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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.

## MOU Extended 2 Years on Dublin Crossings School

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council extended by two years its memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Dublin Unified School District for a 12-acre joint park/elementary school use in Dublin Crossings in former Camp Parks.

The council voted unanimously at its meeting May 2 to extend the MOU until Dec. 31, 2018. The MOU originally was due to expire on May 15, 2016. The extension was necessary because there will

be a delay in the developer's ability to give the city control over phasing of the site, according to a city staff report.

The MOU does not bind either party at this point. Neither party will have any legal obligation to grant any approvals, until they sign a definitive agreement. The project would provide the district's sixth elementary school (E6).

With the E6 school development, the city will be offering a \$1 annual ground lease for the

second time in order to help the district build a school. The first involved a ground lease for Jordan Ranch, which was executed by the council March 1, 2016. That site is designated as the fifth elementary school (E5).

Construction will be starting on the Jordan Ranch K-8 school this summer, with opening expected in the fall of 2018. A joint city-school use soccer field will be located on the property, which formerly had been designated entirely for

park use.

With a fast growth rate for two years, and the lack of any money in the state school construction fund, the City Council agreed to the \$1 ground lease arrangement. The district is expected to save an estimated \$66 million.

However, the district still must come up with money to build the school. The current level of developer fees falls short of covering the whole cost.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin celebrated its farming heritage during last weekend's Spring Faire. Melina Hillier tries her hand at milking

## Task Force Favors Bernal Site for New Civic Buildings

A Pleasanton Civic Center/Library Task Force has recommended moving the city buildings to the Bernal property. They would be placed on the site designated for a performing arts theater in the master plan.

Because the proposal represents a change in the voter approved Bernal master plan, a ballot measure would be required to gain voter endorsement of the new plan.

Last week the Pleasanton City Council received an update on the planning process. Assistant City Manager Brian Dolan told the council that after looking at several options, including using the current property, the decision was to concentrate on the Bernal property. More land would be available on the Bernal site. The civic center complex consists of 13 acres, while the Bernal location would provide 27 acres.

Proposed uses on the Bernal site include city hall and council chambers, a community center,

library and police station. The library size would increase from just over 36,000 square feet to 70,000 square feet; the police department would go from 21,130 square feet to 35,000 square feet. The community center, as a new use, would be 20,000 square feet and include the park and recreation department. Moving the department allowed the task force to reduce the size of city hall from 45,560 square feet to 40,000 square feet. A parking structure would be part of the plan.

As envisioned, the buildings would be constructed in a curvilinear shape around a meadow. An amphitheater is also planned. A water feature in the meadow would be used for drainage and water treatment, not just for aesthetics. A second road from Bernal Avenue would help with circulation.

The public is invited to attend upcoming workshops to provide input on the planning. They will be held May 21 and June 25 at the

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## Los Alamos Contract Extended By One Year

The contract for operating Los Alamos National Laboratory is still headed for competition, but it has been extended to September 2018 in order to allow time for additional environmental cleanup and for potential new contractors to prepare bids for the huge New Mexico nuclear weapons facility.

The Laboratory's federal sponsor, the National Nuclear Security Administration, decided late last year that it would not renew the current contract after 2017 following a series of disappointing performance reviews of safety and security operations.

Laboratory director Charles McMillan announced last week

that the federal agency had added another year to current operations.

In an internal memorandum, he told Laboratory staff that his goal for the coming year "is for the Laboratory to be in the strongest possible position through contract transition and into the future," according to an article in the Albuquerque Journal.

Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories share national responsibility for designing nuclear weapons, along with Sandia National Laboratory, which has engineering responsibility.

The two laboratories are man-

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## Supervisors Uphold Altamont Repowering Permit

An appeal by two Altamont residents against the East County Zoning Board's approval of Sand Hill Wind LLC application was rejected by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The vote at the board's May 10 planning meeting was 4-0, with Supervisor Nate Miley absent.

Darryl and Sharon Mueller appealed the approval, saying that the 12 new wind turbines replacing 433 smaller, old-technology wing

turbines would cause more bird deaths. More conditions should be attached to the project to try to protect raptors.

Their basic argument states that the longer blades reach out farther, and kill more birds. Also, they say that the county should require a much bigger search area for finding dead birds as part of its monitoring program.

Shawn Smallwood, who was a member of the county's Scien-

tific Review Committee in the Altamont, and now works in the industry, told supervisors that he sympathizes with the Muellers. However, based on data, it is evident that bird deaths have declined greatly over the years in the Altamont.

Responding to Mueller's assertion that there has been a significant downward change in the golden eagle population in recent

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## Public Invited to Help Sandia Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Sixty years ago, Livermore's population was about 5,000, the Giants played baseball in New York and the Athletics in Kansas City, Dwight Eisenhower was president and Sandia National Laboratories opened its Livermore site.

Sandia's California site will commemorate the anniversary with a community event in downtown Livermore on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, the event will feature technology displays and demonstrations, national security speakers, hands-on science activities and recruiting.

"We take great pride in all that has been accomplished at this site over the last 60 years and want to share this with the community," said Marianne Walck, vice president of Sandia's California site and the Energy and Climate program. "This event is a chance to showcase some of the important work that happens here."

Inside the Bankhead's 500-seat

theater, Sandia President and Labs Director Jill Hruby and Walck will speak about the history and continued impact of Sandia and the California site. The theater program will also feature remarks by Rep. Eric Swalwell, Democrat-Calif., State Sen. Steve Glazer, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Deputy Director Thomas Gioconda. The theater program will conclude with two national security speeches: Jarret Lafleur, "The Perfect Heist," and Levi Lloyd, "Cybersecurity: Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Age."

Sandia/California's work will be on display in the theater lobby. Highlights include:

- An additive manufacturing display with 3-D printed memorabilia giveaways.
- Visualizations of the Combustion Research Facility (CRF)'s

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## Experiences Inspired Interfaith Interconnect



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ruth Gasten converses with Alicia Shaik during Pleasanton 1st Wednesday Street Party.

By Carol Graham

Ruth Gasten remembers how it felt to be called, "Nazi."

At 5 years old, she didn't know what it meant, only that it was bad. The children who taunted her didn't comprehend the terrible irony that Ruth and her parents had had to flee their home in Germany to escape the Nazis in 1939.

Years later, when 9/11 occurred, Gasten was teaching parenting classes at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"One of my Muslim students, Abdul Awwal, and I had become friends. Through him, I met kind, hard-working Muslim families who lived in our valley," says Gasten. "I was pained to see them being harassed and insulted because community members, most of whom didn't know any Muslims, were afraid."

That shared experience, some six decades apart, inspired the start of Interfaith Interconnect, a Tri-Valley group of community members and clergy whose mission is "To enrich, inform and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley."

"When people of different faiths come in contact with each other, their fears are dissipated. They become comfortable with each other," says Gasten. "We are all

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### PET OF THE WEEK

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## DUBLIN

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One hope for financing would be passage of a state-wide \$9 billion school construction bond measure on the November ballot. Also, the Dublin School District has its own bond measure on the June ballot. If approved, Measure H would provide \$283 million. Much of that total will go for such projects as the start of a second high school, and refurbishing of older schools. A 55 percent majority would be required to approve the measure. Any vote above 50 percent would allow the district to charge Level 2 developer fees, as it has been doing. If the ballot falls short of 50 percent, the fees drop to Level 1.

Camp Parks may also make a deal with the school district for 55 acres near the southeast corner of the property. It would be the site of Dublin's second high school, if everything goes well. The Dublin school board in April authorized the start of applying for the land swap. In exchange a building would be built for the Army on its Camp Parks land.

It is too early for details concerning who would construct the building, and how it could be financed, said school district public information officer Michelle McDonald.

The process has many steps, including the request to the Army, an approval of the property, an environmental review, and remediation, if needed.

In other action, the City Council reviewed slides of a plan to refurbish and also create new buildings in its Public Safety Complex immediately west of the Civic Center on Dublin Boulevard.

Plans are to tear down the Butler building and possibly

one other, then build a new one, and refurbish another building.

The design plan now costs \$1.38 million, an escalation from \$227,600, which covered design for the Police Services Building. The city has set aside a \$15 million capital improvements fund from the Dublin Crossing Project benefit payment to the city.

The council also learned more details about the Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Center complex. The complex will have a major natatorium with three teaching bays and six 25-yard lanes, a sports pool suitable for tournaments, a water slide tower with six slides on two platforms, and an outdoor children's play pool.

Annual operating cost is expected to be \$2.5 million, with \$1.5 million covered by projected fees. That leaves a \$1 million annual debt, which staff has included in the coming two-year general fund in the city budget.

The council unanimously approved a change to a consulting services agreement for the Ikea Retail Complex. There will be two town hall meetings, one in May or June, and the second in the fall or winter. The amendment will add \$83,000 to the project cost, with all of it borne by the developer.

Many residents have been vocal in their opposition to the Ikea project, which would be located at Hacienda Drive and Martinelli Way, not far from an I-580 freeway entrance. Residents see heavy traffic as a big threat there.

An on-line petition against the plan has been signed by 1780 people with 700 signatures collected the first day March 15.

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aged separately by for-profit consortia, Los Alamos National Security LLC and Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC.

They were operated for decades by the University of California alone. The University operated on a non-profit basis, turning any excess revenues back to research programs.

The laboratories became for-profit at the insistence of Congressional leaders who insisted that the private sector would do a better job than a university of running the huge institutions. University of California is still a partner but no longer sole manager.

Many observers have pointed to sharply higher costs due to higher management fees and taxes on a for-profit operation. In addition to criticizing the efficiency of the present operating model, they note that the decision to put the Los Alamos contract up for bid also suggests that the quality of the operation has not improved.

The Albuquerque Journal article said that Los Alamos National Security, the com-

pany that operates the Los Alamos lab now, will be eligible to compete for the future contract. Whether it will do so has not been announced.

Uncertainty over the future contract has raised questions in Livermore as well, since it operates in a parallel manner.

Among many LLNL retirees, the turmoil at Los Alamos is further encouragement that they need to

## Homeless Survey Results Reported

The results of a homeless survey were unveiled at Monday's Livermore City Council meeting.

The report provided information regarding 129 people who completed a survey, with 12 representing families. However, Jean Prasher noted that volunteers were not able to access all of the homeless. The number of homeless in Livermore could be over 200.

During the interviews they found 77 males, 38 female and 2 who identified themselves as transgender. Of those 6 were under 24 years of age, 49 were between 25 and 44; 55 were age 45 to 64 and 4 were over the age of 65. Twelve of them were veterans, with only 2 obtaining services from the veterans administration.

The survey found that 65 of those interviewed were homeless less than 2 years. Fifty one were homeless for the first time. The remainder have been homeless multiple times.

Factors contributing to a person being homeless include chronic health problems, job loss, domestic violence, mental illness, cost of housing, alcohol or drug abuse and divorce or separation.

The majority had lived in Livermore for more than ten years. They came to Livermore because they had grown up in the community or had family here. Some came because of a job.

Prasher told the council that using the information, the next steps would be to look at existing programs. The programs could be tailored or expended to service the identified populations.

She pointed out that people were not aware of services available to them. There is a need to look at service gaps and funding, as well as strategies for housing.

Councilmember Lauren Turner said that we need to be mindful that we were not able to count everyone. We were able to identify demographics of the folks, and why they are in Livermore, and whether or not they receives services. The idea behind the survey was to understand the problem. Now we can look at key segments and address their needs, rather than take on the entire issue at once.

Councilmember Steven Spedowski was interested in learning more about the

incarceration rate and how often emergency rooms were visited. "We need to now that these people are not just being passed from agency

to agency." He said that housing with services is the way to go to get people in permanent situations.

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## Say Goodbye to Nerve Pain



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

with it you may experience excruciating pain and/or some very strange symptoms...

There are three types of nerves in the body:

1. **Autonomic nerves.** These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.
2. **Motor nerves.** These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.
3. **Sensory nerves.** These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations. Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

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

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy

- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

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

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

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Recent advances in technology that detects nerve damage has led to more precise diagnosis for those people suffering with nerve damage disorders.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## DERWA Names New Manager

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) partners in Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) Board of Directors appointed Michael Tognolini as Authority Manager, effective April 1, 2016. He replaces James Bewley, who served in that position for ten years and is retiring.

DERWA, the governing body of the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program (SRVRWP), consists of a joint powers authority formed in 1995 between DSRSD and EBMUD to provide a safe, reliable, and consistent supply of recycled water to irrigation customers in Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, and Blackhawk.

## Water Quality Report

The safety of the local water supply for Dublin San Ramon Services District customers has been confirmed by a new study. According to the District's 2015 Annual Water Quality Report, the water delivered by DSRSD in 2015 met all state and federal standards that protect human health and safety, as it has for many years.

The report summarizes data from thousands of water quality tests conducted by DSRSD and its wholesale water supplier, Zone 7 Water Agency in 2015. California water

utilities must test for more than 100 regulated contaminants. DSRSD's water supply did not contain any regulated contaminants at levels higher than the safety standards allow.

DSRSD publishes the report online and mails printed copies on request. All DSRSD water customers are receiving the report's online address [www.dsrdsd.com/water-quality-report](http://www.dsrdsd.com/water-quality-report) in May or June, either through a bill insert if they receive a paper water bill or via email if they have enrolled in paperless billing. To request a printed copy, email CustomerService@dsrdsd.com or call (925) 828-8524.

The report includes a message from DSRSD General Manager Dan McIntyre explaining why lead contamination of drinking water is very unlikely to happen here. DSRSD has never used lead pipes in its distribution system and Zone 7 adjusts and monitors the pH of the water supply to ensure it stays noncorrosive to plumbing.

## Governor Extends Water Restrictions

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on Monday issued an executive order that builds on temporary statewide emergency water restrictions to establish longer-term water conservation measures, including permanent monthly water use reporting, new permanent water use standards in California communities and bans on practices such as hosing

off sidewalks, driveways and other hardscapes.

"Californians stepped up during this drought and saved more water than ever before," said Governor Brown. "But now we know that drought is becoming a regular occurrence and water conservation must be a part of our everyday life."

Between June 2015 and March 2016, Californians reduced water use by 23.9 percent compared with the same months in 2013 – saving enough water to provide 6.5 million Californians with water for one year.

For the fifth consecutive year, dry conditions persist in many areas of the state, with limited drinking water supplies in some communities, diminished water for agricultural production and environmental habitat, and severely depleted groundwater basins. The executive order calls for long-term improvements to local drought preparation across the state, and directs the State Water Resources Control Board to develop proposed emergency water restrictions for 2017, if the drought persists.

The executive order directs permanent changes to use water more wisely and efficiently, and prepare for more frequent, persistent periods of limited supply.

Through a public process and working with partners such as urban water suppliers, local governments and environmental groups, DWR and the State Water Board will develop new water use efficiency targets as part of a long-term conservation framework for urban water agencies.

The State Water Board will adjust emergency water conservation regulations through the end of January 2017, in recognition of the differing water supply conditions across the state, and develop proposed emergency water restrictions for 2017 if the drought persists.

DWR will update existing requirements for Agricultural Water Management Plans so that irrigation districts quantify their customers' water use efficiency and plan for water supply shortages.

To learn more about the state's drought response, visit: [Drought.CA.Gov](http://Drought.CA.Gov). Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at [SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com).

# Movie To Raise Funds To Protect Tesla Site

Pelican Dreams, a film by the creator of The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill, will be shown on Sunday, May 22, to raise funds in defense of the Tesla site east of Livermore against state plans to expand off-road vehicle activities there.

Judy Irving, creator and director of the two films, is scheduled to be present for a discussion with the audience.

Pelican Dreams will be shown at 2 p.m. in the historic Essanay Silent Film Museum, located at 37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont. Sponsor of the event is the Ohlone Audubon Society, a conservation and environmental advocacy group in southern and eastern Alameda County.

The event is also supported by Friends of Tesla Park, a diverse alliance of individuals and groups, including Ohlone Audubon, that aim to protect Tesla.

A 1 p.m. reception will precede the film. Director Irving is scheduled to answer audience questions after the film. There will also be discussions of the importance of keeping Tesla in its natural state rather than

turning it over to off-road motor vehicles, according to Pat Gordon of Ohlone Audubon Society.

Owned by the State of California, Tesla is a 3,400 acre site located on Corral Hollow Road in far eastern Alameda County. Immediately to the east, in San Joaquin County, the Carnegie off-road vehicle park is operated by the State Parks Department.

The Department's plan to expand motorized vehicle recreation into Tesla is supported by off-road vehicle enthusiasts but has roused anger and opposition from those who would like to protect the site in its natural state.

Opponents fear the damage that would be caused by spinning tires, air and noise pollution and spilled oil on the terrain impacting rare and endangered plant and animal species, wildlife migratory pathways and Native American relics.

If enough people express interest, it is possible that a second showing of Pelican Dreams would take place at 4:30 p.m. on May 22, according to sponsors. Fur-

ther information is available through the Ohlone Audubon website, <http://www.ohloneaudubon.org/>, or that of Friends of Tesla Park, [www.teslapark.org](http://www.teslapark.org).

Tickets to the movie cost \$15. They are available at Eventbrite ticketing, which can be reached through either website.

## Appeal Filed Over Sikh Center in North Livermore

A decision to allow the Tri-Valley Sikh Center to convert a house to a religious establishment has been appealed to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The property is located at the northwest corner of Livermore Avenue and Interstate 580.

A conditional use permit allowing the conversion to a house of worship was granted by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments on April 28 on a 2-0 vote.

The appeal came in a letter dated May 9. It was submitted by Sierra Club, Friends of Livermore, and Friends of the Vineyards officials.

The center would be located on land beyond the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The UGB was estab-

lished by an initiative passed by county voters in 2000.

The letter says that most, if not all, of the Sikhs who would use the facility live in Tri-Valley cities. Since its use essentially would be urban, such a facility should be located in a city, not in a rural area protected by Measure D.

The letter notes, "The facility does not require open space land to carry out its essential purpose as a religious facility. It therefore falls within the county's definition of urban development."

Letter signers were Measure D co-author and Sierra Club Tri-Valley Group member Dick Schneider; Lee Younker, chair of Friends of Livermore, and Tammy Reus, president of Friends of the "Vineyards."

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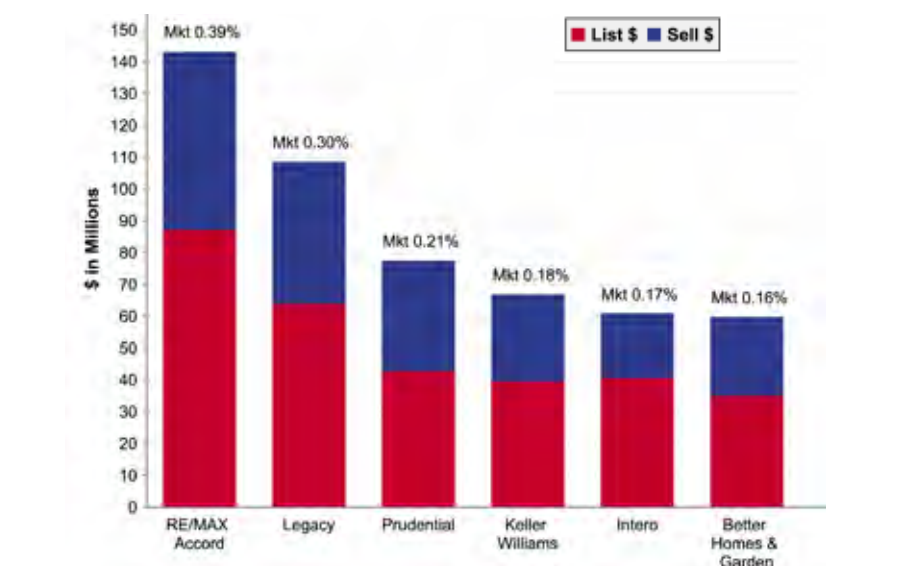
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# EDITORIAL

## Measure H: Yes

Dublin voters will be asked in the June 7 primary election to approve a \$283 million bond measure. Funds generated would finance school construction and refurbishing needs for the next 15 years or more.

An approval of 55% would be needed to approve Measure H.

The funds will pay to update aging classrooms and science labs, help buildings meet fire and safety codes, and improve energy efficiency, among other projects. Part of the funding would go toward building a new K-8 school and the initial phase of a second high school.

The estimated tax rate would be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. An annual audit and a citizens oversight committee would be required to oversee expenditures.

Opponents argue that the need for new schools has been generated by rapid growth and poorly negotiated developer deals.

However, approval of the bond allows the school district to continue to charge higher development fees than it otherwise could.

Even those without children in schools, enjoy increased property values when a community provides excellent education.

Dublin students deserve good schools that are not overcrowded or in disrepair. We recommend a yes vote on Measure H.

## Livermore Looking at Energy Options

The potential for a Community Choice Aggregation energy program and membership on an energy council were topics addressed by the Livermore City Council on Monday.

The aggregation option was described in a report from Alameda County, the lead agency. There was no decision.

The council voted 3 to 0 to join the energy council. Councilmembers Stewart Gary and Bob Woerner were absent.

In June 2014, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to allocate \$1.3 million to explore the creation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program.

A CCA enables local jurisdictions to procure electricity on behalf of customers within its borders. According to a presentation to the council, a CCA has proven to increase renewable energy and lower greenhouse gases while providing competitive electricity rates.

It offers a choice where none currently exists and would be revenue supported, not taxpayer subsidized. The program would be overseen by a Joint Powers Agency (JPA) currently in the process of being formed.

Steven Spedowski represents Livermore on the committee created by the

supervisors to take input on forming the CCA. He said that he was encouraged by the preliminary reports. "The program is a good example of getting back some local control. The JPA will report to residents, not shareholders. It's a positive direction."

A Technical/Feasibility Study assessing the viability of a CCA program is anticipated to be completed by June 2016. The study looks at economic impacts, including job creation. The goal would be to have as much power as possible generated locally. Jobs would be created through solar and wind power projects. The study also will assess the potential for energy efficiency programs.

Assuming the study yields results comparable to the experiences of other jurisdictions, Alameda County staff expects that a CCA program would meet minimum feasibility requirements and could support a program serving 1.5 million residents if every jurisdiction within the County joined. If that happened, it would be the largest program in the state to date.

Homes and businesses would automatically be enrolled. Under state law, an opt-out program is included. Customers can return to PG&E service at any time.

PG&E programs for low income/CARE customers remain the same.

Local agencies will have until Oct. 31, 2016 to decide whether or not to join the JPA. The goal would be to launch East Bay Community Energy in Spring 2017.

ENERGY COUNCIL

The Energy Council consists of a Joint Powers Agency formed in 2013 through StopWaste to seek regional funding opportunities to develop and implement programs and policies that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources. Through funding awarded to the Energy Council, StopWaste staff provides technical expertise to assist in implementing local sustainable energy strategies and address climate change readiness initiatives. Since its inception, the Energy Council has been awarded over \$24 million in external funding to manage energy efficiency programs.

In order to join the Energy Council, the Livermore City Council would need to adopt a resolution requesting membership, and the Energy Council would need to approve Livermore's request to participate.

The voting structure for the Energy Council is one

vote per member agency except for Oakland, which has three votes, and Alameda County, Fremont, and Hayward, which have two votes a piece.

The Energy Council does not have the power to impose taxes or fees. It has the power to adopt ordinances only if a member agency adopts a resolution to "opt-in."

According to the Energy Council Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, no debt, liability, or obligation of the Energy Council is a debt, liability or obligation of any member agency.

According to city staff, membership in the Energy Council could benefit Livermore by providing greater competitiveness in obtaining energy-related funding and technical support to augment Livermore staff's efforts. If Livermore were to become a member agency of the Energy Council, the City's representative would have the ability to vote on initiatives and actions taken by the Energy Council.

Councilmember Laureen Turner represents Livermore on StopWaste. She stated, "Initially I thought that Livermore should not join. However, the council has done a good job at leveraging funding for the region. I support the staff recommendation to join."

## MAILBOX

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### Thank You Sandra J. Wing CEO/President

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the generous donation the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation received from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

Our foundation has been able to provide grants to more than 200 Livermore cancer patients since 2009 and with this grant we are hoping to extend our outreach.

Our grants provide the opportunity for patients to experience the benefit of acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage, guided/visual imagery, and deepbreathing meditation. These healing therapies, in many scientific studies, have been proven to provide relief from the side effects of chemotherapy and the stress of cancer diagnosis.

We hope to bring a bit of brightness, hope, and comfort to a person dealing with the reality of cancer. The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is helping to make this happen for many Tri-Valley patients.

### No on J Ken Bradley Livermore

The Livermore School district would like more of your money. They have paid a consultant since 2013 to come up with a list of things to spend your money. You would have thought that the managers of our schools would have personal knowledge of the school facilities condition.

The District is not telling the whole story when they try to convince you to vote yes. They quote the bond measure to be \$245,000,000.00. The real cost will be closer to \$520,000,000 with the extra money going to the banks and Wall Street. The District will not even get the lower figure as they will pay the consultants and banks to arrange the bond.

The District says the tax would probably be \$48 for

each \$100,000 of your property value. The actual cost could be \$60 per \$100,000 of property value. The District will issue the bond at the highest statutory rate and they will be authorized to levy additional taxes.

The District says this money will not be for salaries or school operating expenses. Then they admit that bond money will be spent on salaries when the District determines that the pay would be for any work they feel is incidental to the bond project.

Maybe the District should be looking to spend more of their existing funds on the schools. The state has a web site that list salaries as of 2014. The cost of the Superintendent is over \$320,000.00 but of course you can't expect the Superintendent to work without an assistant. Our District has two Assistant Superintendents, cost are over \$400,000.00. And you wouldn't expect the assistants to work without a Chief Business Official, cost another \$193,000.00. What would a Chief be without an Executive Director. We have two with a cost of \$350,000.00. The list continues page after page.

Read the fine print before you vote.

### Housing & BART John Stein Livermore

The large new Tesla Motors facility to be built in Livermore bears witness to the wisdom of previous City Councils that set aside a broad band of Industrial zoning surrounding the Livermore Airport. This development together with the Gillig Bus Factory now being completed will bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to Livermore. It will reduce traffic on I-580 that would otherwise have to travel to Fremont or Hayward. It will also not generate any noise complaints that could force changes in airport operation or even shut it down.

This type of industrial development generates more revenue in business license fees, sales and property taxes than it costs to service. This will allow the City to pay for some of its unfunded obligations as well as providing better services to its existing residents. It will also help fund new parks and schools. Housing, particularly apartments, in contrast do the exact opposite. It consumes more revenue than it creates leading to cuts in services.

Now Livermore is looking at reducing the Airport Protection Area and con-

verting over one hundred acres of prime industrial land for high density multi-story condos and tenements around the proposed new BART station. When completed there will be over 4000 more housing units with no new schools, libraries or fire stations. BART is also requesting \$40,000,000 from the City to help pay for the extension. Will this burden be good for Livermore?

### Support Measure J Lynn Seppala, LCAC President; Jeff Kaskey, Vice-president; Beth Wilson, Secretary; Nancy Mulligan, Treasurer; Catherine Ndungu- Case, member at large

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) voted to support the Measure J Bond Initiative in its May monthly meeting. The Measure J Bond will ensure that the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) will be able to fulfill its goal of preparing students to thrive in the rapidly changing 21st Century environment.

In attendance were representatives of arts groups from Bothwell Arts Center, Cantabella Childrens Chorus, Cheza Nami, Del Valle Fine Arts, Encore Players, Hispanic Heritage Center, Las Positas College, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Heritage Guild, Livermore Valley Education Foundation, Livermore Valley Lithophiles, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Rae Dorough Speakers, Shakespeare's Associates, Tri Valley Repertory Theater and Valley Concert Choral.

The LCAC's mission is to "promote cultural and educational activities within the greater Tri-Valley, and strive to heighten community awareness of and appreciation for the arts." The LCAC knows that the future of our city and that of the nation will soon be the responsibility of our children. The LCAC was formed 50 years ago to knit together a community in support of the arts in a rapidly growing city. For the last 50 years, LCAC and its 29 member organizations comprising arts groups, and civic, educational and government entities has strengthened the education of school-age children by granting funds designed to enrich their preparation beyond the normal classroom activities.

The last school bond in 1999, Measure L, voted with overwhelming passer support but the additional

funds have been completely spent while creating the necessary buildings to support vital programs. School facilities that were built or renovated then are showing severe signs of wear. The LCAC believes that the wisest investment is to ensure a safe and effective infrastructure to educate our children, including not only the basics, but also a learning environment where critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity can thrive. The LCAC believes that arts education is fundamental to producing a well-rounded student in facilities of which we all can be proud.

Measure J will bring badly needed funds to build 21st century classrooms, repair and make safer aging facilities and increase access to all individuals regardless of their disabilities. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has historically received less funding per student than the State average and substantially less than neighboring districts resulting in a funding gap that currently can only be filled by bond funds every 15 to 20 years.

Please join the LCAC member organizations by publicly endorsing Measure J campaign, posting lawn signs and getting everyone you know to "Vote YES on J". For more information, go to: [www.YesOnJforLVJUSD.com](http://www.YesOnJforLVJUSD.com).

### Anti-Gun Amendment Master Sergeant John Wirts, U.S.A., Retf., Livermore

Senator Steve Glazer has taken SB 650, a bill to control gambling, and amended it to reclassify certain semi-automatic firearms as "assault rifles," after an earlier bill failed to pass, and the deadline for introducing new bills had past.

So he sneaks in and adds an "amendment" to an existing anti-gambling bill converting it to an anti-gun bill. I say that if this is allowed to pass, then it should apply to all Californians and visitors. That would require that anyone coming into California surrender all firearms. No more Secret Service for the President (especially since he is anti-gun) no armed security for the Governor, State Senators, Assemblypersons, union bosses, or pop culture stars! If it is to destroy the Constitution and confiscate guns, then all guns must be confiscated and all armed security disbanded. Then let's see if they have the courage of their convictions.

## Planning Panel Will Take 3rd Look at Fracking Ban Proposal

The Alameda County Planning Commission fell one vote short of adopting an ordinance that would ban fracking in the county.

The commission was presented with three alternatives at its meeting May 2. Alternative "A" provided the strongest measure against fracking. It earned three votes, with one opposed. Four aye votes were needed for approval, which represents a majority of the commission's current six members. One seat is vacant. No other motions were made.

Action was delayed until May 23. The commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding an anti-fracking ordinance.

The county was asked for an anti-fracking ordinance by a coalition of environmental groups that formed under the name of The Alameda County Against Fracking Coalition. Since Gov. Jerry Brown refused to take state action on fracking, environmentalists have been seeking anti-fracking ordinances at the county level.

One oil field in the county, operated by Bakersfield-based E&B Natural Re-

sources, is located in the Altamont. The field produces about 30 barrels per day.

A previous proposal before the commission in April was delayed at the last minute when E&B Natural Resources presented new information. That meeting was continued to May 2 to give the commission and public time to study possible revisions.

Planning staff returned May 2 with the original recommendation and two alternatives.

Amy Roth, spokesperson for E&B, said that the firm prefers option "B." She said it allows the most flexibility in cleaning and maintaining its wells with acid, as it does now about once a year. Acid levels are low. The acid cleans what amounts to mineral corrosion, she explained. Acids can also be used in fracking. However, Roth noted that E&B has not conducted fracking operations in the Altamont, and has no plans to do so.

Ed Hazard, president of the National Association of Royalty Owners, which represents people who collect royalties off mineral rights, also spoke up for Alternative "B"

Alternative "C" represented an attempt at a compromise. Neither Roth nor environmentalists liked it. It would allow "flooding" by using water already taken from underground that comes up with the oil. Environmentalists said that the flooding could crack aquifers.

County Senior Planner Bruce Jensen said that the Altamont oil field is not located over the Valley's main groundwater basin. Further, drinking water wells are at a much shallower depth than the 600- to 1000-foot level where oil is being pumped.

## PERMIT

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years. Smallwood said that his searches found only one nesting pair of golden eagles. "The Altamont is not a great nesting place. It's a socializing place. They chase each other around."

Blade hits on birds occur in cycles, with peaks occurring every five to seven years, said Smallwood. "The population will decline. It has nothing to do with windmills. The ground squirrel population has declined 95 percent. We will probably see eagle declines," Smallwood said.

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# BERNAL

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library. Following the workshops, the task force will consider making changes based on public comments. The final recommendation would be approved by the city's various commissions and finally the city council.

Councilmember Karla Brown asked if the current sites in the downtown area were vacated, what would be the process to plan for the land.

Dolan said it would occur as part of the Downtown Specific Plan update.

Brown, who represents the council on the task force, stated that the curvilinear style was very popular. She said the proposed location at the entrance of the city would create a great first impression of Pleasanton. She suggested people start to think about what they would like to see on the current civic center/library site, such as a movie theater or more activities for seniors.

Councilmember Jerry Pentin called the plan excellent. He was pleased that the recommendation was to move the entire complex to the Bernal site, where there would be more room.

Councilmember Kathy Narum said at first she had trouble thinking that the civic uses would be moved out of the downtown. "I am coming around to the idea of using the Bernal property. The land where the current civic center complex is located will provide endless possibilities to enhance the southwest area of the downtown." She suggested looking into building a pedestrian bridge across Bernal Avenue to create connectivity with the downtown.

Councilmember Arnie Olson commented that a lot of good ideas have come from the task force. "The challenge will be how much, how soon and at what cost."

## ESTATE MANAGEMENT

The council voted 4 to 0, with Mayor Jerry Thorne absent, to place the control of the Jean Jones estate in the hands of a committee to be established by the Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society/Museum on Main.

When Jean Jones died, she left her entire estate to the city with the stipulation that the money be used as a means to preserve and enhance the city's history.

Staff had recommended that the city maintain control of the almost \$1.3 million legacy. They said that having the city finance department manage the money would represent safety. The money would be invested by an experienced staff at low cost thereby protecting the principal.

However, staff noted that there would be potentially higher yields and higher costs with an oversight committee in charge. At the same time, there would be more control of the budget and cash flow, plus the committee would be better able to attract donations and matching grants.

Councilmembers said they had come with the idea of supporting staff recom-

mendation, however after hearing public comments, determined that the funds would best be managed by the Historical Society. As part of the vote, the council recommended that either the city manager or his representative be included in the oversight committee.

Attorney Peter MacDonald, the executor, stated, "I recommend that the money be directed to the historical society. I believe it would be the option supported by Jean Jones. If it becomes a politically allocated city fund, I think the endowment will become more of a burden than a benefit. I believe the endowment would be better managed and better spent by the historical society. However, I will implement whatever the council decides."

Other speakers echoed MacDonald's comments that the historical society would be the best option to manage the money.

## Another Violation Notice for TVLC

The Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) has received a second Notice of Violation (NOV) from the New Jerusalem Elementary School District.

New Jerusalem oversees the two Acacia charter schools in Stockton, which are part of the corporate operations of Livermore-based TVLC.

The New Jerusalem board was not scheduled to meet until the evening of May 10. However, the NOV and supporting documents were posted on the TVLC web site.

New Jerusalem sent its first NOV to TVLC on April 8, questioning its fiscal policies and performances. The TVLC board is expected to discuss them at its board meeting at Acadia Middle School May 12.

The new NOV concentrates on matters affecting teachers at the Acacia schools. New Jerusalem says that TVLC hired educators who don't meet the state's credentialing law.

A document enclosed with the NOV shows an earlier request for information concerning the credential status of 10 staff members. A reply to New Jerusalem on April 19 from TVLC Human Resources Director Cheryl Weaver shows that three of the staff have no credentials, and two are no longer employed at the Acacia schools.

Others have various kinds of credentials, such as a single subject preliminary credential, a certificate of clearance and a district intern credential.

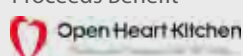
New Jerusalem also says that it believes that not all of the two Acacia's schools teachers are enrolled in the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), despite a statement in their charters that the teachers "participate in" STRS.

New Jerusalem is asking TVLC for evidence that all teachers are enrolled, and that TVLC makes the required employer contribution for them.

New Jerusalem set a deadline of June 10 for TVLC to respond, and notes that the current notice does not limit New Jerusalem's ability to add further NOV's, if additional issues were identified.



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# SPORTS NOTES



Fusion U13 Girls Gold team turned in a great weekend of action. After a hard fought tied game against the Pleasanton Rage, the girls came back with a vengeance on Sunday, defeating Lamorinda 4 to 0. Chloe Totten started the scoring with a laser shot at the 25 min. mark of the first half, putting the Gold up going into the halftime break 1 to 0. Next was a nice tapper from forward Reza Mosher, to put the girls up 2 to 0. Daylin Williams finished a beautiful cross from Camille Wigginton for the third goal. A nice shot to the corner of the net by Brooke Eddy finished the scoring to put the girls up 4 to 0. It was a stellar performance from the midfielders who moved the ball around beautifully and the defense holding Lamorinda to no goals.



West Coast Krush after their 3-0 victory against Livermore Fusion Maroon on Saturday. In the back row are (left to right): Hailey Brackett, Kaya Whittaker, Katelyn Caine, Jillian Barth, Daisy Tompkins, Kira Korsak and Makenna Galvan; (front row) Katherine Phelps, Ciella Seals, Hailey Garvin, Ella Coltrin, Presley Perez and Kimmie Keller. Not pictured Alexa Pletschette.



The Granada High School boys lacrosse team hosted Livermore High School for the last game of the season. The match was tied at 11 to 11 with eleven seconds left in the game. The Cowboys won in overtime. Brandon Brocklesby and Harrison Goold made three goals each, Connor LoVoi made two, and Colby Brocklesby, Shane Jenkins, and Trevor Moreau each made one. Ethan Shang, Max Pinedo Henrich, B. Brocklesby, Goold, Jenkins, and Moreau all made one assist each. Jonathan Short and Goold each got four ground balls, while Erik Mork, Magnum Resler Miller, LoVoi, and Jenkins got three, James Pryor, B. Brocklesby, and Pinedo Henrich got two, and Michael Puso got one. Resler Miller had an impressive eight takeaways, while Mork had four, Dylan Olofson, Short, and B. Brocklesby had two, and Kavan Bagatelos, Shang, Moreau, and Goold had one. Goold won seventeen face-offs, while Shang won five and Puso three. Goalie Jared Faith made thirteen saves. Pictured is Harrison Goold taking a shot.



The Granada High School Junior Varsity boys lacrosse team hosted Livermore High School for the end of the season game winning 8 - 5. Jaxen McLaren made two goals while Alec Faith, Brian Schindler, Matt Hall, Michael Nowaczyk, Ryan Lortie, and Tristan Clark each made one. CJ Alire and Matthew Larson each made two assists, while Faith and Clark made one each. Harrison Meadows and Larson got two ground balls each, and Ryan Patchen, Paul Curbelo, Max Bauer, Ethan Weisbrod, Brad Mitchell, Alire, and Hall each got one. Bauer had two takeaways and Liam Randhawa, Jack Sallaberry, Garret West, Daniel Pryor, Curbelo, and Nowaczyk each had one. Alire won seven face-offs, Randhawa and Nowaczyk each won three, Pryor won two and Hall one. Goalie Ryan Myers made sixteen saves. Pictured is Jack Sallaberry with the ball and Michael Nowaczyk about to check a Cowboy rival.

### Pleasanton Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:

**7U Division:** Bikes vs. Al's Roofing Supply: Beeline Bikes vs. Al's Roofing Supply was another action packed game. Great hitting and fielding were accomplished by both teams. Beeline Bikes' players Krislyn Khouri and Mady Kim executed great plays on 2nd and 3rd, getting players out, while Ashley Srouji showed good teamwork as catcher and great skill at bat. Al's Roofing Supply players Riley Costello and Kaia Westcott were both big hitters in this game, and Amelia Hom made several great plays getting players out

on 1st. Other outstanding players in this game were Beeline Bikes' Carys Shannon for pitching well, and Mai Falcone for nice work at bat, and Al's Roofing Supply's Grace Berberich and Jesse Dowling for nice hitting and fielding. **Top Players:** Beeline Bikes - Krislyn Khouri, Mady Kim, Ashley Srouji; Al's Roofing Supply - Riley Costello, Amelia Hom, Kaia Westcott  
**Middle School Teal:** California Business Tech 9, NorCal Dietz and Watson 5: A long awaited game between NorCal Dietz and Watson and California Business Tech resulted in victory for California Business Tech thanks in large part to Rachael Tanis'



Jacob Sanchez of the Twins catches the throw from the 2nd baseman and is about to make the tag on Parker Warner of the Rockies in Granada Little League AAA division action. Parker was able to beat the tag and scored on the play.



Granada High School Matadors JV boys volleyball team closed out their season with a strong win over cross-town rival Livermore High Cowboys on May 5, 2016. Game scores were 25 - 4 and 25 - 14. Kendall Pareja #4 is spiking for the point with Justin Watson #33, Joshua Murray #9, Eric Heinke #7, Emory Larson #2, and Ross Murray #11 in support

pitching. She allowed only 5 runs in the 6 innings that she pitched. Genevieve Taylor was amazing at catcher, and Emily Sanchez had a double that allowed California Business Tech to take the lead. NorCal Dietz and Watson had amazing pitching as well, as Valerie McKeever struck out all 3 batters in the 4th inning. Sammie Gray made outstanding plays behind the plate and also hit a homerun. Olivia Terrell had a clutch single, and was a standout at 3B. **Top Players:** California Business Tech - Emily Sanchez, Rachael Tanis, Genevieve Taylor; NorCal Dietz and Watson - Sammie Gray, Valerie McKeever, Olivia Terrell

Dietz & Watson 10. Images By Lori 3: Images By Lori and Dietz & Watson met up again for a night of softball. Dietz & Watson played well with some big hitters. Cheyenne Gentry hit a single for an RBI. Sammie had two hits including a double with two RBIs. Kayla Galvez also had two hits and scored two times. Images By Lori played their "A" game. Catcher Andrea Anderson played awesome defense behind the plate. Ani Kapp had a huge hit. Annika Jernstedt also pitched a great game and caught a pop fly. **Top Players:** Dietz & Watson - Kayla Galvez, Cheyenne Gentry, Sammie Gray; Images By Lori - Andrea Anderson, Annika Jernstedt, Ani Kapp

### Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights: **Farm:** A's vs Royals: In a great display of sportsmanship and selflessness, the Farm A's loaned the shorthanded Royals several players so they could have a game on a rainy day instead of calling it off. What turned out was a 6 on 6 battle. Miller and Lopez of the Royals led the hitting barrage for their team while Leonard, Smith, Smith and Ibarra had multiple hit days for the A's.

**Minor AA:** Cardinals 10, Orioles 1: Cardinals' pitchers had a great day Wednesday against the Orioles, striking out 13, walking only 4, and allowing only 2 hits in 5 innings of play. (Top Cardinals' defense) Dimitri Mesnickow (P) had a great 2nd inning striking out all 3 batters faced. Lane Curtin had 2 unassisted outs at first in the 3rd inning, following up with pitching the 4th and 5th and striking out 6 of the 8 batters he faced. (Top Cardinal hitters) Jordan Blanscett (1-1, 1 double, 2 RBIs); Stefano Matteucci (2-2, double, 2 RBIs); Tyler Fritz (1-2, double, 1 RBI).

**Cardinals 12, Diamondbacks 7:** In the first inning, D'backs second batter hit a solid triple to left field, tried to stretch it into a homerun and was tagged out at the plate for the first out - Tyler Fritz (LF) to Zach Lindstrom (SS) to Stefano Matteucci (C). Second inning, D'backs' runner on first base was caught in a pickle attempting to steal second. Stefano (C) to Dimitri Mesnickow (SS) to Jordan Blanscett (1B) who ran down and tagged the runner for the third out. **Top Cardinals' hitters:** Lane Curtin (3-3, 3 RBIs); Jordan Blanscett (2-2, 2 RBIs); Stefano Matteucci (3-3, 3 RBIs); Robert Hansen (3-3, 1 RBI).

**Cardinals 5, Giants 8:** On defense for the Cardinals, Zach Lindstrom (P) struck out all 3 batters faced in the first inning. In the second inning, the first out was fielded by Zach (P) and thrown to Dimitri Mesnickow (SS) to get the runner at second. The second and third out were fielded by Gavin Morton (2B) and thrown to Dimitri (SS) to get the runners advancing to second. **Top Cardinals' hitters:** Anthony Ponce (1-1, 2 RBI); Zach Lindstrom (1-1, 1 RBI); Jordan Blanscett (1-2, 2 RBIs); Robert Hansen (1-2).

**Majors:** A's 4, Twins 2: The Twins were never able to get over the hump and get over their troubles against the A's on Saturday, as they fell 4-2 at GLL Field two after falling behind by three runs in the fourth inning. Twins scored one run in the fifth. The A's were led by Cooper M's hitting. Cooper went 2-2, drove in one and scored one run. He tripled in the first inning and singled in the fourth inning. Neil S looked sharp on the rubber. M-Twins managed just two hits off of Neil, who allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out three during his four innings of work. The Twins took an early lead, 1-0 in the top of the first. The A's never trailed after scoring four runs in the fourth on two singles.



The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U9 Black team closed out the season on Saturday at the NorCal Lacrosse Festival with a competitive game against the Diablo Scorpions U9 Team and a spirited fight against Burlingame U9 Team. All players contributed to outstanding play on offense and defense. Goals and assists were recorded by Pierce Arizpe, Brody Arizpe, Roman Zuanich, Aiden Melton, Jordan Phillips, Brahm Weintraub and Zack Neely. Shown in photo, Roman Zuanich (#7, goalie), Anna Van Essen (#4) and Rodger Mayhew (#30) defend their goal.

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# SPORTS NOTES

## Olympian Award Nominees Chosen

The Livermore-Granada Boosters were organized in 1949 by a group of former Livermore High School athletes, former students, and civic-minded businessmen to foster and stimulate scholarship and athletics in the community high school. This group felt that good students, active in athletics, were a nucleus of future good citizens, with qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.

In 1958, the Boosters instituted the Olympian Award to honor male scholar-athletes from Livermore High School. In 1966, the award was expanded to include newly opened Granada High School. Since 1979, the Livermore-Granada Boosters honor one male and one female scholar-athlete from each high school with the Olympian Award.

Each of the 4 winners receives a \$2,000 scholarship, and each of the six finalists receives a \$500 scholarship. All eight finalists receive an Olympian Finalist Award Plaque.

Team award plaques are presented to the outstanding male and female athlete leaders on each varsity team. They are selected by fellow team members.

This year the Olympian Scholarship Awards banquet will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on May 16. More information on the banquet, as well as photos and video of sports are available at [www.livermore-granadaboosters.org](http://www.livermore-granadaboosters.org)

The following are this year's finalists:

**TAYLOR LAWSEN** - Taylor is a Granada High School senior with a weighted GPA of 4.26. She earned eight varsity letters playing cross-country and track at Granada. Taylor has earned All-EBAL First or second team honors in cross-country all four years. She was NCS All-section in her senior year. In track she has been a 3-time NCS Meet of Champions finalist. She was team captain on her cross country and track teams. Taylor has served as Vice President of the California Scholarship Federation Club; She is a scholar athlete all four years and an AP scholar with honors for European and US History, Spanish and literature. Taylor plans to attend Biola University and major in English.

**MEGAN MCCANDLESS** - Megan, Granada High School senior, earned a weighted GPA of 4.46. She earned eight varsity letters in cross-country and track. In cross-country she is a 2-time EBAL champion and course record holder, a 2-time NCS Division II champion and took second at the CIF site cross country championships in 2015, and took 18th at the NIKE cross country nationals. In track, she is a 3-time NCS medalist and state qualifier. She has earned an AP Scholar with Distinction and President of the Robotics Club. Megan plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**AMY MOUSSA** - Amy, a Granada High School senior, earned a weighted GPA of 4.00. Amy earned 4 varsity letters while playing basketball and earned EBAL 1st team status in 2015. She helped her team qualify to the NCS tournament 2015 and 2016 and has received numerous All-Tournament team and Team Award honors. Amy has served as ASB President, earned academic Excellence Top scholar and was this year's Homecoming Queen. Amy plans to attend either Portland University or St. Mary's college and major in Business Marketing.

**MARIANA GARZA** - Mariana, a senior at Livermore High School, has a weighted GPA of 4.23. She has earned four varsity letters in basketball and three varsity blocks in track. In basketball, she has been a 2-time team captain and won the Cowboy Award in 2016. In track, she was MVP thrower in 2015. Mariana has earned AP academic awards in English, academic department awards for biology, chemistry and algebra, and has served as ASB Vice President and Attorney General. Mariana plans to attend University of Wisconsin and major in Microbiology.

**KAJOL MAHESWARI** - Kajol is a senior at Livermore High School with a weighted GPA of 4.44. She has earned eight varsity letters in cross-country and track and one in soccer. Kajol made

### LIVERMORE HIGH SCHOOL



Mariana Garza



Kajol Maheswari



Nataniel Kratochvil



Martin Vega



John Reggiardo



Isabella Widmann

### GRANADA HIGH SCHOOL



Megan McCandless



Leo Skellenger



Amy Moussa



Maxime Rooney



Aaron Andrews



Taylor Lawsen

first team ALL-EBAL in cross-country placed 7th at NCS and is a 2-time State meet qualifier. In track, she has qualified for the NCS Meet of Champions. She was team captain in cross-country and track and was voted MVP distance runner. She has and received numerous academic awards in language, math, English and social science, AP Scholar with Distinction, and National Merit Program: Commended. Kajol will continue her running career at West Point and plans to major in Pre-Med.

**ISABELLA WIDMANN** - Isabella a senior at Livermore High School who earned a weighted GPA of 4.24. She has earned four varsity blocks in softball and one in basketball. Isabella has received numerous awards in volleyball including Most Valuable, Improved and Inspirational. Her academic awards include Principal's honor roll, teacher recognition awards in Algebra, conceptual physics, German and pre-calculus and is an NCS scholar athlete. Isabella plans to attend San Diego State University and major in Hospitality and Tourism.

**NATANIEL KRATOCHVIL** - Nathaniel is a Livermore High School senior who earned a weighted GPA 3.65. He has received seven varsity letters in water polo and swimming. During his water polo career he has earned All-EBAL First, Second and Honorable mention status. He was selected team captain all four years and has received MVP for his team. He is a NCS Scholar athlete, and has been on the Principal and regular honor all four years. Nathaniel plans to attend either University Nevada Reno or Chico State and will major in Mechanical Engineering.

**JOHN REGGIARDO** - John is a Livermore High School senior with a weighted GPA of 3.59. He has seven varsity letters in basketball, Lacrosse, football and water polo. John earned All-EBAL Honorable Mention in basketball in 2015 and 2016. He has served as team captain for basketball and lacrosse, and received scholar athlete awards for basketball and Rotary Student of the Month. John plans to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and major in Bio-Resource and Agriculture Engineering.

**MARTIN VEGA** - Martin is a Livermore High School senior with a weighted GPA of 4.26. Martin earned six varsity letters in football, track, soccer and volleyball. He earned All-EBAL Honorable Mention in football as place-kicker and has been a scholar athlete in football, track and soccer. Martin has earned numerous awards including Horatio Alger National Scholar, Rotary Student of the Month, Youth Leadership award and Teacher recognition awards in French, math and science. Martin plans to attend UC Davis and major in Mechanical Engineering.

**AARON ANDREWS** - Aaron is a senior at Granada High with a weighted GPA of 3.27. He has earned four varsity letters in football and basketball. In football he has received All-EBAL First team, Second team and Honorable mention honors. Aaron was selected to the All-East Bay First Team and All-NCS Second Team. He has received numerous awards including two-time team MVP and Most Inspirational for football. Aaron will continue his football career at Chabot Community College.

**MAXIME ROONEY** - Maxime is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 4.17. He has earned four varsity letters in swimming. He is a 3-time EBAL League champion and defending NCS champion in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle. Maxime holds four NCS swimming records in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle and 400-medley relay. He set a CIF State record in the 100-meter free and his 200 free relay team placed third at the CIF State championships in 2015. In 2015, he won the gold medal in the 200-meter freestyle at the FINA World Junior Championships and set a national and world record winning the 200-meter freestyle at the National Swim Championships. Maxime will continue his swimming career at the University of Florida and will major in Pre-Med Health Science.

**LEO SKELLENGER** - Leo is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 3.08. He has earned seven varsity letters in cross-country and track. Leo was the EBAL cross-country champion in 2015 and selected First Team All League and NCS First Team. He is a four-time NCS participant and two-time state meet qualifier. In track, he is a two-time NCS participant. He has earned NCS scholar athlete status and has been selected team captain for cross-country and track. Leo plans to attend Cal State East Bay and major in Business and Kinesiology.



Phantoms U11 Purple took on their friends U11 Black team on Friday under the lights at Robertson Park and won 5 to 2. Goals were scored by Brandon Niermeyer, Colby Dunlop and Scott Wortham. On Saturday, Purple played the Tomahawks in Palo Alto, losing 12 to 3. Goals were by Brandon Niermeyer and Colby Dunlop with two. Pictured left to right are Scott Wortham, Charles Jorgensen, Brandon Niermeyer, Luke Leary, Andrew Kramer, Bryce Moy, Zachary Agrella, Nathan Strong, Jason Webb, Colby Dunlop, Aidan Andre and Dylan Gunderson.



### STANFORD HEALTH CARE - VALLEYCARE Community Events

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##### “Get Ready for Summer” Workout

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Thursday, May 26 • 6:00pm – 7:00pm

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The annual Tri-Valley SOCKS Bras for the Cause took place last weekend in Pleasanton. The annual event raises funds to be used in the battle against breast cancer.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Music and dance in front of the Bankhead Theater celebrated Cinco de Mayo last week.

## Axis to Celebrate Opening Of New Health Center

Axis Community Health will hold a grand opening celebration for its new health center on Saturday, May 21 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton.

Axis, a non-profit organization, provides affordable health services to more than 14,000 Tri-Valley residents. Construction of the new facility was recently completed and the center is now open to patients. This facility meets the growing need for health care services for low-income and uninsured families.

Featured speakers at the event will include Congressman Eric Swalwell and Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, who will join Axis Board Chair James Paxson and CEO Sue Compton for the ceremony. The ceremony will start at 1:30 pm, followed by tours of the new building.

"This is a true milestone for Axis, for the people we serve, and for the many

community members, government representatives, and supporters who have helped make this project a reality," said Compton, Axis CEO. "Access to care has taken a huge, wonderful step forward."

The new 24,000 sq. ft. health center doubles Axis's service capacity for primary health care and mental health. Construction involved a complete interior renovation of the existing structure in order to create 27 exam rooms, 7 counseling rooms and ancillary service areas. The project was completed by INDE Architecture and general contractor Oliver & Co.

Some funding for the \$12 million project came from Alameda County, the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, and HUD. Most of the remainder is being financed through The California Endowment and Capital Impact Partners. Axis also raised \$1.7 million for construction through a

capital campaign, and is now raising an additional \$300,000 for medical equipment and furnishings. Major campaign supporters include Kaiser Permanente, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, Fremont Bank Foundation, and HEDCO Foundation.

Axis presently has two additional medical clinic sites, one in downtown Pleasanton and one at Livermore's multi-services center, as well as two behavioral health sites and a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program site. All current sites will remain open.

Founded in 1972, Axis provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 100,000 visits to one of Axis's five locations. To attend the grand opening celebration, RSVP to 925-201-6017.

## Drive Underway to Fill Book Shelves at Two Schools

Tamara Thornell, Mrs. New Mexico International, has a platform of Childhood Literacy. The former Livermore resident is in her second year of a K-6th grade book drive to give to the children in a Summer School Lunch Program in Hobbs, NM. She wants to start one in Livermore. She has spoken with the Marilyn Ave Elementary School principal, Mr. Alberto Solorzano, about this book drive to benefit 250 of his Summer School Lunch Program students.

The public is invited to drop off gently used K-6 grade books at the following locations: Livermore Valley Tennis Club at 2000 Arroyo Road, Livermore Panama Bay Coffee and Tea at 152 S.

Livermore Ave, and the First Presbyterian Church at 2020 fifth Street, Livermore.

For more information, contact Tamara at MrsNewMexicoIntl@outlook.com

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**Paco Moreno**  
Sterile Processing Tech,  
Central Services

**Jaimelyn Cabalbag, RN**  
Definitive Observation Unit  
*Florence Nightingale Award*



## SHORT NOTES

### Legal & Financial

Hope Hospice presents, "Exploring Legal and Financial Matters" on Saturday, May 14, from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

This class will cover information about working with professionals to help ensure that families receive the most accurate information about options and protection. Topics in this session include: establishing powers of attorney, guardianships and conservatorships, trusts and wills; managing finances, paying for long-term care,

and accessing government assistance programs such as Medi-Cal and Veterans benefits; examining issues surrounding elder abuse and fraud; and implementing advance healthcare directives.

Speakers include Debbie Emerson, Community and Family Health Educator and Hope Hospice Community Education Volunteers; and Julie Fielder, RN, Certified Elder Law Attorney, Horizon Elder Law. For more information about the Hope Hospice Family Caregiver Series, visit HopeHospice.com.

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

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

however, donations to Hope Hospice are greatly appreciated.

### Duck Races to Take Place at Park

The 24th annual Livermore Duck Races will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 15 at the Arroyo Mocho in Robertson Park.

The release of water by Zone 7 has made it possible to hold the races at the park.

This event is a fundraiser for Livermore schools and local non profits. Over

\$5000 in cash prizes will be given out to duck sponsors. Tickets will be available at the event.

There will be Little Duckie Races for kids 12 years and younger. These races are free with a parent present. If the event is held at the swimming pool, the Little Duckie Races would be cancelled.

The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club. Each duck will have a number attached and assigned to the number on

an entry form. The winning duck entries eligible for cash prizes will be announced at the conclusion of each race. Individuals who submitted the winning entries are not required to be present. They will be notified by phone.

For more information, call Betty Harvey 449-1315 or Jim Travis 321-1123. Tickets printed by Camino Press are five dollars per entry. They are available from some Livermore school PTAs or write to Livermore Duck Races, POL Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.

## OBITUARIES

### Michael Martin

Aug 6, 1936 - March 23, 2016

Michael Martin or "Big Mike" to his old friends, passed away peacefully at



his residence in Galt, California on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, after a long, hard fought battle with Ob-

structive Renal Failure. He was 79 years old.

Michael was born in Pleasanton, California on August 6, 1936, in a place called "the hole," familiar only to early immigrants looking for a new start in the USA. He was the son of Mexican immigrants Flaviano and Guadalupe Martin who raised him to be as American as apple pie with a little jalapeño for spice. He was the second oldest of a large family of all boys; Joseph (deceased), Ernest (deceased), Rudy, Freddy, and Rene'.

His fondest memories revolved around his brothers and Pleasanton. He had a love for 50s music and low and fast Fords. He married Nancy Collins (deceased), the absolute love of his life and fathered two sons: Michael Joseph Martin and Anthony Flaviano Martin. He graduated from Amador Valley High School and soon after joined the Army with his best friend "Mac." He served in the military in the chemical equipment corp. as a mechanic till his discharge in 1965.

After returning home, he focused his attentions toward raising a family in the Tri-Valley, living in all three cities at one time or another, and finally settling in Livermore. He enjoyed fixing just about anything for anyone and most times could for that matter! He loved to go on camping trips to the Sierra Nevada's with his family so long as the old Ford could make it. He was a diehard member of Raider Nation with the cuts and bruises to prove it. Once at the Livermore bowling alley, a place where Los Angeles Raider games were televised, he got into a bar room brawl with of course a foolish bigmouthed Denver fan. Ouch for him!

Michael is survived by son Michael Joseph Martin (Yolanda) Brentwood, CA, son Anthony Flaviano Martin (Tuesday) of Galt, CA, Mikayla Martin (granddaughter) of Galt, CA, Kylie Martin (granddaughter) of Brentwood, CA, Sierra Martin (granddaughter) of Galt, CA, Rudy Martin (brother) of Livermore CA, Freddy Martin (brother) Pleasanton CA, Rene' Martin (brother) Pleasanton CA.

Services will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA on May 20, 2016 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow. In addition, a remembrance will be held in his honor on his

birthday to celebrate his life. Place and time will be available at Yolanda Martin's Facebook page at the beginning of July this year.

### Alta Jesse Wood Collier

Today we celebrate a life well lived at 103. Alta Jesse Wood Collier passed away May 1, 2016.

She was loved by daughter, June, Collier Turchino,

son-in-law, Lou Turchino; grandchildren, Keith Collier (Beth), LaVon Collier (Larry),

Matthew Collier (Susan), Libby Collier (Todd), Cindy Turchino, Michelle Turchino Swinkels (Dan); 19 loving great grandchildren, Mikayla, Jessica, Nicole, Jason, Michelle, Kristy, Lucas, Dylan, Beth, Ben, Sara, Jacob, Tracy, Michael, Lisa, Zach, David, James, Nicole and many more great, great grandchildren, as well as many loving friends and long time neighbors.

Preceded in passing by husband, Benjamin Collier; Son, Wilton Collier; friend in life, Edward Stone; siblings, Orion, Mabel, Adrian, Vernon, Mary, Ida Mae, Albert and, twin sister, Alice.

Alta lived a full life from her beginnings on the Ranch in Oregon House, Ca, where she and her siblings were born and raised; to a farm in Gridley, Ca where she started her own family with Ben, Bill and June; to finally settling in Vallejo, Ca in 1950, where she lived until she reached the beautiful age of 101 years old.

Alta loved to bowl and spent many years on Leagues in Vallejo, ruling the roost with her high scoring games. She took home many ribbons and trophies proclaiming her Woman's Senior Champion, and proudly displayed every one of them.

Alta lived a long, full life and passed knowing that she was loved by many. She will be forever loved and lovingly missed.

In memory of Alta, donations can be given to Vitas Hospice, to honor the care they provided for her. <http://www.vitas.com/community-connection/donation-form> specifically "East Bay Cities, CA" or Vitas, 365 Lennon Lane, #140, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

### Marion Amelia Alexander

Marion Amelia Alexander, 85, a lifelong Livermore resident passed Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in the comfort of her family home. Born March 19, 1931 to the late Jesse and Amelia Rasmussen.

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She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Charles Alexander, Sister Dorothy Ricketts and Nephew Dennis Ricketts. She is survived by son Paul Alexander, daughter Dorothy Soda, nephew Rick Ricketts, grandchildren Laurel Akman, Amelia Riveira and Tiffany Soda. She is also survived by 8 great grandchildren.

She was a loving woman whose family meant everything to her. Marion graduated from Livermore High in 1950. She was a beautician for many years and retired from Intel Corporation.

A celebration of life will be held Monday May 23rd 1:00 pm at St. Michaels hall 458 Maple St Livermore, Ca.

### Joyce Ann Pernus

Joyce Ann Pernus, 73, a former Pleasanton resident, passed away on February 1, 2016. She retired from the Livermore City Clerk's Office prior to moving to Louisville, Kentucky.

Joyce was born on July 1, 1942, in San Francisco, California to the late Henry and Mildred (Vickery) Barone. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joel Pernus, three daughters, and three grandchildren.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 21st, 2016 at Robert Livermore Community Center, North Larkspur room located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Walter "Walt" Perry

Walter "Walt" Perry, age 74, died Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in Livermore, CA after a long illness.

Walt is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol Anne (Savoie) Perry; his devoted daughter Shannon (Perry) Thomas; granddaughters Justynne and Jayden; and numerous friends and colleagues.

Walt was born in Valley Springs, California on July 19, 1941 to Charles and Grace Perry. After proudly

serving his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963, Walt married Carol, the love of his life, on April 5, 1964. In 1969, he began a long and successful career at Peterson Tractor Co., the Bay Area's authorized Caterpillar dealer. In 2005, Walt retired from the company after a decade as Vice President of Finance

and retirement fund trustee.

Walt's devotions in life were God, his family and friends, his career at Peterson, and the U.S. Marine Corps. Walt loved to drink fine wine and eat outstanding food, and will be recalled lovingly for his generous nature, business acumen, and talent as a teacher and mentor.

"You were my best friend," Shannon said. "You are unforgettable and will never be replaced. You were the best papa in the world to Justynne and Jayden and we all miss you."

Walt's memorial service will be on May 19 at two p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livermore. A celebration of life will follow at Wente Vineyards in Livermore at 3:30.

Cards for Carol and Shannon may be sent to: 656 Canterbury Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society ([www.nmcrrs.org](http://www.nmcrrs.org)).

### Lynn Block

Frances Lynn Block, 67, of Livermore, passed away May 1, 2016 in her home



Funeral Home on May 14, 2016 at 1:00. Reception will follow at The Barn off Pacific Avenue.

Lynn was born in Hayward to Sammie and Mary Jo Noble on January 25, 1949. She went to high school at Granada High School and graduated in 1967. She went on to earn a certificate in dental hygiene. She worked as a dental hygienist for many years before deciding to pursue child care. She owned and operated a home day care for 20+ years. She enjoyed sewing, reading, cards and spending time with her family.

Lynn is preceded in death by her parents, Sammie and Mary Jo.

Lynn is survived by her husband Lloyd of Livermore; sister Becky Passey of Knightsen; son Nicholas Block; daughter Lori Street; daughter Nanci McCormick; seven grandchildren, Kayla and Emily Block, Seth and Sierra Street and Nolan,

Maci and Mitchel McCormick.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all of the wonderful citizens of Livermore, who have been supportive to the family during this difficult time.

### Marietta Schnittker Brabec

5-4-1930 - 5-8-2016

Marietta Brabec, a former longtime resident of Livermore, passed away from cancer on May 8, 2016. She



resided in Discovery Bay, California, at the time of her death. She was born in Kansas on May 4, 1930 to Casper and Irene Schnittker. She attended school in St. Leo and in Wichita, Kansas, and graduated from St. Rose Nursing School, Great Bend, Kansas, in 1951.

Marietta joined the US Air Force in 1952 where she served as a nurse and held the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. She met her husband, Gail Brabec, while both were stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington. They were married for 62+ years, having married in 1953. After living in Spokane, following the births of their four children they moved to Livermore, California in 1961 where they raised their family and Marietta worked as a nurse. She was employed at the Livermore Veteran's Hospital before working at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore for many years. Marietta & Gail lived in Sonora, California during the late 1980s to 1990s. Marietta's caring and compassionate nature made her a perfect home health care and hospice nurse during those years. After retiring from a 50 year career in nursing, Marietta & Gail moved to Discovery Bay in 1999.

Marietta was the glue of her family. She was the mother of four children, Joe (& Cathy) of Livermore, CA; David (& Carrie R.) of Kelseyville, CA; Kathy Eells (& Mike) of Tracy, CA; and Butch of Citrus Heights, CA. She was the best ever grandmother to her ten grandchildren: Jennifer (& Mike R.); Daniel (& Erin); Michael (& Kristy); Adam; Erika James (& Nick); Kristin Van Gompel (& Gabe); Cheryl; Shannon Eells (& Tony B.); Keith (& Liz); and Paul Eells. She also has two great-grandsons, Liam Brabec and Ethan

Brabec. Marietta is survived by three sisters, Vicki Smith of Sacramento, CA, Evelyn Schafer of Wichita, Kansas, and Florence Dean of Mississippi. Marietta will be greatly missed by her dog, Fritz.

Marietta's passion, after her family, was gardening. At every home she lived in, entering her gardens made you feel as if you were in a beautiful and well-maintained public park. Marietta also enjoyed cooking and baking. She leaves behind a legacy of memories for her children and grandchildren with the many cakes she made and decorated for birthdays, graduations, and weddings. Most everyone that knows a family member well has been treated to one of Grandma's prized Snowball Cookies. She was a voracious reader who enjoyed many genres of books. She also loved to collect flower frogs, hundreds of which adorned her home. Marietta enjoyed many crafts over the years, as well. Some of the things she made were beautiful shell framed-mirrors with seashells collected on numerous family beach trips, hand-decorated pots and stepping stones for the yard, and denim quilts for family members. At Christmastime, it was always a well anticipated surprise to see what great ornament Marietta had either made or found for each family member.

A memorial service will be held for Marietta on Saturday, May 21st, noon, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. A reception will take place after the service. Marietta will be interred at a later date at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Marietta's memory to Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588, [http://tvar.org/RP\\_WebDoc.asp?tid=160](http://tvar.org/RP_WebDoc.asp?tid=160); or to East Bay SPCA, 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland, CA 94621, <https://www.eastbay-spca.org/donation>.

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the intensity and mounted a comeback that started in the 2nd Period as Jack Hansen(1), Alex Operin(1) and Anders Bostrom(2) all scored to take the lead. After that, the Phantoms kept the pressure on and never looked back as Jack added another goal and Jacob Salhoff scored a goal to put the Phantoms in control 7-5. This was a great game as the Phantoms handled falling behind early, never panicked, made some in game adjustments and never let up. In all, it was a great game to end the regular season; Anders Bostrom (#2), Jack Hansen (#3), Chase Parker (#5), Jason Cruz (#19), Thomas Nicholas (#23), James Foulk (#30), Alexander Operin (#42), Jack Eaton (#50), Emerson Carr (#54), Jonathan Van Essen (#57), Devin Schallitz (#65), Ryan Gill (#73) and Takumi Romero (#99).



**Spring league comes to close with a strong finish by West Coast Wrath U15 Girls Soccer team coached by Kendra Perry. Wrath came out with a 5-1 Win against Ceres Earthquakes FC00. Wrath took an early lead with 5 goals scored in the first half by Rachel McCarthy, Kate Wallace, Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals and Katherine Auer. Wrath's strong defense and goal keeper Brienne Radloff only gave up one goal late in the second half. The entire team showed excellent effort and soccer athleticism. For more information, go to www.westcoastsoccerclub.org.**

## West Coast Soccer

**West Coast Wildfire U16 girls** won their Norcal Premier State Cup semi-final match against Stockton's Cal Cougars, 3-2. Wildfire now advance to finals to be held in Sacramento this coming weekend.

West Coast came out strong with two goals in the first 20 minutes. The first goal came from Tori Diehl finishing a cross from Lynette Soto. The second goal, just 5 minutes later, came from Meghan Giamona who connected with a loose ball inside the Cougars' red zone. West Coast's third goal came at the start of the second half with a perfectly placed shot from Kayla Grisham from midfield.

Midway through the second half, the Cougars cleared a shot through Wildfire's defense keeping them in the match. Later in the second half, the Cougars scored again from a penalty kick making the score 3-2. Wildfire's strong defense and aggressive offense were too much for the Cougars to overcome.

As the clock wound down, Wildfire maintained possession and sealed the victory. They now face Sacramento's FC Sporting Zoom in the finals.

West Coast Wildfire also remains undefeated in Norcal spring league play posting a 4-0 shutout over SMC Stars. In a Mother's Day match in San Mateo, Wildfire faced the Stars for the second time this season. Earlier in April, Wildfire eliminated the Stars from State Cup play with a 2-0 defeat.

After a slower start to Spring League, the **West Coast Soccer 05 Krush** team have started to find their stride, working together to pull off two great wins this past weekend.

Krush's first game of the weekend was against cross-town rivals Livermore Fusion Maroon. Krush limited Fusions' chances for any shots on goal in their 3-0 victory. After a few good looks at the goal, defender Kaya Whitaker connected with Presley Perez who out maneuvered the goalie to score Krush's first goal of the afternoon. Krush kept the scoring drive going into the second half with two more goals. Hailey Garvin scored from the edge of the 18-yard box with a well-placed kick over the outstretched arms of the Fusion goalie. Whitaker had her second assist of the game when Ciella Seals scored on ball that rolled past the goalie attempting to challenge the shot.

Mother's Day Sunday saw Krush face-off against a very physical Alliance FC Shooting Star team. Seals had a breakout game, scoring 4 goals with assists from Makenna Galvan, Hailey Brackett and Kira Korsak. Her final goal of the day came off a penalty kick that the Alliance keeper managed to block, but Seals rushed in to get the rebound and scored. Katelyn Caine started off the scoring for the day, knocking in a goal after an Alliance deflection from Perez's initial shot attempt. Goalies Brackett and Jillian Barth played strong throughout the day, only allowing one goal for the afternoon, off a penalty kick from right outside the 18-yard box. Final Score: Krush 5, Alliance 1.

**U13G 2003 Girls West Coast Koas** (6-0-2) continued spring season in the Nor Cal Premier League. Saturday Kaos played Alliance from Hayward California had a rematch of the first game of the season where the game was tied 4-4. Kaos continues to keep an average of 4 goals a game but defense was the difference in this game. Led by goalie Hayley Miller, defenders Kiara Rodriguez, Mercedes Valaverde, Kelsey Brumm, Cassidy Brackett, Kathryn Reid, and Gabi Casillas, Kaos shut down Alliance potent offense where the rest of the team could play their possession style of soccer which eventually broke down Alliance leading to 4 goals.

Sunday, the Kaos girls played for their mothers. They took the kickoff and scored 37 seconds into the game and continued to apply the pressure on Castro Valley. A pass back indirect free kick enabled Castro Valley to score to bring the team close to 2-1 then Kaos added 2 more to not only stay undefeated, but keep their goal average at 4 goals and remain in 4th place.

## Livermore Little League

Livermore Little League results:

**T-Ball:** 4/29 - Rockies vs Reds: It was really windy on the field that day...the game only lasted 2 innings. Playing defense was only fun if you were on the infield. Rockies' Darren Bruan playing 3rd base had a great stop by falling on the ball. Rockies' Anthony Oliva playing 2nd base grabbed a bouncing ball and throw it to 1st base. Rockies' Grant Perotti as pitcher made several great stops and ran the ball to home plate to record an out. When the Rockies were up to bat Clark Newton, Nile Cassett, Lily Young and Matteo Pineda had great hits to the grass.

**Division:** 4/23 - Yankees 13, Red Sox 21: Fans were treated to a high-scoring affair as the Red Sox outscored the Yankees 21-13 in six innings. For the Red Sox, Ty Rankin had a hot bat, as he picked up five hits and received the game ball. Red Sox players Luke and Chrissy Creedon, Shamus Mc Grail, and Issac Hutchison made impressive plays both offensively and defensively.

4/27 - Athletics 8, Cardinals 17: The A's came roaring out of the gate to take a 5-0 first inning lead behind the stellar hitting of Alex Osbourne, B. Young, and Jacob Flores. The Cardinals battled back with Kyle Puzzer leading the charge and Ward Piazza's 2-run triple. Jacob Green and Deacon Gonzales also each went 3-3 with doubles as the Cardinals continued to hit up and down their lineup. Jayden Merfeld showed some key second base play with 3 sound plays as the defense helped the Cardinals put the game away in the late innings. The final score was 17-8 with the Cardinals continuing their undefeated season.

4/28 - Yankees 2, Cardinals 17: The Redbirds continued their hot hitting trend with a 17-2 performance. Angelo Pena and Buurkarl did all they could to keep the Yankees alive,

but the Cardinals were just too strong. Cardinals' Parker Pompillio hit a line-drive triple to go with some outstanding defense, but it was truly a group effort with all players getting at least one hit. Cardinals' Garin Hutchings and Anderson Schwarer received game balls for each going 3-3 with doubles. Patrick Bellhumeur also proved valuable at pitcher making numerous plays including a spectacular unassisted double play. The Cardinals' defensive play of the game went to the Parker to Deacon Gonzales 3rd to first force with Deacon making the stretch catch and almost completing the double play.

**AA Division:** 4/26 - Pirates 7, Rockies 2: Pirates took the lead early and didn't stop in a win over the Rockies. Rylan Kohndrow and Nolan Armanino both got base hits in the 1st inning with 2 RBIs each. Matteo Lortie had the hit of the game with a home run for 2 RBIs. The Pirates pitching, including Riley Lombardo, Jayden Pimental, Kaden Tomores and Dustin Driscoll shut down the Rockies, giving up only 2 runs. The game ball was awarded to Matteo Lortie for hitting his 1st home run of the season.

**AAA Division:** 4/20 - Giants 14, Cardinals 12: The Giants outlasted the Cardinals in a high-scoring affair, 14-12. Giants' Justin Matchett's excellent pitching started the game off strong coupled with great fielding by Hunter Diemert for an out at first. Joseph Bellah fielded the ball to Hunter Diemert at first for the out. Andrew James came in and continued to pitch strikes. Will Mullen worked tirelessly behind the plate as catcher. The Giants' batting lineup was strong with a triple and a double for RBIs from Will Mullen and multiple base hits from Justin Matchett, Mateo Bullis and Morgan Merchel, and Andrew James. Stealing home was the strategy the day for Mateo Bullis, Justin Matchett and Andrew James with a number of runs scored by quick and attentive runners from third. Other notable Cardinals' hits were from Colin Lyons with a base hit scoring 2 RBIs. The Cardinals had strong pitching from Patel and good hits from Tommy Brown including a scoring run at home after getting hit from a line drive from his school buddy, and shortstop, Will Mullen.

4/25 - Athletics 13, Pirates 8: The Pirates beat the Athletics 13-8. On offense for the Athletics, Henry Gleason had an RBI single and RBI double and Ryan Meyer an RBI single. After reaching base on walks, Dylan Voelker, Enzo Battaglia, Cody Terpstra, Shane Meyer, Noah Roe, and Josiah Hurd scored runs. On defense, the A's Dylan Voelker pitched a scoreless inning and had a nice infield catch at 2nd base.

4/28 - Royals 18, Blue Jays 2: Caden Sullivan hit and pitched the Royals to a 18-2 victory over the Blue Jays. Caden racked up 4 RBIs on three hits. He tripled in the second inning, doubled in the fifth inning, and singled in the sixth inning. With him on the mound, the Blue Jays could not get anything going. Caden gave up just one hit, allowed one earned run, walked 2 and struck out 9 during his 4 2/3 innings of work. Seven runs in the opening three innings allowed the AAA Royals to easily put away the Blue Jays. An RBI single by Tristan Webb, a RBI single by Xavier Thorpe, a passed ball, a wild pitch, and a walk by Jordan Silva during the first inning and an RBI triple by Caden Sullivan and a groundout by Dominic Hurtado in the second inning supplied the early offense for the Royals.

4/30 - Royals 12, Rockies 2: The Royals jumped out to an early lead on the Rockies and captured a 12-2 victory. Seven runs in the first three innings allowed the Royals to put this game away early. An RBI double by Sam Rasmussen, an error, and a wild pitch in the second inning fueled the Royals' offense early. Brandon Von racked up four RBIs on two hits for the Royals. He doubled in the second inning and hit a grand slam in the third inning, ending that inning with a score of 2-7. Royals added 5 more runs in the bottom of the 5th. A single by Xavier Thorpe ignited the offense,

scoring Dominic Hurtado. Brandon Von, Tyler Delisle, Xavier Thorpe and Sam Rasmussen ended adding to the scoreboard before the inning ended. The Royals' defense worked like a well oiled machine throughout this game.

4/30 - Athletics 18, Giants 14: The Athletics beat the Giants 18-14 in a very exciting game. The A's offense was on fire as they had three five run innings. Joseph Freitas hit a two RBI triple, and Josiah Hurd, Shane Meyer, and Henry Gleason all hit 2 RBI doubles. Enzo Battaglia and Jake Follis hit RBI doubles and Cody Terpstra, Dylan Garcia, and Dylan Voelker also had RBIs. On defense, the A's Jake Follis made a diving catch at short stop to make the third out in an inning.

**Majors:** 4/23 - Giants 4, Royals 9: The Giants came out firing, but couldn't hang on to the lead, ending up on the losing side of a 9-4 ballgame against the Royals. The top of the first saw the Giants' attack began with a single from Ryan J. A single by Jacob R. then moved Ryan J. from first to second. Tyler L. singled, scoring Ryan J. Dominic J. hit a two-run double. The Giants were led by Tyler L.'s hitting. Tyler L. went 2-3, drove in one and scored one run. He singled in the first inning and doubled in the third inning. In the first, the Royals scored on an error, plating Tanner O. Tanner G. was hot from the plate for the Royals. Tanner went 2-3 and scored two runs. He singled in the first and fifth innings. Chanston B. had an impressive outing against the Giants lineup. Chanston B. held the Giants hitless over three innings, allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out four. The Royals never surrendered the lead after the fourth inning, scoring five runs on a fielder's choice, a groundout by Brett W., and an RBI triple by James F. They took the lead in the fourth inning on an RBI triple by James F. The Royals piled on two more runs in the bottom of the fifth. A passed ball scored Tanner O. to get the Royals on the board in the inning and ending the game with a 9-4 win in the sixth.

4/26 - Royals 12, Red Sox: With nine runs in the first three innings, the Royals left no doubt about the eventual outcome. An RBI single by Xavi L., a two-run double by Kyle B., an RBI single by Tyler O., an error, a two-run double by Brett W., and a two-run double by Louis W. in the first inning fueled the Royals' offense early. Xavi L., Tyler O., Riley S., and Brett W. helped lead the Royals. They combined for eight hits and seven RBIs. Tyler O. got a hit in each of his three at bats. The Royals' Tanner G. kept the Red Sox off the scoreboard for all four innings he was on the rubber. He pitched a shutout, allowing no opposing players to cross the plate on three hits while ringing up five. The Royals' defense was on fire with some great plays in the infield and outfield as well.

4/30 - Royals 4, Athletics 3: Jordan D. came up big at the plate and on the mound, leading the Royals to a 4-3 win over the Athletics. Jordan D. doubled in the first and fourth innings and shut down the Athletics while he was on the mound. Over two innings, he allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out two. In the top of the first, the Athletics grabbed the early lead, 1-0. Matthew kicked things off for the Athletics with a single. A single by Xavier then moved Matthew from first to second. The Royals responded with two runs of their own in the first. Then scored on an RBI double by Jordan D. and an RBI single by Kyle B. The game was back-and-forth heading into the sixth, with seven lead changes. The Royals pulled out the win thanks to a strong sixth inning. They scored on an

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- An overview of the Explosive Destruction System (EDS) including a small-scale model, examples of destroyed munitions and videos of past EDS missions.
- Sandia-developed radiation detection capabilities: R&D 100 award-winning triplet-harvesting plastic

scintillators and anti-neutrino reactor monitoring.

- A historical overview of Sandia's California site and its national security work.
- A fuel-cell electric vehicle, courtesy of the California Fuel Cell Partnership, and the Fuel Cell Mobile Light, courtesy of Altergy. (Outside in front of the Bankhead Theater.)

The event will also showcase Sandia's education outreach programs with hands-on scientific activities from Family Science Night and Expanding Your Horizons volunteers. Students from Livermore High School and Mendenhall Middle School will display their engineering projects.

The human resources department will present another aspect of Sandia's California site as a workplace. Recruiters will be on hand to share Sandia careers and current job opportunities.

Walck said, "We invite the community to share in the celebration of Sandia/California's first 60 years and what we hope to achieve in the next 60 years and beyond."

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In recognition of National Public Works Week, the City of Livermore's Public Works Department will host a public showcase on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Maintenance Services Center at 3500 Robertson Park Road from 9 - 11:30 am.

Staff from all sections of Public Works, including airport, environmental services, maintenance and water resources will provide information and answer questions. Visitors may complete a self-guided tour of the Maintenance Facility, view specialized equipment like garbage trucks, fire trucks, and sewer cameras, and observe a drone demonstration.

Mayor John Marchand states, "Some of the City's unheralded staff heroes are those in Public Works. They maintain the streets, the sidewalks and our infrastructure that many of us take for granted. They are the reason that clean water comes out of our faucets and flows down the drains."

Adults and children are welcome at the public showcase. Learn more about the systems and services that are vital to the community's health, safety and comfort. For more information, call 925-960-8026 or email jllshafer@cityoflivermore.net.

## Two Livermore Schools Recognized for Academic Achievement

Two Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District schools, Marylin Avenue Elementary School and Joe Michell K-8 School, have been recognized by the California Department of Education as Title I Academic Achieving Schools.

This distinction is given to schools that have been honored as Gold Ribbon Schools, and also receive federal Title I funds that aid in meeting the educational needs of students living at or below the poverty level.

"Congratulations to Marylin Avenue Elementary School and Joe Michell K-8 School," says Superintendent Kelly Bowers. "In addition to being awarded the 2016 California Gold Ribbon Distinction, both schools have received the additional honor of being named 2016 Exemplary Title I Academic

Achieving Schools. This is the highest State accolade that a Title I funded school may receive and is well deserved. This recognition is a testament to the dynamic leadership, hardworking staff, incredible students, and supportive communities they serve," said Bowers.

Each school's application highlights a specific program that is representative of the excellence throughout the school. Marylin Avenue Elementary School highlighted the Data Team process for using formative assessments to drive instructional practice. Dedicated teaching staff devoted many hours to honing the data team process.

Joe Michell, which is

authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School, highlighted its International Baccalaureate Programme of Inquiry. Teachers have gone through extensive training to become authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate's specialized curriculum.

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# INTERCONNECT

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much more alike than we are different."

Interfaith Interconnect's inaugural event, held in December 2011, featured a program about the holidays of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist religions. Gasten and Awwal were happily surprised at the community interest and high attendance.

Other interfaith events soon followed: two "Three Weddings and a Reception" events, the first in 2012, depicting Protestant, Jewish and Muslim weddings, and the second in 2015, depicting Hindu, Catholic and Buddhist weddings; annual picnics hosted each September to coincide with the United Nations' International Day of Peace; and concerts featuring the songs, music, chants and dances of diverse religious groups.

"At our first interfaith concert, 'Sharing Our Music,' held at Asbury United Methodist Church, Congregation Beth Emek performers sang and played 'Havah Nagilah' (let us rejoice). Women in the audience arose from their seats and danced the hora. A group of young Indian girls in beautiful, classical Indian dance costumes from the Kalaikoil Dance and Arts Academy joined them," says Gasten. "The group of young girls and the women of all ages and cultures danced around the church. It was truly a joyful interfaith moment."

On Sunday, May 22, all are invited to attend "Shared Values among Faiths," during which a panel of speakers will discuss their respective faiths, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. The event is free, and takes place from 2-4 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. The program will include a Q & A period followed by a reception.

"All people have to do is show up at one of our events, which are listed on our Facebook page," says Gasten. "If they want to put their names on our mailing list, they will be notified of future activities. There is no charge for any of our activities."

Gasten's past has given her a compassionate understanding of the challenges immigrants and refugees encounter in a new country.

"My parents and I came to the U.S. with only \$75 in German marks, and had to start our lives over again," says Gasten of their arrival in Chicago. "I didn't know the language or the way big-city kids acted. My parents found menial jobs and I went to a daycare center after school. Because I spoke German, the other children would call me a Nazi. Fortunately, an older boy became my protector and that problem went away."

That episode is chronicled under "My Hero" in Gasten's 2002 book, "An Accidental American: Memories of an Immigrant Childhood." It is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions.

"My parents and I came from Nieder-Ohmen, a tiny village in northeastern Germany where my father had been a cattle dealer. In Chicago, the only cattle were the carcasses in the meat-packing plants," says Gasten. "At first, we were completely at a loss in the culture of a large American city. For example, my parents had read about Al Capone in the German newspapers, and for our first weeks here, my mother would pull me into a doorway whenever she saw a large black sedan. She was sure that one of Al Capone's henchmen would shoot us on the street."

Gasten, a Livermore resident since 1963, worked as a parent educator for 30

years, and remains actively involved in community groups.

"The values of Judaism are a part of my life: to help those less fortunate; to value education, family and community; and to live a balanced life," says Gasten. "Several quotations from the Talmud and from Jewish sages have impacted me strongly, including, 'If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?'"

"Interfaith Interconnect functions through a leadership committee, composed of a representative and alternate from each of the 16 participating congregations," she adds. "We meet monthly, and when we have a special project, a committee is formed to work on it. There is no paid staff; we are all volunteers."

Religion Chats, open to all, are hosted on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Each talk presents a different topic introduced by two invited speakers, then explored further within small groups. Past topics have included, "What does your faith or culture teach about the afterlife?" and "How does your faith or culture deal with the death of a loved one?" Recently, speakers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and an American Indian tribe addressed, "What does your faith or culture teach about creation?"

Religion Chats alternate between worship-community locations in Livermore and Pleasanton. For information on upcoming locations and topics, or to sign up for mailings, email [interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com).

"At Interfaith Interconnect events, no political issues are discussed," says Gasten. "We want attendees

to be comfortable with others of different faiths and not get sidetracked by international issues over which we have no control."

Interfaith Interconnect partners with Pleasanton's SEED (Seeking Education Equity and Diversity), a program that educates teachers and administrators about religious and cultural diversity in their schools. In addition, Gasten started the Eyewitnesses to History Speakers Bureau, in which speakers visit schools to share their personal stories of historical events.

"Being born during Hitler's rule in Germany, remembering the propaganda-driven hatred of the Jews, and seeing most of my father's family wiped out in the Holocaust, has driven me to get involved when I see a group singled out for persecution," says Gasten. "When I speak at schools about being a survivor of the Holocaust, I end by saying, 'Democracy is not a spectator sport.' We must be part of keeping the values of our country alive, and that includes helping refugees who come to the U.S. to find hope and better lives for their families."

To learn more, visit [www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com](http://www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com), or Interfaith Interconnect on Facebook.

A short reception will follow the program for conversation and refreshments. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. Registration through Eventbrite is requested to ensure adequate amounts of refreshments and handouts. Sign up at <http://sharedvalues.eventbrite.com>.

# Ribbon Cutting Planned for New Life Center at Shepherd's Gate

A ribbon cutting ceremony, Thursday, May 12, 2016 will celebrate the opening of the new Life Center at Shepherd's Gate in Livermore.

Special guest speakers at Thursday's ribbon cutting will include Livermore Mayor John Marchand. A graduate of the program will also share her story.

"Shepherd's Gate is a comprehensive faith-based program that enables women and children devastated by homelessness or domestic violence to rebuild their lives," said Shepherd's Gate Executive Director, Steve McRee. "Every month, on average, we receive 200 cries for help, cries we desperately want to be able to answer. Our Life Center will allow us to expand our services and our capacity to serve even more women and children in need."

"It's an educational space," McRee said, "We have three classrooms where women learn everything from parenting skills to how to manage their finances. Our childcare includes a Play Therapy room since children are rehabilitating here too."

There is a Youth room for our older children and a Library where women can access resources to guide them towards recovery. Everything revolves around meeting the needs of our residents so they can transform their lives."

Shepherd's Gate first opened its doors in 1984 as a small home on Portola Avenue. It has since expanded to two campuses, in Livermore and Brentwood, providing rehabilitative care to women fleeing abuse and homelessness.

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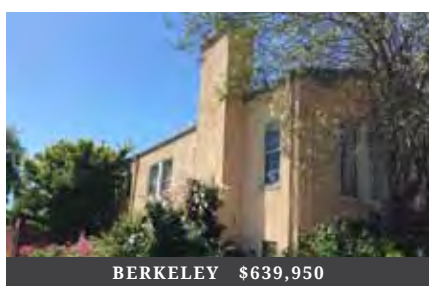
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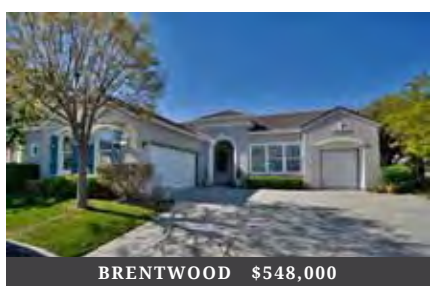
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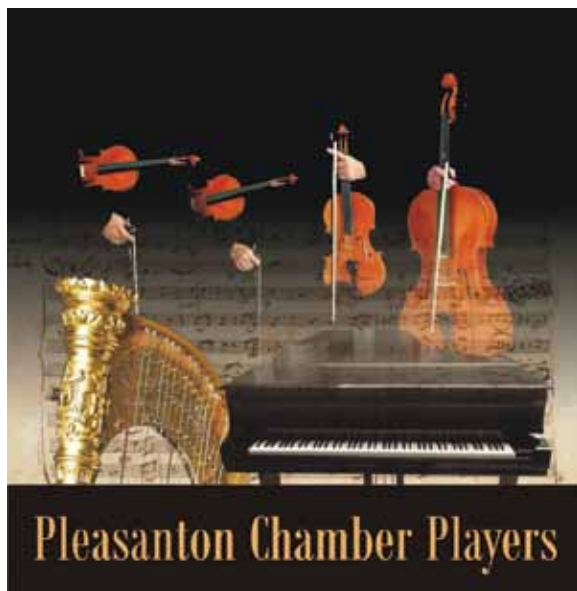
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### Pleasanton Chamber Players to Take Audience on a 'Pastoral Journey'

The locally-based Pleasanton Chamber Players perform a luscious afternoon concert of classical chamber music at the intimate Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Sunday, May 22, at 2:00 p.m.

The program, "Pastoral Journey," presents a unique grouping of works which draws on intimate connections to nature. Works by English composers Ralph Vaughan Williams and Frederick Delius are paired with those of Russian composers Evgeny Golubev and David Finko. According to PCP founder and current Artistic Director Dominique Piana, the programming is "united by the charms of folk poetry, a passionate sense of time and place, and deep roots in the earthly realm."

The selections span the entire 20th century: Vaughan Williams' well-loved On Wenlock Edge for tenor, piano, and string quartet from 1909; the rarely performed Delius String Quartet from 1916-17; Golubev's wonderful Quintet (1953) for harp and string quartet, which was inspired by the famous Bolshoi harp virtuoso Vera Dulova.

Of special note is the premiere of Russian émigré David Finko's song cycle Passages in the Wind in a new version for tenor and harp, based on fifteen poems by American poet John Gracen Brown. Finko composed the cycle in 1994, originally scored for tenor voice and piano. The Firehouse concert will

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## Program Features 'A Tale of Two Cities'

by Patricia Boyle

"A Tale of Two Cities," Livermore-Amador Symphony's final concert of its fifty-third season, will take place 8 p.m. May 21 at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, with Lara Webber conducting.

The evening begins in bustling New York City with Three Dance Episodes from Leonard Bernstein's musical "On the Town." The next selection shifts to a quiet evening in Knoxville, Tennessee as soprano Heidi Moss joins the orchestra for Samuel Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915." The concert will close in the countryside with the music of Georges Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suites No. 1 and 2."

Webber describes the lively opening: "'On The Town' was Bernstein's first full length musical. The Three Dance Episodes are taken from the show. This suite of dances was premiered by the San Francisco Symphony in 1946, with Bernstein conducting.

"Bernstein's music transports the audience to the boisterous energy of New York City in the 1940s. With strong, compelling rhythms, interwoven seamlessly with jazz elements, Bernstein captures the essence of this time and place brilliantly. We follow the exploits of Gabey, a vulnerable young sailor, as he imagines himself transformed into 'The Great Lover.' In 'Lonely Town' the longing and sorrow of unrequited love is the theme. Finally, our heroes



(continued on page 10) Heidi Moss

## Livermore Valley Film Festival Opens with Local Premiere of 'The Man Who Knew Infinity'

The Livermore Valley Film Festival, "Where Science Meets Art," officially opens Friday, May 13, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The Red Carpet Premiere features the exclusive local area screening of "The Man Who Knew Infinity" and special guest appearance by Broadway actress and comedian Julie Halston.

Award-winning actors Jeremy Irons and Dev Patel star in the story of World War I-era mathematics prodigy Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose groundbreaking work in pure mathematics

has influenced generations in computer science, economics and astronomy. "The Man Who Knew



Infinity" at the Bankhead Theater is the film's exclusive local area screening. The Red Carpet Premiere, which includes a pre-show reception, is limited to just 250 guests. Nearly half the filmmakers who have submitted entries for the film festival, as well as a number of local dignitaries, have committed to attend.

LVFF events begin at 10 a.m. May 13 with the showing of two documentaries. "A Beautiful Equation" follows eight grandmothers as they rehearse for and perform a unique presentation about two renowned

physicists, Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr. "Chasing Shadows" focuses on one man's dedicated quest to experience the next total eclipse despite the nearly insurmountable challenges presented by Mother Nature.

The two films will be followed at 11:30 a.m. by a screening of "Lights, Camera, Independence," which documents the experiences of six special needs adults who traveled the country learning all aspects of filmmaking as part of Joey Travolta's Future Films

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Artwork depicting female service members raising United States flag, artist unknown, image is from an Army Historical Society publication.

## Special Program at Museum Looks at 'Women in War'

The Museum on Main will present a special program on the evening of May 20th entitled, "Women in War: Work in a Man's World." In honor of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, the museum will explore the history and experiences of women in war and shed light on the often untold stories of the women who served in Vietnam.

The museum will host a panel of five local women who served during the Vietnam War. They will share their unique stories and experiences having worked for Army Special Services, the Red Cross, the U.S. Embassy, and Vietnamese hospitals. After sharing their stories, the panel will answer questions from the audience and discuss the impact the war had on their lives after coming home. In addition to the panel discussion, the museum will show excerpts from the Emmy award winning documentary "Dear America; Letters Home From Vietnam" which features panelist Cathleen Cordova's letters.

The program will be held in the museum's gallery space, which is currently displaying Steven Burchik's photographs in the exhibit An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary Time, Photographs from a Tour in Vietnam, as well as uniforms and artifacts dating from the Spanish-American War to recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The museum will open its doors on May 20th at 5:30 pm for an opening reception with refreshments. The panel discussion will follow, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Tickets are free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call the museum or stop by to reserve a spot.

For more information phone the Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call (925)462-2776

## Speaker's Talk Will Focus on 'Illustrating Chevron'

Museum on Main welcomes Chevron historian John C. Harper to Pleasanton for "An Evening with John C. Harper" at the Firehouse Arts Center on Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm in the evening, with doors opening at 6:30pm.

John C. Harper will be sharing his presentation entitled "Illustrating Chevron; The Early Landscape of a California Company." As the corporate historian for Chevron, Harper will use artwork and historical images to discuss the Chevron Corporate Archive, the first 50 years of Chevron's history, and the company's

presence in both the West and California through World War II. Those lucky enough to get tickets to this presentation will be visually dazzled by artwork depicting California landscapes done for the Standard Oil Bulletin, as well as, rarely seen historic photographs of Chevron and California. There are only a handful of tickets left for this very special presentation. The museum is encouraging people to get their tickets now before it is too late!

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.



Image of Cover of the 1937 Standard Oil Bulletin, provided by Chevron Corporate Archive.

Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors (65+)/Students (with valid ID), \$5 Members. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

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

## FILM FESTIVAL

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program. Travolta, the brother of actor John Travolta, will attend the film's screening and the Red Carpet Premiere. He will present the Best of Fest award in the Social/Health/Disability Issues category on Sunday evening. Also on Friday will be "Scoring the Muse: The Power of Music in Film," an afternoon lecture by award-winning composer Joseph Julian Gonzales.

Although Friday's events and the Red Carpet Premiere mark the official opening of the three-day festival, the City of Livermore has already been an active participant through LVFF's 48-hour Filmmakers Crush Competition held the previous weekend. More than a dozen teams of all ages, from student through adult, participated in the time-limited filmmaking challenge. Provided with a theme, key visual elements that had to be included,



and other rules, the teams started at the Bankhead Theater on Friday evening, May 6, 2016 and spread out across Livermore to create and submit a 3-5 minute short film in just 48 hours. The submissions will be screened and judged during the festival. Awards given at the closing event on Sunday evening, May 15th, where awards for all film categories in the festival will be presented. Among the awards will be Best of Fest and Audience Choice

for each category, as well as Best SF Bay Area, Direction, Story/Script, Editing, Cinematography and Performance.

According to LVFF Director Lynn Monica, the premiere of "The Man Who Knew Infinity" represents a perfect fit for the festival's goal to focus on how science and technology have become deeply entrenched in both the stories we tell and the methods we use to tell them. "With this region's deep history of scientific research through the labs and local companies, many residents in the community are involved in, connected with, or just fascinated by math, science and technology. LVFF provides a welcome opportunity to experience these topics through the art form of film, not just by viewing the work of others, but by learning about and taking part in the many and varied aspects of filmmaking."

In addition to the lecture on Friday, a panel workshop on "Independent Film - From Concept to Completion" will be offered on Saturday May 14th. A panel of five local filmmakers, moderated by Adam Reeves, will focus on all aspects of making an independent film from creating a story treatment, writing the script, managing a shooting schedule, casting, shooting, budgets, post, and distribution. On Sunday, "Elements of Filmmaking - Creating Compelling Stories and Characters" brings together a panel of Bay Area filmmakers with moderator Deanna Horvath to discuss how to bring to life characters and stories that will capture the audience's imagination.

Venus include the Bankhead Theater, Vine Cinema, and i-GATE. For more information, a list of films, daily schedule, and pricing information for VIP, full, and day passes visit [www.livermorefilm.org](http://www.livermorefilm.org)

# Smuin Ballet Brings Dance Series Two to Bankhead

Smuin Ballet returns to the Bankhead Theater with the final program of its 22nd season, Dance Series Two. The evening performance scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. will feature Oasis, a world premiere by acclaimed choreographer Helen Pickett, set to an original score by "House of Cards" composer Jeff Beal. A lyrical and reverent ode to water, Pickett's powerful new work is both timely and universal.

The series also includes the return of Jirí Kylián's *Return to a Strange Land*. Set on six dancers, the work combines classical ballet and swiftly-changing geometric poses in a meditation on loss, healing, and hope, created as a tribute to Kylián's mentor John Cranko. Also on the bill is Val Caniparoli's *Tutto Ecce il Lavandino* (everything but the kitchen sink), which marries his trade-



Photo - Chris Hardy

mark style and physicality with the music of Antonio Vivaldi. Caniparoli's work celebrates the versatility of the Smuin dancers, blending high-energy athleticism

with wit and elegance.

For Dance Series Two, choreographer Helen Pickett and "House of Cards" composer Jeff Beal join forces to create

Oasis, a world premiere set to an original score. A nearly 30-minute work in four parts, Oasis explores the concept of water in its many incarnations and

implications, celebrating its abundance and its essential role in life. The resident choreographer for Atlanta Ballet, Pickett has set her works on companies around the world including Boston Ballet, Washington Ballet, Louisville Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Semperoper/Dresden Ballet, and Vienna State Opera, among many others.

Return to a Strange

Land was described by the San Francisco Chronicle as "moving" and "impressive," when it made its Bay Area premiere at Smuin Ballet in October of 2013. According to Kylián, "The title *Return to a Strange Land* conveys the step from one form of existence into another. The substance, which bodies are made of, has always existed on the

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## Karen Marguth Performs with Le Jazz Hot

Karen Marguth will return to the Bankhead Theater for a single performance with Le Jazz Hot on Friday evening, May 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Marguth, who grew up in Livermore, has been called "one of the finest American jazz vocalists" by Jazz Times. Her repertoire ranges from classic to contemporary with touches of Latin, Brazilian, and American funk music. Marguth has invited bassist Kevin Hill to join her for this performance. The pair's recent album, "Just You, Just Me," is a collection of bass and voice duos that puts their distinctive blues and swing styling on such songs as "I'm Beginning to See the Light," "I Got It Bad (And That Ain't Good)," and "It's Alright With Me."

Marguth was raised in



Karen Marguth

Livermore and attended Joe Mitchell Elementary, Mendenhall Middle School, Granada High School, and California State University East Bay. Growing up, Marguth found Livermore

to be a rich environment for learning about music; she experimented with percussion instruments and was learning to read rhythmic notation in second grade. Given the opportunity in

fourth grade to choose an instrument to learn, she selected the flute and played in band throughout middle school, before switching to choir in high school. According to Marguth, choir director Jim Brockman was a wonderful leader, his high expectations and challenging music choices pushed his students to excel.

At home, Marguth was exposed to all kinds of music and remembers being particularly taken by Ella Fitzgerald's sound and style from an early age. Although that introduction prompted a lifelong interest in jazz vocals, the opportunity to learn how to improvise was not available to her as a young vocalist. As Marguth says, "A jazz choir would have been the place to learn that, and it's rare that there

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# Community of Character Award Winners Announced

This year's Juanita Haugen Awards recipients exhibit the values of the Community of Character through their great examples of service, while living the values of Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity. The recipients are Becky Dennis, Don Lewis, Marie Stapleton, and Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

Becky Dennis was interested in saving the hillside and views on the west side of Pleasanton, leading to becoming active in committees to save the ridgelines, while allowing land owners to make a reasonable return on their investment, while preserving access for hikers.

She served as a member of the Pleasanton City Council from 1993 to 2002. Even after leaving the council, she has been an advocate for affordable housing, serving on boards of Citizens for a Caring Community, Pleasanton Gardens, Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force and Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center.

She works tirelessly for seniors as president of the board of Senior Support of the Tri-Valley.

Lesser known activities include personally delivering singing telegrams to raise the spirit of individuals needing a lift and planting native plants from seed transforming her backyard into a drought tolerant showcase.

Don Lewis is a vocalist/keyboard artist, composer and educator and pioneer in electronic musical instrument design. He became one of the pioneers in synthesizer use and technology. He has performed at concerts world-wide and as a soloist with many symphony orchestras. He has delighted thousands of school children across the US and Canada with his musical assemblies.



**Becky Dennis**

His mission is to inspire and empower audiences to achieve their dreams. His music brings a message of hope, respect and community. He spreads his goodwill throughout our community with his inspiring and uplifting music by performing free of charge to many organizational events, celebrations and school activities. He works hard at spreading his joy through music and gives selflessly, often without thought of reward. He has inspired many in our community with his love, compassion and positive messaging through his music.

Marie Stapleton and her husband Pdraig, originally from Ireland, are raising their family in Pleasanton. Marie, who has a background in computer science and math, left the workforce to raise her three children. She currently serves as PTA President and helps wherever needed in her kids' schools and other activities. When Marie sees a need, she is the first to step forward to fill it. When she hears about a family in need, she mobilizes others to help provide for them. When a friend was diagnosed with breast cancer, Marie was quick to step in and make sure meals were provided and the kids were taken care of. When a family was in need of clothes for their kids, Marie cleaned out her own kids' closets and provided a new wardrobe (and even toys



**Friends of the Pleasanton Library**

and games) for the family. One of Marie's greatest assets is her humility. She never seeks the limelight, she just does what she can to make a difference in her community and in the lives of those around her.

Friends of the Pleasanton Library works tirelessly in the community and improves the services of the Pleasanton City Library by their fundraising efforts, gifts to the library and being a model for other libraries in the area. They annually raise about \$60,000 which is channeled back into the library in the form of materials, library services and programs.

The Friends sponsor a

Spring and Fall book sale each year, as well as a continuous book sale in the library.

They also provide a large core of regular volunteers to supplement existing library staff. Many volunteer regularly scheduled hours.

Their efforts have helped to result in the City of Pleasanton Library being one of the most respected and well used libraries in the area.

The Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award is named in honor of a longtime Pleasanton Unified School District Board Member and community volunteer, Juanita Hau-

gen. Juanita, co-founder of the Pleasanton Community of Character program, believed that part of Pleasanton's success is due to its compassionate citizens and those people who volunteer throughout our community. Her vision was to remind people to model ethical standards of behavior within their communities, businesses, home's and to extend these traits outside our community as they travel and meet other people throughout the world.

This year's Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award recipients will be honored at the Wednesday, May 18, 2016



**Don Lewis**



**Marie Stapleton**

Luncheon 11:30 a.m at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall. The luncheon reservation form is available online at the Chamber of Commerce website [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org) or through the Community of Character website at [www.communityofcharacter.org](http://www.communityofcharacter.org). Cost of the luncheon is \$35 and is open to the public, friends of the recipients are encouraged to attend and support the recipients.

## SMUIN BALLET

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other side: the unconscious. To live is to become conscious. To die is to return to the other land: the strange land of one's origin." The artistic director of Netherlands Dance Theatre (NDT) from 1975 to 1999, Kylián has created nearly 100 original works for NDT, Stuttgart Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet, Bayerisches Staats-

ballet Munchen, Tokyo Ballet, and more.

Val Caniparoli's *Tutto Eccetto il Lavandino* (everything but the kitchen sink) made its world premiere in honor of Smuin Ballet's 20th Anniversary season in 2014. Caniparoli has created a body of work that is rooted in classicism but influenced by all forms

of movement: modern dance, ethnic dance, social dance, and even ice skating. Caniparoli is most closely associated with San Francisco Ballet, his artistic home for more than 40 years, where he began his career under the co-artistic directorship of Lew Christensen and Michael Smuin. He continues to choreo-

graph for the company and perform as a principal character dancer.

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



## MARGUTH

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are jazz choirs at high schools or even at colleges. It's unfortunate, because the voice is an instrument too. Most jazz camps and summer programs also ignore the voice-as-instrument, so vocalists who could become great jazz singers don't have many opportunities to develop their jazz chops." Her own focus on singing jazz came later when she had the opportunity to stand in as vocalist for the Blue Street Jazz Band around 2000. In learning their repertoire, she began working specifically on developing her jazz vocal style.

A performer and entertainer throughout her life, Marguth's professional background includes choreographing, directing and performing in regional theatres and touring shows, in addition to singing in rock, blues, folk, and jazz bands. She has also done voice-overs, studio work, and taught dance and theatre for grades 4 through 12. Marguth moved back to Livermore last summer, making it her home base while she continues to perform at festivals and venues across the country.

One of the final performances in the current LVPAC Presents season, Karen Marguth will be followed by Smuin Ballet on Sunday, May 22nd, Rudy Colombini and the Unauthorized Rolling Stones on Saturday, June 11th, and on Monday evening, June 13th, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band returns for their fourth visit to the Bankhead Theater.

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# Review: A Raisin in the Sun Riveting Portrayal of the African-American Experience

By Carol Graham

The cast is only nine. The setting, one. Yet from these modest numbers comes a play that is deeply stirring - both tender and fierce, heartbreaking and hopeful, bygone and current.

A riveting production of the Tony-nominated "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at Las Positas College on May 6, with upcoming performances on May 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and May 15 at 2 p.m.

Under the excellent direction of Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe, the play grabs the audience by the hands in the first act and doesn't let go until the door of the cramped South Side of Chicago apartment closes for the final time.

The title is taken from the poem Harlem, by Langston Hughes: "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?"

The play, like the poem, addresses African Americans' restricted access to the American dream.

"The first time I read the script I felt emotional because life is not fair for many of us," said Scenic Designer Phillip Gallegos. "I am Hispanic, but Lorraine Hansberry's story let me see and sympathize with a hopeful black family's struggle, as well as with women's struggles."

Hansberry, the first black woman to write a play performed on Broadway, was just 29 when *A Raisin in the Sun* premiered in 1959. It was named the year's best play by the New York Drama Critics' Circle, and ran for 530 performances.

The play depicts a pivot-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**Much of the action takes place around the family's table.**

al period in the lives of the Youngers, a poor African-American family who may have gained a way out of poverty via a \$10,000 life insurance check. But family members clash over conflicting ideas of how the money should be spent.

Walter Lee Younger is portrayed by Alex Moore who brilliantly captures the simmering frustration of a man long constrained by society. His sister, Beneatha, is played by Kimbria Mitchell, in a performance that reveals an intelligent, progressive mind still tinged with the idealism of youth. Walter's wife, Ruth, is depicted by the immensely talented Phaedra Johnson, who manages to simultaneously convey a character both world-weary and yearning. Mama, the character around whom all others orbit, is wonderfully portrayed with knowing warmth by Patricia Smith. A host of equally well-cast supporting characters sets

the stage for escalating drama that is lightened by moments of humor.

"We have so many new actors involved who have worked their tails off to show us how great they are," said Costumer Amber Hill. "In addition, working with a renowned director like Edris was a real taste of professional theater."

The show's gripping action is heightened through use of the campus's black box theater, located in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts. Black box allows smaller audiences to move closer to - or be a part of - the dramatic action. For *A Raisin in the Sun*, this intimate format brings the audience into the Youngers' living room.

"My favorite scene is when Mama is talking to Beneatha about the importance of loving Walter when he is at his lowest," said Gallegos. "It reflects the unconditional love parents naturally have for their

children and the hope that they will love and support each other."

When Walter loses a huge portion of the insurance money, Beneatha rails against him, inspiring Mama's moving response.

"Child, when do you think is the time to love somebody the most? When they done good and made

things easy for everybody?" says Mama. "Well, then, you ain't through learning—because that ain't the time at all. It's when he's at his lowest and can't believe in himself 'cause the world done whipped him so. When you starts measuring somebody, measure him right, child, measure him right. Make sure you done taken into account what hills and valleys he come through before he got to wherever he is."

In that moment, it's as though Mama is talking to all of us, reminding us to rise to the highest calling of humankind.

"This show gives us a taste of the willpower it has taken African Americans to rise in society," said Hill. "For that matter, there is something in this show that applies to every single person who will come. It is truly a masterpiece."

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for students and seniors. To learn more, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts).

## Teen Sing-Along Planned at the Livermore Library

Join Aladdin, Jasmine, and the Genie as they show you a whole new world. A special teen sing-along screening of the classic 1992 animated movie musical will be screened at the Livermore Library. This after-hours program starts just before closing on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

Teens in middle and high school are invited to attend. Attendees are encouraged to sing along. Lyrics will be provided. Free popcorn will also be available. No registration is required for this free event.

For more information, visit Teen Space page on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Teen Programming Librarian Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576.

## CoderDojo Taking Registrations

Tri-Valley CoderDojo will meet at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm starting Thursday, May 26th 2016, and every fourth Thursday thereafter.

CoderDojo is a volunteer organization that teaches kids and teens ages 5-17 how to program and be creative with technology. This includes creating a game, animating, website building, or building an app. Mentors are present at these meetings to help students succeed. Students should bring their own laptops, however if a student does not have his or her own, he or she can coordinate ahead of time to have one provided during the event. These events are free.

To join the club, sign up at [trivalley.coderdojosv.org/addmember](http://trivalley.coderdojosv.org/addmember). Registration is required to participate at the library and any other sessions. To participate in the first meeting at the library, register by May 12.

A parent or authorized chaperone is required to be present for each student. Joining is free. For more information about Tri-Valley Coder Dojo, visit [www.trivalleycoderdojo.wordpress.com](http://www.trivalleycoderdojo.wordpress.com).

For more information about events at the library, visit [livermorelibrary.net](http://livermorelibrary.net) or call 925-373-5505.

## Art Leadership Nominations

The Alameda County Arts Commission invites County residents to submit nominations for the 2016 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards. This annual program enables the Alameda County Arts Commission to recognize five individuals, one from each of the five districts of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, for his or her outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and the residents of Alameda County. Award recipients will be presented to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors by the Arts Commission.

Nominees must be residents of Alameda County. Nominees can be involved in any arts discipline including, but not limited to, music, dance, visual arts, literature, theater, film and video, traditional crafts and folk arts, and new media. Nominees may participate in a wide range of activities with an Alameda County based arts organization such as an artist, staff or board member, volunteer, donor, supporter, advocate, etc. This award is open to all individuals, including youth, who live in Alameda County regardless of race, color, national origin, physical challenge, religious or political affiliations.

Nominations must be submitted by Alameda County residents. Each individual may submit one nomination. Nominations must include a description of the nominee's major achievements in the arts that have benefited the community and residents of Alameda County; the impact and results of the achievements; and other background information about the nominee's contributions to the Alameda County arts community such as what distinguishes the nominee from his/her peers or colleagues. Nominations are due on Friday, May 20 and must be submitted online at [www.acgov.org/arts/awards](http://www.acgov.org/arts/awards)

For more information, or to request the official nomination instructions, contact the Office of the Arts Commission at email: [artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org) or phone: (510) 208-9646 or visit the website at [www.acgov.org/arts/awards](http://www.acgov.org/arts/awards)

## Young Writers to Present Tri-Valley Writers Club Program

Aashna Avachat, guest speaker, will discuss her publishing journey at the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., May 21 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5155 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

She is one of the student winners from the essay, poetry, and short story fiction categories who will share their work in readings.

Aashna Avachat is the author of *Going Places* and a 2015 TVW High School Writing Contest Honorable Mention winner for her short story, "The Last Man on Earth." She grew up reading J.K. Rowling, Andrew Clements, and Beverly Cleary, each of whom helped foster her love for the written word. As she progressed from middle grade books to YA fiction, she discovered her passion—writing. Inspired by authors including Cassandra Clare, John Green, and Rick Yancey, Aashna attempted her first novel when she was twelve years old.

Though unfinished, her first attempt allowed her to learn about her own writing style. Aashna discovered she prefers writing about characters close to her own age who, though far from perfect, ultimately become someone each can be proud of. Although Aashna enjoys reading and writing contemporary stories set in the real world, her absolute favorite books show a clear pattern of being emotionally gripping novels sprinkled with a bit of magic.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, May 21, 2016, 2:00- 4:00 p.m. (registration at 1:30). This meeting will be free to members and the public. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by email to [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

## PDA Executive Director Heads California Main Street Alliance

Pleasanton resident Laura Olson, Executive Director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, has been elected President of the California Main Street Alliance. Previously Laura has served as Vice President for the organization.

California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA) works to improve the quality of life in California towns, cities and neighborhoods by reinvigorating the economic health of their historic Main Street central business districts.

Developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation more than 30 years ago and administered by the non-profit National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Main Street Program has utilized a public private partnership of private investment, local government support, and local non-profit assistance to revitalize historic commercial districts.

"I am extremely honored to be able to work with Main Street programs throughout the state to further the overall vitality of Main Streets and Downtowns. Main Streets are the heart of our communities and the goal is to see each and every one of our programs thrive," said Olson.

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

## Garage Sale to Benefit Feral Cat Foundation

A garage sale will be held from 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 Alcosta Blvd).

In addition to finding many a variety of items, 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.

## CHAMBER PLAYERS

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feature the premiere of Dominique Piana's new arrangement, re-written for harp and voice.

Piana notes that this is the first time in their 13 years that the group presents an actual string quartet, one of the most common chamber music groupings (the rare and beautiful Delius piece). She adds that the Golubev string Quintet is a work that required intense detective work to even locate score and parts, was specially chosen for its entrancing string playing. Bravo, PCP, for bringing unusual and delicious classical chamber music to live performance.

Familiar string players to East Bay concert-goers will again be center-stage, with concertmaster Philip Santos leading the charge. Joining Santos are longtime PCP members Cecilia Huang on violin, violist Melissa Huang, cellist Paul Rhodes, pianist Priscilla Granger,

harpist and artistic director Dominique Piana and the up-and-coming tenor Greg Allen Friedman. All are widely recognized East Bay artists, several with local ties to Pleasanton-Livermore.

Founded in 2003 under the aegis of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, the Pleasanton Chamber Players continue to provide a variety of professional-level chamber music in the Tri-Valley, exploring the outer reaches of the instrumental and vocal ensemble repertoire, and matching performers to eclectic and imaginative programming.

Reserved seating tickets \$15 - \$25, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

## Cities Plan Bicycle Awareness Programs

May marks the month of Bicycle Safety and Awareness in the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. The cities will host several events to promote bicycle safety and bicycling as a healthy way to travel, including the Bay Area's 22nd Annual Bike to Work Day, where thousands of commuters are expected to participate.

On May 12, Energizer Stations will be set up where cyclists can stop and enjoy refreshments, receive free bike t-shirts and commute bags at select locations while supplies last, as well as sign up for a local drawing for prizes donated by local businesses. The cities of Dublin and Pleasanton, along with BART, Hacienda, Veeva Systems and Dublin Cyclery will host an Energizer Station at the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and Alameda County Public Works Agency. New Leaf Community Market will host a station at Stanley Boulevard at Shadow Cliffs, and both stations will be open from 6:30 – 9 a.m.

Additional Energizer Stations are planned from 7 - 9 a.m. at the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station\*, hosted by REI Dublin and the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton, Alamo Canal Trail at Johnson Drive/I-580 hosted by Clubsport Pleasanton, Mike's Bikes Pleasanton, John Green Elementary School in Dublin, My Buddy Bike Shop in Livermore, Lawrence Livermore/Sandia National Laboratory co-hosted by Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority beginning at 6:15 a.m. and from 7 - 8:30 a.m. at Pleasanton's Foothill High School\*, hosted by Foothill High's Leadership Program, Alameda County Safe Routes to School and City of Pleasanton. \*FREE T-shirt station, while supplies last

In addition to the May 12 activities, numerous events are planned in the Tri Valley to promote bicycling:

- Free Bicycle Safety Workshops in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Classes range from on-road, on-your-bike instruction to family bike workshops. For dates and to register for the free classes, visit [www.bikeeastbay.org/education](http://www.bikeeastbay.org/education).

- "Bike to Market" Thursday, May 26 at the Dublin Farmer's Market from 4 – 8 p.m. Cyclists visiting the Dublin booth with evidence of bicycling to the event such as a helmet or bike, will receive a "Carrot Cash" voucher to use at one of the market booths.

- Dublin Flat Tire Repair Clinic - Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. – noon and hosted by the City of Dublin and Dublin Cyclery on the Iron Horse Trail at the intersection of Amador Valley Blvd.

- Dublin / Pleasanton Community Bike Ride - Sunday, May 15 from 9:30 am – noon and led by Mike's Bikes Pleasanton and co-hosted by New Leaf Community Market. Participants will enjoy an easy paced bike ride on trails and bike lanes throughout the two cities.

Bike to School events are planned in Dublin and Pleasanton:

- Dublin Bike to School Days – Thursday, May 12 at Amador, Dougherty, Dublin, Frederiksen, Green, Kolb and Murray elementary schools, and Wells and Fallon middle schools. Students will receive bicycle safety related tips and giveaways.

- Dublin High School Bike to School Day and Bike Festival - Wednesday, May 25. Staff at a bike welcoming station located by the big tree will be distributing refreshments and giveaways to cyclists. The Bike Festival will be

held during lunch that day with a Bike Blender and Bike Trivia Wheel.

- Livermore Bike to School Days – Thursday, May 12 at Rancho las Positas Elementary and Christensen and East Ave. middle schools. Jackson Ave. Elementary on May 11.

- Granada High School Bike to School Day – Tuesday, May 31 from 7:30 – 8 a.m. and during lunch 11:55 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. with a bike festival featuring bike-blended smoothies and free bike repair by the BikeMobile.

- Pleasanton Bike to School Days - Thursday, May 12 at Alisal, Lydiksen & Mohr elementary schools and Hart, Harvest Park & Pleasanton middle schools. The middle schools will host Energizer Stations at the bike storage areas at 7:30 a.m. with refreshments and goody bags filled with bicycle safety items. Events with free helmet fittings/giveaways and free bike tune-ups by Bike Mobile were held during in April and early May to prepare middle school students for biking.

- Foothill High School Bike to School Day - Thursday, May 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Stop by Foothill High's Energizer Stations located in the front of school and at the bike storage area for refreshments as well as free t-shirts and commute bags.

Numerous local businesses have donated items toward the free bike bags available at Energizer Stations and a local prize drawing for participants at bike events throughout the month of May. Businesses include: Peet's Coffee, Earl Anthony Bowl, The Habit Burger Grill, Trader Joe's, Red Smoke Grill, Extreme Pita, World of Shoes, Frankie, Johnny & Luigi's, Livermore Cyclery, and Amici's.

For more information on Dublin events, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/bikemonth](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/bikemonth), for Pleasanton events, visit [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/bikeevents](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/bikeevents) and for Livermore events, visit [www.walkbikelivermore.net](http://www.walkbikelivermore.net).

## Spring Art Show Slated

Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host their 39th Annual Spring Art Show, Primavera, featuring over 60 artists from throughout the Bay area. Artists will be exhibiting over 150 original paintings, photographs and sculpture; and other mediums including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, sculpture, ceramic, and glass.

Judge for the show is San Jose artist Pat Suggs, PSA. Both days will offer wine tasting from local Livermore Valley Wineries. Several artists will be painting plein air around the perimeter of the art show both days.

Hours are Saturday, May 21st from 10:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, May 22nd 11:00am -5:00pm

Meet the artists at the Gala Reception in the Blackhawk Plaza Rotunda Saturday, May 21st from 5:00-7:00pm. The public is welcome to attend. Blackhawk Plaza is located at the 3380 Blackhawk Circle at the Corner of Camino Tassajara and Crow Canyon Rd. in Danville.

Participating artists donate 25% of the sale of their artwork to ADAS in support of the "Art in the Schools" fund. ADAS supports and encourages all artists in the community to enter this show.

For further information contact Megan Haller [mainprez@comcast.net](mailto:mainprez@comcast.net) 925-413-3438.

## Grand Opening to Benefit LVEF

Rubio's Coastal Grill is coming to Livermore, and even before the first customer is served, Rubio's is helping Livermore schools.

On Wednesday, May 18, Rubio's will host a Grand Opening Party from 5 - 7:30 pm at its new location, 2002 Portola Avenue in the Portola Village Shopping Center. For a minimum donation of only \$5, guests can choose any entree and beverage (including beer or wine) from the Rubio's "Inspired Fresh Mexican Food" menu. Rubio's will match all donations, with proceeds to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF).

The evening will feature live music and a raffle, with the winner taking home a \$100 gift card, redeemable at any Livermore business, and \$40 worth of Rubio's meals. Raffle tickets cost \$5 for 5, and will be available at the door.

LVEF Director Ellen Goold donated the gift card and helped organize the event. "Rubio's will be a fantastic community partner," says Goold, a realtor with Keller-Williams Tri-Valley Realty. "I look forward to introducing them to our parent community and working with them in supporting our schools."

To attend the event, you must reserve a space online at <http://bit.ly/livermoresvp>. A limited number of spaces are available.

To check out the Rubio's menu and for more information about Rubio's, visit <https://www.rubios.com>.

## Amador Looking for Speakers to Take Part in TEDx Event

The TEDxAmador ValleyHigh committee is looking for people to speak or perform at its TEDx event on Sept. 8.

TED itself was founded in 1984 for people to share ideas and experiences about three fields: Technology, entertainment and Design. The x at the end of TED means that it is not an official TED group, but adapts the format to its own needs.

The event planned at Amador will have the theme of "Enquire, Explore, Engage." Speakers of all ages are welcome. They will be selected based on the merit of their experiences, presentation abilities and passion to educate the audience about prevalent modern issues.

Interested individuals can submit a video application at: <http://bit.ly/tedxamadorvalleyapplication>

People who don't wish to speak, but might want to suggest a speaker may send an e-mail to [tedxamadorvalleyhigh@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:tedxamadorvalleyhigh@pleasantonusd.net).

More information about the event is available at [tedxamadorvalleyhigh.com](http://tedxamadorvalleyhigh.com)

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The Chanticleer LAB Choir XV will perform at St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton on Sat., May 14, at 7:30 p.m. The LAB Choir consists of a group of singers, age 14- 20, who are trained by the world-famous Bay Area ensemble Chanticleer. The concert theme is "New Spain: Exploring California's Missions and Mexico's Cathedrals." Free-will offering. 3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org)

## Meet mART to Open Today

A soft opening for Meet mART, a new clay studio in Livermore, is set for Thursday, May 12th, from 6-8pm at 74 So. L St., Livermore.

The studio is the newest project of the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, located in the old Kelly's Meat Market adjacent to the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios at 69 So. L Street.

The public is invited to stop by the Meet mART, meet several of the founding members, check out art works, and learn about classes and public working days coming in the future.

The event coincides with open studios next door at the Downtown Art Studios, where studio artists will be demonstrating and sharing their working processes with the public.

### ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

**Life in the Abstract** features paintings by John Beham 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ekeele@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](mailto:agiancola@lvpac.org) for entry form and/or info. Email entries due by June 7th to [agiancola@lvpac.org](mailto: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](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov) or call 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](http://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](http://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

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

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

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

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by

calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinasMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2016 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

### WINE & SPIRITS

**Livermore Valley Wine Auction**, May 14, 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Live music by Uncorked; black tie optional. Live and silent auctions. Presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation and the Wente Foundation for Arts Education. To purchase tickets, go to [www.lvwf.org](http://www.lvwf.org)

**French Garden Party Club Event** at Rodrigue Molyneux Winery on Sunday, May 15 from 1 to 5 PM. Club members sample new releases of the 2012 Petit Verdot and 2013 Il Bello Vino with Casse-Crouete gateaux francais, fresh fruit and estate olive oil. Not a member of the club? Still come by to enjoy our wines and beautiful gardens. Open to the public Saturday and Sunday May 14 and 15. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore.

### MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Blacksmith Square**, music every Sat-

urday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. **Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4850.

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

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

**Pastoral Journey - Pleasanton Chamber Players**, Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Locally-based group performs a

## Chamber Sings to Perform Choral Pops - The Lighter Side

The Mission Peak Chamber Singers will present the final concert of its 3rd season, Choral Pops - The Lighter Side on Saturday, May 21st at 8:00 p.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 4181 Irvington Ave, Fremont and again on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

The concert features popular choir music from many choral genres such as spiritual, gospel, vocal jazz, and pops music as well as featuring the compositions of recently acclaimed choral composers such as Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, and Moses Hogan. The concert also features members of the Mission Peak Chamber Singers performing choral works for small ensembles of two, three, and four part singing.

Michael Morris serves as the conductor and Artistic Director for the Mission Peak Chamber Singers.

Tickets for Choral Pops - The Lighter Side can be purchased at [www.ChamberSingers.org](http://www.ChamberSingers.org) or by calling 510-356-MPCS (6727).

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luscious matinee concert of classical chamber music. Performers: violinists Philip Santos and Cecilia Huang; violist Melissa Huang; cellist Paul Rhodes; pianist Priscilla Granger; harpist and PCP Artistic Director Dominique Piana; and up-and-coming tenor Greg Allen Friedman. All are widely recognized East Bay artists, several with local ties to Pleasanton-Livermore. Reserved seating tickets \$15 - \$25, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.firehousearts.org) 925-931-4848.

**The Unauthorized Rolling Stones**, June

11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## ON THE STAGE

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

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

## 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

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

**Valley Dance Theatre** annual repertoire production, Spring Rep, on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located

at 2400 First Street in Livermore. The program will be accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. This season's production will feature the Asian Artistry and two newly commissioned pieces, Quartz and Moonstone, which join Valley Dance Theatre's original Opalescent piece, Pearl, debuted in 2010. Tickets [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org); by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or 866-4003. 7:30 p.m. May 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; 3 p.m. on May 15 at the

First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or 866-4003

**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://brownpaper-tickets.com/profile/64198>

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word**. 2nd Thursday of each month.

Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

**2016 Spring Faire**, Saturday, May 7, from noon to 5:00 p.m., Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin.

Free admission. Springtime blooms in the park, one-of-a-kind arts and crafts, live music, and enjoy great food with a glass of wine or champagne. There are plenty of children's activities as well. [www.dublin.ca.gov/1501/Spring-Faire](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/1501/Spring-Faire)

**Livermore Valley Film Festival**, May 13-15, 2016. "Where Science Meets Art." The three-day event will showcase independent and feature films in downtown Livermore. Information and tickets: [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**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](http://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](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

**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](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com)

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## SYMPHONY

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celebrate a night on the town in ‘Times Square’ as Bernstein centers his music around the hit song from this musical ‘New York, New York.’”

The second selection changes the mood. In Webber’s words: “Inspired and moved by the evocative essay of James Agee, Samuel Barber was compelled to write one of his most eloquent and personal works, ‘Knoxville: Summer of 1915.’ The words Barber placed at the top of the score hint strongly at what is to come: ‘We are talking now of summer evenings in Knoxville Tennessee in the time that I lived there so successfully disguised to myself as a child.’ Both the literal and musical narrative of this piece seem to straddle the line between the voice of the child, and the voice of the adult remembering childhood while looking ahead to mortality and anticipating loss. The music drips with detail—from specific emotions to smells and tastes from the time. Not a note or nuance is wasted.”

Livermore-Amador Symphony will perform “Knoxville” with guest soprano, and champion of new music, Heidi Moss. Moss has performed with area companies such as Opera Parallele, Pocket Opera, Livermore Valley Opera, and Opera San Jose.

In addition to performing, Moss teaches voice at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and Google.

Moss and Webber attended Oberlin College together. Moss says, “I am thrilled to be reconnecting with Lara, after many long years . . . I was always a fan of her depth and intensity as a conductor, and back when we were in school (as it is today) it was rare to see a female at the helm. She was on the frontier in that trend and it was daring to say the least.”

Of “Knoxville” Moss says, “I first heard ‘Knoxville’ as a freshman in college. From the moment I heard it, I was moved both by the melody and the sentiment; coming from a large family, the first time away, it was unusually poignant.” One line of the lyrics is particularly meaningful to her: “‘One is my mother who is good to me. One is my father who is good to me.’ I cannot think of that line without choking up. It’s more than love and loyalty; it’s being good to each other.”

More than a successful musician, Moss is a trained scientist who worked as a research biochemist at Rockefeller University. In 2007 she was stricken with a rare version of Bell’s palsy, which left her face partially paralyzed. Moss is open about the connection

between her disability and singing: “Facial paralysis taught me more about singing than any direct education. In a way, if I weren’t a scientist prior to my disability onset in 2007, I wouldn’t be singing today. I was told I would never sing again by neurologists and directors alike. Through research and exploration, I returned to the art I love with a new outlook.”

The concert concludes with Bizet’s “L’Arlesienne Suites No. 1 and 2,” composed primarily from Bizet’s incidental music for Alphonse Daudet’s 1872 play “L’Arlesienne.” The play tells the tragic story of a country youth who falls in love with a girl from the French town of Arles, only to find she is another man’s mistress. Unable to break his obsession, despite efforts by family and friends, the young man commits suicide. The selection begins with a spirited theme based on “The March of the Kings,” and ends with a farandole, a lively Provençal dance, that incorporates the theme again.

The concert begins at 8:00 PM, preceded by a prelude talk from 7:00 – 7:30. The Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception in the Bankhead lobby. Ticket information: [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), the Bankhead ticket office, 2400 First St., Livermore, or 925-373-6800.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

**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.

**Tri-Valley CoderDojo** meets every fourth Thursday of the month. CoderDojo is a volunteer organization that teaches kids and teens ages 5-17 how to program and be creative with technology. Students should bring their own laptop, however if a student does not have their own they can coordinate ahead of time to have one provided during the event. These events are free. To join the club, sign up at [trivalley.coderdojosv.org/addmember](http://trivalley.coderdojosv.org/addmember). Registration is required to participate at the library and any other sessions. To participate in the first meeting at the library, register by May 12. A parent or authorized chaperone is required to be present for each student. Joining is free. Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, May 20, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Please come donate, and bring a friend or family member to the drive and help save a life. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Filipinana 2016** will take place Sat., May 21 from 4 to 10 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Livermore. This Philippines Cultural Celebration will be hosted by the Livermore Fill-Am Organization, Inc. Those with a daughter, granddaughter or niece interested in being Queen, Princess or modeling Filipino outfits such as the mestiza or saya, contact Corry Painter, 373-9059 or Betty DeGuzman, 525-4369 for details. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$10 for ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 5. For ticket information, go to [www.livermorefilam.org](http://www.livermorefilam.org)

**Biointensive Gardening** will be the topic of a May 21 program from 11 a.m. to noon at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Fertile-Ground Works Garden of Grace will present the program - free to the public.

**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](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)

**Local GNON (Girls Night Out Network)** group to partner with Valley Humane Society at the 8th annual GNON Birthday Bash on June 6. Founded in 1987, Valley

Humane Society has worked to save and improve the lives of Tri-Valley companion animals. Donations will be accepted and raffle tickets will be sold at the event to support VHS at this celebration which will run from 5-8pm at California Collision, 57 California Ave., Pleasanton. Open to both men and women. In addition, a car show as well as great food, music and more surprises are planned. Those interested in attending the 8th annual birthday bash and donating to Valley Humane Society, contact GNON Founder/Director, Frances Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 at [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com). The public is invited to attend this June 6th event for only \$10/pp. For further information or to RSVP/PREPAY, visit the GNON website at [www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html](http://www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html)

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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 Alcosta 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.

**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.

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

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

**Ravenswood Historical Site,** 2647

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RELIGION**  
**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. 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](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

**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](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

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

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups follow-

ing the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

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

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. 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](http://www.saintbartslivermore.com). Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

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

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

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

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore.

Services at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtri-valley.com](http://www.jewishtri-valley.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.

**Lynwood 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@lynwood.org](mailto:office@lynwood.org) or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints--Livermore Stake**, Sunday services--1501 Hillcrest Ave. Springtown Ward 9:00 am; 1st Ward 11:00 am; 4th Ward 1:00 pm. 950 Mocho St. 3rd Ward 9:00 am; 2nd Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 pm. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 pm.

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

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

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

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

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://csllivighthouse.org>.

**St. Matthews Baptist Church**, 851 Rincon Ave., Livermore. [www.smbclive.com](http://www.smbclive.com) or 443.3686. Dr. Allen S. Turner. Worship services 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday family Bible school, 9:30 p.m., Bible study and youth ministry, Wednesday 7 p.m. Feed the homeless, Saturday 11 a.m. Prayer, 6 p.m. weekdays.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4418 E. Avenue, Livermore.

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton). Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. Fall adult education course: "Human Sexuality: Biblical and Theological Perspectives," taught by Robert W. Evans (Ph.D. in clinical psychology and Ph.D. in systematic theology). visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**Unity of Tri-Valley** - 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Micah Murdock, minister. All are welcome. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. [www.trivalleyunity.org](http://www.trivalleyunity.org) (925.829.2733).

**Eckankar**, "The Beauty and Power of HU" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, May 15, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once every other month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheraton in Pleasanton, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.



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# Milestones

## Students Will Be Able to 'See Sound'

Local engineer and inventor Forrest Sass has donated a system that allows students to "see sound." The donation was made to Sunol Glen Elementary School's science lab. The system will be used to teach multiple grade levels.

The system includes an oscilloscope, microphone and a custom amplifier designed specifically for students' use. Any sound such as a musical instrument or human voice will create a unique and characteristic waveform on the oscilloscope screen.

The donation was intended to stimulate students' interest in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Although not all students would understand how the system works, simple exposure to a complex system is likely



**Pictured are Forrest Sass, Lab Instructor Suzette Takei and Sunol Glen Elementary School Superintendent/Principal Molly Barnes.**

to foster curiosity. Students do so under the Lab Instructor supervision. who wished to explore how the oscilloscope works could

## Charter School Students Best Overall 7th & 8th Grade at Tech Challenge

Students from Livermore Valley Charter School have won the Best Overall First Place 7th & 8th grade Award at 2016 The Tech Challenge hosted by The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose on Sunday, April 24th. Ashna Pattanayak (7th grade, LVCS), Ranjini Nair (8th grade, LVCS), Sandhya Murugavel (8th grade, LVCS) & Shreya Seshadri (7th grade, Mission Hills Middle School, Union City) participated as a team named "The Gliding Gang."

The Tech Challenge is an annual competition hosted by The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose where thousands of students across San Francisco Bay Area participate in an innovative science challenge.

Every year a new design challenge is announced inspired by a real-world scenario.

This year's design challenge involved building a glider that can fly 26 feet



**Pictured are members of The Gliding Gang**

with initial thrust and can handle a payload of up to 18 ping pong balls. More than 2000 students participated this year in designing gliders.

The Gliding Gang Team designed and created 3 gliders that were launched using the launcher created by the team. Each glider carried 6 ping pong balls as payload

and flew over 26 feet to land at the target location while overcoming two obstacles that were 3ft and 6 ft high. As part of the award, the team gets to participate in a workshop and play with the programmable micro:bit, a pocket sized computer at ARM.

Micro:bit is not yet available in the US.

## Bay East Association Purchases Office Building

The Bay East Association of REALTORS® is a new home owner.

The Pleasanton-based real estate trade association recently purchased and moved into a 17,000 square foot office building.

"Our new home reflects the Bay East commitment to an outstanding member experience," said Kim Ott, the 2016 Bay East President, during an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 3.

The Bay East offices feature a conference center, computer training lab, meeting rooms equipped with focus group technology and a video production studio.

"We purchased our new building for the same reasons

that people want to buy a home. It was a great investment that will appreciate in value. It strengthens our roots in the community. It allows us to customize the property to fit our members' needs. And it gives us pride of ownership, knowing we have an asset that will benefit our members today and into the future," said Tricia Thomas, the Bay East Chief Executive Officer.

William Brown, a Bay East member and 2017 President of the National Association of REALTORS® joined Geoff McIntosh, also a Bay East member and the 2017 President of the California Association of REALTORS®, Pleasanton Vice Mayor Kathy Narum,

and Pleasanton City Council member Jerry Pentin for the ribbon cutting with more than 200 Bay East members and local business leaders standing by.

The May 3 event also included the dedication of the John A. Deadrich III room. Named for the first Bay East president and founding father of the association, three generations of Deadrich family members were present for the ceremony including John Deadrich's son, Hank and granddaughter Melissa. Both are REALTORS® in San Leandro. "I think it's fantastic to honor my Dad," said Hank Deadrich. "Bay East is still doing what he envisioned, working together with a high ethical standard."

## New Sunol Postmaster Sworn In

Gurlal Bhandal followed a tradition that dates back to 1871 when Mark Ager became the first Postmaster of Sunol. On May 6, Bhandal raised his right hand to be sworn in as the new Postmaster at the Sunol Post Office. The installation ceremony took place at Bosco Bones and Brew Restaurant.

Bhandal started his career with the United States Postal Service in 2001 as a City Letter Carrier in San Jose. He graduated from the Associate Supervisor Program in 2005. Bhandal supervised

a number of San Jose city stations, including Seven Trees, St James Park, and became Manager Customer Service at Tony Cortese (Formerly Westgate) Station in 2015, the position he held prior to becoming Postmaster Sunol Post Office.

Bhandal received his Associate Degree in General Education from Evergreen College in San Jose.

"Being a Postmaster means a lot to me," said Bhandal. "I feel like I have accomplished my goal, and I see more in my destiny. I

want to earn the trust and respect of the Sunol Community."

Bhandal, 39, his wife, Sundeep, 38, and their son, Arrish, 12, live in Mountain House, near Tracy.

As Postmaster, Bhandal oversees all operations at the Sunol Post Office that has one rural route with 200 delivery points (residential business addresses) and 616 PO Boxes. He manages three employees who process and deliver an average of 2,500 pieces of mail daily.