of of poems about teaching by Kevin Gunn.

A book launch will be held at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 15 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Light refreshments will be served.

"Kevin Gunn packs a punch with each poem he writes. Concise and layered with images and playful diction, Gunn's poems not only entertain, they

teach. This is a collection that many students and teachers will identify with, and despite the classroom challenges portrayed in many of these poems, there is a silver lining of hope and optimism that remains central to the heart of every influential teacher." —Sam Pierstorff (City of Modesto Poet Laureate, 2004-08; or author of Growing Up in Someone Else's Shoes or nothing or American Ninja Warrior Poet or just kidding).

Kevin Gunn takes us into today's classroom with ever honest, always witty, often poignant, short-line verse. Gunn's deceptively simple style reminds us that the world of "Dick and Jane," a world without even a hint of the F word, is strictly yesteryear. Today's teachers are up against raging hormones, potato chips, cell phones, and the longing to be listening to Jay-Z or Katy Perry rather than to that strange creature at the front of the room talking

about "American History." - David Alpaugh Author of "Heavy Lifting," Poet and Essayist

Gunn is serving as Livermore's third Poet Laureate. He has continued to curate the Ravenswood Poetry Series. He is working with grammar school students and giving workshops in local schools. He also started a Teen Poet of the Month contest program. Kevin was a history teacher for 39 years at Livermore High School. He has also been

a football coach, wrestling coach and golf coach. This teaching collection of poems is a celebration of his years as a teacher.

His poems have been published in Song of the San Joaquin, California Quarterly, Chiron Review, and the Las Positas Anthology. and many local publications.

The book can be purchased at Amazon.com. Search for "Kevin Gunn, Hey Yard Duty" on the web site.

Book by Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn to Debut at Towne Center Books

Valley Concert Chorale Presents 'America: Of Thee We Sing'

The Valley Concert Chorale will share the music of America's great choral composers in two performances titled "America: Of Thee We Sing."

The first will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., May 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; the second at 3 p.m. on Sun., May 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore (at 4th and L streets).

"Our performances will be an eclectic program of popular American songs, compositions by great American composers that capture images of our diverse country from the perspective of choral sounds," says John Emory Bush, the Chorale's Artistic Director and Conductor. "One piece that promises to be an audience favorite is the famous arrangement of the Battle Hymn of the Republic by Wilhousky, which is possibly the most heartfelt musical pronouncement of American patriotism." Adding to that theme, the audience will be invited to join in the singing of America the Beautiful.

The music of the great American conductor Robert Shaw will also be featured as the Chorale is joining choruses from around the nation that are celebrating what would have been Shaw's 100th this year. "I had the privilege of participat-



ing in numerous choral workshops with Shaw at Carnegie Hall," explains Bush, "and for this program, I have selected two early American folk hymn selections, Wondrous Love and Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal, both originally written for the famous Robert Shaw Chorale and have been popular with audiences for the past 40 years."

The award-winning Cantabella Children's Chorus will perform a selection of American compositions, and join the Chorale in singing four songs.

Additional composers and conductors featured in the program are Leonard Bernstein, Mack Wilberg, the director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the late Stephen Paulus, a prolific American composer of over 350 works and who died in 2014, with his beautiful Hymn to America, and Byron J. Smith with his classic spiritual Worthy To Be Praised when Cantabella Children's Chorus will

join the Chorale.

"Finally, we introduce the young and gifted American composer Daniel Elder, offering his beautiful cycle of Three Nocturnes accompanied by our concert pianist, Daniel Glover," adds Bush. "These beautiful lush melodies are paired with expressive texts of love, nature, darkness and light."

"So diverse and filled with beautiful melody, there is a selection for everyone to enjoy in this showcase of American song," says Bush.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children are free. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the Chorale's website at <http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/>, or by calling the Chorale's information number at (925) 866-4003 to order tickets

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at <http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/>, or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.



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Michael Reardon painting

Watercolor Demonstration

The Alamo Danville Artists Society meets May 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Alamo Women's Club 1401 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Watercolor artist Michael Reardon will be demonstrating his watercolor techniques, which focus on the use of light and color in landscapes and cityscapes.

Michael has been painting watercolor for over 25 years. He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and the California Watercolor Association.

Michael works from his studio in Oakland. www.mreardon.com

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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, 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.

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. Show is open for viewing during regular business hours or by appointment. Contact Cher Wollard, 925 784-4679 or cherw@cherw.com for information.

The Romance of the California Ranch, a photographic exhibit by Susan Gerber. Cuda Ridge Wines, through June 30. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appointment by calling 510-304-0914.

Fresh Works #6, annual juried exhibition of Greater Bay Area artists of all kinds at the Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery. This year's installation features 48 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Richard Ambrose, current Executive Director of the Richmond Art Center, and widely respected artist, curator, teacher, and mentor. On view through June 4. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. **Young@Art Special Event:** Special activity for kids ages 5-11. Thursday, May 12, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Kids will visit the exhibit and discuss how artists use line in their work. Then the students will go upstairs to the art studio and create some art projects focusing on lines, using a variety of media. Parents can register their children for this event by visiting www.pleasantonfun.com and typing in the code 61642.

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

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

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.

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. Contact agiancola@lvpac.org for entry form and/or info. Email entries due by June 7th to agiancola@lvpac.org.

Two Special Spring Exhibits: On view from May 4 through May 28/June 1. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center announce new installations in the public exhibition areas by two distinct artists. May 4 - June 1: Works by El Cerrito printmaker Barbara Milman on the subject of climate change. May 4 - May 28: Complex, abstract oil paintings by William Sievert of Vallejo. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call egan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call

Summer Art Programs Available for Kids

The Bothwell Arts Center is launching creative, fun art programs throughout the summer. Three weeks of art lessons will be offered, all taught by professional artists at the Bothwell Arts Center in downtown Livermore.

"Summer Art at the Bothwell" is designed for two age groups: ages 7-10 and ages 11-18. Each week features a different theme and will incorporate many different media: watercolor, acrylic, collage, mixed media, clay, chalk, and pencil. The older age group may also experiment with oils and spray paints, while the younger age group will also be offered creative craft projects. Among the projects to be worked on will be canvas, paper, sculptures, fabrics, murals, and more.

The themes for each week have been designed to stoke the creative juices of the young artists, build excitement about art, and be fun for everyone. The

gallery: 925-931-4849.

Backyard Beauty: Growing within Reach, Harrington Gallery featuring artists who find beauty in their own backyards. June 15-July 13. Reception Wed., June 15, 7 to 9 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

"Spectrum" at the Blackhawk Gallery, May 6-July 10 2016. Artists' reception May 7th 5:00-7:00 pm. Open to the public. 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville; 648-8023 www.blackhawkgallery.org

8th Annual LAA Essential Figure Art Show, June 4-12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reception June 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. No admission charge.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League will host a general meeting on Monday night, May 8 from 7:30-9:00 pm. The guest artist will be Lorna Stevens, a mixed media artist from San Francisco. This meeting will

projects are adjusted for the age of the participant, so older students have the opportunity to undertake intensive work on their own and follow where inspiration leads them. An artists' reception will take place at the end of the week with family and friends invited to see the works on display, and the artists gain gallery experience.

The classes are geared for both budding artist wanna-bes and serious art students looking to stretch their depth of knowledge, technique, and portfolio pieces. All the young artists will come away refreshed and energized with creative ideas and skills. "Summer Art at the Bothwell" runs three separate weeks, June 27 - July 1, July 18-July 22, and July 25-July 29.

The Bothwell Arts Center is a part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. For more information about summer art programs contact the Bothwell Arts Center.



give participants the chance to work with clay and to sculpt an object of their choosing. Lorna teaches collage and sculpture at the City College of San Francisco. The event is located at the Cultural Arts Center 4477 Black Ave, Pleasanton. The event is free and open to the public.

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.

WINE & SPIRITS

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., May 6, 4th Annual "Evening in the Vineyards" concert 6-9pm featuring Hwy 4. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizzas and for dessert chocolate truffles, available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages in permitted) To purchase tickets, visit www.laspositasvineyards.com go under the section "happenings" and click on the concert. Space is limited. Sun., May 8, Mother's Day Tasting at Las Positas Vineyards. Special Mother's Day Chocolate Truffle & Wine pairing flight; also serving a Sparkling Muscat Canelli and releasing our 2015 Estate Rose. Patio and Heritage Oak Tree with picnic tables will be open. To reserve a picnic spot, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Charles R Vineyards - A Red Rose & Music For Mom! Saturday, May 7th. A red rose, wine, music, and a chocolate truffle. It's pop and country by KNR Band and chocolate truffles available by Fab Delights. Bring a picnic and stay for a while. Or, picnic on Sunday and enjoy the blooming garden and hummingbirds. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville Rd.) Livermore.

Wente Vineyards, Garden tour and luncheon 10:30 a.m. to noon Tues., May 10. Exclusive tour of The Restaurant's 1/2 acre organic production garden followed by a special two course lunch utilizing ingredients from the garden. \$45 public, \$39 Club, per guest per session. Reservations www.wentevineyards.com. 5050 Arroyo Rd., 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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Dakha Brakha, sound and soul of Ukraine in their "ethno-chaos" style. May 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 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 Soul: Sunday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. @ Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. When Irish/French meets Italian/Ukrainian you get Gypsy Soul, a gorgeous mix of rich folk, jazz, pop, and touches of bluegrass. Think: Sheryl Crow and Eva Cassidy meets Coldplay and Fleetwood Mac. Reserved seat tickets are \$15-\$25. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Cimarrón, 7:30 p.m., May 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, downtown Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Creatures of Impulse Presents Hoeres & Villians: The Musical, May 19-21, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Karen Marguth & Le Jazz Hot, May 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 or 373-6800.

Pleasanton Chamber Players 2016, 2 p.m., May 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

LK Record Release Concert, 8 p.m. May 27, Mike Lickiss and Chris Carter, the founding members of Lindy's Kitchen, premiere and release of their first record as The LK Project. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, 2 p.m., May 29, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

US Air Force Band of the Golden West, 2 p.m. June 4. Free concert. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org 925-931-4848.

The Unauthorized Rolling Stones, June 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, June 13, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Bee Gees Gold, The Ultimate Salute to the Bee Gees, 8 p.m. June 18, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 931-4850.

Golden Follies "Curtain Up!" June 25 and 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

ON THE STAGE

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.

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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, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

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 - Live! Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 12, 13, 14; plus 4 p.m. matinee May 14. The Off-Broadway hit comedy is a one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up; a light-hearted theatrical comedy based on the New York Times

#1 best-selling book by John Gray. The show covers everything from dating and marriage to the bedroom. ADULT THEMES. Reserved seat tickets: \$55. Purchase at: www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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>

COMEDY

The Capitol Steps, May 6, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

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

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 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 original Opalescent piece, Pearl, debuted in 2010. Tickets www.bankheadtheater.org; by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

It's A Small World, Ballet Division at Livermore School of Dance presents youngest ballet dancers. Dances and music representing various countries from around the world. 11 a.m. June 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Vineyard Ballet Academy Spring Recital, 4 p.m. June 5, Variations in Blue, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848,

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale, America: To Thee We Sing! Featuring special guest chorus, Cantabella Children's Chorus 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. [\[chorale.org\]\(http://chorale.org\), or 866-4003](http://www.valleyconcert-</p>
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Pacific Masterworks Chorus, "Love is in the Air" at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. During intermission audience members will be able to mingle with the chorus and enjoy complimentary refreshments. There will be a door prize and raffle to help support PMC. Tickets are \$25/\$20 seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door or online at: <http://brownpapertickets.com/profile/64198>

MISCELLANEOUS

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

76th 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, 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, 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 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.

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 11, downtown Livermore, 10 a.m. Presented by Rotary Club of Livermore.

Livermore Rodeo, June 11 and 12, Robertson Park Stadium in Livermore. For all of the events leading up to the rodeo, go to www.livermoreroдео.org

An Evening With... Golda Meir, Tuesday, June 14, 7pm. 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, 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 or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Alameda County Fair, "Spirit of Summer," June 15 to July 4 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibitions, entertainment, extreme sports, food, etc. www.alamedacountyfair.com

Religion Chat to Be Hosted by St. Augustine Church

Interfaith Interconnect will present the May Religion Chat at St. Augustine's Catholic Church on May 11, 2016, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The doors at the church will be open at 4:30 PM and close at 6:30PM so that attendees can visit with each other before or after the official program if they choose to do so. This event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

The topic will be "What Is Your Faith's Creation Story? How Did the World Come to Be?" Speakers are Matt Gray who will speak on the Catholic story and John O'Neill who will share the Baha'i perspective.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission statement reads, "To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley." A variety of events are held each year to accomplish this mission.

To contact the group, e-mail Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. Information can be found at www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com or on Facebook.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Cheza Nami brought its program of African culture to Emma Smith school in Livermore last week. The performance was part of the Arts in the schools program overseen by the City of Livermore Commission for the Arts. "Cheza Nami" is Swahili for "Come play with me." The group uses a play based approach to education, teaching African culture through dance, music, games, wordplay and instruments.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pirates rehearse one of the numbers in the Gilbert & Sullivan musical.

LHS to Stage 'Pirates of Penzance'

Livermore High School students will present Gilbert & Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance.

Carol Hovey will direct this spring musical.

Performances will be in the Livermore High School theater on May 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 at 8pm and a Mother's Day matinee at 2pm on May 8th.

Orchestra reserved seating tickets are \$10. Open balcony seating is available for \$5. Tickets will be available for pre-sale purchase on the Livermore High Cowboy's Web Store soon at https://webstores.activenetwork.com/school-software/livermore_high_cowbo/ or at the door. The lobby doors will be open approximately 30 minutes before each performance.

Author of 'Everland' Will Be at Towne Center Books

Towne Center Books will host a book debut event with local author Wendy Spinale on Mon., May 9.

The event begins at 6 p.m.

"Everland," is Spinale's first book. Everland is described as a thrilling and entertaining steam-punk twist on the classic, Peter Pan. Spinale is a former character actor at Disneyland.

Adults and teens are welcome to attend.

The event will include a talk by Spinale, a Q&A period, and then a signing. Books are available for order, and will be available at the event.

For more information, call Towne Center Books

925-846-8826 or email info@townecenterbooks.com.

Scholastic Press has published the book aimed at ages 12 and up.

In the book, London has been destroyed in a blitz of bombs and disease. The only ones who have survived are children, among them Gwen Darling and her siblings, Joanna and Mikey. They spend their nights scavenging and their days avoiding the ruthless Marauders -- the German army led by Captain Hanz Otto Oswald Kretschmer.

Unsure if the virus has spread past England's borders but desperate to leave, Captain Hook hunts for a cure, which he thinks

can be found in one of the survivors. He and his Marauders stalk the streets snatching children for experimentation. None ever return. Until the day they grab Joanna. As Gwen sets out to save her, she meets a daredevil boy named Pete. Pete offers the assistance of his gang of Lost Boys and the fierce sharpshooter Bella, who have all been living in a city hidden underground. But in a place where help has a steep price and every promise is bound by blood, it will cost Gwen.

For more on the author and the book, go to <http://wendyspinale.com>

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in Pleasanton.

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series. The production will run for seven performances from July 16th through 30th. Tickets for the LVPAC Presents Summer Season are available beginning May 3, 2016 through the Bankhead Theater ticket office at (925) 373-6800, on www.lvpac.org, or via the LVPAC mobile app.

Continuing a long-held tradition in the community, LVPAC's "Evenings on the Green" will offer a series of free performances Tuesday evenings from June through August on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater. The series will open June 14th with a multicultural program of music and entertainment, and run through August 16th when LVPAC plans a return to the past, staging a one-night mini Guitarr Festival. In addition to the entertainment on the first Tuesday of each month, "Art on the Green" will fill the walkways around the plaza from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. with artists of-



Quartet, Well Strung, to perform

fering fine art and handicrafts. The full schedule of events for "Evenings on the Green" will be announced soon.

Located inside the Bankhead Theater lobby, the Visitor's Center and Gallery will display "Recycled Runway," an eco-chic exhibit of wearable art created with such elements as metal pop tops, plastic containers, old clothing, paper bags or anything else that might end up the landfill. The show will open June 28th with a free reception on July 9th.

A fashion show featuring the wearable art will close the exhibit on August 27th. "Recycled Runway" can be viewed seven days a week from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. beginning June 28th.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800. For more information and up-to-date schedules of summer activities, visit www.lvpac.org

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Amador Valley Quilters: Sat., May 14, the group will hold a huge Fabric, Notion, Book Sale and Silent Auction at the regular meeting time of 1:30 pm to 4. The sale is open to everyone. Please bring cash or checks. Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton.

Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the barn at Basso's Arena, 6030 Dagnino Road in Livermore. A wide variety of items will be available at this trash to treasure sale. Proceeds from this rummage sale hosted by the Alameda County Cattlewomen will be used to provide funding for agriculture education activities.

Valley Bonsai Society will present its 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore. A bonsai expert will be on hand each day at 1:00 pm to demonstrate the complete styling of a tree from start to finish. The finished Bonsai tree will be raffled. For additional information, please contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Invitation: All boys currently in Grades K through 4th and their families, Ice Cream Social/Spring Open House with St. Michael Parish Cub Scouts, Pack 903. St. Michael Parish Hall (by the school). Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm. Pack 903 is open to all boys who are interested in scouting with a Christian orientation. Contact Karen Stevens for more information at (925)876-3589 or kstevens4scouts@gmail.com

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Public Library Civic Center, Thurs., May 12, 2016 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dan Moore will present a slide show of his most recent international bicycling adventure. He started with a flight to Marrakech where he spent three days. See scenes of the famous Djemaa el Fna market, historic Saadian tombs, and botanic beauty of Yves Saint Laurent Jardin Majorelle. Also visit Essaouira, a fortified town on the Atlantic, and the spectacular cascades of Ouzoud, the second highest falls in Africa. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, meeting Thurs., May 12 will feature guest speaker, Darryl Mueller. Mueller will speak on "The Windmill Deception." Darryl and his wife, Sue, purchased a home in the Altamont Pass. He will discuss the environmental issues and problems he has found. Darryl Mueller is an Associate Member of Tri Valley Republican Women Federated. Member of ALARM - Altamont Landowners Against Rural Mismanagement. Meeting at Beeb's Restaurant, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. Social time 6:30 p.m., dinner meeting at 7 p.m. Reservations due by 05/09/2016; Cost for Members \$30.00

and Guests \$34.00 Contact Linda Krikorian at krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com or 426-1474.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet Thursday, May 12, 7:00 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Hollie Lucas-Alcalay of Hollie's Homegrown, a small organic herb farm in Moraga will speak on "Herbs as Medicine." Hollie was honored in 2014 as a food finalist for Martha Stewart's American Made. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meeting May 9, 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Cat Nielsen will be the guest speaker. She will talk about using a camera to document genealogy research. Learn different techniques for photographing books, microfilm, cemeteries, and around towns. There is no admission charge. For information contact program chairs Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel at program@L-AGS.org

All Livermore High School alumni are invited to march in the upcoming Livermore Rodeo Parade, Saturday June 11, 2016. Show your support for LHS as the school celebrates the 125 anniversary of Livermore High. The parade route is less than one mile. A limited number of rides will be available for alumni who cannot walk this route. A free barbecue lunch will be served to LHS alumni who sign up for the parade. Email LHS125parade@gmail.com to register for this event. Please provide name, year graduated, and if a ride is needed.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, May 12, 1 p.m. pizza party in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 8 to Ruby, 462-9636. May 15, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by May 12 to Marsha, 830-8483. May 19, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by May 17 to Mary, 705-7337. May 22, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by May 19 to Ruby, 462-9636. May 28, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 21 to Babs, 705-6623. May 29, 4:30 p.m. dinner in Livermore, RSVP by May 26 to Athene, 846-0111.

Tri-Valley for Bernie Sanders has started weekly voter registration drives at Thursday Livermore Farmer's Market (4-8PM), and Saturday Pleasanton Farmer's Market (10AM-1PM). A voter with no party preference may vote for presidential candidate for Democratic Party by requesting the democratic party ballot to registrar of voters at (510) 272-6933. Voters with other party affiliation have to re-register as a democrat or no party preference by May 23.

Garage sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 21 to benefit the Feral Cat Foundation. What is described as a "huge" sale will be held at 8801 Davona in Dublin (off of Alcolta Blvd.). A \$15 donation to Feral Cat Foundation will get the donor a Dickey's BBQ sandwich (choice of brisket or chicken) and sides (coleslaw, chips, water and cookies) between 11 am and 2 pm. Feral Cat Foundation is a non-profit cat rescue organization, volunteering in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, working with feral, stray and abandoned cats. This consists of humane trapping, spaying

and neutering, vaccines, finding homes for tame adults and tamed kittens, and feeding those not tamable after returning them to their colonies, thereby greatly reducing the number of untamed cats sent to shelters for euthanization.

Livermore Duck Races, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 15, Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park, Livermore. Over \$5000 in cash prizes. Free Little Duckie Race for kids 12 years and younger with a parent present. Sponsor a duck, tickets \$5 each, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. Benefiting Livermore schools and Valley nonprofit groups. In the event of rain, the races will move to Granada High School.

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.

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; Simon Meyer, skmeyer@comcast.net; or Jim Perry, jperry23105@aol.com.

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

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

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 antiques shops and help nonprofit 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 rfgiono@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

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p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. 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 or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the subject line).

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

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: www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

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

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued

morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email 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/ 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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

RELIGION
First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (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.calvalyrlivermore.org.

United Christian Church, www.uccilv.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 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.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 925-862-2580

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

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org
Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

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

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 or visit www.lynnwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake, Service Schedule--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 (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed

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

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. .Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 sfrancisanglican.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. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://csllvighthouse.org>.

St. Matthews Baptist Church, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. 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.

"1 & 2 Corinthians" will be the featured study of Community Bible Study Women's class of Pleasanton this fall. A Children's Program is available for infants to 5 years old. Class starts on continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 12, 2015. Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri.cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register.

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] or Kristen Barton (925-449-8002)[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 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 (925.829.2733).

Eckankar, "Experience the Ancient Sound of HU" is the theme of a nondenominational prayer activity Saturday May 7th, at 12:30 PM. This activity is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For more information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer

Milestones



Recently, residents of Heritage Estates walked the famous Golden Gate Bridge during a beautiful day in San Francisco. It was just one of the weekly Five-Star Fun excursions offered at this retirement community in Livermore.



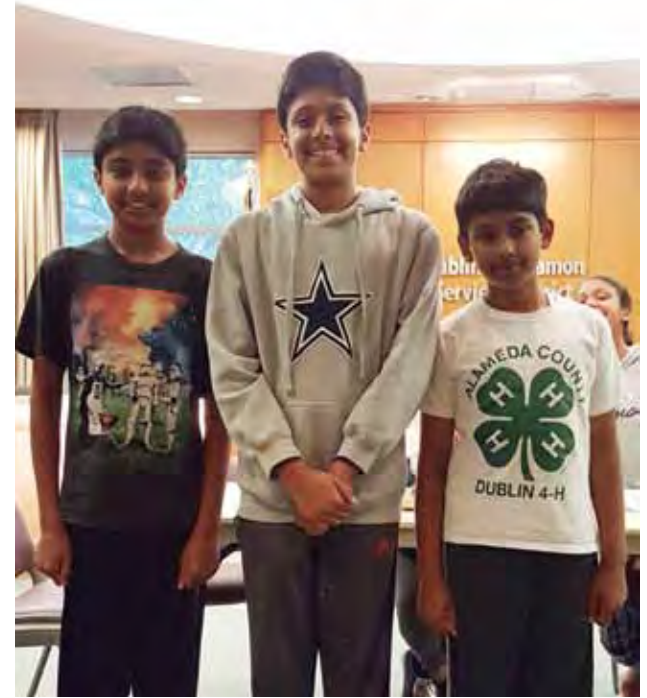
Pleasanton City Councilmember Jerry Pentin (third from left), representing both Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation and Cycling for a Cause, recently presented a \$1000 grant to Sunflower Hill Gardens to purchase garden tools and other equipment needed for the Spring 2016 planting. Pictured (from left) are Pam Eckert, Chris Bogert, Jerry Pentin, Lynn Monica, Tanya Ludden, Audrey Mumper and Shawn Seifert. Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch is celebrating one year of operations this month.

Dublin 4-H Club Members Headed for State Competition

Three members of Dublin 4-H Club told their club members how they garnered Gold Awards at the Sectional 4-H Presentation Day in March at U.C. Davis. Now they are headed for the State Presentation Day where they will once again try for Gold Awards.

Arav Vyawahare, age 13, competed with his persuasive speech on the Value of Drones@. Chinmay Varshneya, age 14, did an illustrated talk on How to Avoid Credit Card Theft@, and Mukul Natarajan, age 12, did a Power Point presentation on Why Minecraft Is So Popular@. One other club member, Akanksha Ravi (not pictured) will also be heading to State Presentation Day with her speech on The Health Aspects of Water@.

Members have to win gold awards at the Alameda County 4-H Presentation



Pictured (from left) are Arav Vyawahare, Chinmay Varshneya and Mukul Natarajan.

Day in order to compete in Sectional Presentation Day. It takes a Gold Award there to qualify to go to State Presentation Day at U.C. Davis in May where 4-H members come from all over the state to compete. All of these speakers are part of the Public Speaking Project in Dublin 4-H Club, led by Sharon Clay.

Teen Poet of the Month Announced

Sankalp Sinha has been selected as the March Teen Poet of the Month by Livermore Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn. The theme for March was "Closed Campus." and the poem is attached as a PDF.

Sankalp is a senior at Livermore High School. His hobbies include running, basketball, following professional basketball and reading (adventure orMystery).

He also enjoys helping others with math, and coordinating LHS blood drives. He wants to major in biochemistry in college and become a doctor.

Closed Campus: the Story

Behind this Lockdown High school. The time of independence and not looking like a fool. Learning more, doing more, striving more, Helping us reach our lore. But then, the students are restricted from leaving campus during lunch In order to prevent the comprising of the safety of this bunch. "Why?" You may ask "Would someone cover us with such a mask?" The reason is protection. By restricting our freedom and closing the campus Students are open to detection Of acts unsafe for their hip-

pocampus. . So what can we do as students? Complain? Petition? Simply obey? No. By accepting the reasons for a closed campus We are giving ourselves an opportunity to thrive.

The theme for April is procrastination. Poems should be 30 lines or less; send to Livermorepoetry@gmail.com

Reference : April Teen Poetry in the subject line and include poem in the body of the email

Poem should have a title. Include name, grade, school and interests.

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