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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 Clears Way For Possible End to Valley Water Restrictions

By Ron McNicoll

The California State Water Resources Control Board has scrapped its policy of setting percentage goals for all water agencies in the state to conserve water. It has been replaced with a standard by which urban water suppliers must ensure they can provide at least a three-year water supply.

Since the Valley's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency, already adopted a water supply forecast that shows enough water

for the next five years, it is in a good position to help lift the current mandatory rationing from the Valley's four water retailers.

Zone 7 General Manager Jill Duerig discussed the news with the board at its May 18 meeting. Earlier that day, the state water board approved its new policy.

The Valley's water retailers include Pleasanton, Dublin San Ramon Services District, Livermore and Cal Water. They had set mandatory conservation numbers

ranging between 12 percent for DSRSD and more than 20 percent for the other three retailers.

With the new system, and a Zone 7 demonstration of enough water for the next three years, rationing could go away. However, the retailers can set their own voluntary conservation goals.

Only retailers were impacted by the state's conservation goals. The rule has not affected Zone 7, a wholesaler. However, in the spirit of water conservation, Zone 7 es-

tablished voluntary conservation goal. A reduction to 10 percent is being considered. Final determination will be up to the board June 15.

Urban water districts in some parts of the state have been able to access enough water to meet their needs. For that reason, the state water board switched to looking at local water agencies' abilities to deliver water, explained Duerig.

The new policy adopted by

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tours were offered at the new Axis facility in Pleasanton. For more information, go to page 2.

Council Selects Master Developer for Downtown Livermore

The team of Lennar Multifamily and Presidio has been selected to develop 8 acres in downtown Livermore. Presidio would build the hotel, Lennar the housing and retail components.

The Livermore City Council voted 3 to 2 last Monday. Steven Spedowski and Lauren Turner dissented, preferring Trumark Homes. They felt Trumark had connected with the community.

The vote reflected the opinion of the over-whelming majority of the speakers who mentioned their preference for a developer.

The development would occur on land the city owns that encompasses the former "Lucky Shopping Center" on the westside of Livermore Avenue, as well as property adjacent to the Bankhead Theater. The city issued requests for proposals (RFP) last September seeking ideas for a variety of uses including housing, retail, a hotel-conference center, and parking facilities. The applicants were narrowed down to two at the council's Feb. 9 meeting. The finalists presented proposals at last Monday's council meeting.

During the public hearing, many urged the council to increase public participation through workshops so that citizen ideas could be included before the plans were close to being finalized. The staff report on Monday's agenda only mentioned future planning commission and city council meetings as part of the process.

The council agreed to address a community input process at its next meeting.

Because of the number of speak-

ers, remarks were limited to one minute per person, which led some to comment that people were not able to make all of the points that they had wanted.

The Lennar/Presidio plan proposes four story buildings containing 263 units featuring 203 rental apartments and 60 stacked condos. Commercial space would take up 16,000 sq. ft. The hotel, a 4-story Marriott Autograph Collection brand, consists of 135 rooms, 4000 sq. ft. of meeting and event space, ground floor retail, a restaurant, rooftop deck, a heated pool and fitness center. It is proposed to be built on the parking lot adjacent to the Bankhead Theater. Valet parking is envisioned on public land for the hotel, restaurant and conference center.

Lennar would provide space for public and private parking in separate structures. The public parking garage would include five levels with 550 spaces.

About 30 speakers supported moving the hotel from the proposed site east of Livermore Avenue to the acreage on the westside. Among other reasons, they stated that they wanted the hotel to break up the volume of residential units proposed for the three blocks from Livermore Avenue to L Street.

Both Lennar and Trumark, when questioned about the possibility of placing the hotel on the westside, said that it came down to financial feasibility. With the hotel on the eastern portion of the site, they believe more housing could be built on the westside.

Spedowski was concerned that the development would not fit into the character of the downtown. He added, "We need unique features for residents and visitors, walkable experiences with gathering places." He suggested holding an interactive workshop to allow the public to weigh in on the planning.

Turner noted that Trumark was selected as a finalist because of its residential component. "We don't have to bundle it with a hotel." She expressed a preference for a small company to run the hotel.

Councilmember Bob Woerner favored Lennar because the company provided a more comprehensive proposal and was willing to make changes. He did not like the big single parking garage included in the Trumark plan.

Councilmember Stewart Gary stated that he had reservations about the site being able to accommodate all of the proposed development. "We are here to pick a master developer and continue the community discussion. We do need a design feedback workshop." He too did not like Trumark's large parking structure. He preferred the larger hotel as proposed by Lennar.

Mayor John Marchand said that most speakers focused on parking. He pointed out that this is a market driven project, adding, "I do understand the need for additional workshops."

During the public hearing, members of the cultural community asked that arts be incorporated into the plan. Monya Lane, a member of the Commission

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Legislation Proposed to Permanently Protect Tesla Area

Friends of Livermore and Friends of the Vineyards have joined the call for local legislators to carry legislation to re-designate the area known as Tesla Park, also called the Tesla/Alameda Purchase, as a natural and cultural preserve, ensuring its permanent protection. The land is located in eastern Alameda County on the outskirts of Livermore.

Recently Friends of Tesla Park wrote to Assembly Member Catharine Baker and Senator Steve Glazer asking that they carry legislation to permanently preserve Tesla.

Tammy Reus, President of Friends of the Vineyards, stated, "We know that Tesla's irreplaceable natural and cultural resources will be damaged and over time destroyed by off-highway vehicle use. Just look at Carnegie. We

work to preserve the open spaces that make our community a wonderful place. Tesla is part of that heritage."

As part of the Friends of Tesla Park alliance, local groups have joined the effort to permanently preserve the Tesla Park land and prevent it from being opened to damaging off-highway vehicle(OHV) use by Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA).

Tesla has been recognized for its bio-diversity by UC Berkeley researchers since the 1940s. It features an abundant mix of rare plants and animals, as well as cultural sites ranging from the historic Tesla town and mine site to sacred sites of indigenous peoples. The groups make the point that Tesla is not appropriate for inherently

destructive OHV use, citing as examples that Tesla is a Botanical Priority Protection Area as identified by the East Bay California Native Plant Society; is home to seven threatened and endangered species and their habitats; and is a critical linkage habitat corridor along the Diablo range.

It is expected that the Off-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Christine Steiner and Howard Neely, members of the Pleasanton task force that worked on the Kottinger Place development, celebrate the ground breaking with Mayor Jerry Thorne.

Kottinger Gardens Officially Underway

After many years of planning, groundbreaking was held last Friday at Kottinger Gardens, an affordable housing development for seniors.

On hand were Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne along with other city, county and state

leaders. The housing will be constructed in two phases by MidPen Housing.

Kottinger Gardens will ultimately provide 185 brand new affordable rental homes on two sites that had previously provided 90. Kottinger Place and Pleasanton

(See KOTTINGER, page 10)

Comments Sought on Plan Bay Area Update

The Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Commission are hosting public workshops in all nine Bay Area counties to gather input for their just-released scenarios on how to update Plan Bay Area.

Plan Bay Area, adopted in 2013, was designed to lay out a vision for how the Bay Area should grow. For the update, MTC and ABAG have developed and evaluated three land use and transportation scenarios.

The three scenarios describe different alternatives for how expected growth in population, jobs and housing units might be distributed, and the types of transportation investments needed to support these growth patterns. While the scenarios vary in terms of the intensity of development patterns and transportation invest-

ments, they maintain the same regional forecasts for jobs, population, households and transportation revenues.

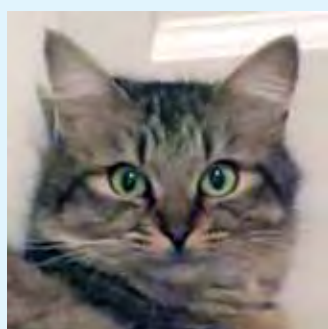
ABAG forecasts an additional 1.3 million jobs, 2.4 million people and therefore the need for approximately 820,000 housing units between 2010 and 2040.

Elements from the three scenarios will be combined into a single "preferred scenario" that will form the blueprint for the updated Plan Bay Area.

The Alameda County open house will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thurs., June 2 at the MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland.

Scenario 1, labeled Main Streets, targets future population and employment growth in the downtowns of every city in the Bay Area. A number of the

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Pleasanton Memorial Day Ceremony to Be Held at the Senior Center

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016 in Pleasanton. The event will take place at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Day remembers those who have died while serving our 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.

Primary speakers at the May 30 ceremony will be US Army veteran Mayor Jerry Thorne and US Army Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Jones, Garrison Commander of Camp Parks in Dublin. 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 American Legion Post 237, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. This year American Legion Post Commander Buddy Loggins will serve as the emcee.

Currently these organizations are working with the City of Pleasanton to fund and build a Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery. Dedication of the new memorial is planned for November 2016. For more information, go to: www.pleasantonveteransmemorial.com/index.html

American Legion Post 237 of Pleasanton, California is one of the oldest American Legion posts in existence. Founded in 1920, the post continues to serve the needs of local veterans and their families.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Supervisor Nate Miley challenged fellow Supervisor Scott Haggerty to donate money to Axis. They both agreed to donate \$50,000 from the Alameda County budget. The money will be used for the overall project funding.

New Axis Health Center Doubles Service Capacity

Axis Community Health celebrated the opening of its new health center at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton last Saturday.

The new 24,000 sq. ft. health center doubles Axis's service capacity for primary health care and mental health. Construction involved a complete interior renovation of the existing structure in order to create 27 exam rooms, 7 counseling rooms and ancillary service areas.

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

In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 100,000 visits to one of Axis's five locations.

The project was completed by INDE Architecture and general contractor Oliver & Co.

Some funding for the \$12 million project came from Alameda County, the

cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, and HUD. Most of the remainder is being financed through The California Endowment and Capital Impact Partners. Axis also raised \$1.7 million for construction through a capital campaign, and is now raising an additional \$300,000 for medical equipment and furnishings. Major campaign supporters include Kaiser Permanente, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, Fremont Bank Foundation, and HEDCO Foundation.

Founded in 1972, Axis provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services.

VFW to Present Livermore Ceremonies

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265 will be hosting Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 30, 2016.

The first will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, 1204 N. Livermore Avenue beginning at 10 a.m. The ceremony will move to St. Michael's Cemetery on East Avenue at 11 a.m. and Memorial Gardens Cemetery at 11:30 p.m.

Ceremonies will include speakers, the placing of wreaths and a 21-gun salute by the VFW Post 7365 Honor Guard.

The public is also invited to attend a Quilts of Valor presentation hosted by VFW Post 7265 that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street. Veterans from WWII, Korean and Vietnam will receive Quilts of Valor from the Amador Valley Quilters. Livermore Mayor John Marchand will be the guest speaker.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Sandia National Laboratories hosted a 60th anniversary celebration at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. In the photo, visitors are looking at a display of items printed using a 3-D printer.

LVCP Has 99% Eligible for UC/CSUC

Some 99 percent of the 2014/15 graduating class at Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) are eligible for admission to UC and CSUC universities, according to the state Department of Education.

Data from CDE show that 106 of the 107 students in last year's senior class completed all courses that make them eligible for admission. In the previous year, the first LVCP graduating class had 100 percent completion of the courses.

LVCP principal Eric Dillie said, "Our school was created to prepare students for college, all students, not just the students who are already on the 'college track.' A common misconception of LVCP is that only academically successful students attend our little

school. As I have repeatedly said to parents, staff, community stakeholders, and students, we take students as they are and our job is to make them better in every way."

"In the last two years, 184

of 185 graduates are eligible to attend a UC / CSU, a 99.5 percent rate. We prepare our students quite well, and the staff is 100 percent committed to doing what is necessary to foster student achievement and success."

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Primary Election

The California National Organization for Women PAC has endorsed Cheryl Cook-Kallio for the 16th State Assembly. It joins numerous other advocates for women who have endorsed Cook-Kallio for the 16th Assembly District.

"California NOW is excited to add our name to an already long list of impressive legislators and organizations that endorse Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Assembly District 16. Her background and experience in education, healthcare and equal pay for equal work will give women and girls a much needed and great advocate in Sacramento" said Jerilyn Stapleton, President, CA NOW.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker has been endorsed by California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) for re-election to the 16th Assembly District.

Stephanie Stephens, CPRS Executive Director stated, "Assemblywoman Baker's commitment to the environment and support for protecting park resources and access for all Californians makes her the best candidate in the 16th Assembly District race. We are pleased to support her for re-election, and look forward to working with her to further the mission and values of CPRS."

The California Women's Leadership Association PAC has endorsed Baker. The March of Dimes awarded her the Legislative Champion of the Year Award for "outstanding leadership, passion, and courage on key bills to support infant, child and maternal health."

Voting on Weekends

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters will be open for weekend voting to allow voters to come to the Registrar of Voters' office to vote early for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election on the following weekend days:

- Saturday, May 28, 2016 and Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
- Saturday, June 4, 2016 and Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Registrar of Voters' staff will also be outside of 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, at the corner of 13th and Fallon Streets, to assist voters who choose to drop off their completed Vote by Mail ballot.

The office is currently open for voting Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Registrar of Voters' office also will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters' office is located inside the René C. Davidson Court House at 1225 Fallon Street Room G-1, Oakland, CA. Voters wishing to cast ballots during weekend hours will be able to access the Registrar of Voters office by using the 12th Street entrance of the Court HhhhHouse.

For more information about early voting, visit acvote.org or call the Registrar of Voters' office at (510) 272-6973.

The period for requesting Vote by Mail Ballots for this election ends on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots must be received by the registrar's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2016.

Voters who are ill or will be away on Election Day may also designate, in writing, another person to pick up their ballot before the election. Voters with questions concerning Vote by Mail voting should call the Registrar of Voters, Vote by Mail Section at (510) 272-6973.

Assistant Manager Leaving

Livermore Assistant City Manager Jenny Haruyama has accepted the City Manager position in Scotts Valley, California. As the second-in-command for the City of Livermore, Haruyama has been involved in every facet of running the City. She has provided strategic policy and budget guidance on a variety of citywide initiatives, especially the Tri-Valley Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Livermore/Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) extension project. She also oversaw the City's public information and community outreach efforts.

"Scotts Valley's gain is Livermore's loss," stated Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

Haruyama has over 20 years of local government experience. Prior to serving as Livermore's Assistant City Manager beginning in December 2014, Haruyama served as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Tracy, the Assistant Director of Budget and Finance and Assistant to the Town Manager in the Town of Los Gatos, and a Senior Management Analyst for the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

"Although my tenure here has been relatively brief, I have come to love Livermore and the people who serve this wonderful community," stated Haruyama. "Making the decision to leave was a very difficult one. However, Scotts Valley is unique as most of my family has lived there since its incorporation in 1966, and has been involved in the City's development from a small rural town to a popular suburb. The opportunity to lead, live, and work in the community where you have historical roots is rare, and something I could not let pass by."

Haruyama will leave in July. City Manager Marc Roberts is examining options for the upcoming vacant position.

Beyer Appointed to Zoning Adjustments Board

Scott Beyer is the newest member of the East County Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA).

Beyer was appointed May 10 by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, with the consent of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. He manages the Wente Land and Cattle Company. He owned and operated Beyer Land and Cattle Company for 45 years.

Beyer serves as a member of the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee, as a director of the Contra Costa/Alameda Cattlemen's Association and the USDA-Farm Service Agency Board.

The appointment fills the seat held by Larry Gosselin, whose term expired. Others recently appointed to the three-member board have been Heather McGrail Lorier, who replaced Jon Harvey, and Frank Imhof, the replacement for Jim Goff. Imhof is a former county planning commissioner. Goff replaced him on the planning commission.

Dublin Council Honors Hanke

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council honored retiring School Superintendent Stephen Hanke and retiring Dublin High School principal Carol Shimizu.

At the May 17 meeting, Councilmembers gave the two educators gifts, and expressed appreciation for their service.

City Manager Chris Foss, who worked closely with Hanke in creating a swap of parkland for a school site in Jordan Ranch, said, "I share a wide range of emotions and conversations with him. I consider him a friend. I've told him that he has made Dublin better, because of his time here."

Vice Mayor Abe Gupta stated, "You have a great

legacy, and weathered big challenges. You have done an admirable job, keeping your composure. Well done."

Mayor David Haubert, a former school board member, said he recalled interviewing Hanke 10 years ago for the position. "We are grateful to be lucky to have had you here for so long."

Hanke responded, "This recognition means a lot to me. Life gives us multiple opportunities. I can't tell you how grateful I am. Dublin is an amazing community."

Shimizu has been an educator for 45 years. She became principal at Dublin High School in 2004. During that time, API scores rose, and the number of honors courses have increased.

Gupta said that Shimizu's good work has "made it easy for your successor to pick up the playbook."

The council also recognized two personnel from Camp Parks: Garrison Commander LTC Andrew Jones and Command Sergeant Major Richard Kreiberg.

Kreiberg is moving on to a new assignment. Jones is leaving Parks to attend Army War College. He told the council, "Dublin is like a second family for Camp Parks. You welcome us. Our soldiers love to come into the community, do service, and also hang out. It's a great place to raise their kids. Most soldiers who have been to Parks want to come back."

The council also recognized the East Bay Housing

Organization (EBHO), a coalition of more than 400 non-profit housing developers, by passing a resolution declaring May 13-21 Affordable Housing Week.

DSRSD General Manager Dan McIntyre spoke about a 2.8 percent increase in the water capacity fee, formerly known as a connection fee. It applies to Dublin and Dougherty Valley in San Ramon, the water service area for DSRSD.

The council voted to appropriate \$40,000 from the Public Facility Fees Funds to hire ArtsMarket to study future cultural arts programming and facilities, including the possible re-use of the Police Services Wing as a "Cultural Arts Center."

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EDITORIALS

Measure A: Yes

A burgeoning student population, an evolving job market, and the rising cost of a four year education are all reasons to support Measure A on June 7.

If approved by a 55% margin, the bond measure would provide the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District with \$950 million to meet the challenges of future educational needs.

The cost to property owners would be \$24.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, not the market value.

Money would be used to prepare students, veterans and workers for good jobs and university transfer. Funds would also add to the safety and security of the two campuses. They would be used to upgrade aging classrooms and technology/science labs, remove asbestos, retrofit buildings for earthquake safety, acquire, construct and repair sites, facilities, equipment, and improve campus safety and security.

An independent citizens' oversight committee will monitor the bond expenditures. No district employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant may sit on the committee.

Las Positas already faces a shortage of classrooms, resulting in classes now being offered at off campus locations. With growth in the area, veterans returning from war zones, and an increasing number of students completing the first two years of higher education at a two year college, the need for classrooms will only increase.

Education helps not only students, but also businesses in need of skilled workers.

An example of how the funds would be spent at Las Positas College involves a vocational center that would offer public safety courses to fill police, fire and emergency medical services jobs. Viticulture programs would be expanded.

Vote yes vote on Measure A.

State Senate, 7th District Guy Moore

7th District State Senate seat candidates on the June 7, 2016 ballot include incumbent Steve Glazer, a Democrat, and challengers Democrat Guy Moore and Republican Joseph Rubay.

The top two will meet again in November.

While much of Glazer's focus in the Senate seems to have been on BART, he has been active in other areas. He has supported legislation increasing the minimum wage and co-authored a bill outlawing assault rifles with detachable magazines.

We have issues with Glazer on the off-road vehicle expansion plans, where he has failed to take a stand.

Both Moore and Glazer support BART to Livermore reaching to the ACE station at Greenville. They oppose the twin tunnels as a solution to the state's water problems.

They differ on extending Proposition 30 to provide funding for education. Glazer opposes the extension; Moore supports it.

One of Moore's main goals, if elected, would be campaign finance reform. We like the idea that he would work to give the average voter the same level of influence enjoyed by special interests.

We recommend Moore for the State Senate.

Poll Finds Residents Concerned about Rapid Residential Growth

A recent survey of its database conducted by Pleasanton Voters found that a majority of respondents continue to be concerned about rapid housing growth in Pleasanton. The findings parallel those of the 2015 City of Pleasanton Community Survey, which also found growth and development to be among the top concerns of polled residents.

Of those participating in the informal Pleasanton Voters survey, approximately 92.5% agreed that school overcrowding, traffic, and water supply should be carefully considered by city leaders before approving more housing development.

"One of the biggest concerns revealed in the survey is that a majority of residents basically feel powerless to challenge decisions about development that have been made at the local government level," said Pleasanton Voters President Kelly Cousins, a 24-year resident of the city.

More than 60% of re-

spondents indicated that they did not feel that they had any influence on growth in Pleasanton. Countering that opinion, others indicated that they felt empowered by voting for slow growth candidates or gathering signatures for ballot measures to oppose development projects.

Among the written comments regarding citizen ability to influence growth, were: "Only by gathering signatures can I have an affect. I fear for future generations. More is not better, and not every open space needs to be developed. Infrastructure and quality of life are more important than development to the majority of Pleasanton residents."

For a more detailed view of the survey results, please visit www.PleasantonVoters.com

Pleasanton Voters, a non-partisan grassroots organization, focuses on educating Pleasanton residents about local issues that may impact the quality of life in the city.

DEVELOPER

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for the Arts, suggested the formation of a committee to discuss the topic of a strong visual component.

Julio Freedman wanted a place where jazz and other small performing arts groups could perform. He added that it would be intriguing to have the hotel on the westside. He is the husband of Lara Webber, musical director of the Livermore-Amador Symphony, who could not attend the workshop.

Others expressed interest in a flexible-use conference center with 300 retractable seats where performances and educational programs could be presented. Additional groups represented include the Cantabella Children's Chorus, ConDanza, Spanish Heritage Center, and the Pacific Chamber Orchestra.

Cesar Degollado of ConDanza commented, "It is important to understand the impact of having two art venues stay close together. They will be recognized as a powerful arts complex that will contribute to the identity of the City of Livermore."

Jeff Kaskey objected to cutting the time to one minute for speakers. He said of the proposals, that he would like to see more community space and underground parking as part of the plan. "We need to discuss these options. We should have at least three workshops to do so."

Lynn Seppala, president of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council, noted that the 25-member group does

not have a single vision of what the downtown should look like. "However, our organizations have well thought out ideas. They would like to have serious attention paid to them. As was done for the Downtown Specific Plan (five public workshops) and the Isabel Neighborhood Plan (600 people attended 40 outreach events over 7 months), we would like to see public workshops where concepts can be proposed, debated and modified to reach a consensus. This is the final step, and a momentous one, for the continued revitalization of Downtown."

Susan Steinberg stated, "Many interesting alternatives to the plans being considered have not been fairly heard or properly discussed. For the sake of transparency and honesty, the Council should recognize the widespread lack of public trust in the process to date."

A hotel on the westside of Livermore Avenue would create an iconic structure at the entrance to downtown said Gail Travers and several other speakers.

William Dunlop pointed out that Livermore currently does not have a large hotel that could house visitors such as those attending the Little League World Series. He suggested a hotel of as much as 170 rooms be placed on the westside.

Bob Coomber stated of the two plans, that Lennar appeals to him because of the size of the hotel. It should be on the westside.

Lee Younker liked Lennar mainly because of the size of the hotel. However, it should be on the westside he said. "The massive amount of housing and parking proposed for the westside won't work. The city should consider podium parking and an additional investment in meeting space."

Nancy Mulligan said that the new high rise plans will make Livermore look like Dublin or Walnut Creek. "We do need some downtown housing, but it should be limited to three stories high." She supported underground parking, a specialty hotel on the westside and the inclusion of an art gallery.

John Stein said the problem was that the plan tried to fit ten pounds of stuff into a 5 pound bag. The parking and traffic will choke the downtown.

Milo Nordyke didn't understand the need for so many apartments. He suggested the hotel would be an attraction, as would more retail and an event center.

Dave Burnett was just one of many speakers who suggested that parking did not seem to be adequate for the new uses.

Representatives of Innovation Tri-Valley and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce asked that the council move forward with a decision on a master developer. Sblend Sblendorio remarked that the development would address the problem of housing the workforce by providing a diverse housing stock.

Chamber of Commerce CEO Dale Kaye was happy to have the hotel placed where experts put it. There is a need for housing to create space for future generations and provide more customers for downtown businesses, Kaye commented.

Livermore Valley Winegrowers CEO Chris Chandler said that the developer selected would work with the community to refine the plan for hospitality, residential and retail uses.

Christine Wentz, speaking for her family, urged the council to move forward. She favored a high end boutique hotel, retail and a residential component that would increase the appeal of living, working and visiting the Livermore Valley.

Drew Felkner described himself as a young professional who has to live with his parents because he cannot afford to move out. He said that he and 293 others who signed a petition were looking forward to the housing included in the plan.

Lynda Seaver, representing the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, stated that the Lab is interested in the development. The Lab has no preference on location of a hotel, nor the number of rooms or maximum conference space.

With the selection of the finalist, work began that night in a closed session on an exclusive negotiating rights agreement to establish procedures to guide the negotiation of a purchase and sale agreement for the mixed-use commercial/residential project and hotel project.

MAILBOX

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No on Measure K Kelly Cousins, President, www.pleasantonvoters.com

PleasantonVoters.com endorses a NO on K vote on June 7

Pleasanton residents have the opportunity to decide the future of our hillsides with a No on Measure K vote. Passage of Measure K would allow development on Pleasanton hillsides, in direct violation of the hillside protection ordinance (Measure PP) that was passed by Pleasanton voters in 2008. Passage of Measure K will bulldoze hilly terrain and lead to the removal of more than 645 truckloads of dirt to build roads on Pleasanton slopes.

Vote No on Measure K! If this critical measure passes, it will set a precedent for the majority of the City Council to make future interpretations of Pleasanton's hillside protection ordinance that favor developers. There are at least two more pending hillside developments in the planning stages.

This developer needs to present a plan that complies with Measure PP. Offering open space, which is not buildable, is not enough of an incentive to offset this exception-making precedent to Measure PP or the additional impact on our traffic, schools and limited water resources. Support the grassroots effort that has fought the development that we see across I-580 on Dublin's hills.

To learn more, please visit www.SavePleasantonHillsides.com

The No on Measure K campaign is 100% funded by Pleasanton residents against development on hillsides.

Shameful Act Kathy Streeter Livermore

A shameful act occurred on Friday night. Some person or persons removed the sculpture of the dog in front of Cream from its position

next to its young boy with an ice cream cone. The sculpture is called "Sunday with Jessie" and the design was created to commemorate a real dog named Jessie who had recently died and who was the longtime companion and sidekick of a friend of a talented sculptor. The creation was made out of love and sympathy for that loss.

When "Sunday with Jessie" was installed it was a cold and rainy day but a number of people wanted selfies with Jessie and his young friend anyway. Since then I have seen many people and lots of kids stop and pet Jessie and many parents taking pictures of their children soaking up the joy that the sculpture represents.

I don't understand anyone performing such a cruel and destructive act. Luckily for all of us Jessie has been found not far from his home and companion and will be reinstalled. I hope whoever is responsible for this pointless and cruel behavior will think deeply about the people hurt by it and will make compassionate and caring choices in the future.

Voting Yes on K Vicki LaBarge Pleasanton

Why am I voting yes on K?

The spreading of misinformation and gross inaccuracies continue from the No on K group, a recent post on Facebook by the No on K camp... "Measure K is only about getting 43 homes built on a hillside" This statement is a complete fabrication!

When will this small group of people stop misleading the people of Pleasanton? There are zero homes being built on hillsides. Are there homes being built? Yes, there are 43 homes being built in a valley - yes a valley.

Why am I voting yes on K? I am voting yes on K because I know this development presents a good planned development for Pleasanton, all of Pleasanton. 174 acres deeded to our City for permanent open space. More than twice of what is required being given to our schools. 2 miles of trails for all to enjoy.

This plan represents a compromise the planning commission and City Council worked hard to create. If the residents of Pleasanton vote this down - the developer comes back in a year with another plan which could be worse for all of us.

I am a 32 year resident and a staunch supporter of

Measure PP and I am voting Yes on Measure K. This development does not violate Measure PP.

To learn the truth about this 20 plus year project please see <http://www.yes-sonk2016.com/>

Vote No on Measure J Bill Zeid Livermore

The recent letters by Mr. Cable and Mr. LeVan are cold and clearly they have done their homework. I would thank them personally if I had the chance. I would like to add the following comments regarding Measure J.

The CA lottery contributes \$1M in educational funding to our schools every year. This is in addition to our tax dollars!

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation gave the state of CA an "F" for effectiveness per dollar spent on education. Do the voters of Livermore feel comfortable paying even more of their tax dollars knowing this? I certainly don't.

Livermore residents are still paying off the debt of the last school bond measure and this is reflected in everyone's most recent property tax bill. Please check your assessments. Measure J would be an addition to this amount we are already paying.

If Measure J passes this will mean for many of us less discretionary income. Less discretionary income means less spending in our local community hence hurting local businesses and job losses.

Finally, I'd like to respectfully challenge Ms. Fortner's assertion that Measure J would not cost us ultimately \$520,000,000. If Ms. Fortner had bothered to read the sample ballot, page LIMJ-1 she would see that exact figure of \$520,000,000. This is the County Counsel's own impartial analysis.

Everyone wants good schools but just as important is fiscal responsibility. Measure J is anything but that.

No on J Ken Bradley Livermore

It is a shame that the full text of measure J was not printed in any newspaper. It appears from a recent letter that people are being misled about the measure. The only information they have is from the Sample Ballot and the Voter Information Ballet. The district didn't lie they just didn't tell the whole

truth. The school district also didn't provide a copy to our library. You can download your own copy from the Alameda County Register of voters, acgov.org/rov

Isom Advisors were hired to provide financial advice to Orrick, Herington & Sutcliffe LLP who is the bond counsel. It would be nice to know how much these companies are being paid from the money for the schools.

It would also be nice to know where Friends of LVJUSD, Yes on J are getting their money and how they are spending it. The full sizes 4 page mailer that was mailed could not have been cheap but so far they have not reported any contributions or expenses.

Yes on K Amanda Baxter Pleasanton

I am voting YES on K. The Lund Ranch project is a collaborative plan for which Pleasanton residents and neighbors, the Pleasanton School District, the city council, city commissions, the developer, and city staff all worked together.

The Yes on K Campaign has a long list of supporters including community leaders, elected officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and Pleasanton residents.

What is the plan? In a nutshell, it takes a 195 acre property and donates 174 acres back to the city as permanent public open space, unbuildable forever including over 2 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. The remaining land is a flat valley floor and will have 43 single family homes. There are no homes on hills and this can be verified with a quick call to the city manager.

A 'no' vote does not stop development of this property, nor does it protect the hillsides as the 'no' campaign claims. The hillsides are already protected - and in fact with a YES vote, they are unbuildable forever.

Join me in voting YES to create a huge permanent open space for Pleasanton.

Hiroshima Visit Janis Turner Livermore

President Obama will visit Hiroshima on May 27, the first President to do so while in office.

White House spokespeople have emphasized that Obama will "offer a forward looking vision" about

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nuclear disarmament, but have remained vague about its content.

Let me help you Mr. President.

This is not the time for soaring rhetoric that lacks an implementation plan.

ZONE 7

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the state board will be in effect through January 2017. It requires locally developed conservation standards based on each agency's specific circumstances, according to a news release from the state water board.

Water agencies that would face shortages under three additional dry years will be required to meet a conservation standard equal to the amount of shortage. "For example, if a water agency projects it would have a 10 percent supply shortfall, their mandatory conservation standard would be 10 percent," the state news release reports.

When Zone 7 released its latest five-year projection, the assumption was a normal rain year this year, a drought year next year, as predicted in climate forecasts, and then three normal precipitation years.

Asked about the possible discrepancy with the state's declaration about three consecutive drought years, Duerig said, "Zone 7 will have to recalculate based on the state board's formula, and then self-certify. Our preliminary calculations show that the Valley is still in good shape, and can self-certify. However, staff will be confirming that calculation, and bringing back to the board for action at the June 15 meeting."

OZONE PLANT STUDY TO START

A long-discussed ozone plant that would improve water purity, taste and odor received its first step of approval by Zone 7.

Directors voted 5-1 at their meeting May 18 to approve a \$2.7 million planning and design contract with CDM Smith for addition of an ozone facility at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant at 601 E. Vallecitos Road. Angela Ramirez Holmes voted no. Sandy Figuers was absent.

The treatment plant produces 36 million gallons per day (mgd), three times the output of the 12 mgd at Zone 7's plant in the Altamont.

Design is expected to be finished in the third quarter of this year. The board will have another look at it then. Completion of an environmental study is projected for early 2017. Construction bid openings could occur in late summer 2017. The plant would be ready by summer of 2019.

Capital cost would be \$28 million, but as much as \$5 million more, if filter

Instead, you must announce concrete actions in Hiroshima.

Cancel the new nuclear-tipped cruise missile. Scale back the trillion-dollar buying binge at the Pentagon and the National Security Administration.

Announce that you will lower the risk of accidental nuclear war by taking US nuclear warheads off high alert, often referred to as "hair trigger."

Tangible actions like these will honor both the living and the dead by seizing this moment in history

to move us further from the brink of a future nuclear conflict.

Mr. President, show the courage of your convictions in Hiroshima.

Measure K Support Justin Brown Planning Commissioner

There comes a time in every negotiation where you must decide if an agreement is the best possible for all parties involved. We elect a City Council to balance land use laws, our General Plan and the rights of both residents and property owners. They chose wisely and Measure K asks you to ratify their decision.

Measure K secures 174 acres at Lund Ranch as public open space and allows 43 single-family homes in a valley. The plan creates only homes similar in size to surrounding neighborhoods and keeps them off 25% slopes in compliance with Measure PP. The plan interconnects public open space with trails and secures funding for traffic improvements and school capital budgets 150-200% above development minimums. Road and traffic concerns were publically discussed at length for over 4 years and the plan addresses those equitably.

Speaking only as a resident and nearby affected homeowner, I believe this to be a well-balanced plan with many city benefits and ask you join me in voting YES on Measure K.

Vote Yes on Measure K Amy Lofland Pleasanton

I have lived in Pleasanton since 1982 and support Measure K because after 4 years and 14 public hearings, the City Council approved this plan with only 43 homes in the valley of the property, while keeping the hills and ridgelines as permanent public open space, with hiking trails that we all can enjoy.

The Lund Ranch II property that is Measure K is zoned for residential development in our General

Plan since 1986, and will be developed no matter the outcome of this vote. Measure K complies with Measure PP, which I voted for and support.

174 of the 195-acre site is permanent public open space. Homes will be similar in size to surrounding neighborhoods, built only in the valley of the property. This is a development that Pleasanton can be proud of!

Don't be fooled by misinformation. Fact check at - www.YESonK2016.com.


Protect our Hillside Carolyn Spain Pleasanton

The Lund II development is the direct result of an exhaustive review by Pleasanton's city staff, planning commission and city council. Fourteen public hearings over the span of four years, has produced a plan that keeps homes off our slopes that are greater than 25 percent or within 100 feet of ridgeline as specified in Measure PP. With regards to the short connector road to Sycamore Heights to share the traffic load—and if it may violate Measure PP—

again, our city staff, city attorney, planning commission and council majority found it does not. Measure K is not about the future or precedents; it's a vote on the Lund Ranch PUD only. A no vote does not mean no development; it simply means another plan, a plan that may not offer the substantial benefits of this one.

By voting yes on Measure K, we gain 174 acres of permanent public open space and access to over two miles of public trails that will help close the loop connecting Callippe Golf Course with Shadow Cliffs. Include the additional benefits of a much smaller housing footprint

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modifications are found to be desirable for the project. The Zone 7 budget includes money for the study. Financing of the capital project would be expected to come from debt financing, said Duerig.

The other water contractors that use the South Bay Aqueduct -- Alameda County Water District and Santa Clara Valley Water District -- are already using ozone, said Duerig. Santa Clara phased out the two plants that were using another method of filtering out algae growth and other harmful substances that come from the Delta and Lake Del Valle.

All of the Valley's water retailers are on record as wanting ozone, said Duerig. The only exception has been one Pleasanton staff member who joined the city last year.

The reference was to Assistant Director of Operations Leonard Olive. He did not attend the May 18 meeting, but said at a September meeting last year that he thought that there was not much payoff for ozone compared to the cost of the installation.

Olive explained this week that the money would be better spent on developing new water sources. Zone 7 has discussed Reverse Osmosis treatment of waste-water and joining a desalination network in the East Bay.

Olive cited a 1977 report by a Zone 7 chemist who said that ozone is unstable, and requires "nearly continuous application" during the time it is needed to deal with deodorizing water. It would take a lot of attention from plant operators. Further, there appear to be chemical changes that may be linked to cancer, says the report.

A slide presentation at the May 18 meeting reported on the initial study of ozone, which was superseded by subsequent studies done by ACWD and SCVWD, both

agencies that use the same South Bay Aqueduct water that Zone 7 uses.

Those studies said ozone is superior to other methods. Ozone produced fewer toxic byproducts, and posed less significant danger to health, according to a slide presentation by staff member Brandon Woods. The byproduct problem that could occur can be countered by another action.

Ramirez Holmes said she was not convinced to vote for the ozone study. She noted that a study in 2009 said the primary purpose of ozone was to improve taste and odor, not for disinfection. She asked whether this project would be for disinfection or to control taste or odor.

All three, was the reply from Duerig. During times of drought or other dry periods, complaints about taste and odor rise. There is more organic material, such as algae, in the water.

Ozone is also safer in that other methods are not as good in dealing with chemicals "of emerging concern" that are found in the water, said Duerig.

Board president Sarah Palmer said that as a biochemist, she sees ozone as a safer way to deal with water problems.

Ramirez Holmes said that she wanted to hear more about why the project might be a bad thing.

Director John Greci said he did not want to see any more delays. "We put demineralization in Pleasanton to improve water quality. Now we need to do something for the rest of the people."

Director Dick Quigley said he agreed with Greci. "There will be a decrease of chemicals, and reduced sludge piles. The benefits could exceed the costs," said Quigley. He was referring to current methods that result in more sludge, which has to be trucked away from the plant regularly.



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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured is Ciera Kline, age 9, from Elite Taekwondo Academy in Livermore. The red belt took silver in poomsae forms in her very first tournament at the UC Berkeley Taekwondo Championships.

Kyle Vo, age 8, from Elite Taekwondo Academy in Livermore poses with Master Jeff Avila. The green belt took silver in sparring at the UC Berkeley Taekwondo Championships in his first ever tournament.



In the Granada Little League the hustlin' T-ball A's played two well coached teams this week: the Orioles and Diamondbacks. The play on the field is starting to resemble the next level of little league. Plays are being made in the field and the hits off of coach pitching is getting more fierce. The offense this week was led by Trey Keck (pictured), Cooper Hahn, James Arthur, Diesel Dunn and Leo Vadurro. Drake Chahine, Tanner Weed, Malu Falaipa'u, and Gavin Maier held down the defense and didn't allow many baserunners. The A's are coached by Shane Maier and Paul Keck.



Livermore Little League's 2016 AA Royals went undefeated in the regular season and have continued the wins into their first playoff game. The AA semi-final game will be played on May 31st at 5:30pm at the Robert Livermore - Dutch Van Wey Field where the AA Royals will face off against the highly ranked AA Yankees.



In the Granada Little League, the Minor A Diamondbacks had a challenging week in their road trip through the Bay by facing the strong, resilient and ever challenging A's and Giants. The Diamondbacks' defense carried them this week. Strong pitching from Braden Witherspoon, Emery Lentz, Brayden Benjamin, Braden Makley, and Brandon Hahn. The field was in lockdown mode all week and Manning DeKay, Alessandro Fragoso, Nate Berg, Russell Rasmussen, Xavier Box, Manaia Falaipa'u, and Ethan Gilkison all led the way. This team battles, has fun while competing and are there for each other throughout the games. Managed by Ron Witherspoon. Picture by Lori Pavich



The playoffs have started at Granada Little League. Mikey Christian is about to tag Alex Clouser out at the plate in a Majors' playoff game between the Cardinals and the Rockies. The play begins with Alex stealing 2nd and the ball finding its way to centerfield. Photo - Bill Nale



Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Red Sox are Champs. The Red Sox clinched first place in the division with a win against the Reds last Wednesday night. First place comes with the league leading record for wins, most points scored and the least points allowed. Next up for the Red Sox are the league playoffs and an open challenge to PLL AAA First Place team for the Pleasanton Cup. Pictured (top row) are Coach Kevin Mattos, Head Coach John Grijalva, Coach Paul Mammini; (second row) Chase Mattos, Tristan Meyer, Nathan Mammini, Ryan Bull, Carter Violich, Andrew Weckwerth; (bottom row) Milan Garuda, Justin Chen, Suvir Kheny, Evan Berry, and Jake Grijalva.



The West Coast Crossfire 06 went 4-0-1 last week. They beat Montclair Clippers 4-0, Stockton Storm 2-0, Force North 2-1, Dublin United 7-0 and tied Pleasanton Rage Orange 06 0-0. Pictured are (top) Sophia Simonds, Arian Butler, Madeline Snodgrass, Jasmine Branda, Brittany Hahn, Summer Lane; (bottom) Kendra Riddiough, Chloe Thomas, Dakota Baird, Alana Albarran, Madylin Harrell, Adriana Paneda, and Jennessa Maselli (not pictured). Coached by Sara Girotto.

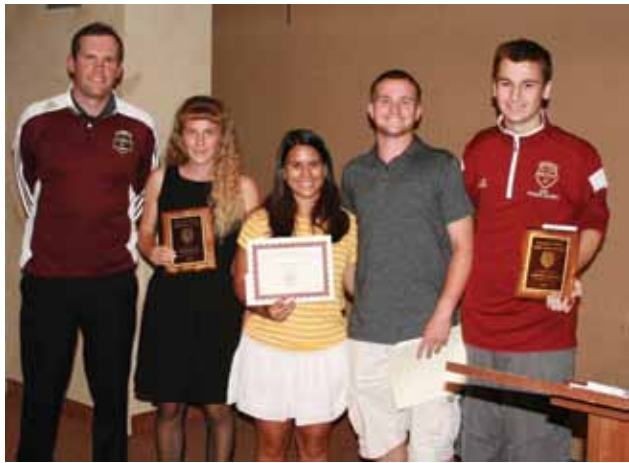


Pictured are the Livermore Phantoms U13 Black team and coaches after winning the NCJLA Championship this past weekend.

The Livermore Fusion U14 NPL Girls team finished a hotly contested spring league with a big win over Bay Oaks. Livermore controlled the ball and the game throughout for a 3-1 win. Goals by Lindsey Sutton and two from Lily Redell sealed the final game victory. This Fusion team has allowed the fewest goals scored against a team in the league this Spring, with solid defense all season from Jessica Vasquez, Athena Lewis, Sara Lopez-Quintana, Maddie Long and goalies Redell, Katie Majercak and Emma Shingler. Next up for Fusion - a Memorial Day tournament in Elk Grove. Pictured are the winning Fusion team (top/left to right): Athena Lewis, Emily Krakoski, Gracie Ackerman, Hana Shaghesei, Emma Shingler, Sami Wilson, Jessica Vasquez, Sarah Lopez-Quintana and Coach Alec Taylor. (bottom/left to right): Kylie Neubauer, Maddie Long, Katie Majercak, Lindsey Sutton, Kendall Sutton, Danielle Castro, Gracie Contreras, Lily Redell



The Elite Taekwondo Academy Competition Team was on hand at the 47th annual UC Berkeley Open Taekwondo Championships held last month. The team sent 8 competitors and collected 9 medals (3 golds and 6 silvers) in Poomsae forms and/or sparring. Veteran team members are (from left) Keerthana Ravi Shankar, Aanya Singhal, Allison DeGuzman, Alex DeGuzman, Mauricio Mendiola, and Christian Doucet. The team wishes to thank Master Jeff Avila and poomsae coach Jamie Ng.



Pictured are (left to right) Fusion Soccer Club Director of Coaching Ben Graham, and scholarship winners Stephanie Kein, Brianna Lima, Jacob Dayton, and Dominic Carrano.

Fusion Award Winners Announced

On Thursday, May 19th, Fusion Soccer Club hosted a dinner to honor their graduating seniors. Each senior was honored with an alumni jacket. Seven seniors were honored with the Fusion Pride Award: Dominic Carrano, Alec Foster, Alexandra Fraser, Matthew Garcia, Hannah Irwin, Jenna Remund, and Trevor Ross.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Fusion Student-Athlete of the Year Award. This award and scholarship is given to the top male and female applicant who exhibit the qualities that Fusion encourages in all of its players: academic excellence, athletic determination, and community involvement.

In addition to winning a \$1000

scholarship, the recipients were given a plaque, and their names will be added to the perpetual trophy in the Fusion office. This year's winners were Stephanie Kein and Dominic Carrano. The other finalists, Brianna Lima and Jacob Dayton, were each honored with \$500 scholarships.

Rowell Ranch Rodeo

Cowboys with big hearts presented more than \$4000 in proceeds to local charities during the closing day of the 96th Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo. Proceeds from the annual rodeo benefit local charities and nonprofits throughout the region.

Some of the charities presented with a contribution were the Reins in Motion program and SonRise Equestrian Foundation. The organizations

The Livermore Fusion U10 Girls Maroon team came away with 4-1 victory over Alternativo (Tracy) FC on Saturday. The U10 girls dominated the game with a rapid offense that maintained control of the ball. The defense was ready and quick to counterattack keeping the pressure on. Highlights included 2 of 4 goals scored off corner kicks and an additional shot hitting the crossbar adding to the exciting game. Pictured are (top, from left) Carli Disbrow, Maddie Contreras, Samantha Hurtado, Elena Derting, Coach Marc Beard, Eden Kokelaar, Ally Grant; (bottom row) Abi Nemethy, Maya Derting, Abi Aranas, Delaney Holland, Ellie Cowan, Avery Sears

work to change lives for many through horseback therapy and adaptive riding. Contributions were also made to the American Cancer Society and Special Olympics.

Shawn Downing from Silver Star, MT took the Steer Wrestling event win home with a 4.4 time while Teddy Athan from Livermore and Casey Breuer booth took home an 81 for their win in the bareback riding event. The Wright boys showed up in force for the Saddle Bronc event and took home the one, two and three spots with Rusty Wright winning with his 82 point ride on Flying U Rodeo's bronc Justified, while his brother Jake Wright brought home a 78 for second place, followed by Cody Wright with a 76.5. The brothers are from Milford, UT. In the timed events local Cowgirl Rachel Dice of Livermore took home the Barrel Racing event with a 16.37 time; while team ropers Pat Boyle and Danny Leslie took home the Team Roping title.

The 97th Rowell Ranch Rodeo will take place in May 2017. For details about how to take part in the full cowboy experience, event details, information and a complete calendar of rodeo activities visit www.rowell-ranchrodeo.com.

For full results of the rodeo as it occurs visit <http://www.pro-rodeo.com/prorodeo/rodeo/rodeo-results/2016-rodeo-results/rodeo->

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Phantoms Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantoms U13 Black lacrosse team won the NCJLA Championship this past weekend in the U13 Boys B Veteran division.

The Phantoms were seeded in the top flight and started Sunday with a tough rematch against the Coyotes. Livermore took a 2-0 lead before the Coyotes bounced back to tie the game. The Phantoms were able to outlast the Coyote attack in what was a very physical game for an 8-7 win. Leading the way for Livermore were attackers Alden Dean, Jake Herweg and Kinsey Claudino.

Next up for the Phantoms was Town School from San Francisco. Again the Phantoms got out to an early lead, due in part to face-off wins from midfielders Dane Winslow and Cameron Fay and great team passing. Livermore would come out with a 12-1 win and a spot in the championship game.

In the final, Livermore lined up against division rivals, Diablo Scorpion Stingers. The game was tense and exciting from the starting face-off and Diablo jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. However, clutch goalkeeping from Gavin Gannod and solid defense held the Stingers attack while Livermore mounted its comeback.



West Coast Wildfire capped off their 2016 Norcal Premier spring league with two wins over Walnut Creek Storm and PSV Union FC. With the two wins, they close out spring league with the championship and an undefeated 6-0-0 record. Pictured are the West Coast Wildfire players and alumni (top row) Chloe Brickwedel, Mayzin Kung, Miori Freeman, Sierra Martin, Tori Diehl, Callie Crain, Mackenzie Long, Kylie Martinez, Isabella Barbero, Tyarah Tris, Sara Shea, Lauren Souza, and Coach Troy Dayak; (bottom row) Meghan Giamona, Paola, Samaniego, Lynette Soto, Leila Anzo, Kayla Grisham, Tori Borgna, and Amanda Zeck.

The Phantoms would get their first goal from Dane Winslow who swung the momentum to Livermore's side. Kinsey Claudino would tie the game on a tough goal in front of the crease against physical Diablo defenders. The Singers would respond for one more goal but Livermore answered once again with two awesome goals from Jake Herweg to take the lead for good. Herweg's second goal was scored in the last 3 minutes to secure the 4-3 win. Congratulations, Coaches and Players on a fantastic season.

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U16G capped off their 2016 Norcal Premier spring league season undefeated. Wildfire wrapped up their final two games with wins over Walnut Creek

Storm and PSV Union FC. In an early morning game on Saturday, West Coast faced their toughest opponent in their Norcal Premier League NPL bracket, Walnut Creek Storm. A win against Walnut Creek would determine the winner of the bracket. On the whistle, both teams came out strong and physical. At the 25 minutes in the first half, Walnut Creek scored with a solid shot just outside the 18'. Five minutes later, West Coast midfielder Kayla Grisham answered with a shot that cleared the tips of the goalie's gloves and into the net.

West Coast turned on the heat in the second half. Five minutes into the half, Mid-fielder, Sierra Martin delivered a header goal off a cross from defender, Kylie Martinez. Ten minutes later, at the 55-minute mark, forward Paola Samaniego, maneuvered around the final defender to go one on one with

SPORTS NOTES



Granada High School dive team members placed at NCS competition held May 12. They are Jonathan Stalie, who placed 3rd; Matthew Stepanek, 12th; and Trevor Campbell, 16th. Jonathan Stalie qualified for the State Championships.



The Granada High School men's swim team had a great NCS meet. The team finished third overall with 159 points. The team members competing were Paige De Costa, Dante De Mayo, Michael Eckles, Ryan Eckles, Alex Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Maxime Rooney, Nathaniel Sproul & Jared Tovera. Dante finished 10th in 100 Yard Butterfly & 9th in 200 Yd Medley Relay, qualifying for the state CIF meet in both. Michael, came in 9th in the 200 Yd Medley Relay, 2nd in 200 Yd Free Relay, & 6th in 400 Yd Free Relay, qualifying for state in all 3. Ryan came in 2nd in 200 Yd Free Relay & 6th in 400 Yd Free Relay, qualifying for state in both. Alex came in 14th in 100 Yd Back and qualified for state. Matthew came in 9th in 200 Yd Medley Relay and 10th in 100 Yd Back, qualifying for state in both. Maxime finished 1st in 200 Yard Free, 1st in 100 Yard Fly, 2nd in 200 Yard Free Relay, & 6th in 400 Yard Free Relay, qualifying for state in all events. Nathaniel came in 6th in the 400 Yd Free Relay and qualified for state. Jared came in 9th in 200 Yd Medley Relay, 2nd in 200 Yd Free Relay, & 15th in 100 Yd Back, qualifying for state in all 3. It was the most successful NCS for Granada, sending more men to the CIF state meet than ever before.



Pictured are West Coast Wicked 04 Girls team members. The team took 1st place in their debut season of Spring Norcal Gold U12 Girls going undefeated 6-0-2.

Walnut Creek's keeper, Samaniego made a move to commit the keeper to the right and then proceeded to drill a shot into the left side of the goal. Wildfire moved ahead 3-1. Walnut Creek found fresh legs late in the second half to manage one last goal. The match ended in a 3-2 victory for West Coast.

On Sunday, with the spring league title already clinched, West Coast Wildfire quickly found their rhythm and took control over PSV Union. Twenty-five minutes into the half, Wildfire's Grisham scored first with an assist from Callie Crain. Wildfire moved ahead 1-0.

In the second half, at the 47-minute mark, PSV Union scored off a loose ball in front of West Coast's goal. With the match now tied at 1-1, Wildfire began an offensive assault and quickly scored two more goals. Grisham scored her second goal of the match from a beautifully placed pass

from Samaniego. West Coast's third and final goal came from Mid-fielder Isabella Barbero who received and executed on a cross from Samaniego. The match ended with a 3-1 victory for Wildfire.

West Coast's Premier '06 Girls team, Krossfire finished up their spring league season strong. Over the past week they played their final three games, ending up with one win and two draws. They finish the season in second place in Region 3/4.

Krossfire started off the final stretch with a match against Mustang 06G Red. This Mustang team was the only team to beat Krossfire so far this season. The first half saw strong defensive play by both teams. In the second half, Mustang struck first with a shot to the top corner of the net, taking a 1-0 lead. Krossfire would answer back about a minute later as Jasmine Branda connected with Kendra Riddiough off a corner for the equalizer. Krossfire held

off Mustang and earned the 1-1 draw.

Next up was a midweek match against Montclair Clippers 06 Red. Montclair was able to mount some good pressure against Krossfire in the first half, but were unable to find the net. Brittany Hahn connected with Madylin Harrell to open the scoring. Krossfire took a 1-0 lead into half. The second half was all Krossfire. Adriana Paneda, Summer Lane, and Dakota Baird all scored, giving Krossfire the 4-0 win.

The final match of the Spring season matched Krossfire against Pleasanton Rage 06 Orange. Both teams battled back and forth, but neither team could find the net. With about a minute left in the match, Rage was awarded a penalty kick for a Krossfire handball in the box. With the second place finish and a trip to the playoffs on the line, Goalender Jennessa Maselli stopped the rocket shot from Rage, preserving the 0-0 draw and clinching second place.

Next up for Krossfire is the NorCal Premier League Cross Regional Playoffs June 4-5 in Davis.

West Coast Wicked 04 Girls played DeAnza Force 03 in Cal North CCSL. Wicked took an early 2-0 lead. A PK was awarded for DeAnza and they capitalized finding the net. Wicked gave up a second goal that was well played by Force taking it to 2-2 at halftime. Wicked scored two quick goals in sequence in the second half, taking the game to 4-2. DeAnza was a strong passing team that really knew how to move the ball around. A hand ball call led to another PK that hit the cross bar and deflected for a counter attack goal making the final score 6-2. On Sunday West Coast Soccer Wicked 04 Girls played San Ramon 04 Girls in their last U12 Norcal Gold Spring League game. Wicked had numerous shots but missed some good opportunities as San Ramon held strong. The game was a battle and San Ramon played with heart. It ended in a 1-1 tie with the result West Coast Wicked took 1st place in their debut season of Spring Norcal Gold U12 Girls going undefeated 6-0-2.

West Coast U14 Girls Wave were at their home pitch, "The Creek" and flooded Parajao Valley United with a deluge of shots and goals. A beautiful goal from Monique "Mo" Reil started the scoring. The deluge continued with goals from Cassidy Bracket (after a great drop kick from Jessica Zogoric) and Alivia Ganz all in the first half. The Wave continued the storm throughout the first half as numerous other attempts went over or wide.

The second half saw the downpour of shots continue. However, the girls were unable to break through despite great opportunities from Taylor Sprout and Alivia Ganz.

The back-line continued their dominating play, keeping the United from taking too many quality shots. The goal keeping tandem of Jessica Zogoric and Jenna Nielson kept the United off the board with several saves each.

The Wave ended the day with a 3-0 win.

On Sunday, the Wave travelled to San Jose to play CV Earthquakes (White). It was a back and forth tilt with limited offensive chances in the first half. The defense and goalie Jessica Zogoric stood tall for the Wave and the teams went into the half tied at 0-0.

In the second half, the Earthquakes controlled the tempo from the start and scored early in the half. Getting back to the ball possession game play allowed the Wave to tie the game on a long shot into the upper right corner by Alivia Ganz on a set-up Katie "Figs" Figueroa.

With the game tied 1-1, and time running out, the Earthquakes made a late push. A driving chance at point blank range was stopped by Jenna Nielson. As time was running out, Jenna controlled a shot and was knocked to the ground. But she got up with a smile as the whistle sounded and the game ended with a 1-1 tie. Taking 4 points over the weekend to finish off league play strongly, the Wave move into the West Coast Cup riding high.

Livermore Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:

U9: Rebels vs. Bombers 4-12-16: In a great game, the Bombers edged the Rebels 9-8. Highlights for the Rebels included a stellar performance by McKenzie Wisely. She had two hits with an RBI, plus struck out three. Caitlyn McNeill hit a double and had two RBIs. Lainey Macosky, Joely Wolf, Ashley Tucker, Jaela Laxague, Claire Gavin, and Aurelia Correa all reached base and contributed to the effort.

Rebels vs. Green Machine 5-4-16: It was a tough game for the Rebels, but there were some great efforts. Lainey Macosky had the hit of the game with an epic triple that scored a run. She also pitched and had three strikeouts. McKenzie Wisely also threw three strikeouts in two innings of work, plus she had two nice defensive plays. Joely Wolf pitched a strike out and also reached base. Caitlyn McNeill got a nice base hit. Katelyn Chow had a clutch hit to score a run. Aurilia Correa made a nice play at second. Rhiannon Clenney reached base twice.

Rebels vs. Fireballs 5-9-16: In the last game of the regular season, the Rebels had fun and celebrated Claire Gavin's birthday. Three of the girls pitched for the first time. Jaela Laxague pitched a strikeout. Rhiannon Clenney did a really nice job throwing several strikes, and Claire had a strikeout. Caitlyn McNeill also pitched and had a strikeout. There were hits by Caitlyn, McKenzie Wisely, and Danielle Hanley.

Rebels vs. Bombers 5-14-16: In the first playoff game of the double elimination tournament, the Rebels shocked the world with a 6-5 victory. McKenzie Wisely was amazing

Ballistic U17 Captures Prestigious Cup

Pleasanton Ballistic United U17 Premier '99, a local youth soccer team, won their second prestigious cup of the year on Sunday, May 15 at Consummes River College in Elk Grove.

After winning the NorCal National Premier League U17 Champions League in April and clinching a birth in the NPL National Championships in Colorado this July, Ballistic defeated Diablo FC 2-1 to win the NorCal State Cup and claim the State Championship. This Championship puts them in the finals of the National Premier Cup and automatically puts them in the Surf Cup, the granddaddy of Youth Soccer College Showcases.

It was a hard fought game, as usual, as these two teams had met three times previously with Ballistic winning once and the teams drawing the other two.

Diablo scored in the 4th minute of the game. Elias Wahbeh of Castro Valley, equalized in the 61st minute off an assist from Pleasanton's Blake Tucker.

Although both teams pressed to unlock the tie, neither could do so and the match headed in to overtime after regulation ended 1-1. Ballistic had several good chances to finish the game as Pleasanton's Garrett Howell, Oakland's Max Wilson and Livermore's Matthew Petrie all came close. Wahbeh and Tucker continued to create chances but Diablo's goalkeeper and defense stood strong. Diablo had a good chance to score in the second overtime when an attacker broke through the stalwart Ballistic defensive back four and was free to goal. But, goalkeeper Blake Standiford of Pleasanton came up with a great reaction save to deny the opportunity and send the game to penalty kicks.



Pleasanton Ballistic United U17 Premier '99

All five Ballistic penalty kick takers: Imran Matin, Pleasanton; Max Wilson, Oakland; Jacob Dremalas, Livermore; Matthew Petrie, Livermore; and Blake Tucker, Pleasanton netted their opportunities without the Diablo keeper getting a finger on their kicks. Blake Standiford, the Ballistic keeper, came up big during the kicks as he stretched and sprawled to his left to steer the ball wide of the goal on Diablo's 2nd spot kick attempt. When Tucker put the ball in to the upper corner of the net on his attempt the Ballistic team claimed the state championship.

Along their State Cup run, which has been going on since the fall of 2015, Ballistic manipulated a tough round robin group and finished at the top of it versus Impact 98, SACYSL and Santa Clara Sporting Black. Then they defeated four NorCal NPL Champions League teams in succession:

In the round of 16 Stockton Monarcas 6-1 Quarterfinals Santa Clara Sporting 2-0; semifinals Sacramento United Reds, the defending NPL champs & State Cup champs, 2-0; finals

Diablo FC 2-1 (5-4)

Ballistic United U17 Premier '99 is only the 3rd team in NorCal history to pull off the "Cup Double" by claiming both competitions in the same campaign. The team is comprised of top talent from throughout the East Bay: Blake Standiford, Pleasanton, Amador Valley HS; Zac Crook, Danville, Monte Vista HS; Ryan Murray, Dublin, Dublin HS; Kyle McClanahan, Livermore, Granada HS; Kathir Gounder, Fremont, Irvington HS; Jacob Dremalas, Livermore, Granada HS; Sam Christensen, Pleasanton, Foothill HS; Michael DeSisto, Pleasanton, Foothill HS; Elias Wahbeh, Castro Valley, Bishop O'Dowd HS; Jimmy Thompson, Pleasanton, Amador Valley HS; Garret Howell, Pleasanton, Amador Valley HS; Matthew Petrie, Livermore, Livermore HS; Imran Matin, Pleasanton, Foothill HS; Laith Anqad, San Ramon, Dougherty Valley HS; Blake Tucker, Pleasanton, Foothill HS; Max Wilson, Oakland, Bishop O'Dowd HS; and, Jerry Losson, Coach, Castro Valley, American HS.

throwing two innings of shutout ball with six strikeouts and also had three nice plays in the field. At the plate, she had a single and double with an RBI. Lainey Macosky had a hit with an RBI and made a nice play at third. Caitlyn McNeill had a line drive hit. Danielle Hanley had two clutch hits with two RBIs. Joely Wolf was great at pitcher and had a strikeout. She also had an RBI line drive and made a great catch of a hard liner. Katelyn Chow reached base both times. Also reaching base were Ashley Tucker, Jaela Laxague, Aurelia Correa, and Claire Gavin.

Rebels vs. Bat Girls 5-18-16: In playoff game number two, the winner would advance to the championship game. In a hard fought battle, the Bat Girls won in the last inning 6-5. For the Rebels, McKenzie Wisely pitched two

solid innings with four strikeouts, plus got a hit with an RBI. Caitlyn McNeill had two big hits with an RBI. Joely Wolf had a big hit with two RBIs and had a nice play at first base. Ashley Tucker got a hit and RBI, and Lainey Macosky had a hit. Katelyn Chow also reached base.

Rebels vs. Fireballs 5-20-16: With another chance to advance to the championship game, the Fireballs beat the Rebels 13-3. The Rebels played their hearts out in their last game. Sophie McGinnis got a huge hit with a line drive and RBI. Danielle Hanley had a big game with a double and single with an RBI. She also made a great catch at first base. Caitlyn McNeill also had two big hits. McKenzie Wisely also had a hit. Joely Wolf was great at short stop and had a nice put out to third base. She also walked and had

an RBI. Jaela Laxague, Katelyn Chow, and Ashley Tucker also reached base with walks. Rebels came together as a team to finish in third place.

U16 West Coast Whiplash finished their spring season undefeated with a record of 7 wins and 1 tie to take 1st place. Whiplash scored 19 goals with only 2 goals scored against. Whiplash is coached by Vanessa Miskella, Sydney Duncan, Alize Perez, Yasmine Aquinaldo, Kierra Stanek, Lauren Martin, Sydney Mendoza, Taylor Peterson, Devyn Montesinos and Kylie Karter led the offense. On defense, Whiplash was anchored by goalkeeper Jennifer Kovisto, defenders Brianna Torres, Krissy Keller, Maddie Stewart, Kira Karter, Celia Portugal Tara Collier and Daniela Walker. They allowed 2 goals all season, both on set pieces.

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MAILBOX

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than the 143 units in our general plan, the reduced traffic associated with fewer homes and money for our schools and community; a yes vote on Measure K is a clear win for Pleasanton. Please join me and vote yes on Measure K.

Keep Beauty of Hills Paul Ebricht Pleasanton

City of Pleasanton awakes. Do not be fooled by slick mailers sent out by the developers of Lund Ranch. You voted to approve Measure PP to protect those beautiful hills from development. Nothing should be built on a slope of 25% or greater, or within close proximity to a ridge. Yet the city council has approved building a road across a slope that exceeds that provision and the construction of retaining walls in violation.

Karla Brown is the only councilmember who respects the will of the people.

This is the old story of the camel getting his nose in the tent. Let that happen and it won't be long until he's completely inside.

They argue that a road is not a structure. That is bogus. What is a road then? If this is passed, a precedent will be set, which will allow future developers to skirt the meaning and intent of the city ordinance PP.

Let's keep the beauty of those hills. Vote No on K.

Yes On K

Kay Ayala Founding Member Save Pleasanton's Hills; one of three original signers of Measure PP; former Pleasanton Councilmember

I was one of the authors of Measure PP. We wrote PP to make sure housing developments would have to follow rules that keep houses off of ridges and preserve our scenic views. The people of Pleasanton agreed and Measure PP became law.

I would be the first person to speak out against any project that violates Measure PP. That's why I have followed the process for Lund Ranch closely and attended every public hearing.

The Lund Ranch project is exactly what we hoped to achieve when we wrote PP. It fully complies with Measure PP - and shows that PP works.

There are no houses on

ridges. There are no houses on hillsides. Our scenic views are protected.

Our General Plan allows up to 143 homes on Lund Ranch's 195 acres. By applying the PP rules we cut Lund Ranch down to just 43 homes, preserving 89.5% of the land for permanent open space and two miles of publicly accessible trails.

I will be voting YES on K.

Clarifying Remarks John Stein Livermore

Based upon his comments I am not sure that Mr. Andrew Barker understood my letter to the editor. There were three major points I was trying to make. First, with growing retirement costs and a large backlog of costly deferred maintenance Livermore needs increased revenue. This is best done by keeping industrially zoned land for industrial uses not converting it to residential uses. Second, it does not make sense to put homes too close to railroad tracks, freeways, heavy industrial uses or under the flight path of the airport. Third, the proposed urban densities of up to 100 units per acre proposed for the Isabel BART station site are not in keeping with the character of Livermore and will destroy Scenic Corridor views of the ridges and hillsides. I do support building a quality array of housing types on residentially zoned land that provides a jobs housing balance.

While I do not necessarily favor single family homes, the facts are that the cost of providing municipal services generally goes up with increasing density. The proposed Isabel BART development attempts to keep infrastructure cost low by using existing roads, schools, parks, playing fields, libraries and fire stations. This will increase traffic congestion and reduce access and services to existing residents.

When I purchased my previously owned home on a cul-de-sac 45 years ago there was not much choice in housing types in Livermore. Today I would not buy a new single family home squeezed onto a tiny lot between a busy road and railroad tracks or heavy industrial uses. I would probably look at a well-designed multifamily project like Sage with its generous land-

scaping, adequate parking and long list of amenities including a club house, gym, pool, community garden and easy freeway access.

As Livermore grows it is important that we have the revenue needed to keep the existing service and maintain the infrastructure and community character that make Livermore a special place to live, work and raise a family.

No on Measure K Allen Roberts Pleasanton

Who's supporting Measure K (Lund Ranch)? The same people and politicians who supported Measure QQ and the Oak Grove development. Both those ballot measures were about building more houses on our hillsides.

The Valley Times, in fact, called Measure QQ a "sham" hillside protection measure and Oak Grove's proposal was to approve a mega-mansion hillside development. The campaign mailing address for Measure K is the same address as the mailing address for Measure QQ. The supporter lists for Oak Grove and Measure QQ are largely the same people supporting Measure K.

The politicians who created QQ and asked you to approve Oak Grove, are the same who approved Lund Ranch and are now asking Pleasanton voters to approve another hillside development.

The "spokespersons" appearing in ads supporting Measure K also urged your support of Measure QQ and Oak Grove. Don't be confused—Measure K is not about approving open space, it is to approve a hillside development and to change the rules voters already passed in Measure PP. If approved, look for more hillside developments in Pleasanton. Please preserve our hills by voting NO on K.

Vote No on Measure J Jim Leek Livermore

I have three children in Livermore schools, and have voted for school funding in the past. I have read up on measure J, and all the currently proposed projects, and I simply cannot support it in its current form.

Measure J asks for 245 million dollars, a tremendous sum, and \$200-\$500 per parcel for 30 (?) years.

I can't, in good conscience, ask families who are struggling to afford the expensive housing in our area for hundreds of dollars a year for anything less than absolutely required school improvements. The majority of measure J proposals simply do not meet that standard. There are a few important maintenance projects, and a lot of Christmas list ideas. I encourage our school administrators to spend our money more wisely and frugally.

Support Measure J John Cracchiolo Livermore

From now until June 7th, you will see a major push towards YES on Measure J. The bond will protect and improve the outstanding quality of education that Livermore Valley JUSD provides to the students and families of our community. As a Realtor, I understand how important good schools are to a community and of course property values; for example, take a look at the Mission district in Fremont. It has been 17 years since we passed a bond to upgrade our schools, which has resulted in many schools growing old, outdated, and overdue for repairs and upgrades. Meanwhile, academic standards have risen and our community increasingly participates and competes in a global economy. We need to give our kids a competitive edge. Measure J will help by authorizing a prudent responsible plan to upgrade LVJUSD school facilities and help retain the very best teachers.

- Measure J will:
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 - Upgrade deteriorated hardscapes, physical education facilities, and pick-up/drop-off zones
 - Increase access to school facilities for individuals with disabilities.
- For more information go to: www.YesonJforLVJUSD.com

Las Positas Graduation Ceremony Set Friday

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore will recognize the 245 graduates of the 2015-2016 year who will walk at the annual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 27. The processional will begin at 6 p.m. in the Physical Education Complex (Building 2500) on the LPC campus. Tickets, which are free, are required. Complementary on-campus parking will be available.

This year's commencement program includes the annual Friend of the College Award, which will be given to local entrepreneurs Blanca and Eduardo Posada, the owners of Posada restaurant in Livermore. The family-owned restaurant and catering business has been recognized by food critics throughout the San Francisco Bay Area for its fresh and inspiring contemporary Southwest cuisine.

"The Posadas exemplify the meaning of the Friends of the College Award. They generously donate their time and resources to Las Positas College and the community at large to support education and numerous other philanthropic efforts," said LPC President Barry Russel, PhD.

The College will confer more than 1,100 degrees and certificates this year, and also celebrate the transfer of 489 students to the California State University (CSU) system. LPC students will continue their university education at CSU campuses in Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma, and Stanislaus.

Approximately 93% of newly admitted transfer students to the CSU system hail from California community colleges. The admit rate for transfer students this year was 22% and represents 3,763 community college students who were offered admission.

Las Positas College transfers to University of California (UC) campuses were also significant this year, with 179 students heading to some of the most elite colleges in the nation. Of the 179 students doing so, 37 will wear the blue and gold of Cal upon their entrance to UC Berkeley. Meanwhile, UC Davis has accepted 102 LPC students this year. Students from LPC were also accepted at UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz.

The Las Positas College Orchestra and Jazz Band will provide music for the commencement ceremony. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. For tickets and other information, please visit www.laspositascollege.edu/graduation.

Spirit Run Taking Registration

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host its 23rd Annual Father's Day Spirit Run – presented by Sensiba San Filippo, will be held in downtown Pleasanton, under the Main Street Arch. This Dads' day family tradition funds college scholarships for Pleasanton Graduates, as well as community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

There is a race or walk event for everyone: 10k/run 8am, 5K walk/run 8:15am, and a Kids challenge 9:30am. The 10k and 5k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved scenic Arroyo Trails. The Kids challenge (2-8yrs) is a series of sprints down Main Street.

Event T-Shirts will be given to every 10k and 5k participant, finisher ribbons go to all Kids Challenge runners, trophies for top male and female and masters (over 50), awards three deep in designated age groups for male and female partici-

pants. Raffle prizes and giveaways galore, along with post-race refreshments including fruit, ice cream and face painting are part of the event.

This year 10 portable USB/ Tech Multiple ported chargers are being raffled (value \$120) to the first 500 people that register. Register online by June 13th or mail in by June 10th. Pick up race packet and T-Shirts at Fleet Feet Sports, 234#A Main Street Pleasanton: Friday, June 17th noon-7pm and June 18th 10am-2pm. To register go to www.spiritrn.com

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EBRPD Offers Tips for Memorial Day in the Parks

Memorial Day is among the busiest weekends in the East Bay Regional Park District as thousands of visitors kick off summer with barbecues, hikes, picnics, swimming and other activities. Here are a few tips and reminders to ensure everyone's holiday weekend is safe and enjoyable:

- Opt for a less popular park. Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore and Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton tend to fill early in the day and are often closed by noon due to crowds. Many parks in the District are equally beautiful and still have plenty of room for visitors. A few favorites are Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland, Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda, Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area in Fremont and Briones Regional Park in Orinda.
- Remember that parking is extremely limited at the District's newest park, Vargas Plateau in Fremont. Please carpool, ride a bike or use a ride-sharing service.
- Beer and wine are allowed in most picnic areas, but prohibited at swim areas, group campsites, trails

and parking lots. Alcohol is banned entirely from Sunol Regional Wilderness, the Niles staging area of the Alameda Creek Trail, Crown Beach, Contra Loma Regional Recreation Area, Shadow Cliffs, Martinez Regional Shoreline, Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, Don Castro Regional Park and Quarry Lakes.

- Bring water for the dog. Almost every year dogs die in the regional parks due to heat and dehydration. Also, remember the leash laws: Dogs are allowed off-leash on most trails but must be leashed in developed areas and within 200 feet of staging areas.

- Swimming is available at 10 lakes, lagoons, beaches and pools: Contra Loma, Crown Beach, Cull Canyon,

Del Valle, Don Castro, Miller/Knox, Roberts, Shadow Cliffs, Lake Temescal and Lake Anza. Quarry Lakes remains closed for swimming due to toxic algae.

The East Bay Regional Park District is a system of public parks and trails in

Alameda and Contra Costa counties east of San Francisco Bay, established in 1934. The system comprises 120,000 acres in 66 parks including over 1,250 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and nature learning.

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Pearl Harbor Survivor Passes Away at the Age of 99

By Carol Graham

When the sun sets at 4:48 on December 7 this year, there will be one less sailor looking toward the lighted beacon atop Mount Diablo.

Livermore's Adolph Hengl, 99, passed away on May 14 due to complications from pneumonia. The 28-year Navy veteran was one of the oldest Pearl Harbor survivors who had been aboard a battleship during the infamous surprise attack, which claimed 2,403 American lives and catapulted the United States into the second world war.

The Mount Diablo beacon, called the Eye of Diablo, went dark the following day out of concern that it could provide direction for a mainland assault. It remained unlit for 23 years until December 7, 1964, when it was relit to honor those who had served during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

That balmy Sunday morning in 1941, aircraft maintenance officer Adolph Hengl was below deck on the USS Tennessee, moored directly in front of the ill-fated USS Arizona on Battleship Row.

Then the planes came -

353 in all, each emblazoned with a burning red sun.

"I couldn't see what was happening outside," said Hengl. "When there seemed to be a lull, I came out onto the quarterdeck to see what was going on. A bomb hit and sent me back through the door, slamming me into a metal wall. I stood up and saw tiny fires all over the linoleum floor. I wasn't hurt, although I guess I might have been out momentarily. Then men came running and said, 'Boy, oh boy, you did a pop!' I hollered at them, 'Get a hose and let's put these fires out.'"

But the primary concern on Hengl's mind that morning was finding his younger brother Virgil, also serving on the USS Tennessee.

"Unknown to me, Virgil had gone aboard the USS West Virginia (moored alongside the Tennessee) to make plans with a friend he'd gone to high school with," said Hengl. "I couldn't find him for the longest time. I finally saw him coming across the gangway back to the Tennessee as the West Virginia was starting to go over."

Concern for others was

characteristic of Hengl, the oldest of nine children raised in Sidney, Nebraska.

"The many friends, neighbors and family who knew him would agree that he was a loving, kind and gentle soul devoted to his family and country," said daughter Mary Hengl. "He lived a life that so few are able to; there isn't a single thing he would have changed."

Along with six years aboard the Tennessee, Hengl served on the USS Commencement Bay, USS Philippine Sea, USS Essex, USS Shangri-La, and USS Coral Sea before retiring from service in 1964 at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Hengl married in 1940 and developed a secret code that he used during WWII to let his wife, Helen, know when and where he'd be arriving on leave.

"We weren't supposed to say anything about where we were, and couldn't write anything in personal letters," he said. "I developed a little code that my wife knew but anyone else reading the letter wouldn't understand. When we'd get home, shipmates would ask me, 'How

come your wife is here to meet you?' I wouldn't say anything. Then they'd ask, 'Can't we just have our wives contact your wife?'"

On his 99th birthday last December 26, Hengl spent the day celebrating with family and friends.

"He loved every minute," said Mary. "He was an amazing father of five children, grandfather of 16, great grandfather of 16, and great great grandfather of two - so many generations with so many memories."

Five months later, he died peacefully at home, again surrounded by family.

"It was an amazing send-off for a wonderful man," said Mary. "When they carried his body, draped with a flag, from the house to the waiting van, my friend's husband played America the Beautiful on the bagpipes, then played Amazing Grace as they drove down the street with my father. It doesn't matter how old we are or how old our parents are, it is still a great loss."

Today, the Mount Diablo beacon shines only one night a year, from sunset on December 7 till sunrise the following day, in commemoration



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Adolph Hengl talked about Pearl Harbor during an interview last year.

ration of the men and women who served at Pearl Harbor 75 years ago.

"People can best honor my father's memory by being kind to their fellow man, by honoring our country and by being proud," said Mary. "I would like to thank all of the readers of The Independent

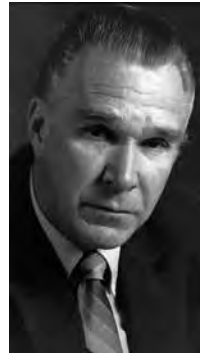
for their wonderful past emails, their gratitude to my father for his service in the military, and their acknowledgment of and love for him. It made him feel like the celebrity he should be."

Mary Hengl can be reached at mh-z@att.net.

OBITUARIES

Wayne Gartside

Mr. Wayne Gartside, 82, a long-term Livermore resident, passed away on May 13, 2016 at Bonnie Lane Care Home in Pleasant Hill, CA. Wayne, and his twin brother Duane, were born in Lebanon, Illinois on August 24, 1933 to Elmore and Mabel (Nee Burk) Gartside. Wayne always emphasized that he was the oldest.



Wayne retired from the Livermore Labs as the Director of Facilities. He was an avid and accomplished golfer playing almost every day using his Persimmons Woods. He owned and flew a prized Beechcraft Bonanza to many destinations including his Illinois home. He attended McKendree College and along with his twin brother Duane, joined the Army. He spent a tour in Korea and then Japan before discharge.

Wayne then worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington along with several other jobs. He heard about Livermore Labs and was hired as a nuclear reactor shift worker. He continued to progress into supervisory positions until retirement.

He is survived by his sister Beverly Jane (Gartside) Hollibaugh of Beverly Hills FL, who is married to Mark. Preceding Wayne in death are his parents, Elmore and Mable Gartside; sister Elaine Gartside Murdock; his twin brother Duane Gartside; and his sister Gloria Gartside Shockley.

Viewing took place May 23, 2016 at Callaghan Mortuary, followed by burial at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3878 East Ave, Livermore, CA.

Robert Kearney Marks Resident of Galt, California March 31, 1942 -- May 13, 2016

Robert (Bob) Marks passed away suddenly from cardiac arrest early last Friday morning at the age of 74.



Bob was born in Elmira, New York to Helen L. Chely and Earl Edwin Marks. His childhood was spent in New

York, but Bob's wandering spirit took him on many adventures. Bob married Mary Sue Hanrahan in 1969. He relocated to Livermore, Ca in 1972. They were blessed with John Patrick Marks on August 6th 1972. He married Clydia Mae Marks in 1982. They were blessed with Joseph (Joe) Robert Marks on May 9th 1983 and Melissa (Missy) Mae Marks on December 4th 1984.

As a true renaissance man, Bob was a convenience store owner in Oregon, a truck driver in Texas and Colorado, a vice president of manufacturing for a few companies including Acer, Synnex, and Bell Microsystems, as well as being a management consultant for John's company, Vanguard Construction. John married Carole Davis. To Bob's absolute delight they were blessed with Ty Robert Marks on July 27th 2002 and Mia Danielle Marks on December 26th 2004. Bob never truly retired even after he left the business world. He was very active in his community and had many interests.

Bob's major passion in life was his family. As a quintessential supporter, he followed whatever their interests were along with whatever caught his attention. His talents included soccer, photography, golf, bass fishing, camping, hardware architect-both conception and manufacturing, mastery of craigslist, community activism, and grill mastership. He was also a spirits connoisseur, a car aficionado, an equestrian practitioner, and a skilled home architect.

His gregarious and outgoing personality touched many lives. He loved and was beloved by every community that he was apart of.

He was a man that was ahead of his time.

Donations can be made in Bob's honor at Gofundme.com/259my8gk

Close friends and family are invited to a memorial in Bob's honor on Thursday May 26th 2016 at 11am at Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Rd., Pleasanton, Ca 94588 (by the San Francisco Premium Outlets).

A celebration of his life will follow at 1:30 pm at

The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore, Ca 94550

Lenora "Lee" Fields

Lenora "Lee" Fields passed away in Rocklin, California on May 19, 2016 at the age of 94.

Lee is predeceased by her husband of 48 years Bill

Fields and her sister, Mary Bettencourt. Lee is lovingly remembered by her son, William Fields (Shelly) and her daughter Judy Phillips (Gary); her grandchildren, Brad Fields (Mary), Brian Fields (Cindy), Denise Phillips Lignell and Danica Phillips Edgar (Michael). She has seven great-grandchildren: Melyssa Fields, Justin Fields, Alyssa and Nathan Lignell and Wyatt, Payton and Lyla Edgar.

Lee was born in San Francisco, California and she graduated from Commerce High School in San Francisco. Lee and her husband Bill owned and operated Supreme Rug and Carpet in San Leandro for 40 years. Lee lived in San Leandro for 62 years before moving to a Senior Living Facility in Rocklin, Ca in 2009.

Lee was a member of many clubs, including Hayward YLI. After retiring she enjoyed line dancing with the Forever Young line dancers. Her greatest joy was being a very loving mom, grandmother and great grandmother.

The visitation and funeral will be held at the Holy Angels Funeral Home at 1051 Harder Road, Hayward on Friday, May 27th beginning at 10:00am. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am with interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. A reception will take place immediately following the service. There will also be a Celebration of Life memorial at Casa De Santa Fe in Rocklin, California on Saturday, June 4th.

In lieu of flowers, memo-

rial donations may be made to Surtec Adopt a Family, 1880 N. MacArthur Drive, Tracy, CA 95376.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Casa De Santa Fe in Rocklin for taking care of Lee so lovingly and also ViTas and BrightStar for making her last days comfortable. We will miss her gentle spirit and loving nature.

Donald William Baxter On Monday morning, February 29th, 2016, Donald William Baxter passed away peacefully at home at the age of 86. Born in Livermore, CA on September 21, 1929 to Lawrence and Marguerite (Larripa) Baxter, Don was a second generation Livermore native and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1947, spent two years (1950 - 1951) serving his country in the United States Army Signal Corps in Korea and, upon his return, began a long and successful career as an electrician. He worked for several contractors through the years including Sam Elliott Electric, Ed Hutka and L&P Electric. In 1962, Don started a 25-year tenure with Ness Electric in San Leandro, working as a Superintendent until 1987. He spent the last 5 years of his career with Givens Electric in Livermore until his retirement in 1992. He was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 595 and was the recipient of his 65-year pin in 2014.

Don married Sharon Hicks in June of 1954 and they went on to spend 60 years together in Livermore, raising 4 children. He and Sharon built a relationship that revolved around their growing family, camping with the Lucky Loafers trailer club for many years and creating an environment at home that encouraged friends of their children to hang out at The Baxters. He was "Papa" to his grandkids and found great joy in his

retirement spending many happy hours creating memories with them. Don was happiest at home, tinkering in his garage and was the 'go to' guy in the neighborhood for anything that needed repair. He could fix anything. If he didn't have the tool he needed, he'd make it. He was constantly creating things to make life easier and his mind was never idle. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Walter Baxter and by his wife, Sharon, just 15 months prior. Don is survived by his 4 children: Don Baxter (Cheryl) of Discovery Bay, Lynn Rogan (John) of Livermore, Kimberly McCue of Lafayette and Steven Baxter (Karen) of Livermore; 6 grandchildren: Ann Rogan, Katy Aymar (Galen), Patrick Rogan (Heather Rose Kates), Cristina McCue, Mary Ellen Mathis, Nicholas Baxter and several cousins. Friends and family are invited to attend a reception honoring Don on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 12:00 noon, St. Michael Parish Hall, 326 Maple Street, Livermore, CA. Interment will be private at St. Michael Cemetery to occur at a later date. Donations in Donald's memory may be made to The Thomas J. Sweeney Disabled Electricians Fund, c/o IBEW Local 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568.

Robert Xavier Bruns Robert Xavier Bruns, a long time resident of Pleasanton, entered into eternal rest on May 9, 2016, in Walnut Creek, CA, with his loving daughter by his side. Robert was a non-smoker,

who had fought a lengthy battle with COPD.

Robert was born in Milltown, New Jersey on July 10, 1929. He graduated from Rider College and actively served in the US Army from 1952 until 1954 and was honorably discharged. While in the Army, Robert toured Germany and fell in love with the country. His fondness for all things German remained with him the rest of his life. He was fortunate to travel there again two more times during his lifetime. Robert's career as a salesman in electrical merchandising led him and his family to move frequently. Through the years of his earthly pilgrimage, he and his family had moved from his native New Jersey to the New Orleans area, Dallas, Houston, Placentia, CA and finally to his beloved Pleasanton, CA. Robert's first love was his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was active in his church and had volunteered to minister at the Women's Correction Facility known as F.C. I., in Dublin, CA. for a number of years. He also had an abiding love for his family. Robert had a great affection for cats. His sweet and gentle nature was ever apparent when he held one of the family's cats. He was predeceased by his first wife Frances Bruns in 1982, and his second wife Betty Nansel Bruns in 1999. He is survived by his four children, Robert Jr., Michael, Mary Beth, and Timothy, granddaughter, Nicole Bruns, and his two brothers Gus and John Bruns. Services were held at Graham Hitch Mortuary on Saturday May 14, 2016. He was laid to rest at Sacramento National Cemetery, in Dixon, CA on Monday May 16, 2016 with full honors.

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ton Gardens, two distinct senior housing properties initially built in the 1970 and located across the street from one another, have been combined into the Kottinger Gardens project. Once completed, Kottinger Gardens will be one integrated community with many onsite amenities where low and very low-income senior households can age in place and continue to live active and enriched lives.

The vision for Kottinger Gardens grew out of the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force. Their initial goal: to evaluate Kottinger Place, an aging property owned by the City, and determine how to most effectively leverage this asset for years to come.

"Today is an exciting day that represents the culmination of a tremendous amount of vision and collaboration," said Jerry Thorne, Mayor of Pleasanton. "I'm thrilled to finally begin construction on this development which will expand affordable senior citizen housing in a way that maintains and enhances the neighborhood essence long enjoyed by the surrounding community members."

Expected to open in fall of 2017, Phase 1 will provide 131 brand new affordable rental apartments on the former site of Kottinger Place that previously held 50 units. Phase 1 will include a mix of single story cottages and a 2- and 3-story building that will collectively provide 127 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for low-income seniors, age 62 and older, earning up to 60% of Area Median Income which is \$49,260 for a single person household. Community gardens, a bocce ball court, fitness center, resident lounge with computers, and a community room with a

kitchen for larger gatherings will be included in the development. Units will have private patios or balconies.

Phase 2, which will be developed on the current site of Pleasanton Gardens, will provide an additional 54 affordable apartment homes where today there are 40. The 90 Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens households will have priority when Kottinger Gardens opens. The two phases will be connected by a raised and well-lit crosswalk to provide residents easy access to community amenities on either side of the property.

"We're honored to partner with the City on this innovative development, MidPen's first in Pleasanton," said Matthew O. Franklin, President of MidPen Housing. "We applaud their initiative to transform a previously underutilized site and their leadership in bringing together a diverse group of

stakeholders around a common vision. We're excited to begin the construction that will make it a reality."

Onsite programs and services will be managed and coordinated by MidPen Resident Services. Designed to help seniors age in place, these include wellness programs, group exercise classes, health screening, educational workshops and social activities and events. MidPen Property Management will provide professional onsite property management.

Financing for the \$44.2 million development was provided through both public and private sources, including the City of Pleasanton, Alameda County, the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Union Bank.

TESLA

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Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division will call a Commission meeting to approve the Carnegie SVRA General Plan and Environmental Impact Report this summer. "That is why we need the help of Assembly-member Baker and Senator Glazer now to permanently protect Tesla. We all have a duty to protect such special natural landscapes when they are threatened" said Lee Younker, Chair of Friends of Livermore.

The Friends of Tesla Park alliance hopes that Tesla preservation legislation can be passed as part of the budget bills this June. Nancy Rodrigue of Friends of Tesla Park, noted, "Officials, such as Supervisor Scott Hagger-

ty, have said that our local legislators need to help pass legislation to protect Tesla. We agree the time is now and hope that the local public agencies that have supported Tesla preservation, including County of Alameda, City of Livermore, LARPD and EBRPD, will also help."

The proposed legislation calls for no funds from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund, Department of Parks and Recreation or other state sources to be used for any purpose related to opening the land to off-road vehicle recreation uses of any type. The measure may include reimbursement to the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund for the purchase price of the property.

PLAN

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region's cities would experience significant growth and different types of development compared to existing patterns. Within cities, more growth will be accommodated outside of preferred development areas (PDA). It comes closest to resembling a traditional suburban pattern, with an increase in greenfield development to accommodate the dispersed growth pattern. This scenario assumes that many people will drive significant distances by automobile to get to work.

To support this dispersed growth pattern, transportation investment priorities will emphasize highway strategies, including the expansion of high-occupancy toll lanes on all regional highways, the institution of variable pricing, and highway widening at key bottlenecks.

Scenario 2, identified as Connected Neighborhoods, targets future population

and employment growth to locally-identified PDAs along major corridors, with an emphasis on growth in medium-sized cities with access to the region's major rail services, such as BART and Caltrain. Outside the PDAs, this scenario sees modest infill development. All new growth would be accommodated within existing urban growth boundaries or urban limit lines.

To support this scenario's growth pattern, transportation investments will prioritize maintenance of existing infrastructure. The region's transit system will be modernized and expanded along key corridors to improve commutes and add capacity.

Scenario 3, Big Cities, assumes that most of the region's population and employment growth will be located in San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland—with the remainder primarily in cities directly proximate to the three biggest cities and areas

well served by transit. The amount of growth outside these areas is minimal, with limited infill development in PDAs and no greenfield development.

The transportation infrastructure within and directly serving the region's core will be maintained to a state of good repair, modernized to boost service and improve commutes and capacity, and expanded to meet increased demand.

Greenbelt Alliance in reviewing the options, wrote, "Scenario 1 would develop 565 square miles of natural and agricultural lands outside those UGBs—paving over an area 11 times the size of San Francisco."

According to Greenbelt, The scenarios don't include enough options to make it easier to walk, bike, and take transit."

Comments on the three scenarios can be submitted online at planbayarea.org.

SHORT NOTES

Go Ponding

Ponding USA will be topic of a program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., May 28. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road. Forget surfing – 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, participants will arm themselves with nets and wade into the pond. There will be a variety of things to catch, and at the end of the program compare what was found before returning them to their home. Good for ages 5 and up. Bring water, a towel and closed-toed shoes (required to enter pond). Old sneakers work fine.

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

Dream Workshop

A dream workshop will be held Saturday May 28, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Dublin Library. This workshop will look at how dreams can help people in everyday life.

The presenter, Jack Marling, will share some examples. "I dreamed of pulling into a gas station and wondered if I should fill up with standard or premium. Since the car is my

vehicle for getting around, this dream referred to my personal vehicle or body. Thus I learned the importance of eating the best possible food (premium), rather than junk food(regular)."

Everybody's dreams are going to be different. In the dream workshop, participants will learn simple techniques to better remember dreams and some ways to better interpret the meaning.

The dream workshop will be held Saturday, May 28 at the Dublin Library Program Room, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin from 10:30 AM to about 12:30 P

Name Dublin Park

The City of Dublin is seeking input from Dublin residents on the name of a new park planned in the Jordan Ranch residential community.

The site is a 4.9-acre neighborhood park located in the Jordan Ranch residential community, which is generally located at the northeast corner of Fallon Road and Central Parkway.

The survey will be available through Friday, June 10, 2016. It can be found at <http://dublin.ca.gov/>

Teachers Academy

Space is still available for teachers to participate in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) 2016 Teacher Research Academy (TRA). The TRA offers middle and high school science teachers and community college faculty professional development curriculum during the summer months at the Edward Teller Education Center (ETEC) at

LLNL. Teachers are given the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Laboratory and experience the application of real-world science in an environment teachers seldom experience.

The academy model allows teachers to progress through four levels of instruction, with each level building on the knowledge and experience of the preceding level. Participants engage in a continuum of standards-based instruction in line with Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), enabling them to progress from novice to mastery in exciting scientific disciplines such as biotechnology, computational modeling, fusion and astrophysics, technical writing and 3D print and design.

The TRA will be held in June and July. The complete schedule of academies and workshops can be found at <https://education.llnl.gov/programs/teacher-research-academies>

Speed Networking

The President's Distinguished Amador Valley Toastmasters local club will host its first speed networking event on Thursday, June 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Participants will be able to sharpen communication skills, get to know local professionals, and experience the benefits of Toastmasters. Light refreshments served. Free to attend. Sign up at <https://speednetworkingavtm.eventbrite.com>

The session will take place at 5994 Las Positas Blvd., Suite 111, Pleasanton. I

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10 Interesting Facts Related to Real Estate

By Cher Wollard

There's a lot to know about homes, property, construction practices, real estate law and markets. Here are a few facts you might find interesting:

1. Active-service military buyers between the ages of 18 and 35 are purchasing homes at a much faster rate than non-military buyers – 51 percent versus 34 percent, according to the National Association of REALTORS®' newly released Veterans & Active Military Home Buyers and Sellers Profile.

Active-service military members have lower median incomes than their peers, but they also tend to have more job security, Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, explained.

"No-down payment financing options ... are giving aspiring home owners in the military a deserving advantage over their civilian peers," he said. "Furthermore, their tendencies to marry and raise a family at an earlier age and carry less student debt make buying a home a more desirable and achievable option."

2. FHA was established as part of the New Deal by the National Housing Act of 1934, in the depths of the Great Depression.

In addition to conventional loans, the FHA offers ARMs through its Section 251 program to help low- to moderate-income families; mortgages that allow borrowers to incorporate the cost of energy efficiency improvements to their homes into the loans; and reverse mortgages for borrowers over the age of 62 who meet certain requirements related to credit and property value.

3. The top 10 markets for investors looking to purchase rental properties aren't in California, despite our high rents.

Four of the top markets are in Florida, two in Louisiana and the others in Tennessee, New York, Minnesota and South Carolina, according to RentRange, which provides market data and analytics for the single-family rental industry.

The study looked at cost of property and the rate by which rents are increasing to determine desirable markets. Knoxville, Tenn., for example, saw a nearly 20 percent jump in single-family rent rates in the first quarter of this year, compared to a year ago, with average gross yield for investors of more than 8 percent.

Institutional investors – those who purchase at least 10 properties in one calendar year – dropped to 2.6 percent, compared to 3.4 percent a year ago, according to RealtyTrac, creating opportunities for smaller investors.

The top ten markets in order are the areas in and around: Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL.; Naples, FL.; Knoxville; Sarasota, FL.; Shreveport, La.; Syracuse, N.Y.; Milwaukee, Wisc.; New Orleans; and Charleston, S. C.

This is the first year Syracuse and Milwaukee have made the list.

4. A home in Dedham, Mass., known as the Fairbanks House may be the oldest-standing timber frame building in North America.

Its main structural beam is made of oak and has been dated using tree ring dating as having been harvested in the winter of 1637-38. During that time, wood was not seasoned before use and researchers believe construction started soon after the tree was cut.

The structure was built for Jonathan and Grace Fairebanke and their six children. The home remained in the family for eight generations and is now a historic house museum open to the public May to October. For more information, check out www.fairbankshouse.org.

5. If that seems old, a stone house called Knap of Howar on the remote island of Papa Westrey in the North Sea off the coast of Scotland is thought to have been built in 3500 BC.

The farmstead has joint thick-walled buildings, which have low doorways that face the sea. The interior of these joint buildings is divided into three rooms. The inner rooms work as storage places with cupboards, lintels, pits and slabs, which are all made of stone.

Archeologists believe the material surrounding the joint buildings has protected them from severe damage.

6. After gains in the second half of 2015, the national homeownership rate fell to just 63.6 percent in the first quarter of this year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

That's still significantly better than California's rate of about 54 percent.

U.S. homeownership hit a high of 69.4 percent in 2004, during one of the biggest housing booms in history. That was also when mortgage lending was arguably at its loosest level in history.

7. Despite a \$46 million price cut, the Palazzo di Amore in Beverly Hills remains America's most expensive home on the market.

Offered at \$149 million, this 12-bedroom, 23-bathroom mansion was designed by Mohammed Haddid (father of fashion model Gigi Haddid), architect Bob Ray Offenhauser and designer Alberto Pint.

The 25-acre estate includes a wine-producing vineyard and parking for two dozen cars, a guard house, private driver's quarters, guest house, state-of-the-art theatre, discotheque, bowling alley, wine cellar, pool, spa, formal gardens, tennis court and city to ocean views – not to mention the 35,000-sq.ft. house.

8. Under the federal fair housing law, the seven protected classes include race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin.

Although some interest groups have lobbied to include sexual orientation and marital status, these aren't protected classes under the federal law, but are sometimes protected by certain local state fair housing laws.

Drug addiction isn't covered under any of the protected classes. In fact, the Fair Housing Act specifically states that current illegal drug users aren't handicapped.

9. Straw-bale homes are considered to be the safest in seismic zones and have proven resilient enough to withstand the shock of significant earthquakes.

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Historic WWII Planes to Land at Livermore Airport

By Carol Graham

They had names like Hellzadroppin', Call Me Later, and Yankee Doodit.

Some were lucky, like Star Swinger, Ruptured Duck, and I'll Be Back. Others, like Pursuit of Happiness and Berlin Bitch, were not. Some went missing in action, like Pleasure Bent, Flak Ducker, and Heaven Can Wait. Others simply grew old and war-weary, like Big Time Operator, Late Date, and Shoo! Shoo! Baby.

They all served one mighty purpose: to lift the morale of the young men who in 1941 were called to war just as their adult lives were beginning, young men who were trained to conform and obey, young men who were required to discard their youth too soon.

Nose art, the decorative painting on the nose or fuselage of an aircraft, was the one place where soldiers could figuratively thumb their noses at their fears, their circumstances and their enemies. The art began with the practical purpose of helping identify friendly units, but quickly evolved into a creative outlet that allowed soldiers to express themselves in an arena hell-bent on stamping out individuality.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Visitors at the Livermore Airport last year view one of the Foundation planes.

At the time, nose art served as a kind of psychological protection against the stresses of war. Today, it gives us a glimpse into the spirit of the men who were willing to sacrifice all for freedom.

On Sunday, May 29, the Wings of Freedom Tour will arrive at the Livermore airport for its annual three-day visit. The hands-on mobile museum is hosted by the Collings Foundation with the goal of helping bring history to life. Attendees

are invited to climb aboard and explore a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, and B-25 Mitchell.

Additionally, the tour provides a rare opportunity for visitors to take photos alongside some of the only remaining WWII nose art. The B-17, named Nine O Nine for the last three numerals in its serial number, shows Christopher Columbus riding a bomb while thumbing his nose at the Nazis. The B-24, named Witchcraft but affectionately

called The Witch by her crewmen, shows a witch dropping bombs while riding on a broom. (The Collings Foundation has the only flyable B-24 open to the public.) The B-25, named Tondelayo after the character played by Hedy Lamarr in 1942's White Cargo, depicts a sultry, hula-skirted seductress.

The Wings of Freedom Tour also features Betty Jane, a P-51 Mustang fighter plane nicknamed Little Friend by the appreciative bomber crews it defended.

Hours on Sunday are from noon - 5, and on Memorial Day and Tuesday from 9 - 5. General admission is \$12, or \$6 for children under 12. Parking is free.

The Collings Foundation, a non-profit organization that visits 110 airports across the nation each year, welcomes WWII veterans to at-

tend for free and share their experiences and memories.

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

"The tour is important so people can see for themselves what the flyboys of WWII went through during the war," said flight-participant Paula Durnian. "The thought of them inside for hours on end, dodging bullets and enemy planes - especially the nose-, tail- and belly-gunners - is something one must see to appreciate. I felt a deep sense of amazement and real appreciation knowing how young these men were, and sadness for those who never made it back. In my mind, I was

imagining how they must have felt.

"By taking flights in these planes, people are helping keep our WWII history alive. Their support will continue to keep the planes airborne for future generations to experience."

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Jazz group presenting free concert.

Commanders Jazz Group Performing at the Firehouse

The Commanders Jazz Sextet will perform in a free concert at the Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday afternoon, June 4, at 2:00 p.m. This family-friendly event is open to the public. No tickets are required. Seating is limited, and on a first come, first seated basis.

A component of the US Air Force Band of the Golden West, The Commanders Jazz Sextet (CJS) carries on the American musical tradition of the great small group jazz ensembles, and offers an up-close and personal concert of some of the best music America has produced for jazz ensemble.

The CJS is a group of professional musicians, consisting of six active duty Airmen. The Firehouse show will

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Annual Figurative Art Show Includes Tribute to Artist

The 8th annual Figurative Art exhibition will be hosted by the Livermore Art Association and the Bothwell Arts Center.

The show is free. The public is invited. Local artists compete for awards and sales with the human figure as the main focus of their work. Many of the artists who attend the Bothwell's Figure Drawing Workshop will have work represented in the show. Figurative art includes portraits and clothed figures as well.

The show takes place June 4-12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 4. Location is the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore.

Many new events have been added this year.

On June 4th, coinciding with the opening of the show at the other end of the Bothwell, there will be a BAMG Figure Drawing Marathon. The Bay Area Modeling Guild will hold its first ever figure drawing marathon in Livermore at the Bothwell Art Center. Many models posing at once: males, females, nude, costumed, short and long poses. Fees are required to participate. For more info: <http://www.bayareamodelsguild.org/drawing-marathons/>

The public is invited to the reception at the Bothwell Arts Center, Sat. June 4th 7:00 - 9:00. See the art, meet the artists and many of the models as well. Awards will be presented at 7:30.

A memorial exhibit and sale of art works by Jessie Spears will be on view during the entire show. Jessie was a well known portrait artist from Livermore.

Painting and drawing since she was a teenager, Jessie began drawing portraits and from there branched out into

other media and subjects. Jessie expressed her love of many subjects, including portraiture, animals, landscape and still life, using a variety of mediums such as oil, pastel, charcoal and pencil.

Her family says, "She was an active member of the LAA since the 80's and had a passion for capturing the human form whether it was a quick charcoal sketch of a nude model or a full blown oil portrait that could take weeks to perfect.

"She liked to use various mediums but pastel and oil were among her favorite choices. She was very prolific and produced hundreds of paintings and sketches. We have kept all that we can fit in our houses. We would consider it an honor if you enjoyed her art too. So please help us out and make any offer you can on what remains." Judge for the show will be Leonardo Cuervo, a surrealist painter from Cuba.

The show will be featuring a silent auction for the first time.

Throughout the exhibition there will be artists demonstrating various mediums.

On June 12th, the final day of the show, The Bothwell is hosting an Art Expo with an exposition on all things art, including demonstrations, workshops, material reps, vendors, food trucks and more.

There is still time to enter the show. The receiving will be on May 28th between 1:00-4:00 at the Bothwell Arts Center. For the prospectus follow this link. <http://www.livermoreartassociation.org/s/EssentialFigureEntree-form2016.pdf>

For more information call or email Barbara Stanton at 925-373-9638 or microangelo@earthlink.net.



Jennie, a painting by Jessie Spears.



Art in the Vineyard

The Livermore Art Association will present the 44th annual "Art in the Vineyard" at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It will take place from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Art in the Vineyard has been a public tradition in the Livermore Valley for over 44 years.

Wente Vineyards and a group of 29 multimedia artists are looking forward to welcoming visitors to a day of beautiful art, music and fine wine.

The \$20.00 Wine tasting fee includes a commemorative wine glass. (\$10.00 for Club Wente members). Wine tasting will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Food and refreshment will be offered by Wente Vineyards Catering and Rock N Go Pizza Oven for a nominal fee

Silent Partner, Rock and Blues Band will entertain visitors.

Art demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

Admission is free.

West Vineyards Estate Winery is located at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore; (925) 456-2305.

1st Wednesday Party to Celebrate the Olympics

Live music, children's activities, food trucks, and an Olympic Day celebration in store for June's 1st Wednesday Street Party. Main Street will open to nearly 200 vendors, bands, fun and games on Wednesday, June 1 from 6-9pm.

Celebrate the 2016 Summer Olympics in the Entertainment Garden sponsored by ClubSport of Pleasanton located at 530 Main Street. The PDA welcomes Paralympian Sebastian DeFrancesco to the event. He will be on hand to take photos, sign autographs and show off his Table Tennis talents that earned him five medals in competitions throughout the world. The Pleasanton Downtown Association's Olympic Day event is one of more than 2,000 events taking place

nationwide during the month of June.

Along with the family friendly Entertainment Garden at 530 Main Street, adults 21 years of age and older can experience rocking bands inside the Beer and Wine Garden. Handles on Main will be pouring their craft beer. Mitchell Katz Winery and Wente Vineyards will be serving up their best varietals.

Fast Times will be bringing the neon, rad and fresh 80s hits to the Entertainment Garden from 6-9pm. Also, live music will be performed by Garage Band Academy and Pleasanton Elementary School Bands.

New this year presented by The Alameda County Fair! Rock climbing wall, a trackless training, face painting, balloon twisting, a video

game truck and much more! The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Fun With Science team will also be doing demonstrations for the children. Find all the fun on St. Mary Street.

Food Truck Mafia will feature four new trucks each month at 1st Wednesday Street Parties to meet your foodie needs. In June, enjoy food from Rice Rockit, Out of the Cave, Grillaz Gone Wild and Grab & Go Kabob. Indulge in sweet treats from downtown vendors Primrose Bakery and Noland's Cake Shop.

De Francesco, age 62, is a Santa Cruz native and retired Green Berets with the US Army. After serving in the Vietnam War he discovered his passion for table tennis. He is a member of the Wheelchair Sports Hall of



Paralympian Sebastian DeFrancesco

Fame and New England Hall of Fame. His love of sports has extended to his daily life as he works with disabled children to promote sports.

"We are excited to take part in Olympic Day and inspire children in our commu-

nity," said Pleasanton Downtown Association Executive Director Laura Olson. "The Pleasanton Downtown Association is proud to support the Olympic Movement and encourage children to lead healthy, active lives."

Around the world, more than 160 countries take part in the annual celebration. Olympic Day, created in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games, focuses on the Olympic values and ideals such as fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. In the U.S., Olympic Day events range from small gatherings to large, city-wide events.

Information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association is available at (925) 484-2199, www.pleasanton-downtown.net.

Summer Reading Program Has 'Win' Theme

The Livermore Public Library 2016 Summer Reading Program offers four different levels of reading programs: pre-readers, independent readers, teens, and adults.

Pre-readers and independent readers will pick up summer reading game boards at the library. Teens entering grades 6-12 will have bingo boards to complete and win prizes. Adults will log books for weekly raffles. Prizes will be awarded in all programs, with the goal of reading, sharing what was read, and having fun. Check the Livermore Public Library's website, www.livermorelibrary.net, to find out how to start playing on June 6th. All programs run through August 15th.

"Read for the Win!" is the theme of the 2016 Summer Reading Program in

recognition of the Summer Olympics. The Livermore Public Library is committed to supporting youth summer learning through the Summer Reading Program. A study by Dominican University found that "children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. Children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading and math when they return to school."

Independent readers age four and over will complete a board game as they read, earning prizes along the way. Prizes may include ice cream vouchers, swimming and bowling passes, art class vouchers, science kits and more. Independent readers who reach the



final reading goal will also receive medal, a presentation to the City Council as a Super Reader, and will get to pick out a free book. Additionally, this year there will be a variety of weekly prize raffles for those who come into the library.

Younger pre-readers, including babies, can play their own special game board. Parents and children read together to earn stickers along the way. Those

who complete their boards will earn a free book.

Teens entering 6th through 12th grades will read 10 books to complete two rows of their bingo cards. Those who fulfill the requirements will receive a \$5 gift certificate and raffle tickets for a chance to win additional prizes.

Adults have their own reading program as well. Starting June 6, adults can visit the library's website to

sign up and log their books read. For every book logged and reviewed, participants receive an entry into the weekly prize raffles held throughout the summer. Prize raffles include movie tickets and gift certificates to local restaurants and merchants.

Complementing the Summer Reading Programs will be a host of activities and entertainment, including performers, special events, crafts, and even Minecraft days. The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program includes something for everyone. All events are free and open to the public; however, some may require registration to participate.

For a full list of programs, visit the Library's website at www.LivermoreLibrary.net or call 925-373-5504.

Rolling Stones Tribute Band to Rock the Bankhead

In what has been called the “World’s Greatest Tribute to the World’s Greatest Rock and Roll Band,” Rudy Colombini and the Unauthorized Rolling Stones will bring their live Rolling Stones show to the Bankhead Theater on June 11, 2016. Top hits on the program include “Satisfaction,” and “Brown Sugar,” to “You Can’t Always Get What You Want.”

The show honors the many legends of the classic rock years, from Zeppelin, to Motown, to Dylan, while maintaining their Rolling Stones core.

Founder and frontman Rudy Colombini, who is praised for his Jaggeresque showmanship, has brought together all-star members who have played with some of the world’s biggest acts including Kevin Russell, Matty Pinder, (son of The Moody Blues’ Mike Pinder), Ronnie Smith, (Tommy Castro Band), and Sandy Griffith, (Celine Dion, Boz Skaggs, Kenny Loggins). Together, the nine-piece ensemble has been described as “sounding more like the Rolling Stones than the Rolling Stones do.”

Rudy Colombini and The Unauthorized Rolling Stones have opened for major acts such as Elton John and Train, among others.

Colombini is the co-founder and visionary behind the San Francisco Music Hall of Fame, which showcases artifacts and memorabilia from the city’s rich



Rudy Colombini

and storied musical history

Tickets for Rudy Colombini and the Unauthorized Rolling Stones on Saturday, June 11th at 8:00 p.m are \$28 for all seats with student and military personnel tickets just \$16. They can be purchased through the Bankhead Theater ticket office, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore, by calling (925) 373-6800, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or via the LVPAC mobile app.

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deliver a full gamut of jazz numbers, with musical styles ranging from 40’s big band sounds through the modern era of American jazz, including original arrangements of traditional, pop, and patriotic standards, as well as improvised solos from every musician in the group.

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West: Stationed in the San Francisco Bay Area at Travis Air Force Base, the organization is the only active duty Air Force band west of the Rockies. In addition to performing for civilian communities throughout the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and Utah, the band supports 13 Air Force Bases, 8 Air Force

Reserve Wings, and 6 recruiting squadrons in over 250 annual performances for 1.5 million listeners.

The Band of the Golden West has performed for gubernatorial inaugurations, with guest artists such as Marvin Stamm, Arturo Sandoval and Bob Hope, and for the fans of Oakland Athletics, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers, and Infineon NASCAR races. Recent events include featured performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony.

More information is available at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444

Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00

noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

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Art and Wind Festival This Weekend



The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is blowing into San Ramon Central Park on Sunday and Monday, May 29 & 30 from 11am to 6pm. Admission to the festival is free.

Festival highlights include the following:

- Professional, choreographed kite flying demonstrations, a free kite making workshop and new tethered hot air balloon rides sponsored by Re/MAX (weather permitting).

- The Festival also features 150 fine arts & crafts vendors selling a wide range of artwork including paintings, sculpture, woodwork, toys, jewelry, hand painted clothing, stained glass, music, photography and more.

- There will be entertainment on four stages and two large children's activity areas with rides, face painting, a rock-climbing wall, hamster balls, and free crafts for the kids to make.

- Professional skateboarding demonstrations, free lessons and prizes will be featured at the newly renovated skate park.

This event highlights 150 talented artists from California and beyond exhibiting and selling their work over Memorial Day weekend. Visitors will find a wide variety of beautifully hand-crafted items including paintings, photographs, jewelry, clothing, pottery, toys, kites and more on display.

Each year, the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival commissions an art piece to be featured on the event poster. The 2016 art piece is by artist Alexandra Boiger. Alexandra was born in Munich, Germany. Her new book *Max & Marla*, was recently named one of the 2016 Best Children's Books. Alexandra will be showcasing 25 pieces

of her original artwork in the gallery and having an event where you will be able to meet her and purchase her new book "Max & Marla" followed by story time and a signing for her book.

Kite flying demonstrations will be presented by members of the American Kitefliers Association. Headlining the kite flyers is Brian Champie, past AKA Regional Director and the 2002 National Champion in Masters Precision Flying.

A wide variety of dance and talented music groups will be featured on the Amphitheater Stage, including belly dance, ballet, jazz dance, cheer and dance groups, as well as Korean and Indian dance. Monday's lineup will include Ushanjali School of Dance, featuring a variety of Indian dance styles at 2pm and Hansamo Samulnori, performing Korean percussion and dance at 4pm.

The stage Chevron Stage is located on the grassy field adjacent to the tennis courts, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Sunday's line-up includes Japanese taiko drummers, Eden Aoba Taiko at 11am and the high jumping Frisbee dogs from Disc Dogs of the Golden Gate at 12pm. Stealin' Chicago, a favorite Chicago tribute band will close the festival on Sunday from 4:00 – 6:00pm on a high note. Monday will include the talented steel drum group Pankind to start the festival with a laid back vibe at 11am and Jukebox Heroes will follow at 1:30pm featuring fun, energetic songs from the 80's to today. Then the Memorial Day Program will take the stage from 3 – 3:30pm honoring those that have served our country. A highlight of the festival follow late Monday afternoon, as Bay Area party band Pop Fiction performs from 4 to 6 p.m.

On both Sunday and Monday, the Luce Puppet Company will present *Splashy Sea Saga* at 1:30 p.m., *Zomo the Trickster Rabbit* at 2:30 p.m. and *The Emperor and the Nightingale* at 3:30 p.m. Under the artistic direction of award winning puppeteer Elizabeth Luce, Luce Puppet Company has put on hundreds of live performances for family audiences.

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 public is encouraged to ride bikes to the festival and take advantage of this free service.

For more information please visit www.ArtandWind.com or call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200



Attached are two of the show pieces: "Iris and Monarch" and "Hopelessly Devoted"

Paintings by Kathleen Hill on View at Wente Vineyards

Wente Vineyards Estate Winery presents "From My Heart" paintings and drawing by artist Kathleen Hill.

Hosted in the Estate Tasting Room artist Kathleen Hill will be showing her drawings and paintings. The work will be featured from June 1 through June 30. An artist's reception, which is open to the public, will be June 5 from 1-3 pm at the winery located at 5565 Tesla Road, in Livermore.

Kathleen has been painting birds and animals in the Livermore Valley for most of her career. She is most known for her pet portraits, commissioned by many, to celebrate the special lives of their very beloved companions. The artist has also been able to share her art to a broader audience by licensing her images to manufacturers for products such as fabric, yard flags, stained glass, and furniture throws.

Kathleen has always felt that these special creatures we share the planet with not only bring us unconditional love but teach us many life lessons and connect us to the simple things that ground us and bring us joy, happiness, and a pathway to learning to love. She feels that when we take a little time to interact with our companion animals, or pause and watch the squirrels scurrying around or listen to the birds sing, it gives us a chance to breathe and appreciate our lives. This is what she celebrates with her art, that moment of pause and focus to see these amazing parts of Nature and feel blessed by the experience.

To see more of her work, go to www.kathleenhill.com

24th Annual Celebration of Life to Be Held

Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to the 24th Annual Tri-Valley Celebration of Life program on Tuesday, June 7, at the Dublin Holiday Inn.

"Seasons of Surviving" will include motivational and educational speakers, information on community resources, and refreshments. Speakers are Kavitha P.

Raj, M.D., Valley Medical Oncology Consultant from Pleasanton. Dr. Raj will speak on "Survivorship: Life after Cancer;" and Petra Lentz-Snow, a cancer survivor and motivational speaker, will speak on *Journeys into Healing*.

Registration and the reception begin at 6:30 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m.

The Holiday Inn is located at 6680 Regional Street, Dublin. The hotel is generously donating the use of the Tralee Ballroom and will provide light refreshments.

Other sponsors are the American Cancer Society, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, San

Ramon Regional Medical Center, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, and Valley Medical Oncology Consultants.

Please RSVP no later than May 27 by leaving name and the number of people at 925.357.6498 or juliane.lee@cancer.org.

There is no charge to attend the event.

Author Book Discusses Struggles with Alzheimers

Livermore author Constance Hanstedt shares her personal and compelling story of her mother's struggle with Alzheimers in her book *Don't Leave Yet*, published in 2015.

"This is a story that is being lived out in all its variations in so many families today, and *Don't Leave Yet* tells it with a clear and honest eye in a memoir that is graceful, vivid, and deeply human." —Ellen Bass, author of *Like a Beggar*

Constance Hanstedt will talk about her book *Don't Leave Yet* on Sunday, June 5, 2 pm at the Civic Center Library, located on 1188 South Livermore Avenue. This is a free event. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

Don't Leave Yet, How My Mother's Alzheimer's Opened My Heart relates Constance Hanstedt's journey toward independence, self-assurance, and connectedness as she cares for her mother who begins losing her identity through Alzheimer's. As a young girl in the Midwest, Constance was consumed by fear: of her parents, especially her disapproving mother, and of social situations. Along with a denigrating Catholic school experience, she embraced perfectionism as a substitute for love.

Just as she struggled to be a perfect child, Constance tried to be the perfect adult daughter when her mother, who lived two thousand miles away, developed Alzheimer's. Constance was forced to confront her fears. As *Don't Leave Yet* recounts her mother's unrelenting bitterness toward life coupled with her losing memories of it, Constance discovers something beyond familial duty: compassion. After



Constance Hanstedt

all, she states, "I knew a thing or two about fear."

Constance Hanstedt is an author, poet, and business owner living in Livermore. Her poetry has received numerous awards and has appeared in *The Comstock Review*, *Calyx*, *Rattle*, the *Naugatuck River Review*, *Diane Lockward's The Crafty Poet*, and many other literary journals.

Don't Leave Yet: How My Mother's Alzheimer's Opened My Heart is Constance's first book. It was a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writers Association

memoir competition in 2011. After it was published by She Writes Press in 2015, it was named a finalist in the National Indie Excellence Book Awards in the memoir category and a finalist in the USA Best Book Awards in narrative nonfiction.

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

Program for Teens and Parents

Parents and teens are invited to hear Peggy Orenstein speak at Lynnewood Methodist Church in Pleasanton at 7 p.m. on May 31.

Lynnewood Methodist Church is located at 4444 Black Ave.

Orenstein reportedly offers a clear-eyed picture of the new sexual landscape girls face in the post-princess stage—high school through college—and reveals how they are negotiating it. Her reporting opens up a dialogue on a potent, often silent, subtext of American life today and gives comprehensive information with which to understand, and navigate this new world.

Orenstein is the New York Times bestselling author of *Cinderella Ate My Daughter*, *Waiting for Daisy*, *Flux*, and *Schoolgirls*. Her new book, *Girls & Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape* is available now at Towne Center Books. Copies will also be available at the event.

This is a free event presented by Towne Center Books, Lynnewood UMC Youth Council, and the American Association of University Women. Books are available for purchase at Towne Center Books and at the event.

New Livermore Postmaster to Be Sworn In

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 10:00 am, Stephen Mitchell will follow a tradition that dates back to 1869 when John W. Hewitt became the first Postmaster of Livermore. Mitchell will raise his right hand to be sworn in as the new Postmaster at the Livermore Annex Station, 2090 Las Positas Court, Livermore.

Mitchell started his postal career as a Casual Letter Carrier in 1991 in Livermore. In 1997, he was assigned to the Fremont Post Office as a Part Time Flexible City Carrier.

In 2007, he completed the Associate Supervisor Program and was promoted as Supervisor Customer Service at the Airport Station, Oakland, CA. In 2010, he was given an opportunity to serve on a detail as Manager Customer Service at the Airport Station, and subsequently promoted to that position.

"It has been a life-long

Grisha Trilogy Author Program Set

Author Leigh Bardugo will take part in a live streaming author visit at the Livermore Library on June 1.

She is the author of the *Grisha Trilogy*.

The discussion about dark magic and her YA series will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room. Stop by and find out what's next for Kaz and his crew.

There is no admission charge. For information go to www.thelibrarytalks.org.

The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Call 373-5505 or go to www.livermorelibrary.net for information about upcoming programs.

dream of mine to become a Postmaster," said Mitchell. "Becoming the Postmaster of Livermore exceeds that dream. And what I love to do is serve people, my customers, my employees, and the United States Postal Service."

Mitchell and his wife, Katie, live in Livermore. They have five sons, Damien, Stephen Jr., Dahl, Paul, Brandon; four daughters, Shana, Irina, Kenya, and Keisha; and 10 grandchildren. He enjoys bowling, fishing, and spending time with his family when he is not at work.

Mitchell is a graduate of Castlemont High School in Oakland, CA. He attended Chabot Jr. College in Hayward and Laney Jr. College in Oakland. He worked as an electrical/

mechanical designer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and at the Rolm Mil-Spec Computers in Santa Clara, where he was promoted as Manager of Design Services.

As Livermore Postmaster, Mitchell manages all operations at the Livermore Main Post Office and at the Livermore Annex Station with a total of 63 city carrier routes, 15 rural routes, one highway contract route, 27,627 delivery points (residential business addresses) and 1,500 PO Boxes. He manages 92 employees who process and deliver an average of 296,109 pieces of mail daily.

Oscar Munoz, Manager Post Office Operations, will administer the official oath of office. Mitchell replaces Jerry Phillips who retired.

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Heritage Guild Auction Helps Fund Various Programs

Memorial Day weekend is approaching and the Livermore Heritage Guild is preparing for the Annual Auction & Dinner, May 28 at the Duarte Garage, Portola & L Streets. Tickets for the dinner at \$25 are available at the Carnegie Library History Center and at the door.

There is no admission charge to attend the auction only.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The auction begins at 7 p.m.

Funds raised are used to support Heritage Guild programs.

It has been and will continue to be a busy year for the Guild. Livermore Elementary School District's Third Grade History curriculum is in use for the second year. The curriculum is the product of a partnership between the district's third grade teachers, Anne Anaya and Janet Gulbransen, and the Guild. The HistoryMobile is visiting every elementary school in the district. Over thirty third-grade classes have taken advantage of the Guild's Downtown Historical Walking Tours followed by a visit to the History Museum and talk on early Livermore.

The Guild is in its second year of management, restoration, and repairs at the Hagemann Ranch in accordance with Registered Historical Landmark Property guidelines. Additionally the Guild works with 4H providing horse programs and Sunflower Hill providing programs for autistic and other special needs folks learning to garden and



Display at the History Center

grow fresh produce for the Open Heart Project and for sale. Fertile GroundWorks operates the Historic Kitchen Garden in the back yard of the ranch house. The Ranch work projects, in coordination with the City,

has benefited from several additional organizations. Buildings, paddocks, and fences have been repaired and painted. But a great deal of work remains. With the support of the City, donors and volunteers we

plan on upgrading structural and electrical systems in the coming year.

The Guild's archeological fieldwork at the Duarte Garage has progressed under Curator Will Bolton. The Duarte Garage sold Star and Durant autos in the early 20th Century. The Garage recently received a donation of a Star engine form Curtis and Mary Freihof of Stockton. Additionally a new display of local Livermore Brick Works locate on the Heritage Estates site. In addition adobe bricks reportedly discovered at the Robert Livermore Adobe Home site are included.

This work requires funding to support volunteers. Solicitations are ongoing. The Guild recognizes contributions from Nob Hill, the First Street Ale House, Victorine Valley Farms, Big White House Winery, Occasio Winery, The Steven Kent Winery, Nottingham Cellars and Vasco Urbano Wine Company, Concannon Vineyard, and Altamont Beer Works for donations.

For additional information about the Livermore Heritage Guild, go to www.livermorehistory.com

Friday Concerts Begin June 3 with Classic Rock Group

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's (PDA) Concert in the Park series will take place every Friday night from June 3 through August 26. Programs feature an eclectic mix of music from rock, blues and big band to 50's and 60's oldies, soul, and Latin rock. The free concerts run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park on the corner of First Street and Neal Street.

Patrons are encouraged to pick up dinner "to go" from one of Downtown Pleasanton's many restaurants and bring it with them to the park.

While guests are allowed to put out blankets and chairs (at their own risk) in Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks, they are asked to wait until the morning of the concert to do so. The use of rocks to hold down blankets is prohibited, as large rocks can damage lawn-mowing equipment. The use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is not allowed.

2016 Concert in the Park Line-Up:

June 3 OTR - Classic Rock

June 10 the CoolTones – Big Band and Swing

June 17 Crawdad Republic – Folk / Bluegrass

June 24 Steel Rose – Country Hits

July 1 Marilyn's Ghost Band – New Country / Rock / Americana

July 8 Ruckatan Latin Tribe - Latin / Reggae World Music

July 15 The Apes – Contemporary Rock

July 22 Fast Times – 80s Hits

July 29 Finding Stella – Modern / Alternative Rock

August 5 Tommy and the 4 Speeds – 1960s

August 12 Max Cruise – Rock, Pop and R&B

August 19 Magic Moments – 1950s-1980s

August 26 Public Eye – High Energy Rock & Roll

Information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association and its activities is available at (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Lab Community Gift Program Accepting Applications

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is now accepting applications for its annual Community Gift Program for 2016.

Established in 2008, the Community Gift Program provides a total of \$100,000 in awards to support nonprofit organizations addressing STEM (science, technology, engineering and

mathematics) education, community service and philanthropic needs of local and surrounding communities.

Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to

apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

In 2015, the Community Gift Program received 78 applications for grants. Thirty-two applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on

literacy, science, technology, engineering and math education and cultural arts.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Friday, Aug. 19. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for

spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 25.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at www.llnslc.com. For an application, go to the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llnsgift.asp>.

4-H members participated in the Alameda County 4-H Wild West Small Animal Field Day. The event was held on April 23 at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Picnic Grounds in Castro Valley. 4-H members throughout Alameda County participated. Some members showed their animals while others learned about animals. The event was open to the public. Showmanship clinics were held for cavy, poultry, and rabbit. There were challenges in bread identification, formal presentations, dress up contests and more. It was an educational hands-on event. Photos and information by Eric Heinke



Phoebe Aldrich, from the Montclair 4-H club, with her rabbit.



Simran Dulku, Prashansa Ravi, Amrit Dulku, and Leo Barton, from the Dublin 4-H Club, learning about rabbits.



Chloe Gipson, from Abbie 4-H, showing her dog.



Linnea Chang, from Montclair 4-H Club, is pictured with her rabbit.



Lily Wheeler, from Del Arroyo 4-H club, working in the 4-H rabbit booth.



Krystless Weaver, from East Hills 4-H Club, showing her chicken.

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Diane Rodriguez will show her floral watercolors at the Upstairs Pleasanton Art League wall June 1 through June 26th at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Even though she is known for her train paintings, she has been painting flowers for 30 plus years. The flowers are from her garden, as well as the gardens of family and friends. "There are so many different varieties, shapes and colors, yet they all grow happily together." Painting show, "Fresh from the Market."

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

An Ordinary Year, An Extraordinary Time: Photographs From a Tour in Vietnam Exhibition, March 2 - May 29 at Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, www.museumon-main.org, 925-462-2766, open Tue.-Sat. 10-4, Sun 1-4, free admission. This exhibition features photographs

taken by Steven Burchik during his service with the US Army in Vietnam. **The Romance of the California Ranch**, a photographic exhibit by Susan Gerber. Cuda Ridge Wines, through June 30. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Regular winery hours are 12-4:30 Fri.-Sun.; open by appointment by calling 510-304-0914.

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

Feeling Good: Art of Local Artists, juried fine art exhibit showcases works by members of Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, May 4 to June 27, noon to 6 p.m. the visitors area of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No admission charge. Art and wine reception Sun., June 5, 1 to 4 p.m.
Art in the Vineyards, Sun., May 29, 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. No admission charge. Presented by Livermore Art Association.

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

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

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

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

8th Annual LAA Essential Figure

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

Art Expo At the Bothwell, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun., June 12. \$10, children 12 and under admitted free. One-day exposition on all things art. Spend a day exploring and learning what's new in the world of art. There will be demonstrations, workshops, seminars, art material vendors, fine art and crafts vendors. www.bothwell.lvpac.org

Asian American Women Artists Association, art exhibition, July 28-Sept. 3, Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception, July 28, 7 to 9 p.m. www.firehousearts.org.

Art Under the Oaks, July 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore.

Sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association, art demonstrations, entertainment, etc. No admission charge.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League,

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

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

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

WINE & SPIRITS

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Sat., May 28, a Chocolate Truffle & Wine Pairing flight. Sun., May 29, "Sunday Funday," check out newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open from 11:30am-4:30pm. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Wente Vineyards will host National Chardonnay day from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thurs., May 26. Fourth Generation Winegrower Carolyn Wente will lead a toast. Visitors will be able to sample & learn about Chardonnays with light bites, and listen to live music by The Bacchus Brothers. Wines by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. Throughout the month of May, special Chardonnay tasting flights will be available at The Estate Winery & Tasting Room, The Vineyard Tasting Room, and The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards. www.wentevineyards.com. Estate Tasting Room & Winery and The Winemakers Studio, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Admission is complimentary.

Las Positas Vineyards, Livermore, Fri., June 3, Evening in the Vineyards 6 to 9 p.m. concert featuring Evan Thomas & Blue's Revue. Wine,

non-alcoholic beverages along with Artisan pizza's available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, visit www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited. Sat., June 4, featured food pairing flight of a Chocolate Truffle & Wine. Sun., June 5, "Sunday Funday" newest International Cheese & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open from 11:30am-4:30pm. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com

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

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet: "USO Camp Show Capers!" - A Memorial Weekend USO Revue. The Bay Area favorites return for their 6th annual appearance at the Firehouse Arts Center. brand new show for 2016, Performing the biggest hits of The Andrews Sisters, with songs from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Sunday, May 29, 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance if not sold out.

USAF Band of the Golden West presents The Commanders Jazz Sextet in a free concert at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center theatre. Saturday afternoon, June 4, 2:00 p.m. Family-friendly event, all ages welcome. The CJS is an energetic group of top-notch

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professional musicians, consisting of six active duty Airmen. The Firehouse show will deliver a full gamut of jazz numbers, with musical styles ranging from 40's big band sounds through the modern era of American jazz, including original arrangements of traditional, pop, and patriotic standards, as well as improvised solos from every musician in the group. More information: www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to performances.

The Unauthorized Rolling Stones

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

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

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

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

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

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

The New Christy Minstrels, July 27, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

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

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

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

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Las Positas College, outdoor summer music, food trucks, July 28-31, 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. www.laspositascol-

lege.edu

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

MOVIES

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

DANCE

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

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

Vineyard Ballet Academy Spring

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

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyards, 5 p.m. July 17, Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Casual "bring your own picnic" event.

Sampling of favorite arias sung by talented Bay Area opera singers 925-462-6964 www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

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

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

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

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

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

An Evening With...Emperor Norton, Tuesday, July 12, 7pm. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), \$5

members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular

operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney

Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Meditation Topic for Next Religion Chat

Interfaith Interconnect will present the June Religion Chat at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Avenue, Livermore, on June 8, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The doors at the church will be open at 4:30 PM and close at 6:30PM so that attendees can visit with each other before or after the official program if they choose to do so. This event is free of charge. Everyone is welcome.

The topic will be How Is Meditation Practiced in Your Faith?

Speakers will be Khabira Hartwig, who will give the Sufi perspective, and Lainie Pascall, who will tell how Quakers use meditation.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's sixteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The

group's mission statement reads, "To enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley." In order to accomplish our mission, a variety of events are held each year.

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

Grants for Artists Available from Livermore

Local artists are invited to apply for the City of Livermore Mini Grants, Project and Program Grants, or Public Art Project Grants. Details on the specific grants as well as the application forms are available at www.cityoflivermore.net/arts.

Mini Grant applications for funding up to \$1,000 are due by June 1st for consideration and approval at the June Commission for the Arts meeting. Mini Grants are offered quarterly with deadlines on the 1st of March, June, September, and December of each year. The Commission for the Arts will approve Mini Grant funding at its

meetings in March, June, September and December each year.

Project and Program Grants are available for up to \$10,000. The deadline for submittal is by 5:00pm on March 1 or September 1 of each year. Project and Program Grant applications will be reviewed by a Commission for the Arts Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will measure the strength of the applications and recommend grant awards. This process may include an interview with the applicant. The Commission for the Arts will provide a recommendation to the City Council in April

and October each year for final Project and Program Grant approval.

Public Art Project Grants over \$10,000 will be reviewed by the Commission for the Arts on an annual basis. All eligible applications received by October 1st will be reviewed by a Commission for the Arts Subcommittee. The Commission for the Arts will make their recommendations to the City Council for final approval in November.

Please direct any questions to Rebecca Cox, Community and Economic Development Department at 925-960-4581 or Arts@cityoflivermore.net



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WINE COUNTRY

By Harry Stoll

Princely Pinot Noir

A complex gentle wine

Pinot Noir is a high-strung thoroughbred, sometimes succumbing to ailments that other grape varieties shrug off. Handlers often find it hard to manage. However, when Pinot Noir is on its game, it finishes the race with unforgettable grace, beauty, flavors, and color. It is that sickly kid who grew up to be a fine, yet earthy, gentleman.

The color is lighter than most reds, mostly showing ruby. It's very versatile, matching up with lighter meats, although some like it with grilled steak. It's a winner with salmon, and welcome at the Thanksgiving table, liking both the white and dark meat of the bird and all the side dishes.

I caged information from wine maven Jancis Robinson, a woman who has no peer as a judge of wines. She wrote, "Flavours found in young red burgundies (that, of course, includes Pinot Noir) include raspberries, strawberries, cherries and violets; with time these evolve into a bouquet often reminiscent of game, liquorice and autumnal undergrowth." This last quality could be the same as what American marketers call earthy. European marketers have referred to a barnyard flavor. This earthiness is one of its intriguing aspects.

Pinot Noir grows best in cool climates. In California that includes Monterey—including Arroyo Seco—Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast and Carneros.

It may have originated in the Caucasus and brought west by the numerous conquerors, but the evidence on that is scant. The Romans were almost certainly involved, but most likely they brought

the grape back from Gaul rather than bringing it to Gaul. In the 12th Century Cistercian monks in Burgundy believed hard work put them closer to God so they worked hard and successfully at cultivating pinot Noir. About 10 years ago some characters in a Sandra Oh movie seemed to be having a religious experience with Pinot Noir. Personally I identified with Jack who said, "Tastes pretty good to me," as do the following:

2013 Darcie Kent Pinot Noir Monterey (\$30). The color is ruby Tuesday, with an aroma that promises you a rose garden. It indeed sends a floral love note among the raspberry, dark cherry, cola, and nutmeg flavors with gentle tannins. Fruit flavors cavort in your mouth. It's acidic for a Pinot Noir, but keeps its balance. Finishing with a cocoa and rhubarb finish looking at a lone oak tree on a far hilltop. It was cool when fermented in small lots and aged 15 months in French and Hungarian oak new barrels and some that didn't take sides. It sang a love duo with seared tuna, with goat cheese, grilled asparagus, and bowl of green peas in olive oil and pine nuts.

2013 Concannon Pinot Noir Carneros (\$36). A pleasing light color leads to aromas of a thrill of vanilla and grandpa's mahogany humidior. Opulent mon cheri dark cherry flavors and Rein Claude Violette plum; also giving you the raspberry. Complex but not haughty. The crisp tight structure leaves you under the oak tree with memories of soft tannins. Salutary with salmon. The commercial season is limited this year; it is open for three periods during June off of the

San Francisco coast. You could drive over and get some fresh from the boat. Salmon will be pricey this year but it will be wild and fresh. Perfect for a romantic date with this Pinot Noir.

2013 Wente Nth Degree Pinot Noir Arroyo Seco (\$95). This classic Pinot Noir has aromas and flavors of ripe red berries, black cherry, vanilla, and chocolate. I read the notes, and just as I guessed it has a pH of 3.7 and total acid of .59% per 100 milliliters.

This makes for medium bodied wine with tannins and a solid mouth roll-around and a bright acidity. It was head nodding, eye closing excellent with herb roasted pork tenderloin with many visceral sounds heard at table. The grapes were grown at a Wente vineyard in Arroyo Seco and produced and bottled at the Wente winery in Livermore.

2010 Steven Kent Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast (\$48). The family of Steven Kent Mirassou planted Pinot Noir in California in the 1850s. This translucent beauty is dark for a Pinot Noir, adding to the intrigue. The grapes are from the El Coro Vineyard on the Petaluma River. Grapes were selected from two different blocks of the upper vineyard, which lighter less fertile soil. The grapes were fermented in open topped containers. A 48-hour cold fermentation was followed by a primary fermentation with RC212 Fermirogue and Assmanhausen yeasts. Malolactic fermentation was accomplished in the barrels of about 37% new French oak, including Vernou and Damy. Its floral aromas and bracing acidity enjoyed being paired with veal cutlets.

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

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

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

New face: Daniel and Carrie Chambers of Lake Forest, CA, have announced the birth of their second daughter, Lillian Diane Chambers. Lillian was born at 1:23 pm on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center in Mission Viejo, CA. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 21.5" long. Lillian is named in honor of her maternal and paternal grandmothers who both share the first name Diane. She was welcomed home by her parents and by her 2-year old big sister, Vivian Ruth Chambers. Proud local grandparents are Frank and Diane Chambers of Livermore. Other grandparents are Paul and Diane Damschroder of Helena, OH, and great-grandparent Ruth Damschroder of Gibsonburg, OH.

Livermore Library Board of Trustees, meeting 7 p.m. May 26 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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

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

arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

A Vigil at the Crosses of Lafayette will take place on Monday, May 30 at 7:00 PM. There will be music, speakers, and poetry. The Crosses of Lafayette are across the street from the Lafayette BART Station. For additional information, please call (925-462-7495).

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

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

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., May 29, 4:30 p.m. dinner in Livermore, RSVP by May 26 to Athene, 846-0111. June 5, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 3 to Ruby, 462-9636. June 9 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 7 to Gloria, 846-8320. June 12, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by June 7 to Marsha, 830-8483. June 15, 12:30 p.m., lunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 13 to Janet, 443-3317. June 16, 5 p.m. happy hour in Dublin, RSVP by June 14 to Mary, 705-7337. June 18, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by June 11 to Ruby, 462-9636. June 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 22 to Gloria, 846-8320. June 26, 1 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 23 to Harriett, 447-8229. June 30, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by June 27 to Vickie, 510-656-1166.

Cake4Kids members bake and deliver birthday cakes for foster children and at risk youth, who wouldn't otherwise have a birthday celebration. Each year, Cake-Off

4Kids contest is held to raise funds. It is open to Cake4Kids volunteers and the general public (no professional bakers). Bakers can choose from various categories. The winners receive cash prizes. The event includes refreshments, kids' activities and a silent auction plus unlimited cake tasting of all the contest cakes. The cake contest entry fee for bakers is \$15 Attendee tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids aged 7-14 and kids under age 7 are admitted free. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 11 at the Danville Community Center, 420 Front Street, Danville. For information, go to www.cake4kids.org. To learn more about the competition, go to <http://www.cake4kids.org/events/>

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

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkway100 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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the

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Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

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

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

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

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

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's

Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at www.dbsalliance.org/ pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/holiday

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

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

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

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

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

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.

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

more. Information, 447-8840.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School

10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lynnwood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. a friendly congregation welcomes all. Worship at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Also, on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m., newest offering "Come As You Are," is an informal, contemporary worship experience. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org or visit www.lynnwood.org.

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

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

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group

Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

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

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

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://csllivhighhouse.org>.

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, annual Lag B'Omer picnic potluck on Sunday, May 29 from 10:30 - 12:30. Athan Downs Park, 2975 Montevideo Dr. in San Ramon. Please bring: a picnic dish to share, an outdoor toy (frisbee, ball, etc.), Celebrating "Week of Action" - taking action to do something positive in our community. Bring a donation for the youth living at the Avalon Program at Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland, CA. The program serves adolescents and is a specialized residential program for low income youth with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems. They can use the following items: games (suitable for age range 5-18), activity books, arts and crafts supplies, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or toothpaste.

Dreams: Awaken to Their Spiritual Meaning. Dream Workshop Saturday, May 28 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Dublin Public Library Program Room, 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin. Free workshop will have those attending share stories, learn tools to remember and better understand dreams -- plus, receive a free booklet on dreams. Families are welcome -- special activities for children.

Milestones

CarMax Opens in Pleasanton

CarMax, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of its first Bay Area store in Pleasanton last Wednesday, located at 2750 Stoneridge Drive.

The Pleasanton store will stock between 200-400 used vehicles of nearly every make and model, and has brought approximately 50 new jobs to the area.

During the grand opening celebration, CarMax announced that The CarMax Foundation will invest approximately \$95,000 for building a playground in the Bay Area. The playground is expected to be built next year through a partnership with KaBOOM!, the national nonprofit ensuring that all kids get the balance of play they need to become healthy and successful adults.

“Our commitment to our local communities is rooted in CarMax’s culture,” said Bill Nash, president of CarMax. “As CarMax expands in this region, we are especially excited to support and develop partnerships with area nonprofits that are making a positive impact in the



Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, CarMax President Bill Nash and CarMax Pleasanton Location General Manager Joel Merrier celebrated the official store opening with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

community.”

CarMax is also investing approximately \$35,000 to donate an Imagination Playground and a Rigamajig through KaBOOM!. The Rigamajig will be donated to the Palo Alto Fisher House. CarMax is currently identifying an organization to receive the Imagination Playground. The associates of the Pleas-

anton CarMax chose the YMCA of East Bay to receive a \$10,000 grant from The CarMax Foundation.

“The Pleasanton community has been very welcoming to CarMax,” said Joel Merrier, location general manager of the Pleasanton CarMax. “We are excited to be able to support the community in addition to

bringing the unique CarMax experience to the Bay Area.”

CarMax was founded more than 20 years ago to fundamentally change the way car buying is done. CarMax customers can shop for nearly every make and model at stores or online at carmax.com, with prices clearly listed for each of our nearly 50,000 vehicles nationwide.

AeroGroup Earns President's "E" Star Award

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker presented Aero Precision, a Greenwich AeroGroup Company, with the President’s “E” Star Award for Exports at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The President’s “E” Star Award is the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

The company is located in Livermore.

“Aero Precision has demonstrated a sustainable commitment to export expansion,” said Secretary Pritzker in her congratulatory letter to the company announcing its selection as an award recipient. “The ‘E’ Awards Committee was impressed with Aero Precision’s dedication to customer relations through personalized visits and the company’s participation in trade events was also particularly notable. Aero Precision’s achievements have undoubtedly contributed to national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs.”

“Exporting continues to be the foundation of our sales growth, and we are honored to receive the ‘E’ Star Award,” said Aero Precision’s Vice President of Business Development Ertugrul Turhal. “This company began in Arizona in 1993 with a very small group and very big plans. Moving the business to the Tri-Valley, and expanding our export sales by a factor of five has afforded us the opportunity for a commensurate increase in our local work force. More than half of our 137 employees reside in California’s 15th District.”

For more information about the “E” Awards and the benefits of exporting, visit www.export.gov.

Scholarship Winners Announced by CalRTA

California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) have announced winners of the 2016 Scholarships. Each student will receive \$2,500.

Taylor Lawsen will be graduating from Granada High School and plans to attend Biola University in Southern CA, majoring in English and Secondary Education. In addition to being an excellent student, Taylor was involved in Cross Country, Track, and Girl Scouts.

Hannah Borjon will also

be graduating from Granada and plans to attend Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo. She was involved in swimming and water polo all four years of her high school. She will major in Liberal studies.

Cora Campbell from Granada has been volunteering as a tutor at Junction Avenue K-8 School. This experience convinced her to go into teaching as a career. She plans to attend St. Mary’s College in Moraga.

Thomas Herz from Amador Valley High School has been involved in theater, school events, freshman outreach and swim team. He plans to attend U. C. Santa Cruz and pursue a major in education.

Sara Steele is a junior at Sonoma State University. She will graduate with a BA as well as a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential in one year. She is a graduate of Foothill High School in Pleasanton



Pictured, from left, are Hannah Borjon, Taylor Lawsen, Cora Campbell, Sarah Steele, and Thomas Herz.