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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.

Pleasanton Will Extend Some Program Funding to 3 Years

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Unified School District has been able to create a more stable cash base for positions that had been funded for only one year.

At its May 19 meeting, the school board approved a list naming the priorities for three years. They include restoring some full-time equivalent positions among middle and elemen-

tary school vice principals, adding nurses to maintain the status quo staffing level, and restoring high school and middle school counseling services.

High school custodial services, and the Director of Secondary Education are also on the list for funding.

Another move by the board brought back 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) of strings teachers.

Some .71 FTE of the cost will be funded by a donation from Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation (PSEE). That leaves .79 FTE to be funded, at a cost of \$82,500. The administration will return May 24 with an updated plan for the remainder of the strings restoration.

Trustee Mark Miller said that he hopes the district will be able to fund strings for three years.

Board president Jamie Hintzke said that one possibility would be to reach an agreement with PSEE to commit to enough money for years 2 and 3.

Much of the supplemental funding has come from Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE), which presented a ceremonial check for \$570,000 to the board at the May

(See FUNDING, page 10)



Recent cloudy skies created a dramatic scene in North Livermore.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Long Wait for Charter Prep's Move May Soon Be Over

By Ron McNicoll

The four-year wait for Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) to move into a modern office building converted for classroom use at 3090 Independence Drive in Livermore may soon be over.

The board of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) was due to meet at 6:30 p.m. May 17 to discuss pulling a permit to pave a parking lot and install two left-turn lanes. The projects are designed to ensure safety of children being dropped off at the nearby Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), the K-8 operated by TVLC.

However, the meeting was canceled.
(See MOVE, page 2)

Brown Narrows Budget's Spending; School Funds Go Up a Little

By Ron McNicoll

California Gov. Jerry Brown's May Revision calls for cutbacks in spending, although K-12 education fares better, thanks to guarantees by Proposition 98 and the Local Control Funding Formula.

What began in January as a \$170 billion budget has been reduced as certain laws took effect

and revenue fell short of expectations.

Brown released his revision May 13. It shows \$1.9 billion less revenue, reflecting lower April income tax and sales tax receipts than anticipated in the January budget message. Further, contributions to debt repayment and the Rainy Day Fund to meet future shortfalls have been reduced by \$1.6 billion, said

the governor.

Other new developments affecting the budget include passage of a \$15 per hour minimum wage law, which will raise costs by \$39 million next year. In addition, a higher level of support for developmental disability services, and higher payments to Medi-Cal providers have been included.

Brown predicted that there

could be a \$4 billion shortfall by 2019, if voters don't agree in November to extend temporary taxes on wealthy incomes. If taxes were extended, the May Revision should keep the budget balanced, but just barely, said Brown.

Tax extension or not, tough times are anticipated by 2019, because of a projected recession.

(See BUDGET, page 4)

Council to Discuss Plans for Downtown

The Livermore City Council will consider two proposals to develop 8 acres in the downtown. The discussion will take place at the council's May 23 meeting.

The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue.

The development would occur on land the city owns that encompasses the former "Lucky Shopping Center," as well as property adjacent to the Bankhead Theater. The city issued requests for proposals (RFP) last September seeking ideas for a variety of uses including housing, retail, a hotel-conference center, and a parking structure.

In February, the council selected two finalists, Lennar Multifamily, Trumark Homes and RSVP Investments. RSVP Investments has since withdrawn from the process. Trumark has added a hotel concept, but not a hotel developer at this time. Lennar is now partnered with Presidio, a hotel developer.

The developers will present
(See DOWNTOWN, page 4)

Process to Establish Septic Tank Regulations Criticized

The Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) draft proposal for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) was approved by the Alameda County Supervisors last week, with Supervisor Scott Haggerty expressing strong opposition to the document and the process.

Haggerty pointed to the potential cost, lack of clarity, length of time it takes to gain a permit and the length of the document as concerns.

His was the lone "no" vote, re-

fering to LAMP at one point "as a bureaucratic mess."

Haggerty represents Livermore, Dublin and the eastern unincorporated areas of the county. Two other supervisors also have constituencies in the Tri-Valley. Nate Mile represents Pleasanton and Richard Valle, Sunol. All have residents who will be impacted by the rules governing onsite wastewater treatment systems.

The state is requiring agencies that want to keep regulating the

systems on a local level to prepare a Local Agency Management Plan or LAMP for state review. The deadline to submit a draft plan was last Friday, May 13.

LAMP elements required by the state include: development and maintenance of a Water Quality Assessment Program to evaluate OWTS impacts to ground and surface water; coordination with watershed management groups, like groundwater basin managers and sustainability agencies; moni-

toring and analysis of water quality data (nitrates and pathogens); implementation of salt and nutrient management plans; and an annual and five-year report to evaluate program requirements.

Haggerty stated, "I am extremely irritated about this. I understand we have to move this forward." He pointed out that the supervisors were being asked to review and approve a 400 page document that they received just three days
(See PROCESS, page 10)

Three Running for 7th State Senate District

Three candidates are on the June, 7, 2016 ballot seeking the State Senate 7th District seat. The top two will meet again in November.

Candidates include incumbent Steve Glazer, a Democrat, and challengers Democrat Guy Moore and Republican Joseph Rubay.

The Independent talked to each candidate to learn their views on a variety of issues including transportation, water, the environment, and education. Each candidate was invited to raise topics they would like to take on if elected.

The interviews are presented in alphabetical order.

STEVE GLAZER

Steve Glazer, elected to the Senate in 2015, previously served as a city council member and three-time mayor of Orinda.

Glazer earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University where he served as Student Body President. He was selected as a California State University Trustee, working on limiting tuition increases and lowering administrative costs at CSU.

When he ran for office in 2015, he focused on preventing future BART strikes. He introduced a bill to accomplish that. It has not moved forward. He notes that he urged BART management to negotiate new contracts with its

unions now to prove that management could keep the trains moving. "They have negotiated and approved the contracts. There will be no BART strikes for the next five years," said Glazer.

He expressed strong support for a BART extension to Livermore, primarily to connect the system with the ACE train. The creation of a joint powers authority to move that idea forward has been discussed, with Glazer backing the concept.

Glazer has not taken a position on expanding the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park into the nearby Tesla area. He said that he did not want to become involved during

(See STATE SENATE, page 10)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Attendees at the red carpet opening of the Livermore Valley Film Festival stopped to take a group photo with Joey Travolta. For a story on the festival, go to page 2.



PET OF THE WEEK

Jag is a gentle soul who is content to snuggle at your side, but he's heck on wheels once you strap him into his blue wheelchair! The three-year-old Chihuahua/Dachshund mix does have use of his rear legs, and is getting stronger every day. He uses his chair for walks and potty breaks and is otherwise healthy. Roll on by Valley Humane Society today and adopt this special guy. VHS is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm at 3670 Nevada Street. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

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MOVE

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ced because a quorum did not show.

The City of Livermore has denied an occupancy permit until the traffic improvements were completed.

A Livermore building official said May 17 that the construction permit for the traffic-related improvements is ready, and awaits the contractor or the landowner to pick it up.

Once the paving and traffic improvements are accomplished, and inspected by the City of Livermore, TVLC can obtain an occupancy permit. The classrooms still need finishing touches, but basically are ready for occupancy.

The cost of the traffic and parking improvements have been estimated at \$400,000 to \$1 million. TVLC won't be paying a penny, according to Bill Batchelor, manager of California Preparatory Academy (CPA), a privately owned school that will share the Independence Drive building with LVCP. CPA will be paying for the parking and traffic improvements.

All of the classrooms between the two schools will be separate. There will be some shared common spaces, such as a multipurpose room, said Batchelor.

Although CPA will pay for the lot through its own private financing, there still will be a connection between LVCP and CPA in regard to payment of rent to the landlord. Batchelor said he is not totally finished with the paper work on an agreement, but expects to have all in place in one or two weeks.

Some parents have said recently that TVLC would be better off severing the link to CPA, if possible, and going its own way. They don't want to get stuck with any big debt if CPA fails, they said at a TVLC board meeting in Stockton on May 12.

A letter from Samantha

Leggat urged the board to negotiate the lease on 3090 Independence. Public information indicates that TVLC would pay 10 percent of the annual \$2 million rent, and CPA the remainder.

Leggat said that the board should take time to study the financial ramifications of its future commitments, and ensure complete transparency.

Several parents have been expressing skepticism about joining with CPA in any agreement. Batchelor was asked about that outlook. "I think it's a minority (of people). When they really understand the synergy of this partnership, that we can get facilities done that they could not on their own. They will see that it will be a huge win for TVLC. It will prove out over time," said Batchelor.

Batchelor said that the parking lot work would begin in a week or two, with workers staying out of the way as much as possible, while the lot is still being used by LVCS parents before the school year ends. After that, Batchelor is confident that the job can be completed before school starts in August. LVCP can make the move then.

Batchelor said that CPA would open in the fall. He expects anywhere from 50 to 150 students. The school will bring in international students, mainly Chinese. It is not an exchange program, because there are no Livermore students going to China in exchange.

The 3090 Independence building will have a capacity for 650 CPA students and 650 LVCP students, said Batchelor.

TVLC Acting CEO Lynn Lysko stated that she has requested extra facilities from the school district in the fall if the traffic improvements were not completed in time for an occupancy permit to be obtained. "Currently, we have a Prop. 39 agreement

with the Livermore School District for 11 classrooms."

Lysko said in an e-mail that there will be a need for 25 classrooms from the district, apparently to take all of the LVCS students. LVCP classes are held at Portola school, where students could remain, as they have for the past four years.

LVJUSD official Scott Vernoy said that he has received no formal request from Lysko for more classrooms. Any formal request would be directed to the Livermore school board for a decision.

Proposition 39 requires that a school district offer facilities to public charter schools to house all of the district's residents, in this case, Livermore students, who make up the majority of enrollment at the prep school. TVLC pays \$15,000 per month to LVJUSD for the non-Livermore residents who are enrolled.

Workshops on Civic Center/Library Plans Set

The City of Pleasanton will hold two open houses to provide updates and receive feedback from the community regarding the Civic Center/Library Task Force work to date on the design and siting prospects for Pleasanton's new Civic Center/Library. The first open house will take place on Tuesday, May 31, from 6 - 8 p.m., the second open house will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10 - noon. Both will take place at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The open houses will be an informal and interactive experience. Visitors are invited to exchange ideas with city staff, the design consulting team and members of the Civic Center/Library Task Force and submit ideas about their vision for a new civic center and new library. Some of the stations that

WWII Aircraft to Land in Livermore

The Wings of Freedom Tour will visit the Livermore Airport from May 29 to May 31.

Flying in will be the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" WWII Heavy Bomber, Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" WWII Heavy Bomber and P-51 Mustang fighter.

This is an opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these unique and rare treasures of aviation history.

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. 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. Get some "stick time" in the world's greatest fighter! 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.

The planes will be on display at Livermore Municipal Airport in Livermore, located at Main Terminal, 636 Terminal Circle.

The planes will arrive at around noon on May 29 and will be on display at the airport until the aircraft departs May 31 after 5 p.m. Hours of ground tours and display are: noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 29; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 30 and Tuesday, May 31. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times above.

The Collings Foundation, which sponsors the tour, is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational foundation devoted to organizing "living history" events that allow people to learn more about their heritage and history through direct participation.

The B-17, B-25 & B-24 were the backbone of the American effort during the war from 1942 to 1945 and were famous for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission. After the war, many aircraft were scrapped for their raw aluminum to rebuild a nation in post-war prosperity and therefore very few were spared. Visitors can find out more by visiting www.collingsfoundation.org.

More than 68% of Dublin Grads Eligible for Higher Education

More than 68 percent of Dublin High School's graduating class of 2015 completed coursework that made them eligible for admission to the University of California and Cal State University systems, according to data released by the State of California Tuesday morning.

Dublin High's strong numbers pushed the district to rank among the best in Alameda County and far exceeded the state average of 43.4 percent.

"We are very proud of our students and their ongoing efforts to become college and career ready," said Superintendent Stephen Hanke. "The success of our students is a testament to the hard work of our teachers, support staff, leaders and parents. Their combined commitment ensures that every Dublin student is successful."

Dublin High School has made great strides in this data point over the last five years, moving up from 58.0 percent of graduates in 2010-11.

Dublin High School's rate

fares very well compared to nearby high schools:

Dublin High School - 68.2 percent

Pleasanton - Amador Valley HS (66.7), and Foothill HS (65.0)

Livermore - Granada HS (54.7) and Livermore HS (54.1)

"We take great pride at Dublin High in preparing our students for college and careers of their choosing," said Dublin High Principal Carol Shimizu. "This data shows we are focusing in the right direction toward continuous improvement."

Dropout rates were also released by the state on Tuesday. Dublin Unified reported a dropout rate of 0.2%, compared with a county dropout rate of 2.6% and a statewide rate of 2.8%.

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Documentary on SF Bay Area Visual Artist Jerome Kirk Wins Multiple Awards at Livermore Valley Film Festival

The Livermore Valley Film Festival (LVFF) "Where Science Meets Art" closed on Sunday, May 15, 2016 with an awards ceremony celebrating all the films and filmmakers who participated in the inaugural three-day event.

The short film "KIRK," a film portrait of renowned San Francisco Bay Area kinetic sculptor Jerome Kirk, took top honors. It was nominated for nine awards and won four including "Best of Bay Area/California Film" "Best Direction" and, in the Science Meets Art Short category, both "Best of Fest" and "Audience Choice."

The LVFF, which attracted submissions from around the world, focused on how science and technology are both portrayed in films and used in the filmmaking process. Over the course of the weekend, several hundred attendees including filmmakers, students, and enthusiasts of all ages viewed nearly 50 films, attended workshops, and took advantage of numerous opportunities to intermingle and share ideas and experiences.

"We were very fortunate to have been able to attract films of such high quality across a range of genres in our first year," said Film Festival Director Lynn Monica. "Films such as cinematography winner 'Chasing Shadows' would be an exceptional example of its kind in any competition. Every aspect of filmmaking was well represented across the festival, from the charming 'Right Person for the Job' which won for Best Script/

Story, to the suspenseful 'Ctl Alt Delete' which won both Best Editing and Narrative Best of Fest award," she added.

Among the films with strong local connections, the winner for Documentary Best in Fest was "Eleven," an oral history of eleven naval airmen who served off Guadalcanal Island and on the USS Hornet aircraft carrier. One of the eleven, plane captain Kermit "Tim" Enander, also won for Best Performance. The film was directed by Bay Area-native George Retelas, who found that the stories in his late grandfather's naval journal sparked his interest and sent him to seek out his grandfather's remaining comrade-in-arms. The USS Hornet, now decommissioned, serves as a Sea Air and Space Museum on Alameda Island where the film "Eleven" made its premiere on Veterans Day in 2014. The film will be shown again on May 30, 2016 in honor of Memorial Day.

A total of 20 awards were given on Sunday evening, including one each for the Open and Student divisions of the LVFF Filmmakers Crush. More than a dozen teams were given just 48 hours to produce a five-minute film with four key elements that could be incorporated in any way that appealed to the filmmakers' creativity: "where science meets art," a foreign phrase, Pluto, and a food item being crushed. In addition to the student division of Filmmakers' Crush, LVFF made an effort to support both

professional and novice or student films including a Best of Bay Area/California Student Film award which went to first-time filmmaker Ryan Slattery for "Square One."

Broadway actress and comedian Julie Halston, whose special guest appearance lit up the stage at the Red Carpet Premiere Friday evening and again at the Awards Ceremony Sunday, complimented LVFF saying, "I have been to many film festivals, and this was the best organized, most gracious, and had the highest quality films of any that I have attended."

Feedback was very positive from attendees and filmmakers alike. "The success of this event gives us great momentum for the future. We heard from many people that the event exceeded their expectations and they are enthusiastic about coming back," said Scott Kenison, Executive Director for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. "The scope of the films, bookended by 'A Beautiful Equation' and 'Lights, Camera, Independence' on Friday and by a repeat showing of 'Eleven'

on Sunday, truly represent the diversity of our community and the many ways we all interact with science," he said.

Plans are already under discussion for next year's LVFF to be held in May of 2017.

Livermore Valley Film Festival 2016 Award Winners: Filmmakers Crush - Open Division: Dad's Home; Filmmakers Crush - Student Division: Toaster by The Wolf Pack; Science Meets Art Short - Best of Fest: KIRK; Social/Health/Disability Shorts - Best of Fest: Pursuing Dreams: Stories of Refugee and Immigrant Youth in California; Social/Health/Disability Shorts - Audience Choice: Before the Bomb

Student Film - Best of Fest: The Power to Print; Student Film - Audience Choice: Hidden Genes; Documentary - Best of Fest: Eleven; Documentary - Audience Choice: Lights, Camera, Independence; Narrative - Best of Fest: Ctl Alt Delete; Narrative - Audience Choice: Pete's Allstars; Best Script/Story:

Right Person for the Job; Best Direction: KIRK; Best Cinematography: Chasing Shadows; Best Editing: Ctl Alt Delete; Best Performance: Eleven - Kermit; Best of Bay Area/California Film: KIRK; Best of Bay Area / California Student Film (First time filmmaker): Square One; Best Use of Theme: Chasing Shadows.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

LARPD Master Plan Update Moves Forward

The Board of Directors for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District responded to comments submitted by the public on its draft Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan during last week's meeting.

As part of the master planning process, the public was invited to comment on the final draft of the District's Master Plan during a required 30-day comment period.

A significant portion of public comments were from Friends of Tesla Park regarding the proposed expansion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area and its environmental impact. The Board is on record supporting preservation of the natural and historic features of the site. Comments from Friends of Tesla Park reaffirmed the District's position, which will be reflected in the Master Plan.

The Board's responses to public comments will be incorporated into the Master Plan, which will be brought back to the board within a month for final adoption.

Also at the meeting, it was announced that the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association was selected as a recipient of the California Association of Recreation and Park District's Outstanding Community Organization award for its work with the District.

Plan Bay Area Input Sought

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will be taking public comment on the scope and content of the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) that will be conducted for the update of Plan Bay Area. The integrated land use and transportation plan looks out to the year 2040 for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

It identifies regional transportation planning needs, priorities and funding, and allows project sponsors to qualify for federal funding for public transit, streets and roads and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

All interested agencies, organizations and individuals are welcome to submit comments and/or participate in the scoping meetings for the Draft EIR. Oral comments will be accepted during three regional scoping meetings:

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, One Washington Square, Room 225, San Jose;

Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Metro-Center Auditorium, 101 8th Street, Oakland.

For more information, visit PlanBayArea.org.

Written comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings; via mail to MTC Public Information, 375 Beale Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, CA, 94105; via fax to to 415.536.9800 beginning May 23; or via email to [eirments@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:eircments@mtc.ca.gov). Written comments must be received at the MTC offices no later than June 15, 2016. For more information, call the MTC Public Information

Forgiveness Sought for College Loans

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) has introduced the Fairness in Forgiveness Act, which would let current and former long-time workers at all 16 privately operated Department of Energy (DOE) National Laboratories seek forgiveness of their federal student loans.

The bill would make all of the labs' staff members eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLFP), which provides for forgiveness of federal student loans for those who work at least 10 years in public service. Eligibility would be retroactive to October 1, 2007, the beginning of the PSLFP.

Under current Department of Education's rules, no for-profit organizations can qualify as public-service em-

ployers; only government entities and non-profits that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code are automatically eligible. Five of the 16 DOE national labs – Lawrence Livermore and Sandia in Swalwell's district, as well as Idaho, Los Alamos, and Savannah River – are operated by for-profit companies, rendering their workers ineligible for the PSLFP.

"Denying staff at these particular DOE national labs eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program is not in keeping with the intent of the program, which is to encourage public service," said Swalwell.

"With students who have loans owing an average of about \$33,000, and total student loan debt exceeding \$1.3 trillion, we should be seizing opportunities to reduce this crushing burden," Swalwell added. "Expanding the PSLFP will help these students and allow us to recruit and retain scientists, engineers, computer experts, and others in similar professions willing to devote their careers to the public good."

Hazardous Material Spill in Livermore

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded to a report of a possible hazardous material spill on May 9 in the 900 block of I St in Livermore. Crews found approximately 15 square feet of the street were covered in mercury. It is unknown where the mercury came from or how long it was there.

Mercury is toxic and can damage the nervous system, lungs, and kidneys.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Hazardous Materials Team was able to cover the spill and prevent additional contamination of the area.

The California Department of Toxic Substances arrived on scene, on Tuesday. They coordinated with a hazardous materials clean-up company, and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. They were able to remove 1 cup of spilled mercury.

Purple Pipe Dedication

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, members of the Pleasanton City Council, city staff and State Water Resources Control Board Member, Steven Moore will celebrate the completion of the first phase of Pleasanton's new purple pipes infrastructure.

The project will save approximately 450 million gallons of potable water each year. A low-interest loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Proposition 1 grant funding made the project possible.

The dedication will take place at 10 a.m. Thurs., May 26 at the Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Dr., Concession Stand #3, Pleasanton.

Stanley Blvd. Maintenance

The Alameda County Public Works Agency is performing landscape maintenance and mulch installation in the Stanley Boulevard medians. The work is expected to be completed on May 26, 2016.

During this median maintenance, the left traffic lanes in both directions will be closed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Traffic is subject to delays. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes. If travelling along Stanley Boulevard during the lane closure, please exercise caution and adhere to all traffic regulations.

For additional information, call the Public Works Agency Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500 or visit www.acgov.org/pwa.

Road Rage Arrest

Fresno County Sheriff's detectives booked John Sayer, 70, of Livermore into the Fresno County Jail on felonies of assault with a firearm and shooting at an occupied vehicle. He has since posted bond and bailed out of jail.

The incident took place around 9:00 am on Sunday northbound on Interstate 5 near the Hwy. 198 intersection. A driver saw a Toyota Camry driven by John Sayer weaving in and out of traffic. Sayer eventually got behind the victim and began to tailgate him. Once traffic cleared, Sayer maneuvered his Camry to the other lane and passed the victim and then got in front of him. The victim later passed Sayer and got back in front. Sayer moved and began to drive alongside the victim with his driver side window down. The victim heard a loud banging noise, but was unsure if it was gunfire or just road debris. The victim chased after Sayer and used his cell phone to record video of the Camry and its license plate. A moment later, a California Highway Patrol officer pulled over the victim for speeding. The victim told the officer he was trying to catch up to a motorist who may have shot at his car. The officer checked his car and found a bullet hole in the passenger door. The victim gave the officer a description of the suspect and his cell phone video which showed the Camry and its license plate number.

Detectives ran the license plate number and found the car was registered to John Sayer of Livermore. Livermore Police officers arrested him at his home without any problems. A search warrant resulted in the recovery of a total seven guns, which included three handguns, three assault rifles and a sniper rifle. Thousands of rounds of ammunition were also discovered. All guns were legally registered to Sayer, who had no prior criminal history.

This remains an ongoing investigation. Anyone who has additional information on the suspect in this case is asked to please contact the FSO Dispatch Center at (559) 600-3111 or call Valley Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP (7867). All tips will remain anonymous.

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EDITORIAL

16th Assembly District Catharine Baker

The Independent supports Catharine Baker in her bid to continue representing the 16th Assembly District.

Baker and one challenger, Democrat Cheryl Cook-Kallio, are on the June 7 ballot; both will be on the November 2016 ballot.

We agree with Cook-Kallio on many issues. We can't support her based on her votes as a Pleasanton City Councilmember approving the Oak Grove project and the council sponsored initiative, Measure QQ. The measure, which would have provided weaker ridgeland protections, was placed on the ballot in opposition to Measure PP, the citizen sponsored initiative.

Baker ran for office promising to act in a bipartisan manner. She has done so in supporting such measures as the Governor's climate change legislation.

We would be happier from an environmental point of view if Baker would support legislation to protect 3,000 acres known as Tesla Park from being used as an off-road vehicle park.

In the Assembly, Baker has focused on improving K-12 education and access to UC schools for Californians. She favors capping the number of out of state students who could attend UC schools. When it comes to infrastructure, she opposes the twin tunnels as a water fix. She believes the money funding high speed rail would be better spent on other transportation needs.

Baker has held numerous town hall meetings to hear from constituents, taking input from many different points of view. We believe she deserves a second term.

2016 JUNE PRIMARY

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R) has been endorsed by Crime Victims United (CVU) for re-election to the 16th Assembly District.

CVU is a bipartisan, statewide organization comprised of victims of crime, law enforcement officials, legal advocates, and others who work to protect and enhance public safety.

Baker has sponsored legislation that ensures victims receive full restitution for crimes committed against them (AB 2295), prevents victims of stalking from having their home address made public through property title records (AB 2263), increases penalties for felons found illegally possessing firearms (AB 2666), and provides funding for increased prosecution of human trafficking (AB 2202). Baker also co-authored legislation to make it a felony to possess the date rape drug with the intent to use (AB 46), to possess a stolen firearm (AB 1869), and to provide funding for research on firearm violence prevention (SB 1002).

Women's healthcare advocates throughout California have endorsed **Cheryl Cook-Kallio** for 16th District State Assembly seat. They include Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, which gave Cheryl a 100% rating and called her a "dedicated advocate for access and funding."

In addition to Planned Parenthood Northern California Action Fund, Cheryl has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice California PrivacyPAC.

Pleasanton Voters, a citizen PAC, announced their views for the June 7, 2016 primary. The organization has endorsed Alfred (Al) Exner to serve on the Zone 7 Board of Directors. In announcing the endorsement,

Pleasanton Voters states that Exner will bring to the Board the experience of a 36-year career in finance and pricing management, primarily in the aerospace industry. Exner is prepared to ask the pertinent questions and offer solid solutions regarding water issues.

Pleasanton Voters urge a "no" vote on Measure K. They state that passage of Measure K would allow development on Pleasanton hillsides, in direct violation of the hillside protection ordinance (Measure PP) that was passed by Pleasanton voters in 2008. If this critical measure passes, it will set a precedent for the pro-growth majority of the City Council to make future interpretations of Pleasanton's hillside protection ordinance that favor developers. There are at least two more pending hillside developments in the planning stages.

The deadline to register to vote for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is Monday, May 23, 2016.

Alameda County residents must be United States citizens, 18 years old and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony to be eligible to register to vote.

Voter registration affidavits are available at the Registrar of Voters office and at libraries, fire stations and post offices. An online registration form is available at www.registertovote.ca.gov. Completed affidavits must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters office at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612 or postmarked by May 23, 2016 in order to be valid for this election.

Voters can call the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6973 or (510) 267-8683 or visit our website at www.acgov.org/rov to check registration status.

Bright Picture Painted for Livermore Budget; Caution Urged on Spending

Although Livermore's proposed 2015-2016 budget anticipates the general fund to increase by a net \$4.6 million, city staff urged caution. At a city council budget workshop last Monday, City Manager Marc Roberts and Administrative Services Director Doug Alessio noted that Livermore is at the height of an economic cycle now. However, they expect the city to face another downturn in coming years, although not as serious as the recent recession. They proposed increasing general fund reserves, a strategy all councilmembers supported.

The \$5.8 million revenue increase over projection in the 2015-16 budget includes a rise in development fees and permit charges of \$1.6 million. Other taxes, such as business license and transient occupancy from hotels, the biggest in history, contribute another \$2.1M. These are all fueled by the level of development activity, according to Alessio. He noted that when the economy slows, development will drop significantly.

Looking ahead to FY 2016-17, revenues are anticipated to grow by \$4.4 million over the original projection. As with FY2015-16, a majority of the remaining growth is closely related to anticipated development, both residential and commercial. Proposed increases to FY2016-17 General Fund expenditures total roughly \$3.8 million.

In order to prepare for the downturn, Roberts and Alessio proposed increasing general fund reserves for operating and debt service expenditures up to 30% from the current 26.5% level. They pointed out that when the city next hits the lower portion of the economic cycle, the city will not be

able to lay off employees as they did during the great recession because the workforce is now lean. At that time, employees were reduced from 552 to 454. They also mentioned that when the economy is booming, construction rates are high. Plans are to build to build up the infrastructure reserve now by putting \$2 million in it in 2015-16 and \$4 million in 2016-17. With reserves in place, projects could move forward during the downturn at lower costs.

The rising Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) costs and deferred infrastructure and maintenance costs represent additional concerns that the city will have to face in the future. A plan has already been created to deal with OPEB increases. City staff is currently developing a proposal to address deferred maintenance.

Each councilmember expressed support for increasing reserves now, with additional expenditures in the 2015-2017 budget in only some areas. These include the hiring of five full time employees, and turning one part time employee into a full time employee. A police officer is listed among them, and interim planning and building inspector positions. The budget adds resources for the Springtown Golf Course Reuse Plan.

Capital Improvement Project increases include \$750,000 for Livermorum Plaza at Mill Square to deal with soil contamination, and \$510,000 as part of the \$5.8 million new council chambers, the Civic Center Meeting Hall, which is planned for the old library site.

Asked after the meeting about the impact of the new large Gillig and Tesla facilities, Roberts said the sales

tax numbers start to show up near the end of the 2015-17 budget cycle. He said there would be little sales tax impact from the Tesla facility, since it is not point of sale. There will be a net benefit from Gillig. Gillig's property involves a 650,000 square foot building, and Tesla's over a million; both

produce property taxes.

The council is expected to vote on the financial plan update as a consent calendar item on June 13th, and also on that date, will review an update to the fund balance policy. In July, they will consider adoption of an infrastructure funding policy.

DOWNTOWN

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their updated proposals at the council meeting.

A third entity comprised of citizens called the Community Group has produced a concept they asking the council to take into consideration in making its decision on the future of the downtown property.

The Lennar/Presidio plan proposes four story buildings containing 263 units featuring 203 rental apartments and 60 stacked condos. Trumark would build 248 units in buildings ranging from 3 to 5 stories in height. The Trumark residential component calls for 248 units, 188 rental apartments and 60 stacked condos.

Both proposals include 16,000 sq. ft. of commercial space including a farmers' market, 12,000 sq. ft. for Lennar and 12,400 sq. ft. for Lennar.

The Lennar/Presidio hotel, a Marriott Autograph Collection brand, consists of 135 rooms, meeting and event space, ground floor retail, a restaurant, rooftop deck, a heated pool and fitness center.

For its commercial component, Trumark would build a 3600 sq. ft. paseo along a parking garage. The Trumark hotel concept would provide 77 rooms in a boutique style setting that would include a small

meeting space, ground floor retail and a restaurant. There would be a fitness center, no pool.

Both hotels are proposed to be four stories tall. They would be built on the land adjacent to the Bankhead Theater.

Lennar would provide space for public and private parking. The public parking garage would include five levels with 550 spaces. Trumark would build a combined public/private parking garage of 6 stories with 605 spaces.

Both plans include some public gathering spaces with plazas along the South Livermore entry driveway and paseos traversing the site that according to a staff report offer, "opportunities for art walks, artisan displays and sales and outdoor performances."

The Community Group envisions a development that includes a large park commons, wine country hotel, flexible-use conference space, artisan market and retail, residential units, and public and private parking. An arts and science theme would be proposed for the commons area.

"Appropriate" housing on the site would include hidden parking.

They propose a number of financing options for the council to consider.

BUDGET

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Recovery from the Great Recession has extended two years past the traditional recovery period, according to Brown's budget document. There still is a need to pay down debt and not incur new debt, said the Governor.

K-12 school finance looked good in the May Revision because Proposition 98 guarantees a certain level of funding. The budgets for the past few years have been slowly backfilling money that was lost during the recession.

Brown's promise has been to restore funding levels to the 2007-08 fiscal year. That still leaves schools scrapping for quality of programs, since dollars today are worth less than they were

in 2007. The budget notes that California ranks 46th in the nation in its per-pupil support for public schools.

The May Revision shows that K-12 schools' funding levels will increase by more than \$3600 per student in the coming year; a comparison to five years ago. A news release from Brown's office says nothing about the gain between the current year and 2016-17.

Brown's office does say that there will be \$2.9 billion in new funding for the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). For school districts and charter schools, the LCFF establishes base, supplemental, and concentration grants in place of the myriad of

previously existing K-12 funding streams, including revenue limits, general purpose block grants, and most of the 50-plus state categorical programs.

Acting CEO Lynn Lysko at the Tri-Valley Learning Cooperation (TVLC) said that the LCFF funding will grow by more than 1 percent over Brown's estimate in January, which represented an increase above last year's funding. Brown includes one-time funds to distribute in the hundreds of millions of dollars, said Lysko. TVLC operates two Livermore public charter schools and two in Stockton.

"Every bit helps as we seek to pay our teachers what they deserve, and maximize

the amount of funding that goes into our classrooms. Our schools can also benefit from one-time funding, such as the increase in energy funds the governor proposed in his budget," stated Lysko.

Susan Kinder, Chief Business Official for the Livermore school district, said that she wants to wait to make comments until after she attends a professional workshop this week where details on the budget will be provided.

A Dublin district spokesperson also wanted more time before commenting, but said that the May Revision's numbers don't appear to be much different from January's for Dublin. Pleasanton officials were not available for comment.

MAILBOX

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No on J Dwight J. LeVan Livermore

Enough LVJUSD, enough. There is no need to further strap Livermore property owners and commercial business owners with additional debt and tax liabilities to fund your pie in the sky measure. Funding is provided by the state yet your friends of LVJUSD election material says very little is provided for utility upgrades. You then say in the same publication this will help improve instruction. I don't believe you really know how you want to spend tax payers hard earned dollars. I could guess though. Let's see, voters pass a \$245 million dollar bond. Next time the school

district experiences is a teacher strike or demand for a raise. Livermore schools have improved over the years but still lag the other TriValley schools.

I've seen some pretty lame expenditures over the last few years like water conservation consultants. Are you kidding me? Any money thrown at the alleged problem of inadequate school resources are a myth and for you to highlight a \$48 per \$100K assessed valuation is misleading. How about more like \$200-\$500 added to everyone's property tax bill. And don't over look the disparity for those who own versus a tenant in the City. While there's nothing wrong with renting, there is an inequality when it comes to paying one's "fair share."

All I can say to those who cringe each time they pay their tax bill is don't be fooled by the Safe and Quality measure J Campaign. You cannot be sure the money borrowed through Measure J won't be spent the next time the Teachers Union has to negotiate a contract. LVJUSD needs to learn to live within its means. Stop putting your community in debt. Should the district

need to seek money, look to the new homeowners that are popping up in Livermore. Someone is making a fortune in building permits with the high density housing permits.

Election Day is right around the corner. Look at your tax bill before you vote. No on Measure J.

Vote No on Measure K Lou Astbury Pleasanton

Pleasanton has developed into a wonderful community due a continuing balance between developers and concerned citizens that have pushed for responsible growth. Concerned citizens worked hard to protect the hill tops and ridgelines of Pleasanton by gathering signatures for Measure PP and campaigning for its passage. Despite a highly financed campaign against Measure PP by developers, a grassroots group protected the remaining undeveloped and beautiful hill tops of Pleasanton by helping pass Measure PP by a landslide vote. Or at least we thought we had protected these hillsides...

Once again Pleasanton citizens must act to protect

our hillsides by defending Measure PP and VOTING NO ON K. The developer as presented requires a violation of Measure PP by allowing grading and construction of a road on slope of greater than 25%. Our City code defines a road as a structure. It is arguably a minor violation, but it sets a precedent that affects other future hillside developments. The developer needs to go back to the drawing board. Please VOTE NO ON K and don't be deceived by the developer's heavily financed Yes on K campaign.

Presidential Material? David Pastor Pleasanton

Is Hillary Clinton Presidential material? I guess that we should start with Whitewater. Follow that with Filegate and Travelgate. The missing files after Vince Foster's suicide, the IRS as a personal attack dog, and illegal donations raised from foreign sources. Claiming to be "broke," Hillary purchased a 1.7 million dollar house in New York to run for the Senate, and a 2.85 million dollar home in Washington, D.C. As Sena-

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MAILBOX

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tor, no piece of legislation advanced under her name.

While Secretary of State, the Clinton Foundation took in hundreds of millions of dollars from foreign sources (see "Clinton Cash" by Schweizer). She approved the unsecure Benghazi embassy location and its minimal security. She propagated the lie that the attack with its deaths was spontaneous, not terrorist planned. Initially hidden, she finally admitted that she owned and used a private, unsecure e-mail server against federal policy. At this time, she is under investigation for felony possession and dissemination of classified documents. If she skates, there is still the issue of her ethics. As President, these ethics (and security) lapses will lead to blackmail by both foreign governments and others who wish to obtain political and personal favors (remember the hackers, too). Finally, as her husband, Bill has said, "you get two for one."

Answer to Letter Donna Fortner Livermore

Mr. Bradley, I have no idea where you are getting your information. I think you should read about the bond issue in the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet that was sent to all registered voters. Where did you come up with the \$520 million dollars? That is just not true. Funds cannot be spent on administrator's salaries or pensions. There are other false statements, but the letter would be too long.

Voters, please support Measure J. Our children are our future.

Housing Andrew Barker Livermore

In a letter in the Independent's May 12 issue, John Stein argues against new high-density housing on the grounds that it costs more for the city to service than it produces in tax revenue. He is taking aim at the wrong target. The development pattern that causes the worst cash imbalance for the city is single family homes in cul-de-sac developments, which require the city to maintain many miles of pavement and pipes for only a few people. In contrast, high-density mixed-use development such as that proposed at the Isabel BART station produces a great deal of revenue with relatively little infrastructure cost.

Mr. Stein himself has a single-family house on a cul-de-sac. His opposition to new housing is a clear example of the older generation pulling up the ladder behind them, telling the rest of us it's too late. He achieved the American dream of a quiet, beautiful house in a great city, and now he is using his political power to keep others from getting what he has.

Downtown Development Richard Ryon Livermore

Livermore has the enviable and unique opportunity to develop eight acres of vacant space in its downtown that will define the City for generations to come. It seems that opportunity will be lost to a sea of dense housing similar to what we see on the periphery of downtown.

Livermore has been blessed with an active and informed citizenry that has participated in civic life for a half-century. In that spirit, the City promised public participation through workshops and planning meetings similar to what took

place to define the present highly-successful downtown development. The future of the vacant land is now being determined solely by City staff and City Council. Instead of the vibrant commercial and cultural center planned under the defunct Redevelopment Agency, the proposed plan is for a preponderance of residential development.

The City Council will meet to discuss this development next Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. I encourage all to come and be heard on this important matter.

No on Pleasanton Measure K Anne Fox Pleasanton

Since the early 1970s, Pleasanton's General Plan and Pleasanton Municipal Code (PMC) have long restricted development on slopes of greater than 25% and ridgelines, but the elected officials have time and time ignored local law. Not only that, but when the President and Congress passed P.L. 95-625 Section 602 to study placing our Ridgelines under Federal protection, cities like Hayward, Livermore and Walnut Creek gladly joined the effort, but Pleasanton local officials refused to participate.

Instead, Pleasanton local officials have continued to approve roadways and mass-produced luxury mansions such as Oak Grove at higher and higher elevations, deceptively claiming these are in "valleys."

Using Walnut Creek's "Citizens for a Better Walnut Creek"-authored Measure P and the east coast Blue Ridge ridgeline protection law as models, while on the Planning Commission, I personally added the wording of "structure" to the citizen's ridgeline protection Measure PP.

In 2008, voters adopted Measure PP that modified the 1996 General Plan to protect Pleasanton's hillsides. For subdivisions of more than 10 units, it bans all structures including buildings, heli-ports, roads, runways, sports courts, billboard signs, street lamps, bridges, water tanks, etc. within 100 vertical feet of any ridgeline or on slopes greater than 25%.

In 2009, the majority pro-uncontrolled growth planning commission and city council including Jerry Thorne, Jerry Pentin, Kathy Narum and Arne Olsen deleted each and every definition from the city's General Plan. To set the stage to yet again ignore the General Plan, the glossaries in the 1996 edition were deleted to wipe the slate clean. Voter-approved Measure F provisions adopted in 1993 to protect Pleasanton Ridge were also removed.

Now, three of them have approved Lund Ranch II that violates the General Plan, PMC, and Measure PP.

To protect Pleasanton's ridgelines and hillsides, vote No on Measure K.

Vote Yes on Measure K Bill Spain Pleasanton

By voting yes on Measure K, the citizens of Pleasanton will be taking a strong stand on protecting our local neighborhoods, schools, open space, surrounding hillsides and yes—Measure PP. Well meaning, but misguided intentions to vote down the current plan will simply result in another plan. A no vote means the development process will start over again with a new plan

to build out the property, one that may not be as compatible with our city.

Make no mistake, the Lund II property will be developed. It has been part of our general plan for more than twenty years. By voting yes on Measure K, our community keeps the housing footprint of Lund II at 43 units, down from a potential of 143 for which the site is zoned. Further, of the 195 acres, 89.5% will remain permanent open space with trails for all to enjoy.

Don't be fooled, do your research as our planning commission, city staff and council has over the previous 4 years and 14 public hearings. Measure K is good policy and deserves your vote. Please vote yes on Measure K.

Dogs in Cars Michael E. Delfino Owner/Chief Instructor, United Studios of Self Defense Livermore

As the temperatures outside rise as we approach summer, I would like to take a moment to issue a reminder to all pet owners to not leave your pets in your car as you run your errands. On a 75-degree day, it only takes ten minutes for the temperature inside your car to exceed 100-degrees!

Fixes like parking in the shade and rolling windows down are simply not enough. Of course the shade moves, and beyond that, temperatures can still exceed 90-degrees in ten minutes on that same 75-degree day. Rolling the windows down is not a solution as temperatures can still exceed dangerous limits in a very short amount of time, especially if there is no wind to help air-flow. In addition, there is the risk of your pet escaping, and if your dog bites a passerby you will be held liable. There are even cases where well-intentioned people left their air conditioners on, but when their engines overheated, the air conditioners failed, with tragic results. All temperature statistics are courtesy of Partnership for Animal Welfare, a pet rescue organization based out of Washington DC, but active in other areas including the Bay Area.

If I see a dog or cat in distress because you were too shortsighted to leave your pet at home or take the necessary precautions, I will take glee in breaking the windows of your vehicle to save the animal. I love my fur-babies as though they were my kids, enough so to leave them at home with their water, their toys and their pillows.

Yes on Measure K Mark Priscaro Pleasanton

The No on Measure K campaign to reject the approved Lund Ranch II housing project, located in a valley in southeastern Pleasanton, is one of repeated false statements. Opponents claim that homes are being built on hillsides, and promote other false claims on their website, mailers and ads. They are counting on all that to scare enough voters into ignoring the facts/truth. One claim is the project violates Measure PP.

The co-authors of Measure PP have both made public statements that prove that is false. What No on K supporters really care about is satisfying their own NIMBYism by routing all project traffic through neighborhoods other than their own. Voting no rejects a fair compromise for ALL, and instead, supports this selfishness, rejecting the

preservation of 174 acres of hillsides and ridges (90% of the project area) from ANY future development and not allowing ALL Pleasantonians to enjoy them as PUBLIC open space—all because opponents don't want traffic to 31 of the homes via THEIR neighborhoods. Remember the proposed Home Depot at Bernal and Stanley? That was rejected, and look what ALL of us got INSTEAD—over 300 'stack 'n pack' apartments and a big, multi-store retail center.

What could have been up to as many as 150 homes has been reduced to 43, all located in a valley, on flat land, honoring Measure PP. Reject fear, falsehoods and NIMBYism. Get the facts/truth at <http://yesonk2016.com/fact-check/>. Vote YES on Measure K!

Vote No on K Leon Fenton Pleasanton

As a lifelong Republican and 42 year resident of Pleasanton, I applaud chairman of Alameda County's Republican party, David Erlich, for his recommendation for a "NO" vote on measure K. I also am very disappointed in our city council members who continuously support all new construction to the detriment of Pleasanton residents' quality of life.

How many times must we, the residents, contest the Mayors' and city councils' approvals due to traffic concerns, educational capacity, lack of water and infrastructure? It appears that our current leaders just want to rubber stamp every new construction project! And why has Thorne (and others) changed their position about roadways being included in the Measure PP protection since 2012? It appears that it is to get one more development approved and open the door to undermining our Measure PP protection. I dislike politicians who change their positions in order to further their agenda.

Please let these politicians know we do not want our hillsides desecrated by any type of construction. VOTE NO ON MEASURE K!

Take Back Power Matt Sullivan Pleasanton Councilmember 2004-2012

If you are struggling with all the campaign propaganda and how to vote on Measure K, the Lund Ranch II referendum, I would suggest you step back and look at the bigger picture. Inequality. The inequality of power that the Growth Coalition that rules Pleasanton has over you. This is a coalition of developers, businesses, insider groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, and City Staff. They have one thing in common: money, either in the form of profits or tax revenue. Their appetite is insatiable but fundamentally unsustainable. With the exception of Karla Brown, the City Council are mere employees of the Coalition and serve to enact favored policies and projects, and are paid with campaign contributions and the prestige and nominal power of office.

This coalition is not concerned with the public interest, and as a result, we Pleasantonian's have fought for our voice through the referendum and initiative process many times over since the 1980's. Measure K, and the anti-Costco initiative now underway, are just the latest examples of citizens standing up for their

rights to power over their lives and their community. If you think this is just the nonsense of a "conspiracy theorist," well, I can tell you is I lived it as a two-term City Councilmember and saw how it worked.

Take back your power as self-governed citizens on June 7th and vote NO on Measure K. Doing so will not only preserve our hillsides but save what little we have left of democracy.

No Condo-Canyons Maryann Brent Livermore

Hello Livermore residents! I was bewildered to hear that the Livermore City Council will select a developer for the old Lucky site on May 23. Bewildered because I distinctly remember a public meeting at the Civic Center Library, relating to the development of the old Lucky site, where Mayor Marchand assured the audience that there would be public workshops to allow input from Livermore residents. Were there workshops?

I disagree with a canyon-condo vision for that iconic site. Many of us in Livermore would prefer open space for walking and gathering, attractive retail, conference space, a large hotel, and of course adequate parking. And, no condo canyons.

Exner for Zone 7 Nick and Julie Testa Pleasanton

Alfred Exner will be a strong Pleasanton voice on Zone 7 Water Board.

We have known Al for more than 20 years, we raised our families together in Pleasanton. We can testify to Al's intelligence, integrity, and commitment to our community. Pleasanton will be well represented with Al's 36 year background in finance and management. As a fiscal conservative he will ask the important questions, require transparency and demand accountability on the taxpayers behalf. Pleasanton will be secure with Al Exner as our Zone 7 water watchdog.

Pleasanton is fortunate to have such an outstanding candidate; please join us in voting for Alfred Exner for Zone 7 Water Board.

Downtown Development Bill Dunlop Chair, Community Group

For the proposed eight-acre Livermore development in the heart of our downtown, our Community Group supports significant open space, an upscale hotel and flexible-use conference center, retail, restaurants, appropriate residential and parking. We think the Lennar and Trumark proposals available on the City's web page fall short.

Please look at our flyer distributed in The Independent this week, and our web page at VibrantLivermore.com for alternative ideas.

Speak out for what you think Livermore deserves at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 23 at 7:00pm at the Shrine Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue.

Vote No on Measure K Cindy McGovern Pleasanton Former Councilmember

Lund Ranch II violates Measure PP. Grading on slopes of 25% is prohibited in Policy 12. Program 12.3 of Measure PP, "Ridgelines and hillsides shall be protected. Housing units and structures shall not be placed on slopes of 25% or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline."

Pleasanton Municipal Code (PMC) provides definitions for ridge, ridgeline, slope, and structure. Structure, since 1968, is defined as "Anything constructed or erected which requires a location on the ground, including a swimming pool, but not including a fence or wall used as a fence if the height does not exceed six feet, or access drives or walks." Access drives and walks are excluded. Street and Roads are not. Clearly a road requires a "location on the ground".

Pleasanton's pro-growth Council has chosen not to abide by PMC. In the Voter Pamphlet for Measure K, they make two statements. Projects will be taken on a "case-by-case basis" and "In this case, relative to Measure PP, the City Council considers this road to be infrastructure and not structure." PMC definitions should not be interpreted on a case-by-case basis. This practice essentially defeats the purpose and intent of city municipal code and Measure PP. Don't support this council decision. Vote NO on K.

Workshops Needed Loretta Kasky Livermore

After selection (May 23rd) of a development group for the Livermore Downtown Catalyst Projects, and before the entitlement process at future Planning Commission, the City Council should consider public workshops for public input on proposed projects. Collaborative Public Workshops are valued by the residents of Livermore and are part of the city's culture as evidenced by the South Livermore Plan, the original Downtown Specific Plan, and more recently the Isabel Neighborhood Plan (BART to Isabel).



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SPORTS NOTES



In Granada Little League action, the Minor A Diamondbacks had a full week facing two tough and well coached opponents, the Yankees and Rockies. The Diamondbacks hit well and were led offensively by Braden Witherspoon, Brandon Hahn, Russell Rasmussen, Nate Berg, and Aleksandro Fragoso. This team is full of great teammates, who play hard and have fun in the process. Managed by Ron Witherspoon. Photo - Lori Pavich



The newly formed Fusion 03' Maroon team took little time to find their groove. With a convincing and dominate performance of 8-1-0 league record, racking up an astonishing 44 goals and only allowing 6. The 03' Boys are slated to play U14 NPL in fall and looking to continue their fantastic start to 2016. Pictured are (top row, from left) Thomas Bosso, Hunter Houghton, Abe Zarate, Edwin Zaballa, Mikey Christian, Ryan Hoopes, Patrick Curulla, Coach Craig Scheer; (bottom row) Eduardo Angeles, Giovanni Fuentes, Landon Ratinho, Parker Moore, Aleksandr Cortes.



Jason Krakoski hits a grand slam home run for the Twins in a Granada Little League Major's division game as part of a 12 run inning. The photo catches the moment of impact as the ball is compressed around the bat.



U15G West Coast Wrath take a 5-1 win over Ceres Earthquakes 00. Pictured are (back row left to right) Coach Kendra Perry, Savannah Seals, Kaila Vasconez, Katherine Auer, Brianne Radliff, Isabella Saavedra, Rachel McCarthy and Devyn Baldus. Pictured are (front, left to right) Kate Wallace, Regan Mah, Megan Clifton, Tatiana Elsea, Ami Shah and Abby Hoobing.

Pleasanton Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:
6U Division: Summit Financial Group vs. Women Injured at Work. Com: The softball season comes close to an end-both the teams still showing good sportsmanship and healthy competitiveness. The top home team players of Summit Financial Group headed by Coach Donna Barpal are: Alexa Sponsel, Peyton Lew and Mikayla North played as pitchers at this game. Alexa and Peyton continue to be the strongest players of the team and great in tagging bases. Mikayla seems to be one of the most improved players of Summit Financial Group. Women Injured at Work.com's players all hit without using the tee. Coach Nicholas Ferraro with his Assistant Coach Jay West commend Lila Peery, Briana Ferraro and Abigail Franklin for their consistency in hitting the ball strongly. Lila hit the ball past 2nd base. Both Briana and Lila played as pitchers at today's game.
7U Division: Renewal by Anderson vs Beeline Bikes: Both Renewal by Anderson and Beeline Bikes brought their A-games to the field. For Renewal by Anderson, Haley Madsen, Julia Wanis, and Gianna Gutierrez showcased powerful hits. Marissa Schaeffer and Malana Schreiber led the defense with at least two outs each. Also worth mentioning was fantastic pitching efforts from Lauren Wood and Katherine Chen. For Beeline Bikes, Carys Shannon, Paige Nelson, and Mady Kim were solid hitters. Rowan Tuite, Krislyn Khouri, Brooke Stedman, and Mai Falcone defended well with outs. And Ashley Strouji and Mady Kim pitched quite nicely.



The Livermore Little League AAA Division Royals went undefeated in regular season play.



The Livermore Little League Division A Athletics knocked out their first win on Saturday.



Members of the St. Michael track and field team pose before the Diocese Championship meet on May 7.



In Granada Little League play, the mighty A's played the well coached Yankees. Both teams played well and made some heads up plays throughout the game. James Arthur received the game ball for the A's. The offense was led by Trey Keck, Drake Chahine, Gavin Maier, Diesel Dunn and Leo Vadurro (pictured). Cooper Hahn, Tanner Weed, Malu Fajaipa'u, and James Arthur held down the defense and didn't allow many baserunners. The A's are coached by Shane Maier and Paul Keck.



The West Coast Wildfire U16 girls capped off their successful Norcal Premier state cup run by winning the gold cup championship this past weekend. Wildfire delivered a 2-0 shutout over Sacramento's FC Sporting to win the cup. Pictured are the Wildfire players and coach (bottom row) Meghan Giamona, Lynette Soto, Paola Samaniego, Sara Shea, Kayla Grisham, Amanda Zeck, and Tori Borgna; (top row) Mayzin Kung, Bella Barbero, Miori Freeman, Leila Anzo, Callie Crain, Mackenzie Long, Tori Diehl, Kylie Martinez, Tyarah Trias Sierra Martin, and Coach Troy Dayak.

Middle School Teal: California Business Technology Inc. 13, State Farm Insurance - Larry Damaser 9: For California Business Technology Inc., Sydney Seltzer pitched an excellent game and Megan Kupferman was outstanding as catcher. Anastasia Gabrielli also played a great game for California Business Technology Inc. and made it home for her team. For State Farm Insurance - Larry Damaser, Sydney Friday had an awesome hit in the 3rd and her pitching was on point for her first outing as pitcher. Catchers Beth Earle and Ruby Stinson played strong defense and both threw out runners at second base. Top Players: California Business Technology Inc. - Anastasia Gabrielli, Megan Kupferman, Sydney Seltzer; State Farm Insurance - Larry Damaser - Beth Earle, Sydney Friday, Ruby Stinson
 Valley Plumbing 15, Dietz & Watson 12: Meeting for the first time, Valley Plumbing and Dietz & Watson played their last regular game of the season. Dietz & Watson's Bailey Morita scored and hit a big single for an RBI. Olivia Terrell also scored and hit a beautiful line drive down third base. Natasha Hicks pitched a good inning with a strikeout. Valley Plumbing pitched a nice game. Pitchers

Grace Haubner and Mariah Cannady both did great jobs pitching. Catcher Alex Thompson played solid defense behind the plate. Top Players: Dietz & Watson - Natasha Hicks, Bailey Morita, Olivia Terrell; Valley Plumbing - Mariah Cannady, Grace Haubner, Alex Thompson
 Dietz & Watson 17, Larry Damaser of State Farm 5: An exciting game was played by Larry Damaser of State Farm and Dietz & Watson. Larry Damaser of State Farm had some solid defense. Maci Mendes pitched a couple good innings. Ruby Stinson did great on first base and as catcher. Beth Earle also played well at first base and had a big hit. Dietz & Watson's Keira "KJ" O'Brien did great with her fielding and base running. Kayla Galvez made a super play at third base. Emma "EmJ" Seitz pitched a great game with a couple of strikeouts and had two hits for two RBIs. Top Players: Larry Damaser of State Farm - Beth Earle, Maci Mendes, Ruby Stinson; Dietz & Watson - Kayla Galvez, Keira O'Brien, Emma Seitz

Livermore Little League

Livermore Little League Highlights:



The Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School women's soccer team celebrates after defeating Holy Names by a score of 5-0 to win the Bay Counties League. Led by coaches Brenton and Ian Cromwell, the Hawks had a spectacular season, going undefeated in league games with 12 shutouts.



Pictured is Livermore Phantoms U13 Black team midfielder Sam Wu outrunning Coyote defenders after winning an important ground ball.



West Coast Warrior Girls U14 defeated Clovis Crossfire 2-0. Both teams were up for the challenge but it was to be West Coast's day as they put together a solid performance. The first goal came off a cross from defender Kaila Vasconas, Mia Mendoza volleyed the ball in the goal giving the Warriors the lead. Crossfire surged back with a score on one breakaway that left Warriors goal keeper Victoria Morfin with a bloody nose and having to leave the game. Field player Maddy Sullivan stepped in to play GK. In the second half, Vascones derived another outstanding cross that pinballed in front of the goal before Arianna Moore put it in giving West Coast a 2-0 lead. The Warrior defense, led by Jordan Brown, Lindsay Plant, Leila Ganz and fill in GK Mady Sullivan, got the shutout.



Pictured are West Coast Wicked team members.

Teeball: 5/7 - Rockies vs Rangers: Rockies' Hit to the Grass: Grant Perotti, Darren Bruan. Rockies' great defensive plays: Jaxson Stallings playing short stop in the first inning made a great stop. Landon Borja playing 1st base during the 1st inning made an unassisted out by stopping the ball and stepping on the base. While playing at short, Shane Weeck made a great stop during the second inning. Anthony Oliva was 3rd base in the 1st inning - he also had an unassisted out by catching the ball and stepping on the base.
A Division: 5/14 - Athletics 10, Rockies 9: The best game of the year had to be A's vs Rockies. The 1st 6 innings went as expected with Rockies holding a solid lead of 5 to 1 throughout. At the bottom of the 6th, with 2 outs against the home-team A's, it looked as though the game was over. Then the A's bats came alive. Four runs came out of nowhere to tie the game 5-5 forcing extra innings. In the top of the 7th the Rockies slowly stacked runners onto the bases. Then power-hitter, Eli Watson-Bird, hit an in-field home-run deep into left. When Eli crossed the plate the Rockies led 9-5. That's where it would stay when the inning was turned over to the A's. The bottom of the 7th started out poorly for the A's with 2 quick outs after only 2 runs. Then A's big-hitter Parra stood up to the plate. On his 7th and final pitch he put the bat on the ball knocking it deep into left field as if traveling down a groove left by Eli's earlier home-run. Two scored on the hit and the game was tied again, this time 9-9. Still at the bottom of the 7th with 2 outs on the board, the game winner came in with a whisper. A dribbler of a hit, barely in front of home plate, but the errant throw to 1st ensured the 3rd base runner could cross home for the win... the A's first victory of the year.
 5/14 - Yankees 8, Giants 13: Scoreboard operators were busy at Junction - Major Field on Saturday as the A Giants and the A Yankees combined 52 hits, including six extra base hits in the game. The teams traded runs for most of the contest, leading to five lead changes in the game. Nicholas Rodri-

SPORTS NOTES

Drawing Held for Little League World Series Order of Play

Activities focused on the Intermediate Little League World Series to be held in Livermore were launched last week at the Livermore City Council meeting.

California District 57 Little League, in conjunction with the City of Livermore, will host the Little League Intermediate World Series, July 31st through August 7th, 2016 at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

Eleven teams from around the world will converge on Livermore for an the seven days of world-class Little League Baseball.

The 2016 field will be comprised of one (1) local host team, five (5) U.S. Regional Champions and five (5) International Regional Champions for 22 games culminating with the Championship game Sunday, August 7th.

Representatives from District 57 were on hand at the council meeting to determine the order of play.

Dave Wetmore drew baseballs out of a bag, each with the name of a region.

The international teams will begin play with a 9 a.m. game July 31 between a team from Canada and a team from Puerto Rico; at noon Latin America will take on the Europe-Africa region representative. Asia Pacific will have a first round bye.

Teams from the US will play at 3 p.m. with the East taking on the Southeast; a 6 p.m. game pits host District 57 against the Southwest; The Western and Central regions will have a bye.

Aug. 6 will feature a game between Challenger teams in the morning followed by the international and U.S. title games.

The championship World Series game will be broadcast live on ESPN at 5:30 p.m. August 7.

In 2012 Little League Baseball and Softball, Inc. (LLB) with headquarters located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania established a new division. This new baseball division is called the Little League Baseball Intermediate division and it was established to provide the next step in baseball for those players above the age of 12.

Upon establishing this new baseball division, LLB set out to find a site to host this new division's annual world series. After a thorough search and many interviews the final three (3) candidate sites were Chicago, Illinois, Vancouver, Washington and Livermore, California. Livermore was chosen as the host site of the Little League Baseball Intermediate World Series. The first world series in Livermore took place in July/August of 2013.

Rowell Ranch Rodeo Slated

The 96th Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo continues a tradition started by local legend, businessman, cattleman, philanthropist and stock contractor Harry Rowell in 1921.

The Rodeo will be held May 20-22, 2016 t the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park off of Dublin Canyon Road and Highway 580. Tickets are on sale now and range in price from \$15 to \$27. General admission and reserved seating are available. Call 510-581-2577 or visit www.rowellranchrodeo.com for information.

A local team roping event will help rodeo fans start off the weekend on Thursday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m. The team roping is free for guests and will follow the 5th Annual Cowgirl Picnic. Advanced tickets are required for the Cowgirl Picnic and can still be purchased by calling 510-581-2577.

Fans are also welcome to come out to Rodeo Park on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. to watch "slack" or the qualifying rounds for the rodeo. More than 100 cowboys and cowgirls will compete for a piece of the \$28,000.00 in added prize money.

The Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo officially opens on Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. with the PRCA Professional Bull Riding "Rocking Bull Bash" event. Two days of full rodeo action continue with performances beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The historic grand entry of a single rider carrying the American Flag entering the arena at full speed from "Harry's Hill" opens the rodeo on Saturday, May 21.

Tickets can also be purchased at the gate the day of the performance.

out five. The Reds stayed on top until the final out.

5/4 - Pirates 12, Mets 6: Not even a strong hitting and pitching performance from Griffin Lee could carry the Mets past the Pirates. Griffin racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Mets. He singled in the first and third innings. The Pirates managed just one hit off of the Mets' pitcher, who allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out two during his two-thirds of an inning of work. The Pirates beat the Mets thanks to 12 hits, including four extra base hits. The Pirates scored four runs in the third on a triple by Dustin D, an RBI single by Graham S, an RBI single by Nolan A, and an RBI single by Kaden T. Dustin racked up three RBIs on three hits for the AA Pirates. Joshua Graber lasted two innings on the hill for the AA Mets before the call to the bullpen. The game's last lead went to the Pirates thanks to a first inning rally that saw two runs cross the plate on an RBI double by Christian J and an RBI single by Dustin. After pushing across five runs in the bottom of the third, the Mets faced just a 9-6 deficit. Atwo-run single by Griffin, a two-run single by Greg Brazil, and an RBI single by Joshua gave the Mets life.

5/7 - Mets 6, Cubs 4: The Mets jumped on the Cubs early on their way to a 6-4 win, scoring three runs in the first inning. The Mets scored in the first on an RBI single by Logan Von Roll and a two-run single by Joshua Graber. The Mets would not relinquish the lead as the Cubs were unable to weather a five-run second inning deficit. The Cubs scored on an RBI single by David C and an RBI single by Elijah S in the third inning and a two-run single by Kooper S in the sixthinning. Still, the Cubs couldn't draw even. Logan racked up three RBIs on three hits for the Mets.

5/7 - Giants 6, Cardinals 7: A tough rainy day for the Giants after a great start in the first few innings. Terrific pitching by Justin Matchett who threw 16 first pitch strikes for a total of 9 strike outs in 4 innings. Mateo Bullis came in to pitch in the 5th inning and struck out 3 batters. Solid hitting in the first few innings had the Giants up 0-3 with a double by Luke Mifsud and Will Mullen. Additional base hits for Luke Mifsud, Justin Matchett, Mateo Bullis, Andrew James and Colin Lyons resulted in needed RBIs for the day to take the score to 5-1. The Cardinals had consecutive base hits and RBIs and tied the score 5-5. Good defense today was demonstrated by Justin Matchett with a throw out at first to Hunter Diemert. Mateo Bullis also caught a fly for an out and the score was tied at 6-6. The Bottom of the 6th inning was a good one for the Cardinals with base hits and a walk off home run for a final score of 7-6 Cardinals.

5/12/16 - Giants 11, Blue Jays 6: The Giants beat the Blue Jays 11-6 behind Hayden Druba, who went 2-2 with a single in the first inning and

triple in the third inning. Braden Ford shut down the Blue Jays while on the mound. The Blue Jays managed just one hit off of Ford, who allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out four during his 1 2/3 innings of work. The Giants stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the first, scoring three runs on three doubles by Ford, Emmanuel Armas, and Joseph Viri. After posting three runs in the second, the Giants again scored three in the fourth. In the second, the Giants scored on RBI singles by Mason Pappas and Luke Mederos. Mederos also had an RBI double in the fourth inning. The Blue Jays were held in check by Giants' pitching that included two players making their season debuts: Jackson Perotti and Grant Weber. Both Perotti and Weber pitched well, each with 3 strike outs. The Blue Jays threatened in the top of the sixth with a groundout by James B, an RBI single by Matthew, and an RBI single by Damian. However, Weber got Anthony Y to strike out to end the game. The Giants awarded game balls to Perotti and Weber for their great efforts pitching for the first time this season.

5/14 - Yankees 14, Mets 5: The Yankees beat the Mets in five innings. The Yankees scored five runs in the fourth on a two-run home run by Avery R, a two-run single by Hayden M, and an RBI single by Colt P. The Yankees were led by a flawless day at the dish by Avery, who went 2-2 against the Mets' pitching. Griffin Lee racked up two RBIs on one hit for the Mets. He tripled in the thirdinning. The Yankees stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the first, scoring four runs on a two-run double by Colt and two singles. The Mets scored three runs in the bottom of the second to cut their deficit to one. A two-run single by Joshua Graber and an RBI single by Nate Graber triggered the Mets' comeback. But, Avery got Greg Brazil to strike out to end the inning. The Yankees brought home five runs in the third inning, and matched that run total in the fourth. In the third, the

Yankees scored on an RBI single by Stephen W, scoring Diego V.

5/12 - Athletics 13, Mets 8: Pitchers had a tough day during the game between the Athletics and the Mets, as the two teams put up 21 runs combined in a 13-8 A's win. There were 17 hits, including three extra base hits in the game. Jaden V racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Athletics. He singled in the first and third innings. Griffin Lee racked up three RBIs on one hit for the Mets. He doubled in the secondinning. The A's easily handled Mets' pitching as six hitters combined for eight hits, nine RBIs and nine runs scored. The lead stayed with the Athletics after the first, when they scored three runs on two singles. After pushing across two runs in the top of the second, the Mets faced just a 3-2 deficit. A two-run double by Griffin set off the Mets' rally. The Athletics quickly matched the Mets' strong inning with a two-run inning of their own in the second. The Athletics scored on a groundout by Owen M. The A's added five more runs in the bottom of the third. The inning got off to a hot start when Jacob B singled, scoring Mason P. That was followed up by Jaden's single, plating Bentley M and Jacob. After pushing across five runs in the top of the fourth, the Mets faced just a 10-7 deficit. An RBI single by Sean Nelson, a two-run single by Daniel, an RBI single by Cameron Croll, and an RBI single by Logan Von Roll gave the Mets life. The Athletics piled on three more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Ethan L kicked things off with a double, scoring Spencer H and Justin T. That was followed up by Luke S's single, bringing home Ethan. One run in the top of the fifth helped the Mets close their deficit to 13-8. A groundout by Griffin fueled the AA Mets' comeback. Finally, Jace P got Daniel to strike out to end the game.

AAA Division: 5/4 - Blue Jays 13, Athletics 11: The A's Cody Terpstra hit a grand slam to tie the game 10-10 in the top of the fifthinning. The Blue Jays answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Although the A's Joseph Freitas stole home in the top of the sixthinning, the Blue Jays held on to the lead to win the game. Offensive highlights for the A's include a triple by Ryan Meyer and a double by Enzo Battaglia.

5/7 - Cubs 12, Athletics 11: The Cubs beat the Athletics 12-11 in a very close game with several lead changes. The A's Cody Terpstra had a solid pitching effort. He pitched two scoreless innings including one with three strike outs. On defense, the A's Enzo Battaglia and Jake Follis both turned key double plays. Big hits included a 2 RBI triple by William Fuller and an RBI double by Ryan Meyer. The A's were down 11-10 going into the 6thinning. They tied the game when William Fuller stole home. The Cubs scored a run in the bottom of the 6th to take home the win.

5/14 - Royals 19, Mets 11: The Royals eventually won the offensive battle 19-11 in sixinnings. Hitters on both sides were strong at the plate as the teams combined for 20 hits, including six extra base hits. Fourteen runs in the first threeinnings helped the Royals blow out the Mets. A two-run single by Dominic Hurtado, a passed ball, a wild pitch, and an error during the firstinning and an RBI double by Sam Rasmussen, a wild pitch, a groundout by Jordan Silva, an error, and an error in the secondinning helped the Royals put some runs on the board early. Xavier Thorpe had two extra-base hits for the Royals. The top of the first saw the Mets take an early lead, 2-0. Blake Bystrom started the rally for the Mets with a single. An error then moved Blake from first to third. The Mets then tacked on more runs on a wild pitch. The Royals scored four runs of their own in the fifth.

Majors: 5/3 - Pirates 8, Royals 7: Pirates beat the undefeated Royals in a close battle after six lead changes, squeaking out a 8-7 win. The Pirates jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Chanston B. pitched well during his 4inning stretch. Joe P, Jordan D, James F, and Louis W. were strong in the infield while Xavi L. was strong in the outfield. Some big hitting came from Xavi L. with a double, Chanston B. with a triple and RBIs by AJ A., Joe P. & Brett W. But even though the Royals were playing strong and giving it their all, the Pirates pulled out the win thanks to a strong sixthinning. Pirates' Ethan Kwan had two hits and threw 4innings with 7 strikeouts. Pirates' Michael Anolin hit a home run over centerfield. Pirates' Parker Schwantes had a hit, RBI and a stolen base. Pirates' Zachary Bickerton also had a key hit.

5/7 - Pirates 9, Angels 6: Daven Estrada had 3 hits and 3 RBI. Drew Kardy had two hits. Crayton McCafferty had two doubles and 3 RBI.

5/7 - Red Sox 2, Royals 7: The Red Sox couldn't get anything going as long as Tanner G. was pitching. The Red Sox managed just one hit off of Tanner G., who allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out seven during his fourinnings of work. The Royals were sparked by Xavi L. and Louis W., who teamed up for four hits and three RBIs. Xavi L. had two extra base hits, sparking the Royals to a 7-2 victory in sixinnings over the Red Sox. He doubled in the first and thirdinnings. The game's last lead went to the Royals thanks to a firstinning rally that saw three runs cross the plate on an RBI double by Xavi L. and an RBI single by Kyle B. The Royals piled on four more runs in the bottom of the third. The inning got off to a hot start when Jordan D. singled, plating Louis W. That was followed up by Xavi L.'s double, plating AJ A. and Tanner G.

5/10 - Pirate 5, Athletics 11: Michael Anolin had three hits and pitched oneinning with 3 strike outs. Daniel Villaseca crushed a double into left field. Thomas McKnight pitched twoinnings throwing 4 strikeouts.

5/10 - Royals 12, Rockies 2: An eight-run explosion in the firstinning lifted the Royals to a 12-2 win in fourinnings over the Rockies at Junction-Field on Tuesday. The Royals scored in the first on a two-run double by Xavi L., a two-run double by Chanston B., a two-run double by Brett W. and an RBI single by Tanner G. The Royals were led by a flawless day at the dish by Xavi L., who went 4-4 against the Rockies' pitching. The Royals handled the Rockies pitching as seven hitters combined for 17 hits, 10 RBIs and 11 runs scored.

5/14 - Royals 11, Giants 9: Fans were treated to a high-scoring affair Saturday as the Royals outscored the Giants 11-9 in sixinnings. There were 19 hits, including six extra base hits in the game. The teams traded runs for most of the contest with 11 lead changes in the game. The Royals finally managed to grab the lead after a strong sixthinning. A passed ball scored Tanner G. to give the Royals the lead for good. Tanner G. got a hit in each of his one at bats. He doubled



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High School boys baseball team defeated Foothill High 5 to 1 in EBAL conference action. All of the scoring took place in the first twoinnings.

in the fourthinning. The top of the first saw the Major Royals take an early lead, 1-0. The Giants scored two runs of their own in the first. They scored on a steal of home by Connor K. and a steal of home by Ryan J. It didn't take long for the Giants to answer as they scored two runs of their own in the second. They scored on an RBI single by Dylan J. and an RBI single by Aaron S. The Royals got four-run rallies in the fourthinning and the sixth. In the fourth, the Royals scored on a sacrifice fly by James F, scoring Chanston B. A key sixthinning rally gave the Royals the lead for good and they tacked on a total of four runs.

CYO Track & Field

The St. Michael CYO track and field team finished the season on a positive note at the Oakland Diocese Championship May 6 and 7.

The highlight of the meet was Holden Hoffman's Diocese record for 4th graders in the 400 meter run of 1:05.27. Hoffman also won the 200 and was third in the long jump. Also earning Diocese championships were Elizabeth Holman (shot put), Justin Peterson (1600), Dillon Maheshwari (1600), Viviana Valenton (800), and the 4x100 relay of Adrian Gomez, Andre Pascal, Jordan Featherstone, and Holden Hoffman.

Other medalists for St. Michael were Daniel Enrique (3rd, 1600), Mackenzie Maclean (2nd, 1600), Ryan Meyer (2nd in 100 and 200), William Nowicki (2nd, long jump), Andre Pascal (3rd, 1600), Jana Barron (2nd in 200 and long jump; 3rd, 400), Molly LaPerle (2nd, high jump), Kieran Campbell (3rd, high jump), Molly Walker (3rd, 1600), Aidan Demerol (2nd, 1600).

The St. Michael track team will be back again in February. In the mean time, the cross country team will begin practicing in mid-August. For more information about the St. Michael CYO track and cross country teams, check out the team website at www.smisctrack.org or contact Tracy Vogler at vogler@alum.mit.edu or 925-980-2159.

Phantoms Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantoms U13 Black team closed out the season this weekend with three contests improving their record to an impressive 19-1. On Saturday, the Phantoms recorded two wins, beating the Berkeley Bears and Palo Alto Tomahawks Gold. Strong defensive play and outstanding saves by goalie Gavin Gannod helped secure the wins. On Sunday, the Phantoms faced off against the Coyotes from Burlingame in a tightly contested match. Livermore got out to a quick 3-0 lead, but the Coyotes rallied back to tie the game, 4-4 at halftime. Going into the second half, the Coyotes scored to gain the lead at 6-5 but the Phantoms midfield and attack quickly bounced back to regain the advantage heading into the fourth quarter at 7-6. The Phantoms turned up the pressure in the fourth quarter and got key goals from Luke Harrach, Dane Winslow and Kinsey Claudino to seal the win, 10-7. The attack trio of Alden Dean, Jake Herweg and Kinsey Claudino impressed the Coyotes with their sharp shooting. Midfielders Dane Winslow, Luke Harrach, Lucan Neely, Giorgio Piazza, Cameron Fay, Gabe Tinoco, and Sam Wu controlled the midfield winning important ground balls and faceoffs. Finally, defenders Ben O'Connor, Bennett Van der veen, Kelsey Sako, Drew Macur and Brennan Geier were active and aggressive all season, keeping attackers away from standout goalie, Gavin Gannod. Congratulations players and coaches on a tremendous season!

West Coast Soccer
West Coast Soccer U15G Wrath



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School lacrosse team defeated crosstown rival, Foothill High, 13 to 8 in NCS Division 1 playoff action on May 11. Amador lost to Granite Bay 8 to 6 in a Friday match-up, giving up four goals in the final quarter.

finished Spring League with a 5-1 win against Ceres Earthquakes FC 00. The team coached by Kendra Perry, includes Brianne Radloff, Abby Hoobing, Megan Clifton, Kaila Vasconez, Kate Wallace, Savannah Seals, Regan Mah, Devyn Baldus, Katherine Auer, Isabella Saavedra, Aryanna Shokoor, Rachel McCarthy, Ami Shah and Tatiana Elsea. Wrath took an early lead with a goal from Rachel McCarthy, another soon followed by Kate Wallace. Three more goals were scored in the first half by Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals and Katherine Auer. Wrath's teamwork and strong defense held the shutout, until Ceres was awarded a free kick, bringing the game to 5-1 just before the half. In the second half, Coach Kendra Perry made many changes to the line-up, as girls played in every position. Tatiana Elsea stepped into goal and kept a clean sheet in the second half. The entire team showed excellent effort, teamwork and soccer athleticism.

The West Coast Wildfire U16 girls capped off their Norcal Premier State Cup run by winning the gold cup championship with a 2-0 victory of FC Sporting.

In a late Saturday afternoon match, Wildfire faced Sacramento's FC Sporting in their quest for the cup.

On the whistle, FC Sporting came out strong with early offensive pressure. But Wildfire's defensive line of

Tyarah Trias, Miori Freeman, Leila Anzo, and Kylie Martinez was just too strong and quick to the ball for FC Sporting to execute on any drive. Wildfire's mid-field of Sierra Martin, Mayzin Kung, Amanda Zeck, Kayla Grisham, and Sara Shea took control of the match by winning balls and connecting passes out to their wings.

Wildfire scored at the 33-minute mark with Paola Samaniego passing to Amanda Zeck for the score.

As the second half started, both teams not only battled each other but the strong crosswinds that made

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Felons Post Bail for a Good Cause

By Carol Graham

For weeks, Tri-Valley residents had been facing momentous accusations - having amazing hair, watching too many '80s movies, excessive smiling, and being a softie for kids.

To clear their good names, offenders were ordered to appear before an Almost Honorable Judge and pay either bail or a bribe.

It was all for a good cause. Agape Villages' 3rd annual Tri-Valley "Jail 'N Bail" fundraiser took place on May 6 at two Comerica Banks located in Pleasanton and San Ramon. Funds raised allow Agape Villages to provide quality homes, innovative programs, and the highest-quality professional services for children in foster care and their families.

"These aren't 'foster children,' they are children in foster care," said Janet Kleyn, president of Agape Villages. "Private agencies like Agape offer services and support that the counties don't offer - things like enrichment programs for the children, weekly home visits by an Agape social worker, and intensive training for foster parents. But it takes donations to be able to do this."

Although the total amount of donations won't be known for a couple of weeks, last year's Jail 'N Bail raised around \$17,000.

This year, Agape sent out about 500 subpoenas, and while most chose to mail in a bribe, many appeared before judges, who included: David Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors; Todd Moberg, owner of Insignia Designs in Pleasanton; and the Honorable Ron Hyde, a retired Alameda County judge.

Appearing jailbirds received bail amounts before



Melanie Sadek and members of the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department.

being sent straight to jail, conveniently located inside each bank. Once behind bars and dressed in striped prison attire, prisoners had their mugshots taken and could then begin calling friends, relatives and co-workers to raise bail.

"Four members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department stopped by to donate money, hang out and take a picture in jail," said Jennifer Oxe, Agape's Tri-Valley community engagement director. "They were super nice guys with big hearts for kids."

Since its inception in 1958, Agape Villages has served thousands of disadvantaged youths in California.

"They just want to be

normal children. They want a stable and loving home life, to play sports or take a class, and to have a social life," said Oxe. "Our programs offer music and sports lessons which help build self-esteem, and provide counseling services since most kids have suffered abuse or neglect. For our teen populations, we teach independent living skills that involve nutrition and finance classes, and college tours. We also provide weekly in-home visits from a Master's-level social worker."

"Agape is able to serve kids only because of wonderful donors who care about the kids," added Kleyn. "We are appreciative of the community once again for supporting our kids through this



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum found herself behind bars for a good cause - raising money for Agape. Ron Hyde and Dave Stark talk with her about the bail she needs to post for release.

event, and it's not too late to make a donation. It is never

too late." To learn more or donate,

visit www.agapevillages.org.

Dublin Names High School Principals

The Dublin Unified Board of Trustees approved the appointments of new leaders at the district's two high school campuses at last week's meeting.

Maureen Byrne was appointed principal at Dublin High School, while Megan Pettis will serve as principal at Valley High School. Both appointments are effective for the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Byrne has been Assistant Principal at Dublin High School since 2004. Most recently, she oversaw the implementation of the College and Career Readiness program, including the addition of the "Gael Period," the Freshman Seminar curriculum, the Freshman Mentoring Program and the "The Hub," which offers intervention and tutoring programs. In addition, she has served as the administrator for Special

Education, Mathematics, World Language and Counseling the Bio-Medical academy, as well as the site's testing coordinator.

Byrne has a 24-year career in education, beginning as a Resource Specialist, working at the high school and middle school levels in Newark and Ventura school districts.

Byrne succeeds Carol Shimizu, who has served as the principal of Dublin High School since 2004 and departs as the longest-tenured principal in school history. Shimizu announced her retirement in January, ending a 48-year career in education.

Pettis comes to Dublin following five years as Coordinator of Secondary Instruction in the Novato Unified School District. She served as the Assistant Principal at San Marin

High School from 2006-2012. Her teaching career includes stops at Tomales High School, Paradise High School and Fortuna High School.

Pettis, who received her Masters' in Educational Leadership at Sonoma State University, succeeds interim principal Barbara Heisser at Valley High School.

"We are very proud of the programs we have for students at Dublin High and Valley High schools," said Superintendent Stephen Hanke. "The many successes we have experienced at these two schools are due to visionary leadership at both sites. We look forward to seeing the outstanding results continue under the guidance of Ms. Byrne and Ms. Pettis. We are thrilled to have them join the leadership team in Dublin."

Livermore Has a Plan to Deal with Drought Stricken Trees

Because of the drought, trees owned by the park district, the city and public experiencing some stress and death.

The City of Livermore, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District have held regular discussions on the matter during intergovernmental meetings.

There is a specific process for the removal of private trees from Livermore homes and businesses.

Trees that have experienced severe damage have been removed from parks and in public areas. Many of the impacted trees were not drought-tolerant; they simply could not survive with lower levels of rainfall and irrigation in recent years. LARPD and the City will continue monitoring trees and also look for other potential long-term damage caused by insects and disease.

Both agencies eventually plan a selective replanting program, which would ideally begin during autumn which is the prime planting season. "It's a great opportunity to replant with drought-tolerant trees," said Bruce Aizawa, LARPD's Parks & Facilities Manager.

Jeff Shafer, City of Livermore Maintenance and Golf Operations Manager stated, "Maintaining and protecting trees is extremely important to the City and the community's quality of life."

The future replanting program will take into account the number, species and location of trees lost in the drought, the most desirable locations, and best drought-tolerant species to plant. Replanting would not only involve trees, but also

include drought-tolerant shrubs, ground cover, and potentially native grasses.

Livermore residents and business owners having drought-related issues with trees on their property should consult a certified arborist from local tree companies regarding the health of the trees. Based on available water allotments this summer, residents are encouraged to consider periodic deep watering of trees. Property owners who have lost trees to the drought may remove them based on the following City guidelines:

- Any dead tree on private property less than 24 inches in circumference (measured at 4 feet from ground) does not require a permit before being removed.
- All street trees (trees along public right-of-way) and any private trees larger than a 24-inch circumference do need a permit for removal. Tree Removal Permit Applications are available for downloading at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/civicax/filebank/documents/7698/>. There is no cost for the tree removal permit.

For more information, go to www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/pw/public_works_divisions/maint/maint.htm or contact Public Works staff at 925-960-8020. For more information about LARPD, visit www.larpd.org.

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Group heads up the trail.

Hike for Hope Brings in Cash And Donations for Hospice

The sixth annual The Hike for Hope, a memorial hike and fundraiser for Hope Hospice, raised more than \$106,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Held at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore on April 30, the Hike is one of Hope Hospice's largest fundraising events of the year. More than 650 hikers registered to support Hope Hospice, remember loved ones and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. This year's event was the highest grossing fundraising hike since The Hike for Hope first launched in 2010.

"The Hike for Hope celebrates the joy our loved ones brought us and raises funds for Hope Hospice," says Melanie Ridley, co-chair of The Hike for Hope committee and member of Hope Hospice's Board of Directors. "We all enjoyed meeting the hikers who came to support Hope Hospice and to talk to the families whom we have helped."

The following Team Captains were awarded for their fundraising accomplishments:

Family and Friends Division: Angie Birdwell-Royers, 1st place \$3,765; JoAnne Revelli, 2nd place \$2,915; Craig Eicher, 3rd place \$2,095

Corporate Division: Peter Haerberlin, California Business Technology (CBT), 1st place \$1,205

Community Organizations: Simon Tildesley, Silicon Valley MINI's Hike, 1st place \$1,410

Youth Division: Kaitlyn Davis, Hope Hikers, 1st place \$1,015

Leading sponsors were Hitachi Data Systems, Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Heritage Bank of Commerce, Pleasanton Branch.

"The success of this event to benefit Hope Hospice would not be possible without the participation

of these individuals and organizations, and dozens of volunteers, says Anne King, co-chair of The Hike for Hope committee and also a member of the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. "We are grateful to everyone who participated."

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 more than 35 years, Hope Hospice, a non-profit agency, 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, advanced illness care and community education.

Visit TheHikeForHope.com to see the placings of many other noteworthy teams and individuals, and to view all of the local corporate and in-kind sponsorships.

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SPORTS NOTES

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control of the ball challenging. At the 75-minute mark, Samaniego powered through FC Sporting's defense to nail Wildfire's second goal and insurance on the championship victory.

West Coast Wicked took on Pleasanton Rage 04 Orange. Wicked came out stronger in the second half dominating the field as defender Maria Rebollo drove the ball down the field making a beautiful pass to Makeila Yancey who took the shot scoring the only goal for the match.

With less than an hour between games, Wicked battled the Ajax East Bay 03 team. Ajax quickly scored 2 goals in the first 15 minutes leaving Wicked scoreless, until Wicked retaliated with 2 goals tying the score at the end of the first half. Elissa Giuliaci passed to MaryJane Anzo, who sent a quick pass to Emma Colmenero who scored. Shortly after, Makeila Yancey took a powerful shot from the middle of the field tying the game.

In the second half, Indiana Stoneberger blocked many shots before suffering an injury at goal resulting in Ajax scoring their third goal. Allie Santellano, came into goal for Indiana. Wicked's defense remained strong, but another goal was scored resulting in the loss 4-2. Many shots were taken by forwards Leslie Mangskau, Emma Colmenero, and Makeila Yancey and Taylor Jeffrey however, they were blocked by Ajax. Midfielders Kailey Matta, Ashley Stuart, Elissa Giuliaci, MaryJane Anzo, Macey Roberts and Emma Valadez worked hard throughout the game. Wicked's defense, Ella Ferrick, Andrea Castillo, Jade Castillo, Maria Rebollo, Lexi Oddson, Samantha Remy, and Sabrina Rogers all took their turn at defense.

West Coast Wildkatz played the WPSL league opener in Richmond against Tottenham Hotspurs. The WPSL is the highest level of soccer for women in California. Tottenham created some nervous moments for Wildkatz early on that produced two goals in the first half. WildKatz came storming back, outshooting the opponent 12-1 in the second half. A goal scored by Devyn Gilfoy from a beautiful cross from Miciah Madison cut the lead in

half. Despite the heavy pressure on the Tottenham goal the Spurs were able to hang on for a 2-1 final.

Fusion Soccer Club

Registration is now open online for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club fall recreational and select soccer. Programs are available for children ages U5-U19. Visit fusionsc.org for more information or to register. Visit the office at 1976 Fourth Street in Livermore to learn more about programs.

Fall Softball

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

Hook & Ladder

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

Registration closes May 30th or when sold out. Additional fundraising and donations is allowed and encouraged by all participants. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

courses or the fun run.

Awards will be given 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+.

On line registration can be filled out at: www.onyourmarkevents.com

Mavericks

Fastpitch Tryouts

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

Looking for motivated, competitive, dedicated players who want to play and compete at the highest level for the 2016 Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.

Currently scheduling tryouts for our 10U, 12U and 14U programs. To register for tryouts send emails to: mavsoftball121@gmail.com or call 650-922-2165

Rugged Maniacs

One of the nation's largest obstacle race companies, Rugged Maniac, will bring crazy obstacles, a wild festival, and thousands of revelers back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday, May 21.

Competitors from across the region will tackle twenty-five challenging obstacles spread along a three-mile off-road course; including underground tunnels, trampolines, warped walls, balance beams, and a Maniac favorite-fifty-foot water slide.

Participants may sign up at the event the day of the race for \$100. Students and military personnel with valid identification receive a \$10 discount.

The day-long festival, which is free to attend for spectators, will also feature a variety of entertainment including music, mechanical bulls, adult bounce houses, beer, food, and exhibition booths.

Livermore School District Announces Appointments

Dayna Taylor will take the lead as Principal at Junction K-8 School, and Mr. Erik Taylor will be Vice Principal at Livermore High School, effective July 1, 2016. Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers announced the changes.

Dayna Taylor is a native of Livermore and a graduate of Livermore High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in English from California State University, Chico. She earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, East Bay.

Fourteen years ago, she began her teaching career at Junction Avenue Middle School where she taught English Language Development and middle school core classes. She moved to Livermore High School in 2005 where she taught high school Social Science for five years.

Since becoming an administrator, she has worked as an Assistant Principal at California High School, where she led the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Health Pathway, Athletics, and various technological endeavors such as the 1:1 iPad initiative and Google in the classroom. Ms. Taylor

then returned to LVJUSD to serve as the Vice Principal at Junction Avenue K-8 and Livermore High School where she focused on instructional leadership, student interventions and positive discipline.

Dayna Taylor is thrilled to be returning to Junction Avenue K-8 School. "I feel fortunate to lead a talented staff and be supported by an amazing parent community."

She graduated from Harbor High School in Santa Cruz. He served in the United States Army. Once honorably discharged from military service, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History at California State University, Chico. Taylor continued his education by earning a Master's of Science in Educational Technology Leadership from California State University East Bay.

Erik Taylor began his teaching career at Junction Avenue Middle School where he taught English, History, Yearbook and Technology. Later, he taught Business, Personal Finance and Technology at Livermore High School. Taylor then took on the role of Technology Integration Specialist as an LVJUSD Teacher on Special Assign-

ment, in order to expand his leadership abilities. For the past three years, Taylor has served as a Vice Principal at Christensen Middle School.

During his fourteen years working on behalf of students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Erik Taylor has served on several technology, curriculum and data committees. He helped transition summer school to an online credit recovery program, developed and expanded STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education programs at Christensen and East Avenue Middle Schools and conducted multiple professional development offerings throughout the District. Most recently, Mr. Taylor has incorporated restorative justice practices at Christensen, worked as the site's testing coordinator and facilitated technology-based curriculum.

Erik Taylor and Dayna Taylor are married and reside in Livermore. Dayna enjoys travel, urban farming and time with her family. Erik enjoys spending time with his family and being outdoors. They have two sons, Brady and Aidan, who attend Livermore High School.

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SHORT NOTES

Storytime Sessions

The Livermore Public Library will offer 13 storytime sessions each week this summer. Have fun singing, dancing, reading, and listening, as we encourage early literacy. Storytimes run from May 31 to August 13, 2016. Library storytimes are free of charge.

Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

- Bilingual Baby Storytime (for pre-walkers, Spanish/English) - Wednesday 11:00am; Friday 11:00am

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) - Wednesday 10:15am; Friday 10:15am

- Springtown Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) - Tuesday 6:00pm; Thursday 10:30am

For further information, call 925-373-5504, or visit www.livermorelibrary.net.

Enjoy Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) with storyteller John Weaver as he shows off his exciting experiments and action-packed stories.

Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

- Bilingual Baby Storytime (for pre-walkers, Spanish/English) - Wednesday 11:00am; Friday 11:00am

- Family Storytime (all ages welcome) - Wednesday 10:15am; Friday 10:15am

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Financial Education

Thrivent Financial is hosting a free educational event to help attendees start to develop a strategy to maximize social security benefits. The 60-minute

events will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 2016 and at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Bernal Corporate Park Conference Room, 7020 Koll Center Parkway, Room 132, Pleasanton. The event is presented by Ray Carlisle, CFP and Wealth Advisor with Thrivent Financial in Pleasanton.

"There are hundreds of different ways to apply for social security," said Carlisle. "They all have far-reaching consequences to your financial future. We want to help provide clarity to those decisions."

To register for this free event, individuals may call Teresa Wible at 925-400-4006 or email teresa.wible@thrivent.com. The event is available to the public but space is limited.

Computer Tutoring

Sign up to try a free session with a Library Computer Tutor at the Livermore Library. Registration is required for

these free classes. Each session will be for 30 minutes and will use a library computer. Appointments begin on June 6, 2016 and will be held on Monday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Sunday afternoons.

Call (925) 373-5505 or come to the library to make an appointment. Registration opens on Monday, May 30. Appointments can be made up to one week in advance. Upon registration, patrons will be asked to fill out a brief form to let us know what they would like to learn.

There is a limit of two sessions per month, per person. For questions or more information, contact Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576, or visit the library website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Peanut Butter Roundup

Lucky Supermarkets is partnering with local food banks to hold the "Peanut Butter

Roundup" in its 69 stores throughout the Bay Area and surrounding regions from Ukiah to Hollister. To give the campaign a boost, Jif peanut butter and Smucker's jelly are offering a Buy One/Give One promotion, making it easy for shoppers to participate. Collection barrels will be conveniently located near the checkstand area to place donations.

New this year is the "roundup" feature at the cash register. In addition to the Buy One/Give One option, shoppers can roundup their grocery tab, and 100% of the change will benefit local food banks.

The Peanut Butter Roundup is meant to raise awareness of the struggles many families experience during the summer break when their kids have no access to school meals.

Sunset Blooms

Sunset Blooms Hike will be led by the Livermore Area

Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., May 22. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Join Ranger Amy for a moderately strenuous 5-mile round-trip hike up Valley View trail. This hike is timed to catch a glimpse of soaproot in bloom - the flowers don't open until evening. Hikers may also see clarkia, mariposalilies and other May bloomers. Bring a jacket; it can be cold in the hills when the sun goes down.

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

OBITUARIES

Lynne Myers Stein

Lynne was born September 13, 1947 in Albany New York to Jack and Marcia Meyers. She was the oldest of their three children, which included her brother Joseph and sister Carol. Lynne graduated from the



College of Saint Rose, Albany NY, in 1969 with a B.A. in English. She later obtained a Certificate in Paralegal Services from St. Mary's College in Moraga CA.

Lynne married John D. Stein on August 11, 1968. Three years later, in 1971, they moved to Livermore, CA with their daughter Steffi. Lynne quickly became involved in community service and activities. She worked at the Livermore Public Library as Assistant Librarian, and participated in the League of Women Voters, including serving on its Board of Directors.

In 1979 Lynne was elected to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Education, on which she served until 1996. She was noted for her attention to equity in education, and in working on solutions to the changes in district funding that resulted in the continuation of the high quality of education throughout the Livermore District schools.

In 1986 Lynne opened a practice in Livermore as Lynne Stein, Legal Document Assistance. Lynne and her business associates provided services to many

people throughout the valley. She retired in 2014. In addition to her regular professional services to the community, she volunteered as a Notary Public for both the Livermore and Pleasanton Senior Centers.

John and Lynne have three children, Steffi Kelley, David Stein, and Michelle Stein Purvis. Steffi's son is Brandon Crews. David and his wife, Anna Brodsky Stein have two sons, Joel and Isaac. Michelle and her husband Brian Purvis have a daughter, Ella and son, Aaron.

Lynne's friends and family remember her for her humility, kindness, generosity and constant attention to family and friends. Colleagues in the wider community relied on Lynne for her analytical skills, attention to detail, and ability to work toward solutions with collaboration.

Lynne had fortitude and quietly addressed the difficult challenge of cancer. She passed away on May 13, 2016.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Livermore Valley Education Foundation or Hope Hospice.

Mark Steven Stromberg

Mark Steven Stromberg, 59, of Copperopolis, passed away April 3, 2016 at his home.

A 1974 graduate of Livermore High School, he served in the US Navy from 1975-1978. A native of Livermore, he moved to Cop-

peropolis in 2012.

He is survived by his children, Ted, Michael, and Kristina, and siblings, Susan, Kirk, and Kent. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Theodore and Marjorie Ann Stromberg.

Friday, May 20 graveside memorial service and inurnment with honors will begin at 11:00 AM at Memory Gardens cemetery, 3873 East Avenue, Livermore.

Luella Deane (Pifer) Chapman

Luella Deane (Pifer) Chapman went home to the Lord on May 11, 2016. Born May 1928 in Cifton, Colorado, Luella proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force as a Flight Nurse during the Korean War. It was during this service that she met her husband of 56 years, William Chapman. They stayed in California after their service and built their forever home in Pleasanton in 1963.

Luella was preceded in death by her sister, two brothers and her husband. She is survived by her five children, William Jr., Ross, Debra, Lloyd, and Robert, eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Luella was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Services for Luella will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 20 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery with full honors.

Joe Adam Esquibel

Joe Esquibel, resident of Livermore was born on September 21, 1931 and passed away on Thursday, May 12,



2016 at the age of 84. Joe was previously employed by Western Pacific Railroad, Oakland Scavengers and retired from Waste Management. Joe's greatest passion was his family. He enjoyed his trucks, dogs, and music. In his younger years, his hobbies were playing his guitar and dirt bike riding.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Odelia in 2012. He is survived by his sisters: Lucy Walker (Chuck) and Stella Montez (Bob) and his children: Anthony Esquibel (Audrey), Joann Frick (Mike), Sandy Basso (Ron), Diane Gandolfo (John), Debra Schmitt (Mick) and grandchildren: Barbara Dudgeon (Steve), Beverly Gandolfo, Jamie Yatchmenoff (Travis), Amanda Jackson (John), Holly Mullikin (Justin), Joe Gandolfo (Krista), Jacob Frick (Mackenzie), Ramsey Schmitt, Molly Gandolfo, Mickle Schmitt and 11 great grandchildren: Wesley and Delaney Dudgeon, Ryan, Alyssa, Jacob Waylon Jackson, Olivia and Emmy Mullikin, and Kailey, Kandence, John & Kennedy Gandolfo.

James (Jimmy) Noel Anglin

James (Jimmy) Noel Anglin, at the age of 81, passed away on May 4th, 2016 with his wife, Linda, at his bedside after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Jimmy was born February 17th, 1935 in England, Arkansas. He is survived by



Linda, his wife of 20 years, his son Steve (Ann), his daughter Glenda Williams (Jack)

and Brenda Dobson (Robin); his step-children Denise Alamillo (Anthony) and George Brooks; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vince and Vera Anglin, his first wife: Joann, his son Dennis, his brothers Joe and Gene, and sisters Raytha and Anna.

Jimmy started his own landscaping business at a very early age in Hayward CA, before moving to the Livermore Valley in 1974. He also spent a number of years working with Sunset Development, one of his major projects was the finish grading at Bishop Ranch. In his free time, Jimmy enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy and the challenge of Wheel of Fortune, and doling out nicknames for family and friends alike. His good-naturedness and ready laughter will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert Leonard Feliciano

Robert "Bob" Feliciano, died May 4, 2016, in Livermore, California. He passed peacefully due to

natural causes. He was born in Monterey on April 21, 1931. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Peggy Feliciano (formerly Mason), his brother Gary Feliciano of Pacific Grove, his sons, James Feliciano and Gerald Feliciano, his daughters-in-law, Gloria Feliciano and Lori Feliciano, as well as three grandsons, Kevin Feliciano, Brian Feliciano, and Trevor Feliciano.

Robert Feliciano is a graduate of Monterey High School, Monterey Junior College, San Jose State University, and Stanford University. He was a life-long educator, serving as a teacher in San Carlos and Santa Clara, as well as a principal in Santa Clara. Bob was well-known for his love of the "Green Shirt," the Monterey High football team. He was an all-league guard on the undefeated Monterey High "Team of the Century" of 1948. Bob was known as a man of great Christian faith.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on May 21, 2016, at Trinity Church 3:00 P.M. at 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made to Awana Children's Group at Trinity Church.

Michael Helton

Livermore High School is celebrating the life and career of Social Studies teacher Michael Helton this Saturday, May 21st. The service will be held in the library. Please join us in honoring a much loved Livermore teacher.

STATE SENATE

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the environmental review process. "There is a process underway that needs to be completed. I will look at any plan that comes forward to see if it is responsive to the environment."

When it comes to the high speed rail project, Glazer stated there are significant transportation needs in the Bay Area. "The money could be better spent here."

Glazer supported raising the minimum wage in California. "It is a balanced plan that will lift millions out of poverty with a minimum wage increase while providing long-term stability and predictability for employers."

"No bill is perfect, and we will need to carefully oversee its six-year phase-in to be sure it is achieving the desired results."

He opposes the twin tunnels as a solution to water issues in the state. The tunnels would carry water from the Delta to the south. He believes that more effort should be put into conserving water more efficiently. Businesses, residents, and agriculture should all do more.

Expanding storage for water has been suggested as a way to help during droughts. However, Glazer said that there would need to be studies conducted to evaluate the environmental impacts of expanding storage.

Desalination would be one option that he would support if it passed a cost-benefit analysis. There is a price for the system.

Glazer does not support the extension of Proposition 30, the measure that provided funding for schools. "It was clear that it was a temporary tax approved so that schools were not harmed during the recent recession." He pointed out that per pupil spending has increased over the last four years. It should continue.

He expressed support for education at all levels, noting that he had pushed legislation to increase four year graduation rates at the higher

education level. He objects to the number of out-of-state students admitted by the UC system. "California residents paid to build the system and should benefit first."

If re-elected, he would continue to promote bipartisanship. He noted that he had hosted five town hall meetings with Assembly-member Catharine Baker, a Republican, to benefit our constituents. "I think we have worked really well together."

GUY MOORE

Tyson "Guy" Moore has lived in Walnut Creek for 35 years. He majored in business at the University of Washington. Following graduation, he worked as a broker. He left that job to start a residential real estate business, one of the first companies to pioneer the idea of lower commissions to benefit homeowners. He changed careers in 1996, completing his teaching credential at St. Mary's College. He worked in the classroom for the next 20 years. He believes his most significant contribution was his ability to bring together opposing groups to collaborate in transforming the Mt. Diablo Unified School District into a great place for children to learn.

He says he is running for the 7th Senate District because he believes the district deserves a truly local representative who is close to the community, not a Sacramento insider catering to outside influences. He notes that the incumbent worked as a political consultant in Sacramento for thirty years. In looking at contributors to Glazer's campaign, voters will find funds come from corporate donors and wealthy people that are not part of District 7.

One of Moore's interest would be campaign finance reform. He points out that candidates go to where the money is - big donors, who finance campaigns to gain access and expect a candidate they support to vote on

issues they support. "I'm not going to play that game."

Asked what he knows about issues facing the Tri-Valley, Moore mentioned school bond funding and the BART extension to Livermore.

"I am very supportive of extending BART to Livermore and East Contra Costa County. The highways cannot handle the traffic that growth has produced." Moore says that Glazer has politicized BART, creating a negative view that could impact BART's ability to have a bond measure approved. Moore pointed out that there is a need to modernize the system - people want the system to function well. "We also need to continue to expand." Moore believes that BART will need voters in this area in order to approve the bonds. "That gives us leverage. We need a commitment from them to support what we need in order to gain our support. I believe this area will be pivotal in passing the bond measure."

Moore expressed mixed feelings about the high speed rail. He pointed to France and Japan and their high speed systems as models of transportation. Look at California, we are leaders in many areas of technology. The high speed rail makes a statement about California, that we are looking to the future. He noted that the high speed rail bonds helped to make the ACE train a reality. There has been a direct benefit to the Bay Area already.

"The project is costly. At the same time, it's a project that is exciting. We need to figure out how to make it work," he declared.

Moore opposes the twin tunnels that would move water out of the Delta. He called it a "water grab." Moore said that Bay Area reached water conservation levels of 25 to 29%, while southern California saved 12 to 15%. "That is ridiculous. They act as if there were an unlimited supply. In reality it is a finite resource."

He would look at how water is used. Perhaps, there are some crops that should not be grown because they are too water intensive. He would review laws regarding water rights, concluding, "We have to do things differently."

Given what he knows about the proposed expansion of the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park into the Tesla area, he would oppose the move. "They have enough space."

He would support extending Proposition 30, which he said has worked as advertised in funding education. Extending it is key to the health of California public schools. Moore was also interested in looking at options to fund education that would not be subject to the ups and downs of the economy, which have hurt the financing of programs.

Part of the problem has to do with the state's taxation system, he said. Proposition 13 has been great for homeowners. However, it has created tremendous problems for local government and schools. Commercial property owners haven't paid their fair share. "Over the long term, we need to look at taxes and come up with a system that would be neutral when it comes to the ups and downs in the economy. It will be a very difficult political issue." He would not change homeowner provisions in Prop. 13.

He says as a teacher, he has first hand knowledge concerning the many challenges facing education. "However, I also understand that school is only one piece of a solid education, and that both fighting poverty and fostering safer communities are crucial elements to creating real equality in education."

JOSEPH RUBAY

Joseph Rubay, the lone Republican on the ballot, refers to himself as a citizen-politician. "As a citizen politician, I believe everyone should be heard. Strong people have to make tough decisions."

He is a graduate of Cal State East Bay with a BS in business administration with emphasis in accounting and the management of information systems.

He began his professional career with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young in San Francisco. For the past 25 years he has partnered with his brother in the Real Estate Appraising and Investment firm, Rubay & Rubay Real Estate Appraisers, San Ramon.

Asked about concerns facing the Tri-Valley, Rubay mentioned the increase in the minimum wage, which he called one of the biggest issues. "It puts a lot of pressure on small businesses and reduces the number of jobs," he declared.

In addition, the wage increase will cost the state \$3.6 billion because of the increased cost of state contracts.

Rubay said there is a need for transparency in government. He doesn't believe the incumbent has provided that. For example, Rubay

said that the minimum wage bill was done in one week behind closed doors talking only to unions, not small business representatives.

"Everybody will see increased costs," he declared.

He also objects to the bill passed by the state legislature to fund health care for the children of undocumented workers at a cost of \$760 million a year. "We want children to have health care. However, I don't believe that the decision was based on solid grounds. There will be not a savings of \$760 million due to a reduction in emergency room visits. In addition, the program will act as a magnet drawing more undocumented people here. That impacts everybody."

He supports a BART extension to Livermore. The system does need improving. He argues that the people who run BART have done a poor job on all sides. Labor costs are at the top, leaving no funds to fix the system or to expand it. Again he raised the issue of transparency, noting the new union contract was negotiated behind closed doors.

He adds that one way to help relieve traffic congestion would be approving and planning for the establishment of more "Satellite Offices" both for employers and service providers like doctors, dentists, lawyers and accountants.

He called the high speed rail project a complete fiscal boondoggle. "It demonstrates the incompetency of people who govern with no financial backgrounds. As a former CPA, I would bring a fiscally responsible view to projects."

"If a project were not fiscally responsible, then the state should look at other options. There appears to be no control on spending when it comes to the high speed rail." He would take the money designated for the high speed rail and spend it

on providing water storage.

Rubay opposes the twin tunnels and supports expanding the Los Vaqueros Reservoir. He would look at expanding storage in other areas where it is possible. He called environmentalists unreasonable in opposing expansion of water storage options.

He would not support expanding the Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle facility. He doesn't see providing more recreation as one of the main priorities facing the state.

When it comes to Proposition 30, he at first liked the idea of extending it. However, he now opposes doing so, because it was sold as a temporary tax.

He stated that education has to be more transparent regarding money that comes in and how it is spent. Spending decisions are based on estimated income. "The problem is that we overestimate money coming in, creating over spending." He does believe that education is a top priority.

He would defend Prop. 13 provisions, but agrees that down the road, there may need to be changes in the commercial provisions.

He believes the state takes too much money now through taxes. "The smaller the government, the better. The more local, the better. Park and school districts do better managing money for the good of their constituents."

He objects to climate change legislation instituted by Governor Brown, saying that the provisions reduce growth. He would work to repeal the Renewable Energy Mandates, that require some percent of the state's electricity be generated from renewable sources. "The result is higher prices for consumers. Overall the state should strive to reduce regulation and promote competition," he stated.

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before it had to be submitted to the state.

"There are things in here I don't want to approve. There is one section I want to completely throw out," Haggerty declared.

Haggerty was also annoyed that there was no staff presentation of the proposals planned for the meeting. "You're kidding me. There is no presentation on something this important to people in unincorporated areas, something that could cost them \$100,000 to \$200,000."

Staff continually pointed out that the document was only a draft. Staff would continue to take input and make adjustments where necessary. In addition, the state will be issuing discharge requirements for wineries, which will need to be included in the final LAMP. Staff noted 90% of the draft consists of existing regulations updated to reflect what would be required to replace or repair existing systems.

Supervisor Miley said he was only voting in favor of the draft because it was a draft. It was his understanding that at this point none of

the proposed regulations are binding.

Haggerty noted that other counties have boiled down requirements for permitting. For example, in Contra Costa, it takes a couple of days to acquire a permit. He said there already is a backlog in the county for onsite wastewater system permits. "This whole thing is not working for me."

Haggerty wondered why holding tanks vault toilets, and portable toilets with waterless waste treatment were now included. The East Bay Regional park District has raised concerns about their inclusion.

Another area of concern focused on what happens in the event of a violation. These include red tagging and yellow tagging buildings that do not comply, with the potential issuance of a misdemeanor violation, which could result in a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment.

Miley said, "Everyone is concerned about red-tagging homes." He wanted staff to provide a list of applications for permits, their status and if there were a backlog. "I have heard complaints."

FUNDING

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10 meeting. Interim Superintendent Jim Hansen praised PPIE for regularly donating approximately \$500,000 a year to the district. Some \$360,000 from this year's donation will be used to fund four district-wide instructional coaching positions.

The board also authorized the district to apply for licensing to operate a day care center for infants and toddlers on the administration campus.

Currently, school-age mothers who want to use the facility have to be on the Horizon campus. The change will enable school-age mothers to attend any of the district's high school campuses, and still use the facility.

Subsidies are available for families that qualify for Early Head Start. An infant

would be qualified for \$2028 per month; the monthly fee is \$1925 for infants. Toddlers would be covered at \$1800 per month, or 93 percent of the fee. There would be five slots of the 26 places in the program for Early Head Start.

The budget for the program balances at \$514,000. Some \$308,000 would come from 16 slots for which parents are paying the full \$1925 fee. Other grants help fill in the revenue need. The program is being launched as a pilot, with measurements taken after six months, and again after a year for board review.

The board and Hansen extended their congratulations to the district's 2017 teacher of the year Terri Drain. She has taught PE in the district for 18 years, the

last 17 at Vintage Hills.

Drain founded Health and Physical Education Collaborative, and a non-profit for health and PE teachers. Hansen said, "Drain is known for her commitment to the needs of every child, and every physical ability level."

The board also voted to approve the district's contract with new Superintendent Rick Rubino, who will begin his duties July 1. The contract runs for three years. Rubino's initial base salary will be \$256,000 per year. The contract includes 24 paid vacation days. Rubino can buy health benefits as laid out in the standard contract for certificated employees. The district does not provide health and welfare benefits as part of a job.



May 12 marked the 22nd year of Bike to Work Day in the Bay Area. Over 580 Tri-Valley cyclists participated in the annual event by visiting the two "Energizer Stations" set up at both Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations. Staff from the Cities of Dublin and Pleasanton, as well as Hacienda, Bike East Bay, and REI Dublin hosted the stations, which offered refreshments, t-shirts, and bags filled with giveaways and coupons from local sponsors. Technicians from Dublin Cyclery were also available to offer bike tune-ups for participants. Dublin City Councilmember Don Biddle was on hand to greet cyclists. Businesses throughout the Tri-Valley contributed to the effort by donating refreshments, gift cards, coupons, and other bike-related giveaways. These businesses included: Hacienda, Veeva Systems, REI, New Leaf Community Markets, Dublin Cyclery, Extreme Pita, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Peet's Coffee and Tea, My Buddy's Bike Shop, Livermore Cyclery, Extreme Pizza, 1st United Services Credit Union, Frankie, Johnnie, and Luigi Too!, World of Shoes, Mike's Bikes, The Habit Burger Grill, Trader Joe's, Red Smoke Grill, Amici's East Coast Pizzeria, Club Sport Pleasanton.

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49ers Stadium Turned into a Classroom for Science and Math

By Carol Graham

On a recent field trip to Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers football team, students learned how much cement was used in its construction: enough to pave a sidewalk all the way to Texas; how far away the giant screen over the field can be seen: six miles; and what environmental measures had been incorporated: solar energy and seats made of recycled materials.

However, the greatest knowledge gained by the Joe Michell K-8 School students is that what they're learning matters.

"As a STEM teacher, my goal is to help students understand through project-based learning that what they learn in the classroom is applicable to their everyday lives," said teacher Ezgi Booth, Ph.D. "It's important for students to see how math and engineering concepts are used in sports which is something everyone is involved in, as spectators or players."

The 49ers STEM Education Program provides K-8 students with an exciting opportunity to participate in hands-on, content-rich lessons that focus on STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The program opened in conjunction with Levi's Stadium in 2014. Over its first year, the no-cost program welcomed more than 30,000 participants. This year, the program doubled its capacity,



Math and science were used to determine facts about the 49er stadium.

with 120 Michell 7th and 8th graders making up part of the 60,000 students served.

"The 49ers have a long-standing commitment to education, and with the opening of Levi's Stadium and the 49ers Museum we saw the opportunity to invest in something that could be truly game-changing for STEM education in the Bay Area," said Jesse Lovejoy, director of the 49ers Museum and STEM Education. "The 49ers actually pick up all costs for the 49ers STEM Education program, including transportation to Levi's Stadium, a textbook for each student, and other materials and program elements."

The program, housed

in the Denise DeBartolo York Education Center in the 49ers Museum, offers a four-part experience that uses football as a platform to engage and inspire young students.

"Students and educators that visit the 49ers' STEM Education Program experience an array of engaging activities including tours of Levi's Stadium, guided museum exploration, a movement lab -- in alignment with the NFL PLAY 60 campaign that encourages kids to be active for 60-minutes a day -- and hands-on STEM lessons where students dive into project-based learning activities and peer collaboration related to football." One activity Michell stu-

dents enjoyed on their April 19th visit was designing football-helmet facemasks.

"We visited the locker rooms, where students got to look at jerseys, head gear and cleats used by the players," said Booth. "We compared equipment used by players several decades ago to equipment used currently, and discussed the technology that goes into making these. Students had a short lesson on the STEM design cycle, and were asked to design helmets according to a player's position - quarterback, receiver or running back. Consequently, students had to think about the purpose of the helmet for each position before actually designing it."

Over lunch in the stands, students learned many STEM-related facts about the stadium, including architectural elements, engineering designs, and about the use of a special paint that helps keep the stadium cool.

"Students connected to all of the different parts, and to what it takes to engineer entertainment as complex as an NFL game," said Vice Principal Matthew Hart. "The 49ers organization worked hard to make sure that the day was genuinely educational. The guides were especially gracious, and had an amazing rapport with the students. It was a clear priority that students learned about engineering in a real and authentic way."

Added teacher Sue Lai, "It's wonderful that a program like this is made available to our students at no cost. We had comfortable transportation and were met by knowledgeable staff members who were excited to share their knowledge. Students were able to realize

all of the math and science used to create the stadium, the equipment, and even the game of football. It will encourage them to strive to learn as much as they can."

Schools interested in participating in the program are asked to submit a completed application at least six weeks prior to their anticipated visit. Applications are available online.

"I hope students understand that STEM concepts are a part of our lives," said Booth. "Even when we're not thinking about them, we are using them."

Lovejoy agreed. "Our hope is that students discover a thirst for more knowledge around STEM concepts, and an increased level of openness toward these subjects when they are presented at later points in their education," he said. "Ultimately, we want to light a fire for young people to explore STEM subjects in new and profound ways."

To learn more or apply, visit www.levisstadium.com/education.

PPIE Funds Presented to School District

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) announced the results of the Annual Giving Fund Campaign, which culminated at the 4th Annual Run for Education on April 17, 2016.

This past Tuesday, PPIE Executive Director Susan Hayes and members of the Board of Directors presented the Pleasanton Unified School District with a donation in the amount of \$570,000.

Hayes recognized not only the support of the corporate, community and education partners, but also their partnership with the parents. "This year, our parents contributed \$470,223.00 to the Giving Fund," she said. "Their generosity, illustrated by hundreds of hours of volunteer time and donations at their sites and at PPIE,

underscores their commitment to participating in the education of all our students in a meaningful way."

In addition to direct donations to the Giving Fund, which includes funds from parents and employer matching funds, this donation includes proceeds from the foundation's two major fundraising events: First Annual Benefit Concert at the Firehouse Arts Center and the 4th Annual Pleasanton Run for Education.

"We continue to be humbled by the generosity of our families, teachers, partners, and companies as we all strive to deliver against our mutual goal of excellence in education," said Board President Bob Miller. "From the Giving Fund to the PPIE Run for Education and everything in between, we accomplished so much this

year and we did it together!"

The funds from this donation will be used in the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

- \$360,000 to fund four district-wide instructional coaching positions;

- \$60,000 to benefit the Elementary level's 5th grade band and strings program;

- \$150,000 to support technology needs at the three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, Village High School, the Harvest Park Pre-School and the new STEAM preschool.

Interim Superintendent Jim Hansen recognized PPIE during the meeting. "I am incredibly grateful to PPIE for all of their hard work and dedication to raise needed funds on behalf of all students in the Pleasanton Unified School District," Hansen said. "Through their commitment and the gener-

osity of our community, our schools and students benefit greatly through enhanced opportunities to grow and learn."

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Cantabella Children's Chorus to Perform 'Simple Gifts: A Bouquet of Choral Treats'

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free; 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And, when we find ourselves in the place just right; 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

These lyrics of a traditional Shaker melody from the 1800s, express the signature idea of the spring concert, Simple Gifts: A Bouquet of Choral Treats, presented by Cantabella Children's Chorus on June 4 at 1 and 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

Now in its 24th season, the chorus of more than 200 children will come together to celebrate the joys of spring from many different cultures, musical time periods, and languages. The works of well-known composers such as W. A. Mozart, J. S. Bach, and John Rutter will be performed along with many works that explore the depth and richness of what the human voice can accomplish. Among these are Eatnemen Vuelie by Frode Fjellheim, a Scandi-

navian folk song, Bawo Thixo Somandla and Shosholoza, which are both traditional South-African tunes, Essassa by Japanese composer Ko Matsushita, and Zurrun-Zurrun by Javier Busto, a Spanish composer.

The 1 p.m. concert will feature all of the training choirs (ages 5 to 10) from Cantabella's three rehearsal sites in Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, as well as a sampling of songs performed by the Honors, Chamber, and Junior Honors choirs. The 4 pm concert features the complete repertoire of the performing choirs (ages 10-18).

The mission of Cantabella Children's Chorus is to develop music literacy, healthy vocal technique and choral artistry within children K-12 through excellence in music education, fine choral productions such as concerts, and collaborative cultural arts experiences. Founded by Bee Chow in 1992, Cantabella has developed a comprehensive

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CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS



Soloist Cherri Wang performs "Asian Artistry" in Valley Dance Theatre's Spring Rep production, May 28th and 29th at the Bankhead Theater.

'Spring Rep' Program Features Cheri Wang

By Carol Graham

If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing Cheri Wang dance, go now.

By fall, she will be 3,100 miles away, studying pre-law at Harvard University and performing for audiences in Cambridge, Mass.

Today, she is still ours.

The Amador Valley High School senior, whose grace and talent have enchanted audiences in the Valley Dance Theatre's annual productions of The Nutcracker, will be dancing in the company's sparkling spring repertory production.

Two performances of "Spring Rep" take place on Saturday, May 28, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m., at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. Spring Rep cel-

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celebrates the joy and beauty of dance through excerpts from repertory pieces, both classical and contemporary. This season's production features "Less is More," "Gemstones," and "Asian Artistry" in which Wang dances both solo and with partner Samuel Gonzalez.

"The symbolic representation in Asian Artistry stands out," says Wang. "The use of props, the interweaving of the corps and soloists, and the story that unfolds before the audience are what makes the piece so special."

Asian Artistry, a contemporary work, reveals the relationship between two people through four segments that portray various aspects of Asian culture, depicted by dancers' costumes and props.

"The Sleeves are based on Chinese sleeves that are long and must be suspended, with great arm strength, off of the floor at all times," says Betsy Hausburg, artistic director of Valley Dance Theatre (VDT). "The Fans are Japanese and, when danced in the traditional kimono, are flipped and caught with amazing grace and ease. The Sticks were found in an Indian grocery store, reminding me of a game my mother taught me where they are hit together in rhythmic patterns. And in the finale, the audience not only will see all of the above, but also a banner made with authentic kimono fabric over 100 years old."

Less is More, set to music made famous by the Soviet Armenian composer-conductor Aram Khachaturian, combines ballet and modern dance in pure, simple form free of sets and costumes.

"Most people do not realize that all movement is based on a few basic steps: turning, jumping, skipping,

galloping and leaping," says Hausburg. "Ballet adds several more elements, including stretch and extension. How high can we get our legs, how far can we stretch our imagination, and how can we suspend reality with lifts, partnering, and pointe work?"

Gemstones, a commissioned piece choreographed by Brenna Richards, is danced in three segments - Pearl, Moonstone and Quartz - that are designed to flow as if strung together in a lovely, shimmering necklace.

"For Pearl, I took inspiration from the classic elegance and feel of a pearl necklace flowing through my fingertips," says Richards. "In Moonstone, I wanted to convey the mysterious, calming effect of a moonstone found on the beach. For Quartz, I worked to capture the sense of the multi-sided prism rock with different crystals jutting out at all angles."

Richards, a lifelong dancer, began instructing and choreographing for VDT in 2001. She has taught students of all levels and ages, and has choreographed numerous original pieces.

"My hope is that Gemstones will be a moving visual for the audience, allowing both literal and emotional experiences to unfold," she says, adding, "I strive to take the audience someplace magical."

Tickets are \$26 for general admission, and \$12 for students aged 17 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, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-6:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to show time.

To learn more, visit www.valleydancetheatre.com.

USO Camp Show Capers at the Firehouse

The Firehouse welcomes back The Swingin' Blue Stars for their big Annual Memorial Day Weekend Salute to the USO. This year the talented crew brings a brand new show to the stage: "USO Camp Show Capers!"

The show is full of musical numbers in the style of The Andrews Sisters, along with skits, swing dancing, and much more. The format is a homage to the star-studded USO productions of yesteryear. Along with the biggest hits of The Andrews Sisters, the show features special tributes to Mitzi Gaynor in South Pacific, Carmen Miranda with her trademark fruity headdress, red-headed bombshell Ann-Margret, and the comedy antics of Bob Hope.

Show time is Sunday afternoon, May 29, at 2:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performance.

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educational program, which trains a diverse group of Tri-Valley students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Currently under the direction of Ofer dal Lal, the chorus remains highly committed to serving the community and performs in many venues in the region; performances are given at civic and corporate events, local churches, and in collaboration with com-



The Swingin' Blue Stars perform Memorial Day weekend.

es, 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 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 Singing) of the USS Hornet," but they are quick to tell us their mission of bringing history to life for their audiences remains the same.

munity musical and service organizations.

In April, Cantabella successfully held its first-ever choral festival, Young Voices in Harmony, also the first for the Tri-Valley. Sponsored in part by the City of Pleasanton, 170 students representing choirs from around our community participated in a day of music, learning and camaraderie. They took a master-

class with guest clinician Dr. Susan McMane, a world-renowned three-time Grammy award-winning conductor, learned vocal technique from Ben Johns, Director of Education at Chanticleer, and practiced movement techniques with Alan Scofield, a choreographer from the College of Marin.

Cantabella is currently accepting students into its

training choirs (K-4th) and performing choirs (5th-12th). To join please visit www.cantabella.org or call 925-292-2663. For spring concert tickets, go to www.cantabella.org/tickets. Adults are \$18 in advance; \$22 after May 22. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by an adult. (Ticket is required.)

Knowledge of History Advances Student to National Finals

By Carol Graham

Question: This man flew the Bell X-1 Rocket.

Joshua Replogle, 14, pressed the buzzer and answered, "Chuck Yeager."

Question: This man was portrayed as a fat man with a bag of money as his head.

"Boss Tweed," said Josh.

Question: This group sang "I Want to Be Sedated."

This time, when Josh answered, "The Ramones," mom Robin Replogle couldn't help exclaiming, "That's my kid!"

Joshua, an 8th-grader at Livermore Valley Charter School, began competing in History Bees and Bowls two years ago. This year, he qualified for the National History Bee and Bowl Finals which take place in Chicago on June 9-12.

"Questions can be about anything in history - the military, government, art, music, or social movements," said Josh. "My favorite subject is military history, particularly naval and aerial battles, the American Civil War, and both World Wars. My parents love history, and our house has hundreds of books about different times in history. One time I sat down and started reading, and I have never stopped."

The Replogles live in Sunol where Josh had been homeschooled in 5th and 6th grades.

"He had the freedom to dive into history and explore any subject as far as he wanted to go," said Robin. "That was pivotal. He was allowed to follow his curiosity and that has made all the difference."

When Josh enrolled in the charter school this year, Robin decided to start a History Bee and Bowl



Joshua Replogle

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Team there. Bees are for individual competitions, Bowls are for team competitions.

"I started the club because Josh loves the competition so much, and I knew there must be other kids out there who enjoy it as much as he does," said Robin. "I have long felt that it is very hard to be a teenager or young adult. Peers can be cruel. Life can be hard. But if they have one thing to be proud of, to feel good about, they can make it through those tough times. If kids have something in their back pocket to pull out when society says, 'You are not pretty enough, smart enough, fast enough, good enough,' that's something

kids can remember and feel good about."

Josh's love of learning and competing may be, to some degree, in his genes. Dad Eric Replogle is a patent attorney, and Robin is a non-practicing attorney who is currently the event coordinator at Fenestra Winery, which has been owned by her father-in-law, Lanny Replogle, since 1976. Sister Natasha, 12, competes in Western Horse Riding.

"My role model is my grandfather, Martin Knutson. He was one of the original U-2 pilots who risked their lives spying on Russia, and he flew over Communist Cuba," said Josh, whose interest in history exploded when he started

reading about the Cuban Missile Crisis. "I desire to work as an ambassador to other nations as an adult. If not that, then something in foreign affairs."

Till then, Josh will continue participating in, and winning, history competitions.

"The most challenging aspects of competing in history bees is that some of the kids are really brilliant and very fast on the button. Also, the extreme competitiveness of the whole competition - six rounds can actually be exhausting," said Josh. "The most fun aspect is showing your knowledge, being fast on the button, and winning on questions about obscure subject matters."

Robin added that Josh has made many friends through the competitions.

"The kids who compete at the higher levels of History Bowl tend to know each other and get along very well. They enjoy seeing each other at the competitions and are supportive of one another," said Robin. "History Bee and Bowl, National Academic Bowl, and National Quiz Bowl competitions have become such a big part of our family. We've met great families who unabashedly celebrate learning and education. These competitions allow kids to feel it's OK to love school and learning. It also shows kids that it's OK to be a nerd. At one practice, I remember the younger sister of a competitor saying, 'You guys are all nerds,' like it was bad thing."






"One of the players looked at her and responded, 'Yeah, but nerds run the world and get rich!'"

Whistlestop Writers Open Mic

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres and abilities on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

This will be an evening of food, wine, and writing. Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says, "Even if you don't have something to read, show up and support talented local writers."

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/WhistlestopWriters> or call 925-890-6045.

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Shown above are a stool, pin and segregants arriving at Tule Lake

Exhibit of World War II Internment Artifacts Opens at Museum on Main

During World War II, a fearful United States government imprisoned more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans in isolated camps around the American West solely on the basis of their ethnic origins. One of these camps, known as Tule Lake, became a segregation center for internees who fought the system, who protested the internment policy, or whose answers to assessment questionnaires had been less than satisfactory.

On June 1, Pleasanton's Museum on Main will open *The Art of Survival: Enduring the Turmoil of Tule Lake*, a travelling exhibit about the experience of imprisonment at the Tule Lake facility. Photographer Hiroshi Watanabe's haunting images of objects from the site and the people imprisoned there, combined with material from first-person interviews with internees, provide visitors with a window into the experience of

Japanese internment, both in broader context and in day-to-day detail.

The exhibit will run from June 1 to July 24. There will be an opening reception from 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, June 1.

The Art of Survival appears at Museum on Main courtesy of Exhibit Envoy, and was developed in cooperation with the Tule Lake Unit of WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Lava Beds National Monument, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Support for the exhibit comes from grants by the Fred W. Fields Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, the Klamath Arts Council, and a Preservation of Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant administered by the National Park Service. Further donations came from Jimi Yamaichi and Hiroshi Shimizu of the Tule Lake Committee of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose and

by photographer Hiroshi Watanabe.

The Museum is looking for opportunities to enhance this exhibit by including the experiences of families in the Tri-Valley area whose lives were touched by the internment. If members of a family (or an individual) were sent to one of the internment camps during World War II, and stories or artifacts related to the experience are available that you would be willing to share with the community, contact curator Ken MacLennan by e-mail at curator@museumonmain.org or by phone at 925/462-2766.

Pleasanton's Museum on Main is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4. The Museum is at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton; the telephone number is 925/462-2766, and general inquiries by e-mail may be directed to info@museumonmain.org.

Afternoon of Music at the Library Features Cal Tilchen

An afternoon of live music with Carl Tilchen will be performed on Sunday, May 22, 2016, 2 pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

Singer-songwriter Carl Tilchen plays a repertoire of jazz, popular classics, blues, and original tunes. He has entertained at Wentle Vineyards, The Champagne Brunch at The Crown Plaza Hotel, The Hilton Hotel, Yoshi's Jazz Club, The San Jose Jazz Summerfest, The Village Gate, The Bitter End in New York, The Newport Folk Music Festival and other venues across the country. He was featured on KCSM Jazz 91 and KPIX CBS-TV, and won the West Coast Songwriters' monthly Best Song award in December 2012 for *I Just Want to Be Bob Dylan*.

Norman B. Ratner, co-founder of The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, writes, "Every once in a great while an artist comes along who really impresses me with a unique musical gift. Carl Tilchen is one such artist. His songwriting, voice, and ability as a pure entertainer is a genuine delight to the audiences he entertains... Carl spreads his music with integrity through feelings of love, peace and care for our mother Earth. His original songs provide a real motivation to help make our world a better place."

Jim Harrington of the Contra Costa Times



Carl Tilchen

writes about Tilchen, "The Dublin resident has some impressive credentials in the folk-music world. Notably, he's shared the spotlight with Pete Seeger at the famous folk club the Village Gate and once performed at the legendary Newport Folk Music Festival."

Tilchen will perform his song *Can You Imagine?* which he composed for the refugees fleeing the war in Syria. He was inspired to write the song after reading this quote from Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Commission: "Imagine for a second it were you, your child in your arms, the world you knew torn apart around you. There is no wall you would not climb, no sea you would not sail, no border you would not cross."

On November 28, 2016, Tilchen sent a link to the song to the man who had

inspired its message, Jean-Claude Juncker, telling him, "Your words and feelings became the inspirational foundation of my song."

Juncker responded, "Thank you very much for your e-mail in which you inform me that you have turned my State of the Union speech into a song entitled *Can You Imagine?* in honor of the refugees fleeing Syria and other war-torn countries. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for this very original and thoughtful gesture. Your engagement to support those in need in our societies is highly appreciated."

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Author Relates Story Behind Book 'Two Among the Righteous Few'

By Carol Graham

It was autumn, 1943, when the young couple arrived at the Wijnakker home, seeking protection in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

Throughout World War II, Frans and Mien Wijnakker, a Catholic couple, would save the lives of more than two dozen Jews, but none came with greater risk than the young wife in the early stages of pregnancy.

"The quandary of how to get this baby born safely was resolved when Mien came up with the idea of putting pillows under her blouse as she went about her business in town," said Robin Fahr. "Bigger and bigger padding was needed as the hiding Jewish mother neared the end of gestation. When the baby was born, Frans and Mien pretended it was their baby, raising her alongside their own young children. The child could get fresh air and live a normal life, even as her real parents were in hiding."

The Wijnakkers' heroic story is told in the book "Two Among the Righteous Few: a Story of Courage in the Holocaust," by Marty Brounstein, an author who shares a remarkable connection to the story. That baby has been his wife for nine years.

On April 30, Brounstein shared this inspirational true story at the Livermore Public Library. The talk was scheduled to honor Holocaust Remembrance Day, which begins at sunset on May 4 and ends at nightfall on May 5. A special introduction was offered by Fahr, who serves as Brounstein's publicist and has interviewed him for TV30's "Conversations."

"I'm always looking for fascinating guests with an unusual story," said Fahr.



Marty and Leah

"Much has been said about the Holocaust, and I wanted to talk about it from a different perspective. Survivors are important, but so are the heroes who helped them survive. I knew Marty would be able to share the positive lesson we can take from this horrible time in history."

The novel's unexpected inception occurred in 2009.

"My wife, Leah, and I were traveling in the Netherlands," said Brounstein. "By serendipity, we got connected to the home of Frans Wijnakker, Jr., who lives in the actual house where his parents' rescue efforts occurred during the war."

Leah Baars recalled having visited the Wijnakkers every summer before her family immigrated to the U.S. when she was around 14 years old.

"I knew my parents' history from the Holocaust

very well," Baars said. "I knew of my beginnings but did not know all that was involved in Frans and Mien's rescue work until the trip to the Netherlands that sparked Marty develop-

ing the story that became his book."

Baars and Brounstein were able to visit with all of the Wijnakker siblings, who told of a self-published Dutch book detailing the

Wijnakkers' wartime rescue efforts.

"The book was like a jigsaw puzzle with pieces missing," said Brounstein. "Building upon this book, I did historical research, especially about life in the Netherlands during WWII when it was under occupation."

Against the tyrannical Nazi regime, there was a small minority of people who acted with extraordinary courage to uphold human values. Those who decided to shelter Jews had to sacrifice their normal lives to live a clandestine existence, often in fear of neighbors and friends, and always in fear of vengeance. They were known as the Righteous Among the Nations.

"I have much appreciation for Frans and Mien and other Righteous like them," said Baars. "I'm happy that we can honor Frans and Mien. They deserve it."

Since the book's publication in 2011, Brounstein has spoken more than 400 times at venues that include bookstores, schools, businesses, corporate retreats,

libraries, service organizations, museums, churches and synagogues.

The free Livermore talk and book signing was sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library as part of the Friends, Authors and Arts Series. Talks are held at the Civic Center branch.

"Audience members report being inspired by this Dutch couple and of getting important messages about doing the right thing and being willing to care for and help others," said Brounstein. "Audiences have expressed great appreciation for the positive values this story illustrates, and their reaction is what keeps this journey going."

Brounstein added that a movie producer is working on financing for a motion picture.

"Keep your fingers crossed to help us get there," he said. "If this movie can be done right, it will be a combination of Schindler's List meets the Blind Side."

To learn more, visit www.martyabrounstein.com, or www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib.

Heritage Guild Talk to Focus on Oak Knoll Cemetery

Livermore Heritage Guild is launching the first in a series of Summer History Talks on May 25, 2016 at the Livermore Main Library at 7:00pm.

Richard Finn, a local historian will be presenting a talk on "Oak Knoll Cemetery, abandoned but not forgotten."

Finn and his cousin Peter Kitchingham, of London, England, have spent several years researching hundreds of people buried at the first formal cemetery in the Livermore-Amador Valley, Oak Knoll Cemetery (at the corner of Wall Street and Stanley Blvd). Those buried there include members of the last wagon train over the Sierras in the terrible winter of 1846, the founder of Alameda County, a person buried at three different places, and ancestors of many people still living in the Livermore Valley including many Mendenhall, Bernal, Cockerton, Harlan, and Christensen.

Finn will give a history of the cemetery and why it was closed. He will also talk about some of the very interest-

ing people buried at Oak Knoll Cemetery.

Richard has lived in the Livermore Valley since 1959 when he started work at Sandia National Laboratories/California from where he retired in 1996 as manager of Integrated Design Services and Engineering Information Management. In retirement he has spent a great deal of time studying his family history including publishing family histories. The last several years Richard has been researching Tri-Valley pioneer families with the help of his cousin. They have developed a database of over 37,000 names of pioneers and their descendants. Richard has been president of both Livermore-Amador and the San Ramon genealogical societies. He has been very active in the local history community and was a founder of the Tri-Valley History Council.

The event is free of charge. The Livermore mail library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Donations will be gladly accepted.

John Christopher Cellars Celebrates 10 Years in Blacksmith Square

by Laura Ness

He's the sort of fellow that makes you want to sit down and share a pint, or in this case, a glass, as you talk about whatever is on your mind. Easy going, with a friendly manner, you expect his wines to be the same, and you would pretty much be right on the money.

Tom Doczy, whose winery, John Christopher Cellars, celebrates 10 years in Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore this May, hails from Chicago. A gag Christmas gift he bought for his father one year ended up being the launching point for this hobby turned business. "I thought Dad would dig it," admits Doczy of the home wine making kit, "But he told me I should just go buy wine if I wanted it!"

Instead, he bought himself the same kit, played around with some Concord grapes and apple juice and pretty soon had launched upon a hobby that quickly spun out of control. He's been making wine ever since.

Doczy says he was pretty much doing it for the science at first, but after 20 years, he began to see it as an art.

High technology brought him to the Silicon Valley in 1991, which gave him access to much better grapes. He remembers visiting Wente and Concannon, falling in love with the latter's Petite Sirahs made between 1985 and 1988. He really wanted to make Petite Sirah like that, but just couldn't find the right grapes. He also wanted to make Zin and asked Tom Coyne and a friend of his to help him find the ideal vineyard in Dry Creek to use as a source.

By 2001, he had established John Christopher Cellars, named for the middle names of his two sons, Thomas John and Michael Christopher. The first wines produced for commercial sale were the 2001 Zinfandel and 2001 Petite Sirah, both of which sold out quickly. More good wines followed in 2003 and 2004. Folks like Tom Coyne and Lanny Repogle at Fenestra encouraged him to keep going for it.

In 2006, when Tom opened the tasting room in Blacksmith Square, Mike Madden came to visit. "Mike asked us to make Cabernet Sauvignon from their vineyard," recalls Doczy. "He explained they only did three small lots of 5 tons each, and only three wineries were allowed to use the Madden name on their bottles."

Honored and perhaps a wee bit nervous, Tom immediately went to see the vineyard manager, asking him to point out where the best grapes were being grown. The manager pointed to a hillside spot and told Tom that's where he would get grapes were he making his own wine. Tom waited in anticipation for harvest. He'd only made Cabernet Sauvignon once before, but after making some righteous Cabernet from that Madden fruit, he knew it would become a staple.

Five years into it, these wines show Tom's talent. The



2010 Madden Vineyard Cabernet is classic Cab, beckoning with aromas of pipe tobacco, and delivering pleasing layers of rich plum, ripe cherry, tobacco leaf and a hint of menthol on the finish.

Doczy carefully selects the barrels for the Reserve version of this Cabernet each year by tasting through each one, taking mental notes and then, he literally sleeps on it. "When I wake up the next day, I make the final selection on which three barrels to hold for the Reserve." He uses American oak to add richness and French to add a bit of artistry.

The 2010 Reserve Madden Vineyard Cabernet is considerably richer in depth, conjuring up dreams of chocolate everything, from aromas of chocolate brandy liqueur to flavors of silky chocolate cake, lathered with chocolate icing.

Today, John Christopher Cellars is making somewhere between 1200 and 1500 cases yearly. The endearing Tom Doczy has a loyal following of enthusiasts who enjoy his straightforward renditions of Petite Sirah, Syrah, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon and his cleverly-named blends.

The cleverness of the latter are attributable to his son, Tommy, who seems to have a knack for nailing his prevailing mood with a single word when naming time comes around. He began helping Tom name wines when he was just 12 years old: they made a competitive game of it, and Tom says that Tommy has almost never lost, even when competing against one of the best word wranglers in the business, Harry Stoll.

The first blend Tommy named was "Starfall." This Syrah, Petite Sirah and Tempranillo blend has been a bugaboo for Tom ever since. "The Tempranillo has to be just right," he confesses. It often is just not there. For Doczy, "good

enough" just isn't.

When he was going through a lonely period at 16, Tommy came up with "Reckless," a red blend that's been on hiatus for a few years. The 2013, described as "rashly heedless of consequences," is made of Petite Sirah, Tempranillo, Syrah and Zinfandel, and was just released.

When young Tommy was soaring on the wings of requited love a year later, he came forth with "Quixotic." Tom thinks this wine tastes like a dream come true, complete with tilting at windmills and the rush of adrenaline that comes with pursuing a goal, no matter how apparently unobtainable.

Another blend, "Courtyard," made from Syrah, Petite Sirah and Cab Franc, is meant for easy drinking out on the brick patio of Blacksmith Square. It's pretty and inviting, with aromas of a flower garden, framed by roses and lavender and endowed with generous spice, well-behaved tannins and pleasing acidity.

Although his current focus is on reds, Tom loves Livermore Chardonnay for its lively fruit and rich buttery finish. A frustration is not being able to find enough good Chardonnay fruit in Livermore, as it's currently in high demand. He also bemoans the lack of good Zin in the region.

"I never seem to have enough wine. I should make more," Doczy admits. "I'd like to experiment with even more varieties and vineyards." This explains why he started making Sauvignon Blanc from Ghilmetti fruit in 2014. So far, he's delighted with it.

Doczy doesn't want to turn to other grape growing areas for fruit, as tempting as that might be. Instead, he wants all of his efforts to elevate the Livermore Valley region.

Public Invited to Attend 'Shared Values Among Faiths'

Interfaith Interconnect invites members of the public to attend an interfaith panel discussion entitled "Shared Values Among Faiths" on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 pm at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. The panel will consist of speakers representing Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

Religions and cultures differ, but all the major world religions share key values. In this panel discussion, panelists discuss the human and ethical values they share with one another. This panel illustrates the

possibility, and indeed the necessity, for diverse religions to join together in a common effort for a more harmonious and peaceful world. The panel will be presented by Islamic Networks Group (ING).

ING is a non-profit organization whose mission is to counter prejudice and discrimination against American Muslims by teaching about their traditions and contributions in the context of America's history and cultural diversity, while building relations between American Muslims and other groups. Founded in 1993, ING achieves its mission through education

and community engagement and is committed to interfaith and intercultural harmony and respect.

ING speakers are trained to respect strict guidelines, which emphasize that speakers must adhere to the highest level of academic neutrality and objectivity when teaching about religion. ING speaker bios are posted on the ING website. To find out more about ING and their educational programs, please visit the ING website at www.ING.org.

Interfaith Interconnect mission is "To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cul-

tures in the Tri-Valley." For more information, please visit their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithInterconnect/timelinehttps> or website at www.interfaithinterconnect.net.

A short reception will follow the program for conversation and refreshments. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. Registration through Eventbrite is requested to ensure adequate amounts of refreshments and handouts. Sign up at <http://shared-values.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

At the tail end of the turbulent 60s, I needed a respite from the world of angry protests and good causes, important as they were. I wanted to travel, to experience mystery and intrigue of a different sort. Fantasies of fictional journeys began to dance in my head, the Agatha Christie kind, of long train trips into the heartbeat of adventure. Of course, Christie's mysteries involved Russian dowagers and rich Americans encountering murder, as in *Murder on the Orient Express*. Nevertheless, I had visions of traveling with sophisticated Europeans on that famous train, of disembarking at Istanbul and ferrying across the Bosphorus to the veiled lands of sultans and harems and Turkish baths. Unfortunately, that southerly route was closed to me because of government red tape in obtaining transit visas. Young and impatient like other college grads, I was eager to propel myself across new borders, hear new rhythms, and savor tantalizing dishes. That's when the idea of riding the northerly route of the Trans-Siberian Express popped into my head and took a firm grip.

The Intourist Office in New York City handled my travel arrangements within the Soviet Union. I had to pay upfront for all travel, hotel accommodations, and meals before I was even allowed to step foot into the country. The Intourist agent redirected my youthful, but, according to him, misguided zeal in wanting to ride the Trans-Siberian across its roughly 9,289 km (5,722 miles), a journey of seven days from Moscow to the civilian port at Nakhodka. He had a different plan. He arranged for me to spend three days in Moscow, and then fly to the Siberian town of Irkutsk, where I'd board an overnight train and connect with the Trans-Siberian the next day. In Moscow, I would stay at the Rossiya Hotel. The first-class ac-

Yesterday into Today

by Sarah Bobson

THE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS

commodations would cost me a whopping \$35 a night, well beyond my budget, which I had calculated based on the traveler's bible at the time, Frommer's \$5-a-day series, the tome that revolutionized the way Americans travelled abroad in the 60s and 70s. Not surprisingly, there was no "Moscow on \$5 a day."

To make up for the expensive Soviet portion of my journey, I traveled through Europe on the cheap, staying at inexpensive hostels and eating at student-frequented cafes. In West Berlin, I caught the Paris-to-Moscow Express. I planned to save on lodging by sleeping on the train, but that was not to be. As soon as we entered East Germany, a troop of train officials began invading my compartment. Each one wore what looked like a briefcase around his neck. He would punch a button to open the briefcase, and it would plop down in front of him to form a portable desk of sorts. He would stamp my passport, close the portable desk, and leave. This procedure repeated itself every half hour throughout the night. The result: no sleep.

We spent the next day crossing Poland. We reached the Polish-Soviet border around 1 o'clock in the morning. The train stopped, and some people got off to stretch their legs and breathe in the crisp night air. I remained onboard, looking out the window, wishing we would leave so I could go to sleep, when I felt a strange sensation. It seemed as though the train was moving, not forward, not backward, but upward. Upward! But

how could that be? I looked down at the ground and saw it, indeed, receding, if in jerks. It felt like a scene out of a science fiction film where a vehicle, or a cow, but in this case a whole darn train, was being beamed up to the mother ship.

"What's happening?" I asked the woman standing next to me, bracing myself against the corridor windowsill.

"They're changing the wheels on the train," she said matter-of-factly.

"Come again?"

"Soviet train tracks are wider than European tracks."

I was suddenly wide awake. The train was not that far off the ground, so I jumped off, not only to watch the spectacle from a different perspective, but because I wasn't sure just how high the train would be lifted. Pulleys interspersed along the length of the locomotive were hoisting it like it was a long piece of cargo, sans wheels. It creaked and moaned as it inched its way upward. When it was high enough off the ground, it was shifted forward and then lowered back down onto wider Soviet wheels. By 4 in the morning, we were on our way again. I learned that the Paris-to-Moscow Express repeated this process every time it crossed the border because the Soviet Union had a history of invasion. Landlocked except for its Far East coast, this seemed to be a viable way to protect itself.

In Moscow, an Intourist official met me at the train and escorted me to the Rossiya Hotel, which made me feel like a V.I.P.

until I learned that it was really intended to keep tabs on foreigners entering the country. I spent three days touring the city. Within walking distance of the Rossiya were Saint Basil's Cathedral, and Red Square and the Kremlin. I visited the famous onion-domed church, which had the smallest rooms and doorways I had ever seen, making me think that people must have been awfully short back when it was built between 1555 and 1561, on orders of Ivan the Terrible. At Red Square, I saw soldiers with machine guns guarding the Square and the Kremlin and in general maintaining order among the long lines of mostly Russian tourists that snaked their way around the perimeter and then tailed back. A number of just-married couples, the brides still in their wedding dresses, also waited or rushed to get into line. I asked a man who spoke a little English about the long lines. He said they were waiting to visit Lenin's Tomb. I asked about the brides and the grooms. He said it was a great honor and good luck to start married life by visiting their beloved leader.

Visiting the tomb sounded like an interesting idea, so I joined the end of the line, but within minutes a soldier approached, activating my flight instinct, sending my imagination into overdrive. I must have done something wrong, I thought, but what? Maybe the soldier was going to arrest me simply because I was an American, a Cold War enemy of the Soviets. Instead, he whisked me to the front of the line. I felt embarrassed. I couldn't see

why I should be granted special privileges. What fascinated me most was that no one around me betrayed any of the emotions a typical New Yorker would have unleashed if someone had so much as hinted at butting in line in front of them. Once inside the building, we had to walk down flights of stairs, the temperature getting colder as we descended, until we arrived at the crypt. More guards with guns kept the

line moving steadily around the glass sarcophagus. I found it an eerie, and yet oddly enough, moving experience to see Vladimir Lenin, the father of Russian revolutionary ideology, in the flesh so to speak. I don't know what I had expected, but it certainly wasn't to see his whole body on display. He looked very dignified, though, if surreal, lying there in a suit, with his characteristic goatee. Although his body had been moved once, temporarily, and there has been talk over the years of burying him in the ground alongside his mother, he has lain in that climate-controlled, underground mausoleum since shortly after his death in 1924.

Next month: Riding the Trans-Siberian

Fair Concert Line-up Set

The Alameda County Fair Concert Series 2016 line up offers variety. Tom Kiefer of 80's glam band, Cinderella, kicks off the series on opening day (6/15), followed by R&B superstars, Tony! Toni! Tone! (6/16). Queen Nation rocks the Queen classics on Friday, 6/17, and Con Funk Shun returns once again to get funky with their many loyal followers on Saturday, 6/18.

On Father's Day, Sunday, 6/19 rock out to 60's blues rock legend Eric Burdon & The Animals performing hits such as "House of the Rising Sun," "Spill the Wine" and many more.

For a Beatles experience, tribute band Paperback Writer kicks off the second week on Tues., 6/21, followed by country star Joe Nichols (6/22), fan favorite Tower of Power (6/23), 80's rockers Great White (6/24), pop all-stars Smash Mouth (6/25) and pop/country powerhouse LeAnn Rimes (6/26).

The final week includes the return of tribute favorite Journey Revisited (6/28), pop/country legend B.J. Thomas (6/29), pop/R&B swing kings, Kool & The Gang (6/30), 80's femme fatale trio, Exposé (7/1), 60s/70s classic hit-makers, The Guess Who (7/2) and, finally, pop/country superstar Crystal Gayle on Sunday, July 3. All shows start at 8 p.m. nightly. The popular Red, White & Blues festival will run all day (1 p.m. to 9 p.m.) on the 4 of July. For more information, visit www.alamedacountyfair.com.

A limited number (500) of "Premium Reserved" seats for select shows are currently available for purchase through the Fair's website for \$19.95, including Fair admission. Reserved seating for some shows have sold out but all open seating (2500 seats) remains free with admission for every show. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit: www.alamedacountyfair.com.

The fair runs June 15 to July 4 - Tuesdays to Sunday plus Mon., July 4. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Carnival hours are Tues -Thurs, 12 p.m. to closing, Fri-Sun, 11 a.m. to closing Live horse racing will take place June 16 - 19, June 23 --26, and July 1 - 4. Monday, July 4 will feature a Blues Festival, 1-9 p.m. followed by a Fireworks Spectacular featuring Oakland East Bay Symphony, 9:30 p.m.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

Fresh Works #6, annual juried exhibition of Greater Bay Area artists of all kinds at the Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery. This year's installation features 48 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Richard Ambrose, current Executive Director of the Richmond Art Center, and widely respected artist, curator, teacher, and mentor. On view through June 4. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated.

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

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

Association.

A Call to Artists has been issued by the Bankhead Theater Gallery and Bothwell Arts Center for a fun exhibition wearable art made of recycled material from June 28th through August 26th. Contact agiancola@lvpac.org for entry form and/or info. Email entries due by June 7th to agiancola@lvpac.org.

Two Special Spring Exhibits: On view from May 4 through May 28/June 1. The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center announce new installations in the public exhibition areas by two distinct artists. May 4 - June 1: Works by El Cerrito printmaker Barbara Milman on the subject of climate change. May 4 - May 28: Complex, abstract oil paintings by William Sievert of Vallejo. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov/JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

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

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

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

Art Under the Oaks, July 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association, art, demonstrations, entertainment, etc. No admission charge.

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 their 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://childrensart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2016 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980.

For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

WINE & SPIRITS

Put a Cork in it - May 21-22, noon to 4 p.m. Bottle Your Own Wine - Earl has created a special "Red Blend" table wine for this event only. Bring clean & dry 750 ml wine bottle, fill, cork and label it for only \$10.00 per bottle. Use winery bottle for \$11.00. Fill 12 bottles, the winery will pay the sales tax. Cedar Mountain Winery, 10843 Reuss Road, Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards Spring Fling Party, Live Music and Club Pick Up is Saturday, May 21st from 11:30am - 4:30pm. Music by Bosco Duo. Bring friends, a picnic and enjoy s favorite Charles R varietals. 8195 Crane Ridge Road (at the end of Greenville Road), Livermore

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., June 3, Evening in the Vineyards 6 to 9 p.m. concert featuring Evan Thomas & Blue's Revue. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, visit www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited. Sat., June 4, featured food pairing flight of a Chocolate Truffle & Wine. Sun., June 5, "Sunday Funday" newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open from 11:30am-4:30pm. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Summer Wine Stroll, Downtown Pleasanton, July 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Pleasanton Downtown Association, information at www.pleasantondowntown.net

Taste Our Terroir, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, July 21-24. July 21, annual food and wine pairing, Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including cooking classes, wine seminars, vineyard tours and more. Thursday night tickets VIP \$125, \$85 (\$95 after July 14th); weekend event tickets \$35-\$125.

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.

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

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

Livermore-Amador Symphony, May 21,

A Tale of Two Cities, with soprano Heidi Moss. 7 p.m. pre-concert talk, 8 p.m. concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pastoral Journey - Pleasanton Chamber

Players, Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Locally-based group performs a luscious matinee concert of classical chamber music. Performers: violinists Philip Santos and Cecilia Huang; violist Melissa Huang; cellist Paul Rhodes; pianist Priscilla Granger; harpist and PCP Artistic Director Dominique Piana; and up-and-coming tenor Greg Allen Friedman. All are widely recognized East Bay artists, several with local ties to Pleasanton-Livermore. Reserved seating tickets \$15 - \$25, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

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

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet: "USO Camp Show Capers!" - A Memorial Weekend USO Revue. The Bay Area favorites return for their 6th annual appearance at the Firehouse Arts Center. brand new show for 2016, Performing the biggest hits of The Andrews Sisters, with songs from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Sunday, May 29, 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 Unauthorized Rolling Stones, June 11, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

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

Well Strung, July 8, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

An Evening with George Winston, 8 p.m. July 23, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

The New Christy Minstrels, July 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.,

Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival presents The Winter's Tale for its 34th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park. Performances in Pleasanton are July 2-17 on Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. at Amador Valley Park. Admission is free. For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit www.sfsakes.org

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, William Shakespeare's The Tempest; Jane Austen's Persuasion. July 7-August 7. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Tickets and information at livermore-shakes.org/

Mary Poppins, weekends July 16 through 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at the box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Bound East for Cardiff presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in the Old Barn at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville on July 30-31. Tickets for public performances will be available online at the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's website at www.eugeneoneill.org in March.

MOVIES

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

DANCE

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

Valley Dance Theatre annual repertoire production, Spring Rep, on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore. The program will be accompanied by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra. This season's production will feature the Asian Artistry and two newly commissioned pieces, Quartz and Moonstone, which join Valley Dance Theatre's original Opalescent piece, Pearl, debuted in 2010. Tickets www.bankheadtheater.org; by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

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

Vineyard Ballet Academy Spring Recital, 4 p.m. June 5, Variations in Blue, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org
925-931-4848.

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyards, 5 p.m. July 17,
Retzlaffs Vineyards, 1356 South Liver-

more Avenue, Livermore. Casual "bring your own picnic" event. Sampling of favorite arias sung by talented Bay Area opera singers 925-462-6964 www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com

Harlem Wizards Show Raises Over \$30,000 for Schools

The Livermore debut of the Harlem Wizards was a slamtastic success.

On April 21 and 22, the Wizards' basketball road show delighted packed houses at the Granada and Livermore High School gyms. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) organized the games to celebrate LVEF's 25th anniversary and raise money for local schools.

The Wizards squared off against teams made up of LVJUSD administrators, staff, and students, plus community and business leaders headlined by Assemblywoman Catherine Baker.

Both games sold out, and raised over \$30,000 for Livermore Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) schools.

Chris Carter, Director of Development for the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, played in the LHS game. "I was honored to be part of a fun night that was focused on supporting our schools, and I loved being part of a game where everyone wins," said Carter. "LVEF did a great job in putting it all together. My kids are still talking about it!"

The Wizards' visit provided memorable moments, both on and off the court. Wizard players visited about 10 LVJUSD schools, meeting with kids in assemblies and on playgrounds to show off their dazzling basketball skills and talk about the importance of education. The Wizards mesmerized the game spectators with a diverse repertoire of trick shots, passing and dribbling artistry, and soaring slam dunks. Wizard player Lloyd "Loonatik" Clinton ended the LHS game in particularly dramatic fashion by shattering the backboard in the game's closing minutes.

The GHS game ended on a joyful note as hundreds of students swarmed the court to join the Wizards in a hip-hop dance medley.

LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers called herself one of the Wizards' most enthusiastic new fans. "Students, families and community members enjoyed the Harlem Wizards events tremendously. Whether cheering and clapping along in the audience, playing in the exhibition game or dancing on the court, a great time was had by all," said Bowers. "I attended both events and can honestly say that LVEF and the Harlem Wizards brought an immense amount of joy to our community. This was more than a fundraiser, it was a FUNraiser!"

Bowers added, "On behalf of 12,500+ students in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, I thank the Livermore Valley Education Foundation and all of the Harlem Wizards event sponsors for your continued dedication, volunteer service and generosity. Our students' lives and futures are definitely brighter because of LVEF!"

For more information about LVEF visit www.lvef.org.

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>

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

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

An Evening With... Golda Meir, Tuesday, June 14, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5 members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

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

4th of July Family Fun Fireworks Celebration July 4th, 2016 Livermore Downtown, 4pm Street Closure - 9:30pm Fireworks. www.livermore-downtown.com

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



Pictured are students holding books they wrote.

Adventures in Writing Camp Offered for Students This Summer

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) is teaming up with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Adventures in Writing Camp (AIW Camp) to provide Livermore students the chance to fall in love with writing this summer. Through a partnership with LVPAC, Livermore residents have the opportunity to participate in the two-week camp for \$395. The camp normally costs \$695. Additionally, LVPAC is providing 25 scholarships for Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District elementary school students allowing them to attend the camp for a total of \$40 each. Registration is open. LVPAC and AIW Camp are accepting registrations now.

"I'm pleased to see our community coming together to support arts edu-

cation," says Cindy Alba, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. "The arts are very important to the Livermore Community and Adventures in Writing Camp is a terrific example of a program where students can express themselves creatively through a standards aligned curriculum that is fun and engaging for students."

The two-week program allows campers entering grades 2-5 to write, edit, and publish their own eBook. Lessons are delivered as songs. New writing skills are practiced through games, theater and songwriting. The program is designed to inspire reluctant writers and delight those that already have "the bug."

Adventures in Writing Camp has deep connections to Livermore. The Camp's Musical Director

is Livermore native and LVJUSD alumnus, Jon Williams.

Williams is also on the Board of Directors of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF). Additionally, Adventures in Writing Camp will recruit and train LVJUSD teachers to staff the two-week camp, further developing the District's capacity to deliver arts-based education programs throughout the year.

The session runs August 1 – August 12 at The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St, Livermore, CA 94550 from 9am – 3pm with extended care available from 8am to 5pm. Learn more by watching the video at www.AIWCamp.com or calling 415-322-0511. For more information regarding scholarships for LVJUSD students, please contact Sam Tobis: stobis@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us, (925) 606-3214.

Pleasanton Native serving aboard nuclear-powered submarine

by U.S. Navy Chief Mass Communications Specialist Bill Steele, Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs

A 1998 Amador Valley High School graduate and Pleasanton, California native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard one of the world's most advanced nuclear-powered fast attack submarines, USS Cheyenne.

Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Fetter, a sonar technician, submarine, serves aboard the Pearl Harbor-based submarine, one of 40 Los Angeles-class submarines making it the backbone of the submarine force.

A Navy sonar technician, submarine is the eyes and ears of the ship, responsible for its safety of the ship while underway.

"I'm in charge of a group of guys that I train up to be expert operators on the stacks (sonar room), build them into experts so that when we go out to sea we can keep the boat safe and still perform our mission," said Fetter.

With a crew of 130, this submarine is 360 feet long and weighs approximately 6,900 tons. A nuclear-powered propulsion system helps push the submarine through the water at more than 25 mph.

Attack submarines are designed to hunt down and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships; strike targets ashore with cruise missiles; carry and deliver Navy SEALs; carry out intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions; and engage in mine warfare. Their primary tactical advantage is stealth, operating undetected under



Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Fetter

the sea for long periods of time.

According to Navy officials, because of the demanding environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Submariners are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. The training is highly technical. Each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board. Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the coveted

gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

"The opportunities I've had on this sub have been phenomenal," Fetter said. "I've gotten to learn about electronics repair, gauge calibration for the boat, and I've also taken charge of training others in how to respond to casualties."

Challenging submarine living conditions actually build strong fellowship among the elite crew, Navy officials explained.

"I like serving with others to protect our country, showing our nation how grateful we are," said Fetter. "Gaining the extra knowledge is just a side benefit, something I'll take with me when I transition back to being a civilian."

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.)

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. June 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Featured speaker will be Ralph Severson with the topic the Roads Less Traveled (on Family Search). Severson will begin his talk with general updates on FamilySearch. After the general update, he will focus on several parts of FamilySearch that are used relatively little but have serious value to researchers. No charge, visitors welcome. For additional information contact Marilyn Glass & Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, email: progam@L-AGS.org

Empty Bookshelf Book Drive, A K-5th grade level book drive is happening during the month of May. New or gently used books can be brought to LVTC on 2000 Arroyo Rd, FPC on 5050 Fifth Street, or Panama Bay Coffee and Tea on First Street. The 250 children in Principal Solorzano's USDA Summer Food Program at Marilyn Ave. Elementary School will be the recipients.

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

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport older adults to their medical appointments out of the Tri Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, etc). Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Sat., June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Michael's large hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

A Vigil at the Crosses of Lafayette will take place on Monday, May 30 at 7:00 PM. There will be music, speakers,

and poetry. The Crosses of Lafayette are across the street from the Lafayette BART Station. For additional information, please call (925-462-7495).

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

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

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

Local GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) group to partner with Valley Humane Society at the 8th annual GNON Birthday Bash on June 6. Founded in 1987, Valley Humane Society has worked to save and improve the lives of Tri-Valley companion animals. Donations will be accepted and raffle tickets will be sold at the event to support VHS at this celebration which will run from 5-8pm at California Collision, 57 California Ave., Pleasanton. Open to both men and women. In addition, a car show as well as great food, music and more surprises are planned. Those interested in attending the 8th annual birthday bash and donating to Valley Humane Society, contact GNON Founder/Director, Frances Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 at gnoners@gmail.com. The public is invited to attend this June 6th event for only \$10/pp. For further information or to RSVP/PREPAY, visit the GNON website at www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, May 22, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by May 19 to Ruby, 462-9636. May 28, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, in Pleasanton, RSVP by May 21 to Babs, 705-6623. May 29, 4:30 p.m. dinner in

Livermore, RSVP by May 26 to Athene, 846-0111.

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

Garage sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 21 to benefit the Feral Cat Foundation. What is described as a "huge" sale will be held at 8801 Davona in Dublin (off of Alcosta Blvd.). A \$15 donation to Feral Cat Foundation will get the donor a Dickey's BBQ sandwich (choice of brisket or chicken) and sides (coleslaw, chips, water and cookies) between 11 am and 2 pm. Feral Cat Foundation is a non-profit cat rescue organization, volunteering in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, working with feral, stray and abandoned cats. This consists of humane trapping, spaying and neutering, vaccines, finding homes for tame adults and tamed kittens, and feeding those not tamable after returning them to their colonies, thereby greatly reducing the number of untamed cats sent to shelters for euthanization.

Cake4Kids members bake and deliver birthday cakes for foster children and at risk youth, who wouldn't otherwise have a birthday celebration. Each year, Cake-Off 4Kids contest is held to raise funds. It is open to Cake4Kids volunteers and the general public (no professional bakers). Bakers can choose from various categories. The winners receive cash prizes. The event includes refreshments, kids' activities and a silent auction plus unlimited cake tasting of all the contest cakes. The cake contest entry fee for bakers is \$15 Attendee tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids aged 7-14 and kids under age 7 are admitted free. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 11 at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front Street, Danville. For information, go to www.cake4kids.org. To learn more about the competition, go to <http://www.cake4kids.org/events/>

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

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

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Writing club for young adults,

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

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

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 McClinnis at 925-980-5331.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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

additional information.

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org, 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. 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.ucccliv.org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820.

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

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

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

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 1411 Killcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lynnwood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. a friendly congregation welcomes all. Worship at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Also, on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m., newest offering "Come As You Are," is an informal, contemporary worship experience. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org or visit www.lynnwood.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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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://csslvighthouse.org>.

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, annual Lag B'Omer picnic potluck on Sunday, May 29 from 10:30 - 12:30. Athan Downs Park, 2975 Montevideo Dr. in San Ramon. Please bring: a picnic dish to share, an outdoor toy (frisbee, ball, etc.), Celebrating "Week of Action" - taking action to do something positive in our community. Bring a donation for the youth living at the Avalon Program at Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland, CA. The program serves adolescents and is a specialized residential program for low income youth with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems. They can use the following items: games (suitable for age range 5-18), activity books, arts and crafts supplies, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or toothpaste.

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Milestones



Scott Robert Batteate, just 2 months shy of his 2nd birthday is the newest Cowhand at Batteate Ranch in Livermore. Scott's father, Brandon and his Grandfather, Abbie both rode horses in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo (RRR) Parade as youngsters. Scott carries on the Family Tradition riding his pony, "Rainy," Also, Scott's 97 year old cousin, Bud Batteate worked for Harry Rowell in the 40's and still competes in RRR Team Penning - winning 3rd place last year. The parade was held Sat., May 14. The annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo will take place May 21 and 22 at the Rodeo Park, Dublin Canyon Road (between Castro Valley and Dublin). Gates open each day at 10 a.m. with the grand entry at 1:30 p.m. For information about activities and tickets, go to www.rowellranchrodeo.com



The second oldest resident at Heritage Estates Retirement Community turned 101 years old on May 9, 2016. Marge DiTrapani celebrated her special day with friends and family at the Livermore retirement community.



U.S. Navy Commander Tony Schwarz has been recalled to Active Duty for a one-year period to develop and coordinate strategy for military operations in the Middle East Region. CDR Schwarz, his wife Stephanie, and their five children have called Livermore home since 2009. They are an active family, involved in many community organizations including St. Charles Borromeo Church, Cornerstone Home Schooling, Tri-Valley Explorers, Granada Little League, Sunset Swim Team, Fusion Soccer, CYO Basketball, Open Heart Kitchen, and Kids Against Hunger. They will reside in Tampa, FL, starting in June 2016, returning to Livermore in June 2017.

EDUCATION

Kerry Munoz of Livermore earned a degree in Bachelor of Arts during Chadron State College's spring commencement on May 7. At 10 a.m. in the Chicoine Center, 235 candidates are scheduled to receive their undergraduate degrees. Chris Carlisle a 2016 Chadron State College Distinguished Alumni recipient, will be the speaker at the undergraduate ceremony.

Amanda Nicole Stocking of Livermore was among nearly 2,800 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in historic ceremonies May 6 and 7. Stocking earned a bachelor of science in education and human sciences from the College of Education and Human Sciences.

The following students graduated from Azusa Pacific University on Sat., May 7, 2016. They joined approximately 2,000 graduates at the spring commencement ceremonies.

Erica Choi of Livermore with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Exercise Science

Samantha Hoffman of Pleasanton with a Bachelor of Science

in Nursing

Zachary Liu of Pleasanton with a Bachelor of Science in Business: Finance

Jasmine MacDonald of Livermore with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Meilyn Ordaz of Pleasanton with a Bachelor of in Social Work
Megan Parker of Livermore with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management

Jacqueline Summers of Livermore with a Bachelor of Arts in History

Maximilliano Vasquez of Livermore with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Hannah Villanueva of Dublin with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing

Julie Lovell-Rios of Livermore, qualified for the spring 2016 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

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