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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.

State Parks Urged to Consider Selling Tesla Off-Road Property

Senator Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, R-San Ramon have sent a letter to the California State Parks Department urging it to work with local stakeholders to consider selling land currently set aside for the Tesla property expansion of the Carnegie Off-Highway Vehicle recreation area near Livermore.

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission (OHMVR) has engaged in a lengthy process to expand the Carnegie recreation area. The 3,000-acre Tesla property, purchased in 1998 for \$9 million, is facing five lawsuits challenging the property's final environmental impact report.

In the letter to Lisa Mangat, the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the two East Bay legislators point out that the sale of the property could recoup some of the growing costs in what has been a protracted and expensive process to expand the recreation area.

Glazer said, "This would be an opportunity to get money back at the earliest possible date and enable the off-Highway Commission

to find more suitable and affordable land for these recreational pursuits."

The letter stated, "We know the commissioners had the best intentions when they began this process more than 20 years ago. There was some awareness of the historical use of these lands for mining and some knowledge of the sensitive

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11th-Graders Make Gains in College Readiness

By Ron McNicoll

The percentage of Pleasanton 11th-graders ready for college has been improving. The numbers reflect testing aligned to the California State University system's standards.

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board heard a presentation at its May 9 meeting using updated statistics from the Early Assessment Program (EAP).

The state college system, along with the State Board of Education and the California Department of Education, started the tests. They found that a more than 60% of nearly 40,000 first-time freshmen admitted to California State Universities (CSU) did not have the necessary English language and/or math skills to take CSU classes without remedial work.

Using test results, students can line up classes in their senior year that can gain admission to Cal State without remedial work. Among the qualifiers are earning a C or higher in Expository Reading and Writing, or in an International Baccalaureate program, an advanced placement course, or an English Course approved for extra honors in the UC "a-g" course list.

They can also be admitted with qualifying score on the SAT or ACT tests.

In Pleasanton, 65% of the the 11th-graders who took the test in English Language Arts (ELA) were deemed college-and-ready

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Water slides are just one of the amenities the public will find at The Wave, Dublin's new aquatic center and waterpark. It will officially open to the public this weekend.

The Wave to Open This Weekend

A ribbon cutting and preview party were held for Dublin's new aquatic center and waterpark, The Wave, last Friday.

It is located in Emerald Glen Park at 4201 Central Parkway.

The grand opening will take place over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29.

The Wave, which cost \$43 million to build, features six water slides. The city held a contest to

name the slides, with the "Shamrock Swirl," chosen for the slide featuring several twists and turns before hitting the water. Other names selected are "Riptide Rider," "Emerald Plunge," "Golden Wave," and "Mt. Diablue."

The 31,000 square foot facility includes three pools, a water playground and a 2,000-seat outdoor performing arts center. An indoor pool will be available for year-

round swimming lessons, exercise programs, and recreational use. Outdoors, there is a sports pool for competitive swimming and water polo, featuring eight lanes for competition and three warm-up lanes.

Other amenities include group picnic areas with shade structures, outdoor ping pong tables, locker rooms, party rental space, a community room, and administrative offices.

Livermore Council Extends Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Presidio

At Monday's meeting, the Livermore City Council voted to extend the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with Presidio Companies until the end of November 2017. Presidio had requested the extension.

The current agreement would have expired yesterday. The vote

to extend the agreement will allow Presidio Companies to continue for 6 months as the sole hotel developer identified for the downtown.

The council vote was unanimous, with Councilmember Bob Woerner absent.

During the public hearing, four speakers asked the council to

extend the agreement only for a few months when the work of the Downtown Steering Committee would be completed. Committee meetings will conclude at the end of June. Several development concepts are expected to come out of the meetings. They will be reviewed by the city council

at a July 31 meeting. Afterward, community would be asked to weigh in. Then the council would make the final decision on the plan to be developed on the 8.2 acres belonging to the city in the center of downtown.

Mayor John Marchand said, "I

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Pleasanton Council OKs Phase II of Old Vineyard Trail

The Pleasanton City Council approved moving forward with Phase II of the Old Vineyard Trail in the northeastern part of the city.

Phase II would create a nearly mile long 24-foot wide trail. One side would be multi-use made of material suitable for equestrians; the other side would be paved for use by cyclists and joggers.

The council sent Phase III back for possible revision after hearing from residents concerned about impacts on their neighborhoods.

Phase I, which would start at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, has not yet been constructed. It would be built when funding becomes available.

The Old Vineyard Trail, approved as part of the 1999 Vineyard Avenue Corridor Specific

Plan, will occupy the right-of-way previously used by Vineyard Avenue. The trail was to be constructed and the road closed once the new Vineyard alignment was completed. However, the old route has remained open to accommodate construction related vehicles.

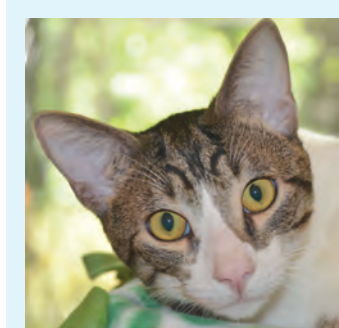
The council rejected the one bid to build phase II and told staff to rebid the project. The bid came in at \$865,000 well above the estimated \$530,000. The city had budgeted \$650,000. Stephen Kirkpatrick, city engineer, stated, "We were surprised to receive only one bid." He said that he was told there were other projects accepting bids on the same day and people chose to bid on those. If the trail were to be

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

On May 23, 1891, Livermore High School became the first union high school in the state of California. Last weekend, graduates, faculty and students gathered to celebrate the school's 125th anniversary. Event activities included an opportunity for alumni to see class photos displayed on the walls of the historic main building, a written account of the last 125 years, as well as photographic and visual exhibits.



PET OF THE WEEK

How you doin'? Joey is a two-year-old feline who will be the kind of friend with a capital "F." He's a good-natured, playful, handsome white and brown tabby who will be there for you through thick and thin. Get to know Joey at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. For more information, visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

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JOHN TAYLOR
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DSRSD Lowers Water Consumption Rates

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors voted unanimously last week to cancel a stage 1 water shortage that called for 10 percent voluntary conservation. The Board also lowered water consumption rates from stage 1 to normal, effective June 1.

“With water supplies back to normal, it’s appropriate to return to normal rates and rely on our customers to continue using water efficiently without a formal conservation goal. We have every confidence they will. They responded brilliantly throughout the drought,” stated DSRSD Board Presi-

dent Richard Halket.

Moving from stage 1 to normal water rates affects customers differently, depending on meter size, customer class, and water use. A residential customer who uses 34 billing units every two months will pay about four percent less, saving \$7.90 on each bimonthly bill. Customers can use a calculator on the District’s website (www.dsrds.com/

water-rates) to estimate their savings and the AquaHawk Customer Portal (www.dsrds.com/AquaHawk) to monitor past and current water use.

Only “consumption” rates will change on June 1. When the District declares a water shortage, consumption rates increase in stages to encourage conservation and recover revenue needed

to operate the water system with declining water sales. Other water bill components will not change; these include a fixed charge based on meter size and a volume-based charge that covers the cost of water purchased from Zone 7 Water Agency.

Returning to normal rates may reduce DSRSD water revenues modestly. However, the District projected

operating revenue for fiscal year 2018 based on normal rates and has reserve funds available to mitigate any short-term revenue shortfalls. About 90 percent of DSRSD’s operating costs to provide water service are fixed, regardless of the amount of water sold. The District plans to conduct a rate study in 2018 to establish water rates for the following five years.

ROUNDUP

Police Shooting

A Pleasanton police officer shot and killed a man while responding to a 911 call about a family dispute Saturday morning.

The victim has been identified as 58-year-old Shannon Estill.

The Pleasanton Police Department responded to a call on May 20 at 11:36 a.m. from the wife of the victim who said her husband was acting oddly and she feared for her and her daughter’s safety.

When officers arrived, they approached the side yard where they could hear a person who they believed to be Estill. The officers opened the side yard gate, announced their presence, and directed him to come out. He did not comply with the officer’s directions. While approaching the open, side door to the garage, officers say they then heard what sounded like a round being chambered into a shotgun and one officer saw the barrel of a shotgun pointed in his direction. Officers immediately retreated to the front of the residence.

Estill then opened the garage door and came down his driveway, ignoring police commands to drop what turned out to be a replica handgun he pointed at one officer. Seventeen-year-veteran, Keith Batt fired his duty weapon, hitting Estill who died at the scene.

Estill’s wife and daughter remained inside the upstairs bedroom during the incident and were located by police uninjured.

The Alameda County District Attorney’s Office and the Pleasanton Police Department are conducting independent investigations of this incident. All of the officers involved were wearing and had activated their body camera systems, which are being reviewed as part of the investigation.

Chief Dave Spiller stated, “I extend my sympathy to the Estill family as any loss of life is tragic. I would also like to extend my support to our involved officers, their families, and the members of the Pleasanton Police Department.”

Hopyard Road Work

The City of Pleasanton is undergoing significant road work and repairs through the course of the summer; updates will be provided with as much advance notice as possible. Major delays are expected on Hopyard this week, where crews will be putting the finishing touches on Hopyard Road between Black Avenue and Arroyo del Valle.

Work has been going on for the past few weeks in that area, but on Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26, crews will be out in full force for the final phase of repaving this stretch of roadway.

Flagmen will be directing the one lane of traffic; major delays are expected.

Meeting Clarifies Fairgrounds RV Policy

A meeting May 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton clarified and reiterated past policy concerning the two recreational vehicle (RV) Parks there.

Everyone living in the South Park, except horsemen working with the racing dates, must leave by 11 a.m. on June 10. Everyone in the North Park must also leave. Horsemen generally use the South Park, because they enjoy a discount that reduces their fee to \$18 per night. Fees in the North Park are \$35 or \$40, depending on how much amperage an RV owner wants for the vehicle.

After the annual Fair is over, and workers clean up the area, reservations for the two park sites will be opened sometime around July 12 or 14, said Fair spokesperson, Angel Moore.

People have a couple of ways to return, said Moore. One

is to make a reservation on-line. Another is to come to the RV park office to see if there is an opening.

The process is much like booking a hotel, said Moore. Certain dates, such as the Fair, are blocked out. This also happens for short periods during such events as the August Good Guys car show and the Scottish Fair. The fairgrounds contracts with those organizations, so they can have places for the people to stay who help set up and take down their events, she explained.

DUBLIN

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year plan, the council shortened the length of planting new trees to four years, without cutting the ultimate total of 850. The city will install double the number of trees in the first replacement fiscal year, because the backlog is so large.

On another item, the council approved a policy

revision for the public portion of a council agenda. Speakers had been limited to between one and three minutes, decided by dividing the number of speaker cards into a fixed number of minutes. The council rejected that policy unanimously. Now all public audience speakers will have three minutes.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating 40 Years

Forty years ago nine women from Livermore and Pleasanton signed the Articles of Incorporation for Tri-Valley Haven for Women, creating an organization to protect abused women.

Now known as the Tri-Valley Haven, it provides services to adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness, including support groups. It operates a homeless shelter, a legal clinic, food pantry, and thrift shop. Tri-Valley Haven offers anti-bullying programs for the schools.

It is unique in that it provides the only homeless shelter in the Tri-Valley that accepts single fathers accompanied by their children, and boys over the age of 10.

A gala evening is being planned to celebrate the accomplishments, to honor those who founded Tri-Valley Haven and those who have volunteered over the years. It will take place June 30. Tickets are available at www.trivalleyhaven.org

Tri-Valley Haven observes on its website, "Together, we build a world without violence by protecting those in need, helping them to grow again, and seeking to build a more peaceful society - one person, one family, one community at a time."

The accomplishments of forty years are indeed something to celebrate.

Agencies to Work Together On Hazard Mitigation Plan

The cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton, along with the Dublin San Ramon Services District, and other local government stakeholders in the Tri-Valley planning area are collaborating on the development of the Tri-Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Responding to Federal mandates in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the planning partnership was formed to pool resources and create a uniform hazard mitigation strategy that can be consistently applied to the Tri-Valley.

During this process, citizens will be asked to contribute by sharing local knowledge of an area's vulnerability to hazards based on past occurrences. Public involvement will be solicited via a multi-media campaign that will include public meetings, web-based information, questionnaires and updates on the plan's progress via the news media. This process will be overseen by a steering committee made up of stakeholders

from within the planning area. The Steering Committee will meet as needed on the 2nd Tuesday of every month throughout the planning process. These meetings will typically run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They are open to the public. Meetings will be held at Dublin City Hall - Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

An informational website on the plan and the purposes for planning has been established at www.tri-valley-hmp.com/. This website will serve as the primary means for the public to gain information on the plan and the ways that they can participate in the planning process. Information on the public meetings and the steering committee meetings can also be found on the website.

Any questions or comments regarding this process can be directed to Hazel Wetherford at (925) 833-6650 or hazel.wetherford@dublin.ca.gov.

Zone 7 Continues Underground Basin Policy to Allow for More Public Input

Zone 7 Water Agency directors appear headed toward approving an ordinance designed to protect the underground water basin. They have delayed action until next month.

The vote to continue the item to June 21 was 5-2, with directors Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens voting "no." They said that time was important. Amendments to the ordinance could address any concerns.

Board attorney David Aladjem said that adopting the ordinance at the May 17 meeting would ensure that there would be plenty of time to prevent something from going wrong before the Zone 7 ordinance is firmly in place. If there have to be minor changes, they could be addressed through amendments, said Aladjem.

Several directors at the May 17 board meeting said it's important to pass the ordinance, in order to assert the Zone 7 right to manage

the underground water basin. Zone 7 already manages the basin in cooperation with the Valley's water retailers.

The state Department of Water Resources looks favorably on the Zone 7 stewardship, having included the agency as one of the few models statewide to demonstrate good water basin management.

The ordinance would meet requirements of a new law that requires every water district in the state to have a plan to maintain a sustainable water basin. Abuses in the Central Valley, where agricultural users pumped too much out of their basins, brought on the reform.

With the new ordinance in place, Zone 7 would be responsible for keeping an eye on the basin, as it does now, and for preventing overdraw from it. One tool Zone 7 could use would be to deny individual well permits if the agency finds that is necessary in order to

maintain the health of the basin.

Generally, the Zone 7 board supports the goal, but director Angela Ramirez-Holmes asked for more time to notify the public concerning the issue. It's important to make the process more transparent.

When Zone 7 approved a well ordinance, the agency ran newspaper ads, and took other outreach steps, said Ramirez-Holmes. The proposed underground basin ordinance was on the agenda last month. Ramirez-Holmes said that she received calls from the public asking about it. They wanted the chance to read it more closely. Winery owners in the broader community deserve to have a closer look, she said.

Director Jim McGrail, who owns a Livermore winery, agreed that winery owners should have more time to review the plans. He disagreed with the proposed appeal procedure, if an ap-

peal were turned down on an underground basin issue. The proposal says the appeal would go to the Water Resources Committee of Zone 7. McGrail said that an appeal should be considered by the whole 7-member board.

Director John Greci said that he had no problem using either a three-member committee or the full board for an appeal. It is important to have the ordinance ready in June, referring to Aladjem's comments. Aladjem said that the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) is signaling that it will become more aggressive in enforcing points concerning "wasted water" in the underground basins, and try to impose control on the Valley from Sacramento.

Aladjem is a Sacramento-based attorney who also works for other water districts. He said his sense of what the SWRCB might do comes from his observation of that board's dealings with Central Valley agencies.

PRESIDIO

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would like to keep Presidio onboard. I don't see any downside in keeping someone willing to work with the community."

Councilmembers supported the extension. They said that they didn't expect to have a recommended development plan at the end of July. Steven Spedowski noted that several plans will be sent out for public comment with an October time frame for a final presentation to the council. Presidio may or may not be interested in building a hotel.

Resident Jeff Kaskey told the council, "Normally, I believe that Presidio can be a good partner with the city. To make that happen, I would like the city to maintain negotiating leverage by extending the ENRA for a significantly shorter time. In particular, during these early days when the city and the public will be weighing the value of a hotel amenity against its cost, we need prospective developers to dig deep, to give us their best deal on parking location, room count, land price and architecture."

David Rounds wanted to better understand Presidio's views on where a hotel would be built before extending the agreement. He

added that the preferred plan that comes out of the process may be attractive to other hotel developers.

Jean King read a quote from a previous meeting where Presidio said it was 1000% committed to building a hotel somewhere on the site. It could be on either the property west of Livermore Avenue or on the eastside. She said that with an ENRA in place, other developers might be discouraged from presenting their ideas.

A letter to the council from Dawn Argula, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO, supported the extension. She wrote, "This request from Presidio Company is a promising development in the ongoing discussion for the implementation of the phase of the Downtown Specific Plan."

Spedowski commented that there are challenges to either side of Livermore Avenue in developing a hotel. "I appreciate Presidio's work and its industry knowledge. We do need to complete the public outreach."

INTEREST RATE

The council voted to authorize the remarketing Series 2014A/Series 2014B Certificates of Participation (COPS) in a daily interest

rate mode. The COPS were used in the purchase of the Bankhead Theater.

The council also voted to extend letters of credit (LOCs) issued by U.S. Bank National Association associated with the COPS. The letters were about to expire.

Extending the LOCs and converting the interest rate on the Series 2014A/Series 2014B COPS from a weekly rate to a daily rate is projected to save the City approximately \$85,000 in interest costs annually.

Funds generated by the host city impact fee (HCIF) charged at the Vasco and Altamont landfills are earmarked to pay off the debt.

Jean King, chairman of the board of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), which operates the Bankhead Theater, read a statement at the meeting noting, "No City funds have been used to pay for the City's ownership of the Bankhead Theater, and it is not expected that any City funds will be needed to do so in the future."

She added that by monetizing the HCIF for the Altamont and Vasco Road landfills which the County collects, the City issued \$9.38 million in Certificates of Participation (COP's) in

2014. Of that amount, \$9.2 million was used to redeem a portion of LVPAC's bonds. Approximately \$150,000 was used to pay the City's expenses of issuing those COP's - primarily legal fees and consulting fees.

A report from LVPAC's lawyer notes that in addition to the county's HCIF revenues, the county donated \$2.8 million in cash. LVPAC raised \$3.06 million and LVPAC's bank forgave \$7.5 million of its debt.

Questioned about whether the income from the HCIF would be sufficient to cover the debt, City Manager Marc Roberts said that the estimates for income over the 30 year life of the bonds range between \$13.7 million and \$24 million, with the most likely \$18.1 million. The HCIF might come up a little bit short. Roberts said that the possibility of that happening was known at the time the agreement to purchase the Bankhead was approved. The council determined that the benefit of retaining a public facility was worth the risk.

Since 2014, King stated that the HCIF revenues have been more than sufficient to pay the principal and inter-

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MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be sent by email to editmail@compuserve.com)

Deep State Rich Buckley Livermore

In the artificially maintained world of illusion called mainstream, you seldom hear mentioned the term "Deep State."

While in the alternative media, on the other hand, the term Deep State is used everyday and is well understood. Thanks to President Ike Eisenhower's parting message, today's Deep State

is reasonably described as the morphed "military industrial complex" mentioned by Ike, into what we see today.

For me, Deep State means the vested powers globally run by 147 major global corporations that own and control our sense of fear, own and control mainstream media, own and control our weapons industries, own and control Congress, own and control hegemonic banking wars, own and control The Federal Reserve in its current privately owned criminal enterprise structure, even own and control the 1% oligarchs, taken as a whole, to keep us in a perpetual state of hapless anxiety, psychologically maintained right where they need us, to continue The Big Lie and maintain the status quo... while spying on everyone all the time. And did I mention it also includes Above Top Secret split-away, off-world civilization that sucks trillions of dollars a year into Above-Top-Secret Black Budget technologies. You

know in your heart this is all true. I mean what else keeps our weapons labs pumping out the iron? Truth? Yah right!

An article just appeared in Veterans Today (VTN) authored by Preston James <http://tinyurl.com/kz4v17q> stating in effect the Deep State is about to change whether it wants to change or not. I sense Preston James is right.

LHS Anniversary Karen and Darrel Sweet Livermore

We send our sincerest appreciation to the Livermore High School and the LHS Alumni Association for their outstanding efforts and achievements to celebrate 125 years of history. The weekend activities were very special and included current students and faculty. Looking back is enjoyable and nostalgic, particularly for alumnae. We are looking forward to ongoing excellence in education and youth development. The 1891 Trustees expected no less.

Help the LHS Alumni Association assist LHS - www.livermorehighalumni.com/about-us.html

Depot Project Underway Alan Frank Livermore

The Southern Pacific Railroad's Livermore depot



Depot - 1962

project is underway and in fact has been for nearly two months. Only now is the work becoming obvious. No, it is not being torn down. But, rather it is being returned to the configuration it had when it was last in railway service. The goal of the project is to return the depot to the tracks, historically restore the exterior, refurbish the interior and place it back into active service at the ACE Station as Livermore's Depot.

Significant non-historic additions and modifications were made to the depot after it came out of railway service. These were all made in attempts to reincarnate it as a restaurant, a real estate office and multiple other uses, all of which eventually failed. Much of the initial and virtually invisible work was surveying exactly what were the historic and non-historic components.

Removal of the non-historic exterior additions is now in progress. These include the extension on the south side that connected to the freight car that was parked along side the depot. On the north side the additions include the concrete

block kitchen and exterior stairway. Ductwork and equipment will be removed from the roof as well as the ersatz chimney.

The plan is to return the depot to its final service configuration of over fifty years ago. The May 1962 photo from the California State Railroad Museum shows the depot in its final service configuration. At some time before this photo was taken the extended covered freight platform was removed by the railroad. Note the stovepipe extension over the stump of the original chimney. The original chimney was toppled in the 1906 quake and never restored.

The site at the ACE station is simultaneously being prepared to receive the depot. To facilitate the move the freight house will be separated from the two story portion of the building, then subsequently re-assembled. The actual move of the depot is expected to occur sometime this summer.

Disagree with Editorial Michael Duncan Livermore

I take umbrage regarding your May 18 editorial. The Independent has become too far left. Your statements are like people with liberal bents saying "Black Lives Matter." Whereas all lives matter, not just black lives.

The school districts should not be put in a posi-

tion of defying federal laws. The majority of people in this country want stricter immigration laws to protect us from religious fanatics and to keep our country safe. Has no one been watching what has happened in France and Germany? Just this week, Manchester, England had a terrorist attack with 22 people dead and scores injured - many including pre-teens.

Americans are already hurting from H1-B visas and their jobs are being taken away from them by immigrants who are replacing them for lower wages and to add insult to injury, the people let go are required to train their replacements. It's a win-win for corporations but not for the Americans who have been born here and have worked for many years with a company.

By declaring Safe Haven schools, you might as well be saying you are a sanctuary city. When officials or citizens refuse to report illegal aliens to ICE, repeat offenders may be released to commit more crimes instead of being detained or deported, according to USA Today. Sanctuary cities are more attractive to illegal aliens increasing the economic burden on the city to support the unauthorized alien population. Unchecked population growth is never a good thing for our cities or our state.

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Students Discuss Immigration with Community Leaders

As part of a class project, International Baccalaureate (IB) Spanish students at Granada High School prepared questions and invited local leaders to participate in a forum about current immigration topics.

Their Maria Elena Ventura helped to set up the session.

Tim Sbranti, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Eric Swalwell, along with Livermore leaders, Mayor John Marchand, Chief of Police Michael Harris, Board of Education President Craig Bueno, and Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. met with the IB Spanish Higher Level students on May 22, 2017 in their classroom. The students expressed a desire to learn more about the rights of immigrants, as well as how local community officials could offer support for undocumented immigrants.

Student facilitators Guadalupe Nieblas and Manuel

Landeros asked local officials how they can increase awareness of immigration laws and policies. Superintendent Bowers shared that the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has published a document online, titled All Kids Are Our Kids, that affirms the District's commitment to keeping all students safe, regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents. Bowers also said that LVJUSD has published FAQs About Equal Access and Student Safety that clarify the many State and Federal laws that protect student privacy.

Board President Bueno added, "The number one focus is student safety."

Chief Harris said that the Livermore Police Department has posted a letter on the website, and is having it translated into Spanish to post on the website. Harris said, "We engage with the community to learn what

they need and to educate them."

When asked about immigrants' rights, Mayor Marchand assured the students that all members of the community are treated equally. "We do not ask about immigration status. Our number one priority is community safety," said Marchand.

Sbranti indicated that Congressman Swalwell encourages people to call his office with any questions on any topic.

Manuel Landeros, spokesman for the students, said, "The panel informed us about what was going on in the community. It really made us feel safe." Ventura added, "All of the speakers were open and made the students feel confident so that they could ask their questions. The students felt important. Even though some of the questions were very personal, they felt safe."

Jon Cariveau, IB Coordinator at Granada High School, said the students planned the panel to expand their skills as members of a global society. "This activity was an excellent example of what students can do within the IB program. It

shows how the tenets of the program inspire students to think globally and interculturally."

Guadalupe Nieblas said, "It was a great experience being a facilitator. We all learned a lot. We improved our communication skills and our speaking skills."

Marta Urrutia, LVJUSD Migrant Education Outreach Recruiter, said the forum empowered the students. "It is a motivation for the children to learn more about our constitution, to use common sense, to become the great citizens that this country needs," she said.

Migrant Education Counselor Elizabeth Lara Luna agreed. She said, "If there was ever a one-sided view, I think they are now able to see multiple perspectives. They know they are not alone."

The students had originally planned an evening event, but because of late notice to the officials, most were unable to attend. Student Christina Mena thanked the panel for taking the time to meet with the students. "You have shown us we can accomplish something important."

INTEREST

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est on the City's COP's. The original projections anticipated that the HCIF would exceed the principal and interest on the City's COP's. No money from the City's general fund should be needed to pay the debt service on the COP's that the City issued.

The HCIF revenues also need to cover any maintenance and repairs of the roof and structural elements of the theater.

King said that LVPAC is building a capital reserve to fund any future needed capital improvements at the Bankhead Theater. In addition, the City is building a capital reserve from excess HCIF funds, she concluded.

King stated, "LVPAC's Board of Directors, along with its other volunteers, donors and patrons, continues to be very grateful for the assistance that the City provided to LVPAC in handling a very complex transaction."

SEWER RATES

In other action, the council rejected a staff recommendation to increase sewer service and use charges by 30% over the next three years. Because rates had not been increased on a regular basis, staff told the council there was a need to institute a large rate increase to make up for the failure to keep up with inflation. Over 400 letters of protest were received by the city objecting to the increase.

Four votes were required to implement the change. With only four councilmembers present, Bob Carling's "no" vote led to a discussion of options.

The final decision supported by all of the councilmembers was to raise the rates 7% each of the next three years. The council would then look at reserves, operating costs, and needed maintenance and repairs to determine the rates in subsequent years.

Cyber Challenge at Library

The Livermore Public Library will host a "Cyber Defense Challenge for Teens" on Wednesday, June 14. Two identical 90-minute sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The cyber challenges, run by Lab computer scientists, will offer several levels of difficulty to accommodate participants ranging in age and experience, from middle to high school.

Teens participating in the challenges will learn how to program a Raspberry Pi computer using hands-on activities. Working with a teammate, participants also will take on 8-10 challenges unified by a common storyline. The activities will familiarize participants with tools such as Firefox, Wireshark, gdb, Python and pattern/logic.

Celeste Matarazzo and Evi Dube, of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Cyber Defenders program, will run the event. LLNL Cyber Defender student interns will serve as mentors and provide technical support for the event.

Registration is required for this free event, though anyone may register, including non-Livermore residents. To sign up, go to the Youth Room Information Desk at the Civic Center Library or call (925) 373-5504.

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SPORTS NOTES



Wrestlers pictured are Coach Jeff Glass and Julia Resultan (top photo) and (from left) Mya Waechter, Coach Jeff Glass, Mikayla Guevarra



Pictured from Granada High School are Kendra Battle and Chloe Stanford competing in hurdles. Photo courtesy of Todd Reddick and Bob Bronzan, Livermore-Granada Boosters.



Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Phillies captured the regular season championship. With a record of 13 wins and 3 losses it came down to the last game of the season with a win against the Giants for the title. The Phillies finished the season strong, winning their last 5 contests by at least 10 runs a game. Phillies pictured left to right are Reese Fulton, Ryan Bull, Ryan Herberger, Roman Bischer, Eli McDuffie, Mika McDuffie, Sam Masek, Aiden Herberger, Justin Yu, Nic Kullman, Andrew Chao. Back row coaches Carmen Bischer, Sean Kullman, and Chris Fulton.



Ryken Mak, Justin Peterson, and Roland Ruckman-Barnes race to a 1-2-3 finish in the CYO 6th grade 1600m run.



Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Maroon soccer team, coached by Marc Beard, are Gold Division Spring League champions.



ting Ballistic a 2-0 lead, Fusion scored four unanswered goals to capture the win. The boys celebrated Mother's Day by trouncing Tri Valley SC 11-1. Gavin Vadney was the game's offensive star with four goals.

Livermore Fusion U9 Girls Gold soccer team hosted San Ramon FC White at Kellman Field on May 21 for their final game of the spring season. Fusion withstood the afternoon heat and a tough opponent to win 4-3, using strong defense and excellent passing.

Pleasanton Girls Softball
Pleasanton Girls Softball League

results:
Middle School - Teal: BHG Tri-Valley Realty 6, G2 Emerald Dragons 9. Natalie Maedler drove in three runs in a game-winning rally for the Emerald Dragons, who received quality pitching from Mariah Cannady, Saylor Limkakeng and Payton Limkakeng. Katie Jones scored twice, Brooke Inman had a two-run double and Sydney Friday reached base three times for BHG Tri-Valley Realty. Top players: Katie Jones, Brooke Inman, Sydney Friday, Payton Limkakeng, Saylor Limkakeng, and Natalie Maedler.

GHS Track & Field

Granada High School was well represented by members of the track and field team at the North Coast Section Tri-Valley Championships. Several Matadors qualified to advance to the Meet of Champions. The girls on relay teams in both the 4x100m, with Cassidy Bates, Mia Smith, Giovanna Duley, Lindsey Phillips, Taylor Bond, and Kylie Moore, and Ashley Cole, Mia Smith, Kaila Kheirloom, Bond, Duley, and Phillips, on the 4x400m will all advance. Advancing in hurdle events are Chloe Stanford, Kheirloom and Cole in the 100m,

and Kheirloom and Cole in the 400m. Matadors advancing in the long distance runs are Colleen McCandless and John Bennett in the 1600m, and Cameron Priest, McCandless, and Bennett in the 3200m. The Matadors also enjoyed success in the field events with Nicole Adams, Emily March, and Mark Silverthorn in the shot put and Claire March, Silverthorn, and E. March in discuss.

Granada Little League
Granada Little League results:
Minor AA: Red Sox 16, Angels 6.
Despite the results of the game, both

The West Coast 08 Wolfpack girls dominated their first Norcal play date of the year with victories over Norh Marin (10-0), IR Academy (5-1) and Woodland SC (8-2). Goals by Allison Edgemon(7), Jazzlyn Gonzalez(6), Maisyn Perin(3), Aubrey Westbrook(3), Ashley Browning(2), Cailey Sasaki (1) and Sofia Paz (1) led the Pack to a combined 23 goals over the three games. Addison McNeil, Parker Black and Taylor Conover anchored a great defensive effort as the team battled the heat as well as the opposing teams.

Girls Wrestling

Three Bay Area High School girls ended their school season in February and have continued their wrestling since. They have been practicing off-season 3-5 days a week and attend weekend tournaments that have led up to the CA-USAW Freestyle State Tournament in Fresno on Mother's Day Weekend. Julia Resultan of Dublin High placed 8th in the Junior Division. Mya Waechter of Livermore High and Mikayla Guevarra of Amador High both placed 4th in their weight class for the Cadet Division. The girls will continue practicing and attend Summer Camps to aid them in reaching their wrestling goals for the next High School Season.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Maroon soccer team captured the Gold Division Spring League Championship, finishing the season with 9 wins, 0 ties, and 0 losses.

On Saturday, May 13, the team defeated Walnut Creek 2-0 to clinch the league title. Lexi Neubauer and Autumn Walston scored, while defender Katie Levine earned player of the game honors by helping keep a clean sheet.

The next day, the girls played cross-town rival West Coast SC. Having already secured the league championship, the girls set out to achieve another goal: a perfect season. Goals from Daisy Tompkins and Ava Powers, and three goals from Autumn Walston, propelled Fusion to a 5-3 victory. Mission accomplished. Autumn was named player of the game. Her hat trick boosted her season total to 19 goals in 9 games.

Livermore Fusion U13 Boys Maroon soccer team swept three big matches from May 5 through May 14, defeating Castro Valley 2-1, Tri-Valley 9-0, and Ballistic 5-1.

The team is undefeated in spring play and is in 1st place with 3 games remaining. The team's leading scorers are Tanner Breesch, Zachary Huerta, Marcos Valdez, and Daniel Villaseñor. The defense has been stellar all season thanks to defenders Dominic Galo, Max Thompson, Hayden Borg, AJ Hattaway, Josh Raborn, and Keeper Thomas Schnapp. Mateo Vigil, Tyler Orth, Andre Pascal, and Connor Kenyon have facilitated the offense with skillful ball movement.

Livermore Fusion U12 Boys Gold soccer team's solid spring continued over Mother's Day weekend, with a come-from-behind victory Saturday and a dominating win Sunday. On Saturday, the team defeated Pleasanton Ballistic 4-2. After spot-

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

This Notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Livermore.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 9, 2017, the City of Livermore will authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Livermore to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of up to 25 Project-Based Section 8 Vouchers, as authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937, Section 8(c)(9), as amended, to undertake a project known as Sunflower Hill Livermore for the purpose of providing affordable housing for persons with developmental disabilities. Sunflower Hill Livermore, L.P. proposes to develop a 2.14 acre site which contains an historic single-family home and undeveloped agricultural space into a 44-unit affordable housing project with resident community space and amenities that incorporate the existing home. The estimated total funding for the development is \$22,102,470. This includes but is not limited to funding from HUD. The subject project site is located at 4260 First Street (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 902-0014-001, 902-0014-027).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Livermore has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Livermore City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Livermore, Community Development Department, Attention: Ben Murray, Senior Planner, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. on June 8, 2017 will be considered by the City of Livermore prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Livermore certifies to HUD that Marc Roberts in his capacity as City Manager and in his capacity as NEPA Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the name of grant recipient to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Livermore's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Livermore; (b) the City of Livermore has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Gerard Windt, Regional Office Director, Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Sansome Street, Suite, 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 at address of that office. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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teams played hard in their final game of the season. The Angels' offense earned 10 hits versus 13 hits for the Red Sox, while the Angels' defense put out 4 batters versus 5 put outs for the Red Sox. Following a scoreless first inning, both teams scored runs in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The Red Sox shut down the Angels in the 5th. With only minutes left in the bottom of the 5th the Red Sox scored 1 run and ended the game with the 10-run rule being called. Top Red Sox Defense: Jenner Becker (3 SO), Noa Capistrant (1 SO), a 1-3 play by Noa (P) - Josh Katz (1B), and a line drive caught by third baseman Robert Hansen. Porter Seiwald (2 SO), and an unassisted out by Noa Capistrant (1B). Parker Stimmell (1 SO), a 4-3 play by Jordan Kawano (2B) - Tanner Bingham (1B), and a line drive back at the pitcher caught by Parker. Lucas Kinney (3 SO) to close out the game. Top Red Sox offense: Robert Hansen 2-2, triple, 4 RBIs; Jenner Becker 2-2, double, 2 RBIs; Lucas Kinney 1-2, double, 3 RBIs; Noa Capistrant 2-2, 1 RBI; Tanner Bingham 2-3; Josh Katz 1-2, 1 RBI; Porter Seiwald 1-2, 2 RBIs; Jack Larson 1-2, 1 RBI; and Parker Stimmell 1-3, 1 RBI; and an RBI contributed by Jordan Kawano.

Red Sox 9, Royals 8: With a 4 pm start time and the highest temperature of the day now reaching 92 degrees, the first playoff game of the season by the Royals and the Red Sox had their fans on the edge of their seats. The Royals had the lead and held onto it through 3 full innings, until the Red Sox scored 5 runs in the bottom of the 4th with 4 hits. In the top of the 5th, the Royals came out swinging scoring 3 runs with 2 singles and a double. With the tying run on second, the last batter went down swinging for the final out of the game. During 4 1/2 innings of play, both teams left 6 runners stranded on base. Top Red Sox defense: Robert Hansen (5 SO), and an inning ending tag at home plate by Tanner Bingham (1B) to Josh Katz (C) in the 1st. Tanner Bingham (1 SO); Josh Katz (5 SO); Jenner Becker (3 SO). Top Red Sox hitters: Josh Katz 1-1, 1 RBI; Porter Seiwald 1-1, double, 3 RBIs; Robert Hansen 1-2, 2 RBIs; Noa Capistrant 1-2, 2 RBIs; Jack Larson 1-2, Tanner Bingham 1-3; and Kyle Babel contributing the tying RBI in the bottom of the 4th.

CYO Track & Field

The Saint Michael CYO track and field team participated in the sectional qualifying meet on April 29 at Granada HS. PRs in the events were:
Adrian Gomez (1600m), Aiden Clarin (50m), Alicia Sablan (50m,100m,LJ), Anthony Pedretti (100m,Softball), Anya Eastman (100m,100m), Aubrey Bessolo (100m), Benjamin Ulmer (1600m,LJ), Bronwyn Blair (100m), Callan Mak (800m,1600m), Cameron Caley (50m), Chase Vogler (Softball), Claire Taulbee (50m,Shot), Colin Johnston (Softball), Collin McCarthy (1600m), Danielle Rasmussen (50m), Danny Enrique (800m), David Wu (800m), Dillon Maheshwari (800m,1600m,Softball), Donovan Morton (50m,100m), Dylan Bennet (LJ), Elizabeth Phillips (200m), Emily Gnecco (400m,800m), Ethan Santiago (100m), Evelyn Ruckman-Barnes (100m),
Gabriella Edwards (Shot), Gavin Morton (100m,400m), Ginger Hopcus (50m), Graedon Beeler (1600m), Hannah Peterson (50m,100m), Holden Hoffman (200m), Isabella Peterson (200m), Issac Hutchison (400m,800m), Jana Barron (400m,800m), Jordan Featherstone (100m), Justin Peterson (1600m,Softball), Kate Walker (Softball), Laelah Gross (200m), Lorilei Hennigan (100m), Luke Losey (Softball), Mackenzie Maclean



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School varsity volleyball team holds up the North Coast Section Division 1 championship trophy. The Dons, who went undefeated during the season, faced De La Salle in the finals, coming away with a 3 to 1 (25-23, 25-12, 21-25, 25-20) win.

(800m), Madden DeKay (100m), Madeline Pereira (100m), Madison Ikeda (100m), Margo Blair (50m,Softball), Max Thompson (100m,200m,Softball), Michael Francesconi (LJ), Mikaela Beeler (800m,1600m,LJ), Miranda Mains (200m,400m), Nathanael Resong (50m,200m), Nina Fillari (LJ), Nina Nowicki (100m,200m), Nora Blair (100m,400m), Peighton Hanson (50m,1600m), Piper Hanson (50m), Raya Casselman (50m,200m), Reno Bolyard (200m), Roland Ruckman-Barnes (1600m), Ryken Mak (800m,1600m,LJ), Scott Wortham (100m,Softball), Sean Pudzer (100m), Sophia Zuniga (50m,100m), Susie Beamon (50m,200m), Viviana Valentin (400m,800m)
For more information about St. Michael CYO track, go to www.smictrack.org/

West Coast Soccer

In NorCal Spring League play, the West Coast Wildkatz 05 girls found themselves with the challenge of a late game Friday night followed by an early morning game the following day. Friday evening Wildkatz took to the field at Las Positas College to face Mustangs Elite. Mustangs scored early. The teams battled back and forth but Wildkatz were able to tie the game when Katie Strong found the net. A high flying goal by Emma Colmenero gave the Wildkatz the lead 2-1 before the end of the first half. Wildkatz defense held Mustang scoreless and the Wildkatz took the win and secured first place in Spring League.
On Saturday, Wildkatz traveled to Los Altos to face MVLA United. The game started with both teams' defense shutting down any goal attempts. Quickly after the start of the second half, Katie Strong sent the ball into the upper corner of the net to give the Wildkatz the lead 1-0. Strong then found Cameron Silva in front of MVLA's goal and Silva tapped the ball in and the Wildkatz were up 2-0. Emma Colmenero battled through traffic and gave the Wildkatz another goal. The Wildkatz continued to dominate. Silva scored again on a cross from Karlee



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School defeated the Amador Valley varsity softball team last Thursday, 2-0, in a neutral playoff game. Both teams moved on to the NCS Division I playoffs with Amador earning the top seed and Foothill the second seed. Amador played Mt. Eden and Foothill took on Liberty on Wednesday. The other local team in the Division I playoffs, Granada, played Alhambra on Tuesday with results after The Independent's deadline. In Division II, Livermore High School is the number one seed. They played San Lorenzo on May 23.

Lywadowsky. With just seconds to go in play, Zusette Zamora drove the ball through a group of defenders and sent the ball into the upper corner of the net. The Wildkatz defense kept MVLA scoreless throughout the game and the team took home a 5-0 win to avenge their only loss of the season. With a record of 9 wins and 1 loss, Wildkatz took first place in Spring League with 34 goals for and only 11 goals against.

The West Coast Kryptonite '07 came out on fire over the weekend with victories over Castro Valley Green and Union City Premier. West Coast took over the game against Castro Valley scoring early and often. Jayden Reynolds led the Kryptonite team with three goals, Nikki Orth and Jariah Indalecio each added two, and Ella Nguyen tallied one for Kryptonite's 8-0 win. Allison Edgemon and Sofia Paz played as guest from West Coast Wolfpack 08 team, playing some valuable minutes for the shorthanded Kryptonite. Sunday pitted West Coast vs undefeated Union City Premier. Goalie Piper Sweeney kept Union City at Bay, while the defense of Madden Black, Kendall Shetter, and Nylah Trias proved too strong for Union City Premier's offense. In the midfield, Aubrey Westbrook and Nguyen took away many chances away from Union City. Kryptonite took home a 7-1 victory. Goals were scored by Reynolds (2), Indalecio (2), Trias, Sweeney, and Shetter.

The West Coast Wildfire U17 girls participated in the California Regional League Showcase over the weekend, their 3rd college showcase of the year. Wildfire went undefeated, giving up only one goal. Wildfire faced three teams they have never seen before, Atletico Santa Rosa Juventus, EC Real Salinas Strikers, and the South Tahoe FC Outlaws. In the first game against Santa Rosa, Wildfire scored 4 with 0 goals against.

Later in the evening, Wildfire faced a very competitive team from Salinas. Wildfire controlled the field with relentless offensive pressure. The match ended early due to injury and darkness. Both teams were scoreless.

In the final match of the showcase, Wildfire faced the South Tahoe Outlaws. Within the first 20 minutes, Wildfire scored 3 and had a comfortable lead going into the half time break.

Wildfire scored 4 additional goals in the second half. With minutes to go in the match, the Outlaws scored, with Wildfire dominating and easily claiming a 7-1 victory.
West Coast Wild U19 Girls for the 5th straight year finished as State Champions. Not only have the Wild

repeated in state titles but they did it at the National level as well in 2014 & 2015 and will get a crack at it again in 2017. As State Cup Champions, the West Coast Wild team is invited to represent Cal North at Far West Regionals in Redmond, Washington. Games will begin on June 19th and conclude on June 25th. Winners of regional will advance to Nationals held in Frisco, Texas July 24-30th.

filled out at: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10370/9th-annual-hook-and-ladder-run>.

LGSA Registration:

Livermore Girls Softball Association welcomes girls who are 5 years of age and older for the 2017 Fall Recreational season. No prior experience necessary. Online registration is open at www.lgsa.org. Visit the website or email info@lgsa.org for more information.

Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 9th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore. This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Registration is \$45.00 for the adult 5K or \$45.00 for the 10K (\$20 and \$30 respectively for those 17 and under) and \$20.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. Registration closes May 30th or when sold out. Additional fundraising and donations are 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 that is a 50/50 paved, dirt road course. The 10K is 90/10 dirt and paved road. Strollers are not permitted on the 10K course. Both courses travel through Sycamore Grove Park. The Kid's One-Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase.
On line registration can be

Baseball Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting two summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 5-12 year old camps that cost \$150. The two dates are: June 12-16 and July 10-14 and run from 9-12 each day. For more info to sign up, contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or dperotti@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

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Sharing Stories of 'Making My Way to the USA'



By Carol Graham

When she was just six years old, Terry Chang believed her older sister.

"She told me that the whole family was going on a cruise, that we were going to travel on a big ship with a swimming pool and everything," said Chang. "The next thing I remember was the feeling of panic as my family ran for cover into the darkness of a boat's cargo hold. I heard the muffled sound of guns firing. My family was driven out of Vietnam. When the communist regime took over, they told my father that we had to go to a reeducation camp. They were taking over our businesses and home."

Chang, her parents and nine siblings escaped that night on one of three boats intending to carry refugees on a three-day trip to Thailand.

"I remember being baked under the sun and sucking on my bloody lips," said Chang. "I remember throwing up a lot, and the swaying motion that wouldn't stop. I remember my brother taking me on deck where the salty ocean air and breeze revived me. Apparently, I passed out a lot; the stench of feces mixed with vomit, urine, pork sausage and eucalyptus oil was too much for me."

"I remember vividly when my father and brothers wrapped up my grandmother's body with a gray tarp and rope, and threw it into the ocean. My stoic father's deep and anguished sobbing forever echoes in my mind."

From there, things got worse. Chang's boat became lost at sea.

"We were very low on supplies, with only one spoon of rice per person per day, and the boat was leaking and slowly



Photos by Munir Safi

sinking," she said. "I remember my baby sister whimpering in pain as my mother had no milk. When she cried no more, I remember the eerie silence. Then my skin felt some water drops, and the water drops became heavy raindrops. The people on the boat woke up and cried in relief and joy. I opened my mouth to catch and taste the sweetness of every drop of rainwater. Water is still my favorite drink today."

This year, on April 29, Chang was one of several speakers who shared their immigration stories at "Making My Way to the USA." All were invited to attend the community event, which was hosted by a partnership of Embracing Diversity (stemming from Livermore's Asbury United Methodist Church), Interfaith Interconnect (a Tri-Valley community group embracing diverse faiths and cultures), and the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay (where the event took place in Pleasanton).

"One of the most impactful moments for me was hearing Terry Chang's harrowing story of immigrating before settling in the USA," said Shana Peete, a member of the event's organizing committee. "It made me laugh. It made me cry. It reminded me just how fortunate we are to live in a country that people risk life and limb to get to, seeking a better life for themselves and their families."

Despite Chang's terrifying story, she considers herself one of the lucky ones.

"Although we got lost at sea, we were not boarded by pirates, robbed, murdered or raped, as some refugees tragically experienced," she said. "On the 11th day, we spotted land. We were swept to Sabah, Malaysia, a Muslim nation that mercifully and compassionately took in the boat people from Vietnam. Of the three boats that had left the dock, one sunk, one caught on fire, and one was not heard of again. That one was ours."

During Making My Way to the USA, the more than 80

attendees divided into groups of ten to share their own or their families' stories of immigration.

"When you look at a person you have no idea of what challenges they faced to be sitting right across from you," said Peete. "It was neat to walk by the tables and hear snippets of people sharing laughs and understanding glances as they shared arrival stories."

Cards bearing the attendees written stories and histories were placed on a free-standing bridge which serves as a symbol of immigrants' varied and interrelated journeys.

"The stories remain attached to the rainbow bridge and are part of a traveling installation that has made its first stop at Asbury church," said Peete. "We hope to see it grow and travel with time. If people are interested in hosting it at their location or event, they can email Rally4Love@yahoo.com."

Chang's story, like many of those shared, ended well.

"From Malaysia, we were adopted by the U.S., a country where kindness, love and generosity dwell, and where we were given the freedom and opportunity to not only survive but to thrive," she said. "I remember my first Thanksgiving, my first Christmas, and the first snowflake I saw clinging to a windowpane. Everything was so beautiful! I share my story to let you know how proud I am to be American. An American, I believe, is someone who respects and cares deeply about the sacred worth of fellow human beings."

At the end of the event, Peete addressed the crowd. "Throw out a word," she said, "that describes what you experienced when you talked with each other and shared your stories."

One by one voices from the audience called out: Inspiring. Enlightening. Understanding. Compassion. Empathy. Commonality. Driven. Resilient.

American.

To learn more or watch a video of the event, visit Rally For Love – Tri Valley on Facebook.

COLLEGE

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from testing in 2016. That is up from 61% the previous year.

Students "conditionally ready" remained at 24%. The number of students not ready dropped from 15% to 11%.

Gains in districts in the county and statewide showed about the same degree of improvement. However, Pleasanton's results were two times higher than the county average in 2016, which was 33%, and also higher than the state average of 26%.

In Pleasanton ELA results, Asian students climbed from 76% to 81% between 2015 and 2016 in the readiness category, and remained at 14% in near-ready. White students improved from 59% to 61% in readiness, and from 28% to 29% in near-ready.

Hispanic students showed the most dramatic gain in readiness, from 33% to 46%, and 20% to 32% in near-ready. The numbers of Hispanic students taking the test varied little, with 111 in 2015, and 105 in 2016.

The smallest ethnic group taking the test were African-Americans, with 30 tested in 2015 and 20 in 2016. As a result, the percentages vary dramatically because of the low statistical base for computing the percentages. In the 2015 testing, 50% were ready in ELA, and in 2016 the figure was 30%. Near-ready rose from 28%

to 30%.

Mike Kufhal, the district's assessment coordinator, said administrators and teachers will be paying strong attention to certain subgroups, which tested poorly for readiness. None among the 20 or so English Language learners were ready, and 20% were conditionally ready in 2016. Students with disabilities were 6% ready among the 72 who tested in 2016. Another 29% were conditionally ready.

A bright spot was the rise of socio-economically disadvantaged, which rose from 24% to 39% in the readiness category.

Math scores continue to be lower than ELA percentages. Some 46% of students were ready in 2016, up from 42% in the previous year. Another 25% were conditionally ready, 29% not ready. Countywide in 2016, some 22% were ready and 21% near ready. Statewide 13% were ready, and 20% near ready.

Among ethnic groups in Pleasanton, 71% of Asians were ready in math, and 18% near ready. Among whites, 36% were ready and 31% near ready. Some 20% of Hispanics were ready, and 26% near ready, among 102 who were tested in 2016. Among African-Americans, 11% were ready and 22% near ready among 19 students who took the test.

In subgroups, socio-ec-

onomically disadvantaged students had 20% ready, and 22% near ready. Only 1% of the 72 students with disabilities were ready, and 6% near ready; 74% of English learners were not ready. Among the 15 English learners taking the test in 2016, none were ready, 20 percent were near ready.

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SHORT NOTES

Go Ponding

Ponding USA! will be the topic presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on May 27. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.

Forget surfing. Today the place to be is in the pond. Join this program to explore its deepest depths. After a short introduction to some of the local inhabitants, the group will grab nets and dive in – well, wade in and look for aquatic creatures. Good for ages 5 and up. Bring water, a towel and closed-toed shoes that can get wet – old sneakers work fine. Sandals/bare feet are not allowed in the

pond. Please RSVP by calling 925-960-2400 or emailing dsegur@larpd.org.

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

SonRise Fundraising

Themed "A Summertime Oasis," SonRise Equestrian Foundation's fundraiser will

take place June 24 at the Charles Wilhelm Training Facility in Castro Valley.

It will be emceed by ABC Channel 7's Mike Nicco, and will include demonstrations of all three programs offered – In the Saddle, Team Equine, and Traveling Tails. Each program provides benefits to children with challenges.

The event includes a live band, live and silent auctions, photos with SonRise's miniature horses, a catered dinner, and wine donated by Wente Vineyards.

SonRise was founded in 2005 with one goal in mind: to help children with special needs thrive. Whether that child is

facing autism, cerebral palsy or bullies in school, SonRise was created to give these children an outlet from their everyday struggles. Today, SonRise serves hundreds of children annually, with seven therapy horses and a team of 75 volunteers. This nonprofit has grown over the years and it looks to continue its work into 2018 and beyond with its annual fundraiser – Wine & Equine.

Tickets to Wine & Equine are available by calling 838-RIDE (7433) or visiting www.SonRiseKids.org.

New After-Hours

The Admissions and Re-

ords Office at Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore has opened a new after-hours service center with dedicated responders who can answer questions in real time about college admissions, registration, financial aid, and pre-admission services such as campus tours and workshops.

The service center is available to prospective and current students each Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as an addition to the regularly scheduled business hours of the Admissions and Records Office.

"This new service center is a key component of our initiative

to provide greater accessibility and more options for students," according to LPC President Barry Russell. "Students who work during daytime hours can now make inquiries and get an immediate response to advance their education goals," he added.

The new After-Hours Service Center offers three points of contact. Students can call (925) 424-1530, participate in a live video chat with a Cranium Café user account and web/mobile camera, or send an email inquiry to LPC-Admissions@laspositascollege.edu.

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

OBITUARIES

Robert Bruce Donaldson

Feb. 2, 1960 – Feb. 2, 2017

Robert Bruce was born in Oakland, California, spending most of his life in Pleasanton and Livermore with several periods of adventure in the mountains of the Sierra Nevada.

Former neighbor and friend, Tim Hunt, of Pleasanton, recalls

that he was a skilled heavy equipment operator who did excavation and landscaping work with his backhoe. "He also took great interest in caring for DJ and Shea, sons of a former girlfriend, often bringing them to work with him and sneaking them in to enjoy the neighbors' swimming pools at the end of the day during the hot summer months."

Predeceased by his adoptive parents, Robert E. Donaldson in 1979 and Geraldine P. Donaldson on December 21, 2016, he is deeply missed by his wife of two years, Kathy Lenn Donaldson, sisters, Karen and Jan, niece, Amy, and DJ and Shea, whom he considered as family.

He was an active, cheerful child and carried those qualities into his adult years, despite suffering from two rare forms of cancer over the past 12 years. He died on his 57th birthday after complications from surgery near Paris, Tennessee, where he had moved with his mother several years ago. He was someone whose motto might well have been, "Go big or go home!" Now, he is home.

A gathering in his memory will take place in Paris, Tennessee, at a later date.

Sherry Patricia Bertoli

Sherry passed away on May 2, 2017 in Walnut Creek, California, after a long and courageous battle with cancer with her family

by her side. She was born May 6, 1947 in Scotia, California.

Sherry is survived by her daughter Lisa Bouillere and her son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Denise Bouillere, and two grandchildren Paige and Nick Bouillere. Sherry worked as a Medical Assistant for 13 years for Kaiser Permanente and enjoyed her work very much. Sherry enjoyed reading, visiting with friends and family, and loved cats. In the past year, thanks to her good friend Janice, Sherry found her spirituality again.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Bruce Gifford Orcutt

Bruce Gifford Orcutt, longtime resident of Livermore,

California, left us suddenly on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the age of 89. He was born

in Oakland, CA on January 7, 1928 and lived in the Bay Area most of his entire life

doing what he loved best, being an all-around cowboy and rancher. Ranching wasn't a family business, but it was in Bruce's blood. While growing up, his father was grooming him to enter the family business, Orcutt Tile. But, Bruce had other ideas. At 16 he started his own business at Tilden Park in the Oakland Hills, which consisted of stage coach and pony rides. After that he managed and/or owned many different ranches where he trained horses and ran boarding stables. He showed Quarterhorse stallions to be exact. He then moved on to training and owning race horses, which he did for over ten years. He also enjoyed working with his tractors, big and small. He raised rabbits and chickens and also cattle.

Bruce had three children, Steven, Danial and Lori with his first wife, Barbara. But the love of his life was Willie. They were together for 44 very long and wonderful years. Even though they did not have children of their own, he considered all of Willie's kids his own.

He and Willie were co-owners of the 125 Club in North Livermore for three years. The family made it a family fun establishment. He and Willie would bar tend, as did the kids.

He took his dog and companion, Jeronimo, with him everywhere he went. He was the real deal, our very own John Wayne.

He will be missed by all of his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many others. He will especially be missed by Willie. Rest in peace, Bruce.

We are inviting all of his friends and family to come celebrate his long and happy life on Friday, May 26, 2017 starting at 3 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94551.

William (Bill) F. Wills Jr.

William F. Wills Jr., age 80, passed away on May 9, 2017, at home, in Livermore, of natural causes. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara, a brother, two daughters, 2 grandsons, 4 granddaughters and 2 great-granddaughters.

Bill worked as a paper carrier for the Fresno Bee, a brakeman/switchman for the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, and a plant breeder for the USDA Horticultural Breeding Station. After graduating from Fresno State with botany and math degrees, he went to work at Twining Laboratories for one year, and then went on to a career as a chemist - microscopist at General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center and Shafer Corporation for 40 years. He was an avid backpacker and hiker. He was a member of the ACCRS model railroad club, and a member of SIRS, ELFUN and OSLC. Until recently, he was a volunteer at the local VA hospital.

Memorial services will be held on June 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore, or a charity of choice.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Wills family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com

Rosendo (Ben) C. Evangelista

Rosendo C. Evangelista (also known as Ben) was born on August 13, 1935 in Manila and passed away on May 15, 2017 in Union City,

Rosendo Evangelista and his second wife, Leonila Evangelista, were married on 1978. Then, in 1984 he arrived in Livermore California with hopes of creating a better life for himself and his family. Ben

worked two full time jobs to make enough money to bring his wife and six kids over from the Philippines. At the time, his only mode of transportation was a small fold up bike and the bus system.

Along with being an incredibly hard worker, Mr. Evangelista was an entertainer of sorts. He loved to invite the extended family and friends over to the house for just about any celebration, big or small! While his wife Leonila, made the incredible food, Ben would provide the entertainment. His favorite thing to do was to break out the karaoke machine and sing all the classic Filipino and American songs, laughing and joking the entire time!

Mr. Evangelista was a warm hearted, light-spirited person who left us all with so many wonderful memories, memories that we'll cling to dearly as we honor his passing. Rosendo Evangelista is survived by his wife, six children and nine grandchildren. All of whom wish they could sing a song with "Lolo" just one more time!

The family thanks the many friends who offered prayers, calls, texts and messages of love and support!

We welcome you to join us in a celebration of Rosendo C. Evangelista's life on Friday May 26th, 2017 at 10:00AM. Vigil Service will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, Ca 94550. Funeral Mass will begin promptly at 12:00PM.

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Cynthia Kirkman Davis

Livermore, California April 25, 1947 to April 20, 2017

Cyndee passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on April 20, 2017, at the age of 69. She was a graduate of San Lorenzo High School and Chabot College. She started her career with Pac

Bell as an operator in the Berkeley office and was promoted to the Frames once the department was opened

to women. She left when AT&T and Pac Bell merged to become a fulltime mom. She later worked as an administrative assistant for Veneer Graphics and also US Food Service.

Highly competitive, she enjoyed tennis and badminton, women's softball and bowling. Her true love of sports came in golf. She joined The Fremont Golf Niners Ladies Team and never looked back, playing weekly, taking lessons and finding just the right clubs to improve her game. She joined the Moose dart league and most recently became a pretty good poker player.

Her most rewarding accomplishments came when she joined the Women of the Moose Fraternal Organiza-

tion, Hayward-Castro Valley chapter. In her ten years as a member she sponsored eighteen co-workers, served a Jr. Regent, Senior Regent, Jr. Graduate Regent and Secretary. She worked hard to achieve the Women of the Moose college honors - green cap and red stoll. She also joined the Golden Poppies, a higher level of the women of the Moose and the Livermore Eagles. You could always find her at any one of the organizations' fundraising events.

She had just started to travel and was looking forward to visiting Europe, Asia and the Caribbean this summer.

She leaves behind her two daughters Keely and Lindsay Kirkman and granddaughter Kinsey Kirkman-Brim all of Livermore, her sister, Priscilla Maxwell of Cameron Park and her nephew, Brian Maxwell of Sacramento. She is preceded by her parents John and Virginia Finley and her brother Thomas Finley.

This happy, fun loving woman will truly be missed by many.

All of her family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, to be held on June 1, 2017 at 4pm.

Beatrice A. Baer



Beatrice Andrea Baer, age 88 of Livermore, CA, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home on Wednesday May 17, 2017. She was a resident of Alameda County since 1958 and resided in Livermore, CA since 1964. Beatrice was born on February 4, 1929 in the Town of Bellvue, Colorado.

Beatrice was preceded in death by her parents Abdon M. Padilla and Tircia Gallegos Padilla of Bellvue, Colorado. She was one of 16 children, 8 brothers and 8 sisters, all have preceded her in death. Beatrice was married to her beloved husband Paul J. Baer on February 12, 1949 and they shared 54 wonderful years together, until his death on November 22, 2003. They are survived by their three children, fondly known as the "3 Little Baers": Katherine A. Baer of Royal Oaks, CA, Susan M. Quintoa of Merced, CA, and Terry W. Baer of Briceville, TN. The Baer Family grew larger with thirteen grandchildren, thirty five great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and the various family friends that Mr. and Mrs. Baer adopted along the way. So many people that came into their lives, became a part of the Baer Family.

Beatrice was a Navy wife and served our Country alongside her husband Paul for over 20 years. She was the president of the Navy Wives Club at Komandorski Village, Dublin, California, where she assisted many wives in adjusting to the military lifestyle. She taught them how to come together as a community and aid each other, when in need. When they moved to Alameda County, Beatrice went to work for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where she worked as the Test Program Librarian for 33 years. She retired from LLNL and went on to being a devoted Grandmother. She loved to spend time with

family and friends, sharing stories of her childhood growing up on the family farm, how she met her husband and stories of her children growing up. She maintained a book of stories, as well as a family tree, with all family members birthdays and contact information. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Beatrice had a passionate love for the Lord and it showed with how she lived her life and always helped others. Beatrice was a very kind and generous woman, she was admired by many who had met her. She lived a long and fulfilling life and enjoyed every bit of it. She will be missed by so many, even those that recently met her, she touched their lives in a way that she will never be forgotten. She is now reunited with her loving husband Paul J. Baer and is at peace.

Our Family and Friends will celebrate her life during her services on Thursday May 25, 2017 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue Livermore, CA 94550. www.callaghanmortuary.com. Viewing from 10am to 11am and Funeral immediately following from 11am to 2pm. Burial will be held Friday May 26, 2017 at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 West McCabe Road Santa Nella, CA 95322 where she will be laid to rest beside her husband Paul J. Baer.

In lieu of flowers, we request that you make a donation in her name, to one of her favorite charities. DAV Disabled American Veterans at DAV.org, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org, the American Cancer Society at cancer.org/donate or to a charity of your own choice. A special message to those unable to attend her services, Mrs. Beatrice A. Baer truly cherished her relationships with all of you. Know that she left this earth with a special place for each and every one of you in her heart and she now watches over you and awaits the time that she will see us all again. God Bless you all.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Baer family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com

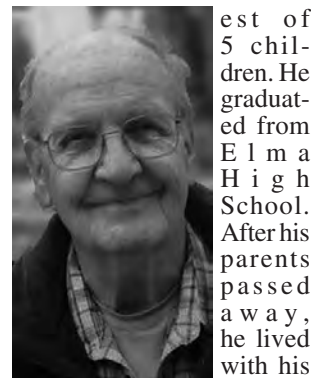
In Loving Memory Of Connie Mack Walkup

May 5, 1930 – May 21, 2017

Connie (Con) Mack Walkup passed away on May 21, 2017, at the age of 87 after a courageous battle with cancer. A memorial service is scheduled for 11:30 A.M. Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore, California

Connie is survived by children Paula Golightly, Diane Stephenson, Stephanie Walkup, Connie Post; Cliff Walkup; six grandchildren, one great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife Teresa Barbara Walkup, his brother Delson, and sisters Vivian, Velma and Virginia.

Connie was born on May 5, 1930 in Elma, Washington, to Ronald and Cleo Walkup. He was the young-



est of 5 children. He graduated from Elm High School. After his parents passed a way, he lived with his sister

Velma and then enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War as a Corporal from October 1951 to July 1953. After serving his country, Connie moved to San Francisco, California where he met his future wife Teresa Oliver.

In September 28, 1957, he married Teresa at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in San Francisco. Connie enrolled in college courses and became a chemist first working at Shell Development Company in Emeryville California while raising a family in Novato California. In 1973 he began working at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and moved the family to Livermore. He retired in the early 1990s and was well recognized in for his attention to detail, and his natural curiosity that fed an insatiable desire to solve complex problems in the field of chemistry. Connie was also talented musically playing the guitar and singing at a young age. His music and musical interests were a cornerstone of the family. In addition, he was an avid gardener and fisherman applying his innate attention to detail to both of these passions. Connie was a devoted husband to his wife Teresa, particularly in later years through his focused dedication to caring for her during her very lengthy illness.

Connie grew up in very rural area often telling many stories about the challenging conditions of his youth. Having older siblings who were away from home, Connie spent a lot of time on his own often without shoes hiking and fishing in the forests, hills, and streams near his home on Stamper Hill with his dog Beans. He was most comfortable in the outdoors and instilled in his children appreciation, respect and innate caring for the outdoors and its creatures. While Connie was never a fan of big crowds of people, he did enjoy socializing, story-telling, and regularly bestowing flowers and boxes of candy to his favorite grocery and drug store clerks, and many staff at hospitals and care giving institutions.

His family and friends will greatly miss his humor, intensity, talents and passion for life. He fought very hard to hold onto life through his difficult battle with cancer.

For those who wish, Connie's family requests for contributions to be made in the honor of Connie Walkup to the East Bay Regional Park District, CA.

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OFF-ROAD

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environmental areas. But there may be good reasons to consider recapturing these project costs through the sale of the property, if a consensus can be reached to do so. The EIR reveals the challenge of creating a project plan that works around the many site constraints. There are off-highway use reforms under way that exhibit a greater appreciation for land and wildlife preservation." The reforms mentioned are referenced in SB 249, which would make changes in the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003.

Baker stated, "Costs associated with the Tesla expansion will continue to grow as we wait for projects to come together and as legal expenses and delays mount. We encourage the department to work with all interested parties, including off-road enthusiasts and environmental groups, to see if a consensus can be reached. Selling the property is one option that should be carefully considered."

The legislators say in their letter that it is not known how many potential sources are interested in purchasing the property. However, one group that has funds to buy and preserve east Alameda County lands such as Tesla is the Altamont Landfill Settlement Open Space Committee.

Last year, the committee sent a letter to California Department of Parks and Recreation to make the department aware that there are funds available to purchase property in the area. The letter stated, "The proposed Expansion Area for the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area is within the East Alameda County Open Space Acquisition Area under the Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement. Currently, there is approximately \$12 million available in the Open Space Fund to acquire open

space land in East Alameda County."

The letter noted, that if the proposed Expansion Area were to become available for acquisition, then the Open Space Committee would consider a grant application for use of the Open Space Fund to acquire a permanent easement over the properties or to acquire them in fee title.

Friends of Tesla Park issued a statement strongly supporting Senator Glazer's and Assemblymember Baker's proposal to save Tesla Park. "Use of the Altamont Landfill Open Space fund is a wonderful opportunity to buy Tesla from State Parks. Friends of Tesla Park with community organizations, agencies and officials throughout the East Bay have been actively working for years to protect Tesla Park because of its extraordinary and irreplaceable natural and cultural resources.

"We hope that the Senate, Assembly and Governor will join Senators Allen and Glazer, Assemblymember Baker, Alameda County, City of Livermore and all the other agencies, organizations and individuals in protecting Tesla Park from destruction," the statement concluded.

Senator Ben Allen introduced SB 249, which provides for reform of the OHMVR program statewide. Friends of Tesla Park note that, as introduced, the bill includes several provisions that will be helpful to Tesla preservation. If the CEQA challenge were successful and the Carnegie SVRA General Plan and EIR were required to be revised and recertified, reform provisions in SB 249 could be useful in ensuring greater protection for Tesla's important natural and cultural resources.

Friends of Tesla Park, one of the groups that sued

the state, noted that the five lawsuits will stay in place. "We have no idea if State Parks would agree to the recommendation of Glazer and Baker. For now, we will continue preparing for the hearing that will take place between November and January. We are preparing the required Administrative Record that must be submitted by August to the court in Sacramento. It is possible that an extension may delay this by two months. In any case, we are going full steam ahead with the lawsuit. If the OHMV Division/State approves the sale of Tesla, it could take a long time to work out the details without compromising any of the Tesla Land. The purchase is the alternative we prefer."

TRAIL

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rebid, they would look at it.

All votes were unanimous with Jerry Pentin absent. Mayor Jerry Thorne commented, "I hate not doing the whole plan. I think it is a good plan, but we have heard concerns."

At last week's council meeting, several residents spoke in favor of moving ahead with the trail as described in the specific plan. One speaker pointed out that he and others had purchased their homes based on the specific plan.

Others were concerned about safety. While they supported the trail, they suggested removing a trail-road intersection at Rolling Hills Land and amending the plan that called for closing part of Machado Place for trail access only.

City Manager Nelson Fialho told the council that changes to the design would require amendments to the specific plan and PUD. The

Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare Adds New Medical Director of Occupational Health Services

Wesley P. Chan, MD, MPH, has joined Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare as Medical Director of Occupational Health Services. Board certified in occupational medicine with more than 20 years of experience in the specialty, he will help Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare build a leading occupational health organization. He brings a wide range of experience that includes both clinical and administrative leadership duties, and has expertise

in occupational medicine and workers' compensation injury care, disability management, medical case management and utilization review, along with employee health and wellness.

"Dr. Chan has strong roots in the area having grown up in Alamo and Walnut Creek. His father was an orthopedic surgeon in the 1970s at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, and Dr. Chan earned his bachelor's degree in genetics at the University of California, Davis," said Scott Gregerson, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare President. "With the fast growth taking place in the Tri-Valley, he will be a valuable asset in helping us build out a full-service occupational health medical clinic."

Dr. Chan earned his medical degree from the College of Medicine at the University of Southern California, completed an internship at

Davis Department of Medicine, earned a Masters in Public Health from ULCA, and completed his residency at the University of Southern California in occupational and environmental medicine.

"What excites me about coming to Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare is the opportunity to work with a great team, and to help grow our services to support the needs of our thriving community," explained Dr. Chan. "In occupational medicine, our goal is to promote the health and safety of workers through prevention and/or effective treatment of injuries in all industries. With more companies making the Tri-Valley home for their corporate or manufacturing sites, I believe we have an opportunity to make a big impact here on the health and wellbeing of workers."

process could take more than a year.

After going through the public hearing process, the planning commission would make a recommendation to the council on whether or not to change the design. The council would then make a final decision.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530139

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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 17, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Timothy J. Neil, Member/Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 20, 2017. Expires April 20, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530291

The following person(s) doing business as: Maverick Tree Service, 5713 Running Hills Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Frazier, 5713 Running Hills Ave., Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 25, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ David Frazier, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 25, 2017. Expires April 25, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530547

The following person(s) doing business as: BTA, 2815 Lochgreen Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yeong Kwan Kim, 2815 Lochgreen Way, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 1, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Yeong Kwan Kim, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 1, 2017. Expires May 1, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 529657

The following person(s) doing business as: Lawn Nijas, 4408 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Delia Maria Munitz, 4408 Muirwood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Delia M. Munitz, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 6, 2017. Expires April 6, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530556

The following person(s) doing business as: Advance Creative, 1763 Sardonyx Ct., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Douglas Allen, 1763 Sardonyx Ct., Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Douglas Allen, Creative Director
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 1, 2017. Expires May 1, 2022.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 530055

The following person(s) doing business as: Renee's Fashion Designs & Embroidery, 1745 Linden St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Renee Yvonne Needens, 1745 Linden St, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Renee Needens
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 19, 2017. Expires April 19, 2022.

The Independent Legal No. 4132. Published May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 531015-531016

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Officer MNOP 2) Mony Nop Inspirational Speaking, 1926 Railroad Ave #102, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby

registered by the following owner(s): Mony Nop, LLC, 1926 Railroad Ave #102, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 11, 2017

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Mony Nop, Managing Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2017. Expires May 11, 2022.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR ACEFORWARD

What: The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for ACEforward. This notice is to advise the public and agencies that the Notice of Availability and the DEIR is available for review and that open houses will be held.

ACEforward is a phased improvement plan proposed by SJRR to increase service reliability and frequency, enhance passenger facilities, and reduce travel times along the existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service corridor from San Jose to Stockton and to extend ACE service to Manteca, Modesto, Ceres, Turlock and Merced. This plan would provide the foundation for SJRR's near-term and longer-term vision of intercity and commuter passenger rail services. The ACEforward plan contains both near-term and longer-term improvements that are analyzed in the DEIR. In the near term, ACEforward proposes improvements, which could be implemented as early as 2019, necessary to support ACE service of up to six daily roundtrips between San Jose and the San Joaquin Valley, a potential reroute of ACE service through downtown Tracy, and the extension of ACE service to Modesto. In the longer term, ACEforward proposes a suite of improvements that would ultimately support ACE service of up to 10 daily roundtrips between San Jose and the San Joaquin Valley, a train-to-train ACE/BART connection, and the extension of ACE service to Ceres, Turlock and Merced.

The Notice of Availability and the DEIR provide a more detailed description of the project and can be viewed online at: www.aceforward.com. Hardcopies of the DEIR will also be available at 26 public libraries along the ACEforward corridor (see website for list of libraries and addresses).

Anticipated Environmental Effects: The DEIR provides an environmental evaluation of potential impacts and mitigation measures. ACEforward's near-term and longer-term improvements would result in overall regional benefits in terms of reducing regional traffic, improving regional transportation connections, improving operational air quality (all but two criteria pollutants would be reduced), and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. ACEforward would result in significant impacts to aesthetics (changes in visual character due to highly visible features, and new sources of light/glare), biological resources (construction and operation in certain biologically sensitive areas with wetlands, suitable habitat for special-status species, and native residential, migratory fish, or wildlife species movement; and cumulatively, depending on the alternative ultimately implemented), cultural resources (built historic resources) depending on the alternative ultimately implemented, land use and planning (conflict with local land use plans for the purposes of avoiding or mitigating environmental effects) and cumulatively, depending on the alternatives ultimately implemented), noise (nighttime construction, operation due to new train routes and increased rail traffic, and cumulatively), population and housing (induce population growth at certain potential station locations outside of areas in which population growth), and localized traffic (in 2020 and cumulatively). Anticipated environmental effects vary by alternative.

Open Houses: SJRR will hold six open houses to receive comments on the DEIR. Written comments may be made on comment cards that will be provided at open houses. Open houses will be held at the following dates and locations:

Santa Clara Senior Center
Room 222
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050
Monday, June 19, 2017,
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Robert Livermore Community Center
Palo Verde Room
4444 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550
Tuesday, June 20, 2017,
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Modesto Centre Plaza
Pistache Room
1000 L Street
Modesto, CA 95354
Wednesday, June 28, 2017,
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Fremont, CA 94538
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from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

City of Merced City Hall
Sam Pipes Meeting Room
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
Tuesday, June 27, 2017,
from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Comments: A 60-day public and agency review period, which exceeds the minimum 45-day period pursuant to Section 150105 of the State CEQA Guidelines is scheduled from Wednesday, May 31, 2017 to Monday, July 31, 2017. Comments may be made on comment cards provided at open houses or submitted in writing by regular mail or email. Please send comments submitted in writing to:

Mail: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
Attn: ACEforward Draft EIR
949 East Channel Street
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Comments on the draft EIR must be received by the end of the review period, which is Monday, July 31, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 480521-523
The person(s) listed below has(have) abandoned the use of the following Fictitious Business Name: 1) Rhodes Business Services 2)BizBreak Services 3)One Great Cup, 2142 Rheem Dr., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership filed on 07/15/2013 in the County of Alameda.
The full name of Registrant: BizBreak Services, Inc., 2142 Rheem Dr., Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This Business is Conducted by: a Corporation
Signature of Registrant: /s/: Kenneth Rhodes, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2017. Expires May 16, 2022.
The Independent Legal No. 4135. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 530781
The following person(s) doing business as: House on the Hill, 49 Golf Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
1)Jennifer Hines 2)James Hines, 49 Golf Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by Married Couple
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 5, 2017
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jennifer Hines
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 5, 2017. Expires May 5, 2022.
The Independent Legal No. 4136. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 531258
The following person(s) doing business as: ACT AUTO TRANSPORT BROKER, 4000 Pimlico Dr 114-295, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Paul Anthony Garcia, 4000

Pimlico Dr 114-295, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by an Individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Paul Garcia
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 18, 2017. Expires May 18, 2022.
The Independent Legal No. 4137. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 531005
The following person(s) doing business as: Pleasanton Skin, 264 Spring St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Laura Kell, 264 Spring St, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by an Individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Laura Kell
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 11, 2017. Expires May 11, 2022.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 531293-531294
The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Skin Philosophy 2)Skin Philosophy by Kelly, 411 S. L. St. #G, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Kelly Herrera, 4012 Compton Ct., Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an Individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Kelly Herrera
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022.
The Independent Legal No. 4139. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 531301
The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Real Estate Services, 3563 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Paula Cavagnaro, 3563 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an Individual
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Paula Cavagnaro
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022.
The Independent Legal No. 4140. Published May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 531321
The following person(s) doing business as: Brothers Inspections Services, 2418 Armstrong Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
1)Cody Wallace, 2735 Rivers Bend Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 2)Michael George II, 6908 Corte Monterey, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Cody Wallace, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 19, 2017. Expires May 19, 2022.
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By Carol Graham

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Instead, Chrysler made fuselages. General Motors made airplane engines, guns, trucks and tanks. And at the Ford Motor Company's vast Michigan plant—67 acres of assembly lines called "the Grand Canyon of the mechanized world"—employees worked around the clock to allow one B-24 long-range bomber to roll off the line every 63 minutes.

Today, the last flying B-24 Liberator is part of the Collings Foundation's

Wings of Freedom Tour, which flies into Livermore for its annual three-day stop on Sunday, May 28. All are invited to attend, and climb aboard the B-24, named "Witchcraft" and affectionately called The Witch by her crew, a B-17 named "Nine-O-Nine" for the last three digits of its serial number, a T-51 Mustang named "Toulouse Nuts," and a B-25 named "Tondelayo" after the sultry seductress that Hedy Lamarr played in 1942's White Cargo.

Sunday hours are noon to 4:30 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and free

for World War II veterans. "We often thank U.S. veterans for fighting for our freedom," said Mick Hanou, co-organizer of the Livermore stop. "But that sometimes misses an important point; WWII veterans fought not only for our freedom but for the freedom of people they didn't even know! My dad, a Dutchman, was one of those people. In 1943, he was taken to Germany and forced to labor in a factory because German workers had to fight due to significant losses on the eastern (Russian) front. Hitler replaced the factory workers with forced laborers and displaced persons from conquered countries. My mom, who was with the Dutch Resistance as a courier in The Netherlands, and dad were both eventu-

ally liberated, and whenever I meet WWII veterans I tell this story and thank them for freeing my parents."

Each year, the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour visits more than 110 airports across the nation.

"This is their 25th year in Livermore. It's the longest-running location on the tour and the only one that gets the same date every year (Memorial Day weekend)," said Hanou. "I'd like to thank the Tri-Valley communities for their attendance and donations, and the Livermore airport personnel for their support."

The Collings Foundation is a Massachusetts-based nonprofit dedicated to offering living-history events that allow people to experience history through hands-on

participation, and educating visitors about a critical chapter in the nation's history.

The Wings of Freedom Tour is a flying tribute to the crews who flew the planes, the ground crews who maintained them, the workers who built them, the military personnel they helped protect, and the citizens who share the freedom that they helped preserve.

Once-in-a-lifetime flights aboard the B-17 and B-24 are offered for \$450 per person, and aboard the B-25 for \$400. Flight-training sessions on the T-51 start at \$2,200. For flight reservations, call (800) 568-8924.

On Sunday, KKIQ will be broadcasting live at the airport from noon to 2 p.m., and the 32-piece Big Band of Rossmore will perform during the afternoon. On

Monday, also on display will be locally-based aircraft, including an AT-6, SNJ, T-28, P-51, P-40, and Yak 18.

While WWII warbirds are becoming more and more rare, so too are our WWII veterans, most of whom are today in their 90s. Visitors to the Wings of Freedom Tour are encouraged to approach the veterans on hand to ask about their experiences during WWII. The veterans can tell stories of a time when Axis powers took violent steps to establish their supremacy and rule the world, and of a time when millions of selfless men and women arose to counter the attack and to preserve the qualities Americans continue to hold dear today.

The Livermore airport is located at 636 Terminal Circle. To learn more, visit www.collingsfoundation.org.

Communities to Host Memorial Day Ceremonies Livermore

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265 will host Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 29.

The first will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, 1204 N. Livermore Avenue beginning at 10 a.m. The second will take place at St. Michael's Cemetery on East Avenue at 11 a.m. followed by one at Memory Gardens Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Ceremonies will include speakers, the placing of wreaths, and a 21-gun salute by the VFW Post 7265 Honor Guard.

The public is also invited to attend a Quilts of Valor presentation hosted by VFW Post 7265 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam will receive quilts from the Amador Valley Quilters. Livermore Mayor John Marchand will be guest speaker at the event.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Presenting the Colors at last year's Pleasanton ceremonies

Pleasanton

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday May 29, 2017 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., at 11 a.m.

Primary speakers will be US Army veteran Mayor Jerry Thorne and US Army Colonel (Promotable) Shane Buzza, Chief of Staff for the Pacific Division, 75th Training Command at Camp Parks. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will perform a variety of patriotic music.

As in past years, the Pleasanton Memorial Day event will be organized and hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237 and the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. This year Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander Anthony Serio will serve as the emcee.

Memorial Day focuses on those who have died while serving the nation in the Armed Forces. The practice of honoring the fallen began as Decoration Day after the Civil War when families of both Union and Confederate forces began to decorate the graves of the fallen. Decoration Day eventually became Memorial Day in the early part of the 20th century in an effort to remember all who died in service to our nation.

Las Positas College Commencement Ceremonies Set for Friday, May 26

Las Positas College will hold its 27th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 26 at 6 p.m. in the Physical Education Complex, Building 2500. The College will confer more than 1,200 degrees and certificates this year. It is expected that more than 300 graduates will participate in the commencement ceremony. Tickets, while free, are required. All student participants must participate in a rehearsal beginning at 7 a.m.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. Martha Kanter, executive director of the College Promise Campaign, a national initiative to increase college access, affordability, quality, and completion in American higher education, starting in the nation's community colleges. She is also a Senior Fellow at New York University's Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy. She specializes in policy efforts to identify innovative education interventions, financing models and behavioral incentives at the local, state and national levels to raise America's high school and college graduation rates from two and four-year colleges and universities. Her academic interests include: The Confluence of Access, Equity and Excellence; The Intersection of Policy and Politics in American Higher Education; and The Contributions of America's Community Colleges to the Nation's Social Fabric, Civic Future and Economy.

In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Kanter to serve as the U.S. Under Secretary of Education, with oversight responsibility for all federal postsecondary statutory, regulatory, and administrative policies and programs for the U.S. Department of Education, including the \$175B annual federal student aid programs, higher education, adult education, career-technical education, international education and 6 White House Initiatives.

From 2009-2013, serving under U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Kanter and her team took steps to increase college access, affordability, quality and completion to implement President Obama's goal to have the best educated, most competitive workforce in the world by 2020. She oversaw the successful implementation of the Direct Student Loan program that resulted in a 50-percent increase in the college enrollment of low-income students, growing from 6 to more than 9 million Pell Grant recipients.

Previously, Kanter served as President of De Anza College and then Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District for sixteen years. She began her career as an alternative high school teacher.

This year's commencement program includes the Annual Friend of the College Award, which will be given to Alliance of Therapy Dogs and accepted by Pat Wheeler.

Commencement cer-

emony music will be provided by the Las Positas College Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For tickets and other information, please visit the College website at www.laspositascollege.edu/graduation.

Those unable to attend will be able to view the ceremony on streaming video by clicking the link on the college's website: www.laspositascollege.edu

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Students show how Wheel Chariot works.

Reinventing the Wheel to Help a Friend

Students at Christensen Middle School (CMS) in Livermore are making it possible for students in wheelchairs to move from the sidelines to the finish line. The CMS Makers Club and Girls who Code Clubs have partnered with the Livermore Valley Rotary Club and the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) to create a modified wheelchair and communications device that allows nonverbal, wheelchair-bound students to participate in physical activities alongside their able-bodied peers. They call their invention The Wheel Chariot.

The idea was born

when William McManus, a Special Education Aide and the faculty advisor to the Makers Club was observing a PE class two years ago. "The kids were line dancing. They looked like they were having such a great time," McManus said. "I looked over and saw a student in a wheelchair watching from the sidelines. I thought that it would be great if we could find a way for that student to participate."

With a grant from the Livermore Valley Rotary Club and a matching grant from LVEF, McManus set to work with students from

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City of Pleasanton Selects First Ambassadog

At its May 16 meeting, the City Council proclaimed Amber Hall as Pleasanton's 2017 Ambassadog. The City of Pleasanton recognizes that creating a livable community means supporting the entire household. For those canine family members, City parks have dog-friendly policies, trails, and a new 1.5 acre dog playground called Cubby's Dog Park. Now the City has created a new position for this canine-loving community at the request of Valley Humane Society.

The Corgi-Shepherd mix, a rescue dog, was presented with her official

leash at the city council meeting. She was described as loving long walks, greeting people along the way. A proclamation stated, "We wish her the best as she embarks on her new role."

City Manager Nelson Fialho stated, "Valley Humane Society has been saving animal lives and supporting our community for 30 years, so it is fitting that we participate with them in designating the first Pleasanton Ambassadog."

In March, Valley Humane Society held its annual Tails at Twilight gala at which the new Pleasanton Ambassadog title was

on the auction block. The Hall family of Pleasanton was eager to be high bidder, as they felt their dog Amber would make an excellent canine representative.

"We are active supporters of animal rescue and proud to support the great work being done by Valley Humane Society. Amber is such an incredible dog and family member. We just knew that she needed to hold this prestigious title," said Alejandra Hall.

The City of Pleasanton has designated a place of honor for Amber and her family in the City's annual Hometown Holiday Parade.



Pictured are, (back, from left), Valley Humane Society Executive Director Melanie Sadek, Pleasanton City Councilmember Karla Brown, Tom Hall, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Arianna Hall, Pleasanton City Councilmember Arnie Olson, Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum, Alejandra Hall, Andres Hall; (front) Armando Hall with newly appointed 2017 Abassadog, "Amber" Hall.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Livermore Heritage Guild Auction and Dinner

The Livermore Heritage Guild's Annual Auction and Dinner will take place on Memorial Day weekend on May 27, 5:00 p.m. at the Duarte Garage, located at L & Portola Streets.

The event will feature a dinner of homemade pulled pork sliders and side dishes, local Livermore wines and Altamont Beerworks beers sold by the glass. Tickets to the dinner are available on-line and at the Carnegie Library Livermore History Center in the Carnegie Library for \$20.00 and at the Duarte Garage door for \$25.00. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the auction at 7:00 p.m. at the Duarte Garage, L Street and Portola in Livermore. The auction and dinner are open to the public. Doors open for a preview at 5 p.m.

The Auction & Dinner are the Guild's primary fundraising event of the year. Proceeds allow the Guild to continue its work to preserve the primary resources and archives of local Livermore History.

In addition to antiques and collectibles this year's Auction features local wines from Occasio, Nottingham, Longevity and the Big White House Wineries and olive oils from The Olivina and Victorine plus experience items only the Heritage Guild can supply. Examples include a ride on the antique fire trucks in the parade or having the HistoryMobile come to your birthday party.

The Duarte Garage, located on the original Lincoln Highway, is home to the Guild's collection of antique fire trucks. The Carnegie Library Museum contains exhibits of Livermore history and houses original source historical materials documenting Livermore's storied past. The archives include newspapers dating back to 1870 and over seven thousand historic photos.

The Guild provides a Livermore history program for the third grade elementary school classes including the HistoryMobile's on-campus displays of Livermore history; historic downtown walking tours, and Museum visits.

The Guild is in the third year of managing the Hagemann Ranch for the City. Restoration work continues with the Granary repainting with the assistance of the City's Volunteer Day Program. Guild volunteers dug out the wood and brick foundation of the one car garage and reconstructed a foundation. The garage was primed and painted on another Volunteer Day. The Guild is working with the City to design and construct significant improvements to the Ranch House, Red Barn and Horse Barn to make them available for greater uses.



Pictured are some of the auction items.



Livermore Art Association Art in the Vineyard

The Livermore Art Association will host the 45th annual "Art in the Vineyard" at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery on Sun., May 28.

The event includes displays by multimedia artists, music and wine.

Activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The \$25.00 wine tasting fee includes a commemorative wine glass. (\$15.00 for Club Wente members). Wine tasting will begin at 11.00 A.M.

Food and refreshment will be offered by Wente Vineyards Catering, The Wood Fire Pizza and Vinix for a nominal fee. Music will be provided by The Dawdlers, Melodic Pop Band

Art demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery is located at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For information, call 456-2305.

Art & Wind Festival

"Let's go fly a kite!" The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 28- 29, 2017 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 11am to 6pm both days.

This annual event features fine arts, crafts and specialty food vendors, 3 entertainment stages headlining international music, party bands and variety entertainers, children's puppet shows, 2 gourmet food courts, family amusement zones, professional choreographed kite flying demonstrations, and free kite making workshop. Admission is free.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition will provide free valet bike parking. Trained staff and volunteers will watch over bikes in a secure and sectioned off area adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail



just north of Bollinger Canyon Road. The valet bike parking will be available both days of the festival and is conveniently located adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail which is a great, accessible bike path that runs from Concord to Dublin.

For more info go to www.artandwind.com



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

World War II aircraft will be on display.

Wings of Freedom Tour

Wings of Freedom Tour Brings Rare World War II Aircraft to Livermore Airport on May 28, 29 and 30. The Collings Foundation's Living History Display of Aircraft includes: Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress,' Consolidated B-24 'Liberator,' North American B-25 "Mitchell" and North American TF-51D 'Mustang.' Local World War II veterans will discuss their experiences.

Visitors are invited to tour the aircraft inside and out for a \$15 donation for adults and \$5 for children under 12. World War II veterans are admitted free.

Thirty-minute flight experiences are available for a tax-deductible donation. Flights on the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person, B-25 \$400, P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a 1/2 hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight experiences, call 800-568-8924.

Ground tours and display will be open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 28; from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 29 and 30. Flight experiences are scheduled before and after the ground tours.

Locally based aircraft will be on display Monday, May 30. They include AT-6s/SNJ's/Harvard, T-28s, P-51s, P-40, and a Yak 18. Military vehicles of the era will also be on display. Historical photographs and memorabilia will be displayed. There is no extra charge.

Hagemann Ranch Open House

The "Sundays at Hagemann Ranch" event for May 28 will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

Featured will be a display of restored engines, our antique tractors, other farm equipment and demonstrations of the handling of wool, starting with a sheep all the way through weaving and knitting. There will be a sheep, a spinner and several knitters and weavers demonstrating their skills and showing their finished products. The featured artist is a potter.

Tours of the ranch are ongoing throughout the afternoon. Hagemann Ranch is at 455 Olivina Ave. in Livermore. This event is free and open to all. All are invited to visit the historic ranch, see the gardens, and meet all the animals.

LVPAC Season Offers Something for Everyone

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced the 2017-2018 season at the Bankhead Theater.

The regular season will officially begin on Saturday evening, September 9, 2017 with the annual "Brilliance at the Bankhead" fundraising gala, featuring Grammy Award-winning folk rock duo the Indigo Girls. Other highlights among the three dozen events scheduled through June 2018 include viral-video pop hit makers OK GO, comedian Vicki Lawrence, known for her unforgettable character "Mama" from "The Carol Burnett Show," and the return of The Manhattan



Vicki Lawrence is just one of the comedy acts.

Transfer. The 2017-2018 season includes musical genres from rock, blues and pop, to

world and traditional swing, as well as world-class dance, comedy, and theater. Folk balladeer Tom Rush returns, as does singer/songwriter Marc Cohn on tour with The Blind Boys of Alabama. Among artists making their first appearance at the Bankhead will be Los Lonely Boys, Lisa Loeb, and the Irish group Danu in a special concert on St. Patrick's Day weekend.

LVPAC's Executive Director Scott Kenison says that in programming the season the team kept a tight focus on maintaining a balance. "We are always happy to welcome big name artists

and returning favorites, shows that we know will meet a receptive audience, but we believe it is also important to introduce local audiences to artists such as African Guitar Summit and R. Carlos Nakai Trio," he said. "It is particularly exciting to be able to bring to the Bankhead entertainers such as OK GO or the shadow dancers of Catapult that people may have only

seen on television or online. These shows, as well as the return of Olate Dogs, the new DLux Puppets show and others, appeal to all ages. With our student ticket price of just \$17, we encourage families to come out and enjoy a show together," Kenison added.

This season features comedic talent. In addition to Vicki Lawrence and Mama,

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Dance to Tell Story of Cinderella

From young Cinderella's sorrow, a tree of tears grows, offering hope of love and happiness. A fairy godmother, seasonal fairies and fates, butterflies, mice, and many others all work together to make Cinderella's dreams come true. There is also a carriage, a grand ball, and a gorgeous pas de deux with a prince.

The Ballet Division at Livermore School of Dance presents the classic tale of "Cinderella" on June 3 and 4 at the Bankhead Theater. Dancers of all ages will perform classical and contemporary styles of ballet, complete with music from Prokofiev's score, as well as, offerings from Coldplay, Fred Astaire, Mendelssohn and other popular artists. Former Livermore School of Dance student, Ivan Braatz, will perform the role of the prince. Ivan has danced with Kansas City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, and Houston Ballet Companies.

Livermore School of Dance opened in 2004 un-

der the ownership of Shelly Schoendienst and Liz Roberts. The main goal of the studio has always been to teach proper technique in a positive and nurturing environment. Dancers from age 2 through adult may take classes with the Ballet Division in ballet tech-

nique, pointe, floor barre, partnering, and creative movement. Master classes are also offered. During the summer, weeklong camps are available for dancers ages 3 through 9 with themes ranging from Beauty and the Beast to Moana.

Performances are Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 pm at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets to "Cinderella" are \$22 each and are available at lvpac.org, the box office or by calling 373-6800.



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Museum on Main to Host New Lecture Series

Museum on Main is launching a new lecture series in June entitled “A Discussion with..” Throughout the year, the museum will invite artists, local historians, and community members to share their stories and experiences about a broad range of topics. These “discussions” will be held at the museum and will offer attendees a more intimate space to learn from and share with speakers. The dates, times, registration requirements, and ticket prices will vary based on the speaker.

“A Discussion with...” presentations coming up in June are the following:

A Discussion with... Artist Tom Killion, 4 to 6 p.m. Sat., June 3: special presentation with world renowned artist Tom Killion. Sit surrounded by Killion’s colorful wood block prints which depict California’s beautiful and wild coast line, while the artist himself discusses his inspiration, work, and process. Pre-registration is required as seats are extremely limited. Call the museum at (925) 462-2766 or visit the museum’s online store for reservations. Tickets are \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers.

At 5:00pm, after the presentation, there will be a reception open to the public. Killion will be available to



Poster for Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm film

sign his book, California’s Wild Edge, which will also be available for purchase at the museum.

A Discussion with... Film Historian David Kiehn, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tues., June 6: celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the filming of Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. Author and Film Historian David Kiehn of the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum will share his presentation on the silent movie era in Pleasanton and nearby Niles Canyon. See pictures and hear stories of a by-gone time. This lecture is free to the public. Pre-registration is required as seats are extremely limited. Call the museum at (925) 462-2766 for reservations.

Kings of Western Swing at the Bankhead

Often called the “Kings of Western Swing,” Grammy Award-winning band Asleep at the Wheel makes a return to the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017, kicking off annual Rodeo month in Livermore. Their fourth appearance at the Bankhead, Asleep at the Wheel brings a swing style that frontman and founder Ray Benson has described as “Jazz with a Cowboy Hat.” Their performance falls just one week before the 99th Annual Livermore Rodeo on June 10th.

One of the longest-running acts in country western music, Asleep at the Wheel has earned 10 Grammy Awards and recorded 20 studio albums, while keeping up a demanding performance schedule at venues across the country. The band found success in Austin, Texas in the early 1970s after Benson became inspired by the music of western swing pioneer Bob Wills. Asleep at the Wheel developed its own style of western swing that is a natural melting pot of American music, from cowboy fiddle tunes and country bluegrass, to blues and traditional big band. It was music that walked them away from the popular anti-war music of the times towards a deeper roots style that Benson felt was being



Asleep at the Wheel

lost amid the politics. “We were too country for the rock folks and we were too long-haired for the country folks,” Benson has said. “But everybody got over it once the music started playing.”

Now traveling as an eight-piece band, recent additions Katie Shore (fiddle, vocals), Dennis Ludiker (fiddle, mandolin) and Connor Forsyth (keyboard, vocals) have instilled a newfound energy and their own unique style within the band. The band has collaborated with such musical legends as Willie Nelson,

Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks, incorporated musical playacting into their performances, and brought their trademark sound to pops symphony concerts. Asleep at the Wheel was honored with The Americana Music Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

Following Asleep at the Wheel, the Bankhead will continue the country western theme in June with a special presentation by singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker, who makes his return following a sold out show in 2012. Joined by his

son Django Walker, the two will combine their talents in a Father’s Day celebration, “Father and Son: Up Close and Personal” on Sunday afternoon, June 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets for Alseep at the Wheel on June 2nd or for Jerry Jeff Walker and Django Walker’s “Father and Son: Up Close and Personal” on June 18th are available now at the Bankhead Theater ticket office, 2400 First Street in Livermore, by calling (925) 373-6800, or online at www.bankheadtheater.org

WHEEL CHARIOT

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the Makers Club to create the prototype for the Wheel Chariot: a “T” extension built with PVC pipe allows two students to pull the Wheel Chariot around the track during running activities. The chair also includes a communication device, dubbed the Augmentative Alternative Communication device (AAC), which allows nonverbal students to communicate their desire

to accelerate or slow down. The AAC also includes options to say “Thank you” or ask for a “High Five.”

As the Makers Club students were nearing completion of the Wheel Chariot, the Girls Who Code Club began their project with guidance from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) volunteers to interface the AAC device to a computer and write a program to help the special

needs students learn how to use the device in the classroom before they took to the track.

Though the Wheel Chariot itself is quite an accomplishment, Pat Avilla, Principal of CMS, points to the cooperation among different members of the Livermore community as the project’s biggest success. “I am very pleased how this project has involved so many students,

from the club members to the PE students, Special Ed. classroom volunteers, and English classes drafting press releases. It has allowed for a greater understanding of others and a satisfaction from contributing.”

The Wheel Chariot can be seen rounding the track at CMS on Tuesdays and Thursdays pulling differently abled students.

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Firehouse Arts Center Announces Summer Show Series 2017

The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will present the Summer Show Series for 2017. It includes a wide variety of concerts and productions. From a musical drag/comedy show, to Broadway classics, a Simon & Garfunkel tribute, and the Golden Follies, Firehouse programmer Rob Vogt has checked all the boxes for entertainment fun in the list of offerings.

The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella!" America's Favorite Dragapella Beauty Shop Quartet. Saturday, June 24, 8:00 p.m. - \$17 - \$27. With a performance record that includes an Off-Broadway show, an extended run in Vegas, two feature films and two concert DVDs, nine albums, and appearances throughout the US (in over 40 states), Canada, Mexico, Europe, and Australia, The Kinsey Sicks hardly need an introduction. For over 20 years, Dragapella has served up a feast of award-winning a Capella singing, sharp satire and over-the-top drag.

Hadleigh Adams: "Classical Broadway." Singer celebrates favorite Broadway Classics. Sunday, July 23, 2:00 p.m. - \$15 - \$25. New Zealand-born, United States-based baritone Hadleigh Adams has a demanding concert schedule on the opera stage, most recently at London's Royal National Theatre and Sydney Opera House, following two years as principal young artist at San Francisco Opera. Indulging in his passion for musical theatre, Adams presents "leading man" songs from classic Broadway shows, with selections including "The Impossible Dream" from The Man of La Mancha, "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific, "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face" from My Fair Lady, and "Bring Him Home" from Les Miserables.

"5, 6, 7, 8..." The Golden Follies 2017. Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, July 30, 2:00 p.m. - \$15 - \$25. The beloved



Hadleigh Adams

"senior sensations" heat up the stage with Broadway favorites, "virtually" visiting fabulous locales while decked-out in gorgeous costumes and executing lively choreography. Always a sell-out, the high energy musical revue will again feature San Francisco Chanteuse Wiggy Darlington.

"Classical" with Julia Reddy, Sunday, August 6 - ... details to follow @ www.firehousearts.org

"The Music of Simon & Garfunkel" by AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli. The music and spirit of the beloved folk-rock duo. August 12, 8:00 p.m. & Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m. - \$15 - \$25. AJ Swearingen's bass-baritone and masterful acoustic guitar playing blend with Kelli's angelic vocals in the vein of Art Garfunkel to pay a magical tribute to the 1960's Greenwich Village, NY coffeehouse performances. Together and separately the duo have shared the stage with Kenny Rogers, Crystal Gayle,



The Kinsey Sicks - Dragapella



AJ Swearingen and Jayne Kelli

Livingston Taylor, John McCutcheon and many more.

Ticket prices vary by show: Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance if not sold out.

Cantabella to Perform Silver Anniversary Jubilee Concert

By Denise Leddon

Cantabella Children's Chorus is celebrating 25 seasons with a Silver Anniversary Jubilee concert on Saturday, May 27. Performances are at 1 and 4 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Ticket prices are family friendly.

Cantabella will perform two versions of "Shall We Gather by the River." The 1 p.m. show features the multiple training choirs composed of younger singers. The 4 p.m. presentation features the older traveling, youth competition choirs. The first show contains a touch of overlap from the second.

Many special events will occur during the Silver Jubilee.

Among the many choral favorites programmed for this concert, Cantabella staff is most excited to present the world premiere of the special newly commissioned work by the famous Latvian-Canadian composer Imant Raminsh entitled Sun Make Sweet My Song.

Raminsh is a prolific choral composer who studied at the Royal Conservatory of Toronto, University of Toronto, and "Akademie Mozarteum," Salzburg. He has commissioned many pieces for various choirs.

Cantabella President Pushpa Krishnan shared, "The newly commissioned work is set to the text of a Nancy



2015 Cantabella Seton Honor Choir. Photo - Tom Cayton

Wood poem from her collection, Hollering Sun. It is a prayer of healing and renewal that signifies the arrival of spring as we bid farewell to the cold and dark of the

winter. This plea for strength is echoed in the text of the chorus, 'Earth cure me. Earth receive my woe. Rock strengthen me. Rock receive my weakness. Rain wash my sadness away. Rain receive my doubt. Sun make sweet my song. Sun receive the anger from my heart.'

Cantabella Alumni, Board Members and staff have been invited to sing at the 4 pm performance as a tribute to the 25th anniversary season. There are approximately 40 adults practicing the piece "Storm is Passing Over" written by Charles Albert Tindley and arranged by Barbara W. Baker. Tindley, a minister, often credited as the "Father of Gospel Music" wrote this soulful hymnal in 1905.

The Jubilee celebration continues after the 4 pm concert with an hors d'ouvres reception and choral display representing 25 years.

Cantabella Children's Chorus, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1992 by Livermore resident Bee Chow. She dedicated 25 years to building the choir, based on the Kodaly method, from 10 youth singers to the 3 training centers in Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin with over 200 choristers today.

Tickets to the anniversary concert are \$22. Children under 18 are free when accompanied by an adult. Go to www.cantabella.org/tickets for more information or to purchase tickets.

Harp Society Competition Recital Planned

The Bay Area Chapter of the American Harp Society will present the winners of the biennial Yvonne LaMothe Schwager Harp Competition in recital at the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville on Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m.

This concert will be featured as part of the International Harp Festival sponsored by Diablo Valley Arts Academy at San Damiano, located at 710 Highland Drive, in Danville. General admission is \$20 and \$12 for students up to age 18. Tickets can be ordered in advance at harpfestival.org/register or bought at the door.

The participants in the competition range in age from 6 to 18 years old, and study with teachers from San Francisco to Sacramento and Fresno. They will perform compositions by harp pedagogues Susann McDonald and Linda Wood Rollo, harpists-composers Andrès, Godefroid, Grandjany, Hasselmans, Pratt, Renié and Salzedo, as well as composers such as Albeniz, Dussek, Liszt, Purcell and others.

Guest artist Madeline Jarzembak will crown the recital with two brilliant virtuoso works, *Die Moldau* by Smetana, as arranged for harp by Hans Trnecek, and



Pictured is Valentina Sadiul

Carlos Salzedo's *Variations sur un thème dans le style ancien*. A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, Madeline is Principal Harp of the Santa Cruz Symphony, and studies cur-

rently at the San Francisco Conservatory with Doug Rieth of the San Francisco Symphony.

For information, contact Dominique Piana at dominiquepiana@comcast.net.

Library Presents Cyber Defense Challenge

The Livermore Public Library will host a "Cyber Defense Challenge for Teens" on Wednesday, June 14. Two identical 90-minute sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

The cyber challenges, run by Lab computer scientists, will offer several levels of difficulty to accommodate participants ranging in age and experience, from middle to high school.

Teens participating in the challenges will learn how to program a Raspberry Pi computer using hands-on activities. Working with a teammate, participants also will take on 8-10 challenges unified by a common storyline. The activities will familiarize participants with tools such as Firefox, Wireshark, gdb, Python and pattern/logic.

Celeste Matarazzo and Evi Dube, of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Cyber Defenders program, will run the event. LLNL Cyber Defender student interns will serve as mentors and provide technical support for the event.

Registration is required for this free event, though anyone may register, including non-Livermore residents. To sign up, go to the Youth Room Information Desk at the Civic Center Library or call (925) 373-5504.



the Dublin Ranch Golf Course are (from left) Haven board members Jenny Hamilton, event co-chair and board secretary; Andrea Brooks, president, and Laning Thompson, treasurer.

40th Anniversary Gala Planned

Forty years ago, on June 21, 1977, nine women from Livermore and Pleasanton signed the Articles of Incorporation for Tri-Valley Haven for Women. In doing so, they created a social service agency that today not only fulfills its original mission of protecting abused women, but has vastly expanded to include a homeless shelter; a legal clinic for restraining orders; assistance for rape victims; a food pantry; anti-bullying programs at our schools, and a thrift shop. These days, Tri-Valley Haven's many services provide a vital safety net for our area.

The Haven's Board of Directors is celebrating this landmark with a 40th Anniversary Gala dinner-dance on Friday, June 30 at the clubhouse of the Dublin Ranch Golf Course. The evening will start with a 6:00 to 7:00pm VIP Reception, during which Meredith McHenry will entertain sponsors and major donors as they enjoy champagne, hors d'oeuvres and spectacular views from the clubhouse patio. Later, a prime

rib (or vegetarian) dinner will be followed by live and silent auctions emceed by KKIQ's Mark Davis, who will also be the DJ for dancing. The landmark year of 1977 will be remembered with a signature cocktail and music.

Special honorees will include some of those valiant "Founding Mothers," plus a hard-working team of volunteers from Asbury Methodist Church who spent months renovating Tri-Valley Haven's Thrift Shop at the corner of Railroad and L streets in Livermore. Led by Steve Elliott, Dick Crawford, Roger Everett and Bob Hoffman tore down walls, laid flooring, replaced fixtures and painted, transforming the Thrift Shop into the welcoming space it is today.

Tri-Valley Haven board members Sue Reynolds, who is site director of Livermore's Kaiser Permanente clinic, and Jenny Hamilton, owner of Winner's Circle Marketing, are co-chairing the Gala. They are planning a live auction

that will offer, among other tantalizing items, a football from the 1977 Super Bowl game signed by the Raiders' annual MVP. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets to the 40th Anniversary Gala are \$125 per person for the 7:00pm dinner and dancing, and \$150 per person if they include 6:00pm VIP Reception. They may be obtained by visiting www.trivalleyhaven.org, or by contacting Lisa Johnston at Tri-Valley Haven (lisa@trivalleyhaven.org or 925-667-2728). The scenic Dublin Ranch Golf Course is located at 5900 Signal Hill Drive, Dublin.

Corporate or individual sponsorships are sought for the event and will be recognized with an ad in the Gala program. Sponsorship levels and associated "perks" vary; further information may be obtained by contacting Jenny Hamilton at jenny@wcsportsmarketing.com, or Andrea Brooks, TVH board president, at andrea_brooks777@comcast.net



Catapult3 (above) and OK GO (below).



LVPAC 2017-2018 SEASON

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Rita Rudner and Dave Coulier will present their solo stand-up routines. The San Francisco Comedy Competition, Second City and Capitol Steps all return to the Bankhead. The Reduced Shakespeare Company will present "William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play," a hilarious mash-up of characters, famous lines, and unexpected plot twists.

The Bankhead stage is not just for professional artists. Next May, local celebrities will spend a week practicing with an experienced ballroom dance partner before demonstrating their newfound skills in pursuit of a Mirrorball Trophy in "Dancing with the Tri-Valley Stars." The evening includes a professional dance showcase by national champions, The Utah Ballroom Dance Company.

In addition to LVPAC shows, the Bankhead

Resident Companies, including Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Livermore Valley Opera, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, Rae Dorough Speakers Series, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, and Valley Dance Theatre, offer nearly 50 performances and events during the season.

The 2017-2018 Season at the Bankhead opens at the end of the previously announced Summer Series which begins July 7th with an already sold-out evening with Paula Poundstone. Six other shows including The Lettermen, Robert Cray, New Christy Minstrels, Derek Nelson and Family, JD Souther and Keiko Matsui run through August 18th.

A "High Five" package allows any five LVPAC shows, purchased at the same time, to be combined for a discount. Tickets for the "Brilliance at the Bankhead" Gala with the Indigo

Girls are available now. All other shows will be on sale to the public beginning June 14, 2017. Members of LVPAC are eligible for priority ticket purchase now, and receive a discount on LVPAC tickets year-round. To become a member, contact the development department at 925-373-2304.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

2017-2018 season: September: 9, Brilliance at the Bankhead with the Indigo Girls; 15, Rita Rudner; 21, R. Carlos Nakai Trio; 22, San Francisco Comedy Competition; October: 6, Tom Rush; 13, Los Lonely Boys; 27, Joan Osborne Sings Bob Dylan; November: 2, African Guitar Summit; 3, OK GO; 11, The Manhattan Transfer; 17, The Kingston Trio; December: 1, Late Nite Catechism: "Sister's Christmas Catechism;" 11, The Hot Sardines; 21, An Irish Christmas; 23, Olate Dogs: "Santa Paws Holiday Show;" 31, New Year's Eve with Crawdad Republic;

January: 5, Dave Coulier; 6, 6 Richard Glazier: "They're Playing Our Song;" 19, Marc Cohn and the Blind Boys of Alabama; 26, Vicki Lawrence and Mama; February: 2, Classic Albums Live: Led Zepelin II; 6, Moscow Festival Ballet: "Cinderella;" 9, Reduced Shakespeare: "William Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play;" 11, DLux Puppets: "Alice in Wonderland;" 16, Second City: "Look Both Ways Before Talking;" 23, International Guitar Night; March: 16, Danù; 22, Aquila Theatre: "Sense and Sensibility;" 25, Catapult; April: 6, Lisa Loeb; 8, A Tribute to Sinatra and Dorsey; May: 4, Mariachi Sol de Mexico; 6, Capitol Steps; 12, Dancing with the Tri-Valley Stars; 19, Body Traffic.

Review - Encore Players Political Drama Timely Hit

by Susan Steinberg

Bravo to the Encore Players for fielding a true extraordinary cast of mostly veteran actors for their latest performance. They presented a "reading" that had all the hallmarks of a fully produced play, despite the absence of sets, props, and costumes, and the obvious but discreet use of handheld scripts, hardly used by the cast.

"An American Daughter" by the late-lamented Wendy Wasserstein, first produced in 1996, serves as a timely send-up of the current political scene, full of nasty partisan politics and character assassination as it still plays out in national politics today. Some twenty years later, it is a timeless classic and a chilling cautionary tale.

Focused on a widely admired female doctor who has just been nominated to be the Surgeon General, the play takes viewers into the seamy underbelly of innuendo and accusations that can rip apart a nominee's political aspiration as well as her personal life. As the forthright Lisa Dent Hughes, Martie Muldoon strikes an appealing and believable balance between someone with strong beliefs and no interest in lying, and someone who passionately hopes to further her liberal agenda once in office.

How much can such a candidate equivocate, sidestep, or actually conceal her personal political views to gain the national platform she could use as a bully-pulpit? Would the greater good she might accomplish in office be worth the price of obfuscating her basic beliefs? How far would she be willing to go in order to placate the public? It's

a Hobson's choice that all candidates must face, especially these days.

A host of fascinating characters weigh in on her choices: Clark Streeter as her supportive but cautious professor husband, Leslie Ivy (a stunning newcomer) as her Jewish African-American colleague and best friend, Lea Blevins as an opportunistic young feminist author (and doting former student of Hughes' husband), Jon Hart as the husband's gay and sometimes snarky screenwriter friend, Jonathan Orenberg as a scoop seeking newscaster, a delicious Louie Heseman as Hughes' good-old-boy conservative Senator father, Donna Blevins as his fourth shrewder-than-she-seems wife, and Arthur Barinque as the political spin-doctor enlisted by the Senator to help his daughter's campaign.

All are superb actors, each doing a credible job of helping (mostly) the candidate, who must make decisions on such seemingly trivial matters as whether to wear a headband, or what to say about her Midwestern mother's lack of sophisticated cooking skills in order to win men's or women's votes.

What she offers to the nation in terms of her medical expertise, impressive experience, and concern for the common good seems to be completely irrelevant. The fickle factor of public opinion can be swayed by merely mentioning her mother's signature icebox cake or cheese canapés. Being a descendant of First Lady Julia Dent Grant becomes a negative publicity point, as does her attendance at a famously high-class D.C. girls' school.

Then there is the

disastrous "accidental" revelation that she once "neglected" or "ignored" or "forgot about" a jury summons. Being a busy wife, mother of twin boys, and dedicated oncologist is not accepted as an excuse for such an oversight. (Haven't most of us committed a similar lapse at some point in our lives?) Of course in a minutely-examined public figure, this small factoid is pounced upon like a major crime or scandal, and she is pilloried by the media.

As the playwright obviously intended, the audience is moved to laughter and outrage by the machinations, manipulations, and basically meaningless concerns of publicists, newscasters, and the voting public. Like so many players on today's political stage, she is not being considered on her own outstanding merits, but becomes a victim of the vagaries of public opinion, with the President never stepping in on her behalf.

As the urbane voice of backstage announcer John Marchand introduces each succeeding interview or commentary, the mood of hopeless despair becomes palpable. The audience has been witnessing its own laughable/deplorable political situation play out, and the truth of it is bitter and depressing, as it was in Wasserstein's day, and as many are experiencing it today.

The choice of this witty hard hitting script and its skillful presentation by Director Kathy Streeter was brilliant and should be applauded by all who respect the truth-telling of good drama. This reviewer can't wait for the next Readers Theater performance.

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.

California's Wild Edge: The Coast in Prints, Poetry, and History, capturing the beauty of the California coast through woodcut prints and prose, a new traveling exhibition appearing at Pleasanton's Museum on Main through June 25. The exhibition features artist Tom Killion's Japanese-style woodcut prints, which vividly portray the coast's ever-changing moods and diverse formations. For more information, visit www.exhibitenvoy.org. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. www.museumonmain.org

Special Art Exhibit – “View Beyond the Gate.” Curated exhibit of works by Northern California artist Glenn Carter. May 4 through June 10, Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery in Pleasanton. Complex, fascinating abstract works, comprised of mixed media on canvas and panels, and oil and thread on paper. Artist statement: "This work is rooted in the intuitive response to materials and mark making. The evocation of space, time, matter and being." The Firehouse installations will be located in the triple-storey Grand Atrium Lobby, Hallway, and Mezzanine exhibition spaces, and open to the public during regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations appreciated.

Fresh Works VII, Annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition. Annual show of Greater Bay Area artists of all kinds opens at the Firehouse Arts Center

Harrington Gallery running through June 3. This year's installation features 66 artists using a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. Adjudicated by Ryan Reynolds, San Jose artist and arts professor at Santa Clara University, who will give an informal talk during the awards segment at 1:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5. For more info: 925-931-4849 [Call: 925-931-4849], or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. YOUNG@ART Special Event titled "Fresh Paint:" Special activity for kids ages 5-11. Thursday, May 18, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Students will visit the exhibit and discuss the works and techniques, then head upstairs to the art studio and create some art projects related to what they have learned. Parents can register their children at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 64240. \$15 Pleasanton residents, \$20 non-residents.

Visual Rhythm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, May 3 to June 27 at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore.

The Essential Figure 2017, 9th annual fine art show sponsored by Livermore Art Association featuring figurative art. May 19-21, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Reception, Sat., May 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Open Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Art in the Vineyard, May 28, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Livermore Art Association, Spring Art Show, June 10 and 11 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days; reception, awards and dessert bar, 7 to 9 p.m. June 10.

Along the Lines - exhibition, Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. June 16 to July 15, 2017. Opening reception Thursday, June 15 7pm-9pm. Lines- undulating, stick-straight, colorful, curvilinear- create and divide space, suggest movement, or produce intriguing optical illusions. Jeff Snell, Jenny Balisle, and Mel Prest are among the featured arts in this invitational exhibit. Related Children's Program: YOUNG@ART Along the Lines Thursday, June 22, 2017, 4:30-5:45 pm. www.firehousearts.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Bothwell Arts Center, ongoing art classes: figure drawing, drawing and painting, colored pencil, oils, collage, portraiture; beginners through intermediate and beyond. Contact Anne Giancola, www.bothwell.lvpc.org or

email agiancola@lvpc.org
A Cappella Voice classes with Sam McCarthy starting Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10:00-11:00 and 11:00-12:00. Please call Inspire Academy of Music & Arts 925-461-3266. www.inspiremusicacademy.com

"A Summer Colored Pencil Experience" This class will combine colored pencil and graphite using several techniques and drawing surfaces. Some colored pencil experience helpful. Instructor Maryann Kot. Starts Mon., June 19th, 9:30-noon for 6 weeks at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Adult Fee \$145 for six classes. Contact maryannkot@gmail.com for more info or to sign up.

"Colored Pencil Class for Beginners"

Students will learn the properties of the colored pencil, color theory, and how to create realistic drawings. Students will create their own projects during the six week session. Instructor Maryann Kot. Starts Thurs., June 22nd, 9:30-noon at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Adult Fee \$145 for six classes. Contact maryannkot@gmail.com for more info or to sign up.

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2017 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 and are held in Peggy's studio. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome, as are adults and families, if space allows. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

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@Livermoreperformingarts.org

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.

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.

WINE & SPIRITS

Wente Vineyards: Garden Tour & Workshop Series: Discover The Garden at Wente Vineyards with Master Gardener, Diane Dovholuk. June 3, 10 a.m. to noon, Pest Control; Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Fall Vegetables; Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to noon, Sensory Herb Class; Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to noon, The Art of Composting. Price per guest, per session: \$20 Entertainment Club, \$25 Non-Club. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2424 or visit wentevineyards.com

"White Party in the Vineyard" in celebration of National Chardonnay Day. Wente Vineyards, Sunday, May 28, 2017: wines, a delicious bite, live music. Each ticket includes admission, lunch and a commemorative Govino wine glass. Tables and decorations will be set, guests need only come dressed chic in all white (as a nod to Chardonnay). \$65. This event is 21 and older. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted. Wente Family Estates, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. 456-2300. www.wentevineyards.com

Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery teacher appreciation. All teachers and retired teachers, with an official identification card, will receive a free tasting or a free glass of wine in addition to 10% off any purchase of wine on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4. RM Winery, 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

1st annual Crawfish Boil & Beer Fest, presented by Shadow Puppet Brewing Company and Backyard Bayou, June 11, 1 to 4 p.m. all you can eat crawfish; \$49 adult, \$22 child. Tickets at showdowppuppetbrewing.com or tasting room at 4771 Arroyo Vista b, Livermore, purchase by June 8.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Retzlaff Estate Winery, Live Music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. <http://retzlaffvineyards.com>

Bluegrass open mic and pickup band; The Bandstand in Carnegie Park, 4th and K Streets, Livermore. Kickoff Easter Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. then first Sunday of each month until Oct. 1, 2017.

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

Derek Davis & The Revolutionary Souls are on tour, and perform locally at Main St. Brewery, 830 Main St., Pleasanton, Friday, May 26. Showtime: 9:00 pm. 21 and over. Tickets \$15, available at www.eventbrite.com/e/derek-davis-the-revolutionary-souls-in-concert-tickets-33839968256.

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet: A Memorial Weekend USO Variety Show Revue. Sunday, May 28, 2:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Includes a host of special guest stars: musical theatre star Tielle Baker, award-winning acapella quartet HouseBlend, swing dancers Chris & Gwen, and the Big Band Sound of The Fabulous Fazio Five complete the cast for this celebration of songs and music from the 40's and 50's. Tickets are \$17-\$27, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848 [Call: 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.

Asleep at the Wheel, 8 p.m. June 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Livermore High School Instrumental Music Program, under the direction of Justin Enright, first annual Spring Music Concert an evening of music for Wind Band, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Band. June 6, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800

The Doo Wop Project, 3 p.m. June 11. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org

or 373-6800.

San Francisco String Trio Presents Sgt. Pepper, Sat., June 17, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Jerry Jeff Walker with Special Guest Django Walker. Father and Son: Up Close and Personal, June 18, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, , 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella" Beautyshop Quartet. 8 p.m. June 24. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848, www.firehousearts.org.

ON THE STAGE

Black Girl, Funny World, June 9, 8 p.m. Jewish dancing, Irish blessing and a Soul Train Line, Faith Rodman Alpher new show. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CIRQUE DES BÊTES, Fri, June 23, 7 p.m. Circus Performing Arts and Burlesque Show. Open to age 21 + . Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Honky By Greg Kalleres, Role Players Ensemble, script-in hand performance, June 24 at 8 p.m., June 25 at 2 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Honky is a provocative and hilarious take on the language of race and racism. Political correctness goes out the window as five people, both black and white, muddle through one of the most difficult discussions of our time. Each performance will be followed by an open discussion of the play's themes featuring the artists and experts working on this presentation. Directed by: Eric Fraisher Hayes. Featuring: Michael L. Grayson II, Danielle Levin, Dorian Lockett, Aaron Murphy, Edward Natterberg, Kimberly Ridgeway, Aaron Wilton. Tickets: \$25.00; online at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com. Full Season Information: www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com

Summer Show Series @ Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton: The Kinsey Sicks: "Dragapella!" Saturday, June 24, 8pm — \$17-\$27; Hadleigh Adams: "Classical Broadway." Sunday, July 23, 2:00 p.m. — \$15-\$25; "5, 6, 7, 8..." The Golden Follies 2017. Saturday, July 29 & Sunday, August 13, 2:00 p.m. — \$15 - \$25. Visit www.firehousearts.org for show and ticketing details, or call or visit the venue Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, 925-931-4848. **Livermore Shakespeare Festival:**

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Summer 2017 productions William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 29 – July 16, 2017; Edmond Rostand's Cyrano de Bergerac; July 13 – 30, 2017. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery. 10 performances of each show in July of 2017. livermore-shakes.org

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

MOVIES

The Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Library will feature a range of genres. "On the Islands," themed films will be shown the first Monday of each month through June 2017. 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Free admission. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, please contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. Visit www.pleasantonlibrary.org for a list of films and more information.

DANCE

Valley Dance Theatre Presents Spring Rep 2017, May 27, 7 p.m., May 28, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

Cantabella Children's Chorus 2017 Spring Concert, celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a Jubilee Concert, Shall We Gather by The River, on Saturday, May 27 with concerts at 1 and 4 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. 1 pm concert features the Training Choirs, grades K-5, and select Performing choirs. The 4 pm concert showcases the Performing Choirs, grades 6-12, and a special Alumni performance. The award winning young singers will perform folk, sacred, classical and contemporary selections in various languages. Adult Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$22 at the door. Youth under 18 are free (restrictions apply). High school students are welcome free without accompanying adults. To purchase tickets online, go to cantabella.org/tickets

OPERA

Opera In The Vineyard At Nella Terra Cellars, June 11, 5 p.m. Nella Terra Cellars, 5005 Sheridan Road, Sunol. <http://livermorevalleyopera.com>

MISCELLANEOUS

Hagemann Ranch Open House. Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free,

family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

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 Nancy Tingstrom Turner at ntingstr@yahoo.com.

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 Heritage Guild annual auction: Live and silent auctions will include a player piano, rickshaw, organ, vintage architectural pieces, barber chair, a chance to tour a ranch, take horseback riding lessons, or ride on a fire truck in a parade, and much more. Saturday, May 27th, Duarte Garage, North L Street at Pine Street and Portola, Livermore. Doors open 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., auction 7 p.m. No ticket needed to attend auction only. Dinner tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets on sale now at the Carnegie Library, 2155 Third Street, Livermore, Wednesday-Sunday 11:30 – 4:00 PM. or online at www.livermorehistory.com For more information: 925-449-9927

Wings of Freedom Tour Brings Rare World War II Aircraft to Livermore Airport on May 28, 29 and 30. The Collings Foundation's Living History Display of Aircraft includes: Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress,' Consolidated B-24 'Liberator,' North American B-25 "Mitchell" and North American TF-51D 'Mustang.' Local World War II veterans will discuss their experiences. Visitors are invited to tour the aircraft inside and out for a \$15 donation for adults and \$5 for children under 12. World War II veterans are free. Thirty-minute flight experiences are available for a tax-deductible donation. Flights on the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 per person, B-25 \$400, P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a ½ hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight

experiences, call 800-568-8924. Ground tours and display will be open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 28; from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 29 and 30. Flight experiences are scheduled before and after the ground tours. Locally based aircraft will be on display Monday, May 30. They include AT-6s/SNJ's/Harvard, T-28s, P-51s, P-40, and a Yak 18. Military vehicles of the era will also be on display. Historical photographs and memorabilia will be displayed. There is no extra charge. **History Detective Day**, June 3, 1 to 4 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. \$5 per person. Members of the Dublin History Preservation Association and Tri-Valley Genealogy Association will be on hand to provide information how to conduct a family history search. www.DublinRecGuide.com.

1st Wednesday Street Party, 6 to 9 p.m. downtown Pleasanton, Wed., June 7. Theme "Jump into Summer." Free. www.pleasantondowntown.net

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 10, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore. Presented by the Livermore Rotary Club. www.livermore-rotary.org/
Livermore Rodeo, June 10 and 11, Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. Grand entry 3 p.m. www.livermore-erodeo.org

An Evening with Huey Long: Tuesday, June 13th, 7 pm. Ed Kinney Speakers Series. All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$15 General Admission, \$10 Seniors (65+) / Students (with valid ID), \$7 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.

Bonsai Show at Alden Lane. The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nursery, 981 Alden Lane, 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, contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Alameda County Fair, June 19 - July 9, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, exhibits, concerts, 4th of July fireworks, contests. (closed June 19 and 20 and June 26 and 27). Tickets and schedule at www.alamedacountyfair.com

Outside the Box Exhibit Features Community Theme

By Carol Graham

Vineyard Alternative School hosted its 3rd annual *[] Think Outside the Box Student Art Exhibit, this year titled "A Night of Community," on April 12 and featuring a new twist.

"We thought it would be a wonderful idea to have students from the adult school also exhibit their artwork to the community, and offered them a platform to not only showcase their talent but also to convene as community members and friends," said Carla Estrada-Hidalgo, administrator of the Livermore Adult and Community Education Program. "The artwork was breathtakingly beautiful. Some pieces of art evoked an aura of elegance and grace while others elicited a sense of joyful familiarity with the subject matter. Students used various mediums to create their works of art that included pencil, acrylic paint and watercolor."

Both the Vineyard and adult education students' artwork were displayed on the Vineyard campus, 1401 Almond Avenue in Livermore.

*[] Think Outside the Box projects are the annual summer assignment for Vineyard students, who may employ any art form they like, including painting, writing, drawing, crafting, designing, composing music, photographing, or filming videos. "The moon is always spying on your fears," wrote a junior in her mixed-media project titled Shadows.

"Life is a dance," wrote another student. "Sometimes the moves have to change to tell the story."

Each piece of art revealed the personality, experiences and talents of the



Samples of work created.



student. Projects included a bamboo planter, octopus plate, make-up depiction, and era collages.

Senior Leslie Rosillo explained, "My project was called Rainbow Snake. The colored drawing represented a snake shedding its skin; the dead skin was black while the skin underneath revealed colorful scales. It demonstrates rebirth or change in one's personality or life – a new chapter."

Instructions for the *[] Think Outside the Box projects included documenting the creative and

actual processes in a daily journal, along with responding to a series of questions involving the source of inspiration, how the project evolved as it developed, in what ways the project reflects the student, and what project the student would choose to create next.

Vineyard's independent study model addresses the unique needs of each student in a supportive environment. Students choose to attend the Livermore alternative school for a variety of reasons; some are competitive athletes with demanding schedules, some have jobs, some have medical issues which preclude their achieving success at comprehensive schools, and some students want to accelerate their education while others need to catch up. Recent Vineyard graduates have won a Silver Medal in the Acrobatics World Championship, attended Stanford University, performed with Cirque du Soleil, designed a wine label for Steven Kent Winery, and won Girls State Rodeo Championship's roping category.

Both art exhibits took place in the evening, and were free and open to the public.

"It is our hope that we continue to offer our adult students the opportunity to share their art and talent with the community by making this an annual event," said Hidalgo. "We hope our local artists and students grasp the importance of not only creating art to fulfill their artistic needs, but also the significance of sharing their work to allow the community to be exposed to art."

To learn more, visit www.vineyard.schoolloop.com.

Zone 7 Recognizes Young Scientists

Three students who attend schools within Zone 7's service area have received special recognition from Zone 7 for water-related projects displayed during the recent Alameda County Science & Engineering Fair.

The high school award was given to Akshit Mehta from Dublin High School for his "Smart Sprinkler System." He developed an automated system for domestic irrigation that irrigated only when the soil probe measured low soil moisture.

A middle school award was granted to Cassandra Leo from Quarry Lane Middle School for her "Is the Hardness of Water Different in Certain Locations?" project. Cassandra assessed the hardness of water from different locations. While drinking hard water poses no health concerns and provides necessary minerals your body needs, very hard water can cause a variety of home problems.

Another middle school award was given to Abigail Huang from Sunol Glen School for her "Solar Water Purifier" project. Huang wanted to assess an inexpensive method for water purification. The intent of her experiment was to explore the effectiveness of a solar PET bottle purifier. The results from her experiment were not what she hypothesized. Zone 7's judges said

what stood out most about this student was her interest in pursuing the issue further with additional experiments.

EDUCATION

Wesleyan University student Nisha Grewal of Pleasanton, a Amador Valley High School graduate, was recognized this spring with the Karl Van Dyke Prize. It is awarded each year to one or more students majoring in physical science or having a predominant interest in physical science and technology and who show outstanding achievement in academic work and a promise of productivity in a professional career.

Breanna Theobald of Pleasanton, qualified for the Spring 2017 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.

The West Coast Conference announced the 2016-17 West Coast Conference Women's Rowing All-Academic Team. Senior Megan Goodman was one of three student-athletes named to the first team for the second time. Goodman (Pleasanton) owns a 3.62 grade-point average in International Relations and Spanish. The University of San Diego women's rowing team competed in the WCC Championships Saturday morning at Lake Natoma in Gold River, Calif.

MILITARY

Kasey Clendenen, a 2016 graduate of Livermore High School, completed Navy basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois in September. She graduated from A school as an air traffic controller and is stationed on an aircraft carrier out of San Diego.



Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW/AW) Tyler Santos, from Sunol, instructs junior Sailors after an operational anchor test in the forecandle of the Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). The operational anchor test, or no-load test, is conducted to verify the ship's anchors are ready to be released in case of an emergency. Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interests of its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jamal McNeill/Released)

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.)

Support Fertile GroundWorks by eating Patxi's Pizza on June 14 to help run local educational gardens and grow nutritious food for those in need in our community. On June 14, Patxi's Livermore will donate 10% of takeout, delivery and dine-in sales to Fertile GroundWorks. Mention when ordering you are there because Fertile GroundWorks sent you. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patxi's Livermore, 2470 First St., Livermore. www.patxispizza.com/Location/Livermore

Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner, presented by Italian Catholic Federation Br. 285 on Sat., June 3, St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person. Reservations required, no tickets sold at the door. RSVP by May 30 to Judy, 462-2487 or Carolyn, 846-0440. Prizes. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley scholarship program and other ICF charities.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Blanche Angelo will share photos and stories from three tent camping trips she and her husband have taken to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, a UNESCO biosphere reserve in Arizona and the only place in the United States where the organ pipe cactus grows wild. She also camped in Reserva de la Biosfera El Pinacate y Gran Desierto de Altar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Northwest Mexico. Blanche's presentation will highlight hikes in both reserves, as well as visits to Ajo, Arizona. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Bonsai Show at Alden Lane. The Valley Bonsai Society will present its 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery on Sat. and Sun., June 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the nursery, 981 Alden Lane, 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, contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, May 26, 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, bring a friend or family member to the drive and give the gift of life to our friends and neighbors who need it. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, May 28, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton. RSVP by May 25 to Pat,

846-3808.

CityBlast 4th Annual Day Camp for 2017, at Maker Fun Factory. This Day Camp is for all Tri-Valley kids entering 1st-6th grades in the fall of 2017. June 20-23 (Tuesday - Friday), 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Emerald Glen Park / Soccer Fields Central Parkway, Dublin. \$40 per child or \$70 per family (scholarships available) Registration forms available on the CityServe website - www.cityserveofthetrivalley.org

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games at Livermore Shari's Cafe, 1116 E Stanley Blvd., Livermore. A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks. Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. All are welcome.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is June 20, from 10 am to 3 pm at Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. 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

Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. www.AlanonTriValley.org. 925-277-7661, help@AlanonTriValley.org.

Grief Workshop - Stepping Stones on Your Grief Journey. Second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 pm now through August 24, 2017 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. No pre-registration is necessary. Sessions open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For additional information please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708.

Recovery International Support Group was developed by Abraham Low, MD. This group uses the cognitive-behavioral, peer to peer, self help training system to help individuals gain skills to lead more peaceful and productive lives. Meetings every Sunday at 4 pm. Leader: Barbara Sterrett. www.recoveryinternational.org/Meetings take place at Arbor Vista: 1300 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver fresh meals to home-bound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 pm. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

Learn Scottish country dancing in Livermore: lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional

social dance of Scotland. Classes are Mondays 8:00 to 9:30 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience required. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 447-1833 for more information. Youth class (ages 8 and up): contact Sheena MacQueen (925)447-1833 for info.

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/ or contact Fred Quarterman at 925-337-5342 or Deb Tacker at 925-447-1135.

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel (925) 447-8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com

Square dancing for all ages 8 years and up Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-6 Monday through Saturday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30 PM Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

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

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

Birthright Pregnancy Support Center, 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore, located directly behind the blue bus stop near the corner of Fenton St., and next to Stanford/ValleyCare Hospital. Birthright's free and confidential services include - pregnancy tests, caring guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. (925) 449-5887 for an appointment. Our office hours are: Mon., Tues., Wed., 10-2; Thurs. 12-4; 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10-1. 1-800-550-4900 Helpline is staffed 24/7. www.birthright.org/Livermore for more information on Birthright's services.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysir.org and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925-967-8177.

Tri-Valley Haven provides crisis stabilization counseling for those experiencing difficulties related to domestic violence, abusive situations, sexual assault or other challenging emotional issues. We provide assistance with individual therapy and/or group support. Please call to schedule an appointment: 925 449-5845 (Counseling Intake)

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

Eric's Corner is a free support group for people who are dealing with a diagnosis of Epilepsy. 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

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 go to

www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is 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 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

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

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

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship at 9 a.m., with childcare and children/youth Sunday School. For information visit www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950.

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvalrylivermore.org or 925-447-4357.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school — 9-45 a.m.; worship service — 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

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, Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9AM & 10:30AM. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9AM and on Weds. eve. from 7-9PM. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinity-livermore.org or 925-447-1848.

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las 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. Contemporary Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:20 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided.

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

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contempo-

rary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathway-communitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/ Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

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, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 South-front Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

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

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

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

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer schedule is one service at 9:30 a.m. May 28-Sept. 3. Childcare provided. Contact the church office at (925) 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnewood.org or visit our website at www.lynnewood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Livermore Stake: Sunday services—1501 Hillcrest Ave. Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St. Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills 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, Sundays at 6 pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). www.LivermoreQuakers.com

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

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - People from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://csllvghthouse.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. visit: www.christchurch-trivalley.org or call 925.846.0665.

Unity of Tri-Valley is a welcoming spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. Rev. Micah Murdoch, minister. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. www.unityoftrivalley.org. 925.829.2733.

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road while its new facility is being prepared. Services include band-led worship music, Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org (925) 846-4436.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. (925) 667-1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

Discovery Church of the Nazarene, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925 449-5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 AM

Gateway Church, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit gatewaylivermore.org or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

Milestones



The 3rd grade Girl Scout troop held a SOCK community and school (Satellite Campus) for the homeless in Livermore. The scouts had a goal of 105 pairs of new socks that they hoped to collect through donations and provide to Asbury United Methodist who provides services and food (Open House Kitchen) to the homeless on Livermore on a weekly basis. The scouts made a plan of action and executed it beautifully. They communicated to the community through school announcements, signs, and presentations at school assemblies. Scouts also asked for help from their fellow Girl Scouts in Livermore. They collected 464 pairs of new socks. Pictured are Taylor Blacklock, Lyla Garrett, Rowan Weiss, Maddie Penn, Jasmine Orsi, and Riley Dunlap; not in the photo, Bridget O'Bryan, and Violet Clippinger.

McKay McFadden Earns Eagle Honors

Boy Scout troop 947, sponsored by the Pleasanton Third Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held an Eagle court of honor and awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to McKay McFadden. McKay is the son of Jeremy and Rebecca McFadden.

He is a senior at Dublin High School who loves sports and the outdoors. He fully embraced the values and opportunities that Scouting offered him.

His Eagle service project was to refurbish one of the older "Welcome to Dublin" signs as well as the organization names on the sign. McKay wants to remain



McKay McFadden

active in Scouting and give back to his community and to others. He will leave in June

to serve a two year Church mission in Taiwan.

NEW FACES

Eric Nelson Swalwell was born at about 9 p.m. PT Thursday, May 18, in San Ramon, 7 pounds, 15 ounces. He'll go by Nelson. Baby, mom and dad are all healthy and happy. This is Eric's and Brittany's first child.

The following children were born at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton:

A daughter, March 31, to Karah Angelina Paul and Ryan Matthew of Pleasanton.

A daughter, April 8, to Amanda and Andrew Szela of Pleasanton.

A daughter, April 8, to Joanna Elizabeth Mann and Monte Inez Holliman of Pleasanton.

A son, April 21, to Michele Correia and Hamid Khamseh of Livermore.

A son, May 5, to Emilena and Nathan Bowden of Livermore.

A daughter, May 14, to Jessica Cariel Juan and Joseph Sarmiento of Pleasanton.



Hikers at the top of the hill.

Hope Hospice Hike Tops \$107,000 in Funds Raised

The seventh annual The Hike for Hope, a memorial hike and fundraiser for Hope Hospice, raised more than \$107,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Held at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore on May 6, the Hike is one of Hope Hospice's largest fundraising events of the year. A total of 526 hikers registered to support Hope Hospice.

This year's event was the

highest grossing fundraising hike since The Hike for Hope first launched in 2010. The event has now raised more than \$660,000 for Hope Hospice since that time.

"The Hike for Hope celebrates the joy our loved ones brought us and raises funds for Hope Hospice," says Brian Kehoe, chair of The Hike for Hope committee. "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:

Friends and Family: Team Roger - Angie Birdwell-Royers, captain \$4,276; Revelli Team Hope - JoAnne Revelli, captain \$1,617; and Team Sav and Julie - Saverio Mancieri, captain \$1,549

Corporate: Cal Business Technology (CBT) - Shelly Phillips, captain \$1,177

Youth: Hope Hikers - Kaitlyn Davis, captain \$784

Leading sponsors were Hitachi Data Systems; Cha-

pel of the Chimes; Heritage Bank of Commerce, Pleasanton Branch; and Graham Hitch Mortuary.

"The success of this event would not be possible without the participation of these individuals and organizations, and dozens of volunteers, says Hope Hospice CEO Bob Boehm. "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. Hope Hospice helps patients and their families live each day to the fullest by providing quality end of life care, home health care, bereavement and community education. As a community-based, non-profit agency, Hope relies on community support to provide these needed services throughout the year.

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