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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.

Q&A on Science Behind 'Star Wars' Films

Two Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers will discuss the science behind "Star Wars" films live online Friday during a Google+ Hangout <https://youtu.be/8JptUU6yleg> hosted by the Department of Energy (DOE). They will join scientists from Los Alamos and Idaho national laboratories during the live video event to field questions such as, "How much energy would it take to run a Death Star?"

The public is invited to ask questions leading up to and during the event on social media using #StarWarsEnergy.

Chris Ebbers, an LLNL physicist, uses lasers to study crystals. Peter Thelin, a master optician at LLNL, is one of the few people on Earth who can polish precision optics for lasers by hand. Cathy Plesco, an applied physicist from Los Alamos National Laboratory, uses supercomputers to model what happens when an asteroid hits a planet. Vishal Patel, a researcher from Idaho National Laboratory's Center for Space Nuclear Research, studies how new forms of nuclear power could fuel tomorrow's spacecraft.

The viewing will be Friday, June 12, 2015, at 2 p.m. ET. Watch at energy.gov/starwars or on the DOE Google+ page.

Sbranti Named To Lead Swalwell's District Staff

Former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti will become deputy chief of staff for Congressman Eric Swalwell on June 15.

Sbranti teaches civics at Dublin High School, and will make the job change after wrapping up his teaching duties.

At one time Swalwell, who grew up in Dublin, was in Sbranti's class, and later, Swalwell served on the Dublin City Council when Sbranti was mayor.

"Everything comes full circle. It's really exciting to work with and for one of my students. He has served successfully. That's what you want as a teacher, to have students succeed. Eric is doing great," said Sbranti.

In his new job, Sbranti will spend most of his time in the district offices in Pleasanton and Hayward. He will be in Washington in July, and then for one week a month, as a liaison between the Capitol and the district.

Sbranti has undertaken staff work previously. He served in current State School Superintendent Tom Torlakson's office when Torlakson represented Contra Costa in the state Senate.

As a Dublin mayor and city council member for 11 years, Sbranti said that his work was similar to what he will be doing in his new job, that is "listening, and

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Valley's League of Women Voters Will End

By Ron McNicoll

After 60 years of service, the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Livermore Amador Valley is going out of business.

The nonpartisan political organization aimed to educate citizens and encourage participation in government.

The decision to disband was made by members June

6. As an option, there was a suggestion to change into a "League Lite." However, all members said that they preferred disbanding the group.

The Valley League's board will remain in business for a few months to complete necessary paperwork, said its coordinator, Jane Staehle. The League hopes to continue awarding

scholarships to Las Positas College students who are moving on to four-year colleges in the field of public service, added Staehle. Other money will be sent to the state LWV.

Local leagues throughout the United States have been ending in recent years, as fewer people in younger generations have become

involved.

Staehle stated, "The conventional wisdom, here and everywhere, is that women are going back to work." However, her observation is that the United States has been evolving into a different society, in which people have less contact with traditional groups such as LWV. She alluded to "Bowling

Alone," a book published in 2000 by Robert Putnam.

The book title refers to statistics that say the number of people going bowling has increased, but membership on bowling teams has declined, for whatever reason, including lack of time. As a result fewer people are interacting in a social orga-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School girls softball team captured the North Coast Section (NCS) Division I championship last weekend with a 5 to 1 win over James Logan-Union City. Amador scored four runs in the first inning. Pitcher Danielle Williams went seven innings, giving up an unearned run on four hits with nine strikeouts. Amador Valley has won two straight NCS titles and three in four years.

Free School Site, \$36 Million in Benefits Okayed as Part of Dublin Crossing Development

The Dublin City Council approved the general and specific plan changes that result in Dublin Crossing developer SunCal giving the city a \$36 million 12-acre school site.

The council also okayed creation of a Community Facilities District (CFD), under the Mello-Roos Act. SunCal wanted the district

to be created as a way to keep housing prices competitive. For the city, that means a further value of \$36 million in a community benefit package because homeowners will be paying higher property taxes.

The vote for the development of the 189-acre parcel at Camp Parks took place at the June 2 council meeting.

The vote on each was 4-0, with Kevin Hart absent.

The general plan and specific plan changes eliminate a 5-acre neighborhood park. A 30-acre community park is retained. Eliminating the park and another small open space area will give SunCal more land for residential and commercial development.

Under the CFD benefit

package, the city will receive \$12.8 million for community park construction, \$2.5 million for a park endowment, \$1 million for the Iron Horse Trail bridge, and \$2.8 million for an Alameda County surplus property.

There is also a \$17.5 million community benefit payment to be made in the

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County Earns Accolades For Use of Technology

Alameda County has received recognition for its use of technology from two different organizations.

The California Exposition and State Fair named Alameda County the winner of its 2015 Excellence in Technology Award for numerous initiatives the County has launched that use technology in building new avenues for citizen engagement.

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) gave the county five 2015 PTI Solutions Awards for initiatives that leverage technology, "to make local government operations more efficient, enhance service to the community and save taxpayer dollars."

The State Fair began the

Excellence in Technology Awards in 2014 as a way to honor individuals and organizations committed to advancing technological innovation and creating a better way of life for California residents. Alameda County was named the top entry in the 2015 competition's Project/Organization category.

The Award will be presented to Alameda County at the Annual State Fair Gala in Sacramento on June 25.

The award honors numerous initiatives. They include its Open Data Initiative started in 2012. The multi-pronged initiative prompted the County to create data.acgov.org. The portal provides more than 200 data sets - in-

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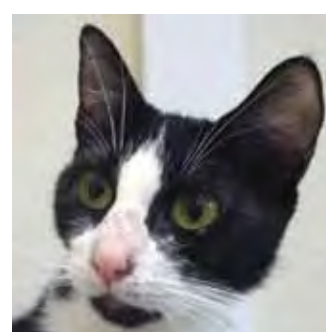


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Lizzie Fountain in downtown Livermore was the place for kids to cool off as the temperature rose to 105 degrees.

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After nearly 13 years of soaring high above Southern California, the Goodyear blimp "Spirit of America" will be retired in August 2015—but not before it takes its final expedition. "Spirit of America" launched a farewell tour of the west coast, landing in Livermore June 5-9. "Spirit of America" was christened on September 5, 2002 by Letitia Driscoll, mother of New York Police Officer Steven Driscoll, who perished in the South Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The airship's name was chosen as a tribute to the patriotic spirit of the United States. Today, the blimp is one of only two GZ-20A classified airships that still exist in the world. The airship has traveled thousands of miles across the U.S., providing aerial coverage to the nation's sporting and entertainment events. "Spirit of America" will be decommissioned in August 2015. Goodyear plans to donate the gondola and tailfins of the airship to a museum, which will be identified later this year. The blimp will be replaced in the Los Angeles market by its sister ship, "Spirit of Innovation," which is currently based in Pompano Beach, Florida. "Wingfoot One" will be transported to Goodyear's Florida operation.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

State of the City Talk

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold the first in its series of five Wine Country Summer Luncheons on Thursday, June 25. Livermore Mayor John Marchand will present the annual "State of the City" address.

The luncheon will be held at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California.

The Livermore Valley Chamber's summer luncheons are set in different wineries and venues in Livermore's Wine Country. Each of the luncheons, held on the fourth Thursday of the month, June through October, features a distinguished speaker addressing topics of local and national interest.

The luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m. Seating is limited. Advance reservations are required. The fee is \$48 for Chamber members and their guests, and \$58 for non-members.

For further information or to make reservations call 447-1606.

Patterson Pass to Close

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has awarded the construction contract for the safety improvements on Patterson Pass Road, at mile marker 6.4, to RGW Construction. Construction is expected to begin in July.

During construction, Patterson Pass Road will be completely closed to all

vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic at mile marker 6.4 for 60 days (24 hours 17 days a week) during the project's duration. Detour signs will be in place to guide motorists to an alternate route.

Local residents, property and business owners, and other interested parties are invited to attend a Community Pre-Construction Meeting regarding this project and the required 60-day closure. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Drive, Livermore, CA.

For more information, and to subscribe to the construction schedule updates, please visit the Public Works Agency's website at www.acgov.org/pwa.

Grass Fire at Site 300

CAL FIRE and Alameda County firefighters extinguished a grass fire at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300. The approximately 168-acre fire began at 8:19 p.m. Friday and was contained by 9:51 p.m. Fire crews were released at 1:47 a.m. Saturday.

A power line downed by heavy winds sparked the fire, which occurred near the northern perimeter of Site 300. No structures were damaged and no injuries were reported.

Site 300, LLNL's experimental test site is located about 17 miles southeast of the Lab's main site.

Incumbent Re-elected to TVLC Board

Dave Goulart was re-elected as a member of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) board of directors.

Goulart also serves on the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) school council. School councils interview and name directors to the TVLC board's slots reserved for those schools.

The LVCS board cast a tie vote on its two candidates, Goulart and Kristin Kohn, leaving it to the TVLC board to make the decision.

During the public interview, Kohn cited her 10 years' experience as an academic advisor, including stints at USC and UC Berkeley. "It includes administration, including implementation and design of education policy," she told the board.

Goulart said that although he is not an educator, his parents have been, as is his wife. He said that his father-in-law, a school principal, is the president of the Las Positas College board of directors. "I hope that helps us in the future in dealing with (LPC) things with the high school," said Goulart.

Both candidates answered the same questions from board members, including how they would make decisions for the TVLC corporation on the one hand, and the individual school on the other hand. Both agreed that it's natural to want to act on behalf of the school one's child attends, but the greater good of the whole organization must be considered.

Hanna Colbert nominated

Kohn, and Dick Corso seconded the motion, but Kohn lost on a 5-1 vote of the seven-member board. Goulart, the 7th incumbent, recused himself on the vote, and was sitting in the audience. Then the six eligible board members voted unanimously for Goulart's nomination.

The board also approved the election of representatives from their San Diego and Stockton schools for the first time.

Although Old Town Academy (OTA), the San Diego school, is far from Livermore, Bill Batchelor, the CEO of TVLC, told the Independent that the intention is to encourage attendance in person at board meetings as much as possible. Otherwise a phone or video connection will be made.

At the meeting, it was also reported that all 78 students in the first Livermore Valley

Charter Preparatory (LVCP) graduating class met the standards for acceptance to the UC and CSU college systems. That was the highest score among Valley publicly funded high schools.

By comparison in state records, 72 percent of Dublin's graduates met the standards, as did 69 percent of Amador's, 67 percent of Foothill's, 56 percent of Livermore High Schools', and 55.9 percent of Granada's.

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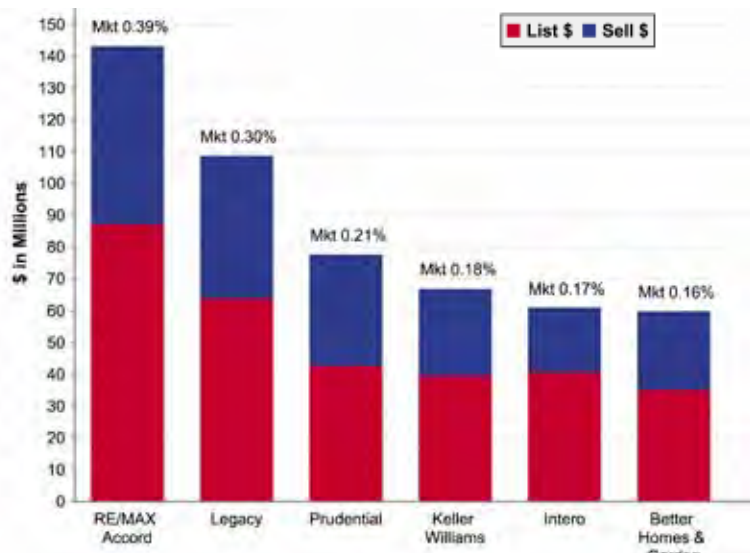
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EDITORIAL

Girls and Science

The majority of young scientists recognized during Livermore's annual Livermorum celebration were young women.

Livermore is not the only community offering programs that encourage young women to enter scientific fields. One, "Dinner with a Scientist," brings Bay Area women working in STEAM fields (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) together with high school girls. This year, 44 girls were in attendance, where they learned about opportunities and pathways involving STEAM careers.

Students attending the dinner were members of GetSet: Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together, an extracurricular program open to girls at all Tri-Valley high schools who have an interest in STEAM subjects. Currently, 200 girls attending high schools in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are involved.

Livermore Trustee Anne White remarked at last week's board meeting, "There should be no concern in Livermore that women are not engaging in science and math."

The comment would apply to Pleasanton and Dublin, as well. Kudos to all three school districts.

WATER

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website at www.dsrds.com. Smith also provided the council with a report on water usage in the city. In May, conservation was at 46 percent over the same period in 2013. "That is the top number in the state," Smith declared.

To date in 2015, the conservation rate for residents and businesses is 31.4% compared to 16.2% at the same time last year. The city's rate is 33%.

"Those are really impressive numbers. They represent an outstanding effort by everyone - residents, businesses and the city."

BUDGET NEWS

City Manager Nelson Fialho presented the city council with the option to determine how to allocate \$4.5 million in funds coming from the Auf de Mauer project. It was suggested that if there were a capital project, an operating budget use, or housing project the council favored, it would be appropriate to let staff know.

The 16-acre site at the

southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard will be developed with 345 apartment units and a 39,000-square-foot retail center. Rather than include affordable housing, the developer chose to pay a fee with \$3.4 million available for use in the operating budget or for a capital improvement project. The remainder was allocated to the affordable housing fund.

The funds, which will be paid at the time an occupancy permit is issued, aren't expected to come to the city before fiscal year 2016-17.

Councilmember Kathy Narum said that she did not want to program the funds until the city was closer to realizing them.

Councilmember Karla Brown agreed.

Councilmember Arne Olson also agreed, adding, "I will monitor the Auf de Mauer project. I feel strongly the intent was to direct the funds to low income housing."

Councilmember Jerry Pentin stated, "I agree with Arnie. All of the money should go to low income housing."

LEAGUE

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nization.

People have not necessarily lost interest in politics. They are switching to other ways to be involved, says Putnam. Many people today read blogs, sign petitions on-line instead of in person. They are not less interested in politics, but approaching it in a different way.

Locally, something similar has happened to one of the key activities for which the League has been most famous -- its candidates nights. The number of LWV-sponsored community forums declined. Now other community organizations -- for example, chambers of commerce and newspapers -- sponsor local forums, said Staehle.

Nationally, LWV was founded between 1919 and 1920, when Congress passed the 19th amendment for women's voting rights, which was ratified by the states.

The League began as a "mighty political experiment to encourage women to use their new right to participate in the democratic process and shape public policy," says the LWV national web page.

"From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens play a critical role in our government and in determining the issues our government addresses."

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Attend Meeting David Williams Livermore

If you own a house in South Livermore, it would be in your best interest to attend the Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. Call 960-4450 or 960-4473 for the location.

Funding Athletics Mike Amberlin Livermore

In the May 28 article "District Should Look at More Help for Athletics and Athletes" Assistant Superintendent Chris Van Schaak calls for much needed funding for athletic programs. Not only does this help improve the health of our

Appeal Denied for Rental Business In Downtown Livermore Core

The Livermore City Council agreed with staff and the Planning Commission that the application for A-Rent to operate in downtown Livermore was inconsistent with the Downtown Specific Plan.

Owner Russ Morgan hoped to locate his business on the old Groth Bros. site at the corner of First and L streets. He had appealed the decision that found that the proposed party supply rental business was not an allowed use for the location.

The council vote at its June 8 meeting to deny the appeal was unanimous.

Councilmember Laureen Turner stated that the specific plan says okay to retail, but not to rentals.

Councilmember Bob Woerner suggested that if the use were a desirable one, there may be a different way to achieve it. Others agreed with that point. Woerner stated that if there were another way to proceed, he would be open to it.

Senior Planner Ben Murray explained to the council that as part of a business license application, the business owner is required to

obtain zoning clearance. The proposed use is not listed as one that is permitted because it involves rentals and transportation of large items. The large items would be stored on site.

Attorney Peter MacDonald represented A-Rent. He read a letter from property owner Barry Swenson, which pointed out that the site had been vacant. It has been difficult to find a business that can operate in a former auto dealership.

MacDonald told the council that the retail portion of the business would occupy the small building on First Street. The rental business would take place indoors within the 10,000 square foot building.

He suggested that the combination of retail and rental make the proposal consistent with the zoning. He said that other businesses in the downtown, such as Party Land, provide rental services. Another business offers watch repair as part of a jewelry store. MacDonald said that many businesses would be driven from the downtown if the appeal were not upheld.

Staff disagreed with his point, noting for example, that a watch repair is a compatible use within a jewelry store.

Senior Planner Paul Spence said that the council has discretion in determining whether the proposed use is similar or compatible with listed uses. He said in response to a question from council, that a wide variety of items would be available for retail that require a truck for delivery. The site is located within the heart of the pedestrian oriented intent of the downtown.

Russ Morgan, the business owner, said he would very much like to help the downtown by revitalizing the area, creating a bridge between the core area and the Vine Center. Restaurants in the area would like to have us, he said. The building has sat empty for a long time. The site works for us.

Downtown business owner Dennis Swanson supported the A-Rent proposal. He pointed out that while the specific plan seeks to encourage niche businesses, many of those in the downtown were there prior to

redevelopment. The Outlets and on-line sales make it unlikely that additional niche businesses will open.

MacDonald stated that all rental activities would occur indoors. "That is the beauty of this location." He argued that the intent of the downtown specific plan list of permitted uses is that it gives broad categories for which examples are provided.

Woerner stated that there are arguments for the use. One relates to the fact that the site has been vacant for awhile. It may be sometime before redevelopment occurs there. However, the specific plan does not allow this type of business. He asked how could the business be allowed to happen.

City Attorney Jason Alcalá stated that a specific plan amendment would be the method.

Councilmember Steven Spedowfski said that the question isn't whether or not this is a nice or needed business. The council is being asked to vote on a specific question. Based on the facts presented, this is not an allowed use.

Lab Breaks Ground On Supercomputing Facility

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory broke ground on a modular and sustainable supercomputing facility that will provide a flexible infrastructure able to accommodate the Laboratory's growing demand for high performance computing (HPC).

The \$9.875 million building, located on the Laboratory's east side, will provide computer room space to support the Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) Program's unclassified HPC systems. ASC is the high-performance simulation effort of the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) stockpile stewardship program to ensure the safety, security and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent without testing.

The new building addresses a need for space designed to accommodate a variety of high performance computing architectures, including water cooled systems. Computing buildings at Lawrence Livermore range from 10 to 60 years in age and most were not designed to house HPC systems. These aging structures have inherent limitations that make upgrades to their electrical and mechanical infrastructures prohibitively expensive.

The new dual-level unclassified building will consist of a 6,000-square foot machine floor flanked by support space. The main computer structure is flexible in design to allow for expansion and accommodate future computer technology advances. The ceiling height will assure proper forced air

circulation and allow for the installation of utilities and HPC systems.

"Unclassified high performance computing is critical to the stockpile stewardship program's success and the need for this capability will continue to grow," said Laboratory Director Bill Goldstein. "Modernizing the Lab's computing infrastructure will enable us to better exploit next-generation supercomputers for NNSA by tapping the talents of top academic and private sector partners."

Bob Meisner, NNSA ASC program director, commented, "The ASC Program always has believed that forward-thinking programs depend on labs being healthy and able to engage bright minds in solving tough problems. For this reason, we

have encouraged strong unclassified computing environments, which not only build a powerful and broad science and technology (S&T) base vital to the success of stewardship, but also facilitate collaboration with universities like the ASC Alliance Center

The flexible design will be able to accommodate future liquid cooling solutions for HPC systems. The building will be able to scale to 7.5 megawatts of computational capacity in the future and was designed so that power and mechanical resources can be added as HPC technologies evolve.

Construction of the building is expected to take about a year. M&W Architects and Engineers designed the facility and WE Lyons is the construction contractor.

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MAILBOX

children, it helps to promote the teaching of social skills that last a life time. On top of that there is the benefit of helping parents become stronger partners in the education of their children and draws both the students and their families into community service.

Funding athletics programs improves the education process by keeping people in tune with activity in their community.

Mr. Van Schaak makes a point that "Friday night football is part of Americana." Indeed that is true. However, so too are volunteerism and fundraising that are closely tied to Athletic Programs. Boosters Clubs across the country and in our own city bring schools, businesses, students and families together to ensure that athletics programs knit our community together. While it is politically savvy of the Assistant Superintendent to talk of reduced pressure to drum up donations, don't offset public funding with reduced private funding. If athletics are considered important, let both funding sources prevail independently.

In the article, LVJUSD Board Member White took what seems to be a common pot shot at charter schools. Her expressed concern was that charter schools might have an advantage because they have "a wider area in which to recruit athletes".

EBAL, like other leagues in California, prohibits recruiting athletes. Whether a school is private, public or public charter, those rules apply. The best way for a school to attract high quality athletes is to provide high

quality education. Board Member White should focus more attention on providing education that cannot be rivaled and less on being openly combative about the role and value of public charter schools.

Mr. Van Schaak's recommendation to increase funding is about investment in our community. Let's not take extraordinarily long to ponder the recommendation. Let's support it directly and move forward. Let's knit our community together.

Admission Schedule Gail Shearer Livermore

For all of us who attended the 7 PM lecture prior to the Livermore Amador Symphony Concert at the Bankhead Theater on Sat. May 16, it was very much appreciated that the doors opened 30 minutes before the talk began. This has seldom happened in the past and requires staff and volunteers to come in early.

Because of this early opening, I plan to send a small monetary donation to the Bankhead Theater as a thank you for doing this for us. I hope that the early opening can continue during the next season for both the Livermore Amador Symphony and the Livermore Valley Opera, which also has a pre-performance talk.

I have been told that small donations will be gratefully received so I hope that many of you also will send the theater a small contribution as a thank you for opening early.

Donations should be sent to the Development Dept., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, CA., 94550.

Use of Antibiotics Lucas Nelson Livermore

President Obama directed federal agencies to serve antibiotic-free meat and poultry in government cafeterias.

The FDA will require animal producers to obtain authorization from a licensed veterinarian to use drugs to treat a specific disease, rather than just to promote rapid growth, as is current practice. As much as 80% of all U.S. antibiotics are used in animal agriculture.

The moves come amid growing concern about the link between routine antibiotic use in animal agriculture and human infections by bacteria that have developed resistance to antibiotics because of their excessive use. The CDC estimates that antibiotic resistance causes 2 million illnesses per year in the U.S. and 23,000 deaths. It also adds \$20 billion per year in health care costs and \$35 billion in lost productivity. We thought that animal products were just linked to heart disease, cancer, and stroke.

While government agencies reduce antibiotics in animal products, the rest of us can do better immediately with wholesome vegetables, fruits, legumes, grains and a rich variety of plant-based meats, cheeses, milks, and ice creams available in every supermarket. These foods contain all the nutrients we require, without the deadly pathogens, antibiotics, carcinogens, cholesterol, and saturated fats.

Defense of Space Rich Buckley Livermore

When the merits of a political meme of HAARP, Chemtrail awareness merge into a city ordinance as in Richmond, CA's "Defense of Space Ordinance," it forces mainstream controlled newspapers to cover the issue. Let's encourage other cities to do the same.

The best our controlled-mainstream-media can currently do is bring themselves to ridicule, debate and debunk Richmond's "Defense of Space Ordinance" with no mention or discussion of any of the patented science surrounding the subject, of course. Mainstream media's debunking and disinformation strategies are drawing to an end in their effectiveness. People are waking up.

The only 2016 Presidential Candidate that rises to the occasion to discuss Chemtrails and HAARP issues directly and by name and pledges to bring their uses to an abrupt end, is Andrew D. Basiago, in Facebook "Andy2016!"

Sunset Plaza Decision John Stein Livermore

At 7:30 on June 16 at the City Council Chambers the Livermore Planning Commission will consider a request to rezone the Sunset Office Plaza for residential use. The removal of these offices together with the already approved Sunset Financial Center rezoning will create a virtual service desert for South Livermore residents. The loss of over 150 offices is a significant frac-

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DUBLIN

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future. The funds are not earmarked, and can be used to benefit the entire community.

Without the city's approval of Mello-Roos, the fees paid to the city would have been only \$3.8 million, with the county surplus parcel and the Iron Horse Bridge going to the city.

A staff report states that taxes paid by homeowners to the CFD will range from \$3000 to \$5000 annually for typical multifamily and single family homes.

Councilmember Don Biddle said that when an earlier council vote was held about proceeding on the whole development, including Mello-Roos, he was against it. "I thought it was unfair. People would have an extra tax bill to pay, where others don't, for the same services," stated Biddle.

"However, the council as a whole voted to proceed. We worked out an agreement with the developer. I think we need to proceed now, because it will help the school district to acquire the land. There will be \$17.5 million (for use throughout the city)," he added.

Councilmember Doreen Wehrenberg said she would not have voted for the CFD, if she had been on the council when the study was assigned to staff. "However, in recognition of where we are today, I'll approve the item."

Mayor David Haubert observed that at the meeting, Superintendent Steve Hanke, school board president Amy Miller and trustee Greg Tomlinson asked the council to approve the CFD, for the sake of acquiring the school site.

Much of the council's and audience's attention at the meeting was focused on growth's impacts on Dublin schools.

The 12-acre site in Dublin Crossing and, in a separate agreement already approved, a 10-acre site at Jordan Ranch in East Dublin, will be leased out at nominal cost to the school district. The Jordan Ranch site represents \$30 million worth of land, which brings the city's contribution to the school district to \$66 million.

The lack of money in the state building fund for schools has moved the district to seek the lease from the city. School and city officials said that it apparently is the first such arrangement in California.

"Without the city's cooperation, we would not be building those two schools (Jordan Ranch and Dublin Crossing)," said Miller.

In Jordan Ranch, the school district gave up its claim to a 10-acre school site in exchange for obtaining a long-term lease from the city on nearby land that was designated for a city park. The lease still must be negotiated.

The city and school district will work to keep part of the Jordan Ranch site a park for use by both the school and community.

Speakers from the audience talked about the Dublin Crossing agreement. Some referred to a school-sponsored meeting the night before at Fallon Middle School, which drew more than 500 people.

Slides shown at that meeting indicate the district won't have a crowding problem at the elementary school level, because the opening of Amador Elementary School in East Dublin this fall will have a capacity for 950 students. That would take pressure off other schools, and keep them below capacity.

At the middle school level, Fallon is projected to be over capacity this year. Those numbers will grow in subsequent years. The district has not decided whether to build a new middle school, or reconfigure two schools as K-8 facilities.

The Dublin Crossing school will come later, with student enrollment increases spread over 10 years. Some 900 students are expected across the K-12 spectrum.

\$70 MILLION BUDGET IS APPROVED

The council also approved a balanced \$70 million operating budget for 2015-16. As at past budget meetings, there was mention of future budget debt.

Dublin has taken in revenue above its expenditures during a period of fast growth. Red ink shows up in the forecast for fiscal year 2020-21 and following years, as the city reaches build-out, and changes to a maintenance city. Staff will develop a program of how to balance budgets in those future years.

During the hearing on the budget, a speaker urged the city to postpone construction of two swimming pools, water slides and other water features at Emerald Glen Park. Instead, the speakers said that the money should go to developing Sean Diamond Park in the Positano neighborhood.

City manager Chris Foss said that the contract for water improvements at Emerald Glen has been let. City attorney John Bakker said the city could terminate the contract, but at a cost. "The city would be on the hook for a lot of damages," said Bakker.

Wehrenberg said the penalties would take away from other projects. The city owns a 20-year-old swimming pool that keeps breaking down. The Emerald Glen pools will replace it.

Sean Diamond Park's priority was lowered in the budget to speed development of Emerald Glen. The Diamond park is in the budget for \$500,000 in design work in FY 2015-16. Councilmembers said that after the design is completed in a year, they can proceed with Diamond, if the council were to approve going forward.

Foss said that the city had rejected bids on the Fallon Sports Park. It will need to determine how the cost there turns out before making further commitments concerning Diamond Park.

cluding crime reports, health data, and renewable energy information – presented in formats to encourage the public to integrate the data in web and mobile applications.

In addition, new digital tools designed to make County services more accessible and user-friendly include the ability of residents to check all aspects of their voter status; to access information about any property in the County; and to locate all public parks and filter them by amenities, such as tennis courts, hiking trails and picnic areas.

"It's really about using technology to expand on the dialog we have with our residents about Alameda County government and the role it plays in protecting and improving the quality of life in this community," said Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The PTI also recognized the Open Data Sharing Initiative. Other programs include the following:

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Electronic Workflow for Probable Cause Declarations (PC DEC) –The County's Information Technology Department worked with numerous law enforcement agencies in creating this electronic workflow process to eliminate inefficiencies in the steps law officers must take to obtain Probable Cause Declarations. Court approval of these Declarations is required in connection with each and

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Shuttle Mobile Web Application – This application makes an innovative Alameda County shuttle service easier to use for people seeking to travel between County facilities and public transportation hubs.

Registrar of Voters Lease Card System – An electronic system that has streamlined the process the County Registrar of Voters Office follows to lease space for as many as 900 polling places it operates during major elections.

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READY.ACGOV.ORG – The new emergency preparedness website launched by Alameda County in 2014 that provides a step-by-step process to help anyone prepare for the next major emergency.

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Suite – a series of mobile applications created by the County that provide time-sensitive information to voters, poll workers and candidates about local elections.

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Election Mobile Apps

County Approves HERO Program

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has voted to make the HERO Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program available to residents of the unincorporated areas of the county.

Under the program, HERO (Home Energy Renovation Opportunity) enables homeowners and commercial property owners to make water- and energy-efficiency improvements and pay them off through their property tax bill. Property owners repay the assessment over 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. Interest is tax deductible. To date, \$12 million in HERO projects have been completed in the Bay Area.

San Francisco recently launched the HERO Program as part of its GreenFinanceSF initiative. In Alameda County, the cities of Albany and Berkeley both launched the HERO Program over the past 6 months. Residents of the unincorporated areas of Alameda County may begin submitting applications for HERO financing this fall.

As California's drought drags on, eligible retrofits give homeowners a fast, af-

fordable way to lower their water bill and conserve water. HERO has more than 50 product lines to help homeowners save water, including high-efficiency toilets, faucets and showerheads; drip irrigation systems; rainwater catchment systems; gray water systems; and artificial turf and drought-tolerant landscaping.

A wide variety of energy-saving products are available through HERO as well. Some of HERO's most popular products include solar power panel installations, whole-home heating and cooling (HVAC) systems, energy-saving windows and doors, and roofing and insulation.

HERO has helped fund almost 33,000 residential efficiency projects, totaling more than \$639 million in financing. By stimulating home renovation activity, the HERO program increases demand for contractor services. In this way, HERO has helped to create 5,426 jobs in California since beginning in earnest in December 2011.

For more information, visit www.HeroProgram.com.

Positive News for District's Budget

"This is the first time there is really positive news for the budget."

That was the message delivered by Susan Kinder, Chief Business Official, to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees last week.

After looking at revenues and expenditures, the ending fund balance for the 2015-2016 budget is projected at \$10.7 million. Of that total, \$3,400,939 is set aside as a 3% reserve; \$200,000 is designated for revolving cash and stores inventory. This leaves a balance of \$7,160,654 as undesignated.

The money can be designated by the board to fund district priorities. Some may go to cover potential raises for staff. The district is currently in negotiations with the unions.

Staff estimated that \$3,462,000 will be collected in parcel tax revenue from Measure G after a prorated portion is transferred to the charter school.

Measure G will help fund advanced courses in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); programs in music, art, and foreign language; the attraction and retention of highly qualified teachers (lower class sizes); elementary school science and technology specialists; keeping schools safe and well-maintained; and up-to-date instructional materials and comprehensive curricular programs.

Staffing levels for certificated and classified positions will remain at the same level as in 2014/15.

The employer contribution to the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) will increase to 10.73% from 8.88%. The employer contribution to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will rise from 11.85% from 11.77%.

The School Board is scheduled to adopt the budget at its June 23 meeting.

Forty-five days after the state budget is finalized, the board will determine if the budget requires revision.

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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are Granada Little League AA Division Cardinals, who came from behind to capture the division championship.



Members of the 2015-16 West Coast Fury U12 squad are Angie Alfonzo, Celina Garcia, Emily Hunt, Faith Rogers, Gracie Alfonzo, Alyssa Garza, Bella Romero, Kaleigh Castillo, Kelena Brongiel, Kourtney Kessler, Leela Amin, Madison Dong, Mika Sayfurahman, and Trinity Sandridge. Up next for Fury will be the Davis Showcase July 11 -12.



This past weekend, the Livermore Fusion 00 Girls' Maroon beat Bay Oaks Botofogo, 2-0, securing their spot as the National Premier League (NPL) champions for the U14 division. The team played consistently well all spring, edging out the current State Cup champions, De Anza Force, for the first place title. In addition to clinching first place in NPL, they placed third in NorCal State Cup, and are now ranked in the top 30 nationally. Pictured are (top row) Coach Ben Graham, Camille La Blanc, Nicole Fairbanks, Hayli Edwards, Madison Hood, Aly Silva; (bottom row) Sarah Baxter, Lexi Trucco, Kayla Jones, Kamy Farro, Nikki Trucco, and Alora Garcia; not pictured Hailey Hahlbeck, Cassidy Bates, and Kailee Haskins



The Royals captured the Granada Little League Majors championship after winning 4 straight playoff games, the last three of which were each won by a single run. The Royals are: (front, from left) Dylan Baxter, Mateo Wilde, Donovan Holmes, Sammy Morrisroe, Andrew Berg, Mathieu Rocheleau, and Hunter Houghton; (back, from left) Jensen Roldan, Aiden Lewis, Aidan Buenrostro, Mikey Christian, and Landon Paden; (coaches, from left) manager James Houghton, coaches Dany Rocheleau, Eric Berg, and John Lewis. Photo - Bill Nale



Pictured are Krush U9 team members (top row) Kira Korsak, Jillian Barth, Hailey Brackett, Hailey Garvin, Nadia Sherman, Sydney Goodwin, Coach Sara Giroto; (bottom) Ariana Butler, Madylin Harrell, Ciella Seals, Alana Albarran, and Dakota Baird.



The Livermore Fusion U8 Talent School competed in the Pro Am Beach Soccer Tournament this past week. The team went undefeated, coached by Kirk Williams and Tom Curtin. The games were won with excellent ball skills and great team work by Alex Lugo, Omar Doutriaux, Justin Levine, Qusai Drief, Zane Khairie, Lane Curtin, Carson Williams and Seth Raborn (from left to right). This was the Talent School's first appearance in the tournament, and they came home winning the bracket with a 4-0 record.



The Livermore High School's Girls Varsity Lacrosse had a record setting season as new Varsity Head Coach, Rico Richardson builds the program. With a roster of 19 players, this team just missed the NCS playoffs. LHS beat two teams that were selected to play in the playoffs. However, Coach Rico and his athletes consider this season a success with record setting stats for the most shots taken on opponents' goals and the most wins in a season since the program's inception. The team ended the season ranked #5 in the nation for ground balls, #1 in EBAL with a goalie save percentage of 50%, ranked #98 in Division One, and moving up 1,210 positions in rank to #791 in the nation out of over 2,000 teams. Coach Richardson plans to continue development of the program and players through a free Summer Open Fields Program beginning June 30th located at 5650 Scenic Avenue from 5-7PM in Livermore. Please contact rico265@hotmail.com with questions. Pictured are varsity players Kaitlyn Baucke, Ally Benko, Ashley Breyer, Chloe Brunton, Tessa Clark, Tori Cockrell, Carly Feltz (not pictured), Lauren Fountaine, McKenna Gearhart, Amanda Gile, Katrina Herweg (not pictured), Shannon Kai, Alexis Madera (not pictured), Lindsay McNiesh (not pictured), Olivia Miano, Alanna Mullins, Lexi Orr, Kathrine Rowe, Kristine Young; head varsity coach Rico Richardson, assistant varsity coach Phillip Baucke, and head JV coach Kenneth Moody. Photo - Kathleen Ahern



The Livermore Fusion U8 Girls' Fusion Talent School in held their first-ever outing to the Santa Cruz Sand Soccer Tournament. The group had a great time riding roller coasters, eating corn dogs and of course, playing some soccer on the sand. The players did a good job representing the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club. Pictured (back row) are Lilly Maier, Abigel Nemethy, Isabella Hansen, Ally Grant, Kailey Gandolfo, Celeste Gacuin, Kaitlyn Denton; front row) Avery Sears, Delany Holland, Elle Eichenberger, Bella Kirby, and Addison Patubo.

Herdman: VEP Healthcare - Lacy Becker, Samantha McClain, Ruby Stinson
 playoff game, beating the Phillies 11-9. Jacob Freitas, Nathan Blanton, and Ayden Duffin combined to spread 12 Phillies' hits over six frames, never allowing more than three runs in any inning. Blanton, Luke Schwarz, and Paul Beasley (3 RBIs) all had two hits.
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Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

8U Division: Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Active Family: Pleasanton Police Officers Association and Active Family played an exciting game on Cinco de Mayo. Michaela Tobey and Katie Dooley from Active Family both had impressive RBI hits. Abigail Kent, Meadow Castaneda, and Penelope White all had powerful hits that drove in runs for Pleasanton Police Officers Association. Sydney Queen had a great inning pitching for Active Family. Emily Bull, Emma Shenefiel and Alyson Schaeffer led the defense for Pleasanton Police Officers Association. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Annalise DeMange, Audrey Piumarta, Emma Shenefiel; Active Family - Claire Dooley, Taylor Oxe, Michaela Tobey

Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Gourmet Works: Pleasanton Police Officers Association and Gourmet Works heated up the field on a cold night at Ken Mercer Sports Park. In the first play-off game of the season, Caydena Likeness started with a strong inning pitching for Gourmet Works and had an impressive throw to Abby Harmon on first base for an out. McKenna Tuite and Jaela Laxague each had two RBI at bats, while Grace Schmitt and Sahana Garg both hit doubles for Gourmet Works. Emma Shenefiel and Annalise DeMange of Pleasanton Police Officers Association teamed up for an amazing double-play in the first inning. Alyson Schaeffer and Katherine Foster had a great play at third base, and Madison Notari caught a pop-up in the fourth inning for Pleasanton Police Officers Association. The girls in pink rallied in the third inning, when Abigail

Kent, Meadow Castaneda and Audrey Piumarta all crossed the plate. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Meadow Castaneda, Sasha Gorrepati, Penelope White; Gourmet Works - Abby Harmon, Jaela Laxague, McKenna Tuite

Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Gourmet Works: Pleasanton Police Officers Association and Gourmet Works were neck-and-neck throughout Round Two of the U8 Playoffs. Sasha Gorrepati and Emma Shenefiel teamed up for impressive outs at 1st base for Pleasanton Police Officers Association. Alyson Schaeffer also shined at defense, catching a pop-up for a key out in the 3rd inning. Peyton Silversmith led the defense for Gourmet Works. Annalise DeMange had two doubles, while Nadia Brown and Madison Notari both had great RBI hits. Grace Schmitt had an awesome hit that brought in two runs for Gourmet Works, and McKenna Tuite had two RBI singles. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Katherine Foster, Sasha Gorrepati, Alyson Schaeffer; Gourmet Works - Grace Schmitt, Peyton Silversmith, Paige

10U Teal Division: Tim McGuire Realtor 9, All Star Sports 6: Tim McGuire Realtor showed some aggressive base running throughout the whole game. All Star Sports also did wonderful with six base hits and all scored. Isabella Tesconi from the Tim McGuire Realtor did well at batting on the bottom of the second inning. She

stole 2nd and 3rd base, scored a run for the team. Her teammate, Mia Tam was ready to bat, got to first base, and later scored. Zoe Homan hit hard at bat, ran to first. Karlie Banta showed great skills at batting, got an RBI, later scored Zoe. Lexi Burnaugh from All Star Sports did very well at bat, got a base hit, stole 2nd and 3rd, and scored a point for All Star Sports. Also, Anya Sengupta and Keira Gossett, on the top of the third inning, both showed their great skills at bat, followed Lexi and all scored for the team. Top Players: Tim McGuire Realtor - Karlie Banta, Mia Tam, Isabella Tesconi; All Star Sports - Lexi Burnaugh, Keira Gossett, Anya Sengupta

Middle School Teal: San Jose Boiler Works 14, Summit Financial 4: In a hard fought playoff game Summit Financial's Jasmine Ramirez pitched a great game. Macy Mendes and Katie Jones had solid hits. San Jose Boiler Works' Nina Balestrieri scored 3 times, Morgan Barrowcliff made some good plays at 1st, hit a double and scored 3 times. Emily Elizabeth Capas reached base 3 times and scored a run. Top Players: San Jose Boiler Works - Nina Balestrieri, Morgan Barrowcliff, Emily Elizabeth Capas; Summit Financial - Katie Jones, Macy Mendes, Jasmine Ramirez

San Jose Boiler Works 12, Tim McGuire Realtor 7: After winning the first game of a double header, Tim McGuire Realtor's Emma Seitz pitched a 3 up/3down 1st inning. Naomi Chin scored 3 runs and Anika Nicolas made some nice defensive plays. San Jose Boiler Works' Sabrina Heimtz pitched the complete game and scored 2 runs, Ellie McElroy was an awesome 3rd baseman and made some great plays. Kristina Cuevas was great at catcher and hit a single, double and triple. Top Players: San Jose Boiler Works - Kristina Cuevas,

Sabrina Heimtz, Ellie McElroy; Tim McGuire Realtor - Naomi Chin, Anika Nicolas, Emma Seitz

Dietz & Watson 6, VEP Healthcare 1: In the championship game to decide it all, the home Dietz and Watson crew prevailed over VEP Healthcare. For the visitors, Lacy Becker was terrific on the mound, while Ruby Stinson took care of business on the field, turning a nifty catch-and-throw double play. At the plate, Samantha McClain pitched in with two solid hits. For the home team, Claire Enright had a key early RBI, while Andrea Harding played wonderful defense at shortstop. In the circle, Christina Herdman started and went the distance, securing the final strikeout for a hard-fought victory. Top Players: Dietz & Watson - Claire Enright, Andrea Harding, Christina

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SPORTS NOTES

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Dominic Franco, Conor Forde, and Kyle Clements also had key singles, and Joey Keeler smacked a 2-RBI double in the first. Freitas was particularly effective at the plate, laying down two textbook bunts before turning on a fastball and lacing a triple over the right fielder's head in the final frame with the bases loaded. Aiden Clarin threw some leather at first on two plays in the bottom of the last to secure the victory. On 5/30, the Cards won their third consecutive playoff game, this time beating the Rangers 9-4. After a slow start, the Cardinals exploded offensively, again rallying in the final frame. Kyle Clements had a single and reached base safely three times. In the 4th, Beasley scored a deep ball into right for a solo home run and in the 5th, Stefano Matteucci ripped a clutch single up the middle to score another critical run. The Cards scored 4 in the 6th after Schwarz started things off by crushing a towering double—his second of the day—over the left fielder's head. Duffin, Beasley, and Keeler also had RBI singles in the 6th and Franco played spectacular defense to cement the win.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: On 6/6 the Cardinals defeated the Red Sox, 12-11. It started as a pitching and defensive battle as the Cardinals' Nathan Blanton and Red Sox pitcher Michael Boyd each allowed only one run through the first two innings. It might have been more for the Sox if not for a spectacular backhanded catch by second baseman Dominic Franco diving to his right to rob Chase Nadeau of an extra base hit. For the Cards, Luke Schwarz drew a walk and scored on a clutch single by Paul Beasley. In the third, the Red Sox took control, scoring five runs on seven hits including doubles by Mathis and Austin Dandward. They scored three more in the top of the fourth before Beasley came in to stem the tide with key strikeouts. It was 9-1 Red Sox heading into the bottom of the fourth when the Cardinals began an epic comeback. Jacob Freitas sparked the rally with a beautiful lead off bunt down the third base line. The ball was overthrown and Freitas ended up scoring on the play. Schwarz, Ayden Duffin, and Beasley all walked before Joey Keeler smashed a 3-run line drive single into left center. He then scored on a frozen rope double by Gavin Bates. In the top of the 5th the Sox scored again. Boyd was hit by a pitch and was plated after a double by Wiggington. Going into the bottom of five the Cards were down 10-6. After a line drive single from Kyle Clements, key walks to Aiden Clarin and Stefano Matteucci and a bases loaded double by Blanton, they were within one. Franco hit a ground ball behind the runner to move Blanton to third and Freitas scored him with an infield ground out. Schwarz then recorded his 8th hit of the playoffs on a single through the left side but was left stranded. The game was tied 10-10 heading into the final frame. The Red Sox drew a leadoff walk from Dunlop, who eventually scored on a throwing error. Coming to bat down by one with three outs to play, the Cards got a leadoff walk from Beasley and another from Keeler. Conor Forde then smashed a single to center, scoring Beasley. With Keeler at third, Bates hit a hard grounder to the left side, the ball was scooped and fired home, and after a huge slide that caused a heavy dust fog Keeler was called safe.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast's youngest team, U9G Krush took on cross-town rivals Livermore Fusion '05 Maroon. Krush jumped out early as Nadia Sherman knocked in a penalty kick to give Krush a 1-0 lead. The Krush scoring continued as Dakota Baird connected with Ciella Seals for a goal. About 5 minutes later, Dakota connected with Hailey Brackett for a third Krush goal. Near the end of the first half, Fusion was able to draw a foul in the box and land a penalty kick goal. Krush took the game into half leading 3-1. The second half was all Krush. They dominated both sides of the ball, though Fusion's defense was able to hold off the offensive threats until Madylin Harrell was able to connect with Ciella for a 4th Krush goal. Krush ended the game winning 4-1. Krush's Sydney Goodwin was a rock in the backfield tallying 15 takeaways, while Ariana Butler made numerous stops plus blocked a potential Fusion goal off a corner kick. This win moved Krush to 7-0 in NorCal Region 3-4 U9 Gold Division and clinched the league championship. With 1 game remaining in the season, no team can catch them.

Fury: Playing up an age group in sports at 12-years-old is never easy. However, the West Coast Fury U-12 girls played up an age group for the spring Nor Cal season and walked away with the U-13 Region 3-4 Gold League Championship. The title came after a 6-1 thrashing of the Albany Lightning at Cayetano Park in Livermore Sunday.

Fury's 2015-16 season is off to another great start. The team is currently ranked #1 in Northern California (according to gotsoccer.com) for U-12 girls. Sunday, West Coast got a hat trick from Kaleigh Castillo, Bella Romero added a pair and Alyssa Garza added the final touch to Sunday's dominating victory.

Indoor State Cup

On June 6-7, members of the Livermore Fusion 04B Maroon team played with friends they have met from other clubs in the first annual Indoor State Cup on a team called Bananas. Games were located at various indoor sports complexes throughout Northern California from Sacramento to Alameda to South San Jose. The U11/ U12 Bracket was hosted at Off The Wall Soccer in Santa Clara. The first goal was scored by Fusions' Rodrigo Salazar on a header, the assist came from Fusion's Montgomery "Gummy" Carey and Bananas went on to win 8-1. The second game the Bananas dominated 7-2. The third game the Bananas won 10-1 and the final game on Saturday the Bananas tied 4-4 putting them in the final to fight for first place on Sunday.

The final was a hard fought battle with a U12/U13 high comp team. The Bananas worked hard but couldn't get the ball past the goalie and finished the game with a 3-0 loss, ending up in second

place overall. The Bananas players are from Livermore Fusion, Barcelona Bay Area, PSA and SJ Earthquakes academy. The team scored 29 goals over 5 games and Fusion Goalkeeper Alex Garcia allowed only 11 goals in the two day indoor tournament.

Slow Pitch Registration

Pleasanton offers Sunday through Friday evening slow pitch softball leagues for men and women of all skill levels. More than 20 leagues are offered including Co-ed, Men's, and Women's Leagues.

Co-ed Business Leagues are offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and all games begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex, 5800 Parkside Drive in Pleasanton.

New this year is a Women's Masters League for players age 35 and older by 12/31/15, with games played on Tuesday evenings, and a Men's Legends Morning League for players who are age 50 or older by 12/31/15, with games played on Wednesday mornings.

All league play begins the first week of August. Priority registration for returning teams (from Fall 2014) is June 1-June 22. Registration opens to new teams on June 25. The registration deadline is July 15th (space permitting). To download a registration packet, please visit www.pleasanton-sports.org. For more information, please contact the Sports Office at (925) 931-3437 or email pleasanton-sports@cityofpleasantonca.gov

Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash—a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

Triathlon Series

On Saturday, June 20, a field of close to 700 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick-off On Your Mark Events' 28th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, in Pleasanton.

The Tri For Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loopcourse, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail). Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and non-competitive atmosphere, the Tri For Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes.

After the novice athletes master the first three prior Tri For Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event—the Tri For Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 19-mile bike, and 4-mile run. The Tri For Real is also professionally chip-timed for all participants.

The 2015 On Your Mark Tri For Fun Series dates are June 20, July 18, and August 15. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 20. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

The three Tri For Fun triathlons are non-timed and non-competitive. A clock is provided at finish line for participants to view their personal time. Triathletes can choose to participate in this mode, or they can officially chip-timed. Should participants choose to be timed, their results will be recorded and posted on the On Your Mark Events' website's results page.

New this year, On Your Mark Events will be crowning a Series Champion (must be timed for all four events). The top male and female entrants will be announced and awarded at the Tri For Real in September.

Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, plenty of refreshments and snacks, and entry into the always-exciting raffle (must be present to win).

Entry fee for the three Tri For Funs is \$75 (non-timed) and \$80 (chip timed) in advance, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210 (non-timed) and \$215 (chip timed), \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. For September's Tri For Real, all participants are chip timed (\$85.00 advance, and \$95.00 day-of). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$240 race-day. The Tri For Real includes the same goodies as the Tri For Funs, with addition of trophies and medals. Multiple-triathlon discounts are available.

Check-in and registration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about the Tri For Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832.

Baseball Camps

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

Spirit Run

The 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton will be held on Father's Day, June 21 in downtown Pleasanton.

It includes a 10k run, 5k walk/run and kids challenge.



Livermore's Fusion SC 01 Boys (U14) played their final Spring League game on May 30. It was a must-win to clinch the NorCal Gold Region 3-4 Division Championship Title. Fusion was up against a skilled Union City Premier team, and was coming off a five game winning streak with no goals against. The score was tied 0-0 at the half with both teams getting chances at the net. Fusion's defense was solid the entire game with superb saves by goalkeeper Caleb Loth and strong play by defenders Jordan Moore, Chris Rochez, Nick Hill, Anthony Casillas, Shelby Gutierrez, and Bradley Rittmann. The Fusion midfield worked the ball with precision passing by Mateo Mancada, Cameron Winter, Carlos Perez, and James Renouf. There were many spectacular crosses and shots on the opponents goal by Fusion forwards Shlok Bansal, Jack Basso, Edgar Garcia, and Carlos Ventura. With time running out in the second half, Carlos Ventura chest-trapped and bicycle-volleyed the ball to teammate Cameron Winter, who sprinted past the Union City defense. Winter collected the ball with great composure and put a well placed shot over the keeper for the 1-0 win. Pictured above, the Fusion SC 01 (U14) boys, with coach Craig Scheer, show their support for family members and friends battling cancer with their "Kick Cancer" jerseys.



The Bananas team members are (back, from left) Jack Frida- Barcelona Bay Area; Alex Garcia- Livermore Fusion; Coach Justin Black; Rogan Souter- PSA; Owen Steckmest- Barcelona Bay Area; (front) Nathan Rodrigues- SJ Earthquakes Pre-Academy; Jake Frida- Barcelona Bay Area; Psymon Black- Barcelona Bay Area; Montgomery "Gummy" Carey- Livermore Fusion; Rodrigo Salazar- Livermore Fusion; not pictured Kevin Salgado.

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

This year the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is celebrating 50 years of community and international service. This race has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships for Pleasanton students. The last two years giving has been expanded to include, Wheelchairs, Rotaplast, The Valley Humane Society, The Tri-valley YMCA, victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy, Open Heart Kitchen, Hope Hospice, Amador Valley High Schools Robotics and Competition Civic Clubs and Assistance League of Amador Valley. The 10k run begins at 8 a.m. under the arch on Main Street, followed by the 5k run/walk and Kids' Challenge at 9:30 a.m.

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

4th of July Run

The City of San Ramon will host its annual 4th of July Run San Ramon 10K Run/5K Fun Run and Walk. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course. The Run San Ramon will be a chip timed race. This is a fun, flat, and fast paved route beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at

Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, and right off the 680 freeway at Bollinger Canyon Road.

All events per person: \$35.00 (postmarked by June 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 through race day.

All events per person family rate: \$30.00 per person (3 persons or more) — Must be immediate family only, and all entry forms must be submitted at the same time, (postmarked by June 23). Entry increases to \$40 from June 24 through race day.

Online pre-registration discount deadline is June 23. Race-day Registration: All events per person: \$40.00

Registration is available online at www.active.com, search "Run San Ramon". Online registration is available until June 23rd. Race day registration open at 6:45am.

Mayor's Cup trophies will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male & female of the 5K & 10K. Mayor's Crown trophy will be awarded to the lowest combined times of the 2014 Bah Humburg! and 2015 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5k runner (male and female). Medals are awarded to the first three finishers in each age division. All pre-registered participants will receive a short sleeve commemorative shirt.

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:45 a.m., at the San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcosta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The 10K Run will start at 8:15 a.m., with the 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m. For more Run San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services at (925) 973-3200.



The What's Up Big Band brings its swing era sounds to the Pleasanton Public Library for a free performance on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. The band members come from a wide range of backgrounds that include working and retired professionals from both the music industry and education, and those with day jobs from butcher to engineer to scientist. Their common passion for swing era music fuses the What's Up sound with a repertoire that features the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Ira Gershwin, and many others. For more information about this and other library events, visit the library's website at cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library, or call (925) 931-3410.

Livermore, Granada High Schools Are Gold Ribbon Schools

Livermore High School and Granada High School have been honored under the State's new Gold Ribbon Schools Awards program.

Both schools are part of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD).

"These schools are academically successful, vibrant, and innovative centers of learning and teaching," State Superintendent Tom Torlakson said. "They provide great examples of the things educators are doing right—embracing rigorous academic standards, providing excellence and creativity in teaching, and creating a positive school climate."

Gold Ribbon applicants were asked to highlight a model program; Livermore High School featured the Green Engineering Academy. Granada High School focused on the English Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Intervention Program. The awards now shine a spotlight on programs that can serve as replicable models for other educators around the State and nation.

"This award is more than just an honor, it's an opportunity" says Livermore High School Principal Alberto Solorzano. "Our staff has gone to many conferences as learners, now it is time for us to teach others about the great work we are doing. The success of our Green Engineering Academy is really a testament to the hard work of all of our staff."

Superintendent Kelly Bowers added, "This is definitely a validation of the hard work and dedication of the entire staff and school community that contribute to such an accolade."

Principal Philomena Rambo of Granada High School also sees this as an opportunity to share best

practices. "We also wanted to build a prototypical model that could be adopted and modified by other departments and even other schools," Principal Rambo wrote in the Granada High School application.

The English CCSS Intervention Program at Granada changed the way the school supports students with intervention, moving towards a Response To Intervention (RTI) model. "In the simplest terms, we diversified the methods of intervention we systematically use in order to support all students while still targeting those students with special educational needs...the new Literacy course so far appears to be an unqualified success."

Gold Ribbon award winners were invited to attend a regional California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 29, 2015, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis.

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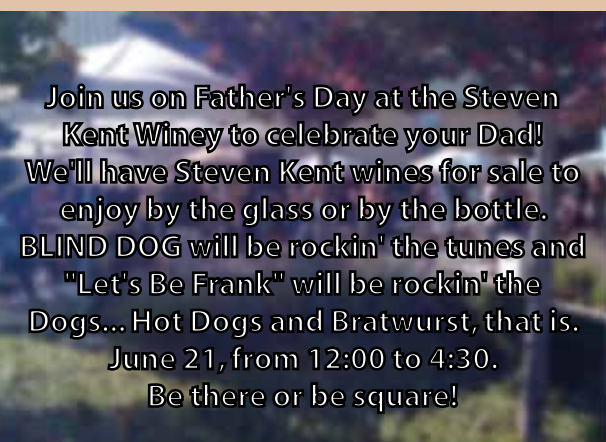
helping constituents solve their problems."

Sbranti said he is looking forward to helping a congressman who is well-respected in the Democratic caucus, and reaches across the aisle to work with Republicans. "He is someone who is trying to make a difference."

Sbranti said he has had tremendous satisfaction in teaching, enjoying every minute of his 17 years in a classroom. "It was incredibly rewarding."

As time permits, Sbranti intends to continue announcing Dublin High football games, and help coach basketball. He also plans to head the Dublin High Alumni Association.

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SHORT NOTES

Pancake Breakfast Benefits Troop Packout

The 5th annual Hometown Pancake Breakfast and Troop Packout will take place this Saturday, June 13 at Delucchi Park next to the Farmers Market in downtown Pleasanton.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The breakfast is free. All donations will go to Pleasanton Military Families to support their Troop Packout.

The event is sponsored by American Legion Post 237, Association of the US Army, Las Positas College Veterans First, Pleasanton Boy Scouts, Pleasanton Farmers' Market, Pleasanton Lions, Pleasanton Masonic Lodge 321, Pleasanton Military Families, Pleasanton Rotary North, Safeway, Tri-Valley Rotary, US Navy Sea Cadets, and VFW Post 6298.

Those attending are invited to donate the following items: beef jerky, beef sticks, black or white long tube socks, funds

for postage, foot powder, gum, red or black licorice, lifesavers, mints, magazines, nuts, and sun screen.

Summer Swimming

The Robert Livermore Community Center (4448 East Ave.) and May Nissen Swim Center (685 Rincon Ave.) pools will open to the public on Monday, June 22, for summer recreational swim.

RLCC pools are closed to the public from June 8 to June 21 for after-school parties.

There will be no regularly scheduled Toddler Time, mid-day lap swim and no morning water exercise during this period.

To get the latest Aquatics schedule, call the Aquatics hotline on 925-373-5702, selection number 4, or visit <http://www.larpd.org/aquatics/info.html>

Children's Crafts

The Livermore Public Library will present Children's

Craft Time at all three locations this summer. All craft times are free, drop-in sessions; children may arrive at any time during the Children's Craft Time hours. The schedule is as follows:

Rincon Branch Library-725 Rincon Avenue: Friday, June 26, 11:00am-3:00pm

Civic Center Library - 1188 South Livermore Avenue - Storytime Room: Saturday, July 18, 11:00am-3:00pm

Springtown Branch Library - 998 Bluebell Drive: Tuesday, August 4, 1:00pm-3:00pm

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, storytellers and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2015 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.

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Storytime Sessions

The Livermore Public Library will offer nine (9) storytime sessions each week this summer. They include singing, dancing, reading and listening, as we encourage early literacy. Storytimes run from June 7 to August 15, 2015 unless noted below. Library storytimes are free of charge.

Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Baby Storytime (for pre-walkers) - Tuesday 10:15am

Family Storytime (up to age 6) - Monday 10:15am; Monday 10:45am

Please note Monday Family Storytime seating is limited at the Civic Center Library. Please arrive early enough to get your free ticket to enter the event.

Big Kids Read (entering grades 1-5, begins June 29) - Monday 11:15am

The "Big Kids Read" pro-

gram is designed for school age children and highlights nonfiction reading, educational concepts, as well as fun fictional stories for older audiences. Join storyteller John Weaver as he shows off his exciting experiments and action-packed stories. Audience participation is important at Big Kids Read.

Rincon Branch Library, 725 Rincon Ave.

Bilingual Family Storytime (all ages welcome, Spanish/English) - Monday 6:00pm

Toddler Storytime - Friday 10:15am

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

Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Dr.

Family Night (all ages welcome) - Tuesday 6:00pm

Family Storytime (all ages welcome) - Thursday 10:30am

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Win Tickets to the Fair

TV30 will be giving away two tickets daily to "Lucky Fans" for admission to the Alameda County Fair. Drawings will be held daily through June 17, 2015.

Becoming eligible is easy. Go to the Tri-Valley TV website at www.tv30.org and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon. Once entered, that's it. If a name is drawn the station will contact the person and announce the name on TV30 as well as on the Tri-Valley TV Facebook page. A person can

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OBITUARIES

Warren Woodworth

Warren Woodworth was born July 3rd, 1926 in Oakland California. He died May 24, 2015 in Livermore California. He was 88 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Joy



Woodworth. He is survived by his three children, sons, Fredrick Woodworth (Lisa) of Sisters Oregon, Edward Woodworth (Cyndie), and daughter Ruth McKernan (Mark) of Livermore. Eight Grandchildren, Breanna Smoak (Jeff), Brandon Woodworth (Kimberly), Alexander McKernan (Jamie), Minuete McKernan, Max McKernan, Daniel McKernan, Nathan Woodworth, Emily Woodworth and five great grandchildren, eight nephews and nieces.

Warren was the youngest of three boys. He was born in Oakland but moved to Vallejo, California when he was 2 years old. When he was 5 years old he was hit by a car and laid in a coma for a long time in the hospital. When he awoke in the hospital, the doctors set his leg, which had been broken. Later in his life when he was 28, he had to have surgery on the same leg to remove an abscess from the wound. This is when he met the love of his life, Joy Johnson; she was his recovery room nurse. They met in June 1955 and were married in August the same year.

Warren's mother was Ouida Pattee Woodworth, her grandmother was from Kentucky and came across the plains in a covered wagon, she grew up in Calaveras County. Warren's father Herb Woodworth immigrated to California from Canada on a logging ship. This ship happened to pull into San Francisco Bay the day before the 1906 Earthquake. He was pressed into service to help fight the fires. He eventually made it to Calaveras County where he met and married Ouida.

Warren and his brothers attended school in Vallecito and then Angels Camp CA. All three boys took piano lessons. Warren continued to take lessons for twelve years. He loved to play the piano and was a very accomplished pianist. He attended Modesto Junior College as music major; an unfortunate accident injured his right hand with a cut tendon. He went on to Humboldt State working on a degree in education and minor in theology. Warren had looked at becoming an Episcopal Minister. He finished his education at UOP with a Master's in Education. While teaching in Lafayette he signed up and went to Japan to teach in the American School in Tokyo for one year.

Warren was hired in the Livermore School District by Mr. Joe Michell, who was the Superintendent of schools in 1957. He taught at East Ave., Marilyn Ave., Junction Ave., and Sonoma Ave schools. He primarily

taught 5th and 6th grade. He also served as Vice Principal at Sonoma Ave School where he taught the longest. He was a tough teacher with a big heart. Many of his students have visited him over the years. He retired from teaching after 30 plus years in 1982. Warren served as the first president of the Retired Teachers Association. He started his own business "Woody' Paint and Fix it", which he ran for ten years.

Warren's family has a long history of involvement in the Masonic organizations. He was a 67 year Mason and a member of Mosaic Lodge #218, in Livermore. His father was a Mason as was Warren and his brothers and his sons. He was a 60 plus year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. His Grandmother was in Eastern Star, as was his mother, himself and his daughter and granddaughter. He was also a member of Aahmes Shrine in Livermore, and Scottish Rite in Oakland.

Services will be 3 p.m. on June 13, 2015 at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Way, Livermore.

Cindy Anne Lance

Cindy Anne Lance, 41, of Clovis, died June 3, 2015. She was an ultrasound technician.

Funeral services were held on June 8, 2015 at Clovis Hill Community Church. Remembrance:

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lance Family Fight, www.gofundme.com/dqqlk.

Arrangements by Lisle Funeral Home.

Margaret Helen Morrad-Burke (Resident of Livermore)

Margaret Helen Morrad-Burke passed away June 4, 2015 at the age of 79 after battling cancer for 2 years. Margaret was born on August 28, 1935 in Luton-Bedfordshire, England. Margaret met her husband Eugene Burke during the Korean War while Eugene was in the Air Force serving in England and Margaret was in nurses' training. They were married in 1955 in England and moved to Washington State while Eugene attended college. In 1960, Margaret and Eugene moved to Livermore to raise their two sons, Richard and Kevin. They have resided in Livermore for 55 years.

Margaret had a passion for learning. While raising her sons, she attended Cal State Hayward and earned her masters' degree in French Literature. In 1986 at the age of 51, she ran in the London Marathon and did well in her age group. Margaret had a love for music and was a second violinist in the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Along with being a musician in the symphony, Margaret was a board member and wrote public relation articles about the symphony for the Independent newspaper. She was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church and volunteered time at the Open Heart Kitchen.

Her greatest joy was her grandchildren, Kirsten and Kristopher. She was a positive influence in their lives and gave tirelessly to them.

Margaret is survived by her husband Eugene Burke, her two sons, Richard Burke and Kevin Burke (Gina); two grandchildren Kirsten Burke and Kristopher Burke, brother Fred Morrad (Margaret); nieces and nephews that reside in England.

Services will be held on Monday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society. The family suggests that donations can also be made to the Relay for Life that will be held in Livermore on June 27th and June 28th. Margaret's son Kevin and his wife Gina will be walking in her honor. Team URL information - relayforlife.org; Donate by Participant (Kevin and Gina Burke); team VMOC.

John R. Shick

May 19, 1951 - June 2, 2015

John R. Shick passed away peacefully at home in Livermore on June 2, 2015 at the age of 64 after a courageous

3-year battle against cancer. He was born in Oak Park, Illinois on May 19, 1951. After graduating high school in Illinois, he moved to San Francisco where he met his wife Doreen. They recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. John spent the majority of his adult life in San Francisco, San Lorenzo, and eventually settled in Livermore.

John is survived by his wife Doreen, his only child Jackie Charbonneau of Livermore, and her husband Justin. He will also be truly missed by his beloved granddaughter, Kate. Kate brought so much joy to her Papa, especially their time spent fishing together, playing the drums and watching movies. John is also survived by his mother Carol Lechelt, sister Patricia Brown and her husband Douglas, all of St. Augustine, FL. He leaves behind two brothers, Richard Shick of San Francisco, CA and Thomas Lechelt of Gainesville, GA. John is preceded in death by his brother Mark Shick, father Herbert Lechelt, and biological father Richard Shick.

John was a hard and dedicated worker, including working a total of 30 years in the manufacturing field at Peterbilt Motors, Continental Can White Cap, and New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI). He also went back to school and earned numerous certificates in the manufacturing field and his Associates of Science degree in Automotive Technology.

Fishing, classic rock, the horse races, watching sports, working on cars, and the family pets were all things John loved in life. John was always there to lend a hand when needed, helping his family with household projects and auto maintenance. John especially enjoyed the outdoors, in particular spending time on the Northern CA Coast with his family.

Services will be private. In memory of John, please listen to your favorite classic rock song, place a bet at the horse races, or cast your fishing rod in a lake, river or ocean.

Marlene Rose

1932 - 2015

Marlene Alice (Rein) Rose, a remarkable and extraordinary woman, age 82, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2015 at home in Dallas, Oregon--now reunited with her late husband Judson Harvey Rose Jr., who preceded her in death by nearly 49 years. Her life was a legacy of faith and sacrifice and there was never a dull moment around her.

Marlene was born August 18, 1932 in Salt Lake City, Utah to George Franz Karl Rein Jr. and Alice Marguerite Plewe. She spent most of her childhood in Oakland, California and fell in love with the state. Her family later returned to Salt Lake City where she graduated from South High School. Shortly afterward the family moved to Boise, Idaho where she attended Boise Junior College (now Boise State). There, Marlene fell in love with Judd who was set to join the Air Force. Judd and Marlene were faithfully sealed in the LDS Salt Lake City, Utah Temple on March 20, 1952. They lived in Boise for eight years where Judd began a career in Advertising. They then moved to Livermore, California and their family grew to include four children.

Marlene's life was altered by tragedy on July 4, 1966 when she lost her husband, father, sister and brother-in-law in an airplane accident. Left to rear four children on her own, she proved resourceful in supporting her family by providing beautiful flowers for over 100 weddings a year. She also did day care in her home, influencing dozens of children for good. Buoyed by the kindness of family and friends, Marlene was able to see all four children attend Brigham Young University and sent her two sons on LDS missions. After her four children married, Marlene moved to Dallas, Oregon in 1988 where she worked for various departments of the state of Oregon. But she most relished her role as a grandmother and enjoyed the quieter pace and charm of the Willamette Valley, surrounding herself with the beauties of nature.

Fiercely independent and proud of her posterity, Marlene loved to keep up with each child and grandchild. She took satisfaction in making it to virtually every significant family event be-

fore her health began to fail. These trips helped fulfill Marlene's passion for travel and history, as she visited Hawaii, England, the East Coast, Arizona, and Disneyland. She remained a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities including working in the LDS Portland Oregon temple. She had a flair for all things dramatic. Marlene sang, acted, and wrote original scores and scripts, but was most at home in the director's chair. She loved learning, and expected her kids and grandkids to follow suit; if a child questioned her on the meaning of a word, he or she was directed to the family dictionary. She stayed on top of current events and pop culture and heaven help the poor soul who challenged her. Favorite experiences with "Grammy" included classic movies, board games, dress-up, attending plays and productions, and sharing a wide range of cuisines.

Marlene is survived by her four children, Michael (Connie) Rose of Plumas Lake, CA, Rebecca (Craig) Kiser of McMinnville, OR, Tracy (Karen) Rose of Richland, WA, and Celeste (David) Lewis of Alpine, UT; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and her sister, Kathleen (Karl) Koenig, of Costa Mesa, CA., nieces and nephews. Marlene was preceded in death by her husband; her sister and brother-in-law Yvonne and Richard Hardisty, and her parents.

An open house and memorial were held at her home June 7th. The interment will be held Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 11 am at the El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove, California (Asilomar Blvd. & Lighthouse Ave). There will be a viewing preceding the burial in the El Carmelo Cemetery Chapel. To honor Marlene's memory, the family suggests you buy flowers for yourself or for someone you love. Send family condolences to www.dallastrIBUTE.com. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is handling the arrangements.

Frances Carol Rickords

July 30, 1927-June 4, 2015

Born Frances Carol Nicolotti to Carlo and Cesira Nicolotti, in Oakland, California. Married Richard Gene Rickords on Dec. 18, 1946, preceded in death



June 2003. She lived all of her life in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Survived by her four children and their spouses: Gary and Deborah Rickords of Scottsdale, AZ., Cheryl and Randy Null of Livermore, CA., Karen Rickords of Surprise, AZ., and Greg and Tonya Rickords of Pioneer, CA.; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Fran graduated from Hayward High School in 1945. After her marriage she worked as a homemaker and part-time at Montgomery Wards. Once the kids were older, she began working as a Teacher's Aide, eventually retiring from Castro Valley School District as an Aide for blind children. She was known for her wonderful spaghetti sauce and Christmas cookies. She loved to work on jigsaw puzzles, crochet, and in her garden.

Memorial service to be held at Callaghan Mortuary at 3833 East Avenue in Livermore on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Reception following at Alicia and Javier Esparza's residence in Livermore

Those wishing may send memorial donations in Frances' name to Hope Hospice in Dublin, CA.

Marian Martin Allen

April 15, 1930 - May 28, 2015

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, Marian Martin (Boots) Allen passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Gaffney, South Carolina to William L. and Lillie Mae Martin. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Charles E. Allen, and her daughter, Charlyn Allen Forbes, her sister Frances D. Seals (D.B.), brothers Vernon E. and Duane B. Martin (Marjorie).

She is survived by her children, Perry Allen (Janine) of Missouri, Janice Allen Botelho, Kathy Allen Gonzales (George) and Lisa Allen Inahara (John) of Missouri, sisters Shirley Ruppe (George) of Orem, Utah, and Sylvia Wright (Jerry) of Gaffney, SC. Marian took the greatest pride in her nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She loved playing bingo, working in her garden and supporting her family in all of their activities. She will be honored with a private memorial.

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Porter Seiwald throws out the first pitch.

Helping Others Leads To Special Moment

By Carol Graham

The best present arrived exactly three weeks after Porter Seiwald's 8th birthday. But he didn't mind. He had celebrated his April birthday at Boomers! with family and friends, never imagining that his selfless choice would bring a gift he'd never forget.

"When we asked Porter what he wanted for his birthday, he couldn't think of too many things," recalled mom Andrea Seiwald. "Since he was already getting a fun party, I suggested we find a charity and ask friends to donate money instead of buying gifts."

Porter was immediately on board. Combining his love of baseball with his love for his special-needs aunt, Porter decided to donate to Granada Little League's Challenger Program, which offers those with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to participate on a Little League team structured to their abilities.

Presenting the Challenger program with \$145, Porter said he felt, "Happy, because special-needs kids will get to have the same baseball experience as me."

Granada Little League (GLL) Vice President and Challenger representative Steve Wilde was thrilled with the youngster's generosity.

"Way too often, we hear about everything that's wrong with kids and the world, but in my experience, there is more right going on than we realize," said Wilde. "Porter's kindness and generosity is an example of how each one of us has the capacity and potential to make a difference in our community and in the lives of other people."

Right away Wilde knew he wanted to do something special for Porter.

"I thought it was a gesture that needed to be celebrated. The idea to have him throw out a first pitch came to me immediately. It was a no brainer," said Wilde. "When I told our league president, Mike Trudeau, about the idea he was excited and supportive of it before I had even finished speaking."

Yet not as excited as the second-grader from Emma C. Smith Elementary School in Livermore. Three weeks after his birthday, Porter threw out the first pitch for GLL's final under-the-lights Majors' game at Max Baer Park.

"For an eight year old, this was huge! He was over the moon," said Andrea. "He got the best gift of all - learning how to give and in return, without expecting it, being celebrated by being asked to throw out that first pitch. What an honor."

Andrea and husband Mark Seiwald aim to teach both Porter and daughter Savannah, 4, the importance of sharing and helping others.

"We are extremely proud of our son for being so selfless," she said. "And, happy to see he may have inspired others to do something similar."

Jace Perry, 7, a Livermore Valley Charter School first-grader, is following friend Porter's lead.

"We came up with the idea to sponsor a foster child through Case for Kids in lieu of Jace receiving an actual birthday gift from me. He even opted out of a birthday party," said mom Julie Renshaw. "Andrea and I come from the same place as parents. We want our kids to learn the importance of giving back any way you can. Kids these days have way more than they need. Giving to those in need gives you a great feeling; you provided for someone who deserves it, and that goes much further than having another set of Legos to add to your collection."

Jace agreed. "It feels good to know you can help others." Porter hopes to encourage others to make donations instead of acquiring gifts. "It would be a good choice because there are still so many in need, and should be able to have what we have," he said.

The Challenger donation will go toward covering uniform costs and registration fees, ensuring players can participate at no expense to their families.

Knowing he made the sport he likes "100%" possible for others will be a gift Porter carries with him throughout his lifetime - etched into his character along with the memory of a May 9th pitch that took place on a balmy spring night under dazzling lights.

"That was," said Porter, "the best first pitch in my life."

MAILBOX

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tion of the entire city supply. It is poor urban planning since the only existing replacements are converted single family homes, store fronts and an abandoned factory outlet complex near Greenville Road.

This spring the Livermore City Council set five core priorities for the City. One of these was "Maintain Quality of Life". The existing offices provide convenient easily accessible services to thousands of nearby homes. The site also includes almost five acres of protected open space as well as low intensity development that maintains the small town character of the community. This would be lost if the center is demolished and replaced by multistory houses

Another priority is to "Encourage Business and Expand Revenue Base". This center provides affordable small and medium size offices for existing and new locally owned businesses. Some of these are locally owned medical, dental and financial services that create well paid full time jobs for local residents. The center also helps meet the priority to "Ensure Long Term Financial Stability". Business uses generate sales tax and business license fees and require minimum public services. Residential uses are a long term money loser and makes it incrementally more difficult to sustain the financial stability of the City. The small locally owned businesses keep money in the community and have a large multiplier effect.

The question facing the Planning Commission is, what is their focus, to meet

Livermore's goals or to grant the Sunset Development Company a large windfall profit as they leave Livermore.

Sunset Office Plaza Jan Brovont Livermore

Tuesday June 16, at 7:30 pm at the City Council building at 3575 Pacific Ave., will be an open to the public meeting for the Planning Commission to hear public comments, Sunset comments and make their recommendation regarding

a change in the zoning for Sunset Office Plaza. Please plan on being there so we can strongly support the NO re-zoning of Sunset Office Plaza.

SOP is the only large professional office complex with ample parking in Livermore. The City's mission statement is to promote and support small businesses, yet they will be pushing many out of town or in odd locations if this zoning is passed. This will add to the local traffic, congestion and parking problems.

In a ten year study of the corner of Concannon Blvd. and Holmes St. showed an reported accident on an average of every 56 days.

Livermore already has problems with traffic, overcrowded schools, Dublin stack and pack style housing "units", and a lack of water for the residents who already live here. Why aren't they fixing some of these problems instead of adding to them. Please join us and attend the meeting on June 16, and let your voices be heard.

Taylor Family Foundation Marks 25th Anniversary

The Taylor Family Foundation (TTF), founded in 1990 by Barry and Elaine Taylor, kicked off a yearlong celebration to commemorate its 25th Anniversary and 15th year of camp. For 25 years, TTF has served children with developmental disabilities, life-threatening and chronic illnesses such as brain tumors, autism, heart disease, diabetes, pediatric cancers, skin disease, asthma, burn survivors and pediatric HIV/AIDS.

Annually, 3,000 campers have the time of their life in a unique camp experience at no cost. The campers learn to overcome challenges and build lasting friendships and are given the opportunity to be kids without worrying about medicine, doctors, surgeries and other difficult life circumstances giving them hope for a brighter future.

TTF continues the commitment to providing financial and emotional support

for children and families in the community who are in critical need. TTF supports these families in medical crisis through grants that provide children with clothing, pay for funeral expenses, pay for medical devices, and help with rents. Sophie's Place, TTF's mobile music therapy program in partnership with Wells Fargo and the Forever Young Foundation, brings music therapy to camp and those who are homebound or patients in Northern California hospitals.

Join TTF in celebration of 25 years of giving at its Annual Day in the Park auction scheduled for Sunday, August 30th at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Proceeds from the auction support The Taylor Family Foundation's mission to preserve the wellness and enhance the quality of life for children in Northern California living with life-threatening and chronic

illnesses, developmental disabilities and youth at-risk through unique therapeutic experiences and support.

This year's auction fundraiser includes gourmet food and wine from some of the Bay Area's top restaurants and the finest Northern Californian wineries. Mingle with local celebrities, bid on more than 150 silent and live auction packages and buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2015 Subaru XV Crosstrek. Live auction items include celebrity dinners and sports packages, private air accommodations to red carpet events, luxurious vacations and other glamorous packages. Individual tickets are \$200 and tables of 10 are \$2,500. Sponsorships range from \$3,000 to \$100,000.

For tickets/tables and event sponsorship opportunities for Day in the Park, please visit www.ttf.org or call (925) 455-5118.

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enter as many times as he or she wants.

There is no cost or obligation.

Author at Towne Center

Towne Center Books will host "An Evening with Stephen Witt" at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 19.

Witt will talk about his new book, *How Music Got Free*. Hear the unbelievably true story about the music biz and all of its changes with the onset of the internet. It is a story of obsession, music, crime, and money, featuring visionaries and criminals, moguls and tech-savvy teenagers. It's about the greatest pirate in history, the most powerful executive in the music business, a revolutionary invention and an illegal website four times the size of the iTunes Music Store.

Reservations are always helpful. For more information, please call Towne Center Books 925-846-8826 or email info@townecenterbooks.com.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Volunteers Wanted

For over thirty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and battered women and their children in the Tri-Valley area.

The Haven is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in training to be sexual assault, crisis line, or legal clinic advocates. The Haven's 65-hour domestic violence and sexual assault volunteer training course will begin on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings for approximately 10 weeks. Volunteers who successfully complete the training will be certified and required to volunteer one shift per month for one year. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older.

Volunteer applications and advocacy descriptions can be found at www.trivalleyhaven.org - click on Volunteer. Contact Stacey at (925) 449-5845 X2711 or stacey@trivalleyhaven.org for more information.

Free Pet Adoptions

ARF is kicking off the Summer of Saving Lives! For the first time ever, ARF is offering waived adoption fees for all dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens during the month of June to send home all of their shelter animals.

"In summer, public shelters are overwhelmed with cats and dogs in desperate circumstances with little chance for survival," says Elena Bicker, ARF's Executive Director. "Through the help of generous supporters and volunteers, ARF is able to take these death row pets and give them the second chance at a forever home. The more we send home, the more we can rescue."

Meet ARF's wide selection of available online at www.arflife.org, or check them out in person at ARF headquarters in Walnut Creek. All animals are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and vaccinated. Standard adoption criteria applies.

Adoption hours: Wednesday/Thursday: Noon - 6 pm; Friday: Noon - 7 pm; Saturday/Sunday: Noon - 6 pm at 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek.

Art in the Park

Art in the Park will be led by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sunday, June 14. Meet Rangers Claire Girling and Doug Sousa at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park at the reservable picnic area (call for directions).

Join rangers Claire and Doug for an afternoon of art in the park. They will provide a variety of media and some natural items for inspiration, including taxidermied wildlife participants can see up close. Appropriate for all ages and skill levels. Create on your own, or the rangers can give you some ideas and tips to get started.

Call 925-960-2400 for reservations and directions. Please plan on donating at least \$3 per person to help cover the cost of materials.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Tips for Change

On Monday, June 22, Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon is hosting "Tips for Change" to benefit Hope Hospice.

Owners Gianni and Melanie Bartoletti are supporting Hope

Hospice by generously donating 10 percent of the evening's proceeds, along with tips, to Hope Hospice. Board members, volunteers, staff and friends of Hope Hospice will assist in waiting on your table and delivering your dinner.

Reservations are available from 5 to 8 pm. at www.opentable.com or call Gianni's at 925-8290-6969. Gianni's Italian Bistro is located at 2065 San Ramon Valley Boulevard in San Ramon.

Green House Calls

Dublin residents can sign up now to receive a no-cost home efficiency assessment, including the installation of energy- and water-saving devices. The "Green House Calls" program is offered by the City of Dublin and Rising Sun Energy Center through its youth employment program, California Youth Energy Services (CYES).

During a Green House Call, two Dublin energy specialists will assess energy- and water-saving opportunities, install conservation measures where appropriate, and collect infor-

mation for a follow-up report. A Green House Call can last 30 minutes to two hours, depending on the size of the home.

Appointments are available in Dublin for both homeowners and renters between June 30 and August 6. Residents can sign up online at <http://www.risingsunenergy.org/content/greencall.html> or call (510) 665-1501, ext. 5.

Each resident will receive a customized follow-up report that documents work completed during the Green House Call, and lists ways to capture additional water and energy savings through rebates and other programs, such as bill discounts, weatherization, and attic insulation.

Supported in part by the City of Dublin, Dublin San Ramon Services District, PG&E, and the East Bay Energy Watch Partnership, CYES provides summer employment and training to youth and young adults, ages 15 - 22. For more information on CYES, visit www.risingsunenergy.org. For questions about this summer's program in Dublin, contact the City of Dublin at (925) 833-6630.

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Mural Blossoms at Kolb Elementary

By Carol Graham

Though 144 students are graduating from Kolb Elementary School on June 12th, they will leave behind a colorful garden of poppies, morning glories, sunflowers and lilies - a garden that, despite season or drought, will greet new students for years to come.

"Fifth-grade students usually offer a gift, but this is the first year for a project," said Principal Nicole Williams Browning of the garden mural that rambles along two outside walls. "It is absolutely beautiful. Its flowers represent how our students blossom from the moment they enter Kolb until they leave. We are honored to cultivate the amazing talents our children have when they come to us."

All of the 5th-grade students participated under the guidance of muralist Karen Zengel.

"Karen took into consideration the number of students and how they could play a part," said teacher and project lead Jennifer Costa. "Each individual was able to sponge paint a flower to help make our garden mural come alive. Each teacher also had the chance to take part."

In fact, student Vincent Giannini said his favorite memory from the project is, "The teachers doing it, too," before adding, "The hardest part was holding the sponge down, and the best part was seeing the finished mural."

The vision for a mural started at the beginning of the school year, when all 5th-grade students voted on a gift they would leave for the school as they advanced to middle school.

"It blossomed through springtime, just like a true garden," said Costa.

A bald eagle, the Kolb mascot and inspiration for the school's motto "Soaring high in mind, body and spirit," is depicted flying above the garden mural.

"The mural is a wonderful addition to Kolb's beauty as an elementary school, which is sometimes forgotten in today's emphasis on education," said parent and project assistant Natasha Giannini. "I was impressed with the enthusiasm for the project. The students took care with its execution, and showed respect to the parent volunteers and for school property."

Kolb Elementary School, located near Fallon Sports Park, opened in 2011. The Kolbs were a prominent Dublin family whose patriarch, George Kolb, arrived from Bavaria in the mid-1800s. In 1894 he purchased John Green's Store and became a community leader. He later built the craftsman house that remains part of the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, a ten-acre historic park near the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Donlon Way.

Today, as Kolb Elementary's fifth graders conclude their grade-school days, Costa believes they've gained more than academic excellence.

"I hope they take away the notion that they were a part of a collaborative effort to create a beautiful piece of art that will remain a permanent part of Kolb Elementary long after they have moved on," she said. "Through their teamwork, they were able to create a fabulous legacy."



Shown is a segment of the mural at Kolb Elementary School in Dublin.

Cancer Survivors, Caregivers Invited to Take Part in Relay for Life

Relay For Life of Livermore invites cancer survivors and caregivers to participate in the Opening Ceremonies and Survivor Lap. On June 27th at 9:00am Relay For Life of Livermore will kick off the 24 hour event by honoring Cancer Survivors and Caregivers. Register online at www.relayforlife.org/livermoreca. Special gifts are reserved for survivors and caregivers.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event where participants walk for 24 hours because cancer never sleeps and neither will we until we can defeat it. This is the 30th Anniversary of Relay For Life. Livermore

has held the event for 14 years. This year's event will be held June 27-28, 2015 at Livermore High School's track.

Those who want to get involved, start a team or volunteer, check out the Livermore's Relay website at www.relayforlife.org/livermoreca, or "Like" the Facebook Page.

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The Livermore High School Symphonic Band earned a unanimous superior grade at the Golden Empire Music Festival sponsored by the California Association of Music. At the festival, school groups perform before music experts and are rated on their musicianship. This year, the Livermore group earned a perfect score: superior rating from all judges. The unanimous superior places them among the very best musical groups in the state. In the music world, the festival is considered to be the closest thing to standardized testing.

Pictured in front of their mural, "Art Is Science on Wheels," are Granada High School art students. The students patterned the design on American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein's style. Teacher Ms. Laura Thournir oversaw the project. The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of Wheels, sponsors the Art Shelter Mural Project. The newest mural was dedicated last week. It is located at the West Gate of the Sandia/Lawrence Livermore Labs. On hand for the dedication were Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Councilmember Steven Spedowski. The students responsible include: Kimi Awosanya, Enikoe Bihari, Frances Carcellar, Mary Carmona, Emilie Johal, Baily Mao, Chance Owen, Cameron Sanchez, Callie Schultz, Mina Tavakolzadeh and Bailey Ye.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

On Flag Day, Teen's Movie to Tell Pleasanton Vets' Stories

By Ron McNicoll

Amador Valley High School freshman Nischay Poovaiah is something of a one-man film festival.

He has photographed and produced two feature films, both 90 minutes long, in two consecutive years. Both were about veterans and their lives after war.

His first movie last year drew about 50 people to the Pleasanton Veterans Hall. He is hoping that the sequel, plus a 10-minute special short, will draw a much bigger crowd at the same venue at 1 p.m. June, 14, Flag Day, at the same Veterans Hall.

Nischay's feature film is called "Humor vs. Action 2." It's hard to think of anything being instinctively funny about fighting a war, or looking back at one, but Nischay said that there are some light sequences in the movie.

The short film on the program runs 10 minutes, and concentrates on what Pleasanton veterans' lives were like before and after war.

Most of the audience last year were veterans, though Nischay would like to see a broader cross-section of the community this time. The vets last year "didn't expect such high quality, and were extremely excited, when they saw how long the movie was, and the fact I gave back 100 percent of the proceeds to veterans." The sum was \$500.

Comparing the new movie to last year's effort, Nischay said that production quality is much better now, thanks to an upgrade in the camera and sound equipment.

Nischay spent 100 to 200 hours on the feature film, including filming and editing, and another 10 hours on the short. He did it, because he wanted to show people the struggles the veterans had to go through. "I felt connected when they told me what happened in the war, what was going through their minds," said Nischay.

He already is envisioning having "Humor vs. War 2" shown in major theaters. He wants to be a professional actor and director, and loves to write stories. He has written ideas on paper, and has expanded them to scripts for 23 films.

After reading biographies of director Stephen Spielberg and Apple founder Steve Jobs, Nischay sees himself in both men. He identifies with Spielberg's year's in school and his love of solitude that helped his ideas grow. Jobs is interesting, because he had technical ideas that worked "to make cool things."

Nischay's mother, Meera Madappa, said that her son has great passion for writing. "Sometimes he is working on poems. He never gets tired of that. It's what he wants to do, growing up. He has a younger brother (Nikkith) who wants to be an actor. Both are good in acting and dancing. Both have the talent. Why not use it?"

Show to Feature Creative Re-Use of Discarded Items

"Repurposed: Creative Re-Use of Discarded Items," will be on view at The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. This major exhibition opens June 24 and runs through July 23. The installation brings together works by four unique Northern California artists who use diverse processes, motivations, and cast-off materials to create sophisticated fine art pieces. The art works include origami, free standing sculpture, assemblage wall pieces, collage incorporating old sheet music and books, and a large installation work not to be missed.

Free opening reception with the artists will be held on Wednesday, June 23, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Harrington Gallery. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to explore the exhibit, and ask questions and chat with the artists.

On Thursday, June 25,

4:30-5:45 p.m. "Recycled Fun" Young @ Art Youth Gallery Program will be offered for ages 5-11. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 60159.

Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan, who curated Repurposed, notes, "The artists featured in this exhibition have a unique and subtle ability to engage the viewer in thinking about the objects we as a society amass, and what we often so casually throw away."

The artists are Lisa Hochstein of Santa Cruz; Jon Kerpel of Alameda; Beverly Rayner, Santa Cruz; and Nga Trinh of El Cerrito.

Lisa Hochstein uses "found materials to explore the associative and evocative powers of familiar objects that have been altered to varying degrees." Recently used materials include cardboard, paper and tape constructions, and collages made with vintage

print material.

Of his creative process, Jon Kerpel notes, "I am constantly asking myself how my artworks can have a positive effect on our delicate environment? ... Our environment is everything; without it we have nothing." He goes on to say that in using 95-100% recycled materials, such as wood, aluminum, figurines, beads, etc, "essentially, I compose already made objects into art much like a composer does with musical notes."

Beverly Rayner says her art is "propelled by a fascination with the everyday workings of human nature... I am drawn to situations that reveal the interplay between the alternately humorous and dark corners of human experience... (and) the borders where fact and fiction blur." She is the creator of the large installation piece.

For this exhibit, paper artist Nga Trinh transforms found and/or discarded



Light at the Top of the Temple by Jon Kerpel (left) and a work by Nga Trinh (right)

flower catalogs and books into intricate patterned art using origami.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444

Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour



before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Artists At Work Night at the Bothwell Downtown Art Studios

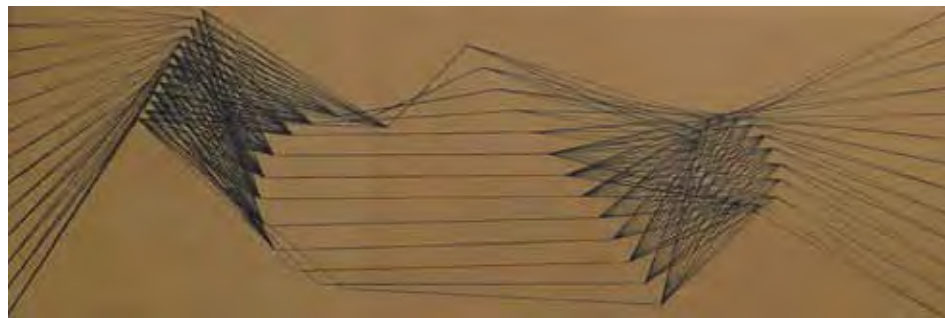
Bothwell Downtown Art Studios, located at 62 South L Street, will host "Artists at Work Night" on June 11 from 6-8pm. June's featured artist will be Erica Barajas, with her first solo exhibition Coming & Going.

Visit with members of the studio, and learn about photography, painting, printmaking, graphic design, face painting, mask making and more. Artwork will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served. "Artists at Work Nights" take place on the second Thursday of every month at the Bothwell Downtown Art Studios

from 6-8pm.

In addition to the opening reception for Coming & Going on June 11, the exhibition will remain open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8-11am and 4-7pm and Saturdays from 4-7pm from June 12 through June 24. Additional hours are available by appointment.

Erica Barajas (née Hughes) was born and raised in Livermore, graduating from Granada High School in 1997. She earned degrees in Evolution and Ecology, Education, and Printmaking while living in Davis, Santa Cruz, Bolivia and Michigan. After



Confluent Networks (left) and Ancestral Projections (right)

returning to the Bay Area in February, she joined the Bothwell Downtown Art Studios in March. Coming & Going features original prints made during her BFA studies at Western Michigan University and

several editions produced in her space at the Bothwell Downtown Art Studios. Works on display and for sale include intaglio, woodcut and linocut relief prints, lithographs, and screen prints in a range of sizes.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to share my work with the community, and to reconnect with my hometown," says Barajas. "I love printmaking because of its potential as a medium and a collabora-



tive, democratic art form. I also find the process to be meditative- another way to be in the moment and connect with my creativity."

To learn more about Barajas, visit www.ericabarajas.com.

Jack Quigley Souled Out Services Up Americana at Its Best for Evenings on the Green

Jack Quigley Souled Out will perform at the Tuesday, June 16, "Evenings on the Green." The family-friendly free concert series, sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, will be presented on the Shea Homes Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater.

Quigley performs unique arrangements of hit songs from the past decades that are often very unlike the way they were first recorded and heard on the radio. Along with original songs from the award-

winning songwriter Quigley, the band covers many artists, styles and genres of music; each song is carefully selected to showcase their signature sound. Americana at its best, the band serves up an acoustic mix of Motown, Pop and Classic Rock. With all the trio contributing vocally, Jack Quigley plays guitar, Howard Hastings is on bass and Biff Schaefer does percussion.

Next Tuesday, "Evenings on the Green" continues with Evan Thomas Blues Revue, featuring dynamic, funky, soulful and high energy blues.



Jack Quigley Souled Out

Absolutely No Alcohol Will Be Allowed outside of the permitted restaurant areas because the Livermore Police Department is now strictly enforcing

the ordinance on public alcohol possession and consumption through its alcohol safety and awareness program.

Performance Pays Tribute to Diana Ross and The Supremes

Known for their sell-out Motown Tributes and Disco Fever shows, Top Shelf Classics returns to the Firehouse Arts Center with a celebration of all the hits of Diana Ross & The Supremes.

The performance will take place Saturday, June 20, at 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$15.00 - \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance (if not sold out), by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

With twelve #1 pop singles, numerous gold recordings, sold-out concerts, and regular television appearances, The Supremes were not only the most commercially success-



Tribute to Diana Ross and The Supremes

ful female group of the '60s but among the top 5 pop/rock/soul acts of that decade. Fronted by Diana Ross during their peak years, they epitomized the classic Motown sound and the label's sophisticated

style. Unlike other so-called 'girl groups,' The Supremes had a mature, glamorous demeanor that appealed equally to teens and adults.

"Where Did Our Love Go" became their first #1

hit in summer 1964, selling over 2 million copies and starting a streak of hits that included "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop! In The Name of Love," "You Can't Hurry Love," and more.



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#LUV the Bay



A new photo mosaic project encourages people in Alameda County to pledge to eliminate littering, which leads to water pollution. Alameda County's LuvTheBay Mosaic project asks residents to submit a photo of themselves as a pledge to LuvTheBay at <http://luvthebay.org/>. The image for the mosaic was created by Berkeley-based artist Christopher Peterson. Each photo submitted will become a small piece of the image. The LuvTheBay Mosaic will visually demonstrate the public's commitment to keeping their neighborhoods, creeks, and the Bay free of litter. Each person submitting a photo to the LuvtheBay Mosaic pledges to always use recycling or garbage cans. On the site, people will be able to search the mosaic and share and their favorite photos. To submit a photo to the LuvTheBay mosaic, visit luvthebay.org or post a photo to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #LuvTheBay. The submission period runs through September 30, 2015. The finished mural will be printed and displayed around Alameda County in late 2015. Lynna Allen, Livermore Water Resources Coordinator, and her daughter, Ella, plan to submit their pledge and photos. They urge others to do so, as well.

Bridge Club to Raise Funds to Aid Alzheimer's Research

Members of the Livermore Bridge Club will join hundreds of bridge clubs across the country to raise money by playing in a daylong bridge game, allowing players to honor friends and loved ones affected by the disease while also keeping their own mental skills sharp.

For the third consecutive year, the American Contract Bridge League, the sanctioning body for the game of bridge, is teaming up with the Alzheimer's Association to raise money for Alzheimer's research in one of the group's signature fund-raising events – The Longest Day.

Typically held on the summer solstice – June 21, The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. The local club's team for the event will support the cause by playing bridge from sunrise to sunset and offering free lessons to the public. The two-session game will be held on June 22, and will start at 10 a.m. at \$20 per person.

In the past two years, more than 160 bridge clubs have raised more than \$1 million for the Alzheimer's Association, providing much needed funds for the care, support and research efforts it leads. This year, the ACBL is setting its sights on raising more than \$600,000, and it plans to increase that amount incrementally each year as more

There may not be any wi-fi in the Diablo wilderness but Save Mount Diablo's Executive Director Ron Brown is hoping to find a better connection with the outdoors that he's helped to protect for more than 15 years.

Brown plans to retire from the grassroots environmental non-profit organization at the end of 2015. "I have spent a lot of time in meeting rooms, swivel chairs and in front of computer screens to protect the Diablo wilderness," Brown explained. "The time has come for me to get outside and enjoy the great lands that we have protected together. At the end of this year, I will retire so that I can feel the wind in my hair, hike trails and go camping with my grandkids."

By the time he retires, the Executive Director will have completed more than 42 years of full time work in non-profit organizations. "Ron has been an inspiring force for Save Mount Diablo and we will miss him dearly. We are pleased that he will be working with us towards a smooth transition," said Scott Hein the President of the Board of Directors for Save Mount Diablo. A search firm is working with Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors to select the next Executive Director.

Brown will continue to actively work through the transition period and will assist in orienting the new Executive Director. He will continue to consult on special projects through 2016.

Under Brown's leadership, there have been many successes for Save Mount Diablo's work with partners to advance land preservation in the East Bay. Even though a third of the Diablo wilderness is still unprotected, he feels confident that the mountain will be saved for future generations. "Although the work is not done, I know the organization has amazing supporters, is strong and successful with an actively engaged board of directors. I don't doubt that, together, we will protect the remaining

bridge clubs participate in the effort.

For more information about the ACBL, visit www.acbl.org.

Theater Company Offers Improv Classes

Play theatre games with the Encore Players. Theater improvisation provides a level playing field where participants can flex their creative muscles in an atmosphere of mutual trust and support.

Instructor Gary Grossman, well known for his work with theatre companies in the Bay Area and beyond, is offering a series of three improv classes in June. Participants will meet from 3-6 pm Saturday, June 13, 20 and 27 at the Bothwell Arts Center, H and Eighth streets, Livermore. Fee for the three sessions is \$75. No previous improv experience is necessary. An open mind and an interest in building stories and character will take you far.

Since time is short, please call Joan Boer at 447-5546 or email joanboer@aol.com to register or get more information. The \$75 fee is payable at the first Saturday session.

Save Mt. Diablo Executive Director Stepping Down

threatened acres."

Brown looks forward to working on saving more land this last year and hiking, camping and especially fishing next year.

To make a donation in honor of Ron Brown's work to Save Mount Diablo, please visit SaveMountDiablo.org.

Preserved lands have increased from 6,788 acres in one park to more than 110,000 acres in more than 40 parks and preserves. For information, contact Save Mount Diablo, telephone: (925) 947-3535, fax: (925) 947-0642, 1901 Olympic Blvd., Suite 320, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; www.SaveMountDiablo.org



Joyful Empowerment is one of the stops on the tour.

Southern Tour to Conclude Art Walk Series in Pleasanton

Pleasanton's 2nd Saturday Public Art Walk Series concludes with the Southern Tour.

During this Saturday's Pleasanton Public Art Walk, June 13th, the secrets of Centennial Park with its interesting design and much "hidden" symbolism will be revealed.

The 2-hour walk and talk begins at 8:30am from the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Ave. This art walk includes the Pleasanton Library, Senior Center with Centennial Park, Civic Park, and the southern portion of Downtown Pleasanton.

Nancy and Gary Harrington, of the Harrington Art Partnership, will lead this walk, showing the existing public art and giving information about the artists and anecdotes regarding their works, the Harrington Art Partnership, and how to participate in bringing more public art sooner to Pleasanton. Also to be revealed is the library location for the future sculpture "On the Count of Three" by Jane De Decker, just approved by the Pleasanton City Council last week.

Walkers will receive a map of the Pleasanton Art Walk, with location of the art, its name, and the artist.

The series of four Pleasanton 2nd Saturday Public Art Walks will begin again September 12 at 8:30.

Free private group walks are also available, call Nancy or Gary at 925-846-9757 for more information.

PPIE Awards Grants to Educators Totally Nearly \$40,000

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation recently awarded the 2015 Innovative Education Grants, awarding almost \$40,000 to 19 educators from a variety of elementary, middle school and high schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

PPIE offers Education Grants for Pleasanton Unified School District employees to fund projects that are student-focused, promote creativity and innovative thinking, and offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Grant requests are accepted in amounts up to \$3,000 to supplement, but not replace, district funding.

Local companies support the Innovative Grant Program, in particular Oracle Corporation provided a grant of \$30,000 for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math ("STEM") related projects, and The Clorox Company granted the program \$5,000, PPIE was once again able fund close to half the requests received.

"For the second year in a row, the foundation received a record number of grant requests," said Executive Director Susan Hayes "We are grateful to our corporate partners who support this program. They recognize innovation can be explored at all ages and all grade levels. Their participation also extends to the grant committee, where they bring insight and enthusiasm to the process." The list of Innovative Education Grant Awards follows.

This spring, PPIE also awarded Competition Grants to comprehensive high schools. These grants support school-sponsored, non-athletic programs, clubs and teams advancing to regional, state and national levels. A grant in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Amador Valley

High School's Competition Civics Team, and Foothill High school awarded \$500 to their Debate Club and \$500 to Model United Nations.

"The reality is that the more successful these academic teams become, the higher the out-of-pocket costs required to continue in the competition process. PPIE is honored to help offset those costs to support these hard-working students," said Hayes.

The PPIE Foundation Student, Education and Competition Grant Programs have awarded over \$900,000.00 in grants to date throughout the Pleasanton Unified School District. Companies interested in donating to the PPIE Innovative Grant Programs can email Susan Hayes at executivedirector@ppie.org.

PPIE Foundation Innovative Education Grant Awards 2015 include the following:

TEDx Amador Valley High School: \$2,850.00 – Erik Scherer and Amber Carrion, Amador Valley High School. Funds support an official TEDx event for freshman slated for September, 2015.

Creating a 21st Century Classroom: \$2,500.00 – Wendy Connelly, Amador Valley High School. Funds support transitioning to modular-style classroom

Interactive Document Camera: \$770.00 – Michael Leitz – Foothill High School. Funds support enhancing student writing with interactive document camera

Alisal Library Re-design: \$2,990.95 – Elizabeth Shakelford, Alisal Elementary School. Funds infrastructure improvements for library re-design

Robotics and Automation- Solving Real World Problems: \$2,714.00 – Linda Boveda, Lydiksen Elementary School. Funds 10

iPad Minis for Project Lead the Way STEM projects

Engineering Earthquake Applications: \$2,992.40 – Laurie James, Amador Valley High School. Funds purchase of Earthquake simulator "shake table" for Project Lead the Way

Digital Electronics Workshop Kits: \$2,921.20 – Cheri Weinhagen, Hart Middle School. Funds purchase electronic circuitry workshop kits to be shared with all three middle schools

Anatomy Clay: \$1,698.02 – Diane Farthing, Amador Valley High School. Funds purchase Maniken Models for kinesiology projects

Bringing Zoology to Life: \$2,541.76 – Francisco Garcia- Foothill High School. Funds provide lab supplies and models for zoology projects

Protein Models: \$2,182.86 – Lata Mistry, Amador Valley High School. Funds support modeling projects in alignment with new standards

STEM Teacher Training: \$1,500.00 – Kristin Mulhern, Alisal Elementary School. Funds support Project Lead the Way Training at elementary level

Bringing Anatomy to Life through Hands-On Dissection: \$1,200.00 – Renee Ogle, Amador Valley High School. Funds provide project supplies for hands-on project and student video tutorial

Supporting NGSS with Tablets in Chemistry: \$2,050.00 – Paula Simms, Amador Valley High School. Funds support purchase of tablets and projector for modeling and virtual exploration

Biographies in the 21st Century: \$1,478.48 – Carol Digirolamo, Alisal Elementary School. Funds support purchase of chromebooks for online literacy research to bring user ratio to 2:1

Welcome NGSS and

Common Core: \$2,827.10 – Amy Turner Bull, Amador Valley High School. Funds to purchase tablets to convert data collection from single computer to multiple users aligned with life science standards

Bringing STEM to Alisal with Project Lead the Way: \$1,500.00 – Cassandra Fuller, Alisal Elementary School. Funds purchase iPads to support launch of

Project Lead the Way curriculum at the elementary level

3D Printers- From Tortoise to Hare – Project Lead the Way: \$2,756.00 – Warren Jensen, Pleasanton Middle School. Funds purchase three Robo 3D Printers for the 3 middle school Project Lead the Way Gateway to Technology classes.

iPads and Movie Cameras for Journalism: \$1,500.00

– Kathy Nichols, Pleasanton Middle School. Funds purchase iPads for enhancing video reporting projects for The Imprint, online newspaper.

Digital Video – The Next Generation : \$2,005.00 – Yoko Oda, Pleasanton Middle School. Funds purchase VIXIA HF R500 Video Cameras for collaboration in video journalism.

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Summer Reading Programs for All Ages at the Library

Summer reading is for everyone at the Livermore Public Library.

Children reading independently and pre-readers can participate in the free 2015 Summer Reading Game. Teens entering grades 6-12 may participate in the free teen program to earn raffle tickets and enter to win exciting prizes. Adults may also join in with a free program tailored just for them. Prizes will be awarded in all reading programs, with the goal of reading, sharing what was read and having fun!

Children up to 5th grade can pick up a Summer Reading Game board at any Livermore Public Library beginning June 7th. Teens and adults can sign up and start tracking their reading on the Livermore Public Library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net now. All Summer Reading Programs end on August 15, 2015.

The Summer Reading Game encourages children to improve their reading skills over the summer, while earning prizes along the way. Independent readers fill in their paper game board to earn cool prizes, including an ice cream cone, a free book, and a gold medal. Younger children, including babies, may enroll in the Pre-Readers' Game, in which parents and caregivers and their children read together to earn stickers and a free book.

Complementing the Summer Reading Game is a host of activities and entertainment—including storytimes and crafts, music and dance from a variety of cultures, wild animal shows, puppets, storytellers and more. All events are free and open to the public. Find details at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Teens are invited to join in the summer reading fun as well. Those entering 6th through 12th grades may earn raffle tickets for a chance to win a variety of prizes, including gift cards, movies, and an e-reader. Go online at www.livermorelibrary.net beginning June 7th to register and start recording books read through August 15, 2015.

In addition to Summer Reading programs for children and teens, the Livermore Public Library invites grown-ups to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Go online at www.livermorelibrary.net to register and begin listing books and writing comments about books read. For each book logged, earn a chance to win a weekly prize and three grand prizes. The more you read, the more chances of winning movie tickets or gift certificates to local restaurants and merchants.

For more information, visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5500.

Students Receive Free Tickets to the County Fair

Elementary school students throughout Alameda County have a free ticket to Summer Learning Fun as Alameda County Fair and Kaiser Permanente continue a ticket-gifting program to promote education.

The fair runs June 17 – July 5 (Open Tuesday – Sunday) 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

All K-5 students in participating school districts received a free ticket to use any day of Fair. Kaiser Permanente, a local non-profit organization and supporter of the Fair's health-oriented activities for kids, sponsored the program.

"The Fair provides meaningful fun for kids through innovative, STEAM-based activities, events and competitions, each and every year. Historically, fairs have always been about showcasing innovation, and its important to keep those things at the core of what we do," said Jerome Hoban, Alameda County Fair CEO. "Our goal is for kids to learn something while they're here, whether they realize it or not."

Approximately 100,000 tickets were distributed to 172 public schools in 13 districts including Alameda, Albany, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, New Haven, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Lorenzo, and Sunol.

Berkeley, Piedmont, Newark and San Leandro districts chose not to participate in the program but the Fair will honor free admission at any time to elementary grade students who attend those schools, with any form of enrollment documentation (i.e. a report card or other official school document with the child's name).

Private schools within the county were also offered tickets for students and many of them are participating as well.

The following are some examples of the programs, activities, events and competitions available for kids at the Alameda County Fair:

- Special Kids' STEM Weekend Events: Hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math games and activities offered on Kids free Fridays; Sports, Fitness & Health - June 19-21; Engineering, Robots, Rockets & Space - June 26-28; Agriculture, Energy & Environment - July 3-5
- Discovery Quest: Kids look for clues and solve mysteries in this self-guided, educational scavenger hunt.
- Power Station: Kids have fun racing model cars on a unique, solar-powered racetrack.
- Competitive Exhibits and School Projects: The Fair

offers a wide variety of competitive categories for kids including crafts, gardening, woodworking, photography, science & technology, creative writing, food, school projects and more. An entire building is dedicated to showcasing youth projects.

• Live competitions and attractions: Lego Building Competition, Mind Storm Challenge Robot, Reptile Exhibit, Storybook character costume contest, Cows, pigs, sheep, rabbits, chickens & more in the Livestock Exhibits, Petting Zoo

For more information on the Fair's educational programs, please visit www.alamedacountyfair.com

Writers Club Presents Guest Speaker at Meeting

David Congalton will be the guest speakers at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, June 20, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

David Congalton, a radio talk show host and writer, spent 25 years chasing his dream of selling a script to Hollywood. The result was 2014's feature film comedy Authors Anonymous, starring Kaley Cuoco, Chris Klein, Teri Polo, and the late Dennis Farina as members of a dysfunctional writing critique group. Congalton's second feature film screenplay Seven Sisters is slated to go into production in early 2015 with director Danny Leiner attached. Congalton shares his remarkable journey—the lessons learned and advice for those writers pursuing similar dreams. The shooting script for Authors Anonymous is posted online at www.imsdb.com for those interested in reading the screenplay prior to Congalton's lively presentation.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, June 20, 2015, 2:00- 4:00 p.m. (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$12, non-members, \$17. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting Linda Todd at reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, June 17, 2014.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, contact Jordan Bernal at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.

Kalaikoil Dancers Perform at the Springtown Library As Part of Summer Reading Program

The Livermore Public Library will present the Kalaikoil dancers on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6pm at the Springtown Branch Library.

The library is located at 998 Bluebell Dr., Livermore. The Kalaikoil dance group is one of a variety of free performances offered during the library's 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Audience members will be invited to clap and dance along as the Kalaikoil dancers present the culture, language, geography and music of South India through

the traditional art form of Bharatanatyam. The classical dance, much like ballet and the hula, tells a story through a combination of dance, music, and drama. Kalaikoil dancers will show you how to dance a few of the steps and even teach you to say a few Indian words.

This free performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs are

geared toward children ages 4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, music concerts, puppetry, storytellers and a wildlife presentation.

For further information, pick up a 2015 Summer Reading Program calendar of events at any of the library's three locations, check online at www.livermorelibrary.net, or call 925-373-5504.



Element 116

Concannon Hosts Fund-raiser for Student Jazz Band

Wine, yoga, and live jazz come together for a good cause at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, when Concannon Vineyard hosts "Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn" to raise money for Element 116, a jazz band made up of Livermore middle and high school students. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) sponsors Element 116.

"Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn" is sponsored by Dragonfly Yoga & Wellness. The evening kicks off with an all-levels Yoga class from 6 to 7 p.m. on the Concannon lawn, taught by Dragonfly co-owner Suzanna Spring.

"We have loved partnering with Concannon Vineyard for Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn," said Spring. "So many people--new to yoga, or experienced practitioners--look forward to practicing outdoors with us in this beautiful setting. Dragonfly Yoga is delighted to collaborate with LVEF in helping our community's young musicians receive the resources they need to continue to grow their musical gifts."

No prior Yoga experience is necessary. Yoga mats will be provided. Following the class, Element 116 will perform a 30 minute set in the Concannon tasting room. Tickets are \$25 and include wine tasting and refreshments. Dragonfly will donate the event proceeds to Element 116's scholarship program.

For more information about "Yoga on the Vineyard Lawn" and to purchase tickets go to <http://dragonfly-yogawellness.com/>. For more information about Element 116 go to <https://livermorevalleyeducationfound.wordpress.com/programs/element-116/>.



On June 3rd, Livermore Valley Charter Prep's student improvisational troupe, Cliff Jumpers, presented an evening of hysterical performance made up completely on the spot, based on audience suggestions. This was the final performance of the current school year as well as the last high school performance for several of the members who are in their Senior year. Cast members include Marianne Calub, Elijah Deakin, Sasha King, Megan Lucas, Sophie Morgan, Cole Parkerson, Fox Schmidt, Mariah Turner, and Zac Turner. Photo - John King

Classical Latin Offered at Livermore High School

Classical Latin has returned to the Livermore High School World Language department after more than a 20 years' absence.

The study of Latin is considered beneficial for several reasons, including a statistical increase in SAT scores due to the expansion of English vocabulary and

the increased understanding of grammar and syntax. Many scientific, medical, and legal terms come from Latin vocabulary.

In addition to the academic challenge and growth in Latin classes, students also study of Roman history, mythology, and ancient authors such as Cicero, Vergil,

Ovid, and Caesar.

Enrollment is key to the success of this nascent program (in Latin, nascens, nascentis means birth). Taking Latin classes for two years fulfills the UC World Language requirement. Interested students can contact Mary Kaye Brown, the Latin teacher, directly at mbrown.lvjUSD.k12.ca.us.

Mural Artist Teaches to Paint by Copying the Masters

Vera Lowdermilk painted her first paid mural work when she was just fifteen years old. Beginning as a young single mother, Lowdermilk has supported herself as a professional mural painter for 30 years. Amongst her most locally known public works in the area are the Firehouse Mural on the side wall of Sanctuary Ultra Lounge on First Street, Livermore, and the

Mel's balloon mural facing the city parking lot behind First Street, both with the assistance of Livermore artist Kean Butterfield.

Lowdermilk is also a teacher and is offering to share her skills in three five-week courses beginning Thursday, June 18th. "Have fun learning painting technique while copying the masters," says Lowdermilk, "Monet, Picasso, O'Keefe

- we'll have fun with them all."

There will be a morning class for children ages 10-15, and for adults and older teens from 2-2:30 and again from 7-8:30, all at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street. For more information, see bothwellartscenter.org, Facebook, or on the Meetup.com page, "Real East Bay Arts & Fun Stuff Like That."

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

ham at (510) 877-8154.

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

Freeze Frame Exhibit, top 25 finalists from the Tri-Valley Conservancy's 2014 Freeze Frame photo competition will be on display at Cuda Ridge Winery. This is a collection of striking images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the Tri-Valley. The exhibit runs from May 1 through July 31, 2015. Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

A Collection of Sharon Wood's Photography will be open for public viewing at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, from June 2- July 30th. There will be a reception June 2, 7-8:30 pm.

Repurposed: Creative Re-Use of Otherwise Discarded Items. New installation at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Works by 4 Northern California artists using diverse processes, motivations, and cast-off materials to create sophisticated fine art pieces. Includes origami, assemblage wall pieces, free standing sculpture, collage incorporating old sheet music and books, and a large installation work not to be missed. Open to the public June 24 through July 23. Free public opening artist reception will be held on Wednesday, June 23, from 7:00 — 9:00 p.m. at the gallery. The public is invited to explore the works and chat with the artists. Light refreshments will be served. **Young@Art Event:** Thursday, June 25, 4:30-5:45 p.m. "Recycled Fun" Young @ Art Youth Gallery Program. Ages 5-11. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, code 60159. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

Art on the Green, Bankhead Plaza Green, 2400 First St., Livermore, third Saturday of the month June-Septem-

ber. Sponsored by the Bothwell Arts Center and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Event open to all artists displaying artist-only products. All art must be family acceptable. \$20 fee, information contact Anne Giancola at agiancola@livermoreperformingarts.org to RSVP.

Art Under the Oaks, July 18 and 19, sponsored by Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. No admission charge. Art displays and demonstrations. www.livermoreartassociation.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

General meeting, Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, 7:30 p.m. June 8, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Program by Daniel Riley, contemporary abstract painting. No admission charge. www.PAL-ART.org or www.livermoreartassociation.org

Artists at Work, a new monthly event, the second Thursday of each month features a new artist and artists at work at the Livermore Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore. June will feature printmaker Erica Barajas.

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

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

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

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

Art Classes, For children, teens and

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

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

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

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

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond - Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., June 29th 9:30 to Noon for five weeks and Tues., June 30th, 6:30 to 9PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388.

Paint Your Pet, Friday, June 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Valley Humane Society fund-raiser. Bottle & Bottega East Bay artists will guide individual efforts to create a personal masterpiece of a pet. Don't have a pet... or a picture? Photos of Valley Humane Society's adoptable animals will be available for re-creation. Check-in is from 6 — 6:30 pm; BYOB...snacks will be provided. All proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Cost \$40 per person includes all materials, instruc-

tion and portrait to take home. www.valleyhumane.org

WINE & SPIRITS

The Chef & The Winemaker - A Celebration of the Bay Area's Most Acclaimed Women Chefs, Wentve Vineyards Restaurant. Dinners, 6 to 9 p.m. Tanya Holland, Executive Chef/Owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen, TV personality, cookbook author, 2013 California Chef of the Year, Sept. 10; Joanne Weir, James Beard Award Winner, TV Personality, cookbook author, Chef/Partner of Copita, Nov. 12. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore; event information 925.456.2424; dinner reservations at 925.456.2450 or wentvevineyards.com/restaurant

Craft Beer Dinner Summer Series at Wentve Vineyards: Grill Chef Owen Nattress meals paired with beers from local brewers; June 12 - Altamont Beer Works, Livermore & Fieldwork Brewing Company, Berkeley; July 24 - Eight Bridges Brewing Co., Livermore & Black Diamond Brewing Company, Concord. Both events 6:30-9:30 p.m. limited to 50 people. Reservations required. \$79 Club Members/\$89 Non-club Members. 925.456.2424. The Grill at Wentve Vineyards, 5040 Arroyo Road, Livermore. www.wentvevineyards.com

Rodrigue Molyneux, school year end winetasting, Thursday, June 11 edition. Teachers get a free tasting the entire weekend of June 13 and 14. Just present school ID or a pay stub and get a free tasting of one white and seven reds. Open Saturday and Sundays from 12:30 to 5 p.m., 3053 Marina Avenue., Livermore. Visit us at www.rmwinery.com.

Brewzza Palooza, Eight Bridges Brewing Ind., noon to 7:30 p.m. Sat., June 13, 332 Earhart Way, Livermore. Ken's Wood Fired Pizza, beer, music by Rick Barnes and Friends.

Las Positas Vineyards, Sun., June 14, "Sunday Funday" with newest wine and cheese pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. For more details, call 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. Fri., June 19 "Evening in the Vineyards" concert from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Tumbledown House. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages and Artisan pizza's hand crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To purchase tickets, go to www.laspositasvineyards.com. Space is limited so please visit our website to reserve your seat.

Wine Country Ranch Dance, Murrieta's Well historic barrel room. Live music by the Michael Beck Band and line dancing. Ticket price includes a glass of Murrieta's Well estate wine and delicious food bites. June 19, 6:30-9 p.m. \$60 club members, \$65 nonmembers. Father's Day Festivities wine, food and relaxation, special Father's Day flight, \$25. June 21, noon to 5 p.m. 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore, (925) 456-2395 or www.murrietastwell.com

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

Charles R Vineyards events: celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st from 11:30am - 4:30pm. Challenge Dad to "Giant Jenga" and other lawn games. Bring a homemade picnic and sip some Charles R wine on the patio. Wine by the glass and bottle available for purchase. 8195 Crane Ridge Rd./5800 Greenville Rd., Livermore. "4th Friday Free Summer Concert Series!" June 26, 5:30 to 8 p.m. with live music by Mud Daddy. Wine by the glass or bottle.

Wente Vineyards, Sundays in the Round, three new food experiences paired with Wente Vineyards wines. \$60 club members, \$65 non-club, per guest, per experience. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Clam Bake: June 21, 11-2; Dim Sum: July 12, 11-2; Festival of Lights, Indian cuisine, Aug. 16, 11-2 925.456.2405 or www.wentvevineyards.com

Retzlaff Vineyards, Independence Day Celebration, July 4 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. 925-447-89341.

Taste Our Terroir, July 23-26. Thursday July 23, 2015 is the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence featuring 19 winemakers with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. 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 advance through 7/10, \$95 after; weekend event tickets available from \$35-\$100. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. www.lvwine.org.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Steve Fread performances: 6-25 5:30-7:30 Cuda Ridge Neil Young set. **Hot Clubs of Cowtown**, hot jazz and western swing. 8 p.m. Fri., June 12. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

"Baby Love": The Songs of Diana Ross & The Supremes, Top Shelf Classics returns to the Firehouse Arts Center with this spectacular celebration of songs that epitomized the classic Motown sound and sophisticated style! Featuring hits like "Where Did Our Love Go," "You Can't Hurry Love," "Stop! In The Name of Love," and many more. Saturday, June 20, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$15.00-\$25.00. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

JOEL: the songs of Billy Joel, featuring Kyle Martin, June 20, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

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

A Tribute to the Broadway Divas, Vol. 1, Featuring songs of Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Bernadette Peters, Angela Lansbury. July 18, 8 p.m. and July 19, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

New West Guitar Group, presented by Red-Legged Frog Productions, July 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Puerto Candelaria, the vibrant rhythms and dance of the rich, exuberant Columbian culture. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

The Skin of Our Teeth, May 22-June 14. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. www.dmtonline.org or 510-881-6777.

Douglas Morrisson Theatre presents 4th annual Playwrights' Gagematch, five playwrights square off; audience will vote by token to determine the winner. Mon., June 15, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$5 per token. Information and box office (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

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

As You Like It and Sense and Sensibility will be performed on the grounds of Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting room at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. For dates and detailed information visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$50 and are day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. The

Milestones

Education

The following local students were named to the Dean's List at California Lutheran University for the fall semester.

David Crago of Livermore is a biochemistry and molecular biology major.

Katherine Dubsky of Livermore is a biological science major.

Hillis Johnson of Livermore is a chemistry major.

Heather Chandler of Livermore is a multimedia major.

Kylie Clark of Livermore is a liberal studies major.

Sarah Peterson of Pleasanton is an English major.

Students qualify for the Dean's List by maintaining a 3.6 grade point average in their academic subjects. For the fall semester, 704 students earned the honor.

Rachel Bowers of Pleasanton, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising from Marist College the weekend of May 23. Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,800 full-time undergraduate students.

Lehigh University student Ani Nahapetian of Pleasanton achieved Dean's List status in the Spring 2015 semester. Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

Matthew Fitchett of Liver-

more, received a MSSM degree from Lasell College in December 2014. The achievement was announced during commencement exercises on the Newton, MA campus in May 2015. Fitchett majored in Sport Management.

Michael-Jun Burge of Pleasanton was formally recognized for his stellar performance on Army and Navy Academy's Swim team during the annual Spring Sports Banquet, held on May 27, 2015 at the Academy's Duffield Sports Center.

During the banquet, Burge received the Most Valuable Player Award. It was presented by the school's Athletic Director, Tim Cook.

"This night is about excellence," said Major General Arthur Bartell, President of the Academy. "Congratulations on your accomplishment, and keep up the good work."

Jennifer Newman of Livermore was among more than 700 graduates who participated in commencement ceremonies at George Fox University in early May. Newman earned a bachelor of arts in philosophy and politics degree.

Springfield College has named Abigail Osborne of Pleasanton, to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2015 term. Osborne is studying Health Science/Physician Assistant.

Hailee L. Peck of Livermore,

graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Millikin University during its 111th Commencement ceremony on May 17 at the Decatur Civic Center.

Justin Edward Gibson of Pleasanton, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester at Clarkson University. Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

The following students graduated from the University of San Diego on May 24:

Megan Harrington of Pleasanton. Harrington earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. Harrington completed the requirements for graduation in January of this year.

Robert Martinez of Dublin. Martinez earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy. Martinez graduated cum laude.

Christyann Sherohman of Livermore. Sherohman earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy. Sherohman graduated cum laude.

Paige Lommerin, Livermore, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester of 2014-15 academic year. Dean's list students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

(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.)

Backyard Model Railroad exhibit benefit for Make-a-Wish Foundation. Saturday, June 27, 10 am til 4 pm. 1664 Lodestone Road, Livermore. The "Great Lodestone Railroad Empire" has 16 trains, 1100 ft. of track, 4 towns, 300+ people & many more exciting features. Admission \$40 per family includes refreshments, lunch & "I Spy" games for kids. Raffle tickets on sale: need not be present to win prizes.

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, June 19, 1-7 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every day, Bay Area hospitals need hundreds of units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Summertime donations go down because schools are out and people are on vacation. Come donate, and bring a friend or family member to the drive. There's no easier way to help save a life than donating blood. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Tri-Valley Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a monthly meeting on the evening of Thursday, June 11th, at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore at 5:30 pm. Learn about the national association that advocates for them. A no host dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, and a business meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Tracy Hein, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, who will be speaking on the subject of Earthquake Preparedness. Look for chapter signs at the restaurant front entrance. To request more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, please call Gary at (925) 373-6758. Background on NARFE is on the Web at <http://www.narfe.org>.

The 90 minute documentary film, "Pump" will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., June 20 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Special guest speaker will be David Blume, author of "Alcohol Can Be a Gas" and major consultant on the film "Pump." The film explores the world of alternative fuels and has gotten rave reviews wherever it has been shown. Q & A after the film. At 6:30 PM, potluck dinner. This event is open to the public and is free; although, \$3.00 donations are accepted. The IBEW Hall has lots of parking, A/C, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information on this event, call 925-462-3459 or email flicknight@gmail.com. For more information on "Pump," go to www.pumpthemovie.com. For more information on David Blume, you can go to www.alcoholcanbeagas.com.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Debbie Shields who will speak on "Getting Organized!" on July 8, at 7:30 at its meeting at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. The discussion will be about the needs to get organize genealogical papers, different ways to sort

things and how to figure out what works for you. She is currently the Secretary of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogy Society, manages their member database and teaches part of the semi-annual beginner's seminar. Debbie has also served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. No charge. Visitors are always welcome.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., June 15 at the IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Denis Cuff, writer for the Contra Costa Times, will talk about the drought, water cutbacks, and the Governor's tunnels. Discussion & Q&A, refreshments, public invited.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. June 13, 11 a.m. brunch in Dublin, RSVP by June 11 to Janet, 443-3317. June 14, noon brunch in Fremont, RSVP by June 12 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. June 15, 1 p.m. lunch in Dublin, RSVP by June 13 to Janet, 443-3317. June 18, 5 p.m. Happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 16 to Mary, 736-2350. June 20, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, Livermore, RSVP by June 13 to Harriett, 447-8229. June 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by June 21 to Janet, 443-3317. June 28, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by June 25 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CARES), monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, June 18th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Livermore Citywide Garage Sale, Sat., June 20, 8 a.m. to noon. Register sale online at LivermoreSanitation.com or at 449-7300. Participants registered by June 11 will receive free advertising. Hosted by Livermore Sanitation as part of Livermore Recycles.

Film showing benefits veterans, June 14, 1 p.m. at the Pleasanton Veterans Building, 301 Main St. The film, "Humor VS Action 2," was created by a local student. Pre-order tickets at \$7 by email nn.films.media@gmail.com or \$10 at the door. Food and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237.

Paint Your Pet, Friday, June 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Valley Humane Society fund-raiser. Bottle & Bottega East Bay artists will guide individual efforts to create a personal masterpiece of a pet. Don't have a pet... or a picture? Photos of Valley Humane Society's adoptable animals will be available for re-creation. Check-in is from 6 - 6:30 pm; BYOB...snacks will be provided. All proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Cost \$40 per person includes all materials, instruction and portrait to take home. www.valleyhumane.org

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 11, 6:30pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton. At 6:30 will be a potluck of finger foods, followed by the business meeting. The speakers will be Janie and Roger Chapin,

members of LAVGC, who spent six weeks touring English gardens. They will show photographs of the beautiful gardens that they visited. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel,

Tri-Valley Singles Ward Is Re-organized

The Livermore California Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the calling of a new bishopric for the Tri-Valley Ward congregation. This Mormon congregation is made up of single adults ages 19-30 living in the cities of the Tri-Valley (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville). The new bishop is Ron Hahn with Jerry Hemming as 1st Counselor and Bruce Erickson as 2nd Counselor. Bishop Jeff Farley and his counselors Greg Ranieri and Rick Hutchins were released and received an expression of gratitude for their years of service.

The church operates with a lay ministry and all of its local members serve each other without pay. Bishop Hahn and his counselors, with the support of their wives and families, will lead a congregation of approximately 200 members and help them increase their commitment to our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen their families and serve their fellowmen.

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fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

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

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Lions Club welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our commu-

nity & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 922-9280.

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 925-5039.

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.

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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., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.,

Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La 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. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site); 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. www.saintbartslivermore.com

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

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

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

pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

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

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

Centerpointe Church, During the summer months, Centerpointe Church will hold a single worship service at 10 a.m. in the worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The summer schedule will run throughout June, July and August. Two worship services will resume on August 23. Sunday school and a full range of youth programs will be held each Sunday. For more information, please see www.centerpointechurch.org or call (925) 846-4436.

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

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

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

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

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

Lynwood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Our summer worship schedule begins on June 14th with one service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact Rev.

Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org or visit our website at www.lynnwood.org.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 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 revhariet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://cslivlighthouse.org>.

Dealing with death, Those dealing with grief due to a death are invited to attend bi-monthly meetings. St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Bi-monthly meetings will be held at St. Elizabeth Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 11th and 25th. July 9th. and 23rd and August 13th. And 27th 2015. No per-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.



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Milestones

MS Society Grants Scholarship

The Northern California Chapter of the National MS Society has announced this year's recipients of its annual Scholarship Program: Annika Ariel (Santa Rosa), Shannon Lessard (Livermore), and Diana Nielsen (Gonzales).

The program helps students affected by multiple sclerosis pursue a college or technical school education. It is open to individuals who live with MS or have a parent who does. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited post-secondary school, and they can apply for any year of their undergraduate program.

In addition to the physical and emotional toll, MS can have a substantial financial impact on a family. The direct and indirect costs of MS, including lost wages — even for those with health insurance — are estimated at more than \$70,000 annually per household. This makes funding a college education that much harder.

“The journey of meeting the challenges of having multiple sclerosis for the last seven years has been a formidable one,” local recipient Shannon Lessard wrote in her scholarship personal statement. “Every time I am on the cusp of school finals, a fun event, holiday festivity, or a school dance, an unexpected attack of MS, affecting my vision, will occur. We pack a bag and head for the hospital, trying once again, to save my vision.”

For Shannon, life with MS has been a struggle, but it hasn't stopped her from pursuing her dreams of going to college. She plans to attend the University of Portland and pursue a nursing degree.

This year, more than \$1.2 million in awards were presented to over 800 new and renewal recipients nationwide. Applications are evaluated on financial need, academic record, leadership and volunteer activities, a statement of educational

and career goals, and letters of recommendation. Applicants are also asked to provide a personal statement describing the impact MS has had on their life. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and recipients are eligible to reapply each year to be considered for a future award. The program is competitive and awards are not guaranteed.

“For the Lessard Family and the hundreds of thousands diagnosed with MS across the country, there are very few known sources of scholarship assistance specially targeted for these families,” said Janelle Del Carlo, Chapter President. “MS shouldn't stand in the way of an education, and we are hopeful this program will give families some relief.”

Information about scholarships for 2016-17 will be available on October 1st. For more information, call 1-800-344-4867 or visit www.nationalMSSociety.org/scholarship.



Rhea and Romal Mittr (at left) and their awards (right),

Quarry Lane Students Collect Top Awards

Quarry Lane School (QLS) 7th grader Rhea Mittr and her sister, 4th grade student, Romal Mittr, competed in and earned several awards from two national-level competitions—the 2015 U.S. Geography Olympiad National Championships and the 2015 National History Bee Finals. Both competitions were held in Louisville, Kentucky on May 22nd and 23rd.

Quarry Lane School is located in Dublin.

At the Geography Olym-

piad National Championships, Rhea took first place in the Middle School Division Geography Subject Matter Expertise category, second place in the World Geography category, fourth place in the Quiz Bowl and was the fourth place winner in the Overall Middle School Geography Olympiad. Romal Mittr won third place in the Elementary Division U.S. Geography category and tenth place in the Overall Elementary School Geography Olympiad.

Rhea survived five preliminary rounds among 600 student competitors at the National History Bee Finals to compete in the championship round where she was subsequently eliminated. Her performance earned her a Championship Round Finalist standing at the competition.

“In a nutshell, it was a gratifying experience for us,” says Mamatha Mittr, Rhea and Romal's mother. “Louisville was buzzing with participants, their families and teachers from all over the country (about 3,500 people total). Our daughters not only made us proud, but did a great job in representing Quarry Lane. We are very grateful to Quarry Lane for the support and encouragement we have received.”

Founded in 2012, the United States Geography Olympiad is a nationwide competition that tests the geographical skills of students and helps to foster geography education throughout the United States. The National History Bee is an academic competition for elementary and middle school students that tests the knowledge of a wide range of historical topics.

Scouts Reach Milestone in Earning Super Achiever Awards

Jason Cruz and Zack Hoobing (pictured at right), first year Webelos Scouts from the Mighty 914 Cub Scout pack, have had a 'super' year. The boys have worked hard since last summer to earn their Super Achiever award. The Webelos Cub Scout program is an 18 month-two year program that includes 20 activity badges covering a breadth of material from engineering to art to outdoor skills. By attending various camps, sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, and being very active in both their den and pack, they were able to earn all 20 badges in one year. The Scouts took part in many outings, several campouts and service projects - their den even hiked 75 miles.

They also earned the Charles H. Townes Supernova medal for Webelos Scouts this year. The Supernova award is part of a Boy Scouts of America initiative to encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and boost the spirit of innovation.

During this process, many local businesses and organizations have taken time out of their schedule to help - a very big thank you to Dom's Outdoor Outfitters, Robot Garden, Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Cyclery, Red Zone Training, Alexander and Associates, Joann's Fabrics and the Almaden Quicksilver Park Rangers. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

The boys will be finishing up their final year in Cub Scouts and look forward to serving their community and making more fun memories together. The next step will be to cross over to Boy Scouts.

