



### See Inside Section A

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.

## Lab's NIF Slated for Budget Cut

The Trump Administration would like to cut the budget of the National Ignition Facility by 14 percent, from this year's \$344 million to \$296 million in the coming year, according to news reports.

The cut, if realized in the actual budgets that emerge in the coming months, would be part of the Administration's "shift in priorities away from the pursuit of fusion ignition," according to a news summary from the American Institute of Physics.

A spokesperson from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where the National Ignition Facility (NIF) is located, declined comment.

NIF is a key part of the U.S. effort to understand nuclear weapons physics in the absence of full-scale nuclear testing as it works to maintain its aging nuclear stockpile and the infrastructure that supports it.

The facility comes closer to recreating the extreme temperatures and pressures of a nuclear explosion than other scientific instruments do.

In the implosion-explosion sequence of a laser driven target, ignition begins when the center of a rapidly compressing laser target becomes a "hotspot" of self-sustaining thermonuclear reactions that produces more energy than is lost from the system.

NIF has not yet demonstrated ignition despite intense efforts to do so. Years ago, when the system was still being built, Laboratory management was optimistic that it would be possible, but was careful not to guarantee success.

It stressed the facility's value to the weapons program even without ignition -- a value that is being realized with NIF's ability to advance the physics of extreme conditions often referred to as "high energy density."

Not achieving ignition has been an embarrassment not so much because the science was more difficult than predicted -- although it has been -- but because, to critics,

it seemed to symbolize a tendency to over-promise and under-deliver in science today.

The federal administration asked for level funding of \$80 million for another major laser facility that pursues some of the same goals as NIF, the University of Rochester's Omega laser. For Rochester supporters, that's a step up from last year, when the Administration tried to zero out Omega's budget.

It proposes to increase the budget for the Z Pulsed Power Facility at Sandia National Laboratory from \$63 million to \$67 million.

While the administration would (See NIF, page 5)

## Zone 7 Fills Vacant Seat With Dubliner

Zone 7 Water Agency directors chose Michelle Smith McDonald to fill the vacant board seat. The Dublin resident said that she wants to enhance the agency's communication outreach to the public.

Directors voted 6-0 at a special meeting May 2.

Smith McDonald will be sworn in May 15. She will serve until the next election, in March 2020, the state and federal primary.

Directors previously decided the appointment would be temporary, which means serving a short term until the 2020 primary. In the 2020 election, Smith could opt to switch over to one of the three four-year terms that will be on the ballot. Any of the incumbents in four-year seats could switch to the short term, if they wish. Zone 7 has no term limits.

Fourteen people applied for the seat, which was vacated when longtime board veteran Bill Stevens of Livermore resigned to enable him to spend more time with family, and building his growing engineering business.

Two on the applicants' list — Mike Morrison and Sylvia Tian — withdrew before the meeting.

Among those who stayed, and went through opening public statements to the board, were Olivia Angus, Rich Buckley, Alfred Exner, Naveed Khan, Arne Olson, Robert Tucknott, Niki Wentz, and Randy Werner.

Four others advanced to the final round of interviews. (See ZONE 7, page 5)

## Anchor Tom Morrison of TV 30 Dies

Thomas Roger Morrison of Danville, a longtime interviewer and anchor seen by many Valley residents on TV 30, has died.

Morrison passed away peacefully on April 18, at the age of 83, with his wife of 23 years, Kathy, and his family at his side.

Morrison had been fighting cancer prior to his death. He started as a volunteer at TV 30 in 1982, and later joined the staff. He anchored the 580/680 News, and hosted the Mayors Report, and Conversation shows that interviewed Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley.

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Treasures of Japan, at the Pleasanton Senior Center on May 4-5, offered exhibits, demonstrations, and performances that shared Japanese culture. Exhibitions included sumi-e (ink brush paintings), bonsai, ikebana, and taiko. Pictured are the Taiko Ren drummers, who performed during the Opening Ceremony. A representative from the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco and Mayor Jerry Thorne were featured. The event was created by a partnership between the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and the City of Pleasanton. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

## Measles Was Eradicated...Until It Wasn't

By Jeff Garberson

Less than two decades ago, the American medical system could make an impressive boast: it had eradicated measles in the U.S.

By 2000, while some other countries were losing thousands of children to measles-related deaths, the U.S. was experiencing fewer than 100 cases per year and no deaths. Virtually all domestic

measles cases originated with travelers from abroad.

It was no small achievement. Far from the mild disease that some adults think they remember from childhood, measles in the mid-20th Century used to kill 400 or 500 American children every year and cause thousands of cases of encephalitis with lasting consequences, like deafness and mental disability.

The introduction of a safe, highly effective vaccine in 1963 led to a sharp decline in cases, which once numbered 3 or 4 million per year in this country alone.

Today, however, measles is on the upswing, with more than 700 U.S. cases in the U.S. so far this year. That's the largest number in a quarter century.

To many medical experts, (See MEASLES, page 4)

## First of its Kind LLNL Study Evidence Shows Human Influence on Global Droughts Dates Back Over 100 Years

Observations and climate reconstructions using data from tree rings confirm that human activity was affecting the worldwide drought risk as far back as the early 20th century.

New research from the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Columbia University shows that greenhouse gas emissions in the first half of the century (1900-1949) significantly affected temperature and rainfall and caused

large hydrological shifts over land. The research appears in the May 1 edition of the journal Nature.

The study compared real-world data with climate models, which predicted that human influences could be seen early in the 1900s and would increase. Clear evidence of a human "fingerprint" — a global pattern of regional drying and wetting characteristic of the climate response to greenhouse gases — emerged within the first half of the last century.

The team said the study is the

first to provide historical evidence connecting human-generated greenhouse gas emissions and the changes in drought at near-global scales, lending credibility to forward-looking models that predict such a connection. These models also project that humans will play an even bigger role in the location and severity of future droughts, the team warned.

The team used a drought indicator, the Palmer Drought Severity Index, estimated from weather data

(See DROUGHTS, page 5)

## Dublin Tax Passes with 74% Approval

Voters in the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) have passed Measure E, a 9-year extension of the existing parcel tax.

The vote was conducted entirely by mail, with the ballots due at the County Registrar's Office by 8:00 p.m. May 7. The final tally was reported on-line at the Registrar's website at about 8:45 p.m., with all 18 precincts counted.

The final count showed 4,527 yes votes, and 1,560 no votes, or 74.37% to 25.63%. Some 66.7% yes votes were needed for passage.

(See PARCEL TAX, page 8)

## Violence at Places of Worship, Its Effect on the Tri-Valley

By Bruce Gach

Recently, a Poway California Chabad Synagogue was the scene of violence resulting in one death and other injuries. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick of Chabad Tri-Valley discussed how this and similar incidents in the U.S. and around the world have affected his congregation.

Even though there have been no threats or incidence of violence locally, Resnick noted that the attack in Pittsburg six months ago, and particularly in Poway has fundamentally changed his community. "Poway hit us more personally". It

is a California suburban town like Livermore and Pleasanton. "This was a real wake-up call. The fact that we need to have a conversation about security for our synagogue is a sad state of affairs."

The synagogue has received a grant of \$75,000 from the Department of Homeland Security to help upgrade safety inside and outside the building. There is also an ongoing capital campaign so that a state-of-the-art security system can be installed. The synagogue has had training from local law enforcement and some specialists advising security measures. A security team

is being formed. Relationships with the Pleasanton police department are being established.

Resnick continued, "The security measures should not be construed as coming from fear and intimidation. They are responsible actions to continue what we do in a safe and secure manner." If because of these events "anyone is intimidated or scared to do something, or to proudly wear their faith for others to see, no matter if it is Judaism, Christianity or whatever faith they practice, we are in trouble."

(See VIOLENCE, page 7)



Steve Harris, Police Inspector at the SF District Attorney Bureau of Investigations, offered safety advice at the Chabad of the Tri-Valley in Pleasanton. About 50 individuals attended a security training session for Northern California Chabad rabbis and staff on Sunday, May 5. The synagogue was recently awarded a grant of \$75,000 from the Department of Homeland Security to upgrade its safety. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

### PET OF THE WEEK



### NELSON

Are you looking for your own fan club? Ready to round out your squad? Nelson will take the job! He would love to keep you company and bring some happiness to your day. With a goofy smile, he's guaranteed to delight. Nelson is estimated to be 2 years old and is already neutered and microchipped. Meet Nelson at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

Photo Credit: Valley Humane Society/C. Dochterman

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# County Announces \$1 Million Fund to Drive Affordable Housing

Partnership with LISC, San Francisco Foundation will support faith-based and community-based organizations as they address critical housing shortfalls

Alameda County is launching a significant effort to assist faith-based and community-based organizations to help address the region's affordable housing crisis. The County, Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the San Francisco Foundation rolled out a \$1 million program on April 22nd that is designed to help local faith-based organizations and area nonprofits expand their development expertise. Through this effort, groups that own property and want to consider using those properties for affordable housing can gain knowledge to help projects move forward.

"In many of our communities, housing is the most critical issues families face," said Richard Valle, president of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "We must find ways to address it on multiple fronts—from land use to developing financing—and that includes giving organizations the tools they need to assess and respond to their communities' specific needs."

The County earmarked \$750,000 in local funding for this effort, and the San Francisco Foundation (SFF) provided an additional \$250,000 in support. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a long-time community develop-

ment intermediary whose Bay Area investments top \$734 million, will manage the outreach, education and technical assistance associated with the program.

"Providing the support that faith-based and community-based organizations need to expand their development expertise is critical to finding bold housing solutions to address the affordable housing crisis," said Landon Williams, senior director of Anchoring Communities at the San Francisco Foundation. "Our partnership is representative of working across multi-sectors to ensure that everyone has a safe and affordable home."

The program is critical given the region's dire housing challenges. Recent research finds that rents in 95 percent of Bay Area neighborhoods are beyond the means of a family with two minimum-wage earners.

"We have passionately embraced the issue of housing and homelessness and are looking for creative ways to answer pressing local needs," said Alameda County Supervisor Nate Milley. "The faith community and other community-based organizations are well-positioned to help because they are so closely connected to residents. We want to help them translate their deep mission and commitment into clear and direct action on affordable housing."

Kicking off on May 20th in Oakland, the capacity-building program will

serve Alameda County communities with workshops and other training for local organizations interested in learning more about affordable housing development, helping them make informed decisions about future opportunities, as well as providing more intensive technical assistance for up to 10 selected organizations in an upcoming second phase of the program.

"These organizations are the bedrock of our communities," noted Cynthia Wong, executive director of LISC's Bay Area program. "By building their capacity to address affordable housing concerns, the County is making an investment in the long-term health of our neighborhoods so that they are safer, stronger and positioned for economic growth."

An advisory body consisting of representatives from the County, the San Francisco Foundation, LISC, community members, and local collaboratives such as East Bay Housing Organizations, will help guide the program. Interfaith Council of Alameda County and Bay Area Community Benefit Organization will assist in marketing and outreach, and other organizations will also be provided with information and materials related to the program. Interested organizations can find more information and sign up for notices of upcoming trainings at [www.lisc.org/bay-area/what-we-do/affordable-housing/achdcbp](http://www.lisc.org/bay-area/what-we-do/affordable-housing/achdcbp).



The Daughters of the American Revolution Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter commemorated the 75th anniversary of D-Day by holding a luncheon ceremony at Asbury Church in Livermore on May 4. The Guest of Honor was former Livermore mayor, Dr. John Shirley. Quilts of Valor were presented to WWII Veterans. Pictured, WWII veteran Jot Brown receives a quilt made by Jeanne Brophy. The event also included a photo display of service members and their families. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## MORRISON

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Morrison also hosted many segments of the Slice of Life show, and election specials.

He was the recipient of two prestigious awards from the Bay Area Television Association. The TV 30 studio recently was named "Tom Morrison Studio" in recognition of his decades of service.

Melissa Tench-Stevens, General Manager of TV 30, said, "Tom was a truly nice man. He was a talented colleague and friend to all of us at TV30. We miss him and are honored we had a chance to be a part of his career and life."

Morrison was born to Lozetta and John Morrison in Oakland. After graduating from Oakland High School in 1954, he joined the Army, and patrolled the Korean Demilitarized Zone 1956-57.

Morrison worked as a salesman for various companies, but his real passion involved volunteering, and later working for TV 30.

A Memorial Mass will be held Wednesday, May 15 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon.

In lieu of flowers, Morrison requested a donation



Tom Morrison

be made in his name to the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation. People may do so by connecting to [TV30Foundation.org](http://TV30Foundation.org).

## Correction

A story about the future of paratransit prepared by a consultant for the City of Pleasanton and the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority has been updated in The Independent's online edition. It corrects some errors in the original story. Go to [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com).

## TUNNEL

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two tunnels, instead of one, were advantageous. If one tunnel were knocked out of commission by an earthquake, the other could back it up, if it were to survive. Even without an earthquake, two tunnels would allow dropping one out of use for maintenance.

However, critics of Twin Tunnels throughout the state said that eliminating one tunnel would save at least billions of dollars in construction costs. The price tag for the Twin Tunnels was \$17 billion, but critics claimed it would be much higher.

Those backing the whole Twin Tunnels project, called the WaterFix, make the underlying argument that water agencies will need the tunnels to shift water around the Delta, inserting it at the south Delta water pumps, so that fish and plant habitat are not disturbed at critical environmental times. The project would pipe the water directly to the pumping plants, without sucking spawning fish into the pumps.

Opponents say that the diversion around the Delta would still leave the Delta with a lower fresh water contribution for plant and fish life, bad for sensitive species. Choosing alternative methods to conserve on consumption and reuse water would be better to meet needs created by the future California population expansion.

### GROUP PRAISES DECISION

One of the organizations favoring development of alternatives includes Restore the Delta (RTD), which is based in Stockton. It represents many Delta farmers, farmworkers, food canners and packers, sport fishers,

commercial fishers, and species-protecting conservationists in the Central Valley. Sympathetic members in other parts of the state, including the Tri-Valley, have also joined the organization.

RTD Executive Director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla said the organization likes DWR's decision to withdraw its environmental application for the Twin Tunnels.

"We are relieved that our coalition's critique of the California WaterFix to the State Water Resources Control Board was taken seriously," said Barrigan-Parrilla.

She promised to collaborate and participate in "as many processes as possible, and we will support other communities in California working on regional water solutions."

RTD has indicated in the past that it does not approve of one tunnel either. Barrigan-Parrilla said, "Naturally, as Delta people, we don't care for tunnels, but we look forward to engaging in an honest and transparent public process that helps move us towards the co-equal goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, including reducing reliance on the Delta."

## Warming Weather Means Rattlesnakes

With the arrival of warm weather, rattlesnakes have been showing up in large numbers around the Tri-Valley, according to country dwellers and park rangers.

are also at greater risk. In addition to being distracted, they may not be able to hear a snake's warning rattle.

Last year, a visitor to LARPD's Sycamore Park

populations.

She felt she had no choice but to kill the nine rattlesnakes, however. They were in her yard or on her driveway where they could endanger visitors, family members or pets.

In four decades of living in the country, she said, this is the largest surge of rattlesnakes she has encountered.

A friend who also lives east of Livermore was bitten when she stepped out of her door at night wearing sandals, the rancher said.

That experience led to a cautionary tale – a companion drove the victim to a hospital, which had no antivenom. They had to send her by ambulance to a more distant medical facility at the cost of delayed treatment, as well as added expense.

The victim is recovering, but has been in considerable pain, the rancher said.

Anyone bitten by a rattlesnake should of course seek emergency care, but it is normally best to call 911 for professional help, experts say. First responders can give immediate care and take the victim to an appropriate facility which has been alerted that they are coming.

Sotelo, the LARPD chief ranger, points out that a bite will be painful; it's natural to be agitated, but he emphasizes that it is important to remain as calm as possible while moving away from the snake to avoid further contact.

If the bite happens at a park, Sotelo urges the victim to hail a ranger, who will contact emergency services.

Old-fashioned snakebite remedies like slashing and sucking on the puncture area are useless and likely to cause additional harm, Sotelo and other experts say.



(Photo – Tigerhawkvok)

Every year, local park districts like to remind visitors to stay on trails, keep small children close, keep pets on a leash and stay alert for snakes and other wildlife.

The "staying alert" advice goes for homeowners as well, especially in the countryside.

Northern Pacific rattlesnakes are native to the region. They can be encountered in parks, along roadways and even around people's homes.

Pat Sotelo, chief ranger at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, advises anyone encountering a snake at a park to leave it alone and stay well away.

Notify a ranger if it's on a trail or in a picnic area, he said. Let the ranger decide whether to approach it and whether to move it.

People who walk through the brush, step over logs without looking and generally fail to pay attention to their surroundings increase their risk of being bitten.

Sotelo pointed out that hikers who wear headphones

was bitten by a rattlesnake. That was a first, Sotelo said. Dogs had previously been bitten at LARPD parks, but not people.

East Bay Regional Park District, with its many parks and hiking trails, also experiences rattlesnake encounters. It's not uncommon for hikers to report seeing rattlesnakes. Every year or two, someone gets bitten and needs emergency medical help.

Two years ago this week, a hiker was bitten by a rattlesnake on the trail to Mission Peak in Fremont; a dog was bitten at Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore.

Rattlesnake encounters are not limited to parks, of course. A ranch owner who lives east of Livermore has killed nine rattlesnakes in the past two or three weeks.

She did so reluctantly, preferring to leave the snakes alone when it is safe to do so – on a hillside away from her house, for example. She accepts rattlesnakes as part of nature and in particular appreciates their role in controlling ground squirrel

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A new tree was planted in downtown Pleasanton on May 1st, adding to the greenery at the Museum on Main. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Community College District Mourns the Death of Trustee

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) has announced the passing of Mr. Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles, one of its long-time trustees. Mr. Gelles died on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

A current trustee, Mr. Gelles was elected to the board in 1998 and represented Area 4, which included Castro Valley and parts of Oakland. He served as president of the board twice during his tenure. Working alongside his board colleagues, he was instrumental in the passage of Bond Measures A and B to build out and renovate both Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. His unified school district experience brought a unique perspective to the board and provided his fellow board members additional perspective when reviewing policies and governing the district.

"Dobie's commitment was first and foremost to students," said Interim Chancellor Ronald P. Gerhard. "He believed deeply in community colleges and gave unlimited amounts of time to our district. We are grateful for his service."

Mr. Gelles was honored as a recipient of the Fulfilling the Trust Award conferred by the Community College League of California, for two decades of service as a California community college trustee.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are deeply saddened and send our condolences to the Gelles Family. We will remember Dobie for his two decades of service, dedication and leadership to our students and community," said Board President, Mr. Edralin J. "Ed" Maduli.

His dedication to students and his communities was evident through his service. In addition to his governance role with CLPCCD, he served as a K-12 school administrator and was director of the Castro Valley Adult School, a division of the Castro Valley Unified School District.

An armed services veteran, Mr. Gelles served three years in the military and eight years as a reservist.

He served on the Eden Hospital Community Board, Castro Valley Unified School District, and was president of his Rotary and Kiwanis Club chapters.

Mr. Gelles earned his bachelor's degree in science and math from the University of Pittsburgh and his master's degree in counseling from California State University, Hayward.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees will discuss, at their regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, May 21, next steps related to filling the vacancy. More information will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Pleasanton Library Now Offers Text Message Updates

Pleasanton Library is now offering a text messaging system for all library cardholders. The service is designed to help all users make the most of their library experience. The text messaging system is made possible by the company Shoutbomb LLC.

Library cardholders can register for text notifications by texting SIGNUP+librarycardnumber+PIN to 833-403-0519, the library's dedicated text line. The plus signs must be included with no spaces. There is a slight delay of 30-60 seconds. After successful registration, cardholders will receive text notifications for their library account activity including holds, overdues, fees, and library-wide announcements. They can also send text messages to link additional cards to their phone, renew checkouts, and cancel holds. Cardholders may opt-out of any notification or cancel their registration in the system at any time.

Shoutbomb welcomes patrons to the library by offering options to stay up to date on fun library events as well as items checked out. Visit the Pleasanton Library to learn more about Shoutbomb and other innovative services the library offers users of all ages.

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## Rep. Swalwell Calls for Impeachment of AG Barr

On May 2, Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) called for an impeachment inquiry concerning U.S. Attorney General William Barr.

"Attorney General William Barr has proved himself unworthy of the mantle of America's top law enforcement officer, choosing to act as the President's lawyer instead of ours, and he cannot be allowed to continue in this role," said Swalwell, a member of the House Judiciary Committee. "His public prejudgment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation should have precluded his confirmation; once confirmed, he should have recused himself."

"Since taking office, he has parroted the President

in accusing our Intelligence Community of illicit spying on the Trump campaign, repeatedly and purposefully mischaracterized the content of Mueller's report, lied to Congress, refused to turn over subpoenaed documents, and refused to testify to the House Judiciary Committee without dictating the terms of the hearing," Swalwell continued. "He is a real-time obstructor who is working overtime to make sure Congress can't conduct its constitutionally-mandated oversight of the Executive Branch; he must be held accountable. I've already said Attorney General Barr should resign; if he refuses, Congress must begin the process of removing him."

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## ZONE 7

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nal round of questioning by the board, Smith McDonald, Alan Burnham, Laurene Green, and Jim Horen.

After board discussion, a straw poll of the board taken by President Angela Ramirez Holmes showed four votes for Smith McDonald. Ramirez Holmes made the motion to appoint her. The vote was unanimous.

Ramirez Holmes said that geographical representation matters, just as much as having women elected to the board, and having a cross-section of experience on the board.

Ramirez Holmes was also impressed by Smith McDonald's chairing of the Dublin Parks and Community Services Commission. She said that it indicates that Smith McDonald understands reaching conclusions in the board process, which is important for serving on the Zone 7 board.

Director Sarah Palmer commented on the importance of having representation across the Valley. There

is no one from Dublin. Smith McDonald is "qualified and well-spoken", said Palmer.

Palmer's other choice in the straw poll was Horen, who served 31 years on the Zone 7 staff before retirement. Palmer described Horen as knowledgeable; he had impressed her during his staff service.

Director Olivia Sanwong said that she, too, liked Horen, but thought that many people don't know what Zone 7 represents. Smith McDonald could help the agency reach its outreach goals.

Director Dennis Gamba, who also served on the Zone 7 staff for 31 years, liked Horen's qualifications, but Smith McDonald's community service rose to the top for him.

Three Dublin officials gave brief speeches to the board early in the meeting on behalf of Smith McDonald. They included Council member Jean Josey, Dublin San Ramon Services District board mem-

ber Georgeanne Vonheeder Leopold, and former Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) trustee Dan Cunningham.

They said that only Jim Kohnen, who had served from 2004-08, had ever provided Dublin with representation on the Zone 7 board. Dublin wants a voice on the board. Three directors come from Livermore, and three from Pleasanton.

Smith McDonald told a reporter that the three who spoke during the public forum were among those who had asked her to apply for the job.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND JOURNALISM BACKGROUND

Smith McDonald works as Director of Communication for the Alameda County Office of Education. Previously, she served in a similar position with DUSD.

Smith McDonald was employed as a writer before working for school districts. Her 25-year sports journalism career included cover-

age for the San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, Hayward Daily Review, espnW, and wnba.com. She still devotes a little time to freelancing. The day after her appointment, wnba.com posted one of her columns.

Her sports writing career and her volunteer work in the community earned her election to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame in 2015.

Smith McDonald told a reporter that as she looks at the Zone 7 goal to provide more contact with the community, she finds her freelance and community relations skills transfer well to the mission.

Smith McDonald acknowledges she faces a steep learning curve, because she does not know the technical side of the agency, but she believes her reportorial habits will help her there, too. "I know how to research. I've had to dig hard to get information," she said.

## NIF

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like to cut NIF's funding, it hopes to increase the overall budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration by 8 percent, the American Institute of Physics news summary said.

Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, administrator of NNSA and a former employee at LLNL, testified in Congress in favor of the boost, particularly a \$16.5 billion request that would support moderniza-

tion of the nuclear stockpile and its aging infrastructure.

This is "a necessary investment when you consider the stakes," she said.

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## DROUGHTS

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such as wind speed and rainfall. They also used drought atlases: Maps of where and when droughts happened throughout history, calculated from tree rings.

Tree ring records provide snapshots of Earth's past climate and can be used to reconstruct how arid the climate was over the summer months, during the active growing season. Over the last several decades, large networks of these tree-ring records have been used to produce "drought atlases" of North America, Europe and the Mediterranean, Mexico, monsoon Asia and Australia-New Zealand.

"These records go back centuries," said lead author Kate Marvel, an associate research scientist at GISS and Columbia University, formerly an LLNL post-doc fellow. "We have a comprehensive picture of global drought conditions that stretch back way into history ... and they are amazingly high quality."

Drought atlases provide a comprehensive picture of regional soil moisture that dates back centuries. The drought atlases are used to estimate real-world drought variability, validate climate models, understand the climate context of current and historical events and identify past megadroughts.

"Combining many regions into a global drought atlas meant there was a stronger signal if droughts happened in several places simultaneously," said Ben Cook of GISS, who co-lead the study with Marvel.

The team used climate models that include natural variables (such as volcanoes and solar flares) as well as man-made changes (ozone depletion, land-use change, aerosols and greenhouse gases).

"We relied on the fact that each influence on the climate system — such as human-caused changes in greenhouse gases, has a unique spatial fingerprint that differs from the regional pattern generated from climate noise alone, in absence of greenhouse gas emissions or air pollution, as occurred before the Industrial Revolution," said LLNL climate scientist Celine Bonfils, a co-author of the study. "This understanding is what informs modern fingerprint detection and attribution methods, including the one developed at LLNL and used in this study."

"What made this study innovative was seeing the big picture of global drought," Marvel said. Individual regions can have significant natural variability, making it difficult to tell whether a drying trend is due to human activity. Combined together, a clearer picture emerges," she said. "It's climate detective work, like an actual fingerprint at a crime scene."

The team found that droughts were predominantly tied to the large increase in greenhouse gas concentration at the end of the 20th century. The story changed briefly be-

tween 1950 and 1975, as the atmosphere became cooler and wetter. The team believes this was due to vast quantities of industrial smoke, soot, sulfur dioxide and other particles emitted before the passage of air quality legislation. Aerosols are harder to model than greenhouse gases, however, and the team cautioned that further research is necessary to establish a definite link.

After 1975, as pollution declined, global drought patterns began to trend back

toward the fingerprint. It does not yet match closely enough for the team to say statistically that the signal has reappeared, but they agree that the data trends in that direction.

Models predict that droughts will become more frequent and severe as temperatures rise, potentially causing food and water shortages, human health impacts and destructive wildfires.

"By demonstrating a human fingerprint on droughts

in the past, this study provides evidence that human activities will continue to influence droughts in the future, and we're already seeing the influence today," said LLNL climate scientist Paul Durack, another co-author of the study.

The LLNL portion of the work was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Biological and Environmental Research Grant, Office of Science, Program for Regional and Global Model Analysis.

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# SPORTS NOTES



Foothill's Avery Francis slides into second base. Foothill won 8 to 1 against Amador Valley in the May 2nd game. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



The Granada Matadors defeated the Cowboys in overtime, 6 to 5, on May 3rd. Livermore will play Acalanes High in the NCS CIF Division 2 first-round championships. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



The Livermore Cowboys hosted cross-town rival, the Granada Matadors, on May 3. Livermore won 12 to 6. In the NCS CIF first Division 2 first-round championships, Livermore played Acalanes High. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore Girls Smoke Fastpitch 12U; Back Row: (Left to Right) Jae Cosgriff, Sarah Deplitch, Delilah VanderBeek, Annie Polaski, Sydney Aguilar, Kaitlyn Bosques; Front Row: (Left to Right) Lauren Melton, Madison Hom, Victoria Dela Cruz, Jessica Gutierrez, Ale Phillips, Jayden Roldan.



WCS Krossfire 06G Pre-NPL



Taylor Dixon, Livermore Girls Softball



Amador Don's Senior Night: front to back: JT Fulmer, Anthony Goldhawk, Derek Braaten, Dante DeBenedetto, Carter Leong, Emily Lahrs, Shai Panaga and Mark Zhao.



Ella Gracio, T-Ball Player of the Week



Julia Strayhand, T-Ball Player of the Week



Logan Robinson of Granada Little League throwing a pitch in the bottom of the 5th.

## West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer's 06 Girls Krossfire continued their domination of the NorCal Spring League Premier Division this past Sunday traveling to San Leandro to take on a physical Tecos team. In the sixth minute, Mia Howard started off the scoring for Krossfire, knocking in a pass from Sophia Simonds to take the 1-0 lead. Krossfire would never look back after that. Skyler Ingram and Payton Hoover would each add a goal while Howard would add her second goal of the game. Krossfire went into halftime with a 4-0 lead.

The second half started off right where the first ended. Gianna Ramirez knocked in two while Alana Albarra and Ava Coverdale each added goals. Krossfire did have a little hiccup in the defense, allowing Tecos to knock one in. Krossfire would go on to win by a final score of 8-1.

Through 4 spring games, Krossfire is now 4-0 with 22 goals for and only 2 against. They will continue their Spring League run this coming Saturday as they face their cross-town rivals Livermore Fusion.

The U16G Kaos moved closer to a perfect season with two NPL league wins over the weekend. They beat out California the Thorns 1-0 and handed Mustang Elite a huge 4-0 defeat. Picture is Alina Garcia battling for the ball. West Coast Kaos U16G – The West Coast Kaos U16 girls moved up in the NPL ranks this weekend with key victories. On Saturday they beat out the California Thorns and on Sunday they had a huge 4-0 shutout win over Mustang Elite.

On Saturday, Kaos beat the California Thorns 1-0 in NPL 1 league play. The only goal in the match came at the 15 minute mark from Forward Madison Del Prado. Del Prado dribbled around the Thorns defense and nailed a shot into the right corner of the net.

On Sunday, in the much anticipated match between the top two teams in the league, Kaos came out firing. Kaos scored first at the 5 minute mark from Forward Anaya Shelton, who received a perfectly placed pass from Del Prado. The second goal of the match was another Del Prado to

Shelton combination. The half ended with Kaos up 2-0.

In the first ten minutes of the second half, outside defender Maddie Long connected to Del Prado who found the right side of the Mustang goal. Mustang had a few opportunities but all offensive attempts went wide of their mark. Kaos sealed the deal with a fourth goal at the 70th minute from Del Prado.

Kaos has four games left in league play. Knocking off the top team gives Kaos a great opportunity to finish at the top and an opportunity to play in the Champions League next fall. Kaos is also one of four teams remaining in the Norcal State Cup competition.

Where they took on Portland FC in a cross conference ECNL game. Rage came out strong possessing the ball with good distribution. Lauren Kenney broke the scoreless game with a beautiful cross to Paige Morgan who scored. The half ended with Pleasanton rage on top of the scoreboard 1-0.

The second half Emily Estrada was able to draw out Portland's goalie and cross it where Paige Morgan scored a second goal making the final score 2-0. Goalies Layla Armas and Elizabeth Fineberg had incredible saves to earn clean sheets and help earn Pleasanton Rage a shutout.

The win keeps Pleasanton rage in first place in the Bay Area ECNL conference. This weekend, the team will host Utah Avalanche and Boise Thorns FC. The two games will determine the NorCal ECNL standings going into the national championships in June.

West Coast Kourse remains in First Place for U18 NorCal Premier Spring League. In a double-header weekend, the girls of WCS Kourse defeated the Alameda SC Islanders twice to secure a current first place position in the NorCal Premier Gold Region 3 & 4 league. On Saturday, May 4th, the two teams met on the natural grass field in Livermore. Goalkeeper Amia Harris and defenders Kelsey Brumm, Katie Reid, Taz Thompson, Monique Reil, and Andrea Castillo Ortiz held the Islanders scoreless. The only goal of the game was scored by WCS Elissa Giuliacci after a stellar crossing assist by Aryana Jones for a 1 to 0 victory for West Coast Soccer

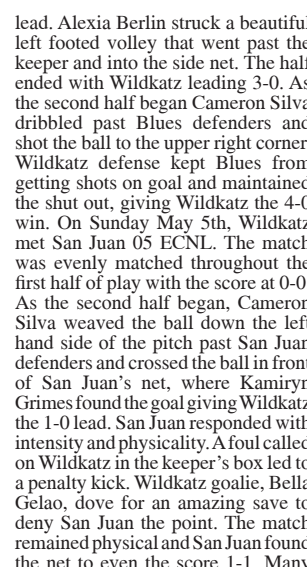
Sunday's game was a rematch as Alameda looked to get their revenge against the Kourse at their home artificial turf field in Emeryville. Kaya Scott had other plans on how the game would go as she started off the scoring for WCS Kourse. The second goal was scored by Andrea Castillo Ortiz after a throw in and then Kailey Matta dribbled up the right side of the field and delivered a strong crossing shot for the third goal of the game. An assist from Andrea set up Amber Feduniw to score the fourth goal. The fifth and final unanswered goal was scored by a 40-yard shot by Sabrina Rogers to finish with a 5 to 0 victory over the Alameda Islanders. WCS Kourse remains in 1st place this Spring as well as breaking into the top 30 teams ranked 27 in Northern California.

West Coast Soccer U17 Warriors Girls Come Up Big with a 4-0 WIN Over Deanza Force. West Coast Warriors 02G faced off against Deanza Force North. Warriors came out strong from the beginning and created multiple scoring opportunities. After several attempts the first goal came off a soaring corner kick from Kaitlin Carlton to the back post where Julianne Munoz was waiting to finish. The midfield was led by Fayth Hinojosa, Isabel Mello, Isabella Saavedra, Alina Garcia and Katie Zeck. Second half warriors scored 3 more goals, first an assist from Kaitlin Carlton to Mia Mendoza followed by a cross from Arianna Moore to Alyssa Williams and the final blow came from a long range shot from Lindsay Plant. Other notable offensive players for warriors included Caitlyn Garrison. Force North made a surge with some good forward runs but could not get past warriors strong defensive line including Arianna Moore, Leila Ganz, Jordan Brown and keepers Victoria Morfin and Morgan Blankenship.

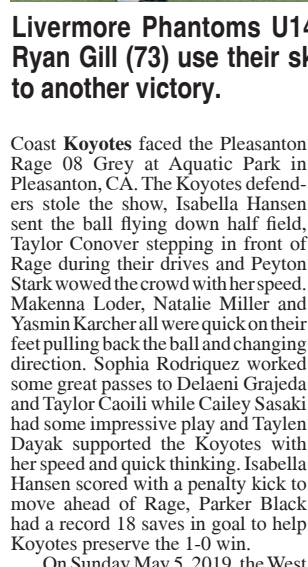
West Coast Soccer U14 Wildkatz Girls Still Undefeated in Champions League. With just 4 matches left in NorCal NPL play, Wildkatz 05 of West Coast Soccer Club met Blues FC 05 on Saturday, May 4th. Wildkatz attacked early in the match as Kamiryn Grimes found the net on a pass from Zuzette Zamora. Shortly after, Zamora found the net herself to give Wildkatz the 2-0



West Coast Kaos' Alina Garcia



Livermore Phantoms U14 Black Quin Wetzel (72) & Ryan Gill (73) use their skills to propel the Phantoms to another victory.



Coast Koyotes faced the Pleasanton Rage 08 Grey at Aquatic Park in Pleasanton, CA. The Koyotes defenders stole the show, Isabella Hansen sent the ball flying down half field, Taylor Conover stepping in front of Rage during their drives and Peyton Stark wowed the crowd with her speed. Makenna Loder, Natalie Miller and Yasmin Karcher all were quick on their feet pulling back the ball and changing direction. Sophia Rodriguez worked some great passes to Delaeni Grajeda and Taylor Caoili while Cailey Sasaki had some impressive play and Taylen Dayak supported the Koyotes with her speed and quick thinking. Isabella Hansen scored with a penalty kick to move ahead of Rage. Parker Black had a record 18 saves in goal to help Koyotes preserve the 1-0 win.

Coast Koyotes faced the Piedmont SC Highlander 08G White at Christensen Park in Livermore, CA. The Koyotes started strong with Yasmin Karcher scoring her first goal of the season in the first two minutes. Both Delanie Grajeda and Taylor Caoili had a hat trick scoring three goals each. Isabella Hansen scored two goals with an assist from Parker Black and Natalie Miller. Megan Silva scored one goal with an assist from guest player Addison. Cailey Sasaki and Taylor Conover dominated the back field and Sophia Rodriguez had two and Peyton Stark had three attempts on goal. Makenna Loder was the aggressive player in the middle and Parker Black had one save and Megan Silva had 4 saves in goal. In the end the Koyotes dominated Piedmont winning 10-3.

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# SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Soccer U18 girls secure first place standing in league play.



Koyotes' Natalie Miller goes in on a tackle against a Rage player.

## Softball Player Of the Week

Livermore Girls Softball Player of the Week Middle Schooler Taylor Dixon truly is the definition of Fury on Fire! Although you can find her behind the plate, there is no position she cannot play. When she is at bat she hits the ball like it's a walk in the park.

## T-Ball Players Of the Week

T-Ball Player of the Week Julia Strayhand played an amazing game. She was determined to hit the ball when she was up, she raced to each base, and she showed great team spirit. Julia showed improvement by racing to the ball and trying to get an out at third base.

Ella Gracio plays for the Wolves. On Tuesday Ella had great focus and intensity, collected a couple of great hits and played great defense. She racked up 2 outs in one inning while playing shortstop. She also loves to play catcher as well.

## Amador Dons Hockey

The Amador Dons hockey team clinched a spot in the semi-finals. The first semi-final game ended with Cal High 6 and Dublin 3, advancing the Grizzlies to the championship game on Saturday, May 11th at 7:45pm. They face the winner of the Semi-final game being played Wednesday at 5:30, when the Dons and Wolves battle it out. All games at the Dublin Iceland rink. Regular hockey season ended as follows: 1. Cal High Grizzlies 2. Danville Wolves (SRV) 3. Amador Dons 4. Dublin Gaels

## Granada Little League

Logan Robinson pitched a complete game shutout for the win throwing 80 pitches for the Granada Little League "Rickey" A's on Monday, April 29. The game was a battle for 1st place in the Major's division with the two teams coming in tied with one loss each. In their previous matchup the two teams tied after 9 innings with the game being called due to darkness.

## Granada Graduate Leads Wesleyan Team

2015 Granada HS Graduate Jacob Olofson, a Junior, leads Kansas Wesleyan University baseball team to playoffs. Facing #12 ranked Oklahoma



West Coast Soccer defender Leila Ganz closes down the opponent while keeping the ball in play.

Wesleyan, Olofson pitched to help the team shutout Oklahoma. KWU, the No. 6 seed, faces Oklahoma Wesleyan in the first round of the KCAC tournament.

## Livermore Phantoms

The Livermore Phantoms U14 Black played the San Ramon Raptors, which turned out to be a great match up. Both teams came ready to play and battled it out until the last horn sounded. Everyone chipped in as Nick Swartzendruber (37) had 3 assists, 1 assist by Luke Bauer (53), and two assists by Josh Gnoval (98). In addition, Ben Wojewski (17) chipped in by winning 77% of his face offs. Phantoms won ground balls 34-21, and Phantoms had 22 shots on goal vs. 20 by the Raptors. Andrew Kramer (8) had 6 saves, combined with N. Swartzendruber's 2 goals, L. Bauer and Quin Wetzel (72) each had one goal, and J. Gnoval's hat trick (3 goals) proved to be enough to fend off the Raptors 7-4.

## Middle School Volleyball

Mendenhall Mustangs Girls "A" Team fought hard to be the East Division Champs for middle school volleyball. They finished their regular season with a division record of 7-1, overall 8-2. Post season they went 2-1, with an overall 10-3 season record. The 2019 Mustang team was successful with strong setters; Eliza Bailey, Cassidy

Bartolotto, Megan Rivera and Olivia Cooper. The teams strength also came from their back row passers and hitters; Anabella Pedretti, Katie Levine, Sydney Nichols, Claire Bailey, Sierra Black, Makenzie Ravera, Delaney Johnston and Kate Hankins. Girls were led by head coach Andrea Pedretti and assistants Kaylee Beesley, Jorja Burbano and Meghan Strong.

## Livermore Baseball

Livermore Baseball JR 90s Black slid into a blow-out win over Tassajara Valley. LB Black easily did away with Tassajara Valley 9-1 on Saturday. Amelia Sanchez led things off on the hill for LB Black. She surrendered one run on three hits over seven innings, striking out nine and walking one. Sanchez also had a single and two stolen bases. LB Black opened up scoring in the first inning. Marcus Bernal drove in two when he singled. LB Black notched three runs in the sixth inning. The big inning was thanks to a single by Jacob Roach and a fielder's choice by Brayden Vash. Taylor toed the rubber for Tassajara Valley. They allowed three hits and four runs over two innings, striking out one. Giarmita and Cesca entered the game as relief, throwing three and a third innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively. Bernal went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead LB Black in hits. LB Black stole 14 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Sean Epps and #7 Jacob Roach led the way with four.



Bella Gelao of Wildkatz gets the 4-0 shut-out versus Blues FC.



Mendenhall Mustangs Girls "A" Team



Livermore Baseball JR 90s Black



Pleasanton Rage 05



The Granada High School boys lacrosse team ended their season playing their cross town rivals at Livermore High School. Pictured is Matador Wesley Short breaking through the Cowboys defense to pass the ball to a teammate.



The Granada High School boys varsity lacrosse team played their last game of the season beating Archbishop Riordan 12-4. Pictured is Nicolaus Gottero getting ready to dodge an opponent.

## Tri-Valley Blue Devils Crowned 2019 CAHA State Champions

The 2018-2019 season was an outstanding one for the Tri-Valley ice hockey club. Six teams - 10UA, 12UA, 12UBB, 16UA-1, 16UA-2 and 18UA - earned a spot to represent Tri-Valley at the NorCal Playoffs. Two of them, the 12UA and 16UA-1 won the NorCal Championship, and the 16UA-2 team was a finalist. The teams then advanced to the CAHA State Playoffs where they fought serious completion and proved they were best in the state. The Tri-Valley 12UA and 16UA-2 teams were crowned the CAHA State Champions and 16UA-1 became a finalist, which made Tri-Valley the only club in California to have more than one team capture the CAHA State Championship title this year.

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils 12UA team have a lot to be thankful for his season as they won both NorCal and CAHA State titles. The team, coached by the coaching staff of Bill

Davis in his 30th year of coaching, Mitch Sill, Tim Harkness, Quin Harker, Dustin Van Fleet and Amelia DiPaola Robinson, finished the regular season with a 14-2-2 record, tied for the first place.

The team went undefeated in the NorCal playoffs, starting off with a tough game against the Stockton Colts winning the game on a late goal by DJ Van Fleet. The team then went on to beat Oakland and then faced the San Jose Jr. Sharks 12A-2 team with a berth in the championship game on the line. The Blue Devils came out firing, taking an early 2-0 lead that they would not relinquish. They would win a tough fought game 5-3 and would move on to the NorCal championship game. The Blue Devils would have a rematch against the Jr. Sharks in the championship game. The defense for Tri-Valley was relentless in this game, limiting the Sharks to only 11 shots on

goal. The Blue Devils would win the game 2-0 and would celebrate not only the NorCal championship but also a berth in the CAHA State playoffs.

The team would begin their preparation for the CAHA State Playoffs, with a chance to play the best teams from across California. However, they got devastating news the day before the playoffs would begin. They learned that one of their leaders, DJ Van Fleet, had to have surgery to have his appendix removed. Support for DJ poured out from the team and they all came together with the goal to win the championship for DJ. All the players would don the #4 on their helmets to honor their teammate.

The Blue Devils would play the California Heat in the first game of the CAHA playoffs. Things looked good early, with the Blue Devils taking an early lead in the game. However, the Heat would battle back and win

that first game.

Game 2 was against a tough LA Jr. Kings team. The Blue Devils knew they had to win to keep their championship hopes alive. The game was another tough back and forth battle. The Blue Devils looked to have the game won, but then the Jr. Kings tied the game in the third period. With thoughts of playoff elimination on the line, the Blue Devils continued to battle and broke through with a goal with 3 minutes left in the game by Sofia Pittis to give them the lead and the win.

Tri-Valley team then had another rematch with the Jr. Sharks. The Blue Devils needed to get at least into overtime to get into the championship game. The game against the Sharks was a tough battle and with time running down they had to kill a late penalty to keep the Sharks off the board and take the game into overtime tied 1-1. They would lose the game in the

shootout, but the euphoria on the bench was evident as the team learned that by getting the overtime point, they were now in the CAHA Championship game.

The CAHA championship game was a rematch with the California Heat. The Blue Devils would come out again and take a fast 3-0 lead in the game. However, the Heat would not give up, and fought back to tie the game 3-3 at the end of the first period. The second period was a tight one, with Tri-Valley team scoring the only goal to take a 4-3 lead into the 2nd period intermission. The team would regroup during the intermission and would come out blazing in the third period taking over the game, scoring 4 goals with Luke Brandon scoring 4 in the game, and running away with an impressive 8-3 win to take the CAHA State Championship.

Head Coach Bill Davis summed up the season and the

playoffs this way: "This was a team that worked hard from day 1. The worked hard and improved as the season went along and even though adversity of losing DJ for the state playoffs, they came together and won for him and each other. It was a great season and a great group of kids!"

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils 12UA scored 91 goals during the regular season driven by forwards: Luke Brandon, Kailey Favro, Sala Fernandez, Will Harker, Dexter Harkness, Austin Luciani, Nolan Moore, Sofia Pittis, Jake Powers, Kory Self, Parker Sexton and DJ Van Fleet. On defense this was a stingy group allowing an average of only 11 shots a game and giving up only 27 goals. The defense was led by: Jonathan Adrian, Cameron Candelaria, Joseph Jupina, Jakob King and Michael Reich. In goal with a 1.56 Goals against average was Kaleb Mann.



Blue Devils 16UA-1, NorCal Champions



Blue Devils 12UA, CAHA State Champions



Blue Devils 16A-2-16UA, CAHA State Champions

## VIOLENCE

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Discussing what can be done to effect change, Resnick replied "education" by parents and educators. The attention now is on the symptoms. The focus should be about raising a generation with "values realizing what they do matters and what they do can make a difference in this world". We are all here "to make

this a world of goodness and kindness." The congregation is establishing programs offering more education in the community and in the schools.

Letters and e-mails from many local people and other faith leaders, Jewish and non-Jewish, have been received affirming that life is precious. The outpouring of

support and love from the community locally reminds Resnick that "ultimately we ought to continue telling ourselves that our faith in humanity will not be shattered. We should still recognize that people are good and these incidents are deviations, exceptions and are not the norm. We live in a wonderful community and

people do care and look out for each other."

Ruth Gaston, representing Interfaith Interconnect, also shared her group's sympathies concerning the attack in Poway. Interfaith is trying to encourage more acceptance and understanding of others to counteract the fear, disrespect and violence toward minorities and

different religious groups. "The more you know about people who are different from you, the less you are afraid of them. We are all so much more alike than different."

Rabbi Laurence Milder from Congregation Beth Emek offered condolences. "Like our movement, all Chabad houses are united in

a shared sense of mission". He noted that in the last three months, terrorism has been directed toward Muslims, Christians and now Jews all in places of worship and on holy days. "Let the scourge of hatred, bigotry and racism be removed from people's hearts. Let us commit our lives to deeds of compassion."

## Livermore Rotary Club Helps Fund Equipment for Axis Dental Clinic

The Rotary Club of Livermore has awarded Axis Community Health a grant in support of its new dental clinic. Rotary has

“Our Rotary club is delighted to be in a position to support this much needed dental facility by helping with equipment costs,” said

Axis’s new dental services, which target low-income Tri-Valley residents. The clinic features six dental chairs and the staff includes Patrice Lane, DDS, Dental Director, a dental hygienist and registered dental assistants. Services include preventive care and treatment for basic dental needs such as fillings, extractions and uncomplicated root canals. Axis will serve 2,000 patients in this first year and is putting an emphasis on dental care for children and pregnant women. Dental services for low-income area residents are extremely limited. Most Axis patients, including children, were traveling to Alameda County’s Highland Hospital in Oakland or to other out of area clinics for care.

“Opening dental services has been a long-time goal of our organization,” said Sue Compton, Axis CEO. “We value the Rotary Club of Livermore’s deep support of this important endeavor and the many years they have been involved with our organization. It has made a difference in what we are able to achieve, and, most importantly, in the lives of patients who rely on Axis for their health care needs.”



Rotary Club of Livermore check presentation in April (Photo – Axis Community Health).

been an enthusiastic supporter of the project to bring dental services to Axis and provided a grant of \$8,772 for the purchase of an instrument washer, which is an essential piece of equipment for dental operations.

Kathy Coyle. “We know there is a tremendous need in the Tri-Valley for access to affordable dental care.” Rotarians toured the new facility, located in Almond Plaza on Regional Street in Dublin, and learned about

## Sunflower Hill Celebrates Housing Development Groundbreaking May 16

Sunflower Hill is breaking ground on its Irby Ranch housing development on Thursday, May 16 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM at 3780 Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton. Families of individuals with special needs and others interested in this project are invited to the groundbreaking ceremony. Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch will be an innovative new housing development, designed specifically for adults with developmental disabilities. When completed, the development will be the first such

project in the Tri-Valley to offer individuals with developmental disabilities both affordable and independent residential opportunities, similar to senior living.

The groundbreaking program will include remarks from Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley. Light refreshments will be served. For parking please follow directional signs and parking attendant instructions. Please RSVP to [info@sunflowerhill.org](mailto:info@sunflowerhill.org)

## PARCEL TAX

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There was no organized opposition to Measure E.

Each parcel will continue to pay the same amount, \$96 per year. It will continue to raise \$1.7 million annually for programs. If it had failed, the district would have lost \$1.7 million annually.

The revenue will be used for such things as recruiting and retaining teachers, preventing increase in class sizes, maintaining school libraries, and reading assistance for students who read below their grade level.

The revenue is all subject to local control, and cannot be renewed in the future, except by a vote of the people.

Seniors will continue to be exempt from the measure. Low-income homeowners with disabilities are eligible for an exemption.

## Livermore Artist Illustrates Children’s Book About Ocean Conservation

By Jeff Garberson

Caia Koopman, a Santa Cruz artist who spent her childhood in Livermore, has illustrated a bright, colorful children’s book about protecting the ocean and developing respect for nature.

The book, titled Umijoo, is named for the main character, a little girl who learns about love, harmony and responsibility through a magical trip deep into the ocean.

Koopman grew up in a Livermore scientific household and still feels connected to the world of science as it is expressed in nature.

“I have a particular interest in conservation and climate change and protecting the earth and its oceans,” she said in an interview last month.

After graduating from Livermore High School in 1986, Koopman attended the University of California at Santa Cruz, where she considered majoring in math, but ultimately turned to art.

She has remained in Santa Cruz since graduation.

Her painting style is known as pop surrealism, an approach to art that some date to the comic book culture in the mid-1990s, and others trace back farther to the Southern California hot rod and surf scene of the 1950s.

A review in Santa Cruz Waves, a magazine about local community lifestyle, describes her art as “replete with girls and women who are enchantingly beautiful and possess a fearless sense of defiance” that conveys “both the beauty of femininity and the strength of feminism.”

Whatever the origins of her style, Koopman’s illustrations in Umijoo are rich and evocative, with graceful curves and multiple layers of harmonious color.

The book’s text is an extended poem written by noted environmental activist and ocean conservationist Casson Trenor tracing Umijoo’s emotional and spiritual journey beneath the ocean.

As is often the case in a publication that combines art and text, the writer, illustrator and designer had to negotiate varying opinions about how to merge the two and retain the strengths of both.

Koopman pushed successfully to avoid passages that would be hard to read, such as text printed over a complicated and distracting art background. Most of Umijoo’s text is a clean, easy to read black on white.

Koopman said she gets

“grumpy” when she sees “somebody’s website that has a weird background in writing that I can’t read. ‘Gosh darn it, I ought to be able to read this!’”

She thinks the designer did a first-rate job of combining the needs of an “art book” and a “children’s story.”

The illustrations include paintings of relatively familiar ocean life, like corals, sea turtles, salmon and octopus, as well as more unusual deep-sea creatures, like trunk fish, strawberry squid and vampire squid.

They reflect Koopman’s painstaking effort to get anatomical detail right, helped by a friend at Monterey Bay Aquarium -- an institution she loves to visit -- who is an expert in deep-sea photography.

An exception is the angler fish, she said, which she doctored slightly because “they are very ugly!”

Umijoo was Koopman’s first book illustration job, a labor of love that took about two years and left little time for other activities. It was so time-consuming, in fact, that she isn’t sure she’ll do another.

The project began when

she was invited to paint a mural in San Diego for PangeaSeed Foundation, a Hawaiian nonprofit that aims to preserve oceans and protect marine life through education and art.

The idea fit with her personal philosophy. Although it ultimately fell through, the project connected her with Trenor, the ocean conservationist and writer.

Trenor had literally written the book on sustainable sushi farming. Umijoo became his second book, with Koopman its illustrator.

Koopman’s paintings have been exhibited in San Francisco, Santa Cruz, in Germany and in France. She has painted for Beautiful Bizarre magazine, which recently ran a highly complimentary review of Umijoo.

Her paintings of a giant manta ray and a monk seal for PangeaSeed can be found at the Foundation’s website.

The book Umijoo can be purchased at Towne Center books in Pleasanton; through online book sellers; at Monterey Bay Aquarium’s gift shop, at Umijoo.com and at Koopman’s website, [caiakoopman.com](http://caiakoopman.com).

## Open House May 11 at New Kaiser Dublin Facility



Kaiser’s new Medical Offices and Cancer Center in Dublin. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Kaiser will hold an Open House at its new Dublin Medical Offices and Cancer Center on May 11.

The Open House will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the building complex at 3100 Dublin Blvd., a little west of Fallon Road.

Doctors and other staff will be on hand to give tours of facilities and answer questions about services that will be available when the medical offices open for the first time May 20.

There will be family entertainment, including a

cappella groups, and puppy snuggles. Food trucks will be on the scene.

The services at the new facility will feature the first Kaiser Permanente 24/7 Urgent Care Department in California. Thirty treatment rooms, will be provided, as well as same-day care for medical problems that are not life-threatening. Since the complex will not include a hospital, there will be no emergency room. Closest Kaiser Hospitals are located in Walnut Creek, Antioch, and Fremont.

The Cancer Center includes medical and radiation oncology, imaging services, clinical trials and counseling support.

Other specialties are offered, such as breast imaging, cardiology, general surgery and head and neck surgery, as well as an on-site pharmacy.

Kaiser chose the location to serve Dublin, but it is also centrally located just off the Fallon Road I-580 exit, providing good access from Livermore and Pleasanton.

## County Registrar of Voters Director To Speak on Election Procedures



Alameda County Registrar of Voters Director, Tim Dupuis (Photo – Alameda County)

Livermore Indivisible will host speaker Tim Dupuis, Alameda County Registrar of Voters Director, at the Livermore Civic Center Library Community Room on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 PM. With the primaries and 2020 election nearing, Dupuis will address any confusion community members may have about the election process.

He will talk about when

mail-in ballots are counted and noted by the registrar as being received; whether a ballot noted as received indicates a signature has been verified; when election day votes are counted and signatures verified; the process of counting provisional ballots; why ballots may be counted two weeks after an election; changes in voting planned for 2020 and how they impact the vote count-

ing process; and whether Alameda County may adopt the Voter’s Choice Act.

As both the Registrar of Voters and the Chief Information Officer for Alameda County, Dupuis is responsible for the staffing and recruitment of approximately 6,000 poll workers on election day. He also oversees the maintenance of voter records for over 840,000 registered voters, with over 540,000 of those voters voting by mail. Dupuis oversees all aspects of each election for as many as 58 jurisdictions within Alameda County. He also certifies each election.

This event, part of the Livermore Indivisible 2019 Voter Engagement Series, is open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested. For more information, visit [LivermoreIndivisible.org](http://LivermoreIndivisible.org), or contact Mary, [maryqkontrary@yahoo.com](mailto:maryqkontrary@yahoo.com).

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# OBITUARIES

## Ricardo "Rick" Aguilar Feb. 6, 1941 - Apr. 22, 2019

Ricardo "Rick" Aguilar was a man that everyone loved. On April 22nd, at the age of 78, he passed away but left behind his mark on many people's hearts. Rick was born on February 6th, 1941 in Tapalpa, Jalisco, Mexico. At the age of eight, his family moved to the Mission District in San Francisco. Rick attended St. Peter's Grammar School, Riordan High School and City College of San Francisco. During his school years and while living in the Mission District, Rick built lifelong friendships and many wonderful memories.



In 1965 He was drafted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Polk, LA. In 1970 Rick married the love of his life, Corinne. They both grew up in the Mission District and shared very dear friends. Corinne and Rick moved to Livermore in 1971. They remained in Livermore, happily devoted to each other for 49 years. Their love and commitment for each other is inspiring. Together they raised three children, Tony, Andrew and, Anne and went on to become grandparents.

In 1971 Rick became a United States citizen. In 1976, he started his own Trucking Company, CARA Transportation out of Oakland. He ran an honest and successful business for 30 years, and retired in 2003. Rick made friends everywhere he went, so of course, he built new and lasting friendships with those he worked with.

Rick exuded joy and laughter. He was often gently poking fun, to a point where a person could not tell if he was kidding or being serious. He would give himself away by giving a smirk and a chuckle, knowing he had fooled you. Rick was the epitome of a dad joke, an overall funny guy. Rick came from a very musically talented family. He was taught to play the piano at a young age. He also loved to sing.

In his recent stay in the hospital, Rick was unable to speak for several months. The first time he was given a voice value to help him talk, the first thing he did was belt out, with arms spread in the air, "The hills are alive with the sound of music." He filled the room with smiles, laughter and tears of joy. That was who Rick was.

Rick was a huge sports fan. He enjoyed playing golf with his friends and family. He coached his sons' little league teams. Rick was also a 49er faithful and season ticket holder. He would cover his house and himself in anything and everything he owned that said 49ers on it during the big games.

Not only was Rick a loving husband, a caring father, a silly grandpa, a devoted friend, but he also was a wonderful human. He would take the time to talk with you and ask how you were doing, and he meant it. Often times, Rick could be found sitting at the kitchen table making phone calls to his friends and family, this was part of his every day routine. Over the years, a recurring phrase has been used by those who knew him, "Everybody loves Rick."

Rick is survived by his wife, Corinne, children, Tony, Andrew (Candy), and Anne, his grandchildren, Malia, Isaac, Anthony and Adam, his brothers, Carlos and Francisco "Gil", nieces, nephews and godchildren. A mass and celebration of life will be held on May 23rd at 11am, St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave. in Livermore California.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Aguilar family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## Marie Ott Lifetime Resident of Livermore

Marie was one of eight children born to Margaret and Manuel Rogers. She lived in Livermore her entire life and married Joe Ott, a young sailor from Missouri, in 1943. She was a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, participating in many activities and groups over the years, including the Altar Society, the Medjugorje Prayer Group and Ladies of the Knights. Marie was a homemaker her entire life and loved sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafts of all kinds. In later years she loved traveling to casinos on the "senior bus" as well as going to plays and musicals with a group of friends. She passed away peacefully on April 30, 2019 with her daughter by her side.



Marie is predeceased by her parents, her husband, Joe, her son Dale, her nephew John and her brothers and sister. She is survived by her daughter, Janice of Sacramento, her daughter-in-law Cynthia of Hawaii and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation/Rosary will be held Wednesday, May 8, 6-8pm, at Callaghan Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be held on May 9, 2019 at 11am. There will be a private burial at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Ott family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## Fred Lovell July 21, 1926 - April 7, 2019 Longtime Livermore Resident

Fredrick Forrest Lovell, 92, long time resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2019. He is survived by Audrey Cedarlund Lovell, son Jim Lovell (Adelle), step children Linda Alvarez (Vince), Carol Malous (George), Vern Cedarland (Joyce), grandchildren Emily and Zachary, and many step-grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Fred was born in Hinsdale, IL on July 21, 1926. He moved to San Francisco with his first wife, Patricia Gebhardt in 1954 before settling in Southern California. Fred pursued a

career as a bank manager and reinsurance marketing executive.

Fred loved to travel and met his current wife Audrey on a European vacation. They were married in Livermore in 1992.

He was an avid runner, completing over 620 10Ks and a dozen marathons. Fred ran and biked well into his late eighties.

Fred was a gregarious and well-loved member of the community. Fred and Audrey were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. Fred will be missed by many.

## Alan Wayne Williams Sept. 25, 1959 - Apr. 23, 2019

Alan Wayne Williams, age 59, passed away April 23, 2019. He was born on September 25, 1959 in Livermore, CA to Dick and Pat Williams. He grew up in Livermore playing baseball in Little League and going to Oakland A's games.



He spent many days in the Sierras backpacking with his family, where he hiked and fished in wilderness areas. After graduating from Livermore High School in 1977, he spent a year in the California Conservation Corps, then had a brief stint in the U.S. Coast Guard. After receiving an AA degree from Diablo Valley College, he lived and worked in Switzerland and traveled around Europe in 1985.

After returning to the United States, he worked in a variety of fields, including food service, grocery and retail. He worked in Corvallis, OR, for 8 years working as a cook. Alan loved fishing and playing golf. His favorite golf course was Lake Shastina Golf course in Weed, CA. He taught children to play golf at the First Tee in Pleasanton.

He is survived by his mother Pat, sister Bonnie McCarty and her husband Brian, brother Joe and his wife Maria, nephews and niece Patrick and Brent McCarty and Alex and Beth Williams. No services were held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to NAMI Tri-Valley, [www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org) or The First Tee of the Tri-Valley, [www.thefirstteetrivalley.org](http://www.thefirstteetrivalley.org).

## Frances Avilla April 25, 1933 - April 26, 2019 Resident of Livermore



Frances entered peacefully into rest on April 26th surrounded by family. She was 86. She was born in Escalon and later moved to the San Jose area. She enjoyed working at Los Gatos High School before moving to Livermore to live and also work at G.W. Compressor Repair with her late husband George and then at Proctor's after retirement.

Frances traveled the world but her favorite place was surely in her rose garden, followed closely by Hawaii. Fran loved giving her time to the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Soroptimist and Inner

Wheel Clubs and enjoyed making many baskets for fundraisers.

She is survived by her husband Al Avilla, sons Michael Holland, Patrick Holland, Mark Wiley, Aaron Wiley and daughter Marlise Mullins. She was preceded in death by her husband George R. Wiley. Fran will be remembered as a vibrant, strong and wonderful woman as well as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a great grandmother. We will never forget her beautiful smile and sense of humor. Memorial contributions made in her honor to The Alzheimer's Association or charity of your choice would make Frances smile.

## Sandra J. Ferrario Former Livermore Resident

Sandra Jean Ferrario (nee Pirkey) passed away at home on May 2, 2019, after a short battle with cancer. During her lifetime she was a vibrant force and a very generous person. She was deeply devoted to her family and friends. Sandy was married to her beloved husband, Mike, in 1986. They blended their families, who now will miss her greatly.



Sandy is survived by her husband, Michael, daughter Christine Campiotti (Alex), grandchildren Alyson, Brittany, and Cassie Campiotti, and her stepchildren, Michelle Ferrario Dearborn (Dave), and Brian Ferrario (Julie). Her survivors also include her grandchildren Taylor Linn and Morgan Linn, her sisters, Joyce Cid, Barbara Brown and Pat Pirkey. She was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Jim and Steve Pirkey.

After marrying Mike, she blended into yet another family, the Ferrarios. Her sisters and brothers-in-law, Lou Ferrario, Marie Timmer, Catherine Krause (Jerry), and Linda Thompson, will remember all the fun times they had together. Her many nieces and nephews loved being with Sandy also. Friends were a very important part of Sandy's life, and she enjoyed her many adventures with them.

Sandy was a 1964 graduate of De Anza High School in El Sobrante. After a few years, she moved to Livermore and worked for Sandia National Lab for 27 years as a project manager. After retiring, she and Mike moved to Ione, CA in 2003. They loved their new home on the golf course.

She and Mike made many new friends through their golf groups. They entertained and gave great dinners and parties. Her cookbook collection reflects her gourmet cooking skills.

Sandy was a talented athlete. She played soccer, tennis, golf and skied. She always liked new challenges. Recently, she was in a ballet class, and loving it.

Sandy was very involved at Castle Oaks Club House. She enjoyed golf so much she wanted to share it with others. She started a Junior Golf program for girls, and was instrumental in establishing scholarships for girls. Sandy was an executive of the PWGA, Pacific Women's Golf Association and took part in many tournaments in California.

During her life she and Mike traveled in the USA and Europe. They golfed

together, enjoyed the outdoors, and enjoyed their time with friends and family. She was known for bringing people together with her many gatherings at home and the clubhouse. Her warm smile and joy of life will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, May 19th, at 12 noon-4 PM, at 1000 Castle Oaks Dr., Ione CA, 95640, [www.castleoaksgolf.com](http://www.castleoaksgolf.com).

Donations in her memory may be made to Hospice of Amador and Calaveras, 1500 So. Highway 49, Suite 205, Jackson, CA 95642.

## Paulette Sue McCune-Thomsen Jan. 9, 1944 - May 4, 2019

Paulette Sue McCune-Thomsen, 75 entered into rest peacefully at her home, on May 4th, 2019 after a three year battle with ovarian cancer. She was born on January 9, 1944 in Denver, Colorado to Paul & Mildred McCune. Her favorite activities included traveling, road trips, gardening, hiking, bowling, golfing, knitting, sewing, quilting, and antiques. She had a deep love for country music Waylenn, Merle, & Willie Nelson being her absolute favorites.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth of 55 years. Her children Kimberly Thomsen Guillen, Jamie Thomsen, Kristin Thomsen and wife Tracy. Her Grandchildren Robert Ontiveros, Larissa Guillen, Taylor Thomsen, Ty Guillen, Wyatt Henricus, Krista Thomsen, Timothy Thomsen, and Kendyl Thomsen. Great Grandchildren Aubrey and Jessie James Ontiveros. Her Siblings Michael McCune, Patrick McCune (Brenda), LouAnn McCune-Lull (Lowell), and Carolyn McCune-Bortz. Sister in Laws Inge McCune & Kathy Thomsen and Brother in Law Allen Thomsen (Mary). Several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her Parents Paul and Millie, brother Kenneth McCune and son-in-law Robert (Bob) Henricus. Also, her in-laws Sigurd and Ruth Thomsen, Brothers-in-law Gerald (Jerry) Thomsen and Thomas Thomsen.

She will be truly missed by all that loved her. You



will always be our sunshine. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 16 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 S. Central Ave, Tracy, Calif. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Berverdor Ave., Tracy. In Lieu of Flowers, please make a memorial donation to the American Cancer Society.

## Ruby Owen Mueller Resident of Livermore Age 92

Ruby Owen Mueller passed away peacefully on May 3, 2019, surrounded by loving family, at the age of 92. Originally from Wisconsin, Ruby moved to Livermore when she married the love of her life, Herold Bernard Mueller, in 1948 and continued to reside there for 71 years.

Her roles were many, from mother, to girl scout leader, to nurse, and she excelled at them all.

Her generosity and loving spirit left a lasting impact on those around her, including her daughter, Kathryn Benapf (John) and her son, Franklyn Mueller (Diane); her six grandchildren, Meredith Burns (Colin), Franklyn Mueller (Melanie), William Mueller, Pieter Mueller (Leslie), SaraKathryn Alfaro (Edwin), and HanaNoel Mueller; and her thirteen great grandchildren, including Kaitlyn and Amy Burns of Livermore; Joshua, Jordan, Ian, and Evelyn of Utah; Liam, Katrina, Ariana, Claire, and Daniel of Texas as well as Cordelia and Solomon of Virginia. A memorial will be held on Friday, May 10th, 11:00 am at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Mueller family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com)

## Anna Waltz April 2, 1919 - April 15, 2019 100 Years Old



Anna Waltz passed away peacefully on April 15th, 2019 while under the loving care of Hope Hospice and the staff at Rosewood Gardens in Livermore, CA. Anna's passing came just thirteen days after celebrating her 100th birthday at Rosewood with family, friends and loved ones.

Anna was born April 2nd, 1919 in Akron, Ohio and was preceded in death by her loving husband, World War II Veteran & Navy Chief Petty Officer, William R. Waltz. They were married in Covington, KY and spent their first few years in Ohio before moving to several locations in the United States to fulfill William's military obligations. Anna and William relocated to Fremont, CA in 1962 where they put down roots and raised a family.

Anna lived a rich full life. She spent her days caring for her children, tending to the home, and working as a retail department store sales clerk.

Needless to say, Anna was very active throughout her life. She was a familiar face at the 24 hour fitness gym in Fremont, and could always be seen using their weight machines and cardio equipment. Not surprising, Anna continued her work out regimen right up until the ripe old age of 84.

Anna always put a smile on people's faces and her sense of humor was contagious. She loved to laugh, especially before reaching the punch line while telling a joke. "I'm a tough old bird" is one of the funniest sayings Anna would always tell people when they discovered she was approaching her 100th birthday.

Anna was part of the "greatest generation." Her family saw the grit and determination this woman embodied first-hand. She is survived by her son, Richard Waltz, his wife Esther Waltz, daughter Carli Moniz and son-in-law Edward Moniz. Anna will be interred at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on May 16, 2019 to be with her husband William Waltz.



The Livermore Innovation Fair took place at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, May 4. This year's theme, "Building for the Moon and Beyond," honored the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. Inspired by the maker movement, hundreds of young STEM enthusiasts had the chance to have first-hand experience with 3-D printing, rocketry and robotics. Star Wars characters were on hand to celebrate 'May the Fourth Be With You' Day. (Photos – Doug Jorgensen)

# REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

## Real Estate Designations And Other Distinctions

By Cher Wollard

In trying to select an agent to represent them, consumers consider experience, expertise and professionalism. Do all those titles and acronyms behind some agent's names represent any of those qualities?

Maybe. Let's take a look at the most common of them. Realtor®: The most common qualifier you may see Realtor®. Many folks use the terms real estate agent and Realtor interchangeably, but not all agents are Realtors.

Real estate agents have passed a state exam and background check, and have been issued a license that allows them to receive a fee for representing buyers and/or sellers in real estate transactions.

Realtors are agents who also belong to the National Association of Realtors, their state's Realtor association and their local Multiple Listing Service. The term Realtor is copyrighted, and N.A.R. members are required to adhere to the association's Code of Ethics, as well as all state and local laws.

Broker: Some agents have undergone additional testing to become brokers. Brokers can work under their own licenses. Agents who are not brokers must be affiliated with a broker. Some brokers prefer to work for another broker, often because that broker is part of a large company with strong name recognition and additional resources. These broker agents are sometimes called "affiliated brokers."

In addition, N.A.R. and affiliated groups offers a number of designations and certifications that agents can earn through additional training and, in some cases, proof of experience and productivity. Among the most common are:

Accredited Buyer's Representative: The ABR designation, presented by the Real Estate Buyers' Agent Council, is designed for agents who focus on working directly with

buyer-clients at every stage of the home buying process.

Accredited Land Consultant: The Realtors Land Institute grants the ALC designation to agents who have successfully completed a rigorous education program focused on the buying and selling of land for development and other purposes, and have reached specific levels of high-volume sales and experience, as well as adherence to the Code of Conduct.

Certified Commercial Investment Member: Agents who specialize in commercial real estate transactions can earn this certification by completing 200 hours of classroom study and meeting certain levels of experience. The CCIM network also includes brokers, leasing professionals, asset managers, appraisers, corporate real estate executives, investors, lenders and other allied professionals.

Certified International Property Specialist: To earn the CIPS designation, Realtors must complete five one-day courses focusing on crucial aspects of international transactions.

Certified Property Managers: CPM designees are experts in real estate management. So, for example, if you have rental property or vacation property, one of these agents is specially trained to manage that for you.

Certified Residential Specialist: The CRS designation is the highest credential awarded to residential sales agents, managers and brokers. Designees must successfully complete additional training and demonstrate a certain high level of sales volume. Fewer than 5 percent of Realtors hold the CRS designation.

Counselor of Real Estate: The Counselors of Real Estate is an international group of recognized professionals who provide advice on real property and land-related matters. Only 1,100 practitioners throughout the world carry the CRE designation. Membership is by invitation only.

GREEN: Through N.A.R.'s Green Designation, the Green Resource Council provides ongoing education, resources and tools to help real estate practitioners find, understand, and market properties with green features.

Graduate, Realtor Institute: Realtors with the GRI designation have in-depth training in legal and regulatory issues, technology, professional standards and the sales process.

Seller Representative Specialist: The SRS designation is the premier credential in seller representation, awarded by the Real Estate Business Institute to agents who meet specific educational and practical experience criteria.

Seniors Real Estate Specialist: Agents who have earned the SRES designation have completed educational classes focused on serving the real estate needs of clients over age 50. Designees learn about special programs and services to

help their clients continue to live in their current homes or transition to something more appropriate.

At Home With Diversity: The AHWD certification is given to agents who have completed training in sensitivity to all client profiles and building a business plan to successfully serve them.

Certified Real Estate Team Specialist: The C-RETS certification is designed to improve team development, individual leadership skills and financial performance. The courses provide the tools, strategies, and knowledge that are required of today's real estate professionals who are either considering or currently operating in a team environment. It is for team leaders, team members, those looking to start a team, and those who simply want to sharpen their management skills.

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<p>FOR INFORMATION PLACING LEGAL NOTICES Call 925-243-8000</p> <p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557250</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Independent electrical testing, 6363 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Roger K. Houtz, 6363 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/15/98. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Roger Kenneth Houtz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 2, 2019. Expires April 2, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4521. Published April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019.</p>	<p>194588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sally Elizabeth Robinson, 4127 Suffolk Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Sally E. Robinson, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 10, 2019. Expires April 10, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4524. Published April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557835</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Power 5 Experience, 23197 Maud Ave Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Barbara Ensstrom Baker, 23197 Maud Ave Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2015. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Barbara Ensstrom Baker, Psychologist #3005, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 10, 2019. Expires April 10, 2024. 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April 12, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557837</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Phlebotomy Mobile Express, 4899 Willow Road # 415, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Napoleon Del Rosario, 899 Willow Road # 415, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Napoleon del Rosario, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 15, 2019. April 15, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557838</b> The following person(s) doing business as: BixBite Stone, 4892 Bernal Ave, Apt. O, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Citrus Stone, LLC, 4892 Bernal Ave, Apt. O, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: December 27, 2018. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Alexandre, C. Munaretto, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 12, 2019. Expires April 12, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557839</b> The following person(s) doing business as: The Tatoo Booth, 885 N P Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katie Tragarz, 885 N P Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 14, 2005. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Daniel Twomey, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 15, 2019. 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The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 1, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Elizabeth Anne Perry, Director. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 09, 2019. April 09, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557779</b> The following person(s) doing business as: American Sign Installation Company, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA, 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Twomey and Loni Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a married couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 12, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Aspen Plummer, Owner. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 12, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Daniel Twomey and Loni Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a married couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 26, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Michael Chadwick, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 11, 2019. April 11, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557778</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Print and Sign, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA, 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Twomey and Loni Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a married couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: December 1, 2017. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Daniel Twomey, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 11, 2019. April 11, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557777</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Livemore Print and Sign, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA, 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Twomey and Loni Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a married couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 26, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Daniel Twomey, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 26, 2019. March 26, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557842</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Hansbakes, 18495 Boston Road, Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Johanna Moa, 18495 Boston Road, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Johanna Moa, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 12, 2019. April 12, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557843</b> The following person(s) doing business as: A.A.A. Enterprises, 20885 Redwood Rd #143, Castro Valley, CA 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew Anaya, 1479 155th Ave, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. 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April 10, 2024.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557845</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Blue Box Investments, Inc., 7286 Cameros Lane, Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Blue Box Investments, Inc. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019.</p>	<p><b>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 557846</b> The following person(s) doing business as: Aloya Nail, 869 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aloya Nail, 869 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019.</p>

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To be eligible for the 5 Chestnut Square Senior elderly/homeless units, applicants must be 62 years of age or older; families must be able to be verified as homeless by one of three approved agencies, and have income that does not exceed 50% of the Annual Mean Income, which is \$40,700 for a 1-person household, \$46,500 for a 2-person household, and \$52,300 for a 3-person household. The application submission includes both a 2-page housing authority form and a referral form that verifies the homeless qualification. Both forms must be completed in order to be considered. The referral form must be completed in consultation with and certified by one of three City of Livermore approved homeless service agencies: City Serve, Abode Services, and Tri-Valley Haven. Applications will not be accepted unless both forms are completed and properly executed.

**Application s will be available beginning May 9, 2019 either by downloading using the internet www.livermoreha.org or pick-up at the Livermore Housing Authority located at 3203 Leahy Way, Livermore, CA 94550.**

**APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:**  
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# Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare Terminal Patients Granted a Wish



Romelia with her family, the mariachi band, and her nurse, Andrea. (Photo – Courtesy ValleyCare Charitable Foundation)

Despite a trial of optimal therapy at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare, doctors were unable to improve Romelia’s medical condition. Romelia, her family, and her providers had many discussions and eventually accepted that she would pass away in the coming weeks from her condition. She was referred to The Wish Project by her doctor and was visited by a volunteer, Betts Cravotto. The project grants wishes at the end of life, to celebrate the patient’s life and passions while also easing grief for families and friends. “After discussing various ideas with Betts,” says Ronaldo, Romelia’s son, “I thought a mariachi band would be very special for my mom. She loves mariachi music, and having the band here and allowing her to come outside means so much to us.”

Even with many advances in medicine, all patients and their care teams must face death as an eventual reality. This is an aspect of medicine that is tough for everyone involved: the patient, family, friends, providers, and other medical staff.

About 25% of patients in the United States die in acute care settings, places

that hold no special meaning for the patients and their family members. Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare launched The Wish Project as a means of easing the grieving process for patients and families and allowing staff to provide support to their patients when they’re unable to offer medical care and interventions in the traditional sense. “I remember when I went through this with my mother; having someone you care about die in the hospital is such a painful and lonely experience. I did not like the idea of having so many patients of mine and their families share that same ordeal. I started this project to try to bring some honor to these people and hopefully leave their loved ones with a positive memory at the end,” says Dr. Minh-Chi Tran, Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare Hospitalist and Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine, Stanford University. “We think these small acts will continue to foster our small, caring community. We are honored to bring this project to our patients and their loved ones.”

“The wishes are generally small and low-cost but can be extremely meaningful to the patient and their

families and friends,” says Cravotto, the lead volunteer assisting with The Wish Project. “Wishes can be as simple as providing a few pints of gourmet ice cream to the patient, getting permission for a pet to lay in the patient’s lap during their final day of hospitalization, arranging for a special meal, framing the patient’s heartbeat, creating a ‘word cloud’ framed piece, or playing the person’s favorite movie or music. The mariachi band performance was our most visible and public wish so far. We are thankful to the family for allowing us to share the experience with other patients and members of our hospital community.”

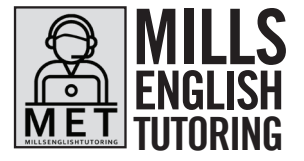
Since the launch in June 2018 with a gift from ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and support from clinical team members and volunteers, The Wish Project has granted about 20 wishes to Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare patients. “Coming to terms with my mother’s declining health has been difficult, but sitting here with my family on this beautiful day, listening to a live mariachi band has

brought joy to my mother and us,” says Nancy, Romelia’s daughter.

Cravotto and Dr. Tran had just a few short hours to make all the necessary arrangements with the Hospital Administration and Compliance team to bring Romelia outside during such a fragile time and to find the mariachi band and arrange for their 45-minute performance at the Pleasanton hospital.

“As a community hospital, we’ve had a long-standing tradition of providing compassionate and personalized care to the residents of the Tri-Valley,” says Shaké Sulikyan, Executive Director of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. “ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and its donors helped create this important program because we know that the dying process and memories of the experience can have long-lasting effects on the patient’s loved ones as well as on the care team. We are thankful to Betts Cravotto, Dr. Minh-Chi Tran, Dr. Silvia Loicamersa, Dr. Kathleen Jia, Dr. Timothy Foeller, the

nursing staff, volunteers, and Hospital Administration for bringing this innovative project to patients at our local hospital.”



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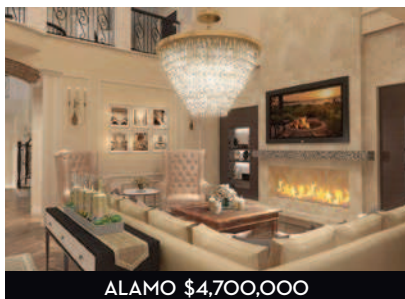
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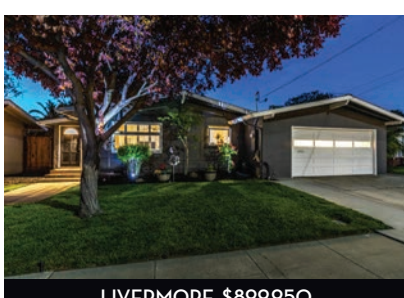
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### 'Go Figure' Exhibition Celebrates the Human Figure

A new exhibit in the Bankhead Gallery, "Go Figure," will celebrate the diversity of spirit, style, and emotion expressed in the

human figure through the eyes of 26 artists. Nearly 50 works will feature styles from abstract to realism and include both two-and three-

dimensional pieces.

A concurrent exhibit in the Founders Room, adjacent to the Bankhead lobby, will feature works from E. Trent Thompson's "Pictures for People" project.

The "Go Figure" exhibit is free of charge and will be open to the public from May 8 through July 8, 2019. A free Artists' Reception will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 1:00 to 3:00pm, providing an opportunity to admire the works and meet some of the artists. Refreshments will be offered at the event, as well as live music by the Gibbard family string quartet.

One of the artists exhibiting in "Go Figure," Judith Kunzle has focused for many years on the representation of movement and body language. She lived for 30 years in the South Pacific where she found many inspirations for her work. Kunzle has said, "My work is a dialogue with the subject. I draw and paint nature in plein air, work with



Trent Thompson - Pictures 4 People



Judith Kunzle - Equalibrium

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### Pleasanton Chamber Players in Concert

The Pleasanton Chamber Players present

## CZECH MATES

Chamber music from the Czech Republic



The locally-based Pleasanton Chamber Players return to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m.

With the theme "Czech Mates," the concert features a program of classical chamber music from the Czech Republic: Three Madrigals by Bohuslav Martinu; Four Pieces for Violin and Piano Op. 17 by Josef Suk; Silent Woods Op. 94 by Antonin Dvorak; String Quartet No. 1, "Kreutzer Sonata," by Leos Janacek; and the mighty Piano Quintet Op. 81 by Dvorak. Rich with deep Slavic influences, the pieces promise to be both virtuosic and elegant. The performers for this concert are top-tier soloists and chamber musicians from the Tri-Valley and the greater Bay Area: Nigel Armstrong (violin), Rochelle Nguyen (violin), Elbert Tsai (violin), Christina

Simpson (viola), James Jaffe (cello), Brady Anderson (cello), and Tamirzhan Yerzhanov (piano). This concert marks the second season at the Firehouse for current PCP director Brady Anderson. Anderson is a founding member of the Alden Trio, and performs chamber music extensively around the world, in addition to his teaching and coaching roles.

Reserved seating tickets are \$15 - \$25, with senior and student discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance; by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to performances if not sold out.



Gibbard Family String Quartet



Magdalena Bertera - Word Traveler

## GO FIGURE

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live models or with dancers in action. [Whether] it's a person or an oak tree, their presence, form and movement are my inspiration."

A concurrent exhibit in the Founders Room will feature six original works by E. Trent Thompson from "Pictures for People." The

goal of his project is to call attention to the needs of our community through portraits of individuals we walk by every day. Each painting was designated for a specific cause and was offered at auction this March during an event at Range Life restaurant to

raise money for a community organization supporting that cause. The paintings are on loan for this exhibit, although some originals and prints will be for sale at the reception.

The Bankhead Gallery, located in the lobby of the theater at 2400 First Street

in Livermore, is open Monday through Wednesday, as well as Sundays from 12 noon to 5:00 pm. and by appointment. In addition to the reception, the works will be highlighted for the Art & Wine Intertwined event on June 29.

## Lunafish—Women's Film Festival— To Benefit Tri-Valley Haven

Tri-Valley Haven presents the 4th annual Lunafest, a women's film festival.

The fundraising film festival, dedicated to promoting awareness about women's issues and highlighting women filmmakers, will be hosted by Tri-Valley Haven at the Vine Cinema and Alehouse in Livermore on May 16, 2019.

This film festival showcases women as leaders in society by sharing a few of the many untold stories that inspire women everywhere to challenge the status quo and grow.

The event begins with a VIP reception on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Zephyr's Grill. Film screening begins at 7 p.m.

One of this year's film directors, Dana Nachman, will be present. Her short film "The Final Show" has received many awards and accolades across the country. Other

notables include "Pick of the Litter" and the acclaimed "Batkid Begins."

Prior to the event, music will be provided by Jack Quigley outside the Vine Cinemas. There will be raffle baskets and fun nights out, which include a gourmet dinner and yoga session.

Vine Cinema and Alehouse is located at 1722 First Street, Livermore.

For more event and ticket information, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or contact Lisa Johnston at (925) 667-2728, or email [lunafest@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:lunafest@trivalleyhaven.org).

All proceeds will benefit Chicken & Egg Pictures and Tri-Valley Haven; a local nonprofit organization that supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and poverty.



## Auction Offers Variety of Items

For forty years, Livermore auction fans and supporters of Livermore history have gathered at the Duarte Garage (North L St. at Pine St.) to support the Livermore Heritage Guild's mission of preserving local history. They gather to score some cool auction winnings of unique items at amazing prices. This Saturday, May 11, it happens again. Drop in at 5:00 p.m. to check out the auction items. Dig into the traditional spaghetti dinner at 6:00 (\$25 online, \$35 at the door). The auction starts promptly at 7:00.

This year, about 40 lots hit the auction block in a fast-moving adventure through antiques, collectible housewares, vintage pieces, a collection of pen knives and watches, local wine, furniture and odd little knick-knacks with obscure purposes. There will be an opportunity to bid to ride in the Livermore Rodeo or Holiday parade in a vintage fire truck.

Proceeds from the annual auction go directly to supporting the Guild's local history programs, from the downtown research museum to the 3rd grade school curriculum and HistoryMobile visits. Dollars are needed to preserve newspapers, tools and clothing, and create exhibits at each museum site. The Hagemann Ranch and Duarte Garage monthly open house events, as well as a historic lecture series, remain free due to the bidders anxious to take home a vintage hanging lamp or walnut desk.

This year's auctioneer is past Guild President Jeff Kaskey, mixing hidden yodeling skills with his constant prattle to move objects into bidders' hands. Guild volunteers bring the whole event together.

Tickets are on-line for the spaghetti dinner at [lhg.org](http://lhg.org) or at the downtown Carnegie Building History Center, 2155 Third Street, for \$25 early, or \$35 at the Duarte door, North L St. at Pine St.

Admission to the auction only is free.

# Pacific Chamber Orchestra to Perform Program 'Beethoven - the Heroic'

Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO), under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, performs Beethoven's Eroica Symphony #3, Coriolanus Overture and the "Triple" Concerto with Trio Foss as soloists. Performance is set for Sunday, May 19th, 3:00 pm Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Tickets may be purchased for "Beethoven - The Heroic" online at [www.pacific-chamberorchestra.org](http://www.pacific-chamberorchestra.org) and additionally for the Livermore performance by calling or visiting the Bankhead box office 925-373-6800 located at 2400 First Street, Livermore or [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org).

The pathways Beethoven creates from the third Symphony onward allow us to re-experience our own Hero's journey. As a humanist, he believed the Hero redeems humanity through the arts, including music. Although deaf by 1820, he fervently continued to compose, climaxing with his towering Ninth Symphony, surely a Hero's journey. With Eroica, Beethoven both upset and energized the musical world by the range of emotion this symphony expresses. His special genius unites a wide range of emotions with perfectly constructed music. Inspired by the Roman General Coriolanus, Beethoven created a musical canvas baring the emotions of the Hero's Journey in his Coriolan Overture.

Beethoven's "Triple" Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano features Trio Foss. Trio Foss is a fusion of virtuosity, personalities, backgrounds, and nationalities, drawing audiences into deeply personal interpretations of the piano trio repertoire as well as new works. SF Classical Voice calls the trio "an extraordinary musical combo;" suggesting that "it's difficult to imagine hearing a better live performance."

Trio Foss's members include Nina Flyer, PCO's principal cellist. Flyer has toured, recorded and taught throughout Europe, Scandinavia and America. She records frequently for the TV and Motion Picture Industry. She is a Grammy nominee, a world-wide proponent of contemporary music and was cello and chamber music professor at the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music for 20 years.

Assistant Concertmaster of PCO, Hrabba Atladottir, is an Icelandic violinist who has performed regularly with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and Deutsche Oper. She also completed a world tour performing with the Icelandic pop artist Björk. In New York she performed with the Metropolitan Opera and the Orchestra of St. Luke's.

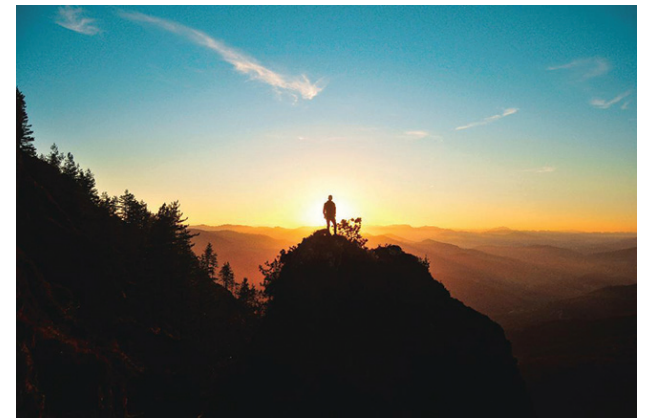


**Trio Foss**

She is also a lecturer in Violin at UC Berkeley.

Pianist Joseph Irrera has concertized across the globe with appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. Internationally, he has performed throughout Germany, Bulgaria, Italy, France, and Costa Rica. The acclaimed Irrera Brothers Piano & Violin Duo has appeared throughout the United States, Europe, and Central America. They have two critically-acclaimed recordings. Their third album is currently in production.

The members of PCO also appear in such prestigious groups as the San Francisco Symphony, Opera and Ballet Orchestras, touring Broadway shows, and feature films recorded at Skywalker Ranch. They are touring soloists and chamber musicians. For information and videos about PCO, go to [www.PacificChamberOrchestra.org](http://www.PacificChamberOrchestra.org).



Symphony No. 3, called 'Sinfonia Eroica,' or Heroic Symphony, illuminates Beethoven's own life journey.

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## PokéSWAP Scheduled at Livermore Library

The Livermore Public Library will be hosting a PokéSWAP on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

The PokéSWAP event is a Pokémon-trading

party where participants are encouraged to bring their Pokémon trading cards and video games in order to swap Pokémon with other players.

Trading Pokémon is

optional and not required of attendees. Patrons of all ages are welcome to participate. Registration is not required for this free event. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 South

Livermore Avenue.

For more information, visit the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Librarian Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576.

# Valley Dance Theatre Presents Spring Rep Performance

Valley Dance Theatre will showcase the beauty, drama and vitality of ballet's timeless favorites and contemporary delights at its annual repertory production, Spring Rep. Performances will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore.

Highlighting this year's show will be excerpts from Tchaikovsky's classic, *Swan Lake*, and Aaron Copland's modern ballet, *Rodeo*. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by the Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra.

One of the best loved of all ballets, *Swan Lake* portrays romance, drama, and tragedy. It is the story of a young maiden, Odette, who is cursed by the evil sorcerer, Rothbart, to live as a swan and able to take human form only by moonlight. True love has the power to break the spell, but when Sigfried pledges

his love to the white swan, Rothbart sends his daughter, Odile, disguised as the black swan. Tragedy follows.

"The ballet is known not only for the 'Entrance of the Swans,' which will be performed by 16 Valley Dance Theatre dancers, but also for the tour-de-force dancing required by both the white swan and a black swan conjured by Rothbart," says Artistic Director Betsy Hausburg. "Anna Mount of Valley Dance will perform both roles, partnered by returning guest dancers Jacob Casey and Maxwell Simoes."

*Rodeo*, about cowboys, their girlfriends, and the famous Hoedown, premiered in 1942. The lively and dramatic sounds of Aaron Copland's well-known score is the background to a simple love story set in the 19th Century ranchlands of the American Southwest. Its familiar music has endured through the decades not only in productions of *Rodeo*, but also as background



Ballet dancer Anna Mount performs in excerpts of *Swan Lake* at Valley Dance Theatre's Spring Rep production, May 25 and 26 at the Bankhead Theater. Photo by Jerwin Chua.

for numerous entertainers on stage, television programs and commercials, and even the opening ceremony of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hausburg adds, "The two contrasting, yet enduringly popular pieces — the elegant beauty of *Swan Lake* paired with the vibrant energy of *Rodeo* — make a fitting close to Valley Dance Theatre's season as the company prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary next year."

Tickets to Spring Rep are \$30 for adults and \$14 for students 17 years and younger with a 10 percent discount offered for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org); by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Box office hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m. and for two hours prior to show time.

## The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley Raises Funds for the Butte County Fire Victims

The Butte County fire victims still need help. The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will be hosting a fundraising event on June 1, 2019. Every dollar raised will go directly to the fire victims, and the club will match dollar for dollar the first \$10,000 raised.

"We've been in contact with the Rotary Club of Paradise members, and they continue to report that the lasting impacts of the fire is devastating," says David Bedford, who is leading the effort to raise relief funds. "The residents in that area need resources, and they also need to know we haven't forgotten this terrible tragedy."

On Saturday, June 1, from 2-6 pm at the Bedford's Historic Livermore Estate (2405 Wedgewood Way), there will be a barbeque of pulled pork and chicken, live music provided by the Sugar Bear Band, and much more. There will also be an opportunity drawing, numerous silent auc-

tion items, and a brief update from some of the residents of Butte County.

"The donations we receive will be tax deductible, and the money will be in the care of Rotarians in Butte County who know where it will have the greatest impact," explains David.

The cost of a ticket to this event is \$50 per person. For reservations of a table for eight, premium wine will be provided.

Checks should be made payable to District 5170 (Butte County on the memo line). Rotary District 5170 has a Federal Tax ID #94-3016176 and is a 501(c)3 organization. Reservations are needed by May 21, 2019. Call the Bedford's at 925-980-8143, or email at [drbedford@hotmail.com](mailto:drbedford@hotmail.com). Checks can be mailed to 2405 Wedgewood Way, Livermore 94550.

## Children Invited to Make A Fire-Breathing Dragon

Children are invited to the Springtown Branch Library to create a "fire-breathing" dragon. Participants will use paper tubes, crepe paper, and other supplies to create their dragons. This craft program will take place on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

Registration is not required for this free event. Supplies will be provided.

For more information, visit the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Springtown Branch Librarian Caitlyn Lung at 925-373-5576.



# “The Sgt. Pepper Project” Show at the Bankhead Theater



## San Francisco String Trio

Two-time Grammy Award-winner violinist Mads Tolling, six-time DownBeat Magazine International Critics Poll-winner guitarist Mimi Fox, and internationally-acclaimed bassist and vocalist Jeff Denson, have forged their musical talents into a new super group, the San Francisco String Trio. They will deliver take on the music of the Fab Four in “The Sgt. Pepper Project”

at the Bankhead Theater on Sunday afternoon, May 12, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Together, the all acoustic group creates a mix of music that defies categorization, crossing every genre from tango to funk, from ballads to sizzling up-tempo originals. The Sgt. Pepper Project, as well as their album “May I Introduce You,” celebrates the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking Beatles album,

delivering favorite songs in their own way. As Jazz Podium said, their unique approach provides surprising ideas, but ensures “the spirit of the originals is never diminished in the process.”

A native of Denmark, Mads Tolling performed for nearly a decade with the Turtle Island Quartet with whom he won two Grammy awards. A prolific composer and teacher, he performs

extensively worldwide and has released albums with his own group as well as others.

Mimi Fox has released nine recordings as a leader and composer, and performed with a who’s who of legendary jazz musicians, lending her virtuoso solo skills to a variety of styles.

Jeff Denson provides his distinctive jazz bass sound to several different trios, which combine a diverse range of instruments.

All three are local educators as well as performers: Tolling as faculty for the Stanford Jazz Workshop, Fox as head of the guitar department at UC Berkeley,

and Denson as professor and outreach director for the California Jazz Conservatory.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by calling 925-373-6800.

## Better Business Bureau Program Set

The Livermore Civic Center Library will host a presentation by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) titled Top 10 Scams Against Consumers on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The program is free and open to all adults. No registration is necessary.

In addition to discussing the top ten scams in the area, the BBB presenter will outline what the scams involve, what demographics are most targeted, and the average monetary loss of victims. The presenter will also share stories reported to BBB Scam Tracker, identify red flags individuals should be aware of, and provide tips on how to protect against becoming a victim.

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# Community of Character Award Winners Announced

This year's Juanita Haugen Awards recipients exhibit the values of the Community of Character through their great examples of service, while living the values of Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity.

The recipients will be honored at the Tuesday, May 21, 2019 Annual Awards Luncheon at 11:30 am at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall.

The luncheon reservation form is available online at the Chamber of Commerce website [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org). Cost of the luncheon is \$40 and is open to the public, friends of the recipients are encouraged to attend and support the recipients.

**Christina Gray** lives in Pleasanton with her husband, Lonnie, and their two children, Ethan and Lauren. She started her photography business, Bella Luna Studios, in 2005. Through her photography work and accolades as Pleasanton Weekly newspaper's "Readers' Choice" she was able to connect with many local people and businesses. As her family and business grew, she made an effort to give back to the community by volunteering her skills as photographer to numerous non-profit organizations including CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Sandra J Wing Foundation, First Tee, Tri-Valley Turkey Burn, Chamber of Commerce, AXIS Community Health, Ed Kinney Foundation, and Make a Difference for Pleasanton. Christina has also volunteered for six years as a Reflections Program judge in the photography category.

In 2015 she published her cookbook, *Be Free Cooking-The Allergen Aware Cook*, to create allergen-conscious recipes for any occasion. This was a wonderful new way to engage with the community and especially with the school her children went to, Mohr Elementary. She has visited Mohr every year since its publication to talk about food, writing and to inspire the students to write their own stories. Over the last two years she taught a writing and food workshop she developed for the second graders, taking them on fun-filled and educational interactive culinary journey. In April she launched the Rising Star program, aimed at inspiring young students to write and "publish" their own books into this special section of the school library. In addition, she also coordinated Author Day where six authors presented to the second graders with messages focused on inspiring students to keep writing and overcoming obstacles.

When Hurricane Harvey hit in 2017 she looked for ways to help the people of Texas. She worked with the local chapter of Kids Against Hunger and its director, Sherry Leal, the Juanita Haugen 2018 award winner, to organize a meal packing event. Together they secured 240 volunteers who packed 60,000 meals for the victims. She continues to donate her time to this wonderful and worthwhile organization.

Christina is also a Harvest Park 6th grade volleyball coach, Phantom League U13 softball coach and a member of the Pleasanton Unified Public Safety Committee.

**Jee-Yeon and Wallace Wong** are incredible friends to many in Pleasanton. They have lived in Pleasanton for the past 15 years. They are generous in their service, great examples to their children, Kaitlyn (15), Zachary (12),



Christina Gray



Andrew Holmes



Jee-Yeon and Wallace Wong



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Ryan (10) and the friends of their children. They quietly and selflessly make our community a better place every day. Their example is inspiring.

The Wongs have been involved in many organizations as volunteers. They have encouraged their kids to help raise money to help homeless people. They have participated in service projects without any expectation of recognition; in fact, recognition would be uncomfortable for this couple and their children.

Wallace is an ethical business person in our community. He is a Farmers Insurance Agent in downtown Pleasanton with an office in the historic Pleasanton Hotel. He has served in Rotary, YMCA and other organizations.

His high ethical standards aren't righteous or judgmental, they are merely evidence of what he expects of himself, his family and his community. He is a living example of good character.

Jee-Yeon is a wonderful mother and friend to all who come into contact with her. She opens her home to newcomers in the community, inviting them to join her in cooking and sharing a meal. Her two sons and daughter are as amazing as their parents.

Wallace and Jee-Yeon are outstanding in the way they live the character values every single day. They are kind and courteous. They are compassionate and caring, and they live responsible, respectful lives and inspire others to do the same.

**Andrew Holmes** is a 14 year old Pleasanton resident and 8th grader at Harvest Park, although battling a rare disease is inspired by his own experience and has found ways to give back to his community.

At age 8, Andrew got a really bad headache and fell semi-unconscious. He was taken to the ER to find that he had a massive brain bleed. They rushed him to Children's Hospital where he had brain surgery to stop the bleeding. Later they discovered that the bleeding was a rupture of a brain arteriovenous malformation, or AVM. An AVM is a rare, congenital artery malformation. Due to the location in his brain, Andrew's AVM is life threatening and inoperable. The only treatment available was gamma knife radiosurgery, where targeted radiation is used in hopes of obliterating the AVM. Radiation works slowly and Andrew hopes to one day to be AVM free.

There are side effects with radiation as well. The treatments caused Andrew brain swelling and hemiplegia, or extreme weakness on his right side. This caused Andrew to be unable to walk or use his right hand or arm. Andrew started fourth grade in a wheelchair and unable to attend regular school. With ongoing therapy, Andrew has been able to walk again using a leg brace and get some right arm movement back.

Andrew lives for baseball and is very happy to be able to play, although not without challenges. Due to only having full use of one hand, he catches and throws with the same hand, just like the former MLB player Jim Abbott. His favorite place to be is watching his Oakland A's play.

Despite their ongoing journey, Andrew is committed to raising awareness about AVMs and rare diseases. Andrew wrote a letter to County Supervisor Nate Miley to have Rare Disease Day commemorated in Alameda County, has testified before the California State Legislature, and has participated in rare disease awareness efforts in the U.S. Congress.

"My life is challenging, but my mom always told me when I start to feel sorry for myself, do something for others," said Andrew Holmes. "Kids shouldn't have to have brain surgery or rare conditions."

Andrew has had to spend a lot of time at Children's Hospital and appreciated the Child Life Department bringing him toys and games every day. He also enjoyed their Bingo Nights with the great prizes. So, in 2016 Andrew started an annual holiday toy drive. He has also held two spring toy drives in partnership with Pleasanton Little League. Through the generosity of Andrew's friends and

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family, Andrew has been able to collect over 1,000 toys for Children's Hospital.

In 2016, Andrew was awarded the first ever Youth Action Award by the Alameda County Office of Education for his advocacy on behalf of children and families whose lives are impacted by rare diseases.

### Museum on Main

The Museum on Main's mission is to enrich community life through education and preservation. They link the past to the future and encourage participation in the arts and humanities through local public programs. The museum started out in the historic house located in the middle of the Alameda County Fairgrounds and moved into the old town hall building on Main Street in 1985. Through the years, they have grown to be a very viable and involved organization right in the heart of downtown Pleasanton. They are committed to all members of our community.

The museum features permanent and temporary exhibits, guest lecturers, tours for schools and other community groups and other educational public programs. They collect and care for historic documents, photographs and artifacts that help tell the stories of Pleasanton and its surrounding areas. They are a wonderful cultural resource available in a central location in downtown, welcoming newcomers, longtime residents and visitors.

Running the museum involves many volunteers who assist with greeting the public, helping in the office, facilitating public programs, serving as docents and guides for the popular annual Ghost Walk tours, and helping manage the archives and collections. A trip to the museum is an enjoyable and informative way to see how Pleasanton's past has shaped what it is today.

The Juanita Haugen community organization award is presented in tribute to the many volunteers who make a difference in our community as it is to the dedicated museum staff and board.

## Muslim Community to Host Dinner Experience

On Sunday, May 12 in Livermore, the Muslim Community will host an Iftar dinner experience as part of the observation of the holy month of Ramadan. The goal is to help create a peaceful society by building new relationships around the traditions of fasting and hospitality in the three major Abrahamic faiths along the theme "Loving Across the Difference."

Iftar means 'fast-breaking,' and it is an integral part of the Muslim community life during the sacred month of Ramadan. Muslims break their daily Ramadan fast with a community dinner called an "iftar."

Moderated by the Rev. Andy Lobban, speakers are:

Uzma Husani, Zaytuna College, Berkeley  
Rabbi Larry Milder, Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton  
Rev. Harriet Hawkins, Lighthouse/Center for Spiritual Living, Livermore

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore.

This event is sponsored and supported by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and the MCC East Bay.

Please RSVP to ensure there is adequate food at [mceastbay.org/interfaith-iftar](http://mceastbay.org/interfaith-iftar).

## Church Reaching Out to Help Orphanage in Kenya

Fr. Mark Wiesner surprised everyone in the community of St. Charles Borromeo on Easter. Rather than passing the collection baskets to collect money, they included envelopes stuffed with cash for parishioners to use as seed money to generate funds to assist an orphanage in Suba, Kenya.

The Passionist Missionaries of Kenya operate the orphanage which can serve 50 young people, providing them with housing, food, education, recreational activities, access to medical care and more. The facilities are in desperate need of renovation and improvements. The orphanage was established in 2002 and was thriving until its original benefactors from the Netherlands could no longer be active. Those in Kenya estimate that \$62,000 would provide rehabilitation to house and serve the target of 50 youth, as well as dig a bore hole to supply a stable source of clean water. Currently, the only water avail-

able to the orphanage is what they capture from rainfall on the roof. The Facebook page "St. Charles Kenya Project" includes pictures and updates on the Project; [stcharleslivermore.org](http://stcharleslivermore.org) also provides information about the orphanage and the Kenya Project.

Fr. Mark suggested several ideas to use the cash in the envelopes: publicity for garage sales, lemonade and cookie sales, hosted dinners and more.

On May 26, St. Charles will host a Kenya Fair after all Masses (8:30-1:30). Those Community members, who have created items are invited to show their wares, which will be available for purchase. Everyone is invited!

Funds are to be returned to the collection baskets on Pentecost, June 8 and 9.

More information contact Fr. Mark Weisner, St. Charles Borromeo, 447-4549 x 105 or [frmark@stcharlesborromeo.org](mailto:frmark@stcharlesborromeo.org).

## Docent Tours of Alviso Adobe Park Are Available

Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton is offering free, docent-led tours to the community.

The Alviso Adobe Community Park is a historical park that tells a rich history. The park tells the story of California from its Native American beginnings to the days of the Spanish Ranchos, through a period in the early to mid- 20th century when it was a popular dairy, and finally its present as a community park.

Free, docent-led tours will be offered on the third weekend of the month beginning in May. Tours are limited to 10 people and are offered every 20-30 minutes starting at noon. Call ahead to reserve a specific time or drop by during the listed times. Gain an insider's view of the exhibits and artifacts on site and discover local history.

To reserve a slot, call park staff at (925)-931-3479 or email [alvisoadobe@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:alvisoadobe@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

Tours leave from the Visitor Center/Milking Barn, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton; May 18-19 and June 15-16 (third Saturday & Sunday of the month) 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

To book a separate tour outside of these free days, contact park staff at 925-931-3479 or [alvisoadobe@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:alvisoadobe@cityofpleasantonca.gov).



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## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

## Members of the Pleasanton Art

**League Public Art Circuit** are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

**"Fresh Works IX."** April 27 through June 1 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 9th annual juried exhibition featuring 66 emerging and established fine artists from around the Bay Area. Wide variety of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography. 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.

**"Go Figure" Artists' Reception**, May 11, 2019 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Gallery at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Free. "Equilibrium" Judith Kunzle, "Word Traveler" Magdalena Bertera, E. Trent Thompson. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org) or 373-6800.

**47th Annual Art in the Vineyard**, Livermore Art Association, Sunday, May 26, 2019 11:00 to 5:00, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org)

**California Art Club** exhibit of Bay Area Parks: Outdoor Treasures. June 14-July 20. Opening Reception: Saturday, June 15, 1:00-3:00 pm. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

**EBOS - East Bay Open Studios** June 15, 16, 22 and 23 from 11 am. to 6 pm. Meet artists and see how some of the art is made. Free catalogs available at Way Up Art and Frame, 1912 2nd. Street and Bothwell Arts Center 2466 Eight Street in Livermore and the Firehouse Art Center, 4444

Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. It can also be downloaded from the website [eastbayopenstudios.com](http://eastbayopenstudios.com).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**LAA & PAL meeting** May 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Dirk Christiansen, Studio 7 art gallery owner. Meetings are open to the public. There is no admission charge.

**Paint Livermore**, open competition, applications due May 24; check-in May 31, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carnegie Bldg., 2155 3rd St., Livermore. Up to four painting surfaces stamped on the back; artwork done from May 31 to June 2 and stamped eligible to be judged. Information, [dp.rodriguez@icloud.com](mailto:dp.rodriguez@icloud.com). Sponsored by the Livermore Art Association. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org).

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2018 - 2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school. She also works with adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Home schoolers and high school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley for many years. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

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

**Preschool Art classes:** Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) for further info.

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month 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](http://www.GalinasMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

## WINERIES

**Fun Fridays at Wood Family Vineyards**. Live Music 4 - 7 pm - 2407 Research Dr., Livermore. Mother's Day, May 12th, extra pour ready for all of the moms out there, along with Roses and Lindt Chocolates while supplies last. Spend an afternoon painting Saturday, May 25th from 2-5pm in the Barrel Room. Open on Memorial Day (5/27) from 12 - 4:30pm.

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Friday, May 10th "Evening in the Vineyards" summer concert series featuring a "Juke Joint." Wine, beer, and artisan pizza's available for purchase ( sorry no outside food or beverages permitted ) to purchase tickets, visit [www.laspositasvineyards.com](http://www.laspositasvineyards.com). Space is limited.

**Wine & Wags**, noon to 4:30 p.m. June 2. Livermore Valley's dog friendly wineries host a day of fun for dogs and their owners across the region. Information and tickets at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org)

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**San Francisco String Trio - The Sgt. Pepper Project**, May 12, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

**Keb' Mo'** - Grammy Award Winning Blues Master, 7:30 p.m. May 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

**Celebrating New Music**, Las Positas College Main Stage May 16. End-of-the-year concert features world premieres by student composers. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**"Czech Mates" - Pleasanton Chamber Players**. Sunday, May 19, 2:00 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

Music from the Czech Republic: Three Madrigals by Bohuslav Martinu; Four Pieces for Violin and Piano Op. 17 by Josef Suk; Silent Woods Op. 94 by Antonin Dvorak; String Quartet "Kreutzer Sonata" by Leos Janacek; and the mighty Piano Quintet Op. 81 by Dvorak. Performers: Nigel Armstrong (violin), Rochelle Nguyen (violin), Elbert Tsai (violin), Christina Simpson (viola), James Jaffe (cello), Brady Anderson (cello), Tamirzhan Yerzhanov (piano). Reserved seating tickets \$15 - \$25. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org); by phone at (925) 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, performs Beethoven's Eroica Symphony #3, Coriolanus Overture and the "Triple" Concerto with Trio Foss as soloists. Sunday, May 19th, 3:00 pm Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Tickets 925-373-6800, at the box office at 2400 First Street, Livermore or [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**G.I. Blues: The Songs of Elvis Presley**. Special Memorial Weekend concert, Sunday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. at Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. Featuring Jim Anderson & The Rebels. Sound, the songs, and the memories of Elvis Presley on this special weekend. Hits include of course Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, Don't Be Cruel, Jailhouse Rock, and many more. Reserved Seat Tickets: \$15 - \$25. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. Free parking.

**Jim Anderson & The Rebels**, May 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**John Waite**, 8 p.m. May 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org) or call 925-373-6800

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, June 1, concert begins, 8 p.m. Stravinsky: Suite No. 2 for chamber orchestra, Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4, Gwendolyn Mok, soloist, Schumann: Symphony No. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

**Lee DeWye** 8 p.m. June 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

**Piano Men**: The Music of Elton John & Billy Joel Featuring Kyle Martin, p.m. June 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## ON THE STAGE

**Smokey Joe's Café**: The Music of Leiber and Stoller. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre at the Firehouse Arts Center

in downtown Pleasanton. April 27 through May 12: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays and some Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Revue-style musical theatre romp through the 50's golden era of rock 'n' roll, rhythm 'n' blues, and pop music. Includes 39 chart-topping hits by Leiber and Stoller. Reserved seating tickets \$19 - \$41. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton.

**Theater for Young Audiences**, Las Positas College Black Box, May 4-12. Live performance for children and their families.. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Encore Players spring production Almost, Maine**. May 10-12 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Almost, Maine comprises nine quirky short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. <https://encore-players.net/>

**COI: Mafia-Esque: The Musical 2019** An Improvised Whodunit? Musical! Tuesday, May 14 - Saturday, May 18, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Festival of Short Plays 2019**, May 24, 7 p.m., May 25, 2 and 7 p.m., May 27, 2 and 7 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Center Stage East Bay presents three student written and directed plays. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org) or 373-6800

**The Addams Family** - Bay Area Children's Theatre Livermore Next Stage Performers young@part, June 6 and 7 at 7:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

**As You Like It**, free Shakespeare in the Park presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:00pm June 29-July 14 Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita & Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

## COMEDY

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

**Free comedy show** every Thursday at Rebel Kitchen & Libations, 2369 First St., Livermore 7:30pm.

**Best of San Francisco Comedy Competition**, 8 p.m. May 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org) or call 925-373-6800.

## DANCE

**Vineyard Ballet Academy** presents 'The Firebird and the Princess' 5:45 pm May 25. Amador Theater, Pleasanton. Tickets at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Valley Dance Theatre** Spring REP 2019.

May 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.  
**Oakland Ballet Company 'Jangala,'** Tue., May 28, 7:30 p.m. One last boy ... a pack of wolves ... a band of monkeys ... a herd of buffalo ... and one power hungry tiger. Fusing contemporary ballet with south Indian classical Bharatanatyam dance. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 6 p.m. first Thursday of the month with host Steve Chiolis. This year's theme is FOG CITY - films about San Francisco. Films are free. No registration is required. The films are screened in the Pleasanton Library large meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. For more information or assistance, contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

**A Star is Born** (1954 movie), 7 p.m. May 15. A young and struggling singer who has nearly given up on her dreams of success, Ally (Judy Garland) steps up at a critical moment. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.  
**Star Trek: the Wrath of Khan** (1982 movie) June 19, 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

## OPERA

**Livermore Valley Opera** Opera In The Vineyard #1 at Nella Terra Cellars, Sunol, special Father's Day Edition June 16th. Tickets and information at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com)

## CHORAL

**Cantabella Children's Chorus "Portraits"** Sat., May 18, 1 and 4 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org), 373-6800.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hagemann Ranch Open House**. Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

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

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**A free Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta** to honor Mexican culture and heritage Saturday afternoon, May 11, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. mariachi music, folk dances and songs performed by Grupo Folklorico Tlapalli. There will also be displays of traditional art, artifacts, and clothing. Authentic Mexican food will be available for purchase. All activities will take place in front of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. For more information visit [lvpc.org](http://lvpc.org)

**5th Annual Livermore Valley Beer Festival**, Sat., May 11, 1 – 5 PM, Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. 2019 Music Line-up: Highway Poets – 12pm – 12:50pm; Simple Creation – 12:50 – 1:40pm; Megan Slankard – 1:40pm – 2:50pm; Lucas Ohio – 2:50pm – 3:50pm. Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for children. Tickets and information at <http://lvcbf.com/beer-festival/>

**Wine Stroll**, 5 to 8 p.m. May 11, Downtown Pleasanton. Over 20 downtown locations, sample wine and tasty bites while musicians perform live music throughout Main Street. Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**79th Pleasanton Annual Rose Show**, May 11, 2 to 5 p.m. open to the public and admission free. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., 2:30 PM - Awards ceremony. [www.pleasantonroseshow.com](http://www.pleasantonroseshow.com)

**Annual Ho'ike Luau**, May 18, doors open 1:30 p.m. Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore Halau Makana Lani presents; accompanied by Faith Ako. \$40 adults, \$10 youth and under. Ticket includes lunch late. Information at [www.wegothula.com](http://www.wegothula.com)

**28th Annual Livermore Downtown Street Fest**, May 18- May 19, Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Along First Street from the Livermore Cinema down to N Street. The side Streets have unique experiences and activities. The best of the Livermore Valley's wineries and breweries will be creating Pop Up Tasting Room experiences. Livermore Downtown Inc. [www.livermoredowntown.com/events](http://www.livermoredowntown.com/events)

**Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... King Henry VIII**: Tuesday, May 21st, 2pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or (925) 462-2766.

**Memorial Day Ceremony** - Mon., May 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play. **Livermore Rodeo Parade**, June 8, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore.

**Livermore Rodeo**, June 8 and 9 at Robertson Park Stadium. Gates open at 11:00am. Grand Entry at 3:00pm. World's Fastest Rodeo. [www.livermoredeoro.com](http://www.livermoredeoro.com)

**Museum on Main**, An Afternoon or Evening with... Nathaniel Hawthorne: Tuesday, June 11th, 2pm; Tuesday, June 11th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or (925) 462-2766.

**2019 Alameda County Fair** -- June 14 - July 7. live Action Sports shows, big name concerts and Live Horse Racing. For more information and schedules, visit [www.AlamedaCountyFair.com](http://www.AlamedaCountyFair.com)

**Valley Bonsai Society** 10th Annual Bonsai Show at Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 from 10 am to 4 pm. [www.valleybonsaisociety.com/](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com/)



**The 79th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show will take place on Saturday, May 11. The blooms will be displayed from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free. Enter home grown roses. Registration is free from 8 to 10 a.m. For information, visit [PleasantonRoseShow.com](http://PleasantonRoseShow.com). The show is presented by Alain Pinel Realtors and the City of Pleasanton.**

## Concert Canceled

A concert scheduled for May 11 by Nell & Jim, All-Star Americana Roots Band at Dublin High School has been canceled.

## 9th Annual Ribs, Chili, Cars, Brews and Blues Festival

The Livermore Knights of Columbus will be kicking off summer with their annual Ribs, Chili, Cars, Brews and Blues Festival this Saturday, May 11th.

Originally a small, local competition, the event has exploded in recent years into a major Livermore event that draws competition teams and attendees from all around Northern California, the Central Valley and even Nevada.

The teams will bring their best ribs, chili, salsa and classic cars to compete for prizes. After drawing 5,000 attendees last year, the Knights have significantly expanded the area and logistics for the events to accommodate all who attend this year. Food, cars, and music will fill the entire area around Church and 3rd Street between 10 and 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The Rib and Chili competition will include dozens of teams competing under official Kansas City BBQ competition rules. Attendees will be able to talk to the grill masters, check out their impressive BBQ equipment and even buy the teams' delicious ribs at the Knights' concessions areas to raise funds for charity. Many local Livermore Valley microbreweries will be on hand selling their brews to complement the great food. Blues music will be playing from two bandstands throughout the day. There will be a kids' area with games and the streets around entire event will be lined with classic cars whose owners will be on hand. The Dublin Knights of Columbus will help out with the event by making kettle corn; many other food and boutique vendors will round out the event and make it a great day to be in Livermore. This combination fundraiser, food and car competition and general celebration, is a highlight of the Livermore Knights' year and jumpstarts the Livermore festival season.

RCCBB chair Barry Buckett explained, "We have the best rib and chili teams in the area coming to Livermore this weekend. We combine that with the great music, dozens of classic cars and favorite local microbrews, to create such a fun event with such great food that people won't want to go home."

According to Grand Knight Wesley Arnold, "We are very excited about this year's RCCBB. We are bringing the community together for a great family-friendly event right here in Livermore. And, most importantly, while everyone is having a fantastic day, we are raising funds that our dedicated volunteer organization will leverage to help those in our community who are in need."

Learn more at [www.livermoreknights.org](http://www.livermoreknights.org).

## "Everyone Sang" Brings Together Area Choirs, Brass, and Percussion to Heal Divides



### Mission Peak Chamber Singers

Mission Peak Chamber Singers (MPCS) will perform "Everyone Sang" on Sunday, May 19th, 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore.

They will be joined by the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir, The East Bay People's Choir, a brass ensemble and percussion.

The concert brings together over 100 singers, a brass ensemble and percussionists for a grand celebration of the human spirit. Titled after a 1919 poem written to commemorate the end of World War I. "Everyone Sang" is described as a jubilant commemoration of the power of singing to unite people and heal divides.

Tickets are adults: \$20 online/\$25 at the door; children and students: \$15 online and at the door. They are available at [www.chambersingers.org](http://www.chambersingers.org).

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## Author to Speak to Writers About the Magic of Memoir

Linda Joy Myers, the author of two prize-winning memoirs, will speak to local writers and interested members of the public about memoir writing on Saturday, May 18.

"The journey of writing a memoir offers you an opportunity to stand in the shoes of who you were in past while you also explore your story through the eyes of yourself now," Myers wrote in a description of her presentation. She is the author of the memoirs "Don't Call Me Mother" and "Song of the Plains."

Myers' talk is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, with check-in at 1:30 p.m. The presentation is hosted by the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC).

The session is open to people who make advance reservations and pay a fee at the door. Cost for CWC members is \$14; for non-members, \$18. Student fees are \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members. Anyone interested in the program or CWC may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations can be made by sending a message via e-mail to reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, May 15.

"By weaving truth and craft, you create new



**Linda Joy Myers**

insights for yourself, and the arc of your story will lead to meaningful take-aways for your readers," Myers notes. "Several key elements unlock your story: finding the structure, writing scenes, managing your inner critic and locating the main growth points in your story."

Myers is president and founder of the National Association of Memoir Writers and author of two books about writing, "The Power of Memoir" and "Journey of Memoir." She is co-author with Brooke Warner of "Breaking Ground on Your Memoir" and "The Magic of Memoir."

For more information about the CWC Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.

## Bilingual Puppet Show to be Presented in Pleasanton

Magical Moonshine Theatre presents: Animalitos! This bilingual (Spanish/English) retelling of a collection of Aesop's fables, by the master puppeteers of Magical Moonshine Theatre will take place Sat., May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

All ages are welcome, best for ages 4 and older. The show will be held in the large meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

For information contact the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 3.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Have a torn or faded flag?** There will be a collection of U.S. flags for retirement at Lowe's Livermore from noon to 4 pm on Sunday, May 19. Flag code booklets will be distributed. Sponsored by Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the Brushy Peak Chapter of Children of the American Revolution.

**Amador Valley Quilters** will meet on May 11, 2019. Six members of the UFO Challenge group will lead a panel discussion of their motivation and learning experiences created by this year long program. Guests are welcome! Amador Valley Quilters meet on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Pleasanton. For more information please access: [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org)

**Master Gardeners talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore.** Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 am - 11 on the second Saturday of the Month Mar-Nov. May 11 Pollinators in the Garden; June 8 Citrus- Varieties and Care; July 13 Irrigation How much water do I really need to apply; Aug. 10 Soil- why does it matter so much; Sept. 14 Fireescaping in a Suburban environment. Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites- Winter interest

**Civil Political Conversations Workshop** May 11, 2:00-4:00 PM, The Tri-Valley Democratic Club presents Dr. Karin Tamerius, who will conduct a two-hour workshop utilizing five steps she's developed to help people navigate difficult conversations with people whose views differ from their own, a method she calls Radical Civility. This event, open to the public, will be at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Cost is \$20. For more information, contact Mary, maryqkontraary@yahoo.com

**Bingo bash, Italian Catholic Federation** Br. 285 fundraiser, June 1, St. Augustine' Hall 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Doors open at 6 p.m. bingo at 6:30 p.m. \$10 per packet (10 games). Pizza, snacks, beverages Reservations required by May 28 RSVP Patty 462-2191 or patybrick814@gmail.com

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** meeting Mon., May 20. Gordon Miller & Dr. Michael Nye of the California Alliance for Retired Americans will discuss the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018, now qualified to be on the November, 2020 ballot. TVDC members will vote on whether to endorse the measure. Doors open at 6:30 for a dessert pot luck and conversation, prior to the 7:00 PM meeting. Meetings are held at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. For information about the TriValley Dems, visit [trivalleydems.com](http://trivalleydems.com), or Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TriValleyDems/>. More questions? Contact maryqkontraary@yahoo.com. Event is free.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** meeting 7:30 to 9 p.m. on May 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court,

Pleasanton. Guest speaker Teresa Parhnam will present a program Around the Horn with F.C. Ewer. She has been the Teen Services Librarian at the Pleasanton Public Library 14 years. For additional information, contact Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program chairperson, email: [Program@L-AGS.org](mailto:Program@L-AGS.org)

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Jose Maria Amador, Pleasanton Chapter.** The local Jose Maria Amador chapter meets on the second Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program. DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. For more information, please visit <https://josemaria.californiadar.org/> or contact Debbie Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:jmadar.regent@gmail.com).

**Grief support meetings, 7:30 pm** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter.** Meets September through May on the first Saturday of each month. DAR was founded in 1890 to promote education, historic preservation, and patriotism. Its members are descended from patriots who supported and/or fought for American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. For additional information, visit <http://jhl.californiadar.org>.

**Writing Club for Young Adults** led by young adult author J.L. Powers will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month: May 16, 2019. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free. No registration is required. Aspiring writers may attend each meeting or as many or few as wanted. Teen Space page on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

**The 2019 Livermore Fil-Am Scholarship** applications are now open! Three scholars will be selected for the \$1000, \$750, and \$500 awards. Those who will be graduating this June 2019 from either Livermore High School or Granada High School, please have them see their school counselor for the application. They can also contact an officer or board member. They must be a member of Livermore Fil-Am to qualify. If not, membership applications are available. Scholarship applications are due by Apr. 30. Winners announced on May 13 and presented on May 18.

**Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group** - those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Sr. Center on the 2nd Sat of every month from 10am-12Noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact mary.behrendt@comcast.net or 925-462-5081 for more information. No cost.

**Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237** located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans

to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Please consider coming and joining your comrades, because there still fun to be around. Lock and Load. Ready on the right ready on the left. Visit our post at [americanlegionpost237@comcast.net](mailto:americanlegionpost237@comcast.net)

**AA** If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous 925-829-0666

**Native Daughters of the Golden West**, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925-698-4345- website: NDGW.org

**Scottish country dancing** in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 784-3662 for more information.

**Wednesday Night Run with Sunrise Mountain Sports**, every Wednesday night (rain or shine) at 6:30PM. Start/End Location: Sunrise Mountain Sports 2184 First Street Livermore. The run/walk will start at 6:30PM, but come hang with us around 6PM to socialize/warm-up/change. There are a variety of distances starting at 2 miles and they go up to 9 miles. The most popular is the 3.5 mile course (that does have two water fountains along its route). Dogs, kids, and people of all paces are welcome. More information located on Sunrise's Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/>

**The City of Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program** is searching for patient, caring volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with students, lead small group conversation practice, conduct citizenship test preparation, or lead book clubs. No advance preparation is needed. Find more information contact the Adult Literacy team [literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov) / 925-931-3405.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group**, meets Wednesdays, 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group is for anybody experiencing a mental illness, for education and support. Visit [www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org), or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, (714)296-3444.

**Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265**, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So.

L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480-585-8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925-443-4444.

**Counter Point** (Addiction Family Support Group) free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information, contact Rachel at (510-501-1411).

**Tri-Valley Geeks**, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Evenson at 925-209-1214 for more information.

**Golden Circle Seniors**, meetings Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Sewing, knitting and crocheting all year, saving items for the annual bazaar in November. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are donated to local charities.

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

**Have you been affected by someone's drinking?** Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.alanontrivalley.org](http://www.alanontrivalley.org), 925-277-7661, [help@alanontrivalley.org](mailto:help@alanontrivalley.org).

**Recovery International Support Group** meets 1300 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, at 2pm every Sunday except holidays. No RSVP needed. Contact: Ken 510-754-4599 or Barbara 916-335-8836

**Ethos** 1010 Murietta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore. Free and confidential services related to pregnancy include guidance and referrals, baby clothing, and diapers. Call (925) 449-5887 for an appointment.

**Rotary Club of Livermore Valley** invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org/) or contact Frank Vallejo, President of Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, at 925-595-2004 or [FVallejo@CalWater.com](mailto:FVallejo@CalWater.com)

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

**Square Dance Lessons** in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more information call Margaret 925-447-6980 or [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com).

**Italian Catholic Federation**, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton



# Milestones



June Bedford received the Inner Wheel Club of Livermore's Outstanding Service Award at its annual Marylou Lowell Tea held April 28th at Poppy Ridge's Porter's Restaurant. This Tea was initiated in April 2016, the 20th Anniversary of the Inner Wheel Club of Livermore, in recognition of Marylou Lowell as the founder of the club and decreeing an annual award be given in her name to the member who provided consistent service, exceptional participation or outstanding service to the community. Past recipients of this award are Marylou Lowell in 2016, Dianna Geyer in 2017 and Nancy Morgan in 2018. The Tea included delicious food and tea pairings created by Chef Raymond Everham. Inner Wheel International, with clubs in over 100 countries, is a place where dedicated women share their friendship and commitment to community service. Pictured are honorees Marylou Lowell (seated), Nancy Morgan and June Bedford.

## Livermore Valley VFW Honors Scout of the Year

Livermore Valley VFW Post 7265 selected Eagle Scout John Mario Molitoris as their Scout of the Year Candidate for 2019. Molitoris received a VFW Scout of the Year Medal, Certificate and a \$500 Scholarship. John Mario is a member of Livermore BSA Troop 942 sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish. He plans to use his scholarship towards his studies at Cornell University, which he will be attending this fall.

Post candidates vie in the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Scout of the Year Program for a 1st place National Scholarship of \$5,000. National scholarships are also awarded for 2nd (\$3,000) and 3rd place (\$1,000).

Scout of the Year Candidates must have earned the rank of BSA Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, BSA Venture Summit Award or BSA Sea Scout Quartermaster Award and have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. They must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and are judged by school participation, scouting record, and community service. Candidates submit 3 to 5 letters of recommendation. The VFW takes great pride in their support of scouting at the local, state and national levels.

Molitoris started his career in scouting by joining Cub Scouts in the 1st Grade. He was a member of Pack 942 sponsored by the Sunset School PTO. In Cub Scouts



Commander Henry Jean awards Scout of the Year Medal to Eagle Scout John Molitoris.

he developed a love for camping and also engineering through his championship Pinewood Derby cars. In the 5th grade he crossed over to BSA Troop 942 where he was mentored by Scoutmasters Harry Hayes and David White. He served his Troop through various leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader. Molitoris was important in moving Troop 942 to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where they have met on a regular basis for the past several years. He promotes scouting through the Scout Ministry at St. Charles where he is Youth Leader. Molitoris is working to start a new BSA Venture Crew at St. Charles. Venturing is an inclusive program for males and females aged 14 to 20.

During his career, Moli-

toris led many scout service activities for St. Charles, including support in the set-up of their annual Vacation Bible School, which is a massive undertaking for the church, and Pancake Breakfasts that are held several times a year. He also did his Eagle Project for the church, which took over 400 man-hours to complete. Eagle projects typically take over 100 man-hours and require the scout to develop a high level of management and organizational skills.

Molitoris is presently a senior at Granada High School where he is on the Top Scholar Honor Roll and is an AP Scholar. He has earned varsity letters in basketball and track. He recently took 4th place in shot put at the 2019 EBAL Championship, which qualified him for the NCS Championships.

## Ducks Unlimited Honor Tri-Valley Chapter

Ducks Unlimited recently announced the top volunteer chapters across the nation honored in three categories: Chairman's Roll of Honor, President's Elite and President's Roll of Honor.

The Chairman's Roll of Honor designation is reserved for the chapters that raised between \$250,000 and \$999,999, while those that raised between \$100,000 and \$249,999 were named as President's Elite chapters. Rounding out the three categories, President's Roll of Honor chapters raised between \$65,000 and \$99,999.

This year's President's Roll of Honor chapters include: Tri-Valley, Livermore.

For more information, visit [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org). Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually-disappearing waterfowl habitats.