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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.

Council Favors Lowering East Dublin Density; Rejects Growth Management

By Ron McNicoll
 The Dublin City Council intends to consider approving lower housing densities in East Dublin on residential land not yet vested. An alternative that would limit the number of permits annually did not gain any traction with the council, except for interest from Vice-mayor Abe Gupta. He wanted to at least see the idea explored.

The council did not vote on a proposal, but provided staff with input at the May 5 meeting for a direction to follow in the future concerning the 1656 unvested units remaining in the East Dublin Specific Plan. Vested units already have an approved development agreement, which unvested units lack. Mayor David Haubert and councilmembers favored reducing densities

within the zoning districts already planned for the land, or possibly rezoning land to a lower density.

Other councilmembers had no objection to having the staff return at some time in the future with a model of the growth-rate control option to see what its economic ramifications would be. Staff said it's possible to bring it to the council after the first of the year, since it would not

have an impact on the 2015-16 fiscal year budget, which is being firmed up now.

If there were growth control, it would affect both unvested and vested units, though a staff report said that the vested units would have priority, "pursuant to their respective development agreements." The result could be little or no new construction at various times, the report stated.

On another point, the council liked the 1424 acres reserved in East Dublin for parks, open space, rural residential/agriculture and stream corridors.

On commercial space, there are 6.8 million square feet of undeveloped land in categories as varied as campus office, neighborhood commercial, general commercial, mixed use, and the report stated.

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Cal Water to Host Education Meeting

California Water Service (Cal Water) will host a public meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, to educate its Livermore customers on state-mandated water use regulations and a range of conservation programs and tools available to help customers reduce their water use and meet the State's reduction requirements. The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. at the Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue.

Representatives from Cal Water will also provide details about its Schedule 14.1, which Cal Water was required to file with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in order to meet the State Water Resources Control Board's water use reduction requirements by the end of February 2016. Schedule 14.1 provides for waste of water violation penalties, customer water budgets, and associated enforcement measures. If approved by the CPUC, Schedule 14.1 would become effective June 1, 2015.

"We are here to help our customers understand the State's water use restrictions and reduction requirements and our water budgets," said Cal Water District Manager Frank Vallejo. "We have a variety of conservation programs, rebates, and tools to help customers reach their targets, and we encourage them to take advantage of these resources."

Cal Water serves about 55,800 people through 18,800 service connections in Livermore. Additional information may be obtained online at www.calwater.com.

Livermore To Ask for PCA Areas

The Livermore City Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to apply to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to designate areas within the city's Sphere of Influence as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) for urban greening and regional recreation.

PCAs identify Bay Area open spaces that provide regionally significant agricultural, natural resource, scenic, recreational, and ecological value. North and South Livermore have been PCA's since adoption by ABAG in 2008.

PCA designations identify areas for future regional funding to acquire open space, including conservation easements, and implement recreational, environmental, and agricultural enhancement projects.

There are currently 101 PCAs throughout the Bay Area. In addition to the North and South Livermore PCAs, three regional trails located within Livermore are also PCAs: Brushy Peak to Del Valle, Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle, and Iron Horse.

Potential projects under a PCA designation would include trail development, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, public land-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council hosted The Big Draw last Saturday in downtown Pleasanton. Artists of all ages and skills created brightly colored chalk drawings on the sidewalk. Decorated pianos attracted both the artistically and musically inclined. Food, fun, a special display at the Harrington Gallery, and entertainment were all part of the event.

Intervention Helps to Change Behavior

Focusing on intervention, rather than punishment, has helped reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

The Board of Education heard a report on the program by Director of Student Services Scott Vernoy at last week's meeting.

He noted that in 2011, there were 1165 students suspended; in 2012 the number dropped to 791; 2013-14, the total was 467. Through the 2014-15 school year to date, 307 students have been suspended. In 2008-2010, there were 155 students expelled; in 2011-2013, there were 54; and 2014 through Feb. 2015, only 6.

Vernoy explained that a system of restorative justice, used in conjunction with discipline, is being used by the district. He described restorative justice as a philosophy based on a set of principles that guide the response to conflict and harm. He added that old methods of discipline did not educate students on proper behavior, nor did they resolve conflicts.

Restorative practices gives students an opportunity to resolve conflicts.

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Sewer Rates Going Up in Livermore

Owners of single family homes in Livermore will see their residential sewer service and use charges rise by \$31 a year starting July 8.

The total bill for the 2015-16 year would be \$507, up from the current rate of \$478. In 2016-17, the yearly charge would increase by \$33 to \$540. The changes represent a 6.5%

increase. The last raise in rates occurred in 2008.

The Livermore City Council approved the rate increases for the next two years, but the council held off approving the five year plan proposed by staff. In the final three years, rates would have gone up by 3.5% each year.

The approximate waste-

water replacement costs are estimated at \$1 billion. The city currently holds \$4 million in replacement funding in its reserves.

Councilmember Bob Wornner asked for more information on the underlying numbers used to generate the rate increase. He suggested the city needed to take a longer term view than

the proposed five years. A \$1 billion number won't be solved with the current proposal. He noted that at \$4 million, it would take 250 years to set aside that

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Vintage Aircraft Bring Back Memories of WWII

By Carol Graham
 They walk among us, though we must look hard to see them.

There is John Shirley, who had to make a choice no young man should ever face. Adolph Hengl, who chose to fight back as 2,403 around him died. And, Walter Hughes, who was forced to complete a mission under unimaginable conditions.

They were born shortly after the Great War ended, at a time when young mothers believed "the war to end all wars" was safely behind them, and that sons and daughters would only know peace.

Within two decades, the world was aflame. Some held their breath. Some looked away. Some faced what was coming with resolute courage, and righted a world knocked off kilter by evil.

Today, they are known as the Greatest Generation,

these veterans of WWII. But all those years ago, they were just young kids, bright and brave, with their whole lives ahead of them yet ready to risk everything to ensure freedom would prevail.

On Sunday, May 24th, the Wings of Freedom Tour will open at the Livermore airport. It is hosted by the Collings Foundation with the dual goals of honoring the sacrifices made by WWII veterans and educating visitors, especially younger Americans, about a critical chapter in the nation's history.

Your visitors are encouraged to climb aboard and explore the bombers: "Nine O Nine," a B-17 Flying Fortress; "Witchcraft," a B-24 Liberator; and "Tondelayo," a B-25 Mitchell. "Betty Jane," a P-51 Mustang, will join them.

Hours on Sunday are from noon to 5 p.m.; on

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The B-17 will be one of the planes flying into the Livermore Airport.

Pathway Classes Attracting Students

Enrollment in Career Technical Education (CTE) classes has gone up 22 percent.

CTE represents a partnership that includes Regional Occupation Program (ROP), Las Positas College and the Tri-Valley Education Collaborative.

In CTE classes, students apply their content area knowledge to engage in real-world problem solving and exploration.

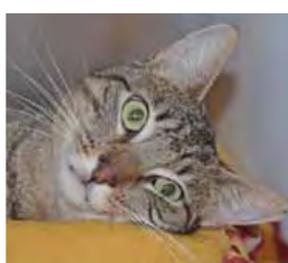
Julie Duncan, director of ROP, attributes the increase in enrollment to the fact that ROP is offering classes that relate to a variety of career pathways. In addition, a new website that provides information to potential students and their parents.

She and Amy Robbins, District Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, re-

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PET OF THE WEEK

Life gets a new twist with Taz! Despite the tempestuous nature of his cartoon counterpart, this two-year-old tabby is the eye of the storm. His calm companionship will soothe your wildest days. Take a spin by Valley Humane Society and adopt Taz today! 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm. For more info visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Double Homicide Charge

Detectives from the Livermore Police Department presented their criminal case to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office regarding James Wear, the double homicide suspect from the shooting in the area of Altamont Creek on March 1, 2015.

After review of the criminal case, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed formal charges of two counts of homicide with a firearm, two counts of a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of possession of heroin for sale.

He was arraigned at Gale-Schenone Hall of Justice in Pleasanton on May 7, 2015. The charges could lead to the death penalty.

On March 1, police, responding to calls concerning a disturbance near Altamont Creek, arrived on the scene and found two males, Ryan Rossknecht and Brandon Lowell, on the ground suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. One male was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The other male was pronounced dead at the scene.

Wear, a 28 year old male resident of Mountain House, was later arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail for a probation violation.

After an extensive investigation, Livermore Police Department Detectives developed probable cause to believe Wear was responsible for the murders.

Gold Ribbon Schools

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the secondary schools that have been honored under the state's new Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program, which is temporarily taking the place of the California Distinguished Schools Program.

Among the list of winners is Pleasanton Unified's Thomas S. Hart Middle School.

Both Granada High and Livermore High Schools in Livermore were also selected.

"These schools are academically successful, vibrant, and innovative centers of learning and teaching," Torlakson said. "They provide great examples of the things educators are doing right—embracing rigorous academic standards, providing excellence and creativity in teaching, and creating a positive school climate." The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment and accountability systems.

Schools applied for the award based on a model program their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. The new

award is recognizing middle and high schools this year and elementary schools in 2016. The news release identifying all the 2015 Distinguished Middle and High Schools is posted online at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr15/yr15rel37.asp>.

Drop Off Mail Ballots

On Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, Alameda County Registrar of Voters representatives will be at three locations in the Tri-Valley area to accommodate voters who wish to drop off Vote-By-Mail ballots early and avoid having to pay postage.

Voters will be selecting a representative to fill the 7th District State Senate seat on May 19.

The following locations will be available on both days for voters to drop off ballots:

Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ballots are dropped off at the locations listed above, must be sealed in the yellow Vote-by-Mail envelope and signed by the voter on the signature line on the outside of the envelope. For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters at (510) 267-8683.

Zone 7 Project Recognized

A pilot project that Zone 7 undertook to enhance a section of the Arroyo Mocho flood control channel in Livermore was a recent finalist in the Association of California Water Agencies' 2015 Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence.

The program recognizes innovative projects by Association members in water resources management.

Zone 7's Arroyo Mocho Stanley Reach Riparian Restoration and Channel Enhancement Pilot Project is located adjacent to Stanley Boulevard between Murrieta Boulevard and Isabel Avenue in the City of Livermore.

The project goal is to demonstrate the feasibility of transforming an earthen trapezoidal channel into a vegetated stream reach exhibiting natural characteristics, while also maintaining its core functionality for flood protection and groundwater recharge. The design facilitated stream channel enhancements, including 12 acres of increased riparian vegetation and removal of barriers to fish passage.

Other benefits are expected to include enhanced habitat conditions, including reduced stream temperatures and improved water quality, improved aesthetics and community education.

Much of the revegetation work was accomplished through the Living Arroyos Program -- a public-private partnership among Zone 7, the City of Livermore and the non-profit Urban Creeks Council. The program uses trained apprentices to oversee community volunteers.

Baker to Refuse Raise

Assemblywoman Catharine B. Baker (R-San Ramon) has announced that she will not accept the pay increase for Legislators that was authorized today by the California Citizens Compensation Panel (CCCP).

"I am declining the 3% pay increase that was authorized today by the CCCP. I was elected by the people of the 16th District at my current salary and I will continue to serve at that salary," said Baker.

The CCCP determines salaries for Legislators and has twice elected to increase pay in recent years. The last increase in 2014 was a 5% bump. It took effect December 1st of last year.

Baker represents the 16th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

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EDITORIAL

Educational Opportunities

Las Positas College continues to produce programs to fill a need.

This summer, it plans to offer its largest session with 152 course offerings, up from 116 last year. The session focuses on general education requirements that students would need in order to graduate with a two year college or four year university degree.

The college is not only offering the courses, but also making it easy to participate in them. Forty-four of the classes will be offered on line, 35 in the evening. Lab science courses, such as biology, chemistry and anatomy, will be offered both during the day and in the evening. The options will make it possible for students to hold down a job and still be able to work towards a degree.

Tuition for high school students will be waived, allowing them to meet some of the general education requirements before graduating from high school.

With an educated workforce seen as the key to sustaining a strong economy, it is important to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to progress. With its expanded summer session, we give Las Positas College an A+ for doing just that.

Pleasanton Council Rejects Appeal of Training Center Approval

The Pleasanton City Council upheld a decision by the Planning Commission to allow a training center for adults with developmental disabilities to locate in the city.

Social Vocational Services, Inc. (SVSI) plans to operate the facility as a tenant within an existing building on Owens Drive. An adjacent property owner and tenant, Wayne Rudick, had appealed the decision to grant a conditional use permit.

The council vote was 4 to 1 with Karla Brown dissenting. Brown stated that while she believes the service that would be provided is important, the location is wrong. She felt that the comings and goings would be disruptive to adjacent businesses.

Other councilmembers noted that the conditional use permit (CUP) would allow for intervention by the city in the future if problems arose.

Councilmember Jerry

Pentin stated that he has friends with special needs children, so he had a bias towards such a program. "However, looking at it from a land use perspective, I see no reason to uphold the appeal," he declared.

Rudick argued that there were concerns about health and safety, as well as issues with parking and a potential liability.

The building is subdivided into a 3-unit commercial parcel. The site includes a common area parcel containing the parking.

Rudick told the council that he was concerned about the potential for violent behavior by clients and the related safety of his employees. He pointed out there is potential liability should a client walk away from the facility unsupervised, or in the event of an accident in the common area of the property, given that the suites are under condominium ownership.

Planner Adam Weinstein

stated that clients enrolled in SVSI's vocational training program tend not to have behavioral problems; if they were to have these problems, they would enroll in a behavioral program, not a vocational training program.

As for parking, Weinstein said that overall parking demand for the use would be modest because the clients do not drive.

Noise was another issue raised by Rudick. The city is requiring that sound reducing materials be added to walls connected to other businesses.

SVSI on site activities would include art, music, and physical fitness, along with skill-building support in areas such as communication, computers, interviewing, and personal appearance. Off-site activities would focus on employment contracts and field trips, such as visits to the library, parks, and recreation facilities.

Social Vocational Services would accommodate

no more than 30 clients and 13 staff members on the site at any one time.

Up to 30 additional clients could be picked up at their homes, accompanied to off-site activities, and returned back to their homes, having never visited the subject site on a given day.

Social Vocational Services would use eight vans to serve the program. They would be stored on-site in standard parking spaces in the rear of the building. Vans would pick-up and drop-off clients in the rear of the building in a new designated loading space.

It was noted by city staff that a similar training center for adults with disabilities is located at 1241 Quarry Lane in Valley Business Park in Pleasanton. The Keystone Learning Center was granted a CUP in 1989 and has not had any code enforcement complaints due to noise or other issues during that time.

SVSI is required to obtain a state license prior to opening the facility.

INTERVENTION

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nity to understand how their behavior affects others, and directly involves them in a process to repair the harm.

Vernoy noted that intervention helps students understand what they are doing is wrong, and provides them with things they can do so the behavior doesn't occur in the future.

The three main goals of restorative justice include accountability, community safety, and competency development.

The district has established a list of discipline guidelines that are used throughout all schools in dealing with unacceptable behavior. Vernoy said that students are likely to make good choices when they understand the rules and consequences for engaging in behavior that is not appropriate for a school setting. The guidelines set expectations for students, parents and staff, Vernoy continued.

He noted that there still may be situations where a suspension would result. However, intervention should be considered prior to or in lieu of suspension to resolve disciplinary issues. Consequences paired with interventions, instruction and guidance offer students

an opportunity to correct misconduct, Vernoy said. "We believe that learning from mistakes is very important. Consequences don't have to be negative."

Consequences include such actions as loss of privileges, community service, behavior contracts, or detention. Willful misconduct could lead in grades, diplomas and/or transcripts being withheld until community service or restorative process are completed.

Dayna Taylor, vice principal at Junction K-8 School and P.J. Daly, principal at Altamont Creek Elementary School, told the board that they had seen a change in culture at their schools since the program was implemented.

Taylor pointed out that social media has been addressed. Students are willing to say anything in a text, but not to someone's face. "When we get them together, they can move on."

She noted that there is a waiting list for counseling for kids with extra needs in regard to dealing with conflict.

Trustee Craig Bueno said, "It's good to get these kids early and teach them." He wondered about kids

who came into the district who had not received the training.

Superintendent Kelly Bowers said the district could strengthen the program to look at how it could

RATES

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amount; \$6 million a year would take 100 years. "This isn't working for me."

Woerner proposed approving the 6.5% two year rate increases, then visiting the issue on a simple to understand level once a comprehensive replacement plan is figured out that would match funding, balance requirements and how to get there.

Councilmember Stewart Gary agreed. "We need an asset replacement plan with target points. It would include having catastrophic asset money in the bank."

Councilmember Steven Spedowski also concurred, supporting the first two year rate increases with the understanding that the city would come back with the asset management plan. Then future rates could be set based on that plan.

The council asked staff to come back with an analysis on how to achieve the necessary funding to deal with

absorb new students.

Trustee Chris Wenzel stated, "This is amazing work. When you spend the time, it pays dividends not only in school, but also later in life." He added, "It's easy

to expel." When there are issues, we are all responsible for finding solutions. Among other options, it takes continued training for administration in order to deal with them. Board presi-

dent Kate Runyon noted, "I really appreciate the work that has gone into giving students the tools to resolve conflicts themselves. They are lifelong skills."

DUBLIN

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industrial park. Some 3 million square feet, or 45 percent, of the total are under development agreements. The vested parcels include Kaiser, Grafton Station, the Dublin Transit Center, Promenade, and Subarea 3.

Mayor David Hubert remarked, "I've been told that retail follows residential, but it feels like we've had a lot of residential growth, and not a lot of retail and (other commercial uses in East Dublin).

A staff report points out that the council reduced East Dublin densities by a total of 1464 units in its recent approvals. However, if there were further residential density reductions, the council will have to consider the impact on housing reserved for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers, and rezone in other places to meet the RHNA requirements, according to the report. The current eight-year RHNA period ends in 2022.

RHNA requires Dublin to have land zoned for 2285 units to meet the total housing demand. Of that number,

618 are above moderate income. The remainder are 796 for extremely or very low income, 446 for low income, and 425 for moderate income. Zoning only is required. The city does not have to build the units.

During the public hearing on East Dublin, Lisa Vorderbrueggen, director of governmental affairs for the Bay Area Building Industry Association, stated that a Legislative Analyst's study in March says that coastal California needs 100,000 more units per year above what is being built now, just to get close to meeting current housing needs.

Another speaker, Marlene Massetti, said that Dublin growth is ahead of itself. The population sits at 54,000, a figure not expected until 2020. "We can't continue down this road with traffic, overcrowded schools, and drought. We need to take the time to look at everything left, including downtown, Eastern Dublin, commercial, residential, and non-residential, and see what we should do as a community," she said.

MAILBOX

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Wine Festival Rachael Snedecor Executive Director Livermore Downtown Inc.

Dear Friends:
This past Saturday, a drunk driver took the lives of two visitors to our community, including a Mother and her 14-month-old toddler, and inflicted serious injuries on others.

Like so many of you, I was shocked and saddened when I learned of this news. As someone who recently experienced the loss of an adult child, my heart goes out to the affected families. This is an unimaginable loss for the entire family!

Our organization is working closely with the City of Livermore, particularly the Livermore Police, to provide whatever help we can in determining exactly what happened and hopefully bring some closure to the affected families.

Regrettably, much of the

media coverage about this incident called attention the fact that the driver had been to the Livermore Wine Country Festival before the accident. The suggestion that he became intoxicated at the Festival is distressing, especially since the tragedy occurred more than two hours after the close of our tasting. Worse, it does a great disservice to the careful steps our staff and volunteers have taken for the past 24 years to ensure the safest and most enjoyable experience for our attendees and community.

The police investigation is still ongoing, so many of the facts are not in. I would respectfully urge you to keep these points in mind as the discussion of this issue continues:

- We take the utmost precaution to keep Festival attendees from becoming intoxicated. The Festival is a showcase for thousands of people to sample the best of our Valley's wine, beer, and food. We provide a tasting. It is definitely NOT a drink-fest.

- Only one-ounce pours of wine are served at a time, per person.

- Under our rules, only beers with 7 percent alcohol content or less are allowed to be served. These pours are limited to three ounces.

- We deliberately spread out four wine and beer tasting locations so that patrons will have the opportunity

to have a bite to eat, hear music, shop the hundreds of arts and crafts booths and rest between visits.

- Our standards and practices exceed the requirements set forth by the California Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

- While we rely on trained volunteers to pour wine and beer, we make a point to oversee these volunteers with knowledgeable, paid management staff. Tasting booths are in regular radio contact with each other. This structure, developed in close cooperation with our insurance carrier, helps ensure that in the rare case a customer needs to be "cut off," it can be done effectively, securely, and with minimal disruption.

Off-Highway Park Terrell L. Givens Livermore

The recently released Draft Environmental Impact report (DEIR) on the Carnegie Park expansion has provided factual analysis that dispels the unfounded claims of the Friends of Tesla Park. For months we have been subjected to claims that the expansion will subject the citizens of Livermore with noise pollution, traffic impacts, aesthetic concerns and will be detrimental to the environment. Yet the DEIR has confirmed that there would be no significant impact to any of their claims. Again there is no substance

to the Friends of Tesla Park's claims whatsoever.

I believe the time has come that all groups work together to help create a healthy, balanced multi-user expansion that will be a benefit to everyone. Allow the park to expand under the guidance and guidelines that are currently practiced by the State Park. It is best to have a park that is being held responsible to meet both local and state guidelines than to have unregulated use on private land. Let us work to preserve the historical and archeological sites, as the expansion allows and make this an opportunity to educate future generations about this area's history.

Most of all the expansion will allow individuals and families an opportunity to pursue their passion. It allows families a very inexpensive way to spend time together outdoors in the fresh air. An opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their kids not only learning to ride but how to incorporate off-road use and protecting the environment at the same time.

The time is now to put away the false accusations of a few and for both sides to join together to create a site that will be beneficial to all.

Vaccination Debate Gil Stratton Livermore

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Supervisors Name Panel for Green Power Purchasing

Alameda County Supervisors appointed 20 residents from throughout the county to what will be a 39-member steering committee that will work toward creation of a Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) power purchasing program.

The appointments were made at the board's May 5 meeting. The motion also included an additional member, Supervisor Scott Haggerty as the county's unincorporated area government representative on the panel.

The program focuses on making electrical power available more cheaply to consumers using a higher percentage of green power generation than is offered by PG&E. The goals will be achieved by establishing contracts directly with green power suppliers.

The total committee membership was slated to be 34. Adding Haggerty brought the total to 25. The board agreed to expand it early next month by five more members, after hearing protests from audience members that only five women were among the 20 choices by the five district supervisors. The total membership would be 39.

Each supervisor selected three nominees from his or her district. There were five at-large nominees by the full board.

Some in the audience said they also want more balance of organizations in the county. They pointed to four members of the IBEW, an electrical workers union, among the 20 named.

It's fine to have someone on the panel from IBEW, since they are an electrical union, and jobs are important, said one speaker, who works for the CCA Marin Clean Energy, and is an Alameda County resident. The committee power should be shared among more organizations, he said. Other speakers mentioned such overlooked applicants as the Sierra Club, the Asian

Pacific Alliance, and the Longshoremen's Union.

Dublin resident Eloise Hamann, who was nominated to the committee by Haggerty, told the supervisors that it "wasn't right" that the IBEW held 50 percent of labor seats on the committee. She offered to give up her own seat to achieve a broader diversity of non-profit organizations included. "Despite the fact I'm nominated, I'd rather have a balanced committee," said Hamann.

Supervisor Nate Miley explained how the IBEW wound up among the nominees submitted by the supervisors. The Brown Act forbids any discussion among supervisors concerning each of the district nominees, until a public meeting, such as the one on May 5. As a result, four of the five supervisors happened to nominate an IBEW person, said Miley. He represents District 4, which includes Pleasanton, Castro Valley and part of Oakland.

Supervisors chose to expand the committee, rather than rearrange the current appointments.

Besides Hamann, a member of Tri-Valley Progressives who has been active on CCA issues, Haggerty's other District 1 nominees were resident Monica Padilla and Subash Sundaresan.

Miley's District 4 nominees were Roger Harris, identified with residential and commercial solar; Pamela Evans, county health department, and Victor Uno, IBEW.

The 13 cities in the county also will have representatives on the steering committee. Planning department official Bruce Jensen said that Livermore's representative is Councilmember Steven Spedowski. Dublin's is Roger Bradley, who is an assistant to the city manager. Pleasanton is expected to appoint Councilmember Jerry Pentin on May 19, said city clerk Karen Diaz.

Eventually the goal will be for the cities that decide to participate to form a joint powers authority (JPA), perhaps by early 2016, and begin buying power in early 2017, according to county planning director Albert Lopez.

Celebration of Life Planned

Local healthcare organizations and medical experts host a special event for cancer survivors, called Celebration of Life – Surviving, Living and Embracing Change, on Monday, June 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The 23rd Annual Celebration of Life Program will be held at the Holiday Inn, located at 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. There is no charge for the event.

The program includes three speakers:

- Rishi Sawhney, M.D., oncologist at Valley Medical Oncology Consultants, will discuss "Surviving Changes after Cancer."
- Camille Chabot, cancer survivor and client of the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, will speak on "Living with Cancer."
- Dr. Vera Packard, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, will lecture on "Embracing Change."

The Celebration of Life event is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Cancer Support Community, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, Holiday Inn-Dublin, Kaiser Permanente, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapy Foundation, Sanofi, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, ValleyCare Health System, and Valley Medical Oncology Consultants.

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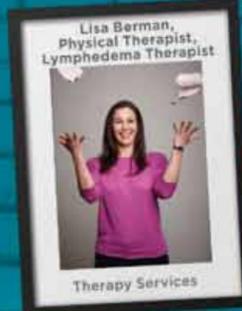
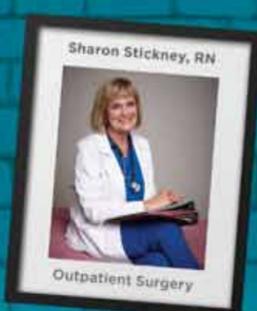
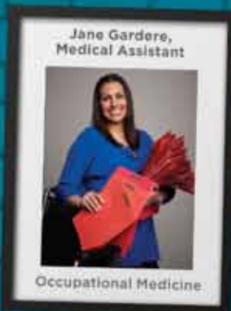
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*Employee of the month not pictured: Thao Chau, Pharm.D., Pharmacy

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Fusion U10 Girls Gold defeated Pleasanton Rage 05 black, 10-0, Saturday May 9th, to remain undefeated in the spring league. Fusions' offense was solid, maintaining pressure the entire game. Maddie Snodgrass had a hat-trick, making 3 goals in a row. Other goals were scored by Sierra Bradford, Rivers Dominguez, Brooke Gale, Lauren Stoneberger, and Avery White with her first goal of the season. Fusions' midfield and defense squelched any attempts made on their goal. Pictured is #18 Maddie Snodgrass.



Second baseman Zach Parodi makes a diving attempt at a hard hit ground ball in a Granada Little League Intermediate Gold matchup between Granada and Canyon Creek. Granada won the game on a base hit in the bottom of the 8th inning. Photo - Bill Nale



Pictured is the Livermore Girls Softball Association U7 Nightmare team Annabella Piazza, Charlotte Genzale, Delaney Aumua, Harper Hopcus, Jordynn Booe, Kaylie Casados, Lillian Dills, Maggie Pyke, Romy Palme, Savannah Bennett, Sophia Miller, and Taelyr Chamberlain. They are shown after playing a game where they scored the maximum 4-runs each inning, totally 16 runs.

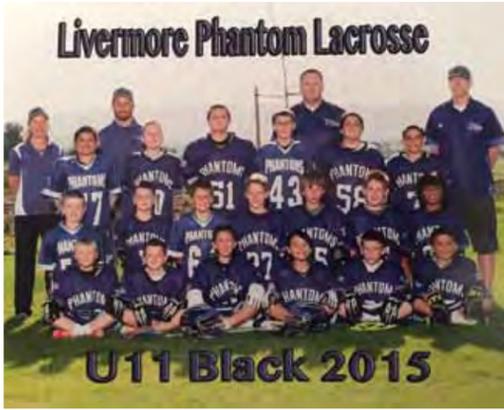


Nella Mandal from Tri-Valley Karate Pleasanton competed in the 2015 USANKF of Northern California Western States Invitational Tournament. She earned 2nd place Girls 6-7 year Beginner/ Novice Kata (forms) and 1st place Girls 6-7 year Beginner/ Novice Kumite (sparring). Her sparring match was one of the highlights of the tournament, she had the crowd cheering for her right after she scored her first point of the match. She had a deficit of 5 points, 0-5, and then found herself and executed kicks, each worth 2 points, to win the match, 8-7. Her final opponent was about 1 foot taller than she is.

Pleasanton GSA

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:
7U Division: Hyatt House vs. Association Management Solutions: The (Hyatt House) Huskies played a riveting game against (Association Management Solutions) Double Trouble. Star players were Hyatt House's Ashley Reyes, Elah Choudhry, and Aurora Nicolas who were all big hitters, and Association Management Solutions' Lydia Frey, who showed perseverance at the bat, and McKenna Charbonneau and Ashley Mantha, who hit hard and played skillfully in each inning. Top Players: Association Management Solutions - McKenna Charbonneau, Lydia Frey, Ashley Mantha; Hyatt House - Elah Choudhry, Aurora Nicolas, Ashley Reyes
 Kids & Teens World vs. As-

sociation Management Solutions: Both sides brought their best effort with Kids & Teens World's Julian Valenzuela showing awesome effort both at bat and out in the field, Zoe Shuga's great pitching and first base plays, and Keira Lee's super play at 3rd. And Association Management Solutions matching them with Ashley's Srouji's big hits, great first base work, and solid pitching, Eunoo Cho's solid hitting & 2 super plays getting players out on 3rd, and Caroline Shimy's great batting & awesome attitude. Other notable players include Juliette Nudelman as shortstop and Stella Short on third base. Top Players: Kids & Teens World - Keira Lee, Zoe Shuga, Julian Valenzuela; Association Management Solutions - Eunoo Cho, Caroline Shimy, Ashley Srouji
 Hyatt House vs. Association Management Solutions: Hyatt House's Elah Case, Quinn Seltzer, and Reese Seltzer, and Association Management Solutions' Rowan Tuite, Lydia Frey, and Emily Hughes were all hitting big and playing excellent defense either in the outfield, catching, or pitching. Other totally awesome players in this game were McKenna Charbonneau, Eunoo Cho, Stella Short, Ashley Srouji, and Caroline Shimy. Top Players: Hyatt House - Elah Case, Quinn Seltzer, Reese Seltzer; Association Management Solutions - Lydia Frey, Emily Hughes, Rowan Tuite
8U Division: Gourmet Works vs. Pleasanton Police Officers Association: Grace Schmitt of Gourmet Works executed an impressive double-play in the 1st inning. Madison Notari of Pleasanton Police Officers Association shined at shortstop, with a great throw to Katherine Foster at 1st Base to make a key out in the 3rd. Meadow Castaneda and Nadia Brown had impressive RBI hits in the final inning. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Meadow Castaneda, Abigail Kent, Penelope White; Gourmet Works - Grace Schmitt, Tiana Sole, McKenna Tuite
 Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Active Family: Emma Shenefel led the Pleasanton Police Officers Association's defense by catching an impressive three popflies. Sydney Costello was hot on the mound for Active Family, including catching a pop-fly in the 3rd inning. Zoe Wagner fought hard at the plate, with a series of fouls that led to a great base hit for Pleasanton Police Officer's Association. Brooke Felbinger had an excellent hit that brought in two runs for Active Family. Top Players: Active Family - Sydney Costello, Brooke Felbinger, Ellen Glaser; Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Nadia Brown, Annalise DeMange, Emma Shenefel
10U Team: Team E9 6, Valley Plumbing 0: Team E9's offense was highlighted by Sophia Enright's two hits that both led to scores, and Olivia Terrell's two RBIs. Jessica Ryu and Erin Rodriguez both had good at-bats as well. For Valley Plumbing, Jules Cooney, Claire Andre, and Danielle Terzich had great games on defense. Another Valley Plumbing star was Ella McCarthy who pitched two strikeouts to keep Team E9 scoreless in the second inning. Top Players: Team E9 - Sophia Enright, Jessica Ryu, Olivia Terrell; Valley Plumbing - Claire



The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse U-11 team had a great season, finishing in first place for the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association's U11B division. All players played well this season: Kinsey Claudino, Jason Cruz, Bodhi English, James Foley, Ryan Gill, Josh Gnovel, Nicholas Hall, Jack Hansen, Keenan Kheirloomoom, Connor Lemmons, Jared McQuilliam, Bryce Moy, Aiden Noonan, Ben Operin, Chase Parker, Tate Rosburg, Malachi Schallitz, Jonathan Van Essen, Lucas Wallin and Ben Wojewski. Thank you to the coaches who put in countless hours of volunteer time to make this happen: Mary Claudino, Jack Wojewski, Josh English and Jon Rosburg.



The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse U15 team traveled north to play the El Dorado Hills Trojans. Alec Faith scored two goals and CJ Alire, Jaxon McLaren, each netted one goal. Michael Nowaczyk made the final goal in the last two seconds of the game. Nowaczyk and Angus Stewart each had an assist. Goalie Shane Grimes made twelve saves. Pictured are Andrew Choumas, Jacob Yano, and Ethan Weisbrod during the game.



The Livermore Phantoms U13 Purple team traveled to El Dorado Hills this past weekend to close out the regular season games. In their first game, the Purple team outmatched the El Dorado Hills White team, winning 11-0. It was a complete team effort with scoring coming from multiple players. Good defense and goalkeeping helped clinch the shutout. In their second game, the team played a competitive El Dorado Hills Blue squad and took the lead early. The team was unable to hold onto the lead and eventually lost 11-5. The Purple team finished their season with a winning record, going 11-5-3 across all games. Pictured is the U13 Purple team after their win on Saturday.

Andre, Jules Cooney, Ella McCarthy
 Tim McGuire Realtor 5, Team E9 4: At first, it looked like Tim McGuire Realtor could not keep up with Team E9 who showed pitching skills by Allison Briggs during the first inning, striking out a few batters. However, Lois Sotos from Tim McGuire Realtor made 2 solid hits, scored a run for Tim McGuire Realtor setting off the winning mode. Lois also pitched well for 2 innings and did not give up any runs in the 4th. Kylie Beeby did a wonderful job for 2innings as a catcher and helped Tim McGuire Realtor with the big home run hit at the bottom of the fourth. Maura Wiley did well at bat with 2 base hits and scored 2 runs for Tim McGuire Realtor. The game winning home run was hit by Aubrey Tran at the bottom of the fourth, which brought Maura home. Team E9's Megan Kupferman did well at catching. Her strong throws stopped a few runners from stealing bases. Megan also connected well at bat with a hard hit, line drive to the outfield which produced a RBI. In the fourth inning, Sofia Enright threw some fast pitches and strikes for her team. She did a wonderful job and executed great skills. Top Players: Tim McGuire Realtor - Kylie Beeby, Lois Sotos, Maura Wiley; Team E9 - Allison Briggs, Sofia Enright, Megan Kupferman
Middle School Teal: VEP Healthcare 16, Tim McGuire Realtor 7: Lacy Becker scored three runs in support of her own strong pitching performance for VEP Healthcare and was assisted by Alex Amavizca's glove behind home plate and Kat Garber who reached base on all four plate appearances. For Tim McGuire Realtor, Natalie Maedler scored twice, going 2-for-3 with 1 RBI while Anika Nicolas was also 2-for-3 at the plate with a long double and 2 RBIs in support of her own solid performance as pitcher throwing to Julia Thomas whose glove work at catcher prevented several runners from stealing. Top Players: VEP Healthcare - Alex Amavizca, Lacy Becker, Katalina Garber; Tim McGuire Realtor - Natalie Maedler, Anika Nicolas, Julia Thomas
 Dietz & Watson 10, San Jose Boiler Works 6: The visiting San Jose Boiler Works jumping out to the early lead with some timely hitting and two great catches in center field by Kayla Galvez and Emily Sanchez, respectively. Audrey Simmons pitched in with a ringing double into center. The home Dietz and Watson crew clawed back behind excellent base running by Bailey Morita. Christina Herdman finished with three solid innings on the mound, with catcher Sammie Gray pouncing from behind home to make the final out. Top Players: Dietz & Watson - Sammie Gray, Christina Herdman, Bailey Morita; San Jose Boiler Works - Kayla Galvez, Emily Sanchez, Audrey Simmons
 Dietz & Watson 8, Scott McElroy DDS 4: The two teams squared off with the visitors jumping out to an early lead behind the hitting of Maddie Rovira. They then flashed some leather, with Rilee Galletti making outstanding catches at short and in center, and Liv Caponigro catching a great game while tagging two would-be runs out at the plate. The home crew ignited the comeback behind a strong pitching start by Sofia Leanos, some slick fielding by Bailey Morita at second base, and a home run from Angelina Amador. Top Players: Dietz & Watson - Angelina Amador, Sofia Leanos, Bailey Morita; Scott McElroy DDS - Liv Caponigro, Rilee Galletti, Maddie Rovira
 VEP Healthcare 10, Dietz & Watson 7: Dietz & Watson pitcher Sofia Leanis had a great performance in her first ever appearance on the mound throwing to Sammie Gray who played well behind the plate, throwing out a baserunner, and supported by Meagan Scheurlein's strong hitting performance. For the victorious VEP Healthcare, Lacy Becker was dominant on the mound and the entire team's defense was excellent highlighted by Maci Briggs' leaping, backhanded catch of a line-drive to center field and Makayla Rios amazing glove work and arm at shortstop. Top Players: VEP Healthcare - Lacy Becker, Maci Briggs, Makayla Rios; Dietz & Watson - Sammie Gray, Sofia Leanis, Meagan Scheurlein
 San Jose Boiler Works 13, Summit Financial 8: In a well-played game, Summit Financial's Grace Habner had 2 great at bats, Katie Jones scored a run and Macy Mendez had a line drive and scored a run. San Jose Boiler Works' Morgan Barrowcliff played a great defensive game at 1st, and scored 2 runs. Kayla Galvez stole home, and Emily Sanchez had a nice hit and scored a run. Top Players: San Jose Boiler Works - Morgan Barrowcliff, Kayla Galvez, Emily Sanchez; Summit Financial - Grace Habner, Katie Jones, Macy Mendez
 San Jose Boiler Works 10, Dietz & Watson 8: In a very exciting game, Dietz & Watson's Clair Enright performed great as short stop, Darina Wolfe pitched two good innings and had 2 hits, and Valerie McKeever had 2 RBIs and closed as pitcher. San Jose Boiler Works' Kayla Galvez had 2 RBIs and scored 2x, Ellie McElroy scored a run and pitched a 3up/3down 5th inning, and Kristina Cuevas played a great defensive game as catcher and hit a double, and RBI. Top Players: San Jose Boiler Works - Kristina Cuevas, Kayla Galvez, Ellie McElroy; Dietz & Watson - Clair Enright, Valerie McKeever, Darina Wolfe



Pleasanton Pride Girls U9 Blue played two great games May 3rd against Diablo Scorpions and Pleasanton Pride White. Scorpions' defense was strong, making it difficult for Pride to score. First score of the day was made by Sophia Simonds with an assist by Sydney Queen. Emilie Kasper, Rory Keenan, Tatum Krekorian, and Sydney Queen also scored goals during the course of the two games. Charlotte Melaugh, Autumn Johnson, and Subrina Shah had good ground balls and passes to add momentum to the effort. Pictured is Tatum Krekorian.



The Pleasanton Pride Girls U13B team played at Palo Alto High School May 3rd. The first game against Diablo Scorpions was an exciting game. Both teams had a strong offense and defense and maintained a tied score until the last quarter when the Scorpions pulled ahead and won 8-5. Pride's goals were made by Noe Jue, Alex Lovelock, Olivia Simonds, Sydney Soares and Nikki Trueblood. Goalie Aoife Stapleton had 9 amazing saves. The second game against the Palo Alto Tomahawks was a win for the Pride. Pride's offense was persistent, first goal of the game was scored by Olivia Simonds then Sophia Blackwood, Vasudha Lyer, Madelynn Riddle, Bella Rose, and Aoife Stapleton shot for goals. Goalie Grace Caldwell had 6 great saves. Pictured is Eva Bull #46.



The 10U Livermore Girls Softball Association Lightning beat the Gator Girls in Round 1 of the playoffs, 9 to 0. Kathryn Piscotty and Kate Hankins pitched. Pictured are Caydence Freitas, Kathryn Piscotty, Terra Hatcher, Hannah Temple, Natalie Geiger, Kate Hankins, Emma Hatcher, Aislin Brecheisen, Sydney Gutierrez, Callie Smith, and Kirsten Johnston.



The West Coast Wildfire U15G closed out the 2014/2015 season among the top 5 teams in all of Northern California. The girls had an incredible season moving up 15 from last year.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:
 Majors: LNL Pirates 4, Major LALL Giants 3: For the Pirates: Ty Clappin had an all around great night pitching a complete game and getting 3 hits for 2 RBIs. Riley Scott showed his power, hitting a lead-off double in the first and sixth inning. Anthony Molleson had two singles and made an impressive diving catch in right field. Michael Ayler had the go ahead RBI single in the top of the sixth.
 Giants 12, Pirates 0: For the Pirates: Garrett Gomes skillfully caught a ball in foul territory against the fence. Anthony McCune played great defense in center. For the Giants: Chaston Bright pitched an extraordinary complete game shutout allowing only one hit. Angel Ixta had a jaw dropping day at the plate hitting two 3-run home runs. James Foley hit an impressive RBI double in the 4th inning.
AA Division: Giants vs. Red Sox: For the Red Sox in the bottom of the 4th, Simran Chatha caught a hard hit ball in left field to hold the runners. Dylan Jones pitched a great 4th inning with three strike outs. Jake Sekany pitched a great last inning to close out the game.
 A's vs. Nationals: The A's were swinging their bats in the second half of Monday's game to make it a close one against the Nationals. Eric Gutterier hit a double and brought in a run. Jacob McLaughlin also hit a double for 2 more runs.
 Rangers vs. Pirates: The Rangers and Pirates played an exciting game in their second consecutive meeting. Stephen Wehmann led off the game for the Pirates with an infield hit. He went 2 for 3 on the day. Tanner Breesch hit 3 for 3 with a double in the 3rd inning. Trevor Olmo had a great day at the plate at 2 for 3, scored a run and batted in two runs. Caleb McGiboney was the fourth pitcher used by the Pirates. He ended the day by striking out the side in the bottom of the 4th inning. The Rangers started their scoring in the first. Quinn Wetzel and Cody Terpstra walked. Trevor Straume smacked a ground ball scoring both runners and making it to third base. After two more walks to Seph Freitas and Luke Mifsud to load the bases, the Rangers scored another pair of runs with walks to Grant Vonheeder and Enzo Battaglia. Scoring continued in the second. DJ Santiago, Quinn Wetzel, and Cody Terpstra all walked to lead off the inning. Dylan Garcia was hit by a pitch for an RBI. Trevor singled again for two more RBIs. Seph Freitas kept the rally going with a single for another RBI as the Rangers added four more runs. In the third, Beckett Kohn walked and stole second. DJ secured his second walk. After a double steal by Beckett and DJ, Quinn walked for the third time in the game to load the bases. Cody notched an RBI with his third walk. With the bases loaded, Dylan smashed a double, scoring two more. Trevor walked to load the bases. Seph swatted his second RBI single of the game. Luke had an RBI walk to end the inning. Luke had an outstanding outing as a pitcher. He struck out two in the first inning, then he struck out the side in the second. Quinn also pitched well, giving up only one run in an inning and 2/3 of work. Seph began the Rangers' first pickle of the season during the third inning. When the Pirate runner on second took

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Stage 3 of the Amgen Tour of California bicycle race passed through Livermore on Tues., May 12. Riders traveled Calaveras Road to Mines Road before heading up Mount Hamilton during the 105 mile stage.

off for third, Seph gunned the ball to Luke at third base, easily beating the runner. The runner turned to go back to second, but Luke threw to Beckett at second who returned the throw to Luke for the tag-out.

A Division: A's vs. Giants: A's were on fire today. There were three players that displayed great teamwork. Jamier Snowden at second, stopped the ball, threw it to Zyston Bright at first base to get the runner out. Pitcher Matteo Lortie stopped the ball, threw it to Zyston Bright for the second out. For the third out in the inning, Bright made a stop of the ball on first base to get the last runner out.

Nationals vs. Red Sox: The Nationals and Red Sox played Thursday. For the Nationals, Ryan Loder had a good game offensively and defensively. He hustled in the outfield, chasing down balls and showed power with the bat getting on base three times. Jacob Talley caught a high pop fly at pitcher position to end an inning. Also having performances were Christian Millies, Emilio Henthorn and Aydon Hamilton-Bealun.

Rockies vs. Yankees: Another strong batting game for the Rockies. Langston Bradley went five for five, and Zach Nalich hit a hard line drive for a double in the second. Michael Griego fielded a grounder for the out at first during the second inning following an unassisted out at first by Jacob Smithson. A great double play by Orlando Espinoza and Jordan Aldape to finish off the top of the fifth.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: **A Division:** Cardinals vs. Yankees: Cardinals top defense: Anthony Ponce (P) went 2 innings, striking out 5, and throwing a batter out at first. Austin Kralj(P) went 2 innings, striking out 4 batters. Cardinals' offense produced all their runs in the 2nd inning, batting through the entire lineup. Top hitters: Zachary Lindstrom, 2-2, 2RBIs; Diego Silva, 2-2; Anthony Ponce, 1-2, RBI; (pool player, A's) J. Badger, 1-2, RBI.

AA Division: Yankees 7, Royals 20: Offense for the Yankees was started off by Tyler Kennedy hitting a crushed ball down the middle to drive in two RBIs, then Justin Levine got a nice hit for an RBI. Dawson Kerezzi followed up with two beautiful hits and an RBI. Zachary Berg continued the streak with two hits and an RBI, along with Charles Jorgensen getting an amazing base hit. On defense for the Yankees, it was Logan Robinson who caught a pop up at pitcher for an out, Zachary Berg made a line drive catch at shortstop and Jonah Boutwell made another spectacular catch for an out while playing first base.

Yankees 7, Phillies 15: Offense for the Yankees was led by Zachary Berg hitting a ball to the outfield in right with a total of two hits for the day. Mason Ravera also had two key hits and an RBI. Justin Levine continued the great hitting with a base hit, Dawson Kerezzi came to the plate producing yet another great hit to left field.

Cardinals 10, D-Backs 1: The game was decided quickly as the Cards exerted their will early with eight runs in the first three innings. An RBI single by Nathan Blanton in the first inning and a two-run single by Conor Forde during the second inning fueled the Granada LL AA Cardinals' offense early. Paul Beasley had two extra-base hits for the Cardinals. He singled in the second inning and doubled in the third and fifth innings. Blanton got it done on the rubber on the way to a win. He tossed two innings of shutout ball striking out three, walking one and giving up two hits. The Cards piled on four more runs in the bottom of the third. Jacob Freitas started the inning with a double, plating Joey Keeler, who singled earlier. That was followed up by Luke Schwarz's single (3 RBIs on the day), scoring Freitas. The 12-hit attack also included key hits from Ayden Duffin, Dominic Franco, Gavin Bates and Aiden Clarin. On 5/9, the Cards notched their fourth victory in a row, this time over the Giants, 11-9. The game was tight into the fourth and final frame, but clutch pitching from Duffin (2 innings, 1 run) and Freitas (2 innings, 0 runs) as well as big hits from Schwarz, Clarin, and Beasley secured the comeback. Freitas, already with two hits on the day, smacked an opposite field double which plated the tying and go ahead runs. The Cards have one more week of regular season baseball and heading into the playoffs.

Majors: Royals 12, Yankees 0: Royals jumped out to an early lead on the Yankees and captured a 12-0

victory on Saturday at GLL Field two. With five runs in the first three innings, the Royals left no doubt about the eventual outcome. A two-run double by Mathieu R in the first inning supplied the early offense for the Royals. Dylan B racked up three RBIs on one hit for the Royals. He tripled in the fourth inning. Aiden B had an impressive outing against the Yankees' lineup. B gave up just two hits, allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out four during his four innings of work. The Royals brought home three runs in the third inning, and matched that run total in the fifth. In the third, the Royals scored on a wild pitch, bringing home Aiden L. The Royals added four more runs in the top of the fourth. A bases loaded walk scored Landon P to get the Royals on the board in the inning. That was followed up by Dylan's triple, scoring Mateo W, Donovan H and Aiden.

Cardinals 5, Giants 4: Cardinals and Giants each put runners in scoring position on Saturday, but the Cardinals capitalized on more RBI opportunities, pulling out a 5-4 win at GLL Field two. The Giants had 15 hits compared with the Cardinals' six, but the Giants stranded 11 runners. The Giants were unable to match the Cardinals down the stretch. The Giants scored on an RBI double by Antonio R in the fourth inning and a two-run home run by Dylan M in the sixth inning. Despite their efforts, the Giants couldn't get over the hump. Dylan racked up two RBIs on one homerun for the Giants. The top of the first saw the Cardinals take an early lead, 1-0. Joseph K got things going for the Cardinals with a single. Connor C singled, bringing home Chase K.

Rangers 4, A's 3: The A's were unable to fight back from the big hole it dug itself into and lost 4-3 to the Rangers after falling behind by four runs in the third inning. A's scored on a two-run single by Calvin F in the fifth inning and an RBI single by Tyler S in the sixth inning. Giovanni C went a perfect 2-2 at the plate for the Rangers. He singled in the first and third innings. Nicholas L kept contact to a minimum, striking out eight A's batters. The Rangers' pitcher gave up just two hits over four shutout innings. Darrian M was charged with the loss. He lasted just 4 1/3 innings, walked three, struck out four, and allowed four runs. The Rangers stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the first, scoring one run on a sacrifice fly by Zakary G. The Rangers tacked on another three runs in the third. Giovanni kicked things off with a single, bringing home Koston M. That was followed up by Nicholas' single, plating Aiden O.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

A Division: 5/4- Reds 17, Yankees 8: Yankees came out hot but were not able to hold on against a strong Reds team. Benjamin Marr had a strong game despite leaving early due to an injury. Luke Creeden also came through with 2 solid base hits. Carter MacIntosh was awarded the game ball for strong defense. Yankees' Star of the Game: Carter MacIntosh. Reds' Colt Piazza was at it again, black eye from the last game and all, crushing two more homers over the fence and knocking in 8 RBIs, of which just 7 of them counted due to the 5 runs per inning rule. He added a double, a single, and 3 runs scored to his night's totals. His brother, Ward, was 4 for 4 with a double and 4 more RBIs. Reds' Stars of the Game: The Piazza brothers.

5/7 - Orioles 19, Rangers 16: The steady rainfall and then gusty winds turned out to foreshadow things to come for the 1st place Rangers as they dropped an extra inning game 16-19. The teams swapped several

runs in regulation innings with the Rangers led by Erik Schock who went 4 for 4 with 3 doubles, 3 RBIs, and 3 runs scored and Devin Ingersoll 4 for 4 with 2 doubles, 3 RBIs, and a run scored. In the top of the 6th with the score tied 14-14, the Orioles pushed across what might have been the winning runs, however the Rangers made things exciting by scoring two of their own and had Schock, who represented the winning run, on second with three heavy hitters due up and only one out. He would not get past third before the final out was made sending the game into extra innings. The Orioles scored 3 runs in the top of the next inning on a homerun, and the Rangers went down 1, 2, 3 in the bottom half losing just their third game of the season. Rangers' Star of the Game: Erik Schock.

5/7 - Yankees 8, Cardinals 7: The Yankees were able to hold on to a 1 run lead to beat the Cardinals. Strong hitting from Ryker Bortoli, Chrissy Creeden and Daniel Correa gave the Yankees an early lead. In the final inning with the Cardinals down by 1 with the bases loaded, Mickey Creeden made a game saving catch at 3rd base and was awarded the game ball. Yankees' Star of the Game: Mickey Creeden.

5/9 - Yankees 19, Athletics 8: Yankees' offense came alive Saturday afternoon. The top 3 hitters for the Yankees, Luke Mederos, Ryker Bortoli and Christian Jose came through with a hit at each of their 6 at bats. Vincent Betonio and Geoffrey Huang also followed up with strong bats and Amaya Baca had her best hit of the season. Yankees' Stars of the Game: Luke Mederos and Amaya Baca.

AAA Division: 5/5 - Yankees 21, Rangers 6: Although the Rangers didn't win the game, as a team effort, this was one of the best overall games. Tyler Bury crushed one over first for a home run. Rangers' Star of the Game: Justin Grumm for hitting. Tyler Delisle for big hits.

5/9 - Orioles 1, Giants 9: Giants' pitcher Mason Rosa pitched a perfect game up until the 5th inning when a walk and an error landed two Orioles on base, leading to their only run of the game. The Orioles battled hard at the plate, but were unable to produce at hit. In the 2nd inning, Jadon Campagna placed one hard and deep into centerfield. What should have been a solid double for Campagna was caught by centerfielder Karl Meyers. Rosa had 14 strikeouts when he reached his pitching limit in the 5th inning. Daniel Villaseenor took over on the mound in the 6th with his pitching debut of the season. Daniel closed out the game with 2 strikeouts and an unassisted tag out. The Orioles played tough defense, but consistent hitting throughout the Giants' line up brought them nine runs for the day. Top players for the Giants were Mason Rosa, Daniel Villaseenor, and Karl Meyers. Top players for the Orioles were Jadon Campagna, Caden Sullivan and Jacob Roach. Giants' Star of the Game: Mason Rosa.

5/9 - Yankees 10, Rangers 6: Yankees were off to an early lead in the 1st inning. Despite some strong defense, including a catch in deep right field by Justin Grumm and a late-game rally thanks to a triple by Tyler Orth, the Rangers just couldn't take the lead. Tyler (TO) Orth hit a triple in the 5th inning knocking in 2 RBIs. Brandon Von pitched 4 strike-outs in 3 innings. Owen Omweg was 3 for 3 in the game. Rick Road announced the game at Ernie Rodriguez Park. Rangers' Star of the Game: Kellen Hutchings earned game ball in part for catching a hard-hit line drive at 2nd base.

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U15 girls finished the 2014/2015 Norcal State Cup 5th out of 150 teams. The Wildfire made it into the quarterfinals and was seeded against the number one team in Northern California. The Wildfire team went undefeated throughout State Cup preliminary, secondary, and knockout phases. The girls are currently playing in the Norcal Premier Spring NPL league and are sitting at the top of their division with an undefeated record. Recently, they easily handed Bay Oaks Storm a 4-0 shutout. They also traveled to Visalia to deliver a 2-1 defeat to Cal Odyssey. Wildfire will play in their club's own tournament the West Coast Orange Bowl Memorial weekend. Learn more about team Wildfire and West Coast Soccer Club at www.westcoastsoccerclub.com or follow us on Facebook.

Fusion SC Fall Soccer

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

While the Recreation program starts at the U5 age group, the Select program starts at the U9 age group. Over 2,000 Livermore kids choose Fusion SC as their #1 choice for soccer.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School varsity baseball team scored three runs in the top of the 4th. That was all they would need to shutout Amador Valley High School 3 to 0 in an EBAL game.

To register a child for either of the fall soccer programs, or for more information, visit the Fusion SC website at www.fusionsc.org or call the office at 925-443-7570.

<http://www.active.com/livermore-ca/running/distance-running-races/7th-annual-hook-and-ladder-run-2015>
Event website: www.your-markevents.com

Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 7th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore. This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports, injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Through April 30th, registration is \$30.00 for the adult 5K or \$35.00 for the 10K (\$20 and \$25 respectively for those 17 and under) and \$10.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. On May 1st, 5K and 10K registration fees increase by \$10.00 and kids' 1 mile fun run by \$5.00. Registration closes May 29th, or when sold out. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m.

To keep this event safe and enjoyable for all, we need to limit entries to 1,500. Please keep in mind that when registration reaches 1,500 participants, registration will close.

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

The event is family friendly. On line registration can be filled out at

Baseball Camps

Thunder Sox Baseball Club is holding baseball camps in Livermore this summer. The first camp will be held July 6-10, the second, July 13-17, both from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Camps are open to ages 8U-13U. Cost is \$250 per week. For information go to www.TsoxBaseball.com. To register, email Coach Lonsdale at TsoxBaseball@gmail.com.

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Painted Finch.

Program On Audubon Planned at The Library

Author Shirley Streshinsky will discuss the life and legacy of J.J. Audubon, the man who created one of the world's greatest bodies of art: The Birds of America. She will be joined by special guests John and Barbara Robeson who are members of the National Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy. John and Barbara will present a slideshow of Audubon's early drawings of birds and talk about some of Audubon's birds that are flying in the skies all around us.

The program will be presented on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2pm, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. This event is free. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Audubon: Life and Art in the American Wilderness is the compelling story of a legendary artist and an eternal American hero. In 1803, an eighteen-year-old West Indies-born Frenchman arrived in New York City, fleeing Napoleon's conscription. His work would become inextricably entwined with the new world he so proudly adopted in his motto "America, my country." Inspired by the primeval forests and the vast flocks of birds that thrived in them, Audubon spent the next several decades of his life painstakingly documenting the birds of the American wilderness. He traveled the back roads and byways, searching out and studying the birds that were his pastime and passion. He spent long, silent hours observing them in the wild. He was no amateur ornithologist; rather, he drew his birds from life and his work always carried the line "drawn from nature by J. J. Audubon."

Combining meticulous scholarship with the dramatic life story of a naturalist and pioneer, Streshinsky examines the artist's journals and letters to tell the story of Audubon's quest, the origins of the American spirit, and the sacrifice that resulted in one of the world's greatest bodies of art: The Birds of America.

This program is part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For additional events, view the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

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scape improvements, and parks and riparian corridor enhancements. They would be eligible for ABAG funds.

Livermore has contacted agencies with overlapping jurisdiction for comment and review of its application proposal. These include Alameda County, East Bay Regional Park District, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and Zone 7. Staff's preliminary conversations with representatives from these jurisdictions indicate support.

AIRCRAFT

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Memorial Day and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Parking is free. The airport is located at 636 Terminal Circle.

The Wings of Freedom Tour visits more than 120 airports across the country each year, including its three-day stop in the Tri-Valley over Memorial Day weekend that began in 1992.

Once-in-a-lifetime flights aboard the B-17 and B-24 are offered for \$450 per person, and aboard the B-25 for \$400. Flight-training sessions on the P-51 start at \$2,200. For flight reservations, call (978)562-9182.

Visiting the display is free for WWII veterans, many of whom attend in uniform to share their stories. It is in these stories that a deeper understanding of and appreciation for U.S. veterans takes hold.

John Shirley was a 20 year old army soldier fighting in Italy when he noticed, while eating a loaf of dark bread and lima beans, a German face down in the dirt with a horrendous head wound.

"Part of his skull bone was gone and a portion of his brain was exposed," Shirley recalled. "Suddenly, the soldier tried to raise up a little on one elbow. Half of his face was gone. It didn't seem possible that he was alive. He uttered a faint sound and collapsed. I had killed my share of enemy soldiers, but I had never killed a prisoner or a wounded man. If ever a mercy killing was justified, I was sure this was it, but I hesitated. It seemed wrong, yet it seemed merciful, and I ended the poor man's life."

Adolph Hengl was below deck on the USS Tennessee

when all hell broke loose on a balmy Sunday morning in Pearl Harbor. After recovering from nearby blasts, Hengl swung into action.

"The Japanese had bombed all our aircraft on Ford Island," said daughter Mary Hengl. "But my father knew there were two planes in a hanger that were not in commission. Without the proper permission from his commanders he went to the hanger. No one was in the supply booth so he took it upon himself to get those planes in the air. They ended up being the first planes flying to scout whether there were more Japanese aircraft around. Because he did this without the proper permission, he was almost court-martialed but after review of his actions, he was instead commended."

Although Walter Hughes had never been in an airplane, he volunteered for the air force because, "I didn't want to be in the infantry." From 1942-45 he flew 35 missions out of England. During one, on the interminable journey toward their target, Hughes' copilot was shot. He slumped, mortally wounded, over his controls. Hughes had no choice but to complete the mission, alone in a small cockpit with his dead copilot beside him.

Hughes can often be seen at Livermore's Wings of Freedom Tour, still trim in his Air Force uniform, standing before the type of plane, a B-24, that he flew so long ago.

With even the youngest WWII veterans approaching age 90, more stories slip away each year. But for now, it is not yet too late to shake a hero's hand.

To learn more, visit collingsfoundation.org.

Teams Chosen to Take Part in DOE LabCorps Pilot Program

Sandia National Laboratories' Twistact and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Optimization of Building Efficiency projects have been selected as the Livermore Valley Site's participants in the Energy Department's LabCorps pilot program.

The goal of LabCorps is to accelerate the transfer of innovative clean energy technologies from the Department of Energy's national laboratories into the marketplace. The program aims to better train and empower national lab researchers to successfully transition their discoveries into high-impact, real-world technologies in the private sector.

The winning principal investigators, Jeff Koplou of Sandia and Yining Qin of LLNL, will each receive \$75,000 to develop commercialization plans for the technologies. The two project teams, which consist of the principal investigator, an entrepreneurial lead representative, and industry adviser, will attend LabCorps entrepreneur training later this year.

The teams also will have access to a suite of commercialization resources, including technology validation and testing, facility access, techno-economic analysis and other incubation services.

"This program underscores the value of the partnership between Sandia Livermore, Lawrence Livermore and i-GATE to successfully commercialize laboratory ideas," said LLNL Director Bill Goldstein. "I look forward to seeing these energy technologies move to the marketplace."

Sandia's Twistact technology, a fundamentally new concept for bringing more wind energy to the grid, enables novel wind turbine designs that eliminate exotic rare-earth materials and high-maintenance com-

ponents, such as gear boxes and brush contacts.

LLNL's Optimization of Building Efficiency intends to improve energy efficiency in commercial buildings through better control technology.

The announcement was made at an event at the i-GATE Innovation Hub. Joining in the celebration were Rep. Eric Swalwell, Livermore Mayor John Marchand; Sandia Vice President Marianne Walck; Goldstein; i-GATE executive director Brandon Cardwell; and researchers from Sandia and LLNL.

"Transitioning clean energy technologies from the laboratory to the marketplace is difficult, but it's also vitally important that we do so," said Walck. "This is a great opportunity for our researchers to receive federal support for their entrepreneurial efforts."

The Livermore Valley Site LabCorps program is

Local Company Participates in International Project

Grid Alternatives, a local Bay Area nonprofit organization, provides solar energy to low income homes and even provides a path to work in the solar industry.

By installing over 5,000 solar systems and providing on-the-job training to over 18,000 volunteers, Grid Alternatives caught the attention of CNN, which recently highlighted their work in the United States. Grid Alternatives is also helping on a global basis by coordinating volunteers to install solar power systems in countries where they've never had electricity before.

Grid Alternatives and their mission inspired Tri Valley's very own Solar Universe franchise owner Chris Moody. He recently donated time and significant materials to Grid Alternatives for the community of Potrero del Platano, Boaco, Nicaragua. This community resides in mountainous terrain with no access to conventional grid electricity.

Moody explains, "It's not often that we think about how people live in other parts of the world. After speaking to the director about the program, I realized we were able to help these communities in a real way. It's humbling."

It took three days for Grid Alternatives and a local solar company to install a total of 40 solar power systems in Potrero del Platano. The community can now enjoy many of the daily conveniences many take for granted like fans, lamps and even TVs.

For questions or additional details about this initiative, please contact Tri Valley Solar Universe at solar@trivalleysun.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 2nd Ag Adventure Day was held May 7 at Livermore High School (LHS). The day provides third graders the opportunity to learn about Livermore's agricultural industries and history. The event was hosted through a joint effort of the LHS Ag Department and community volunteers. Each group of third graders took part in presentations, exhibits and hands-on activities. Various stations included information about beef cattle, horses, roping, branding, sheep shearing, growing olives and pistachios, raising rabbits and chickens, planting, land and water conservation, viticulture, beekeeping, and more.

PATHWAYS

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ported on the success of CTE and plans for the future at last week's Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Robbins stated that the district is one of the few left offering an agriculture pathway. Other pathways include the green engineering academy, biotechnology related to the medical field, and a culinary academy. The trustees approved a new computer science pathway at the meeting.

The ROP partnership makes it possible for Livermore students to participate in all of the industry sectors. Livermore high schools house the majority of the CTE courses offered. If a course were not available at a student's current high school, the student may concurrently enroll in the other high school in order to participate in the desired class. This opportunity not only applies within the District, but also extends to Dublin and Pleasanton, where other ROP courses are offered.

All of the pathways and programs offer project-based learning and extend opportunities for students.

The Green Engineering Academy includes students enrolled in grades 9-12 and extends to the middle school feeder programs, consisting of the elective sequence of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Exploration I and II. Utilizing Project Lead the Way (PLTW) STEM curriculum, both the middle and high school programs were developed to prepare students for the high-tech, high-skill global economy. Duncan noted that new resources are available online to provide information on the various pathways for both students and parents.

She said that one of the benefits of having developed skills in high school that apply to the real world, students are employable while they are getting an education. Concurrent classes are available, where students can earn college credit from Las Positas College through middle college. "I am excited about it. Students will

attend classes at Las Positas. From 8 to 11 a.m. the focus will be on high school English and social science. The rest of the day they take classes on campus." Duncan said that 44 students tested for the program; now, 30 are registered for classes starting this fall.

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SHORT NOTES

Helping Out

Keller Williams associates may be taking the day off on Thursday, May 14, 2015, but it will hardly be a day of rest. Associates with Keller Williams Tri Valley have chosen to "Give Where They Live" as part of RED Day, the company's annual day of service, dedicated to Renewing, Energizing, and Donating to their local community.

As part of the RED Day effort, KW Tri-Valley has chosen to spend the day at the home of a local veteran working on his home from the inside out repairing, restoring and cleaning it to give back to a gentleman who has given to our country.

"RED Day is built on the belief that people can and

should come together to achieve extraordinary things to help others," said team leader Jennifer Haus. "We all know that filling all the gaps in our communities can't be accomplished by serving just once a year. RED Day just happens to be the one-day expression of the constant state of the Keller Williams culture. We see a need, discover who can meet it and get it done."

Since the first RED Day in 2009, Keller Williams associates have given hundreds of thousands of hours of community service through activities ranging from food and blood drives to rebuilding homes and schools for community members in need. To this day, it is one of the largest events in the real estate industry.

For more information about RED Day, visit (www.kw.com/redday.)

Arts Deadlines

May 15th is the deadline for two important opportunities offered through the Alameda County Arts Commission. Alameda County artists can apply to have their artwork considered for the County's Art Collection and community members can submit nominations for the 2015 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards.

Through the Alameda County Artwork Purchase Program existing artwork will be acquired and installed at County buildings for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Professional artists who make

two-dimensional or low-relief, wall-mounted artwork are invited to apply. More than \$100,000 is available to purchase artwork. This opportunity is open to practicing, professional visual artists who live, work, or rent/own an artist's studio in Alameda County.

The 2015 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards is an annual program that 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 their 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.

Nominations must be submitted online at www.acgov.org/arts/awards. For more information about these opportunities, contact the Office of the Arts Commission at artscommission@acgov.org or (510) 208-9646.

County Fair Entries

Entries are being accepted for competitions at the Alameda County Fair.

Adult and Youth Exhibit divisions both offer a range of competitive categories such as Culinary Arts, Garden & Floral, Fiber Arts, Hand Crafts, Hobbies & Collections and Science & Technology. The

Youth division also includes a School Projects category and Talent competition. Categories divisions accommodate all ages, from 3-years-old and up, in addition to a range of ability levels, including physically and/or mentally challenged.

Exhibit sub-categories range from standards like pie baking, quilt making and rose growing, to more niche competitive areas such as Christmas Tree Decorating, Pinrest Patriotic Art, Home Brew and Winemaking, Loom Bracelet Design, Robotics, and more.

Other categories include Knitting/Crochet, Needlework, Scrapbooking, Ceramics, Stained Glass, Dolls, Woodworking, Cake/Cupcake

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OBITUARIES

Hathily P. Johnson

Pleasanton Resident
Died April 17, 2015

Born in Southern California in 1924, Hathily was raised in the Pasadena area and went to the University of Arizona in Tucson until World War II when her mother wanted her close to home.

Hathily met her future husband through a friendship with his sister. After her family moved back to Solano County, Hathily and Walter ("Brady") married and settled briefly on a ranch at Mokelumne Hill. They then moved to Orinda and began many adventures including sailing twice to and living in the South Pacific with their small children. Hathily moved with the children in 1957 to her father-in-law's Pleasanton ranch where they lived until 1979 when she moved to a house "in town."

Hathily was a devoted mother and dear friend. She loved being a Cub Scout den mother, cheering on her children in various sports and activities, dancing around the house, family car trips and traveling. She played tennis with her friends at Castlewood for many years and was a founding member of the Golden Acorn Chapter of the Children's Home Society. She was always smiling and cheerful. Hathily was diagnosed in 1997 with Alzheimer's and began the "long goodbye."

She was pre-deceased by her parents, Marcus C. and Dorothy Peterson, her brother, Marcus E. Peterson, and her friend and former husband, Walter S. Johnson, Jr. She is survived by her four children, Walt Johnson (Pam) of Seminole, Florida; Marc Johnson of Pleasanton, Hathi Winston (Jerry Prettyman) of Pleasanton and Chris Johnson (Lori) of Sunol, along with 7 grandchildren.

The family thanks Eldercare Services, Hope Hospice and Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation for the kind care of their mother.

Graveside services were held on Friday, April 24th at Suisun-Fairfield Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 8th.

Pamela Sevilla

Pam was born in Yakima, Washington on May 13, 1947 to Harold and Donna (Coleman) Templeman. Pam went to join them on May 2, 2015.

On May 31, 1969, she married her husband of 45 years, Randy Sevilla, in Reno, Nevada and they started their life journey together. They lived in the Bay Area for ten years before moving to Vacaville, California to raise their two sons Jeff and Greg. They lived in Vacaville for more than 30 years before moving to Oregon to be close to their grandsons.

Pam's biggest enjoyment was being involved in her sons' school and sports where she was team mom for them in Little League and Soccer.

Her greatest loves were her two grandsons, Andrew and Jeremy. She loved volunteering her time to help and read at their pre-school and school classes. She loved taking them on trips to Alaska, Canada and Hawaii.

Pam is survived by her husband and two sons, Jeffrey Sevilla (Christine), Gregrey Sevilla: grandsons, Andrew and Jeremy: brothers Dennis Templeman (Jo) of Minnesota; Rick Templeman (Cathy) of California; Karen Young (Archie) of Hawaii; nieces Tanya, Lindsey, Jenny, Stacy, Laura, Mary Jo; nephews, Scot,

John and Ryan.

A Celebration of life will be held in Vacaville in September.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Cancer Society or FirstBook.org

Rosalie Armstrong Walker Levinson

Rosalie Armstrong Walker Levinson passed away April 16, 2015 in Livermore, California. She was born June 9, 1926 in Park City, Montana to educators Perry D and Rosina Guthrie Armstrong.

For health reasons in 1931, the family moved to North West Montana purchasing property near Fortine where Rosalie attended Lincoln High School in Eureka. In 1943 the family moved to the Los Angeles area where she graduated from Hollywood High School and became employed at the military installation at Inyokern. There she met her future husband H. Clyde Walker.

The couple moved to Bozeman, Montana before moving to Albuquerque New Mexico, where they both were employed by the Sandia Corporation. They moved to Livermore in 1956. Rosalie completed her education, receiving her Bachelors degree in Clinical Psychology, and her Masters degree in Public Administration while commuting and raising her children. In 1980 Rosalie met and married her second husband, Contra Costa County businessman Robert Levinson. Always challenged by new ventures, Rosalie studied real estate and brokerage law, receiving her broker's license as they started Viking Mortgage and Investment to which they devoted a large part of their lives until Bob's death in 2000. Since Bob's passing, Rosalie has devoted most of her time to writing books for children and leaves behind at least unfinished manuscripts based on rural life in early Montana.

Highlights of Rosalie's life included a wedding trip to China and the Far East, multiple trips to their property in Montana, and visits to Washington DC with her sibling Aubyn Curtiss, whose appointment as Montana's Presidential Scholars Commissioner by President Reagan in 1982, resulted in periodic travel to the nation's capital visits to the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Wall, the Smithsonian, the State Department, and special performances at the Kennedy Center.

Although spending her adult life living and working in California, Rosalie's standard reply to where are you from was, "well I am from Montana, but I am living in California right now."

A kind, generous, loving, and determined woman who lived and died with dignity and always with a sparkle in her eye. She loved sailing on the Bay, and numerous salmon fishing trips out the Gate on their boat, Everything's Rosy.

Rosalie was preceded in death by parents Perry D. and Rosina Armstrong, an infant brother, her children's father, H. Clyde Walker, and husband Robert Levinson. She is survived by her children, Merrilee Walker and William F. (Will) Walker of Livermore, sister Aubyn Curtiss, niece Sue A. Curtiss, and nephew Gareth W. Curtiss all of Fortine Montana. She will be missed by all of us.

No services are planned. Donations can be made

to the American Cancer Society.

In Memorium

Alma Guadalupe Lauwerys Spring

Oct. 4, 1968 - April 29, 2015

Pleasanton resident Alma Guadalupe Lauwerys Spring was only 46 years old when she was taken suddenly from



the lives of her loving family and friends on April 29, 2015. She leaves behind her loving husband of 24 years, Landon; her son Shane, daughter Miranda, mother Gloria Cedillo, father Peter Lauwerys, brother Emilio Lauwerys and a vast community of loving friends and students. Her brother, Pierre Lauwerys, preceded her in death. She graduated from McClatchy High School in Sacramento in 1986 and graduated from UC Davis in 1990.

It is difficult to describe what the lives of her family and friends will be like without her enormous spirit and beautiful voice reaching out to us. Alma seemed to be infused with boundless energy, capable of being a wife, mother, friend, counselor, activist all at once; her love for all she knew was also boundless. Her kindness and friendliness to every person she met was an inspiration, but when she needed to be fierce, she was doggedly so.

She worked as a Student Services Coordinator at Mount Diablo High School in Concord and was preparing to take the licensure test to become a licensed clinical social worker. Her life's work was to ensure students, especially those in underserved communities and with special needs, could access a great education and go on to meet their fullest potential. She attended nearly every event at Mount Diablo High School and had planned to be at the school's prom, which took place the weekend after her passing.

She was very active in the local community, participating in the following organizations: Pleasanton Spiritual Book Club, Pleasanton Newcomers, Drumming Group, Soroptimist of San Ramon Valley, Association of Social Workers, Association of School Administrators, Lynnewood United Methodist Church Choir, Broadway Chorus, Girl Scouts, Walnut Grove and Harvest Park Middle School PTAs and class parent, Amador Valley Band RA parent group, and Livermore Valley Charter Parents Group.

She continues to live on through the lives of others as she donated her liver, kidneys and heart - described by doctors as the most perfect and beautiful heart they had ever seen.

Alma's memorial will be held on Saturday May 16 starting at 10 a.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to her children's college fund campaign, <http://www.gofundme.com/t5dff7qs>.

Ann Elizabeth Kyle, Nee Wilson

July 3, 1944 - April 26, 2015

Succumbing to the effects of a valiant 25 month long battle with ALS, Ann Elizabeth Kyle passed away quietly at home with her husband Michael at her side



on Sunday, April 26, 2015. During the entire ordeal she never lost her ability to smile and enjoy the presence of both family and her many friends who visited. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by Michael, her two sisters, Kay Doan and Linda Haderer (Paul Haderer); sister-in-law Susan Schwerin, and nephew Kyle Schwerin and niece Kelly Schwerin; nieces Carrie Doan Higgins, and Amy Doan Mason (Michael Mason), and grand-nieces Erin Higgins and Miranda Mason; and nephew Nicholas Haderer (Chelsea Haderer), and grand-nephews Nathaniel and Liam Haderer.

Ann was born to Robert and Alice Wilson in Washington, D.C. She was the second of three daughters. She spent her early years on the east coast. When she was junior high age she moved with the Wilson family to Stuttgart, Germany. Ann's father was a Director with the American Red Cross assigned to the European headquarters. Ann's father was then transferred to the San Francisco Red Cross office, and the family returned to the US locating in Burlingame, CA. Ann attended high school in Burlingame, and then entered San Mateo Junior college. She enrolled at UC Davis in the fall of 1964, and graduated in 1966 with a degree in English. She attended one more year and obtained her teaching credential. It was in her third year at Davis that she and her husband, Michael, met and began dating. He was attending law school at the time. They were married on July 11, 1970.

Ann began her elementary teaching career near Davis in Dixon, CA. She then sought and was awarded an elementary position in Los Gatos CA. She taught there for three years before taking a position at Lydiksen School in Pleasanton where she taught for forty wonderful and rewarding years, retiring in June, 2011. Over the span of her career, Ann received the Golden Apple Award and the Excellence in Education Award signifying her excellence in the classroom. She was respected by her fellow teachers, loved by her students, admired and appreciated by the parents of her students, and warmly regarded by all she encountered in a career characterized by dedication and hard work. One of her favorite programs was the science project where she and the other third grade teachers would provide fertilized chicken eggs and incubators for their classes. The eggs

were carefully monitored by the teachers and students through the hatching of the chicks which brought great cheers and excitement for all. The chicks were then collected and displayed at the district Science Fair to everyone's delight. The project took a First Place ribbon several times.

During her life she enjoyed many sports activities and kept herself in remarkably good condition. She was a longtime member of Club Sport in Pleasanton where she worked out regularly. She played ladies' softball, skied often with Michael, fly fished and golfed. And after her retirement, she continued her daily jogging and walking, her workouts at the club and hiked many bay area trails with her hiking club. With great determination she continued all these activities until she was physically unable to continue due to the effects of ALS.

The family is hosting "A Celebration of the Life of Ann Kyle" on Sunday, May 31, 2015, starting at 1:00 pm, at the home and gardens of Susan Schwerin, located at 2708 Danville Blvd, Alamo, CA 94507. All friends, teachers, students and parents are invited. The family suggests that any donations in Ann's honor be made to the UCSF ALS Clinic, 400 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94143.

Helen June Yelkes

Pleasanton resident
May 25, 1926-May 7, 2015

Helen June Yelkes, a resident of Pleasanton and former 43-year resident of Hayward, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2015 with her family at her side. Helen was 88 years old, passing



2 weeks short of her 89th birthday. Helen's husband of 50 years, Fred Yelkes, predeceased her in 2000. Helen is survived by three daughters Michelle Yelkes-Paul (Mike Paul) of Pleasanton; Maureen Hayes (Ken) of Twain Harte and Mitzi Shaffar (Dan) of Pleasanton as well as five grandchildren: Matthew, Joshua, Shannon, Dane and Mallory. Helen is also survived by her younger sister, Dorothea Strandberg (Ed) of Keizer, Oregon.

Helen was born in Portland, Oregon to Joe and Mamie Dewey on May 25, 1926. Helen attended Lindfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.

Helen, and her best friend, Norma Jean, attended a dance one evening in Portland where Helen met and later married Fred Yelkes and Norma Jean met and

later married Walt Sullivan. Helen and Fred moved to the Hayward Hills in 1956 when Fred transferred to Oakland for a job opportunity.

Helen was an active wife, mother and homemaker who dedicated herself to her husband and daughters. Helen loved flowers and was an avid gardener who designed and grew beautiful flower beds. She loved to sew and especially enjoyed designing and creating stitchery.

Helen and her husband Fred enjoyed traveling. She visited all 50 states. For over 40 years, Helen and Fred traveled many times to all of the islands of Hawaii, cruising from San Francisco to Honolulu on the Matson Lines' ss Lurline. She and Fred traveled to many locations in North America, Europe, Asia, North Africa, the Caribbean, the British Isles and the Mediterranean.

Helen loved to attend, support and celebrate the activities of her grandchildren. She loved to watch her grandson Dane play soccer and was a Ballistic Soccer supporter. Helen will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held on Friday, May 15th at 11:00am at the Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

Rosey Siew Bee Tan

Rosey Siew Bee Tan, born in Singapore on August 8, 1947, passed away on



Mother's Day, May 10, 2015 at the age of 67 of a massive hemorrhagic stroke. Rosey is now in heaven with her

first husband Wong Kwok Leong, and is survived by her daughter Sharon Wong, her son-in-law, Simon Yuen, her second husband, Mark Singleton, and her current dog Prince.

Rosey was larger-than-life, making a lasting impact with her social and charitable work in every community she lived in.

Visitation will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 1-3 pm, followed by the service at 3 pm.

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in the 'measles vaccination debate' seem very odd in that some of the nicer communities like Marin and Livermore seem less inclined to be concerned for their kids' welfare than less enlightened towns. Vaccinations work, it is that simple. Fluoridation in the water also works, but it's not for our kids.

What is happening? We no longer trust public health? Maybe we can't bother with prevention. If the kids get sick we can always hope a doctor can perform a cure. Fluoride? Hardly anyone dies of rotten teeth and some people may actually enjoy a root canal. Has it always been this way? Did we only accept chlorine in our water after we got tired burying typhoid victims? I never heard anyone say they would rather die of smallpox than get vaccinated.

What has changed? Do we no longer care about each other?

East Pleasanton Don Kahler Pleasanton

In the Guest Opinion section of the Pleasanton Weekly on May 5, 2015, Ervin Kvistad, Bob Shapiro, and Bob Russman, wrote that the state court has mandated that Pleasanton provide its share of price-controlled, affordable housing.

Who designated the east Pleasanton area as a desirable location? I am sure that the state did not, because the area is zoned Industrial. There are other areas in the city that are possible for low cost housing, that are closer to mass transit than this site.

The EIR states that the East Pleasanton Specific Plan will add 29,000 more car trips per day to the city streets. The lakes in the area were mined at a 2 to 1 slope, which is very steep, for water storage only, not for recreation. If a young person were to get in one of the lakes, it would be almost impossible to get out.

In the May 2014 Task Force meeting, Nelson Fialho, the City Manager, spoke to the Task Force and the public attendees to find a compromise that will work for all, and also help the property owners. The two major property owners are Peter Kewit of Omaha, Nebraska and Lionstone from Houston, Texas.

If the East Pleasanton Specific Plan project is approved, Kewit and Lionstone will sell their properties to a developer and the money will go back to Omaha and Houston, while the rest of the property owners will have to live with increased traffic congestion and a decrease in the quality of life.

(Editor's note: The Pleasanton City Council will hold a hearing on May 19 to decide whether to continue the Eastside Specific Plan process. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.)

Vote for Glazer Karen Marlin Pleasanton

Steve Glazer should be elected our next State Senator on May 19th.

Glazer has the right balance between social and fiscal concerns and isn't just a hired hand for the unions. He opposes the high speed train because it lacks a sound financial plan. Susan Bonilla supports the high speed rail project. A project that is far from funded and will take decades to complete. Steve prefers that our funds instead be spent on regional transportation projects that alleviate traffic congestion, such as I-580 and I-680 improvements and upgrades to BART and other transit systems. According to state auditors Bart has more than 9.6 billion in capital needs in the next 10 years. Our valuable resources need to be spent regionally where gridlock is common place, and our roads are crumbling.

Glazer courageously opposed the BART strike because it hurt the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of Bay Area workers, especially wage earners

who lost pay because they could not get to jobsites. He believes that BART is an essential public service and decries the environmental harm from increased air pollution during strikes. His opponents try to label him "anti-union" even though he is equally critical of BART management. Glazer stands up for riders and taxpayers. Tri -Valley residents have paid BART property taxes for more than 50 years and BART Sales taxes for 45 years; Glazer will champion the long-overdue Livermore BART extension

A vote for Steve Glazer is a vote for all of us

Garbage Rate Joe Wilder Livermore

Another 8.8% rate increase? Remember when we paid less and got more? In the past my garbage was picked up in my backyard by someone that seemed happy to have the job and with whom I could have an occasional conversation. I didn't have to remember to separate all the items then the night before take the garbage to the curb and return the containers to the backyard - that was called 'service'.

It is another easy example for the Livermore City Council to hand out someone else's money to garner votes to keep them in office. My Social Security checks only increase 2-3% a year, give me 8 -10% and I too will be happier.

I agree others need to 'make a living wage' but I thought that was what going to school to get a degree and an education was for!

Farmers' Market Mary McMahon Livermore

Hooray, Hooray
The Fourteenth of May
Farmers' Market
Is operating today.

A Tragedy Daryl R. Carlson Livermore

A mother and her child died in an unspeakable tragedy in Livermore on Saturday, May 2. You would hope that city leaders like the mayor and the city manager would reach out to the family and friends of the victims as well as the grieving Livermore community. Both officials,

quoted in local media, seem to be spinning, trying to deflect any responsibility away from The Livermore Wine (and Honey no more) Festival where Livermore police have confirmed that the accused DUI driver attended and consumed alcohol.

Using the mayor's estimates, 15,000 Wine attendees purchased the right to swill as much alcohol as they can get away with for a \$40.00 or \$30.00 fee. Inexplicably, the mayor finds this a source of civic pride and achievement for the community. This is some serious money and I don't believe this is a charity. So who benefits from all this? Perhaps the local wineries are happy for a fat cash flow weekend?

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts is quoted as saying that the accused DUI suspect Brian Jones attendance at The Wine Festival is "interesting trivia." I take great offense at that and I am certain many sensitive, caring members of the Livermore community do as well. More concern for the victims and less energy spent in obfuscation, "City Fathers," please.

Sunset and Water Jan Brovont Livermore

Sunset Development re-submitted plans for Sunset Office Plaza/Sunset Crossings mid-April in Livermore. This is the business park on Holmes and Cannan Blvd. At this time the City staff is reviewing the new changes.

Once completed, which should be soon, it goes to the Planning Commission, with the public meeting coming soon, probably June or July meeting. Then it goes to the City Council for their meeting and decision shortly after.

If you are concerned with more high density homes, added water usage, traffic, overcrowding of schools, the loss of the open space and many mature trees being torn out, the lack of professional business office space in Livermore, please attend the Planning Commission & City Council meetings, write or e/mail the commissioners and council members of your concerns.

Pleasanton City Council is considering stopping a new development due to

the lack of water for the residents, overcrowding of schools and added traffic.

Why doesn't Livermore do the same? We already have over 1400 housing units being built now.

Is East Side Plan Good for Pleasanton? EPSP Task Force Members: Robert Gonella, Danbury Park and Kelly Cousins, Mohr/Martin Neighborhood Representatives, Kay Ayala and Mark Emerson, At-Large Representatives, and Brad Hottle, Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

As members of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan (EPSP) Task Force, we were asked to help explore potential land use changes to the existing industrial and quarry properties east of Valley Avenue and north of Stanley Blvd. At the time the City was facing a deadline to rezone areas of Pleasanton to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) or affordable housing mandates. The Task Force was charged with obligation to follow Pleasanton's General Plan that required the east side area to be planned in a way "to maintain and enhance the community's high quality of life". The question is: "Do the EPSP alternatives for large scale development make our town better?" The answer is "No" because the proposed base development plan calls for 1300 single family homes plus 1.6 million sq. ft of industrial/retail development. This proposal would be the biggest residential development in the history of Pleasanton.

In addition to no longer being needed to satisfy the RHNA cycle, it is not a good plan because of:

- 1) long term problems with water supply and the ongoing drought,
- 2) unmitigated school crowding,
- 3) added traffic congestion caused by over 29,000 additional car trips per day from the development,
- 4) cut through traffic by commuters seeking the fastest routes to East Dublin, 580 or 680 via the potential extension of El Charro Road to Stanley Blvd,
- 5) significantly more air pollutants,

6) compromised drinking water quality because of proposed El Charro Road's close proximity to two Zone 7 recharge lakes,

7) encroachment on the urban growth boundary or the mandated urban separator between Livermore and Pleasanton,

8) safety concerns because the proposed development is within the Airport Protection Area of the Livermore Airport and that more children will be living close to quarries and steep sided lakes, and

9) potential litigation against the City because of the quarry owner has a lease arrangement to mine the quarry for more than 40 more years.

Pleasanton community

members have come to City sponsored meetings in large numbers to oppose the east Pleasanton development and to question the flawed DEIR reports.

We agree that the proposed large scale development is not good for Pleasanton. We are calling for a complete halt to the EPSP planning process along with the EIR.

(Editors Note: The guest opinion has been written by long standing community leaders and residents, including a former city council member, previous Task Force and Master Plan participants, past and current city commissioners with a cross section of professional expertise and backgrounds.)



Runners in last year's kids challenge head down Main Street.

Father's Day Spirit Run Taking Registration

Start Father's Day under the Arch on Main Street Pleasanton by taking part in the 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

It includes a 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge. The event has turned into a whole family, cluster of friends, runners from everywhere, business participation event and "spirit" is a description of the atmosphere as well as the name of the race.

The 5k and 10k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved Arroyo trails. Commemorative tech T-shirts will be given to all participants. Etched glass trophies will be awarded to top male and female finishers, as well as the first place male and female Masters (over 50-years old) finishers. Medals will be given three deep in designated age groups for male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon. Over \$3000 in door prizes will be given to all 5k and 10k participants.

The run was originally known as "ACT II" (Arroyo Centennial Trails Run) began in 1994 as part of the Pleasanton Heritage Days. On June 7, 1998, the name of the race was changed to "The Rotary Club of Pleasanton Spirit Run." The course was designed to feature several of Pleasanton's natural assets and landmarks while allowing runners of all ages to participate.

This year the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is celebrating 50 years of community and international service. This race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students. The last two years giving has been expanded to include, Wheelchairs, Rotaplast, The Valley Humane Society, The Tri-valley YMCA, victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy, Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Amador Valley High Schools Robotics and Competition Civic Clubs and Assistance League of Amador Valley.

The 10K run begins at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K run/walk and Kids' Challenge at 9:30 a.m.

More information and registration can be found at www.SpiritRun.com



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Wagon rides were just one of the activities visitors enjoyed during Dublin's Spring Faire held last Saturday at the Heritage Park and Museums. The French-themed festivities included music, food, and shopping for antiques and one of a kind items.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 503600

The following person(s) doing business as: Olive Oil Pantry #2, 2053 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

J J B & S Inc, 490 Sharon Ct, Manteca, CA 95337
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Arnold Kaufman, President, CFO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 503633

The following person(s) doing business as: Willow Tree, 6513 Regional Street, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Willow Tree Restaurant, Inc., 1491 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 14, 1983.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Marina L. Chin, Secretary
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 503649

The following person(s) doing business as: Furry-God-Mother, 4300 Black Avenue #1252, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Dawn Atwood, 4300 Black Avenue #1252, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant has not yet

begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.
Signature of Registrants
s/: Dawn Atwood
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504102

The following person(s) doing business as: Law Offices of Clay Zhu, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Keliang Zhu, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Keliang Zhu
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504336

The following person(s) doing business as: Swag Trans, 5369 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Ranjot Singh, 5369 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Ranjot Singh
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504370

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Bay Pediatric Dentistry, 39572 Stevenson Pl, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Noor Bilbeisi, DDS a Prof. Dental Corp, 39572 Ste-

venson Pl #123, Fremont, CA 94539
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/2004.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Dr. Noor Bilbeisi, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504312

The following person(s) doing business as: MB Construction, 1217 Wagoner Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

John Morrissey, 1217 Wagoner Dr, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/15.

Signature of Registrants
s/: John Morrissey
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504625-28

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Fire Trucks 4 Hire (2) Fire Stations 4 Hire (3) Wicktonville Township (4) Echoing Quack, 480 Preston Ct, Ste D, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Wicktonville Fire Department Inc, 480 Preston Ct, Ste D, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/14/2006.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Paul M. George, Sr. VP/ Secretary/Treasurer
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 504419

The following person(s) doing business as: JNJ, 1359 Chelsea Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Jonathan's Natural Juices, 1359 Chelsea Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants
s/: Maxine Brookner, President
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To meet state-mandated water use reduction requirements set by the State Water Resources Control Board, on April 28, 2015, California Water Service (Cal Water) was required to file its **Schedule 14.1: Water Budgets and Enforcement Measures** with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Schedule 14.1 provides for waste of water violation penalties, customer water budgets, and associated enforcement measures. If approved, Schedule 14.1 will become effective June 1, 2015.

Cal Water is here to help customers meet these state-mandated reductions. The company will be hosting a public meeting to educate customers on its Schedule 14.1, water use restrictions, and a range of conservation programs and tools available to assist customers:

LOCATION: Livermore City Council Chambers

ADDRESS: 3575 Pacific

Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

DATE: May 20, 2015

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Cal Water invites customers in its Livermore District to attend this public meeting to learn more. Customers can direct questions to Cal Water at (925) 447-4900 or info.LV@calwater.com. More information is also available online at www.calwater.com.

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The Fair also offers a variety of live contests for all ages such as the Diaper Derby, Hippy Hop Races, Golf Putting, Kissing Contest, and Cooking and Pie-Eating Competitions.

For complete entry information and rules, go to acfair-exhibits.com. The deadline for general entries is Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Some competitions are judged in advance of the Fair and require earlier entry deadlines.

The Amateur Winemaking contest is one of the Fair's early-entry competitions and was held recently. This year's winners are Best White Wine: Brad Dyer, Goose Down - Sauvignon Blanc; Best Red Wine: Brad Dyer, Goose Down - Syrah; Best Dessert Wine: Jim Adams, Pickfair Cellars - Golden Muscat; and Best Label, Mike Johnston - Heaven's Gate

The fair runs June 17 to July 5, Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

The Alameda County Fair is held at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton.

Birds of Prey

Birds of Prey will be the topic of the Sun., May 17 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at the Sycamore Grove Park reservable picnic area.

Birds of prey, also known as raptors, are some of the fiercest predators in our area. The adaptations to different prey and to styles of hunting are amazing. Join this program to learn about the different raptors that call this area home. Please call 925-960-2400 if directions to the Reservable Picnic Area are needed.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Pleasanton Extends Deadline to Apply to Serve on Task Force

The City of Pleasanton is extending the application period to May 22, 2015 to recruit three (3) at-large community members to join the 11-member Civic Center/Library Facilities Master Plan Task Force. The task force will evaluate the options for development of a new civic center, library and police station.

The existing Civic Center site and other locations, including the Bernal property, may be considered as sites for the new center.

Applicants must be residents of Pleasanton with an interest in the vitality and economic health of the city and in making recommendations for a new civic center that will meet Pleasanton's needs for several decades to come.

Prospective Task Force members should be available to attend at least one or more meetings per month starting in July 2015 and to continue for 12 to 18 months. The City seeks task force members who are able to do background reading and research, work collaboratively, engage the community in constructive dialogue about the issues and opportunities, and provide input on alternatives to be recommended to the City Council. The Pleasanton City Council will confirm task force members at its meeting on June 2, 2015.

Interested parties should submit completed applications by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015.

Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/application.asp>.

For more information, please contact Assistant City Manager Brian Dolan at bdolan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.



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Top Photos in 'Freeze Frame' Now on Display



Historic Livermore View by Rick Probst

The Top 25 Photos from Tri-Valley Conservancy's (TVC) annual photo competition "Freeze Frame" will be on view through July 31st, 2015 at Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

Meet and mingle with the photographers on Sunday, May 17th from 12:00-4:30pm. There will be refreshments and complimentary wine tasting of two wines. Live music will be performed by Alder Creek and Steve Kritzer. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic and spend the day enjoying the festivities. In addition to tastings, Cuda Ridge's small lot, handcrafted Bordeaux style wines will be available for purchase by the

glass or bottle.

The exhibition consists of a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. Each year, TVC invites photographers to submit pictures that they feel best exemplify the organization's mission - to permanently protect the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources and to support a viable agricultural economy in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Sunol. Some of the photos submitted over the years have focused on recreational, trail or field usage in local parks and open space, images of wildlife, agriculture and ranching, and scenic rural

landscapes.

The 2014 competition received the highest number of submissions since the inception of the contest in 2011. Photos were judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The finalists represent a wide range of photographic skills and experience from local, professional photographers to avid hobbyists and budding novices. The Top 25 Freeze Frame photographs are available for purchase during the exhibit and the May 17th reception.

To learn more or to get involved with the Tri-Valley Conservancy, visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org or call 925.449.8706.

'Thanks for the Memories:' A Memorial Day Weekend USO Revue

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet return to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for their fifth annual Memorial Day Weekend appearance.

Featuring the Blue Stars' 5-piece swing band, this group of four female vocalists has become iconic in the Bay Area and beyond for their USO-style performances showcasing songs of the 40's, 50's, and 60's. This year's show includes skits, dancers, new numbers, and the stand-up comedy of Bill "Bob Hope" Johnson. A second performance has been added this year. Show times are Saturday evening, May 23 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinee, May 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehouse-arts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performance, if not sold out.

Originally calling themselves The Singing Blue Star Moms, the group was founded in 2002 by members of the East Bay Blue Star Moms who had sons and daughters serving in the military. Initially, they began singing together to

relieve the stress of having loved ones serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as to entertain aging veterans in the Bay Area. They selected their repertoire to demonstrate appreciation for veterans of all wars, while at the same time increasing public support for troops currently serving in combat.

Within a few years, their WWII style swing repertoire gained a solid following throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Public demand expanded beyond the initial Blue Star Mom "support our troops" mission, with requests to perform coming in not only from veteran's organizations, but also community

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Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet will perform two shows.



Pictured are James Vigus, Leslie Ramos and Matt Franco

Culinary Students to Offer Specialty Food Items at the Bankhead Theater

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) announced that it will collaborate with Livermore's Del Valle High School Culinary Academy to provide specialty food items for performances and events at the Bankhead Theater.

The agreement, which is effective immediately, will have the Del Valle Culinary Arts Program providing a range of items from baked goods, such as scones, cookies, cheesecakes and tarts, to cheese platters, fresh fruit cups, specialty nuts and caramel corn. The items will be delivered once per week and offered in the VIP room, as well as sold in the concessions area of the theater before shows and at intermission.

"The collaboration is a win-win project for both Del Valle and LVPAC. We're excited to put it into motion," said Scott Kenison, executive director at LVPAC. "It's a wonderful example of how LVPAC can play a role in strengthening our community."

Not only will students be able to advance their culinary skills as they

prepare the food items in the catering kitchen at Livermore High, but also they will have an invaluable opportunity to learn about the business of catering and concessions, Kenison stated. Students will take part in planning for quantity cooking, and manage customer service, packaging, presentation, marketing and delivery of their finished product. In addition, the program is a fundraising opportunity that provides resources to support all of the classes in the Culinary Arts program.

Dianne Russell, culinary arts instructor at Del Valle Continuation High School, is very enthusiastic about the many ways this specialty foods concessions program fits into the school's overall goals. "Working with the Bankhead will give students a chance to provide a service and give back to their community." As the relationship between LVPAC and Del Valle expands over time, Russell hopes it may be possible to have students placed into internships at LVPAC to learn more about the theater and its conces-

sions program. "All these aspects ultimately support Del Valle High School's goal: to help students graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world and give them a positive experience with a sense of accomplishment and pride," Russell added.

In addition to enhancing the culinary arts program for Del Valle students, LVPAC will benefit by being able to reduce its costs, while offering Bankhead patrons a wider selection of high-quality food products. "Everything will be made locally, not mass manufactured, so the products will only will be fresher, but also will be more unique," said Arthur Barinque, Concessions Manager at LVPAC.

According to Barinque, the specialty food concessions program is already in effect with the first deliveries this week for performances this weekend. The full transition will take place over time with the goal of having Del Valle Culinary Arts foods available at all events at the Bankhead Theater when the



John Stehno and Estefani Guerrero prepare a dish.

2015-2016 season begins in September. As the venue approaches its ninth season, other concessions-related changes are underway. In addition to local wineries, now local breweries and distilleries, including Eight Bridges Brewing, Altamont Beer Works, Working Man Brewing and Sutherland Distilling Company, will be represented in the beverage selection at the Bankhead. Drinks from the concession counter may be brought into the theater during events.

Del Valle Continuation High School, located near downtown Livermore, serves more than 150 students within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The school offers an individualized

and supportive small-learning environment focused on providing graduates with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. In addition to core curriculum classes, electives are offered in art, digital photography, physical education, computer applications, and culinary arts. The Del Valle Culinary Academy was launched in the 2013-2014 school year.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. A list of upcoming performances at the Bankhead Theater, as well as activities at the Bothwell Arts Center, is available online at livermoreperformingarts.org.

New Banners in Downtown

New bright colored banners are lining Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. More than 40 of the signs were fixed to lamp posts this week.

The banners display information about popular events downtown including Concerts in the Park, 1st Wednesday Street Parties and Farmers' Market. A bright red banner reminds passersby to "Shop Local, Dine Local and Play Local."

The banners are made possible by collaboration between the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) and the City of Pleasanton Economic Development Department. Additional banner series have been designed and will be rotated throughout the year for the different seasons.

PDA Executive Director Laura Olson said, "We are so excited about this project and the opportunity to showcase downtown events and happenings in a more prominent way to everyone who walks, bikes, or drives down Main Street. We are thankful for all the support given to downtown by the City of Pleasanton and truly appreciate their assistance with this important project."

Pleasanton Downtown Association can be contacted at (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net





Erin Richards performs as the Bluebird at the Bankhead Theater May 30 and 31.

Valley Dance Theatre Spring Rep to Feature Classic and Contemporary Ballet

Valley Dance Theatre will present its 2015 spring repertoire production, Spring Rep, on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 31, 2015 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.

Spring Rep will celebrate the beauty of dance with excerpts from both classic and contemporary ballet productions. Highlights from Tchaikovsky's classic *Sleeping Beauty* will feature Princess Aurora, Puss in Boots, dazzling jewel fairies and charming bluebirds. Centerpiece of the contemporary works to be performed will be *Salute to the 1940s* with favorites such as "A String of Pearls" and "Sing, Sing, Sing".

"For the past several years, we have enjoyed steady audience growth for our Spring Rep productions," says Valley Dance Theatre Founder and Artistic Director Betsy Hausburg. "Dance, in general, has become increasingly popular and we find that people like seeing familiar, favorite works that they may have experienced several times, but they also find that new, imaginative pieces spark their enthusiasm, too. Parents, particularly, enjoy introducing their families to the potpourri of ballet expression that Spring Rep presents."

Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$12 for students 17 years and younger. They may be purchased online at www.bankheadtheater.org; by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., Saturday 3:00-6:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to show time.



Sara Mount and Ted Newman perform the Rose Adagio.



Jessica Kennedy performs as Emerald from *The Jewels*.

USO REVUE

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groups, county fairs, city parades, retirement communities, and the USS Hornet Museum.

On New Year's Eve 2006, the group was the opening act for the re-established Glenn Miller Orchestra before an audience of 1,400 big-band enthusiasts and swing dancers on the USS Hornet. Then in May of 2007, the group officially

added "of the USS Hornet" to their name, and cemented their relationship with the famous WWII aircraft carrier-turned-museum in Alameda. In January of 2011, their name was changed to "Swingin' Blue Stars (from Singin' of the USS Hornet)," but they are quick to tell us their mission of bringing history to life for their audiences remains the same.



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Fei Wang

Program at Pleasanton Library Looks at Guqin

A free lecture and performance conducted by Guqin music master Fei Wang will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Library.

Guqin music dates back 3,000 years and is considered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a part of the Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity Program. The music of Guqin was also on a record that was launched with the Voyager spacecraft in 1977.

Fei Wang, who studied Guqin under a Guqin Master, has performed internationally and won awards for Chinese music. She is the recipient of honors, grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the U.S. Department of State, Library of Congress, and the American Folklife Center.

For more information about this and other library events, visit the library's website at cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library, or call (925) 931-3410.

Tourism and Event Grants Available in Livermore

The City of Livermore is accepting applications for 2015-2016 Tourism and Special Event Grants. Under this program, five (5) grants of \$1000 each will be awarded to organizations that successfully demonstrate that their event will directly benefit Livermore downtown businesses and local wineries. Events must at least: 1) be held within the grant period between July

1, 2015-June 15, 2016; 2) generate the largest attendance (minimum of 1,000 expected attendees); and 3) encourage tourism to the area. Grant funds cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the event expenses and groups must demonstrate that at least fifty (50%) of the event expenses will be generated from other sources.

Organizations interested

in being considered must submit an application form along with supporting documentation to Theresa De La Vega, Economic Development Specialist, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. The application period is May 11-29, 2015. Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on May 29, 2015 to be considered.

The application form and guidelines are now posted on the City of Livermore website and is also available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. For questions or to request a copy of the application form, contact Theresa De La Vega at phone number (925) 960-4049 or via email at tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net.

Local Products Among Items Available at Whole Foods Market Opening in Dublin

When Whole Foods Market opens its 43rd Northern California (NorCal) store on May 20 in Dublin, shoppers will find a 40,000-square-foot lifestyle emporium designed for food discovery and connection with family, friends and neighbors.

On opening day, from 7 to 10 a.m., the Allegro Coffee Roasters truck will offer free coffee. Opening festivities will start at 9:45 a.m., with a community welcome and a bread-breaking ceremony; the doors open at 10. Throughout the day various samples—including grilled meats, halibut and Juice Beauty skin care products—will be available. Shoppers can also sip wines presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

The store will be home to one of Whole Foods Market NorCal's largest prepared foods departments. At the center of the department is Dublin Vine, a wine tasting and tap room with three wines and 12 beers on tap, plus more than 50 wines by the glass. Many are Tri-Valley wines, including Steven Kent Winery, Retzlaff Estate Winery, Las Positas Vineyards and more. Dublin Vine's local brews come from Ale Industries, Calicraft Brewing, Drake's Brewing Company and Altamont Beer Works. The indoor bar area accommodates 64 guests, and outside there is space for 100. The outdoor patio has a fire pit and open space for performances. The store expects to host local live music, presentations and family activities.

Additionally, Dublin Vine offers a pub style menu with salads, smoked chicken wings, cheese and charcuterie plates, personal pizzas, and noodle bowls.

A 28-foot pizza venue serves up classic round pizzas in signature flavors (Forest Fungi, Pesto Potato, Alpine Pig) and build-your-own, takeaway pizzas, as well as empanadas, pizza bagels, calzones, French bread pizzas and pigs-in-a-blanket. Vegan pizzas are also on the menu, and Health Starts Here flatbreads made without added oil, sugar or salt are available in vegan pad Thai and barbecue chicken flavors.

The Nona Lim noodle bar, stocked entirely with products made by Oakland's own Lim, a Whole Foods Market Local Producer Loan recipient, offers ramen and pho with premade and build-your-own options. Premade noodle dishes include beef pho, chicken shoyu ramen, miso ra-

men and Tonkatsu ramen.

A barbecue bar is filled with American-style brisket, ribs and smoked bacon macaroni and cheese, and Korean-style beef and kimchi mashed potatoes.

Whole Foods Market's classic Prepared Foods lineup, including the chef's case, sandwiches, burritos, salad bar, hot bar, soups, and grab-and-go meal kits.

Move over, macaroons. Éclairs are the dessert du jour in the bakery world. Long, delicate, slender shells are made locally, toasted in store and filled with one of 10 flavors: pistachio, coffee, blackberry, lemon merengue, strawberry, hazelnut chocolate, classic, coconut, vanilla, and caramel. Some fillings come from Rubicon Bakery, a Bay Area operation that trains and provides jobs for people who need a second chance – recently coming from life on the streets, out of prisons or with substance abuse problems.

Also new for the Dublin bakery will be freshly boiled and baked bagels and farm-to-mill-to-baker hearth breads, and a wide selection of gluten-free and vegan baked goods.

The store will carry Livermore Valley wines, plus Olivina olive oils (Livermore Valley), JK Naturals soaps (Dublin) and Golnazar Ice Cream (San Ramon) and many more from the Bay Area and California.

Dublin will be the first Whole Foods Market store in Northern California to exclusively carry made-in-house cold pressed juices. Whole Foods Market carries the highest quality "Responsibly Grown" produce with more than half of all available products sourced annually from local growers like Perry Farms and Pinnacle Farms. The Responsibly Grown seal indicates the environmental commitment of the grower; visit WholeFoodsMarket.com for more information. Shoppers can also choose bananas, mangoes, peppers and pineapples with the Whole Trade seal, which indicates Whole Foods Market's commitment to offering the highest quality fairly traded goods that ensure fair and ethical treatment for farm workers.

Led by store team leader Allen Culp and marketing team leader Paul Barron, the Dublin team kicked off its community support efforts in April with a donation to Dublin Partners in Education via a Facebook "Likes for Donations" campaign (Facebook: Whole Foods Market Dublin). The store will continue giving back to Tri-Valley nonprofits once open with a series of giving days, with 1 percent of each day's sales benefiting a local charity. Recipients are Dublin United Soccer League, Valley Children's Museum, Open Heart Kitchen, Dougherty Elementary School and Valley Humane Society. In addition, Whole Foods Market Dublin customers who bring their own grocery bags will have the opportunity to donate a 5-cent refund per bag to the School of Imagination or Tri-Valley YMCA as part of the company's Nickels for Nonprofits program.

Customers can visit the store web page or follow Whole Foods Market Dublin on Facebook to find out about public value tours, guides to shopping for nutritional lifestyles (gluten-free, Paleo, vegan etc.). Private tours can be arranged by request.

Whole Foods Market is located at 5200 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



On Saturday, May 2, the Music Pathways All-Stars treated the residents of Livermore's VA Hospital to a lunchtime concert during Mexican Food Fiesta, sponsored by the American Legion. About 75 bikers from Legion motorcycle clubs throughout the region converged on the VA to provide catered food, companionship, and cheer to the veterans. Pictured left to right are Music Pathways Artistic Director Jim Hurley, Alejandra Arroyo, Evelyn Arroyo, and Vivica Madrigal. Music Pathways is a non-profit program that provides music education to qualified Livermore teens. Music Pathways is sponsored by The Wentle Foundation for Arts Education and The Taylor Family Foundation.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Joe Michell K-8 School in Livermore have been receiving an introduction into the sport of golf through the First Tee Golf Program. By the end of the year, every student in the school will have participated. The program includes not only golf instruction, but also the nine core values associated with the game and life skills. The students interact and discuss how they have used these values at school and at home. They are honesty, integrity, respect, sportsmanship, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgement.



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The City of Pleasanton 2014-15 Ptownlife.org web team.

Pleasanton Teens Invited to Be Part of Ptownlife.org Web Team

Applications for the Ptownlife.org Web Team are currently being accepted by the City of Pleasanton. This is an opportunity open to all Pleasanton residents entering grades 8 through 12 in fall of 2015. Interested students must commit to a one-year term (from August 2015 to August 2016) to ensure consistency with the website; 1.5 hours per week working on the website in city offices; and two mandatory trainings scheduled in August 2015 and January 2016 (dates TBD).

Ptownlife.org serves teens and families with children of all ages, providing a bridge between the community and an array of activities, services and resources, as well as youth job/volunteer opportunities.

The youth-centric site's web team is comprised of Pleasanton teens who work with city staff to guide its design and content and

assist with the overall management and marketing of the site. Students promote the site, report on new and interesting things happening in the community, take photos, and write articles to post on the site and gain valuable work experience along the way.

Those interested can download an application at <http://ptownlife.org/ptownlife-web-team> and submit it by Wednesday, May 20, 2015, along with a work

sample, to Gingerbread Preschool at 4333 Black Avenue, or email to info@ptownlife.org. All applications will be reviewed and qualified participants will be contacted for interviews to be scheduled on May 26 and May 27 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact David Weisgerber at (925) 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Record \$95,000 Raised for Hope Hospice With More Than 453 Hikers Participating

The fifth annual The Hike for Hope, a memorial hike and fundraiser for Hope Hospice, raised a record amount in cash and in-kind donations. The nearly \$95,000 represents the most successful Hike since the event first launched in 2010. More than 453 hikers participated in the event held on May 2 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore to support Hope Hospice, enjoy the beautiful outdoors and remember loved ones.

"The Hike for Hope celebrates the joy our loved ones brought us and raises funds for Hope Hospice,"

says Bill Harvey, chair of The Hike for Hope planning committee and a member of Hope Hospice's Board of Directors. "It was uplifting to see how many people came to support Hope Hospice, and it meant a lot to us to have an opportunity to meet families whom we have helped."

Julie Wente's team earned first-place honors for top fundraising. Second place went to Revelli Team Hope and the Zala Kaka team earned third place honors. The winner of the Youth Division was Kaitlyn Davis, captain of the team Hope Hikers.

The top three individu-

als winning recognition were JoAnne Revelli (1st place), Julie Wente (2nd place), and Lee Ann Caldwell (3rd place). All of the Hike's net proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,600 area residents Hope Hospice serves each year.

For the past 35 years, Hope Hospice has helped patients and their families find comfort and calm during their most difficult time and live each day to the fullest by providing quality end-of-life care, grief support, transitions care and community education.

For more information, call 925 829-8770 or visit HopeHospice.com.



Hike for Hope participants pause for a photo.

Extracurricular Activities Topic of Final Pleasanton Program in Series

The Community Education Series wraps up the school year on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 with a special presentation for parents entitled "A Healthy Approach to Extracurricular Activities."

This free program is presented by the City of Pleasanton from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library at 400 Old

Bernal Avenue. Registration is recommended at pleasantonfun.com for course number 60254.

The program will be conducted by Margaret Dunlap, MA, the Schools Program Director of Challenge Success, a research-based organization partnered with the Stanford Graduate School of Education that works with schools and families

with the information and strategies needed to create a more balanced and academically fulfilling life for children.

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) tallies the number of children between 6 and 17 that are regular/frequent players of different sports. In 2011, the SFIA estimated that number at 21.5 million young sports

participants in the United States.

Dunlap will discuss what kids need at each developmental stage from sports so they can build a foundation for athletic development and lifelong fitness. Parents will also learn what youth sports experts see as an alternative to the "earlier is better" and "more is better" mindset, and guiding questions that

will help to balance the demands of youth sports with each family's needs and values.

The Community Education Series was developed by the Community Services staff in conjunction with the Pleasanton Youth Commission to meet the goals of the Youth Master Plan. For more information, email info@ptownlife.org, or call (925) 931-5359.



Bon Voyage women singers.

Mission Peak Chamber Singers Plan to Perform Program in Livermore

Mission Peak Chamber Singers will present a Bon Voyage Concert on Saturday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church 4181 Irvington Ave, Fremont, and again on Sunday May 31 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

This is a farewell concert before the MPCS International Tour to England, Wales, and Ireland in July.

“The music for this concert honors the composers of the British Isles with the Renaissance composer William Byrd’s ‘I Will Not Leave You Comfortless’ and contemporary composer Philip W.J. Stopford’s exquisite ‘Belfast Evening Canticles’ for choir and organ,” states the Mission Peak Chamber Singers’ Music Director Michael Morris. He goes on to say, “We then want to share American choral music with compositions by William Dawson and selections from Randall Thompson’s ‘Frostiana.’ In addition, we will highlight works by San Francisco Bay Area composers Henry Mollicone, David Conte, and Lothar Bandermann.”

Tickets for the Bon Voyage Concerts may purchased through the Missin Peak Chamber Singers’ website www.ChamberSingers.org or by calling 510-356-MPCS (6727). Advance Sale tickets are \$12.00 and the at the door price is \$15.00.



Bon Voyage men singers.



Matt Stine at Working Man's Brewing Company. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Working Man welcomes tasters at sudsy event

It’s easy to miss this 2-year-old oasis hidden in a blank little building on Brisa Street. “It’s Livermore’s best kept secret,” says Joel Pelote, co-owner of Working Man’s Brewing Company.

Not really. The microbrewery will be one of the star attractions pouring at the 2nd annual Beer Tasting and Sudsy Supper fund-raiser on May 17 at St. Bartholomew’s Parish Hall in Livermore.

On a recent warm Saturday afternoon, Pelote is greeting guests at the tasting room. At the small bar, curved like a big barrel, several patrons are chatting and grinning at the cheeky tin signs on the walls:

Helping white men dance since 1807, boasts one.

If you’re drinking to forget please pay in advance, another suggests.

When Pelote and his wife Corinne started out, making beer was “somewhere between a hobby

and an obsession.” Originally, they planned to open their own microbrewery by themselves. “I must have been crazy to think of doing it all alone,” he says with a chuckle. Now there are three partners: Pelote, Matt Stine and Paul Torres, who all held full-time jobs when they began. The name Working Man honors partners and patrons both. Now, as business is growing, Pelote is quitting his day job to become a full-time brewer. But all three families will continue to be involved in the operation.

Working Man’s first brew for sale was appropriately called Milestone Brown Ale. It’s now just one of a line of brews in several styles and flavors. The top-selling brew is Sneaky Devil—“a light golden double IPA with plenty of body and malt character to match the aggressive hoppiness.” Fans can buy T-shirts, available at the brewery, emblazoned with the name.

Behind the tasting room is the brewery itself. It’s all business here; a jumble of shiny steel vats take the product from grains to growlers in a matter of weeks. The brewery is surgically clean; the walls and floor are spotless. All equipment must pass the white-glove test, Pelote says, lest sneaky flavors spoil the recipes.

Pelote, who got excited about craft beer after downing a mug of Sierra Nevada, says they’re lucky to have begun this venture when they did—when the economy was picking up and the “craft beer revolution” was under way. There was a growing “farm to table” mentality that gave locally produced beer an extra burnish. And the city of Livermore, spruced up by its redevelopment efforts, was more than ready for a hip new industry.

Livermore’s other flourishing microbreweries will also be pouring May

17. Returning from the first event last year will be the popular Altamont Brew Works and Eight Bridges Brewery, which advertises “Bring the kids! Bring the dog!” to its tasting room. Pouring its own craft beers for the first time this year will be Sauced BBQ & Spirits, located in downtown Livermore.

The Beer Tasting and Sudsy Supper begins at 5:30 pm Sunday, May 17, at St. Bart’s Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Admission includes two tastings, a pub-style dinner and bottled brew (root beer floats for the kids), and the Queen of Hearts and the Mellotones for music and dancing. Additional beer may be purchased. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$35 general, \$18 youth 7-20, and \$8 children 2-6. Childcare is available.

For more information, go to saintbarts.livermore.org.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo courtesy of Dan Riley

Bothwell Studios Open House

This month the Bothwell Downtown Studios is featuring one of its new members, Dan Riley, this Thursday May 14, from 6:00 to 8:00. Dan is an award winning designer and partner at a Strategic Design and Marketing firm he started in 1985. He is now creating modern contemporary abstract paintings most of which are heavily textured and organically composed.

"When I'm creating a painting it speaks to me—most times comforting, sometimes frustrating but always stimulating. It just unfolds. If I get lucky I get into a rhythm that flows. At times, I paint with nothing in mind and other times I have a very specific blueprint."

The Bothwell Downtown Studios is located at 62 South L Street behind the gas station.

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.

Las Positas College Annual 2015 Fine Art Photography Exhibition, April 27 - May 15, 2015 in the Mertes Center for the Arts Gallery, Building 4000 and in Building 2400 Hallway near Room 2420. 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Fresh Works #5: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery. On view through Saturday, June 6. This annual juried installation features 73 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Philip Linhares, retired Chief Curator of Art at the Oakland Museum. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. May 9 Special Event: "Artful Bouquets" Response Event: floral arrangements created in response to selected works in the exhibit will be on display at the gallery during Pleasanton's Big Draw festival. Hours May 9: 11:00-3:00 p.m.

37th Annual Las Positas College Spring Fine Art Festival. Art Exhibit: April 25th - May 14th. MCA Gallery (Building 4000). 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

GeoJango: Geography & Art Gone Wild, a new art exhibit opening at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street Livermore. **Emerging Artists**, an exhibit of visual art featuring works by students from the four District High Schools; Granada High School, Livermore High School, Del Valle Continuation School and Vineyard High School. The exhibit will be open from May 6 - June 13 and will be on view for patrons who attend any performance or event at the Bankhead Theater. Receptions are free. Proceeds from art sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. www.livermore-performingarts.org.

Freeze Frame 2014 Artist Reception and Exhibit, top 25 finalists from the Tri-Valley Conservancy's 2014 Freeze Frame photo competition will be on display at Cuda Ridge Winery. This is a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. Meet and mingle with the photographers, enjoy live music, cheese and wine tasting. Guests are welcome to bring folding chairs and

picnics. The Artist Reception and Exhibit will be on May 17, 2015 from 12:00pm to 4:30pm. The exhibit runs from May 1 through July 31, 2015. Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Art in the Vineyard, annual Livermore Art Association show at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd. Livermore. Sunday May 24, 2015, from 11:00am. to 5:00pm. Wine tasting (fee), art demonstrations, entertainment. www.livermoreartassociation.org

Art Under the Oaks Applications Now Being Accepted, sponsored by the Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery; held under the shade trees at Alden Lane Nursery on July 18 and 19, 2015 The application deadline is May 4. Applications can be picked up at the LAA Gallery, located at 2155 Third Street in Livermore or can be downloaded at www.livermoreartassociation.org/enter/enter.html#auto. For more information, send email to Erin Davis at ekdpottery@yahoo.com.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by some of the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge/The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

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.

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 or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

Art Classes, For children, teens and

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

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

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and 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. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Young Artists' Studio 2015 Summer Art, An open studio experience for students ages 7 through high school with projects in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Adults are welcome to join the class as space permits. Peggy Frank is a painter and has been teaching art to young people in Livermore for over thirty years. Sessions: June 22-26; July 27-31; Aug. 3-7. After Aug. 7 individual lessons available. Contact Peggy Frank for more information about the summer sessions for 2015 and school year classes, including times and fees, at (925) 443-8755 or frank.a@comcast.net

WINE & SPIRITS

The Chef & The Winemaker - A Celebration of the Bay Area's Most Acclaimed Women Chefs, Wente Vineyards Restaurant. Four dinners, 6 to 9 p.m. : Gayle Pirie, Chef/Co-owner of Foreign Cinema, Laszlo, and Show Dogs, Cookbook author, James Beard Nominee, June 4; Tanya Holland, Executive Chef/Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen, TV personality, cookbook author, 2013 California Chef of the Year, Sept. 10; Joanne Weir, James Beard Award Winner, TV Personality, cookbook author, Chef/Partner of Copita, Nov. 12. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; event information 925.456.2424; dinner reservations at 925.456.2450 or wentevineyards.com/restaurant

Charles R Vineyards events: "Uncorked!" Fourth Friday Is Back at

Charles R Vineyards! - kick off on Friday, May 22nd from 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Gather your friends and unwind with music on the patio from "KNR." \$5 (free for club members). Wine by the glass or bottle available for purchase. Spring Fling Club Pick Up Party & Live Music On The Patio -Saturday, May 16th from 11:30am - 4:30pm. Live music by "Souled Out" starts at 1pm. 8195 Crane Ridge Road/ at the end of Greenville Road.

Las Positas Vineyards, May 17, "Sunday Funday," newest wine & cheese pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. For more details, contact the winery at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Thomas Coyne Winery Spring Open House, May 23, 24, 25, noon to 5 p.m. Release of four new wines: 2012 Sweet Emille, Chardonnay Port, 2009 California Port, 2002 Livermore Merlot, 2010 Eldorado Petite Sirah. All wines will be available for tasting. Food Vendors will be available. 2405 Research Drive, Livermore, (925) 373-6541 or <http://thomascoynewinery.com>

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, June 5th "Evening in the Vineyards" concert from 6-9pm featuring Evan Thomas & Pappas Garage. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages and Artisan pizza's hand crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, visit www.laspositasvineyards.com go under the section "happenings" and click on a concert, online ticketing service will assist in the purchase. Space is limited.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Fleeces Food and Fun - Spinning with the Treadles to Threads Guild, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Bring your spinning wheel and a pot-luck dish to share for lunch. "Try it Out Circle" for those who would like to learn to spin. Raffle prize drawing at 2:00. \$5.00 per person. 925-447-8941

Retzlaff Vineyards, Annual Father's Day Picnic, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 21 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Table decorating contest and win prizes for the most sumptuous, the most colorful and the most creative table. There will also be prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids and maybe for the Dad who can carry the most kids. \$10.00 per adult. Due to popular demand, this event is by reservation only, 925-447-89341.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Steve Fread performances: 5/16. 12-5 Wente; 5/23, 1-4 Retzlaff; 5-25, 1-4 Retzlaff Memorial Day on the lawn;

5/28 4-8, Livermore Farmers Market; 5/30, 1-4 Retzlaff; 5-31 12-5, Wente. 6-25 5:30-7:30 Cuda Ridge Neil Young set.

Las Positas College, orchestra, wind ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., May 14, Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

Broadway Chorus Goes on Vacation, May 15-17, Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at 462-2121.

Best of Doo Wop, 8 p.m. Fri., May 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, presents Beethoven and the Red Violin featuring Elizabeth Pitcairn, soloist. 8 p.m. May 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Louis A. Botto (LAB) Choir Concert. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the LAB Choir from 7:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. This ensemble of young singers (14-20) is trained by Chanticleer (the award-winning SF choral group). The free concert will include a wide range of musical styles. catholicsofpleasanton.org

Strings in Every Which Way: Pleasanton Chamber Players. Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Locally-based group performs a matinee concert of classical chamber music. On the program are Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat major for 4 violins, 2 violas, and 2 cellos, op. 20; Dvorák's Piano Quintet in A Major, op. 81; and Tchaikovsky's Adagio Molto for String Quartet and Harp. Performing are: violinists Philip Santos from Oakland, a renowned concertmaster, Cecilia Huang and Darcy Van Valkenburgh from Pleasanton and Melissa Huang from Fremont; cellists Paul Rhodes from Concord and Michelle Kwon from Pleasanton; pianist Danielle Naler from Pleasanton and harpist and PCP Artistic Director Dominique Piana, now from Livermore. Reserved seating tickets \$15 - \$20, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the box office.

Livermore Valley Charter School spring music concert featuring over 150 fourth through eighth grade students performing in the spring music concert. Beginning Strings, Beginning Band, Choir, Advanced Band and Advanced Strings will be performing. The Choir, Advanced Strings and Advanced Band auditioned and were selected to perform at Disneyland for the third year in a row. Tuesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at the

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Shrine Event Center in Livermore.

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet:

"Thanks for the Memories" — A Memorial Weekend USO Revue. 5th annual appearance at the Firehouse Arts Center. Four vocalists plus a 5-piece swing band present special musical tributes to the Armed Forces in the style of The Andrews Sisters, with songs from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Fun skits, dancers, new numbers, and the stand-up comedy of Bill "Bob Hope" Johnson. Saturday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance if not sold out.

The Pacific Musicians, Benefit Concert

for Oakland Children's Hospital, May 24, 2:30PM, at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551. Selections featuring Modest Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera, Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Concerto #5-The Emperor, and several patriotic songs to remember our war veterans. The admission is free. www.pacificmusicians.org

Super Diamond Tribute to Neil

Diamond, May 29 and 30, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Dancing Harp Strings, June 7, 2 p.m.

Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Concert of winners of the 2015 Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Harp Competition. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Hot Clubs of Cowtown, hot jazz and western swing. 8 p.m. Fri., June 12.

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

Fleetwood Mask, Tribute to Fleetwood

Mac, Danville's Village Theatre on Friday June 12, 2015 at 8 pm. The Band will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1975 breakout "white" Fleetwood Mac album. Tickets can be purchased at village theatreshows.com or (925) 314-3400

JOEL: the songs of Billy Joel, featuring

Kyle Martin, June 20, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Jinx Jones and the Jazz-A-Billy-

Allstars, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, June 21, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Playwrights' Theatre, the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House featuring play by Clifford Odets. A staged-reading of Odets' popular Golden Boy on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Historic

Site. Playwrights' Theatre is produced by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in cooperation with the National Park Service. Reserved tickets for both events are available online at www.eugeneoneil.org, or by phone at (925) 820-1818. There is limited seating available in the Old Barn performance site. All seats are \$25.00 per person.

Nonsense, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, May 8-17, Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. For the link to purchase tickets to Nonsense, staged by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, go to www.village theatreshows.com/. Tickets may be purchased at any time by calling the box office at 314-3400.

Las Positas College, one act plays,

May 20 and May 22, 1 p.m. Black Box Theater, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

The Skin of Our Teeth, May 22-June 14.

Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. www.dmtonline.org or 510-881-6777.

Romeo and Juliet, Free Shakespeare in

the Park presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, 7:30 p.m., June 27, 28, July 5, 11 and 12. Special performance July 2. Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Road and Black Ave., Free admission.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, First Thursday of

each month at 7:00 p.m. through June 2015 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. June 4, My Left Foot. Theme Almost True, presented by Las Positas College coordinator of the Humanities Candace Klaschus, a film historian. Pleasanton Library meeting room. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Note that some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. 931-3400, ext. 4.

DANCE

Square dancing for all ages 8 years

and up, Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

Valley Dance Theatre Spring Rep,

Spring celebration of dance with repertory pieces both classic and contemporary featuring highlights from Sleeping Beauty and a swinging salute to the 1940's. Music accompaniment is provided by The Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. May 30, 7 p.m., May 31, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

Music of the Silver Screen, Valley Concert Chorale, May 17, 3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

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Cantabella Children's Chorus, annual spring concert, These Things Can Never Die, at 1pm and 4pm on Saturday, June 6 at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, 9015 South Gale Ridge Road, San Ramon. The award-winning young singers (K-12th) will perform folk, sacred, classical and contemporary selections in various languages. Tickets are available at cantabella.org/tickets (\$18) or \$20 at the door. Admission is free for children under 18 (up to three per adult). Call 925-292-2663 for more information.

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera, May 31, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

A Grand Afternoon at the tropical paradise known as Mia Nipote Winery, 4 p.m. Sun., June 7. Livermore Valley Opera fund-raiser. \$90 before May 20, limited to 110 people. (925) 200-7425, www.livermorevalleyopera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the

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

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-

centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required— share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

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>

Tails at Twilight, Fri., May 15, 6 to 11

p.m. Bella Rosa at Garré Winery, Livermore. Evening of music, dancing, and scrumptious food with live and silent auctions to create a brighter future for cats and dogs. Benefit for Valley Humane Society. valleyhumane.org/

Hearts Against Hunger, 2 to 5 p.m.,

Sunday, May 17. Hosted by Tri-Valley Rotaract club, a sister organization to Rotary International. Purple Orchid Resort and Spa in Livermore. Funds will benefit Open Heart Kitchen. The afternoon includes wine and beer, food, live entertainment, door prizes and a silent auction. Tickets may be purchased at the door or go to www.eventbrite.com/e/hearts-against-hunger-tickets

2nd annual Beer Tasting and Sudsy

Supper, May 17 at St. Bart's Parish Hall in Livermore. For the price of admission (\$35 general at brownpapertickets.com), dine, dance and sample several brews during the evening, chat with beer pros. 5:30-9 pm. Music by Queen of Hearts and The Mellotones. Tickets \$35 general, \$15 youth (7-20) and \$8 children (2-6) at the door. Childcare will be available. St. Bartholomew's Parish Hall is at 678 Enos Way, Livermore. There is parking on site as well as on the street.

2015 Top Chef Grand Tasting Event,

Sun., May 17, 5 to 8 p.m. Rotary Club of Dublin annual fund-raiser at 5885 Owens Dr., Pleasanton. Food paired with wines from local restaurants and wineries; taste craft beers; dine on delicious desserts. Door prizes, silent and live auctions, free valet parking. \$45 per person. www.TopChefDublin-Rotary.org.

Towne Center Books, Read it and Eat

with Celeste Ng, Tues., May 19, 11:30 a.m. social time, noon lunch and program. Tuesday May 19. \$25.00 for book and lunch \$15.00 for lunch only. Reservations are required 846-8826. 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Hula Lives On, 2:30 p.m. May 24,

Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Kumu Gloria Ruiz Presents Halau Makana Lani in a Musical journey to the Islands of Hawaii. Accompanied by the talented voices of Faith Ako and Weldon Kekauoha. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Wings of Freedom Tour of the WWII

Vintage Planes: Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell and North American P-51 Mustang on display in Livermore at Livermore Municipal Airport from May 24 to May 26. Visitors are invited to explore the aircraft inside and out - \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 is requested for access to up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. WWII Veterans can tour through the aircraft at no cost. Discounted rates for school groups. Visitors may also experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person. P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a half hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. B-25 flights are \$400 per person. For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924. Tour arrives at noon on May 24 and will be on display at Main terminal ramp until May 26 after 5:00 p.m. Hours of ground tours and display are: 12:00 PM through 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 24; 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM on Monday, May 25; 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 26

"Let's go fly a kite!" The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 24-25, 2015 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days. www.ArtandWind.com

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney

Speaker Series An Evening With... Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Tuesday, June 9th 7pm: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, commonly known as F.D. R., takes a look back at his accomplishments as an American statesman and political leader who served as the 32nd President of the United States. Peter M. Small, a former educator, has portrayed historical characters, including F.D.R., for audiences nationwide. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumon-main.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 13, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore. livermoreparade@yahoo.com

Livermore Rodeo, June 13 and 14.

Robertson Park Stadium. Livermore. <http://www.livermorerodeo.org/>

Alameda County Fair, June 17 through Sunday, July 5, Tuesday through Sunday each week. A complete schedule is available on the Fair's website at www.alamedacountyfair.com. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways. For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

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Milestones

Community for Education Raises over \$8,500 for LVEF

Music filled the air, beanbags sailed through the air, and people turned out en masse for "Community for Education," a fundraiser hosted by Altamont Beer Works on Saturday, April 4. The event raised over \$8,500 for the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF).

About 500 people streamed through the brewery during the day-long event to take in live music from four bands, play cornhole (a beanbag tossing game) for prizes, and vie for over \$5,000 in raffle items, while enjoying fresh-cooked barbecue and tasty craft beers.

LVEF co-founder Bill Dunlop declared the event a great success. "You never know how a first-time event will go off. This one exceeded all of our expectations," said Dunlop. "LVEF looks forward to making Community for Education an annual Livermore tradition."

Livermore Valley School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers thanked the crowd and Altamont Beer Works for supporting Livermore schools.

Since its inception in 1991, LVEF has raised over \$3.8 million for Livermore schools through individual and corporate donations. LVEF supports a broad spectrum of school programs, reflecting the Foundation's mission to promote Straight A's in Academics, Arts, and Athletics for Livermore schools. For more information visit www.lvef.org.

Education

Pleasanton Excellence in Education Award Winners

The Pleasanton PTA Council, in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District, has selected the 2015 Winners of the Excellence in Education Awards.

Honorees will receive their awards at the 25th Annual Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Friends and families of the honorees, as well as community members, are welcome to attend the ceremony to celebrate their achievement! Light refreshments will be served.

The 2015 Honorees are as follows:

Dennis Aquilina (Hart Middle School); Lori Chiok (Valley View Elementary); Maia DeLaat (Walnut Grove Elementary); Ann Fischer (Mohr Elementary); Becky Franck (Donlon Elementary); Kelly Hilton (Walnut Grove Elementary); James Krier (Pleasanton Middle

School); Jason Krolkowski (Foothill High School); Anne Matarrese-Everton (Hart Middle School); Ken Rocha (Harvest Park Middle School); Mary Rozelle (Foothill High School); Betty Russell (Fairlands Elementary); Clif Simms (Amador Valley High School); Stacey Sklar (Amador Valley High School); Alexandria Snow (Pleasanton Middle School); Stacy Webb Alcorn (Hart Middle School).

For more information, please contact Robin Dias-Magnano at Communications@PleasantonPTA.org

The Pleasanton PTA Council began in 2003 as an umbrella group for all PTAs in Pleasanton. The mission of the PTA is to represent their members and to empower and support them with skills in advocacy, leadership, and communication to positively impact the lives of all children and families. More information is available at www.pleasantonpta.org.

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines:

Rachel Kwak of Pleasanton at University of California, Davis
Monica Moorjani of Dublin at University of California, Davis
Krista Sakogawa of Pleasanton at University of California, Davis
Borzoo Nejad of Dublin at University of California, Davis
Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Army and Navy Academy announced that Nicholas Chung of Dublin has been named to the Honor Roll for the fifth grading period of the 2014-2015 school year.

Students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher are named to the Honor Roll.

Kiley Alyse Zeidler of Livermore is listed on the Seattle Pacific University 2015 Winter Quarter Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Hearts Against Hunger, 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 17. Hosted by Tri-Valley Rotaract club, a sister organization to Rotary International. Purple Orchid Resort and Spa in Livermore. Funds will benefit Open Heart Kitchen. The afternoon includes wine and beer, food, live entertainment, door prizes and a silent auction. Tickets may be purchased at the door or go to www.eventbrite.com/e/hearts-against-hunger-tickets

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, May 15, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every day, Bay Area hospitals need hundreds of units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Only 3% of the eligible donors in the Bay Area ever give blood, so we need you! Please come donate, and bring a friend or family member to the drive. There's no easier way to help save a life than donating blood. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Fertile Groundworks Garden of Grace Garden Learning Series, 11 a.m. to noon, May 16 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Topic: Container Gardening. No charge to attend.

Celebrating 125 years of Livermore High School: Livermore High School & the Livermore High School Alumni Association are beginning to organize interested, committed volunteers to work/head the various committees to organize & plan celebratory events. The goal is for events to follow through the 2016 school year in honor of 125 years and not be limited to one day. Interested? Call: Susan C. 925-447-6071 or Email: Susan.sdcanfield@comcast.net or Cheryl: cperry415@aol.com.

Volunteer drivers are needed for Pleasanton and Dublin routes. Donate a couple of hours weekly or every other week to help end senior hunger. Call 925-931-5385 for details.

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) and White Crane Winery in Livermore invite Bay Area women and their spouses/guests for a night of networking, fun and great food at the 7th Annual GNON Birthday Hawaiian Bash. Open to everyone. June 3, 5 to 8 p.m. White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Rd., Livermore. RSVP and

prepayment required: \$10, /www.gnon.org/rsvp.html or 925-487-4748

Earth friendly demonstration garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Alameda County Master Gardeners present talks on a variety of topics., 10 to 11 a.m. June 13: getting your garden through the summer heat; July 11: dealing with pests and diseases that bloom with the summer heat (1 p.m.); Aug. 8: ABC's of garden design; Sept. 12: bulbs: the best drought resistant garden color; Oct. 10: multiply and divide perennials; Nov. 14: roses - selecting, planting and pruning. Gardening advice and guided tours 2nd Saturday of each month. Garden open to public every day during daylight hours. No admission charge.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. May 16, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by May 9 to Barbara, 426-8876. May 17, 1 p.m., general meeting, birthday lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 14 to Gloria, 846-8320. May 21, 5 p.m. happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 19 to Mary, 736-2350. May 23, noon, brunch in San Ramon, RSVP by May 21 to Marsha, 830-8483. May 28, noon, lunch in Livermore, RSVP by May 26 to Gloria, 846-8320. May 31, 12:30 p.m. lunch in Dublin, RSVP by May 28 to Bette, 510-357-7873.

Golf Tournament, Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. (LHSA) is sponsoring its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on Fri., May 29 at Las Positas Golf Course. "Shotgun Start-Scramble Format" starts with a 11:30 registration & 12:30 Tee Off and includes green fee, cart, range balls, prizes, and dinner for \$125.00/player. Can't make the golf, dinner & socializing \$30.00 LHSA raises funds to support Livermore High School's Students, Faculty & Administrative needs. Contact: Kristen/Simon - 925-784-1367 or 925-784-9987, Rich - 925-989-4372, Jim 925-548-8108 or go to www.livermorehighalumni.com or www.mkt.com/lhsaa

Forte International Exchange Association (FIEA) seeking volunteer host families for high school boys and girls from various countries for the upcoming school year. Host families provide room, board, and guidance for a foreign teenager. Couples, single parents, and families with or without children living at home are all encouraged to apply. The exchange students arrive from their home countries before the current school year begins. Each FIEA student is fully insured, brings his/her own spending money and expects to bear his/her share of the household responsibilities as well as be included in normal activities and lifestyles. For information contact your Local Representatives Carol or Susan Berger at 209-502-7443 or by e-mail arielpdog@charter.net. Information: www.forteexchange.org.

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

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning

at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

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

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

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

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

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

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to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

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

Pleasanton Lions Club - welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

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

Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard Active Duty and Veterans. Meet with other like minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a chartered organization that provides a voice in Congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to www.fra.org or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

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

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

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katiestrube@comcast.net.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups,

family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

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

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

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

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

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

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

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. www.saintbartsLivermore.com

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

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

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

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service with their parents. 10:30 contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointe-church.org (925) 846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

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

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

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

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway. **John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

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

Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

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

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

Evening of Music, Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton; Congregation Beth Emek and Temple Beth Torah (Fremont, CA) invite everyone to an energetic evening of music, 7 p.m. Sat., May 16. Peri Smilow has been wowing audiences since the mid-1990's. A gifted vocalist and guitar player, Peri is also an extraordinary storyteller, teacher and entertainer. Now, nearly twenty years and four critically acclaimed albums later, Peri Smilow and her music are celebrated around the world. Visit www.perismilow.com for bio and links to music and videos. Tickets are available online (<http://perismilowcbetbt.bpt.me>). Tickets are also available at the Congregation Beth Emek and Temple Beth Torah offices, and at the door. Reserved seating is \$36, general admission is \$18 and seniors/students are \$10. Doors open at 7:00pm for dessert. The concert starts at 7:30pm.

Eckankar, "Spiritual Tools for Every Situation" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, May 17, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.



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Milestones Community

Lab Climate Scientist Earns DOE Award

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz has awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory climate scientist David Bader with a DOE Secretarial Honor Award for his leadership of the Accelerated Climate Modeling for Energy (ACME) project.

The Secretarial Honor Awards are the department's highest form of non-monetary employee recognition. Individual and team awardees are selected by the Secretary of Energy.

William Collins of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Mark Taylor of Sandia National Laboratory, California were co-winners of the award.

Launched in July 2014,

ACME consists of a multi-institutional effort involving eight DOE national labs, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, four academic institutions and one private-sector company. ACME is intended to accelerate the development and application of fully coupled, state-of-the-science Earth-system models for scientific and energy applications.

The plan is to exploit advanced software and next-generation high-performance computing (HPC) architectures as they become available at DOE Leadership Computing Facilities. The three awardees constitute the executive council of the ACME management struc-

ture: Bader, LLNL's climate program leader, is the chair of the council; Collins is the chief scientist; and Taylor is the chief computational scientist.

ACME's initial focus will be on three climate change science drivers and corresponding questions to be answered during the project's initial phase:

- **Water Cycle:** How do the hydrological cycle and water resources interact with the climate system on local to global scales?
- **Biogeochemistry:** How do biogeochemical cycles interact with global climate change?
- **Cryosphere Systems:** How do rapid changes in cryospheric systems, or areas of the Earth where water exists as ice or snow, interact with the climate system?

Bader has worked in the national lab arena since 1985, starting his career at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory first as a research scientist and then moving up to a senior research scientist and eventually a project manager. From 2003-2009, he was director of the Program for Climate Model Diagnosis and Intercomparison at Lawrence Livermore. In 2009 he moved to Oak Ridge National Laboratory where he was the founding deputy director of the lab's Climate Change Science Institute and was assigned for six months as a senior research adviser for Climate Change to the DOE Office of Science Director. He returned to Livermore in 2011 as Climate Program leader.

Local Rebekahs to Serve As Officers in the Grand Lodge of California

The Livermore Odd Fellows Lodge #219 and the Rebekah Silver Star Lodge #336 have announced that two of the Lodge women will be Grand Officers in the Grand Lodge of the State of California for the year May 2015 – May 2016. Delphine Ridolfi Perry will served as Grand Color Bearer and Sharon M. Vargas as Outside Guardian.

Livermore Odd Fellows is one of the oldest lodges in the world, meeting at 2160 First Street, Livermore for over 100 years.

There will be a Grand Convention in Modesto, CA on May 16, 2015 when the two ladies will be installed as Grand Officers.

Delphine Ridolfi Perry was born in Livermore at St. Paul's Hospital on September 12, 1940. Her parents were Doris and Russell Bankhead. She attended Livermore schools: 5th Street K-6, Junction Avenue 7-8 and Livermore High School. She graduated in 1959.

Delphine was married in 1959 to Carlo Sergio Ridolfi, and they were married for 43 years.

Delphine was a Brownie and Girl Scout. She joined Rainbow for girls and Theta Rho in 1955. She joined Livermore Rebekah Lodge #154 in 1959, Silver Star #336 in 2008, and Livermore Odd Fellows #219 in 2004.

Delphine's mother, Doris Bankhead, was a Rebekah for 50 years and a District Deputy President. Del-



Delphine Ridolfi Perry



Sharon Vargas

phine's parents were both Odd Fellows.

Delphine worked at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for 12 years as Coordinator of Exhibits in the Gem and Mineral & Hobby Collection building. Her hobbies include sewing and stained glass. She loves Monterey and camping. She was involved with her 40th, 50th and 55th class reunions. She was responsible for the money and reservations because her maiden name was Bankhead.

Delphine has two daughters, three granddaughters, two grandsons, two great-granddaughters and one great grand-son. Delphine remarried Richard Perry in 2005, and now has a total of 16 grandkids.

Sharon M. Vargas was born in Livermore, CA at St. Paul's Hospital on July 27, 1950. She was educated in Livermore schools: Junction Avenue and Granada High School for freshman and sophomore years. Sharon

was married in 1967 and completed her high school education at Ocean Side High School. Her husband served in the Marine Corps. In 1979, she moved back to Livermore and sold cars and insurance. For the past 15 years, Sharon has worked for Walmart in various positions.

Sharon is blessed with four sons, four grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. Her hobbies include helping the Boy Scouts, white water rafting, reading and beading.

In 2004, Sharon joined Livermore Rebekah Lodge #154 because of a co-worker and dear friend, Doris Bankhead. Doris always talked about the Rebekahs and how much she loved being a part of the order. Currently, Sharon is a member of Silver Star #336, and she joined the Livermore Odd Fellow Lodge #219 in 2009. She served as District Deputy President from 2001-2014 for District #36.

LDS Stake Presidency Change Announced

The Livermore California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently announced a change in the Stake Presidency. The Livermore Stake is comprised of seven Mormon congregations (including a Spanish Language and a Young Single Adult congregation) in the cities of Livermore and Dublin.

After nearly nine years of service in the stake presidency, Kurt Alexander, President, Kenneth Black, 1st Counselor, and Richard Zollinger, 2nd Counselor were released. They received an expression of gratitude for their faithful service from the nearly 1,000 members in attendance at the Sunday conference. The Mayor of Livermore, John Marchand, was also present at the conference and said a few words in tribute.

The Livermore California Stake will now be guided by President Troy Witt with Scott Adams serving as 1st Counselor and Kelly Mills as 2nd Counselor. Troy Witt is a Sales & Operations Executive with The Clorox Company, is married to Sherri Witt and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Scott Adams is a Director of Human Resources with Shea Homes, is married to Kathy Adams and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Kelly Mills is a Senior Director of Development with Oracle, is married to Joleen Mills and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. The church operates with a lay ministry. All of its local members serve each other without pay.