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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

# New Million Dollar Water Supply Expansion Study Starts Rolling

By Ron McNicoll

Local water agencies are moving ahead on a study of alternatives that could bring more water to the Tri-Valley to keep up with population growth. Part of the study would include educating water customers about the alternatives and their costs.

Zone 7 Water Agency will be the administrator of the study, with

results expected by the end of June 2022. The Valley’s three public water retailers — Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) —will join Zone 7 in equally sharing the \$1 million projected cost, at \$250,000 each.

The agreement between Zone 7 and the three water retailers resulted from Tri-Valley Water Liaison Committee discussions, which

looked at how the Tri-Valley can build its water supply to handle future population growth.

The elected representatives from each agency were enthusiastic about potable reuse of treated waste water, and wanted more research. They also wanted to evaluate alternatives. These included building a desalination project in the East Bay, helping to fund a new rain runoff project at

Sites Reservoir north of the Delta, storing water in Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County, and future water transfers from underground water storage districts in the Central Valley.

In addition, they want to study the Delta Conveyance, a proposed tunnel more than 30 miles long to move water over to the pumping plants that send water to customers

(See WATER STUDY, page 7)



The hills and the sky were vibrant in scenic Livermore this week. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Residents Appeal Wine County Inn Approvals

By David Chircop

City approvals for a proposed hotel catering to South Livermore Valley Wine Country visitors are being challenged by a group of residents concerned the project could harm the nature and quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods.

The Livermore City Council next Monday is scheduled to consider an appeal to environmental and design review approvals for the Livermore Valley Wine Country Inn — a 30-room hotel planned for an undeveloped three-acre lot on the southwest corner of Hansen and Arroyo Roads — granted in November by the city’s Planning Commission.

The appeal was filed with the city by M.R. Wolfe & Associates, P.C. of San Francisco, on behalf of a group that calls itself Friends of South Livermore. The appeal

(See WINE COUNTRY INN, page 2)

## Pleasanton Puts Teeth Into Historic Preservation

By David Chircop

Property owners who illegally demolish or alter historic buildings in Pleasanton could face substantial monetary fines and see long-term development restrictions imposed on their land under changes to the city’s historic preservation ordinance.

The Pleasanton City Council at its Dec. 17 meeting unanimously approved additions to its historic preservation law that would allow the city to impose fines and development restrictions when buildings identified as historic are destroyed or altered without city approval. The new rules are set to take effect Jan. 17.

While historic preservation rules regulating changes to historic buildings have been in place for years, Councilwoman Kathy Narum said, the new rule is the first attempt to discourage and penalize unpermitted historic building demolition and alteration. “We missed putting teeth into enforcing it,” Narum said.

Among the changes approved by the City Council is a limit on future development on land where a historic building is illegally destroyed or altered. When the owner of a historic building demolishes all or part of a historic building, the new ordinance will trigger for 20 years a restriction on the

(See PRESERVATION, page 12)

## Home Invasion Robbery Suspect Charged In Accomplice’s Death

By Larry Altman

A Vallejo man has been charged with capital murder in connection with the death of a woman killed New Year’s Day during an attempted home invasion robbery in Dublin.

Rickey Tyrone White Jr., 28, was charged in the first homicide

in Dublin in 11 years. He appeared at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin on Monday to face an array of felonies that could send him to prison for the rest of his life, or possibly earn him the death penalty, court records show.

Police and prosecutors allege White and Adrianna Marie Na-

varro, 28, of Vallejo, committed a home invasion robbery at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 1 in the 3400 block of Monaghan Street. The resident — identified in court documents as Jimmy Bhatia — told police he awakened in bed to banging on his front door. He went to the

(See HOMICIDE, page 2)

## Committee Formed for Community to Help Name New Dublin High School

The Dublin United School District is offering residents an opportunity to help name the community’s new high school.

The school district has formed a Naming Committee to lead the process, and is asking residents to submit potential names by Friday, Jan. 17. The committee, comprised of students, teachers and school

administration, will review the suggestions and recommend three possible names for consideration by the School Board. The School Board is expected to hold at least two public hearings to allow for public comment before deciding on a name.

To submit a potential name, fill out the form at: <https://bit.ly/37K6b2r>.

Board policy allows schools to be named for persons, living or dead, “who have made outstanding contributions to the city, community, state or nation, or who have worldwide significance.” Schools also may be named to recognize the geographic area where the school

(See NEW HIGH SCHOOL, page 7)

## Highest Award Given to Former LLNL Executive Tom Gioconda

Tom Gioconda, who stepped down as deputy director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in November, was given the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Gold Award at a Washington ceremony late last month.

The award, NNSA’s highest, recognized more than 40 years of government service in the Air Force, the Department of Energy

and NNSA.

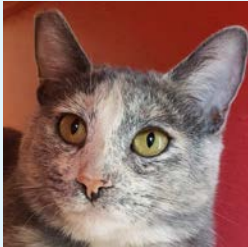
As a principal vice president with Bechtel National Inc., Gioconda became transition manager when a partnership that included Bechtel won the contract to operate Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Gioconda became LLNL deputy director in 2010. Since leaving LLNL, he has returned to Bechtel.



Tom Gioconda receives the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Gold Award.

### PET OF THE WEEK FARRAH FAWCETT



Charlie has given us an assignment...find Farrah Fawcett a forever home! We expect this mission to be easily accomplished. With her striking colors, soft fur and bright green eyes, who wouldn’t want to bring this angel home? Farrah Fawcett is estimated to be 1 year old. Meet Farrah at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. Visit [valleyhumane.org](http://valleyhumane.org) or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

Photo credit: Valley Humane Society / E. Scholz

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# LARPD Nature Programs for January 2020



Weekend Ranger-Led Nature Programs are FREE drop-in programs for all ages with no RSVP required. \*Select programs may request RSVP or require a small fee that can be paid to the Ranger at the time of the program. Children ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Call the Ranger Office at 925-960-2400 for information.

**Do the Polar Bear Slide for some chilly winter FUN!**  
**Saturday, January 11, from 11 am – 12 noon**  
**Robert Livermore Aquatics Center at 4448 Loyola Way**  
**Call 925-373-5700 for more information.**

Do the Polar Bear Slide at the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center and take a chilly ride down the water slide. The Polar Bear Slide is a fun FREE, all ages, family event and no registration is required. Participants **MUST** be at least 48" to go down the water slide. After the slide, participants will enjoy hot cocoa and bragging rights that they took the plunge despite chilly winter temperatures.

**Morning Meander**  
**Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.**

Start the new year off right and take a morning walk in the park! We'll check out interesting plants along the way and, fingers crossed, we'll see some cool critters. Cancelled if heavily raining.

**Winter Birds**  
**Sunday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.**

Bundle up for the cold and join Ranger Eric for a 1.5-mile bird walk along the creek to look for our winter residents. Binoculars are available to borrow. Cancelled if raining.

Left: A participant braves the cold at the Polar Bear Slide. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## WINE COUNTRY INN

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claims the project conflicts with the city's general plan, the South Livermore Specific Plan, and the municipal code. It asserts the project could have a significant impact on the environment in the areas of traffic, noise and air quality, thus triggering a requirement for additional analysis in a full environmental impact report.

In addition to the appeal, several residents in the subdivisions of Los Olivos, The Corners and Twin Oaks have voiced vigorous opposition to the project. They are concerned that traffic generated by the hotel will cut through their rural residential streets, which are more narrow and winding than typical residential streets in Livermore; this poses a safety hazard for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The city's Community Development staff said the approvals are consistent with the city's land use policies, and maintains that a full environmental impact report is unnecessary. They recommend that the City Council uphold the Planning Commission's approval of the project site plan and related conditional use permits.

The land is part of the South Livermore Valley

Specific Plan and includes residential and commercial sites that were annexed from Alameda County to the City of Livermore in 2001.

Plans for the project call for a two-story building with approximately 30,000-square-feet of floor space. The main floor would include a lobby, wine bar, and manager's office, 15 guest rooms, a kitchen and a restaurant. The second floor includes an additional 15 guest rooms and a conference room. The project site plan also calls for a 2,300 square-foot caretakers unit that is attached to the main building, 61 paved parking spaces, and 19 overflow parking spaces.

"This project executes the General Plan as zoned, and meets the dire need for boutique lodging to serve the South Livermore Valley Wine region," said Michelle Boss, a Livermore entrepreneur and the hotel project's proponent.

Boss in 2018 formed the limited liability company LWCI which purchased the property from the Surplus Property Authority of Alameda County for \$750,000. Boss hopes to break ground on the project this year and open in 2021.

## HOMICIDE

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door, recognized Navarro — his former girlfriend — and opened it up. Navarro and White then confronted Bhatia; White allegedly pointed a gun at him.

"The two subjects attempted to assault the resident, and in self-defense, the resident fired his own gun at the subjects as he fled from (the) residence and called police," Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt said in a statement. Bullets hit Navarro and White, who shot at Bhatia, who was not hit.

Navarro was pronounced dead at the scene. White was taken to a hospital for treatment and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

In an interview, Schmidt said prosecutors and police have determined Bhatia acted in self-defense when he fired his gun and will not face charges.

Tests were being conducted on the bullets that hit Navarro to determine whether White or her former boyfriend fired them, although it doesn't matter according to state law. White was charged with murder under California's "provocative act" doctrine, which applies when somebody allegedly commits an act that provokes someone else into killing another person, police said.

Schmidt said it remained unclear what the pair sought when they allegedly committed the home invasion. Their relationship also was under investigation.

Prosecutors on Monday filed these charges: Murder with two special circumstances allegations that the crime was committed during a robbery, and during a burglary. Those charges would make him eligible for life in prison without parole, or the death penalty. Prosecutors would decide later whether to seek capital punishment. Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a moratorium on executions during his term, but it does not preclude prosecuting agencies from seeking capital punishment convictions.

In addition, White faces charges of attempted murder, residential robbery, residential burglary, and possession of a firearm by a felon with priors. The court filing indicates White was convicted in 2016 in Clark County, Nevada, of attempted burglary and grand larceny of a victim over 65 years old. White also faces a slew of special allegations that include personally using a gun.

According to police, Navarro's death was the first homicide in Dublin since Jan. 7, 2009.

## Former Atomic Workers Invited to Breakfast with Benefits Specialist

With more than 45,000 former Lawrence Livermore, Berkeley, and Sandia National Lab workers who may qualify for financial and medical benefits through the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Program Act (EEOICPA), Nuclear Care Partners is hosting an Atomic Heroes Breakfast to help former workers learn about the benefits of getting their Department of Labor White Card.

Those who qualify for medical benefits under EEOICPA will receive a

"white card," which covers costs associated with medical treatment for certain illness. The card can cover a wide variety of services including:

- Doctor visits and copays
- Prescription drugs
- In-home care
- Durable medical equipment

The free breakfast will be held at 9 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the IHOP restaurant, 4567 1st St., in Livermore. Local EEOICPA benefits specialist Laura Wels

will be available to help former workers determine if they qualify and discuss the benefits of getting their Department of Labor White Cards. Call (925) 344-6468 to RSVP.

Founded in 2011, Nuclear Care Partners provides EEOICPA benefits guidance, advocacy, and no-cost in-home care to former atomic workers who have developed serious illnesses due to their workplace exposure to harmful radiation and toxic chemicals.

## CORRECTIONS

Don and Sharon Ritchey's last name was incorrect in a Jan. 2 story about the Campaign for Stroke Care exceeding its \$1 million goal.

Zone 7 Water Agency Director Michelle Smith McDonald's first name was incorrect in a Jan. 2 story about a study of toxic chemicals in Tri-Valley wells.

## Livermore Indivisible to Hold Planning Session

Livermore Indivisible, a grassroots political organization, will meet at the Livermore Public Library on Sunday, Jan. 12, to discuss plans for the year, including voter registration, Census, canvassing, phone/text banking, postcard/letter writing, and event organizing. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, Livermore Indivisible will also host a candidate forum for Alameda County Supervisor (District 1), which includes Livermore, Dublin and Fremont. The forum will be at the Granada High School Little Theater, 400 Wall St., Livermore, at 7 p.m.

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On March 3rd vote **YES** on Measure P

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The Wine Country Hotel is exactly what Livermore deserves in its downtown.

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- ✓ **RIGHT NOW:**  
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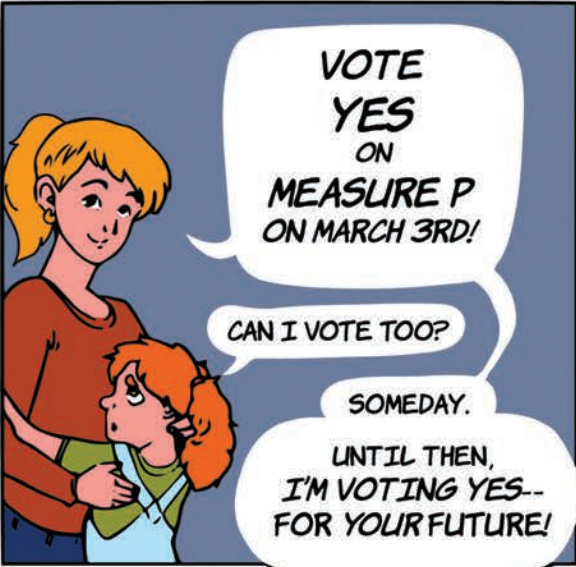


**The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead –**  
in conjunction with local wineries and restaurants – will allow our city to become a Wine Country destination, a prestigious designation on par with other wine regions.

**Make sure the community's vision for downtown Livermore becomes a reality.**  
**On March 3rd, vote "yes" on Measure P**

### DON'T BE A NIMBY

by Kailyn Kent



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# EDITORIAL

## Reaching a Million Dollar Goal

The ValleyCare Charitable Foundation last week announced that its Campaign for Stroke Care has exceeded the goal it set in 2018, raising at least \$1 million to bring round-the-clock access to life saving stroke treatment for residents of the Tri Valley. It's an admirable achievement.

Early fundraising culminated last September in

the certification of a primary stroke treatment center at Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare medical center in Pleasanton. By reaching the \$1 million mark, donors have now secured the hospital's rehabilitation services as well.

Some 800,000 Americans will suffer strokes in the coming year. Only one in five will reach quali-

fied medical care fast enough to prevent or reduce serious complications. Having this certified and well supported treatment center nearby is a potential blessing to all who live locally, only minutes away.

Our thanks to a generous community, as well as to the fundraisers, medical staff and leadership at ValleyCare.

## MAILBOX

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### Missing a Bet Gary Estee, Livermore

Did you know that the California Lottery funnels \$1.7 billion to California's K-12 schools, colleges and universities every year? In fact, 95 cents of every dollar you spend on lottery games goes back to the community through contributions to public schools and colleges. Also, you'd be surprised how many winning tickets are never turned in. There are literally billions of dollars in unclaimed lottery prizes each year, according to research from lottery expert Brett Jacobson. He collects data from every state lottery commission for a lottery app he runs, and his data shows there were \$2.89 billion in unclaimed lottery prizes in the 12 months ending June 2017. Most of the unclaimed prizes are small.

In any case, an idea presented itself to me during the Christmas break that I decided to share. It struck me that the California lottery system is not taking full advantage of the Internet at present. I believe they would increase participation by establishing a web portal that would enable players to buy lottery numbers online. The payment scheme would be similar to that used by Starbucks or Fastrak. The functions involved would be: (1) A new user could create a profile online with user ID and password, (2) The user could deposit funds to their profile using a credit card or PayPal, (3) The user could then select lottery numbers (Super Lotto, Mega Millions or Powerball) for a particular contest date (or recurring dates), (4) The system would automatically check that the user had sufficient funds to cover the request, (5) If not, the system would refuse the request online and/or via email, (6) Otherwise, the user's request would be stored for the contest, (7) The system would automatically notify users of winning, (8) The system would transfer winnings up to \$500 into the user's account, (9) Any larger amount would require the user to fill out the appropriate payment

documentation online and payment would be either sent via check or online transfer.

Naturally, the current system of buying lotto tickets via vendors would continue. This concept would be added to enhance the existing system. This augmentation would be like the current online gambling applications that exist today. It would decrease the paper trail and number of hours lottery vendors spend selling tickets. I believe it would also increase participation and increase the benefits to the California education system.

### I Will Vote NO On Measure P Anne Marie Etesse, Livermore

I have been a Livermore resident since 2006 and have loved seeing how the city has grown, respecting greenbelts.

I will definitely vote NO for measure P. Central Park plan is essential to our downtown. My husband will also vote no and we will make sure everyone who has any inclination to respect our environment, peace of mind, parks and children, will vote NO for measure P.

### Exercise Your Right Vic Avila, Livermore

Vote on March 3. Exercise your right to vote on the Central Park plan. Vote for long-term gain, a park that will be spacious and inviting to residents, tourists, out of town relatives, and even the uncle no one invites to Thanksgiving! Vote "NO" on Measure P, which provides a "YES" to more open space, a larger hotel downtown with more revenue for Livermore, and a downtown park that everyone will be proud of and appreciate for generations like the spacious, iconic Carnegie Park.

### "P" is the People's Plan for Downtown Livermore Lisa A. Tromovitch, Livermore

The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead is ready to move forward, after 19 years of planning and citizen input! I encourage everyone to VOTE "YES" on Measure P, for the People's Plan for downtown.

From the first citizen advisory committee formed in 2000 through the past three years, we've engaged in a process called "Participatory Design." The City Council and staff listened to a vast array of citizen input, concerns of safety officers and city planners, and tapped the knowledge of tourism and service businesses. They consulted hoteliers regarding financial viability, then assembled the disparate ideas into a beautiful, cohesive plan. The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead is a vibrant component in a

well-thought out, citizen-inspired design.

The "City Plan" is the "Citizens' Plan" – from brainstorming to planning. VOTE "YES" on Measure P, the People's Plan. We've been working on this for 19 years. It's good, financially viable, and the result of a citywide collaboration. It's time to get it done!

### "Confused? Vote No On Measure P" Linda and Don Milanese, Livermore

Confused by Measure P? Then vote "No" when it appears on the ballot in March.

Wait for the election in November when you can actually voice your decision on which plan is better. The March election will simply benefit the developer by locking them in before we even get to vote in November on which plan we prefer.

The Developer's Agreement is the council's way of circumventing the voices of citizens who want to vote for the Central Park Plan.

Compare the drawings: The Central Park Plan is the one with the public park from Livermore Avenue to L Street. It's the one with more central parking. It's the one that's better for all of us.

NO on Measure P! You'll be voting to protect your right to decide what's best for Livermore instead of what's best for an outside developer.

### Setting the Record Straight Mayor John Marchand City of Livermore

It appears from her recent comments in the Mailbox that Ms. Judge did not understand my response to her letter, so I will be clearer. Voters signed this referendum against the development agreement for the hotel after signature gatherers told them, and the Independent led the voters to believe, that the referendum would result in a larger park. She claims that the "referendum's effect was properly advertised." I noted that in the entire 58 pages of the referendum, the word "park" was not used once. Therefore, voters were deliberately misled into signing the referendum, which in reality had nothing to do with a park. Furthermore, independent analysis concluded that placing the hotel in the approved location provided a larger park for the public.

There are now vigorous attempts to rewrite the narrative of Livermore's downtown plan. The origin of the term "iconic" in the downtown plan was incorrectly attributed by Ms. Judge to the "hotel experts" during the city's extensive outreach program in mid-2017. The term actually originated from a consensus statement by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council in 2015. At that time, I asked them to define their perception of the term "iconic." The actual quote that I used in my previous letter, "this iconic building must be a prominent presence on South Livermore Avenue, visible as visitors arrive downtown" was a verbatim quote from the current

president of the LCAC in a public statement delivered to the City Council at the Dec. 11, 2017, meeting. The video verifying this fact can be seen on TV30 through video on demand. The intent of that quote is quite clear. A hotel that fronts in the middle of Railroad Avenue does not have that desired visibility.

During the outreach in 2017, over 80 percent of the respondents preferred a hotel location fronting on South Livermore Avenue near Railroad Avenue as the ideal location. The eastside was chosen because a westside location would have adversely impacted the now beloved Blacksmith Square. There was little support or discussion for a hotel fronting on the south side of Railroad Avenue and to the east side of South L Street. The Council voted to place the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead two years ago in January 2018.

The central park drawing, which is not to scale, puts the entrance of the hotel on Railroad Avenue over half a block away from the preferred and chosen South Livermore Avenue site. The public input was not ignored. One element that the facts do support is that the vast majority of the participants identified South Livermore Avenue as the ideal location for the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead. Voters can affirm the people's choice and the council's action by voting "YES" on Measure P in March.

### New Year's Resolutions Lex Manwill, Livermore

The end-of-year/New Year holidays seem to whiplash us from one extreme to the other: eat, drink & be merry vs. the customary New Year's resolutions: reduce social media, reduce weight, and embrace a plant-based diet!

One third of consumers already report reducing their consumption of animal foods. Hundreds of school, college, hospital, and corporate cafeterias have embraced Meatless Monday. Even fast-food chains Chipotle, Denny's, Panera, Subway, Taco Bell, and White Castle are rolling out plant-based options.

A dozen startups, led by Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods, are creating healthy, eco-friendly, compassionate, convenient, delicious plant-based meat and dairy alternatives. Meat industry giants Tyson Foods, Cargill, and Canada's Maple Leaf Foods have invested heavily in plant-based meat development. So have a number of Microsoft, Google, Twitter, and PayPal pioneers.

According to the Plant-Based Foods Association, plant-based food sales have grown by 20 percent in recent years, 10 times the growth rate of all foods. Sales of plant-based cheeses, creamers, butter, yogurts, and ice creams are exploding at a 50 percent growth rate. Plant-based milks now account for 15 percent of the milk market.

The plant-based New Year's resolution requires no sweat or deprivation – just some fun exploration of your favorite supermarket, restaurants, and food

websites.

### Central Park Plan Alan Ross, Livermore

I have been a resident of Livermore for over 20 years and I am writing to state that I am in favor of the proposed Central Park plan for Livermore and I will be voting "NO" on Measure P.

### Hotel Rick Nordyke, Livermore

Like most important decisions cities make, generations going forward have to live with the results and the downtown hotel issue is certainly no exception.

Parking will obviously be a problem with an East location, as will traffic flow in and out of whatever room IS left of parking. The hotel on the West will have more rooms, plus a restaurant, which any classy and respectable downtown hotel should be able to feature. Your "No" vote on P in March is needed here! You won't regret it! Your kids will appreciate it too!

### Move Forward by Yes On Measure P Alan Burnham, Livermore

In 2018, a small but vocal group sought to overturn changes in downtown Livermore zoning. They were furious when the City Council simply accepted their referendum, whose only effect was to reduce the hotel from four to three stories and reduce planned parking near the Bankhead. They shot themselves in the foot. This was a foretaste of their ill-conceived referendum on the hotel development agreement and subsequent rezoning initiative.

They originally claimed that a hotel next to the Bankhead would cause too much traffic in that area, yet they want to build a parking garage there that would have many times the traffic impact. Ironically, the outgoing LVPAC Executive Director stated that a hotel next to the Bankhead was preferable to a parking garage. The more pressing parking need is near the center of downtown, which is closer to the intersection of 1st and L Streets.

Have they forgotten that downtown housing was cut in half due to a deal with the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, which would move half the affordable housing to Pacific Avenue while creating a large park to honor our veterans and bring the community elements of ranching, winemaking, arts, and sciences together? The synergy from bringing these elements together was a specific, stated purpose, which the central park concept destroys.

Voiding the development agreement for the hotel next to the Bankhead is merely the first step in disassembling the city's plan, which would have unforeseen and possibly quite disastrous effects on downtown redevelopment. The central park drawing is contrary to the spirit if not the letter of the Stockmen's agreement. Might that action void the agreement and move the Pacific Avenue housing back downtown? Might 1st Street businesses sue over potential loss of

access to their back doors by microunits that no one wants? Will any hotelier want to deal with Livermore? Might the housing delays cause CaRLA to sue the city for misuse of affordable housing funds, as they threatened a couple years ago? Might the delays cause the state to step in and build five-story apartment buildings under authority created by Senate Bill 50 now under consideration? No one knows! The only way to assure anything is built this decade is to move forward with the current plan.

Voting "Yes" on Measure P will keep downtown redevelopment moving. Voting "no" will at best mean years of delays through re-planning and at worst mean potential litigation and state usurpation of downtown development leading to less open space, not more. If you don't want to shoot yourself in the foot, vote "Yes" on Measure P.

### Downtown Hotel Location Ralph Moir, Livermore

Why would the good members of the Livermore City Council unanimously want to locate the proposed new hotel -- downsized and scrunched -- into the small parcel on the east side of Livermore Avenue next to the Bankhead Theater? The westside is better - with more space and more room for parking and actually includes dining that citizens can occasionally enjoy as well as hotel residents. The City Council should consider the words of that renowned philosopher Pogo, who said, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Livermore City Council, please reconsider.

### Let's Not Become Our Own Foe Donna Blevins, Livermore

When I moved to Livermore in 1995, residents went out of town for dinner or movies. That hasn't been true for some time. Livermore is the destination. I can walk or take a short drive to first-class theater at Bankhead, see independent films at Vine Cinema, choose from a wide-range of cafes for coffee and cuisines for dinner, and shop in local stores that offer unique items. I get to volunteer at the wonderful Livermore Shakespeare Festival, perform with Encore Players at Bothwell, and go wine tasting without leaving town. I feel so fortunate. During the holidays I attended the Hanukkah celebration and these lyrics struck me as both spiritual and significant: "Light one candle for the strength that we need, to never become our own foe." It troubles me that as a community of neighbors we are becoming our own foe -- over the location of a hotel, a parking garage, housing units, and the shape of a park. I've attended workshops, studied the plans, talked to people, seen the signs in the businesses downtown, watched the progress so far, and I plan to vote "YES" to move forward. I hope we can put differences aside, stop wasting energy, time and money, and work together. This is an exciting time for the future of our City and ourselves.

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ON MARCH 3RD **VOTE NO** ON  
THE PRESIDIO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The March Referendum Isn't Just About A Hotel,  
It's About The Right Plan For Livermore

COMPARE & DECIDE

Both plans for downtown include housing, Stockmen's Park, open space, retail, a science museum, a black box theater, a hotel, and new parking garages on I Street (near the railroad tracks) and on L Street.

Both can be constructed in a similar time frame.

Here's where they're different:

CENTRAL PARK PLAN	OR	THE CITY PLAN
<b>160-room full-service destination hotel with restaurant</b> on the west side of Livermore Ave.	<b>HOTEL</b> 	<b>135-room hotel with no restaurant</b> on the east side of Livermore Ave.
<b>84 units of housing in 3-story buildings</b> on the edge of the site	<b>HOUSING</b> 	<b>130 units of housing in 3 and 4 story buildings</b> at the center of the development
<b>3-acre, continuous central park from Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street</b>	<b>PARK</b> 	<b>1.1 acre park, area next to housing also counted as public park</b>
<b>Additional 244 space parking garage with restaurant on Livermore Ave.</b>	<b>PARKING</b> 	<b>316 fewer parking spaces than needed near Livermore Ave.</b>
<b>\$15.04 million more tax revenue for Livermore over 30 years</b>	<b>REVENUE</b> 	<b>Less tax revenue due to fewer hotel rooms, lower room rate, and less retail</b>

ON MARCH 3RD, **VOTE NO** ON P  
IT'S THE WRONG PLAN FOR LIVERMORE



MAILBOX

(Continued from page 6)

No Collusion,  
No Collusion  
John Lawrence, Livermore

A well-known speaker of this phrase knows that words repeated often enough can result in people believing any falsehood to be true. So too, do the people now calling themselves “Protect the Central Park Vote,” think that Livermore residents believe their repeated exaggerations, misinformation and untruths about the downtown development. Contrary to their colorful weekly ads and organized letter-writing campaigns, the real issues are not about the size of a park, number of parking spaces, or the quality of a hotel. They are, however, all about this special interest group’s desire to keep development away from “their” performing arts center and forcing their benefactor’s wishes on Livermore residents.

It is notably ironic that this name-changing group originated from the “Friends of Livermore,” an organization that had complained bitterly about the dangers of out-of-town big-developer money controlling Livermore politics. They obviously think quite differently when that big money comes from the local weekly paper’s out-of-town owner. Help reject negative politics and attack ads from a big-spending special interest group by voting “YES” on Proposition P. Saying “YES” will result in a large central park, great parking and a quality hotel .... just like the vast majority of voters supported in the last election.

Vote No on P  
Bill Dunlop, Livermore

The City Council continues to make the process of coming to a conclusion on the downtown property more difficult. We now have two parts to the process. The first will be on the March ballot, which will have the Livermore citizens vote on the city’s Hotel Development Agreement. This agreement would locate the hotel next to the Bankhead, eliminating existing parking for area businesses and the Bankhead Theater. The hotel would be mid-level, without a restaurant and nearby parking.

The Central Park Plan, an alternative to the city’s plan, provides parking next to the Bankhead, benefiting the theater, as well as the close-by restaurants and shops. It also provides a destination, resort hotel, one that is full service, on the west side of Livermore Avenue, with a restaurant and other amenities.

The Hotel Development Agreement has been placed on the ballot as Measure P. Please vote “No” on this measure.

In November, we will have the opportunity to vote on the Central Park Plan. I encourage you to take the time to study both plans. Let’s decide together what’s best for Livermore!

Be Informed When  
Voting on Measure P  
Gina Bonanno, Livermore

In response to Johnna Thompson’s letter that appeared in the 12/26/19 Independent. I want to address several inaccurate statements.

1. Foremost are her incorrect statements regarding parking. Ms. Thompson states: “...the proposed hotel will have no parking facility, so hotel guests AND employees will be using the parking garage on

exceed the supply. With the new I Street extension there will be 775 public spaces located close to the Bankhead. Hotel guests and employees will not use the existing parking garage on Railroad Avenue or the I Street extension. The hotelier, Presidio, is responsible for providing parking for guests and staff and is in the process of acquiring a nearby lot for this purpose.

Her letter further states that if you vote “no” on Measure P: “there can be a new parking structure at Livermore and Railroad where it’s most needed - near the theaters.”

Fact: A parking structure next to the Bankhead would result in over 1,000 parking spaces located at Railroad Avenue and First Street, far more than what is needed for the 500-seat Bankhead theater combined with other nearby uses. This would create more traffic congestion as compared to a hotel at this location. In addition, this unneeded facility would add approximately \$20 million in cost which no responsible City Council would approve.

The L Street garage will add parking where it is most needed, near the Vine Theater and near First Street businesses. Parking at this location will also serve to revitalize 2nd and 3rd Street businesses.

2. She is also incorrect when she speaks about the hotelier. Her letter states: “a hotelier already interested in developing a larger hotel at Railroad and L Streets can step forward to present its proposal, which it cannot do as long as the city has signed an exclusive development agreement with Presidio for a smaller hotel at South Livermore and Railroad.”

Fact: There is no “exclusive development agreement” with the hotelier. The earlier exclusive negotiating rights agreement has expired. The Central Park Group was invited on 11/04/19 by the city to bring forward any hotelier interested in developing a hotel -- they have failed to do so.

The impartial analysis (referred to as the 9212 report) which studied the impact of the initiative, estimated that development of a hotel on another site would result in a delay of four years or more. Furthermore, experts in hotel development have stated that a 125-135 room hotel as planned by Presidio is the right size for this market. A larger hotel, such as the over-sized 160-room hotel proposed by the Central Park Group would likely require a large city subsidy paid for by Livermore taxpayers.

3. Regarding the amount and orientation of open/park space, she states: “130 stacked, 3-4 story condos right in the center of downtown, taking up half the space of what could, instead, be a park from L Street to South Livermore Avenue.”

Fact: According to the 9212 report, the city’s approved plan has more public open space than provided in the initiative concept. The city’s plan has Stockmen’s Park connecting with Veteran’s Park providing continuous open space from Railroad Avenue to L Street.

Livermore voters should be careful to get accurate information about Measure P then decide for themselves what the city approved plan consists of, and what it will mean to the city if the approved plan is not completed.

NoPe  
Jeff Kaskey, Livermore

It’s getting complex, with Build-It-Now and Unify Livermore and their

big-money developer Presidio each failing to prop up Measure P. For simplicity, let’s just call them all P-ers. The community, of whom thousands signed the referendum petition, we’ll call NoPe-ers, or Pee and Nope, for short. A Pee writer, while calling his opposition narrow-minded lying elitists, decries one as an arrogant bully. Oh my, are there no mirrors in his house? But if name calling is the best you’ve got, go with it. Dear Reader, you probably haven’t the endurance to survive corrections to each of his statements, so let’s take a quick one. Pee writer states there’s no proof that the city is publicly funding the Pee campaign. In fact, that proof is the many staff hours and tens of thousands of dollars the city has pledged in its lawsuit against the citizens who had the nerve to say NoPe by writing the ballot statement Pee rebuttal. Yes, the city is suing its own residents for disagreeing with it, and using your money to do it. Will you be fooled? NoPe. The city’s residents can have the downtown they asked for. Vote “No” on P.

The Homeless Games,  
Part XXXI – Round Table  
Greg Scott, Livermore

He has no place to go. He is homeless. Do we know what that means? Do we have empathy? What does “empathy” mean? He is sick and dying. Do we care? He grew up in Livermore, attended Livermore High School and is a veteran. He is one of hundreds of desperate, unsheltered homeless in Livermore and the Tri-Valleys.

I am a preachy, pedantic pundit. I am that way because we need a specific course of action on homelessness and the housing crisis. We are either doing very little that is effective or we are on the wrong path to significant solutions to these problems. From my vantage, what I observe is that homelessness is horrid. I cannot possibly be the only one to witness this.

He arrived by a ride in an automobile to the fast-food restaurant on Olivina in Livermore on the last day of the calendar year. His feet were bare and soon started bleeding. He soiled the back of his britches and barely had enough strength to stand, before entering and sitting down in the establishment. He later got up and went outside to lie on the concrete. Patrons went outside and covered him with their coats to keep him warm. The restaurant manager came out and was alarmed and called an ambulance.

How many times has an ambulance been called on this man? How many tens of thousands of dollars, if not over a hundred thousand dollars have been spent on this one homeless man? Are we seriously addressing the problem? I should mention that it is reported that this man has a Clostridium difficile infection, which is the result of a highly infectious bacterium of the bowel given to us mostly by the overuse of antibiotics. Not only do we have a socio-economic justice problem here, we very well may have a public health problem and risk.

The City of Livermore received \$494,000 in HEAP (Homeless Emergency Act Program) State of California money granted by the County of Alameda for administration of “Crisis Intervention Services” in the Tri-Valleys. This money is to be invoiced by CityServe, which received a ‘no-bid’ contract from the City of Livermore for services. CityServe went from one employee to ten employees and now has a new office. What the heck is CityServe doing? Why

do I witness what I am witnessing with the homeless? Speak of the “Crisis Intervention Services” and I will speak of the crises.

It is one year since the body of the homeless 23-year-old Banta woman was found in the debris of the Altamont Landfill. Was she so much a piece of trash to us or did she happen to be a human being?

The Homeless Industrial Complex [needs] to have a round table. This needs to include service providers, church members, interested community members and government. The communications currently are either non-existent or quite poor. If nothing else, we do it for the children: 1.4 million homeless school-children in a country with a \$17 trillion economy? We need decisions and consensus in a reasonable time, though not just going through an agenda without debate on the quality of agenda items. In making decisions we need to realize we may have to change those decisions and be cognizant of what it would take to change those decisions. Humans make mistakes. We need a decision on getting service-provider-for-the-homeless personnel housing. If we cannot get adequate housing to service-provider-for-the-homeless personnel where they are needed, then why even consider the more complex task of getting housing for the homeless?

Couldn’t Trash Pickup  
Be Cheaper?  
Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

Livermore Sanitation (LS) has a franchise agreement with the city of Livermore. It was the only service to apply to the city almost a decade ago and since then it has raised rates at will with no apparent incentive to economize.

For example, LS subjected residents to three robocalls over the holidays just to get customers to put trash out on the proper days. This was in addition to the multicolored postcards sent by mail to all addresses. This week a double-sided multicolored quarterly newsletter arrived. These methods are costly.

LS should stop the robocalls, print up notices in black and white and attempt to have them included in some other mailing such as city water bills. That should save a bundle, which hopefully could be reflected in a longer time between rate increases.

Several months ago, LS applied for a 10-year extension for their contract which was to be up early next summer. (To sweeten the pot, LS will pick up furniture and mattresses under the new deal. City Council extended the contract for 10 years thinking it was the least costly option.)

At the time, one citizen appeared before City Council to make a few complaints about LS and read several more from social media. None of the complaints had been received by Livermore’s Public Works Department, the hitherto unknown liaison between citizens and LS. Take note.

Recycling has become more expensive, but LS is very extravagant with its methods of communication. What other LS expenses might be reduced for everyone’s benefit?

Speak Up for  
Neighborhood Safety  
Donna Cabanne

Last chance to speak up for the safety our neighborhoods...Los Olivos, The Corners and Twin Oaks ...

We are not opposed to a Wine Country Inn, but stand opposed to the project as now designed due to safety/traffic issues as well as violations to the South

Livermore Valley Specific Plan.

Concerned about the entrance to the Wine Country Inn on narrow Hansen Road? Concerned about 40 percent of traffic to the inn/restaurant traveling down Hansen Road through three residential neighborhoods? Ask the City Council to move the entrance to Arroyo Road, a much wider street that can handle the added traffic and already has a turn only lane that could be used for the inn entrance.

Worried about the approval of non-permitted conference rooms which transform the inn into a commercial business site? Ask the City Council to eliminate the non-permitted conference rooms.

Concerned about maximum building code exceedances and zoning irregularities? Ask the City Council to adhere to the required 100-foot setbacks along Hansen Road and Arroyo Road. Ask the City Council to adhere to the F.A.R (floor-to-area ratios) that the building and residential unit together have exceeded. Ratios could be met if the City Council removes the outside balconies and decks.

Worried about inadequate parking that will cause over spill onto our streets? Ask the City Council to require additional parking stalls; a minimum of 90 to 100. The current plan of 61 permanent stalls will not be adequate for both inn and restaurant guests.

Concerned about the removal of at least 20 mature trees for construction? Ask the City Council to require replacement trees on site, not a donation to Urban Forest Fund.

Concerned about the hours of the proposed wine bar? Ask the City Council to end alcohol sales at 10 p.m.

There are many other concerns about noise, lighting, architecture. This is the last opportunity we will have to address the City Council.

Please attend the City Council meeting, City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave., at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13. Let the City Council members know about your concerns. The safety of our families must remain the top priority. Speak up and stand united to protect our neighborhoods and our families.

More Parking and  
More Park  
Rivka Sevalal , Livermore

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – Margaret J. Wheatley

I respect all aspects of the discussion; however, I remain concerned about two items: parking near the Bankhead Theater and [for] the proposed hotel, and maximizing the usable area of our downtown park. These are two things I care greatly about, and will be voting “No” on P.

No on P  
Rich Buckley, Livermore

Those interested in viewing the short series of informational videos covering Downtown Livermore Hotel Development favoring the West Side Hotel and larger open space option and superior parking, can now do so.

Some of the aspects I cover are new, starting with YouTube title “The Livermore Central Park Plan, Part - 7” by Rich Buckley. All seven videos are then hot-linked below the video on YouTube. More will follow.

The Future of Downtown  
Walter Davies, Livermore

I am dyslexic! Please keep that in mind in case

you wish to read the rest of my letter.

I moved to Livermore on Oct. 4, 1959. Not long after becoming established in our community, I was offered a volunteer position on the Beautification Committee. It was a great experience and I learned about Livermore, it's culture, it's Movers & Shakers, and City Hall protocols. In time, I became either active in or supportive of numerous other organizations. The Camera Club, the Valley Concert Choral, Cask and Mask, all provided exciting and stimulating people and their artistry. I was pleased to be asked to join the board of the Symphony, and years later, the board of the Livermore Art Association.

I have known (and revered) Joan Seppala and her devotion to this community since the very beginning of The Independent. I have known Mayor John Marchand and his commitment to making our city the very best it can possibly be (and was pleased and honored to serve with him on the very first Commission for the Arts). Because the Art Association and the Heritage Guild share space in the Carnegie Building, I have had the pleasure of many, many hours of contact with Jeff and Loretta Kaskey. I have known and worked with the tireless Jean King and her enthusiastic support for the arts. And I, and my wife, have known Clark and Kathy Streeter for close to 50 years. These Livermore citizens are on both sides of the issue that is tearing our city apart. And I love and care for every single one of them.

I will not ask you to vote or support one position or another until you have thoroughly studied the issues and made up your own mind. Because the job of a dyslexic is to build bridges, that is what I'll be trying to do as we move toward election time.

Downtown Plan  
Tom Soules, Livermore

There is much rancorous debate on the subject of the city's plan - not surprising since this area is “front and center” to downtown and our last chance to affect it for many years to come. However, I believe that most people on all sides of the debate want essentially the same outcome - a space that will further enhance the downtown and attract both visitors and residents alike, including a beautiful destination hotel, adequate parking and open space for strolling and relaxing after visiting the stores on First street. They want a space complimenting the stores on First Street and keeping with the ambience of a small-town center. The problem, and it is an engineering problem, not a political one, is that there is a very limited area and building up (such as the proposed five-story parking garage on First and L) destroys the ambience of the small town. There is only one option -- limit our priorities to fit the space and prioritize. What is the highest priority, parking, hotel, 84 affordable housing units, Stockman park and open space? We might like to have 130 lower-income housing units, but my understanding is we only need 84 at this location according to the agreement. The city plan envisions 130 units, which would take up half the area on the west side of Livermore. We might like to have both a black box theatre and a science museum, as both the city plan and the central park plan propose. However, do we really need both, especially if they are in quite limited in space?





The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 10th Annual “Race to the Flagpole” on Saturday, Jan. 25. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and one-mile fun run. All events start and finish at Independence Park and go through Livermore’s scenic Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities. They encourage awareness and appreciation for fitness, as well as community pride. This year the opening ceremonies will include the VFW Color Guard. For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit [www.livermoregranadaboosters.org](http://www.livermoregranadaboosters.org), or contact Mike Nagel, race director, at 925-667-6535 or [flagpolerace@yahoo.com](mailto:flagpolerace@yahoo.com). (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

WATER STUDY

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south of the Delta. Those customers include the Valley water agencies. Proponents say the water quality from it would be better, although the cost would be in the billions.

The potable reuse project to be studied would be able to account for 7% to 15% of the future Valley water demands, according to a 2018 consultant’s report. That conclusion prompted the Tri-Valley Water Liaison

Committee members to take this next step of research.

Another project approved unanimously by Zone 7 directors at their Dec. 13 meeting was the hiring of JPW Communications at a maximum of \$130,000 for 2020; its contract could be renewed for two additional years at the same maximum dollar amount. The firm would aid the communication efforts of Zone 7 staff communications specialist

Alexandra Bradley by providing various graphics and advertising campaign expertise on an as-needed basis.

Bradley writes the agency’s annual report and other communications documents, but the supplemental help from JPW will provide video and still photography work of a higher quality than possible with in-house work, Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor said.

Bradley will supervise

the project budget. She said that she intends to stay under the cost ceiling as deeply as possible. JPW will help adapt outreach to social media, and if there are emergency situations connected to planned power outages by PG&E, floods, or water service problems, JPW can help.

“We want to be sure to have all the resources necessary to communicate with the public,” Pryor said.



The second annual Tri-Valley Women’s March commemorating the Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 12–4:00 pm at the Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. The expo begins at noon, with speakers beginning at 1:30 pm and the march at 2:15 pm. During the event, visitors will have an opportunity to meet local community advocates and learn more about local non-profit organizations and their support services. Speakers will include Rebecca Bauer-Kahan from the 16th State Assembly District, Aisha Wahab from the Hayward City Council and Mary Puthoff from the Livermore American Indian Center. Make your voices heard as you march 1.5 miles through downtown Pleasanton. Please leave pets at home. For more information, and to register for this event go to [bit.ly/tvwm2020](http://bit.ly/tvwm2020). Shown above: Students for Social Change led last year’s Tri-Valley march. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Summer Exchange Program for Teens

Applications are being accepted by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association for teens wishing to participate in the summer exchange program.

The program has been a valued experience by hundreds of teens during its 33-year history. A participant needs to be a high school student with the equivalent of 2 years of high school Spanish. It is a reciprocal program, with students from Pleasanton being hosted in Tulancingo homes for three weeks, then all students

traveling together to be hosted in Pleasanton homes.

Informational sessions for parents and students are scheduled from 7 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, and Thursday, Jan. 16., at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce conference room, 777 Peters Ave.

The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association is a City of Pleasanton Chartered Organization with a mission to promote goodwill and friendship between the communities of Pleasanton and Tulancingo.

The exchange program offers the students an opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture in a safe family home environment. Students and their parents have noted that upon returning they have increased self-esteem, self-confidence and maturity, as well as having had an introduction to another culture and a greater understanding and command of the Spanish language. It is the only program of its kind with the only cost being roundtrip airfare to Mexico.

For more information about the program, check the website at [ptsca.org](http://ptsca.org) or contact Debbie Glenn, Student Exchange Coordinator, at: [glennk@comcast.net](mailto:glennk@comcast.net).

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

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is located, or to reflect a particular curriculum or special concept in education.

The school district is expected to break ground on Phase 1 of the new school this summer on what is known as the Promenade site, a 23-acre parcel between Central Parkway and Chancery Lane. The school is expected to open in the fall of 2022.

Phase 1 will include a three-story classroom tower designed to accommodate 1,300 students, along with an administration building, student union, kitchen, library, gymnasium, visual and performing arts classrooms, all-weather track

and synthetic field, tennis courts, and approximately 500 parking spaces. Most of the \$166 million cost will be covered by funds from Measure H, approved by the voters in 2016. An additional \$8.2 million is expected to come from impact fees paid by developers.

There is no timetable for Phase 2, which will include a second three-story classroom tower.

Current enrollment at the existing Dublin High School is nearly 2,500 students, but the number of high school-age students in the district is expected to double in the coming years.

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Track and Field Signups to Be Held

The St. Michael CYO track and field team will hold signups for the 2020 season on Monday, January 20 and Thursday, January 30 at 6:00-7:30 pm in the St. Michael parish hall. The team is open to all children in grades 3-8 that live in Livermore or attend St. Michael or St. Charles. Grades K-2 can participate with permission. For more information, check the website ([www.smisctrack.org/](http://www.smisctrack.org/)) or contact Tracy Vogler at [vogler@alum.mit.edu](mailto:vogler@alum.mit.edu) or 925-980-2159.

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# OBITUARIES

## Joan Marie Oftebro Bakken

Aug. 27, 1938 – Dec. 29, 2019

*Well done, good and faithful servant!* – Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

On Dec. 29, 2019, God's faithful servant, Joan Marie Oftebro Bakken, was called home to bask in the glow of heaven's delight. Joan was born in Williston, North Dakota, on Aug. 27, 1938. She and her parents, Ken and Millie, moved to Northern California's fruitful Salinas Valley in the early 1950s. There, she, along with her parents, newly born brother, Ron, and her grandparents, developed a strong bond for family.

Around this time, Salinas was forging a path of religious renewal, and it was there that the family helped establish Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. The faith-walk that the family shared was only surpassed by God's undying love for the family.

Joan graduated from Salinas High School in 1956 and attended Hartnell College before heading off to Pacific Lutheran College (now Pacific Lutheran University) in Tacoma, Washington. There she developed a skill for teaching. She graduated with her teaching degree in 1960.

She met and married Army Bronze Star recipient Orley Bakken on Feb. 11, 1962. They settled in Concord, then, Milpitas, California, where they created their own family. Son Stephen was born in 1963; daughter Cheryl in 1965, and son David in 1967.

The faithful servant mentality that shaped Joan's life led the young family to become members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in San Jose, California. There, Joan and Orley became near-instant leaders of the church. Over the years, between the two of them, there may have been only a handful of years where one of them wasn't the church president or council



leader. Joan's leadership led to many significant events in Gloria Dei's history, including the development of a new sanctuary, a more approachable leadership structure, Sunday School teaching curricula, Small Groups, and restoration of the church's fellowship hall, Luther Hall. Until she fell ill in January 2017, Joan was instrumental in establishing a bond with pastors and parishioners alike.

Over the years, Joan and Orley had many great friendships, mainly developed through Gloria Dei's membership. In the early years, the bond between the Lohres and Bakkens was shaped with the power of God. In the mid-80s, they, along with three other couples -- Rinersons, Rositanos, and Kirkpatrick -- made their own wine from grapes from the Rositano's vineyard.

While Joan taught in the early 1960s, it wasn't until her opportunity came to hone her teaching skills in 1977 at Valley Christian Schools in Dublin, California. She taught at Valley Christian until her retirement in the early 2000s. There she continued her path based on faith and servanthood.

After her retirement, she stayed true to God's plan became a good shepherd of glory to her husband, Orley,

when he became ill in the early 2000s. She continued to share her gift of education through church small groups and leadership in the church council. Her strength in God's unquenching fire of truth and love maintained her through the years of matriarchal stature in the family once her parents both passed. Joan had a way of bringing family together. Her home in San Jose was the center point of all things holiday and birthday-related events.

Joan passed peacefully on Dec. 29, 2019, with her son Stephen at her side, after a three-year battle with stroke and dementia-related trauma.

Joan is survived by her son Stephen, his wife, Kari (Lohre), and their children, Kirk, Kenny Jens, and Kristian Bakken. She is also survived by her daughter Cheryl (Rositano), and her son Christopher and his wife, Maddi (Boyer), and their daughter Megan.

She is also survived by her youngest son, David, his wife, Rosemarie (Estioko), their daughter Kristina, and their son Rikky and his wife, Bailey (McNab).

Lastly, she is survived by her brother, Ronald, his wife, Dale (Mapp), and their three children and families, along with innumerable cousins.

Joan, you are now in the glorious presence of God, our Father, and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Services will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 121 S. White Road, San Jose, on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 12:15 p.m. In lieu of gifts, donations in her honor may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, with a designation to the Forward in Faith Campaign, which funds the Luther Hall renovation.

## Barbara Lee Anderson

Nov. 6, 1931 – Nov. 14, 2019

Barbara Lee Anderson was "Mom" to many, a trail-blazer at work, and fervent community member. Her energy was boundless and her love unconditional.

Barbara Lee Anderson passed in peace on Nov. 14, 2019, in Antioch, CA.

Born on Nov. 6, 1931, in Hayward, CA, to Phil and Blanch Anderson, Barbara attended Hayward Union High School, graduating in 1949. After graduation, she attended Mills College in Oakland, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953.

Barbara married Thomas (Tom) Smales in 1954, and moved to Elko, Nevada. Later returning to Hayward, she gave birth to her daughter, Sharon Smales. Barbara and Tom later divorced.

From 1956 to 1963, Barbara worked as a personnel dosimetry technician at the University of California Radiation Laboratory (later the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory). While working at the Laboratory, Barbara met George Costella, who she married in 1962. Barbara gave birth to her son, Mark Costella. Barbara and George also divorced, and Barbara purchase her home in Livermore, where she lived until her passing.

Returning to work in 1967, Barbara was a purchasing agent for the Defense Depot in Tracy; in 1968 she was promoted to lead operator in the Data Processing Division. Barbara returned to LLNL in 1974 as a senior team member in the Operations Division of the Computing Department and advanced to "owl shift" supervisor in 1975. She advanced again in 1979 to senior technical/scientific coordinator. In 1981, Barbara was named curator

of the new Computation Department Museum.

While at the Laboratory, Barbara helped create the Women's Technical and Professional Symposium, Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference, and numerous multi-cultural fairs. Barbara retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1993, with 26 years of service, and continued as an active retiree, working for AKIMA as security escort from 1998 to 2017.

An avid runner, Barbara participated regularly in fun runs and organized others to run. Barbara chartered a bus to Bay-to-Breakers, co-ordinated Alameda County Fair runs, and organized The (Annual) Last Annual Barbara Costella Memorial Prediction Run and Beer Can Recycling Social.

Barbara was, above all, a devoted mother and energetic community member. Barbara was a 4-H leader for 32 years, and was proud of Sharon's and Marks' participation as 4-H members and leaders. Barbara was also an adoring grandmother to her grandson, Mark Sandner. With pride, she celebrated his high achievement of 4-H Diamond Star.

In retirement, Barbara served as coordinator of the Amateur Gardening Department and Agricultural Feature Exhibits Department for the Alameda County Fairgrounds. A member of the Alameda County Cattle-Women, Barbara received the 2010 CattleWoman of the Year award. Barbara was also a member of the Livermore Garden Club, Livermore Wine Growers Association, California Academy of Sciences, de Young Museum, and Asian Art Museum.

Barbara's life was rooted in her Swedish heritage -- sharing Swedish traditions from attire to smorgasbords -- to be enjoyed with the family's special recipe for Glögg.

Barbara's life was also rooted in faith. Barbara was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oakland and later became a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore. Barbara lived her faith. In the early days of the AIDS epidemic, Barbara cared for those who were suffering. Barbara also volunteered at East Bay Stand Down to assist homeless and at-risk veterans.

Barbara was a world traveler, embracing many cultures and peoples, but perhaps her greatest joy was visiting Disneyland and Disneyworld with her children and grandchild.

No story of Barbara's life would be complete without horses. In the 1950s and 1960s, Barbara rode in matched pairs class competitions and parades. When Sharon was old enough, she road with her mom, beginning with the Livermore Rodeo Parade in 1957.

Barbara Lee Anderson is survived by her daughter, Sharon Smales; son, Mark Costella; and grandson, Mark Sandner; and her extended family of Annick Santer-Gillen, Adam Nino, Karen Newberg, and David Silverman.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Barbara at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho Street, Livermore, at 11 a.m., on Jan. 11. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations in Barbara's name to Open Heart Kitchen at openheartkitchen.org.

## Rene Roland Drumtra



Rene Roland Drumtra, a longtime resident of Livermore, passed away surrounded by family on Dec. 21, 2019, after a five-month battle with cancer. He was born in Lewiston, ME, and raised in Sylvania, OH, before moving to California in 1972. Rene graduated from Dublin High School in 1973. Soon after, he began working at Granada Bowl in Livermore, and it was there that he met the love of his life, Pamela Andrews. They were engaged after two months and married four months later, a loving marriage of more than 40 years. They settled in Livermore, where they raised their daughter, Tracie. Rene was a devoted and loving father and enthusiastic in her many activities. He became especially involved in the Livermore soccer scene where he became a youth soccer referee.

Rene spent many years managing Grand Autos. He was known for his time working for the Target Corporation. He was meticulous in his work and took a strong interest in mentoring and investing in the next generation. His coworkers were always more than that and he was remembered by

many as someone who had a great impact on their life and career.

Rene loved to travel and instilled in his family a sense of adventure. He fondly remembered his travels to England, France, Vietnam, Korea, and to visit family throughout the United States. He especially loved his travels to Hawaii with friends and family.

Rene's passion was sports. He was a lifelong Red Sox fan, loyally rooted for the New England Patriots and all the local Bay Area sports teams. Rene was an accomplished bowler, achieving two 300 games. He loved to golf and was a member of the Las Positas Men's Club. His favorite pastimes were golfing with friends, traveling with family and rooting for his grandchildren on the

sidelines of their sports. He was an amazing grandfather and loved his role as Papa.

Rene is survived by his wife Pam; daughter Tracie; son-in-law Greg; grandchildren Luke, Noah, Grace and Chloe; his three sisters, Charmaine, Kelly (Craig), Kandy (Bob), and his brother Paul. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who considered him more than an uncle and a village of loyal friends from all aspects of his life's journey.

Rene's family would like to extend their deep gratitude to the staff and volunteers of Hope Hospice for their tender care and to the wonderful staff at Creekview Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that you honor Rene by enjoying a sporting event, playing golf with friends, a donation to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 19, at The Clubhouse at Las Positas Golf Course.

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

## Margie Rogers

Nov. 16, 1944 – Dec. 28, 2019



Margarita Rogers passed peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. She was a beautiful soul and trusted confidant to all she encountered, and found the beauty and good in each. She actively practiced and pursued happiness, forgiveness and kindness, leaving each situation a little better than before. Every person who knew her can share a priceless memory of how she not only helped them, but how she truly listened without judgement.

Margarita -- also known as Margie, Aunt Maggie, Nana, and Nina -- was born in Tecate, Mexico. She moved to California when she was about two years old, growing up in Southern California with her parents and three sisters.

Labastida; her younger son, Michael Thayer; and an older sister, Maria Luisa Barajas.

Family was everything to Maggie, and those who knew her well became like family. Her home was a place of gathering for celebrations, holidays, to share sorrows, and for healing. She gave each one of us all she had, and we are all better having known her.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Celebration of Life from noon to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 25, at her home in Livermore. There will be a private graveside service on Jan. 24.

Donations can be made in her name at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or 1-800-342-2383. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## Marlys J. Miller

Aug. 9, 1936 - Dec. 20, 2019



Marlys J. Miller, 83, Livermore, died peacefully in her home, Friday, Dec. 20, 2019. Marlys was born on August 9th, 1936 to Tillie (Fecho) and Edward Milbrath in Bottineau, North Dakota. She lived with her brother and parents in the towns of Gardena and Roth before moving to Minot when she was a teenager. She graduated from Minot High School in 1954 and went on to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in rural North Dakota before returning to Minot State Teacher's College (now Minot State University) and earning her teaching credentials. She then taught at Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana and at the Minot Air Force Base. She married R. Helmer "Hal" Miller of Deering, North Dakota, in 1959. Hal was a naval navigator and they subsequently traveled around the country to various military installations, including stops in Pensacola, Florida; Corpus Christi, Texas, and Newport, Rhode Island, before being stationed at Barber's Point Naval Air Station in Hawaii. Their daughter, LaNor Suzette, was born there in 1964. Marlys returned to the mainland with her family and they settled in Livermore in 1968 after a brief return to

North Dakota. After LaNor was born, Marlys became a full-time homemaker and library volunteer.

Marlys was a lifelong Methodist who enjoyed the church home her family found in Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore, where they were members for more than 50 years. She taught Sunday School and was an active member of the Women's Society, helping with bake sales and rummage sales. Marlys enjoyed hunting and fishing in her native North Dakota, and even won a North Dakota State crow shooting championship. Marlys owned a portion of her family farm and was appreciative of her nephews Douglas and Vernon who actively managed it. Marlys was a survivor of breast cancer for more than 50 years.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Hal Miller; her daughter and son-in-law, LaNor and Scott Smith, and her grandson Clay Smith and his wife Kristina. She is also survive by an aunt, Betty Anderson; nephews, Paul, Douglas, and Vernon Milbrath; niece Kathy Botteicher; sister-in-law Linda Finnessey and her husband Patrick; nephews Paul, Damion, and Shane Finnessey; niece Shandi Finnessey Higgins, and her caregiver Dianna Farmer.

She was preceded in death by her parents Tillie and Ed Milbrath; her brother Earl; a twin sister, Marion, who passed away a few days after her birth; her inlaws, Fern and Arthur Miller; brother-in-law Willard "Wedge" Miller; ten aunts and uncles on the Fecho side, and two Milbrath uncles.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, in Livermore, with a reception to follow at the church. All are welcome to come and celebrate Marlys' life. If you would like to make a donation in Marlys' memory, the family asks that you consider donating to the Asbury United Methodist Building Fund.



# OBITUARIES

## Mary Gertrude McKay Becker

Dec. 11, 1916 – Dec. 12, 2019

Mary Gertrude Becker née McKay died peacefully at home in Livermore, holding the hands of loved ones, after a short illness on Dec. 12, 2019, one day after her 103rd birthday. Born and raised in San Francisco, she was a proud Irish-American, fierce Democrat, recovering fabricaholic, loving wife and widow of K H “Larry” Becker, unconditionally loving mother of five, beloved and protective grandmother of seven, and adoring great-grandmother of eight (with another expected soon). Having lived in Danville, CA, for almost 40 years, she had a wide circle of cherished friends, neighbors and workmates in the Bay



Area. She outlived most of her closest friends, but had an open and welcoming personality that easily attracted new ones. In her last few years, living and being cared for in the Livermore home of her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, she also had a

team of devoted caregivers, some of whom also became cherished friends.

She outlived her husband, Larry, who died in 1982. She is survived by sons John (San Francisco) and Stephen, aka MySontheDoctor (Hood River, Oregon) and daughters Margaret and Mary Ellen (both Livermore) and a tribe of grandchildren and great-grandchildren in California and Oregon.

There will be a private cremation interment, joining her beloved husband at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette, CA, with a celebration of her life and love, open to all friends and extended family at a yet-to-be-determined venue.

## James Bernard Heiner

July 16, 1943 – Dec. 25, 2019

On Christmas Day, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, music teacher, and friend, James Bernard Heiner, passed to walk with our savior.

Born July 16, 1943, to Marie and Bernard “Barney” Heiner in Vallejo, CA, he is survived by his wife Jody Praklet; daughters Elisabeth Heiner and Sheri Paulo (Vina Wilks); and stepchildren Trisha (Daniel) Christison, Marci (Tommy) Nedialkov, and David (Jaime) Praklet. Jim loved spending time with his grandson, Benjamin Heiner, and step-grandchildren Emma and Reade Christison, Zak, Owen and Connor Nedialkov, and Chase and Kenna Praklet. He is also survived by his beloved sister Diane Jones, her two sons, Carl (Lori) Welch, and Jimmy Welch.

Jim attended Santa Clara schools and graduated high school in 1961. Determined to experience life, he traveled a year throughout Europe on a motorcycle. After attending UCLA, he earned a masters degree in music from San Jose State. There he met Linda Willis, who he married in 1967. They had a daughter, Elisabeth. Later, he was blessed with his second daughter, Sheri who joined the family in her teens. Jim was a talented fly-fisherman, loved camping with family and friends at Lake Almanor,



playing guitar and harmonizing by the campfire.

Jim was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy during college, but it never stopped him. He taught at Livermore High School for 13 years, directing numerous choirs, musicals, and teaching music classes. In 1976, he moved to Chabot College and then to Las Positas College in 1981, where he taught 30 more years. He developed the music program including chamber and concert choirs, jazz choirs, musical theater and voice classes, theory and music appreciation. Along with Ken Ross, they produced numerous musicals. Jim took his choirs around the world including Italy and the Czech Republic.

He is credited with inspiring students to pursue careers in music and the arts. Jim’s straightforward nature and sense of humor

are remembered fondly by past students. He believed he could teach anyone to sing and his love for his students and gift to teach and encourage changed many lives. Jim performed with the local jazz groups in Cinq and Jazz Infinitum, and taught Estill Voice Training Systems with Jo Estill in many countries.

It was 22 years ago, at Las Positas College, where Jim met and began his life with his wife, Jody Praklet. He loved his church, watching old movies and sports, playing competitive bridge and other games, and loved babysitting his grandchildren. Jim and Jody traveled internationally singing and teaching and having fun. His wit and charm filled any room and he was loved wherever he went. His courage and strength to push past any physical challenges inspired everyone to be their best.

Thank you everyone for your love and support. In lieu of flowers, a Go Fund Me account has been set up in Jim’s memory. All donations will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Las Positas College Music Department, and Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. [www.gofundme.com/f/jim-heiner-las-positas-music-amp-muscular-dystrophy?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](http://www.gofundme.com/f/jim-heiner-las-positas-music-amp-muscular-dystrophy?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

## Judith JoAnn Martini Plummer

60-Year Resident of Livermore

Judith JoAnn Martini Plummer, a resident of Livermore for 60 years, passed away on Dec. 31, 2019, of cancer. Born in Coon Creek, Kansas, in 1941. She attended Washington High School in Fremont, CA, where she met Milton Martini in 1955. They were high school sweethearts and dated for four years before being married on June 20, 1959.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a loving mom, wife, daughter, friend, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with family, sewing, serving others, caring for her grandchildren, being a



homemaker, being part of the church, genealogy, and spending time with friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Milton J Martini; daughters Sandy Guymon and Sharol Loureiro; and son Milton Martini Jr. She is also survived by grandchild-

dren Cody Guymon, Christy York, Brittney Grant, Alexus Grant, Alex Loureiro, Justin Martin, and Katie Martini; great grandchildren Jack, Fiona, Conway, Angus, Calvin, and Cora; sister, Nancy Beam; niece Debbie Plummer, as well as many cousins, nephew and nieces. Preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Kendra, and a grandson, Michael.

The burial will be at 10 a.m., Jan. 11, at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Hospice of San Joaquin. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.cal-laghanmortuary.com](http://www.cal-laghanmortuary.com).

## Bernice Ailene Oakley

Jan. 4, 1925 – Aug. 16, 2019



the field trip to Walker Pass, which gained notoriety last Spring for the magnificent poppy bloom. Bernice continued her interest in drama, performing in theater groups and light opera companies. She was active in Native Daughters of the Golden West. The war years kept Bernice busy. She performed in revues for the USO in San Pedro and Hollywood, arriving by limousine. She worked at Voltee Aircraft as a Rosie the Riveter making airplanes for the war.

Graduating from Pasadena Junior College in 1946, Bernice got a job with the business office of the Bell Telephone Company where she worked for 8 years. She was in the Air Force Reserve from 1949 until 1953. In 1952, she attended a dance at Cal Tech, where she met David Oakley. She enjoyed his company, but she didn’t get a call from him for about a month, partly because he went home to Marysville on spring break and partly because he couldn’t remember her name. Fortunately, he remembered her phone number and with a graduate student’s determination and attention to detail he was able to discover who she was by cross-referencing through the phone book. Their first date was to a chamber music concert. David started to propose to her on May 27, but she got the giggles. He tried again on May 31 and she cried. David wasn’t sure at first what kind of an answer that was. They were married on July 19, 1952. Bernice continued to work for the phone company while David completed his PhD. He was hired at Lawrence Livermore National Lab and they moved to Livermore in August 1954.

Bernice continued to be involved with numerous organizations. Along with other new mothers in her neighborhood in Livermore, she created a cooperative

playschool, enabling each mother to have some time to work and pursue their interests without worrying about their children. She and David were early members of the Cask and Mask theater group and they participated in Dale Carnegie. She joined the League of Women Voters, organizing Candidates Nights and conducting studies of issues of local and statewide concern to provide input to legislators and voters. She was on the State Board of the League of Women Voters. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years. After the family moved to Pleasanton, she was a 4-H leader for projects as diverse as Entomology, Vegetable Gardening and Gourmet Cooking. She also served on a BART Advisory Board while BART was still in the planning stages.

The family moved to Virginia for 3 years in 1973 and she found plenty to do there. She continued with League of Women Voters and was on the study group for the Washington DC Metro Transit. She became a docent at the historic home of the “Lighthouse” Harry Lee and Robert E. Lee families. She volunteered at the Executive Office in Washington, D.C. with many others to address birthday cards and Christmas cards for the president of the United States.

Bernice was a founding member of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, arranging garden tours for club members, and serving as club historian. She became a Master Gardener, offering solutions and giving advice to fairgoers every year. With a few other friends, Bernice learned all about the gardens at the Filoli Estate in Woodside and conducted tours there. She read a wide variety of books in her Book Club. As a classical music enthusiast, she enjoyed attending local concerts and operas, including the live broadcasts from the Met in movie theaters. She often hosted dinner parties and liked getting together with family and friends. She was generous with her time, often asking friends “What can I do to help?” before they even realized they needed help.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice or the Arthritis Foundation.

## Rolando Custodio

June 17, 1963 – Dec. 25, 2019



Rolando Custodio passed away peacefully on Dec. 25, 2019. He was born on June 17, 1963, in Nalasin, Santiago, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. He is survived by his brother, Patrocino Custodio, two sisters, Salvacion Buenconsejo and Evangeline Valdez, and many nieces and nephews. He loved playing basketball and doing house chores. As he grew older, he developed lots of medical issues on top of having severe Down Syndrome. He immigrated to the United States

in January 2012, and was repeatedly told at multiple hospitals that he had but a short time to live. However, he received the best care at

UCSF and lived until the age of 56. Throughout his life, he remained a fun and positive person. He was very friendly and caring to everyone he met. He now rests peacefully with the Lord.

There will be a viewing at St. Michael’s Church, 458 Maple St, Livermore, CA, on Jan. 9, 4-8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Michael’s at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10th. For further information, contact St. Michael Cemetery & Funeral Center at 925 455-9696.

## Elinor Barber Young McLaughlin



Elinor Barber Young McLaughlin, known to many as Ellie, was born in Sacramento to Dorothy Calef and Graham Barber. An only child, she was raised in Sacramento. She later moved to Livermore to attend Livermore High School, graduating in 1942. She went on to attend the University of California-Berkeley, graduating in 1946. On Jan. 19, 1949, she married James A. Young.

She is survived by three children, John, Alexander (Sandy), and Christina Young Torres; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a cousin, John A. Strait. Elinor spent her career at General Electric, Nuclear Energy Division, Valecitos site.

On Aug. 6, 1977, she married Thomas V. McLaughlin. They moved to San Jose, where she lived the rest of her life. She was very active

in her bridge club, Welcome Wagon #3, and Holy Spirit Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1700 Owens St., San Francisco, or donate online: [http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Ellie\\_McLaughlin](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/Ellie_McLaughlin)

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan 18, at Holy Spirit Church in San Jose.

## Honor Your Departed



As a non-profit agency serving the Tri-Valley for 40 years, Hope Hospice relies on donations to help provide end-of-life care and support to all who need it. If your family is designating charitable donations in memory of a departed loved one, please consider Hope Hospice. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing excellent care, grief support, and caregiver education to the local community.

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# What’s Ahead for 2020 Real Estate?

By Cher Wollard

It’s a good time to buy real estate. That’s according to 22 percent of Californians responding to the latest C.A.R.-Google poll. In fact, that response has remained pretty steady over the past several years. But 46 percent say it’s a good time to sell, a definite drop compared to 57 percent just two years ago. The financial fundamentals remain solid. Nationally the GDP is at a steady 2 percent rate of growth. Consumer consumption is up 4.7 percent. The unemployment rate is at 3.7 percent – even lower in most of California. Yet while consumer confidence overall remains high in this 10th consecutive year of economic growth, it’s down a full 9 points from this time last year. So what’s causing this change in mood? Best guesses: trade wars, unrest in the Middle East, fears of recession, political uncertainty, mixed messages from the Federal Reserve, inconsistent policies from Washington, fears of a global slowdown, the need to fix the GSEs (FHA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac), frequent stock market peaks and corrections, uncertainty about Brexit. Fortunately, most news related to California real estate – low interest rates, increasing numbers of folks migrating in and out of the area, millennials forming households, increases in how much buyers can borrow on homes through federally backed programs – points to a continuing strong market, although definitely not like

in the go-go days of 2012-2018. Statewide, sales dropped slightly in 2019, with the biggest drop being in the sector of homes priced under \$400,000. That’s not because buyers don’t want entry-level housing; it’s because there is little of it available. The next biggest slowdown is in homes priced \$1 million to \$2 million, while the most robust sector was in the middle -- \$500,000 to \$750,000. "With interest rates expected to remain near three-year lows, buyers have more purchasing power than in years past, but they may be reluctant to get off the sidelines because of economic and market uncertainties," said Jared Martin, 2019 president of the California Association of Realtors. "Additionally, an affordability crunch will cut into demand in some regions such as the Bay Area, where affordability is significantly below state and national levels. These factors together will subdue sales growth." Prices rose by an estimated 4.1 percent in 2019. Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the C.A.R., had predicted price increases of 3-4 percent for the year, so we’re a little ahead of that. For the coming year, she expects prices to go up only about 2.5 percent. The California median home price is forecast to hit \$607,900, up slightly from \$593,200 by year’s end. That’s good news for buyers and not bad news for sellers, most of whom have already seen their equity increase quite a bit. Houses are taking a little longer to sell. Instead of a week to 10 days, the average is 23 days on market before sellers accepted a contract. About 40 percent of sellers ended up reducing their asking price, usually by modest amounts – 4.3 percent

on average. The one big surprise in 2019 was that average interest rates for 30-year conventional home loans actually fell below 4 percent, when they had been expected to hit well over 5.5 percent. The Fed has signaled it does not plan to tinker with reserve rates in the coming year. Reserve rates do not directly affect mortgage rates, but they move the needle in other areas that do impact home loans. “Our economic outlook remains a favorable one despite global developments and ongoing risks,” Fed Chair Jerome Powell said in a recent press conference. “As long as incoming information about the economy remains broadly consistent with this outlook, the current stance of monetary policy likely will remain appropriate.” Interest rates this low could make 2020 a great year for buyers and sellers. Best advice for sellers in this market: Price it right. Make it beautiful. Work with a professional Realtor who has an effective marketing strategy and a strong network of buyers and buyers’ agents. Best advice for buyers: Work with a Realtor who has strong negotiating skills and knows the neighborhoods where you want to buy. Get pre-approved with a great loan officer who is well versed in the myriad of new financing options available. While statewide statistics can be helpful for gaining insight into the market, each neighborhood is different and every home is unique. If you are thinking about buying or selling in 2019, contact your local Realtor today for a free market analysis.

*Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties in Livermore.*



Participants took a meditative stroll at the Labyrinth Walk hosted by the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on New Year's Eve.

## Hindu Cultural Center Offers Local Grants

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center of Livermore will again offer grants to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the elderly, abused women, and youth. Nonprofits primarily funded by private donations are encouraged to apply. The HCCC expects to provide \$35,000 in grants this year. The Grant-In-Aid program, which started in 1987, is one of several human services activities at the HCCC, which also include free health screenings, bone-marrow donor registration, supporting the Alameda County Canned Food Drive, distributing clothing and other necessities at the Livermore Division of the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, and helping the needy through local shelters. To apply, organizations should download an application form at <https://bit.ly/2SXicNY>. Applicants are also asked to provide videos, no more than 90 seconds, highlighting their 2019 accomplishments. The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 7.

## Companion Drivers Program Receives Grant



Drivers for Survivors has received a \$2,000 grant from Share the Spirit East Bay, which will be used to support its volunteer companion driver program. The companion driver

program provides transportation, and companionship, for ambulatory clients who have been diagnosed with cancer. “We provide not only transportation, but also the companionship element that presents essential support, stress relief and therapeutic presence to allow cancer patients to focus on their health and required treatments,” said Executive Director Sherry Higgs.

The grant will go towards the group’s annual Volunteer Training & Appreciation Luncheon in February. The program provides companion driver services to cancer-related medical appointments within a 60-mile radius of the 94538 zip code. Share the Spirit East Bay is sponsored by the Bay Area News Group – East Bay Times, and administered by the Contra Costa Crisis Center.

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Visitors take advantage of the fresh weather at Bernal Community Park. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

PRESERVATION

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construction of a replacement building on the same land that is larger or substantially different than the one illegally destroyed or altered.

Ellen Clark, Pleasanton’s director of Community Development, said that when shaping the ordinance, the city’s staff looked at what is being done in other California cities, keeping in mind property owners should have a reasonable ability to make alterations to buildings. But there also should be penalties in place for illegal demolition or alterations, she added.

While the ordinance does not set specific fines for

illegal demolitions or alterations, it authorizes the Director of Community Development to set fines. Fines could amount to the equivalent of the appraised value of the building prior to the violation, or the replacement value of the demolished building, whichever is greater. Any fines imposed under the ordinance are appealable to the Planning Commission and City Council.

In a related matter, the City Council approved changes to its purchasing procedures manual that will allow it to cancel contracts with companies that violate any city, state or federal law.

The issue came up in

October when City Council members Karen Brown and Julie Testa sought to block a contract amendment for on-call building maintenance and repair work from a Pleasanton general contractor. The idea was to penalize the company for participating in the illegal demolition of a historic single-story house at 4371 Second St. over the summer. But there was no legal mechanism to terminate the contract. They were unable to secure enough votes. The contractor ultimately gave up the contract, worth up to \$400,000, for unrelated issues.

WEISNER FUND

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officer for the fund since 2000, said that it has been managed conservatively, and has been very stable over the years.

The fund assets provide enough to pay bills in the \$300 to \$350 range, usually on a one-time-only basis. That way, the funds can be spread among more senior requests each year.

If a senior has a larger debt than \$350, the Wiesner money can join funds from other non-profits to cover the bill total. Checks go to the business or service billing the senior, not to the seniors themselves. Seniors must be at least 60

to qualify for the funding.

Board members meet regularly, but solutions that need speedy resolution may be handled by one board member on the phone. That person will contact a case worker at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Mary McNamara and Jennifer Nelson serve as the case workers who work with seniors who qualify for Wiesner Fund aid. Their office is located in the Pleasanton Senior Center at a separate entrance in the building.

Some Livermore referrals come from the Livermore Area Recreation and

Park District senior center. In Dublin, the Senior Center makes referrals to Senior Support.

Judy Boyle, a volunteer who works for the fund, said assistance has gone for such things as food, car repairs, dental bills, and move-in costs.

Commenting on his experience, Livermore resident Moe Farzan said the Wiesner fund paid for his car’s DMV registration. “I was very happy they helped me pay the registration. I can’t walk anymore, and they paid my bill.” Now Farzan’s caregiver drives him to his destinations.

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Local vineyards thrive from the recent winter rain. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



## Pleasanton Art League and Museum on Main Unveil Imagination Expressed 2020



**Margaret by Linda Garbarino**

Pleasanton's Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Art League this week opened their 13th annual showcase, Imagination Expressed 2020, featuring paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, and other works by local artists.

In support of the exhibit,

PAL members will be on hand to demonstrate their methods and talk with the public about their work. Many of the works displayed will be available for purchase; the Museum receives 10 percent of the proceeds from sales. For artists and the dates and times of their demonstra-

tions please go to the Museum on Main Facebook page or local event calendar.

The exhibit will run through Sunday, March 15. Museum on Main is at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, and is open 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.



**Nestled by Meghana Mitragotri**



# “Little Squirrel” Shares a Big Message

By Carol Graham

One day, while alone with her 99-year-old mother-in-law, Joyce Richardson witnessed something remarkable.

Livermore author. “‘Little Squirrel’ is intended as a read-aloud picture book for 3- to 10-year-old children. Teachers will also enjoy this story as a wonderful intro-

you up to that cloud,” says Great Wind.

“Then show me, Oh Great Wind.”

And with that the air began to swirl around and around until there arose such a sound that Little Squirrel’s teeth began to chatter. The leaves chased each other higher and higher into the sky and soon Little Squirrel felt himself being lifted up. But the higher he went, the higher Lonely Cloud traveled. And soon Great Wind bowed down to the ground and set Little Squirrel at the base of Broad Oak.

Wind whispered as softly as a gentle breeze, “I am sorry, Little Squirrel. I should not have boasted so, for you are right—I could not catch the cloud.”

Richardson, the mother of four and grandmother of 14, began writing as a young girl after moving from Evanston, Illinois, to Trona, a small Southern California mining town nestled between the natural wonders of the Sequoia National Forest and Death Valley National Park.

“I love writing stories and have been doing so since I was old enough to hold a pencil and mastered the alphabet — mostly for my own pleasure,” she said. “One of the features I love about my book is that it is illustrated by Jaden Rodriguez, a 10-year-old artist!” To create his illustrations, Rodriguez uses a combination of watercolors and pencils along with computer programs like Adobe Animate CC and Final Cut Pro.

Richardson and her husband moved to the Tri-Valley in 2001, and to Liver-

more in 2006, in order to move her in-laws into their home.

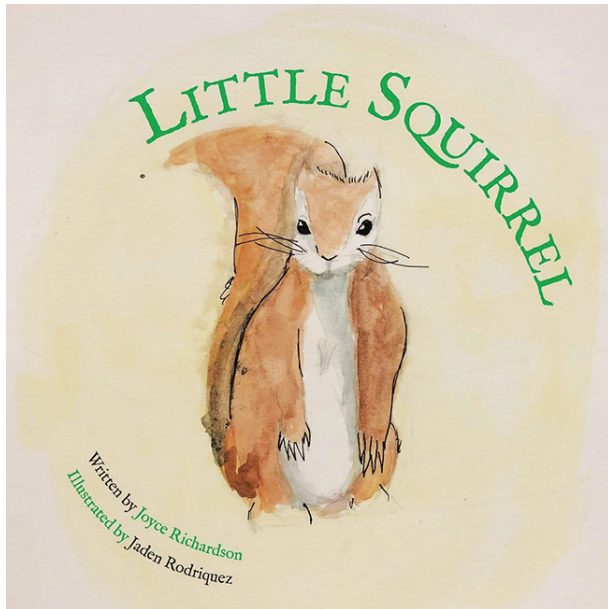
“A few years ago it became necessary for me to stay home with my mother-in-law, and so I was blessed to have more time to invest in writing,” she said. “I

began writing little stories I could share with my grandchildren. I hope some of my other stories will one day be published.”

For now, Richardson hopes that youngsters reading “Little Squirrel” will take away the lifelong

knowledge that “Each one of us is unique and special, and has a place in our world.”

Those who would like to have their book signed by the author may email Richardson at [rejoyce@joycewrites.org](mailto:rejoyce@joycewrites.org)



Cover of "Little Squirrel" written by Joyce Richardson

“As a child, my mother-in-law had learned a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson called ‘A Fable,’ and she was able to quote it perfectly,” Richardson said. “This poem was the inspiration for my story.”

Richardson’s first book, “Little Squirrel,” was published last fall by Archway, a subsidiary of Simon & Schuster. It is now available in book stores, and on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle formats.

“In his quest to catch Lonely Cloud, Little Squirrel helps Mighty Mountain and Great Wind discover that they are each important and that ‘all sorts of things and weather must be taken in together,’” said the

duction to a unit on poetry. The book includes a glossary and interesting facts about squirrels and their natural habitat, making it a great tool for teachers and parents who homeschool.”

The book’s message is as significant today as it was when Emerson penned his poem more than 180 years ago - in 1836. With Little Squirrel’s help, the mountain, wind, oak and water learn that they all are important. Though their talents differ, all need each other.

In an excerpt from the book, Little Squirrel says, “Oh Great Wind, blow as you might, you cannot carry me up to that lonely cloud.”

“You are right to call me great, for indeed I can carry



Illustration by artist Jaden Rodriguez



## Valley Concert Chorale to Hold Open Auditions

The Valley Concert Chorale will hold an open rehearsal at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, with an opportunity for singers to audition that evening. The rehearsal and auditions will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Auditions will also be

held by appointment only on Monday, Jan. 20. To schedule an audition, call (925) 866-4003.

The 15-minute auditions involve some sight reading and rhythmic exercise. Auditioning singers should bring a short selection (art song, hymn, My Country

Tis of Thee, etc.) in any language. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals held at the First Presbyterian Church. The Valley Concert Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, folk to jazz.



Valley Concert Chorale

## Dublin Artist to Demonstrate Encaustic Painting



Summer Ellis

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) and Pleasanton Art League (PAL) meeting this month will feature a demonstration of encaustic – or hot wax – painting by Dublin artist Summer Ellis.

Ellis was introduced to the ancient art of encaustic painting in 2013, and has since set up her own encaustic studio where she focuses on seaside landscapes and underwater views to which she adds animals and mytho-

logical creatures.

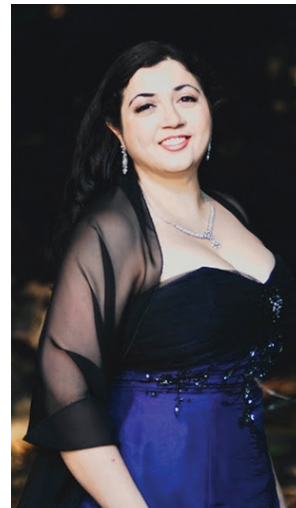
Her demo will cover layering, fusing and scraping techniques, key components of this hot wax painting, and she will demonstrate how a heat gun and a propane torch can add both subtle and

dramatic effects to encaustic works.

LAA & PAL will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, at the Amador Recreation Center 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Meetings are free and open to the public.



## Soprano Sherezade Panthaki to Sing with Philharmonia Baroque Chamber Players



Soprano Sherezade Panthaki

The Philharmonia Baroque Chamber Players will be joined by guest soprano Sherezade Panthaki Saturday, Jan. 11, in a banquet of musical works by Purcell, Locke, and Arne, with texts inspired by Shakespeare.

Under the musical direction of Nicholas McGegan for the past 33 years, the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale is one of America's leading historically informed ensembles. Using authentic instruments and stylistic conventions of the Baroque to early-Romantic periods, the orchestra has performed around the world.

An acknowledged star in the early-music field, Panthaki has performed with many of the world's leading interpreters. Her singing has been praised by The San Francisco Chronicle as, "A breathtaking combination of expressive ardor, tonal clarity, technical mastery and dramatic vividness." She has received wide acclaim for her interpretations of Brahms' Requiem, Orff's Carmina Burana, as well as

new music premieres. A native of India, Panthaki holds an artist diploma with top honors from the Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, and has served as vocal coach for the Yale Baroque Opera Project.

The performance will be held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$95 for adults, \$20 for students and military. Call 925-373-6800 or go to [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) to purchase tickets.

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# Free Community Events Celebrate Lunar New Year And African American Culture

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will offer two free, family-friendly events this month that celebrate time-honored cultural traditions.

The first event, on Saturday, Jan. 11, will explore the music, dance and history of African American culture. Two weeks later, on Saturday, Jan. 25, the center will celebrate the Lunar New Year and the Chinese Year of the Rat with a traditional lion dance and crafts.

Both events will be held in the Bankhead lobby and plaza and are open to the public.

The African American cultural celebration will feature keynote speaker Apryl Chauhan and include a presentation on the year-long importance of Kwanzaa. The event will include traditional dancing and drumming, and will offer the opportunity to explore an African American cultural history display and take part in hands-on crafts. The event is co-sponsored by

Grandmothers Who Help, a local organization dedicated to passing down the history of the African American people and promoting unity in our communities.

The Lunar New Year celebration will also include traditional Asian dances, cultural demonstrations, food and crafts. The days marks the start of the Year of the Rat in accordance with the Chinese zodiac. In addition to the colorful and dramatic lion dance, one of the most familiar Chinese New Year traditions, a festive Community Altar will provide an opportunity to offer gifts such as fruit, flowers or money for good tidings of health and prosperity in the coming year.

The free cultural events are part of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's educational outreach efforts. The center will also observe Hispanic Heritage Day on Saturday May 9. For more information, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org) or email [education@lvpac.org](mailto:education@lvpac.org).





## SHORT NOTES

### Finding Wellness Series to Continue

Life Transitions for Aging Adults is hosting "Finding Wellness 3 Series," a four-week course exploring chronic diseases, including diabetes, stroke, cancer and inflammatory diseases, presented by the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. The classes will be held from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesdays -- Jan. 14, 21 28 and Feb. 4 -- at Borromeo Hall, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. To register, contact Molly Fisher at (925) 449-8849 or email [fisher.molly@comcast.net](mailto:fisher.molly@comcast.net) or call

### Vineyard to Host "Cabstravaganza"

Charles R Vineyards will host its 12th Annual Cabstravaganza from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet winemaker, Lisa Lee, and taste how Cabernet Sauvignon develops from barrel to cellar-aged, comparing the aromas and flavors of a 2018 barrel sample to the 2014 current release, and not-yet-released 2016 vintage. Visitors may also enjoy cheese and chocolate paired with Cabernet and shop for hand-selected limited library vintages. Cabstravaganza is free for club members and up to three guests; \$15 for the public. The winery is located at 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore.

### Get Started Organizing with ClutterLess Group

ClutterLess, a self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions, will host a talk on "Getting Started Organizing" from 7-8:30 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 13, at The Parkside, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Kim Falahati, founder of Family Matters. RSVP to [ClutterlessPleasanton@hotmail.com](mailto:ClutterlessPleasanton@hotmail.com).

### Tri-Valley Writers Annual Winterfest

Tri-Valley Writers will hold its annual Winterfest beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

Winterfest is a chance for local writers to connect with other authors in the community and to learn about writing and publishing from experienced speakers.

Tri-Valley Writers is a branch of the California Writers Club. Winterfest is open to members and non-members, but reservations are required by emailing [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Jan. 15. Cost is \$14 for members, \$6 for student members, \$18 for non-members, and \$10 for student non-members.

In addition to Winterfest and its regular monthly meetings, Tri-Valley Writers hosts a biannual writer's conference and publishes a biannual anthology.

### Missing Man Ministry Raises \$13,000 for Scholarships

The Missing Man Ministry raised more than \$50,000 at its fundraiser in October, including \$13,500 for college scholarships. The organization, dedicated to helping families who have lost a father either suddenly or from a prolonged illness, also provided financial and emotional support to 26 widows in the Tri-Valley area, according to President David Doyle.

### Quilt Artist to Speak

Linda Schmidt, internationally known quilt artist and member of the Amador Valley Quilters, will be the feature speaker at the group's regular meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11. Schmidt is known for her portrait and landscape quilts embellished with paint, sheer fabrics, Angelina fiber, Tinzi, beads, and found objects. The Amador Valley Quilters meet from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton.

### 13th Annual Museum's Wine & Valentines Fundraiser

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for its 13th Annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club on Friday, Feb. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. This year's Sweetheart Sponsor is the Republic Family of Companies.

The night begins with a cocktail hour featuring sparkling wine and a no-host bar, according to Executive Director Jim DeMersman. Guests will also be able to bid on silent auction baskets prepared by museum board members.

The doors to the dining room will open at 7 p.m., where guests will enjoy a three-course dinner (choice of filet mignon, Covina sea bass or vegetable risotto) served with appropriate wines for each course, thanks to the sponsorship of Total Wines and More.

Between courses, the museum will host rounds of its traditional 2-Bit Auction, in which guests can bet quarters on a variety of small prizes. A special game of "heads or tails" will lead into a live auction. The evening will conclude with drawings for more than a dozen items contributed by community members.

Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up in the lobby of Castlewood Country Club on the evening of the event.

### Lions Club Crab Feed Set for Feb. 15

The Livermore Lions Club will host its annual Crab Feed, the club's biggest fundraiser, at the Bothwell Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 15.

In addition to all-you-can-eat crab, dinner will include pasta, salad, bread, soda, water, and dessert. There will also be a cash bar, and no outside alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

Girl scouts from Troop 32874, Leos from Livermore High School, and BSA Venturing Crew 942 from St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Livermore will be servers. There will also be dancing to live music, along with raffle drawings and silent auctions for events, activities, and items donated by local businesses and wineries.

Doors open at 5:00 pm at 2466 Eighth Street. Dinner begins at 5:45. Tickets are \$55 for adults, or \$50 per person for a table of eight to 10. Children 12 and under are \$20 each. For tickets call Ann at (805) 405-8742.

Money raised from the Crab Feed will be used to support community projects and Lions charities. Local projects have included Granada High School Grad Night, Livermore High School Leos Club, Sunset Elementary School PTA, Shepherd's Gate, Special Kids Day, and the Student Speakers Contest for college scholarships.

### Livermore/Pleasanton ELKSs Lodge #2117 Crab Feed

Livermore/Pleasanton ELKS Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., will host a crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 25. Meal includes clam chowder, cole slaw, pasta, French bread and dessert. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner service begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Advance sales only; RSVP to the lodge office, (925) 455-8829 by Monday, Jan. 20.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast Set

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative will host the 20th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fellowship Breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 27, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Cost is \$40.

### Photography Class

Amateur photographers looking to improve their skills are invited to sign up for classes at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Taught by some of the best photographers in the Livermore Valley for users of DSLR cameras, the classes will help uncover the mystery of light, composition, f-stops, shutter speeds and the use of different lenses.

Classes will be held 7-9 p.m., on Thursdays, from Jan. 16 through Feb. 27, with field trips on Feb. 2 and Feb. 22. Register for class #5000 at (925) 373-5700; online at [larpd.org](http://larpd.org); by email at [registration@larpd.org](mailto:registration@larpd.org); or in person at the community center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

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# Museum Announces 2020 Speakers Series Schedule for An Afternoon or Evening With...

The Museum on Main will launch its 2020 Ed Kinney Speaker Series on Tuesday, Jan. 14, with "An Afternoon or Evening" with Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a World War I Turkish field marshal who created an independent Republic of Turkey from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire.

As the republic's first president, Atatürk implemented reforms that rapidly secularized and westernized the country. Under his leadership, the role of Islam in public life shrank drastically, European-style codes of law were adopted, and the office of the sultan was abolished. Although the country was nominally democratic, Atatürk at times stifled opposition with an authoritarian hand. Atatürk will be portrayed by Chautauqua Scholar Jim Armstead.



Joey Madia as Che Guevara

There will be 2 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. evening performances for every speaker this year. All performances will be at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Other guest "speakers" this year will include

## An Afternoon or Evening with... Rosa Parks (Feb. 4)

Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Her courage and quiet dignity were widely admired, and galvanized others to undertake similar

nonviolent resistance to legal discrimination and sparked efforts to end racial segregation. Parks will be portrayed by actress Betty Slater.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... "Lady Bird" Johnson (March 24)

Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson, wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, served as First Lady of the United States from 1963 to 1969. Better known as "Lady Bird," she was both an American socialite and a shrewd investor and manager. She also expanded the role of First Lady by interacting directly with Congress and advocating for beautification of the nation's cities and highways. She will be portrayed by actress Gay Storm.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... John C. Fremont (April 14)

John C. Frémont was a military officer, early Western explorer, mapmaker, and one of the principal figures in opening up the American Southwest to settlement. He will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Frank Mullen. The evening performance is sold out.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... "Che" Guevara (May 26)

Che Guevara's name invites controversy. To many he is seen as a savior but to many others he is seen as a violent revolutionary and murderer. The Communist leader will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Joey Madia.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... Thomas Edison (June 9)

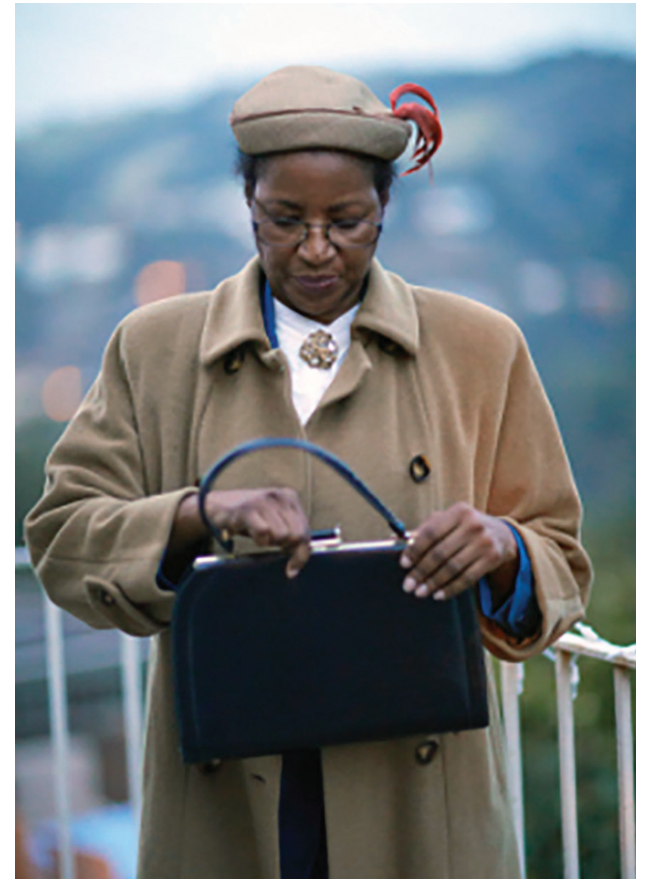
Both performances are sold out.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... Erma Bombeck (July 21)

Erma Bombeck was an American humorist and newspaper columnist who captured the ups and downs of a new American phenomenon: the suburban housewife. She



Doug Mishler as Jacques Cousteau



Betty Slater as Rosa Parks

brought awareness to the struggles of women whose lives otherwise felt invisible and taken for granted. She will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Susan Marie Frontczak. The evening performance is sold out.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... Jacques Cousteau (Aug. 18)

Jacques Cousteau was a French naval officer, ocean explorer, and inventor of the Aqua-Lung. He is known for his extensive undersea investigations and his iconic red hat. He brought marine biology to the masses through his many TV specials, and his name remains connected to oceanography and ocean conservation. He will be portrayed by Chautauqua scholar Doug Mishler. The evening performance is sold out.

## An Afternoon or Evening with... William Shakespeare (Sept. 15)

William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright, and is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon." Despite having his work known and celebrated around the world, Shakespeare's personal life remains largely a mystery. Actor J.T. Turner will bring



the mysterious William Shakespeare to life. The evening performance is sold out.

#### **An Afternoon or Evening with... Audie Murphy (Oct. 13)**

America's most decorated WWII combat soldier and Hollywood star Audie Murphy is coming back to Pleasanton by popular demand! Award winning actor Duffy Hudson will portray the war hero in his one-man show about Murphy's life, entitled "To Hell and Back."

This will be the 11th year for the speaker series at the Firehouse Arts Center, with more than 4,500 people attending last year. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors (65+) / students (with valid ID), and members \$10. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone and online will be available for pick up at the Firehouse Arts Center one hour prior to the event's start time.

This year's community sponsors for the speaker series are the City of Pleasanton, Civic Arts Commission Grant Program, Best Western Pleasanton Plus Inn and Cellar Door.



Frank Mullen as John C. Fremont



Susan Marie as Erma Bombeck



Jim Armstead as Kemal Ataturk

### **Local Residents Graduate From Clemson University**

Two local students recently graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina. James V. Angst, of Pleasanton, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Amanda Lynn McKenzie, also of Pleasanton, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. They received their degrees during graduation ceremonies Dec. 29.

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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT



**2020 Pleasanton Celebrates with Traditions of Many Cultures on Jan. 12 at the Firehouse Arts Center.**

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Livermore Art Association Gallery**, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sat. 11:30 to 4 pm and Sunday 10 to 2:30 pm. For information call 925.449.9927.

**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.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** will present "Bloomed This Way! Beauty and Sustainability Together as One" on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at Alisal School in Pleasanton, 1454 Santa Rita Road.

**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, and adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Contact Peggy at 925.443.8755 or email 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: 925.373.9638 or microangelo@earthlink.net.

**Preschool Art Classes**, Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at 925.216.7231 or thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com.

**Art Classes** for children, teens and adults, beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst.

Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin\_d@hotmail.com for further info.

## Piano and Keyboard

**Lessons**, for children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin\_d@hotmail.com for further info.

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First Street, Livermore.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Classic Albums Live – Abbey Road**, Friday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m. Classic Albums Live brings together world-class musicians to perform landmark albums, absolutely note-for-note, cut-for-cut. Listen to songs such as "Here Comes the Sun," "Octopus' Garden," and "Come Together" live in concert the way the album sounded that first time back in 1969. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore

**The Heart of Rock & Roll: A Tribute To Huey Lewis and the News**, The Heart of Rock & Roll has established itself as one of the most accurate and entertaining tribute acts around. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Jan. 10-11, 8 p.m. \$25-\$35, firehousearts.org.

**The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with Attitude!** Friday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. "Special C" proudly celebrates 4 decades of Bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals,

and boundless energy. The Firehouse welcomes back the four-man acoustic bluegrass band. Reserved Seating Tickets \$15-25; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free parking.

**Georgia on My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles**, Friday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. A stellar cast of award-winning performers comes together to celebrate Ray's music. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**International Guitar Night (IGN)**, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater. A cast of guitar luminaries from around the world will highlight the diversity of the acoustic guitar. IGN celebrates its 20th year of US tours with guest host Mike Dawes (England) and his incredible two-hand contemporary style. Tickets start at \$20.

**Retzlaff Estate Winery**, Live music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave. retzlaffvineyards.com.

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** appears regularly at Old Mexico Bar & Grill in Livermore on Portola Avenue — the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dance floor, full bar, small cover.



**Georgia on My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles will play at the Bankhead Theater on Feb. 14.**

## ON THE STAGE

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents Mamma Mia!** ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1 at 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 1, 2 at 2:00 p.m. Rated PG. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets, visit the Bankhead Theater box office, call 925-373-6800, Tuesday thru Saturday, noon to 6pm, or visit online: www.lvpc.org. For more information, visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**2020 Pleasanton Celebrates with Traditions of Many Cultures** on Saturday, Jan. 12, 11 am-4:30 pm at the Firehouse Arts Center. The annual event is a celebration of the many cultures representing the diversity of Pleasanton. A full-stage production at 2 p.m. features the Amador High School choir, Korean fan dancing, Chinese Kong Fu, Jewish songs, Russian folk dance, Japanese folk music, a Mariachi band, Indian traditional dance, Native American storytelling and Pleasanton's High School Music Collaborative.



# BULLETIN BOARD



**LumiNight Lantern Festival continues through Feb. 2 at Alameda County Fairgrounds.**

**Race to the Flagpole**, Sat., Jan. 25. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's Sycamore

Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities. **Spread Cheer with Beer**, the Tri-Valley Beer Trail's annual charitable campaign, through Jan. 31. Pick up a passport at any stop on the Tri-Valley Beer

Trail or download a passport at [www.trivalleybeertrail.com](http://www.trivalleybeertrail.com).

**LumiNight Lantern Festival**, through Feb. 2, 2020. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday hours are 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and holiday hours are 5 to 11 p.m. LumiNight takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2100 Valley Ave., Gate 12, Pleasanton. Visit [www.LumiNightLanterns.com](http://www.LumiNightLanterns.com).

**A Writers Meetup for Adults** meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Learn more at [LivermoreLibrary.net](http://LivermoreLibrary.net) or call the library at 925.373.5500.

**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 p.m. Go to [www.livermore-history.com](http://www.livermore-history.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

*(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](mailto: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.)*

**Dublin Library Event - Knit One, Purl Two:** Knitters and crocheters of all levels are invited to a monthly knitting circle. Beginning knitters should bring their own needles. Bring current project to show off and provide inspiration for others, or bring an abandoned or difficult project for advice. Yarn and needle donations are always welcome! No registration is required. (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11)

**Grief Support:** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, at 7:30 pm Thursday, January 9 and 23. Call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information.

**Tri-Valley Republicans** hosts guest speaker Debbie Bacigalupi January 9, 6:00 pm at Beeb's Sports Bar, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. TVR Members \$30, Guests \$35. Debbie Bacigalupi is a California cattle rancher who is an educational/keynote speaker. For more information, go to [trivalleyrepublicans.org](http://trivalleyrepublicans.org) or call Jo Moltz at 925-367-6155.

**Dress a Girl Around the World.** Volunteers are needed to help make simple dresses for girls in Third World countries. The next monthly Sew-Fest is set for Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. Michael's Hall in Livermore. Organizer Suzanne Beck said all kinds of help is needed. "Sewing, ironing, cutting," Beck said. "Bring your sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with your helping hands and we will put you to work!" Volunteers will be sewing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Beck at (925) 352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com).

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern California** meetings: Jan. 12, 1 p.m. General Meeting/Birthday Luncheon at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., RSVP to Marsha by Jan. 9, (925) 830-8483; Jan. 19, 1 p.m. Lunch at Andy & Yu's in Pleasanton, 348 St. Mary's St., RSVP to Athene by Jan. 16, (925) 846-0111; Jan. 26, 1 p.m. Lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Dublin, 6505 Regional St., RSVP to Marge by Jan. 23 (925) 828-5124.

**ClutterLess Special Speaker**, Jan. 13, Pleasanton. Kim Falahati will talk on "Getting Started Organizing." Ms. Falahati is the founder of Family Matters, and offers DeCluttering hope, advice, and emotional support. Ms. Falahati is a Certified Life Coach, as well as an Organizer offering moving and hauling services.

**Livermore Community Blood Drive**, Friday, Jan. 17, 12-6:00 p.m.,

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. The Red Cross must collect about 13,000 blood donations each day to meet patient needs. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Tony Gnecco at 925-895-7794 for help registering. Resolve to be a life saver in 2020. Si

**Tri-Valley Women's March.** Connect with local activists at a women's expo, rally and march through downtown Pleasanton, Saturday, January 18, Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton. Expo: 12:00 pm, Rally & Speakers: 1:30 pm, March: 2:15 pm (about 1.5 miles). Sign up: [bit.ly/tvwm2020](http://bit.ly/tvwm2020).

**Assistance League Crab Feast:** January 24 at the Shrine Event Center, Livermore. Raffle, silent auction, dessert auction, DJ Music, dancing, and a no-host bar. Proceeds will enable volunteers to continue with their programs helping those in need in our community. For more information, go to [www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley/events](http://www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley/events). Deadline for tickets is January 10.

**Rotary Club of Livermore** presents its 65th annual Crab Feed on Friday, Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m., at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$60 or \$55 for groups of 8-10. To order tickets, call Debbie Peck at (925) 447-4300. Rotary Club will use proceeds from the event for Livermore community service projects, scholarships, grants for schools and local groups.

**Lion's Club Crab Feed Fundraiser.** A Crab Feed Fundraiser for the Livermore Lions Club will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Doors open at 5:00. All you can eat crab will be accompanied by pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, dessert, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$55 each, \$400 for a table of 8, or \$500 for a table of 10. The night will include a silent auction, raffle prizes, and live music. For tickets, call (805) 405-8742.

**The Pedrozzi Foundation** is accepting scholarship applications until March 2 at 5:00 p.m. Scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate, community college, and technical/vocational studies. High school seniors from Del Valle High School, Granada High School, Livermore High School, and Vineyard High School are eligible to apply. Graduates of all ages are encouraged to apply. For more about the Pedrozzi foundation, visit <https://bit.ly/2PHczKM>.

**Assistance League of Amador Valley** invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, [www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley](http://www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call 925.461.6401.

**Grief Support Group for Teens.**

Hope Hospice offers grief support groups for children and teens at no cost to residents in the Tri-Valley. Groups meet at the Dublin office during the school year on the first and third Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. The sessions run through May 21. Call 829-8770 or email [griefsupport@hopehospice.com](mailto:griefsupport@hopehospice.com). A parent or caregiver must remain on-site while the youth is attending group. Group meets at the Hope office: 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. The program is free but donations are accepted.

**Genealogy Help at the Pleasanton Library.** To get help finding your roots, send an email [todocents.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:todocents.chair@L-AGS.org) for an appointment. Volunteer docents from Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will provide assistance in your genealogical research at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

**Pleasanton Sole Mates** meets at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., for a 2.5 to 3 mile walk at a moderate pace.

**Del Arroyo 4-H Club** meets once a month at 6 p.m., usually on the third Wednesday, at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. All member families and potential member families are welcome. 4-H is a national program which encourages members to learn by doing, offering a variety of projects, events, and community service activities. For more information, contact Miranda Munro at [delarroyo4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:delarroyo4hclub@gmail.com).

**The Mount Diablo Rose Society** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through June at 7:30 pm in the Community Room of the Dublin Public Library at 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin. For more information, visit our website at [www.mtdiablolorosesociety.org](http://www.mtdiablolorosesociety.org) or email [secretary@mtdiablolorosesociety.org](mailto:secretary@mtdiablolorosesociety.org).

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs, both national and international Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 925.872.7923.

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)** is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins. Join us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Multi Service Center, 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Visit [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**ClutterLess (CL) Self-Help Group** meets every Monday (excluding post-office holidays) at 7 p.m. at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, in Pleasanton.

**LifeRing** is a secular recovery group, an alternative to the 12-step program that accepts all people with drug and alcohol issues. We meet in a friendly, down-to-earth atmosphere to



**Classic Albums Live will present Abbey Road on Jan. 10 at the Bankhead Theater.**



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create a sobriety program that works for YOU. Meetings are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Contact is Steve Bowman, 925.207.2430.

**Tri-Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF)** invites everyone, at no charge, to the regular monthly meetings featuring guest speakers who share their knowledge of the sport. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month, September through June, at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Rd., Livermore.

**Livermore Valley Coin Club.** Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy collecting coins or other numismata this is the place for you. The meetings incorporate shared numismatic knowledge, various club raffles, a Coin of the Month and a club coin auction. For information contact: Gary Antone 925.373.6758.

**Valley Children's Museum,** a community based, non profit, children's museum for children 3 to 10 years old, offering fun and educational STEAM based play activities. Located in Emerald Glen Park, Dublin, off Gleason Dr. Open Thursdays 4 to 8 pm during Dublin Farmer's Market & third Saturday of the month. Volunteer opportunities for teens and seniors. For more info visit <http://www.valleychildrensmuseum.org> or contact Linda Spencer, 925.683.4741 or [linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org](mailto:linda@valleychildrensmuseum.org).

**Livermore Lions Club** meets for dinner every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. Lions are the world's largest service organization. Livermore Lions support the needs within the community and state, the nation and the world. Funds provided to support the homeless, the fire victims, and the hurricane and earthquakes victims. Charities include: Canine Companions, Blind Centers, and the Ear of the Lion. Check out our website ([livermorelionsclub.org](http://livermorelionsclub.org)) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome.

**Master Gardeners Talks,** Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained 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 - 11 am on the second Saturday of the month.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Tri-Valley's Connections Support Group, meets every Wednesday, from 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group provides support and education for anyone experiencing a mental illness. For further information, visit [www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org) or contact Kendall @ 925.872.0170.

**Daughters of the American**

**Revolution (DAR),** 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 [josemaria.californiadar.org/](http://josemaria.californiadar.org/) or contact Debbie Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:jmadar.regent@gmail.com).

**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 Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter.** Meets September through May on the first Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit <http://jhl.californiadar.org>.

**Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group,** those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center on the second Saturday of every month from 10am - noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact [mary.behrendt@comcast.net](mailto: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 chan. We guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Visit our post at [americanlegionpost237@comcast.net](http://americanlegionpost237@comcast.net).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call AA: 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, 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: [www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/](http://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), or 925.931.3405.

**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.

**Tri-Valley Haven Individual Counseling & Group Therapy Openings.** Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency provides free, professional individual and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call 925.449.5845.

**Docents for the Livermore History-Mobile.** Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will

be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925.443.3076 or email [n.mulligan@comcast.net](mailto:n.mulligan@comcast.net).

**Sing for Fun,** Music Sing-a-Long, sing familiar tunes with other folks along with piano accompaniment. The words of the songs will be provided. No musical experience needed. Most Mondays, from 11:00-12:00 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Small fee.

**Counter Point** (Addiction Family Support Group), a free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the St. Michael Convent building, first floor (375 Maple 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,** meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530 Main Street, 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.

**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.

**Recovery International (RI)** is a free weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. Anyone 18 or older is welcome; just drop in. Meetings every Sunday 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Arbor Vista library room, 1300 South Livermore Avenue. Call Barbara, 916.335.8836 or Dave, 415.948.9462.

**Ethos,** free and confidential services related to pregnancy include guidance and referrals, baby clothing, and diapers. 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore. Call 925.449.5887 for an

appointment..

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to homebound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 p.m. For more information, please call 925.483.1989.

**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 Jill Duerig at 510.378.7243 or [jillduerig@hotmail.com](mailto:jillduerig@hotmail.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 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).

**Shepherd's Gate New Life Thrift Store,** open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-7 Monday through Friday, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F, 8-2:30 p.m. Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

**Italian Catholic Federation,** meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 925.462.2487.

**ClutterLess Self Help Support Group (CL)** is a non profit, peer based, all volunteer, self help in-person support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings at Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton, every Monday 7 - 8:30 p.m. (except postal holidays). See clutterless.org (national) ClutterlessEastBay.org.

**Questers** is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. Members learn about antiques, share and view members' collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques

shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. If interested call President Rickie at 925.292.8123 or e-mail [rjfgiono@comcast.net](mailto:rjfgiono@comcast.net).

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

**Ravenswood Historical Site,** 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at 925.443.0238.

**Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at [www.trivalleysir.org](http://www.trivalleysir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirin.org](http://www.sirin.org). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to [www.calegion.org/](http://www.calegion.org/) or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or 925.443.2330 or Roy Warner at 925.449.6048.

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

**Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military"** is a 501(c)3 non profit



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military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net).

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club**, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925.215.8405 or visit [www.Pleasanton-Newcomers.com](http://www.Pleasanton-Newcomers.com).

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550. Phone: 925.371.1531, fax: 925.373.5034, e-mail: [abril.tamayo@cril-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@cril-online.org). All services are free.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome.

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Contact Edith Caponigro at 925.998.3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925.621.8946 for additional information.

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

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

**Livermore Military Families**, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925.784.5014 or email [livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com](mailto:livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com).

## RELIGION

**St. Michael Catholic Church** Alpha dinners provide a free meal, an opportunity to meet new friends, and great conversation. Mondays at 6:30 p.m. starting February 10, St. Michael Parish Hall, 326 Maple St., Livermore. Register at [www.stmichaellivermore.com/alpha](http://www.stmichaellivermore.com/alpha). For more information, call (925) 447-1585

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10 a.m. Children's and youth groups meet during worship services and Sunday evening Middle and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group meets the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Room. Men's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information about other events visit our website at [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore." All are welcome.

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information: [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925.447.2078.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 925.449.4403 or [www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org) or call 925.447.8747.

**Congregation Beth Emek**, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information: 925.931.1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence

Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews**, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations ([csjo.org](http://csjo.org)). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 925.485.1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](mailto:EastBaySecularJews.org).

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. 925.447.2946.

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Spanish service starts at 9:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. For information, call 925.447.6282 or visit [www.sunsetcc.org](http://www.sunsetcc.org).

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information at 925.447.8840.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925.447.1246.

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvalylivermore.org](http://www.calvalylivermore.org) or 925.447.4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school — 9:45 a.m.; worship service — 11 a.m. All are welcome. 925.447.3428.

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal Street. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:35 a.m., Nursery, Children's Church (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study will be taking a break, Senior Adult Ministry every other month. Call for date and time and other church programs at 925.846.8650.

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM [trinitylivermore.org](http://trinitylivermore.org) or 925.447.1848.

**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For details, contact Claire La Scola at 925.447.9800.

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or [pateraugustine@gmail.com](mailto:pateraugustine@gmail.com)

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925.462.4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. [www.saintbartslivermore.com](http://www.saintbartslivermore.com). Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, pastor and priest, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) or 925.862.2580.

**Pathway Community Church**, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. [www.pathwaycommunity-church.org](http://www.pathwaycommunity-church.org) 925.322.1222.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit [www.goodshepherd-livermore.org](http://www.goodshepherd-livermore.org) or call 950.371.6200.

**Bethel Family Christian Center**, 501 North P Street, Livermore. Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925.449.4848.

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925.227.1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

**Valley Bible Church**, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 925.447.2351.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700.

[www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center** Ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies. Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at 925.479.1414 Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church** offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Their winter schedule has begun, with Sunday services held at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. Lynnwood is located in Pleasanton at 4444 Black Ave. Visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org) or call 925.846.0221.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** — Livermore Stake: Sunday services — 1501 Hillcrest Ave: Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 10:30 am. 950 Mocho St.; Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 10:30 am; Del Valle Branch (Spanish) first meeting 11:40, Sacramento meeting 12:40; 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 12:30.

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

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org) 925.828.1846.

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) — 8:30 a.m. Communion — 9:30 a.m., 925.906.9561, [stfrancisanglican.church](mailto:stfrancisanglican.church).

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - A Lighthouse to the world. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://csslvighthouse.org>.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ**, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also

accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4481 E. Avenue, Livermore.

**Christ Church** (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly meeting in Pleasanton), Now meeting at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Worship service at 9:00 a.m.; Educational Classes for all ages at 11:00 a.m. visit: [www.christchurch-trivalley.org](http://www.christchurch-trivalley.org) or call 925.846.0665.

**GraceWay Church** worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. [www.gracewaylife.org](http://www.gracewaylife.org) or 925.846.4436.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church**, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. 925.667.1610. [www.gracembc.com](http://www.gracembc.com). Sunday School, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

**Discovery Church of the Nazarene**, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925.449.5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

**Gateway Church**, 811 Marylin Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://gatewaylivermore.org) or call Larry Trummel at 925.449.1444.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church** in Livermore invites members of the community to Wednesday evening study, "Discovering the Bible." Currently, the subject is, "The Holy Spirit and His Work." The church address is 1759 Locust Street in Livermore. Wednesday Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m., [www.gracembc.com](http://www.gracembc.com).

**Celebration Church**, 1135 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. 925.455.4250. Sunday Service: 9:45 a.m.; children's programs: 9:45 a.m.; Spanish service at 1:00 p.m.; Jr. & Sr. High: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information or weekday Bible study and Prayer group schedules, go to [www.celebrationcc.org](http://www.celebrationcc.org). Welcome home.

**B'rit Ahabah Messianic Congregation**, worship every Saturday, 11 a.m. at 193 Contractors Ave., Livermore. Congregation and Jews and Gentiles. Liturgy presented in both Hebrew and English. Families are welcome. Blessing of bread and wine (or grape juice) follows each service and all are invited to Oneg, a fellowship meal.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews - Jewish Culture School** The school-wide curriculum for the 2019-2020 (Jewish year 5780) will be "Jewish Ideas." It will cover topics like Jewish views of Justice, Learning, Family, Being a Mensch, Israel or Diaspora and the Jewish Community. Contact [culturaljews@gmail.com](mailto:culturaljews@gmail.com), or call 510.384.8756 with any questions.



## “Living Large” at Bankhead Gallery Features Work by Livermore Artist Linda Ryan

A new exhibit, “Living Large,” will open at the Bankhead Gallery on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and run through early March. The exhibit features large-format, two-dimensional works that range from seascapes, nature, and figurative images, to non-representational works that celebrate “joie de vivre.” The exhibit showcases artists from the Bay Area and features media as varied as oil, acrylic, pour media, photography, and mixed media.

A solo exhibit, “Sea Change,” by award-winning Livermore artist Linda Ryan will be featured in the Founder’s Room at the gallery. A retrospective of her work from figurative to more recent seascapes, “Sea Change” is a visual catalog of her journey through different media to capture light, movement, force and nature. A local arts advocate for almost two decades, Ryan was instrumental in starting ArtWalk Livermore and the Bothwell Arts Center before returning in recent years to focus on her own art. She was awarded an Alameda County Arts Commission Arts Leadership Award in 2014.

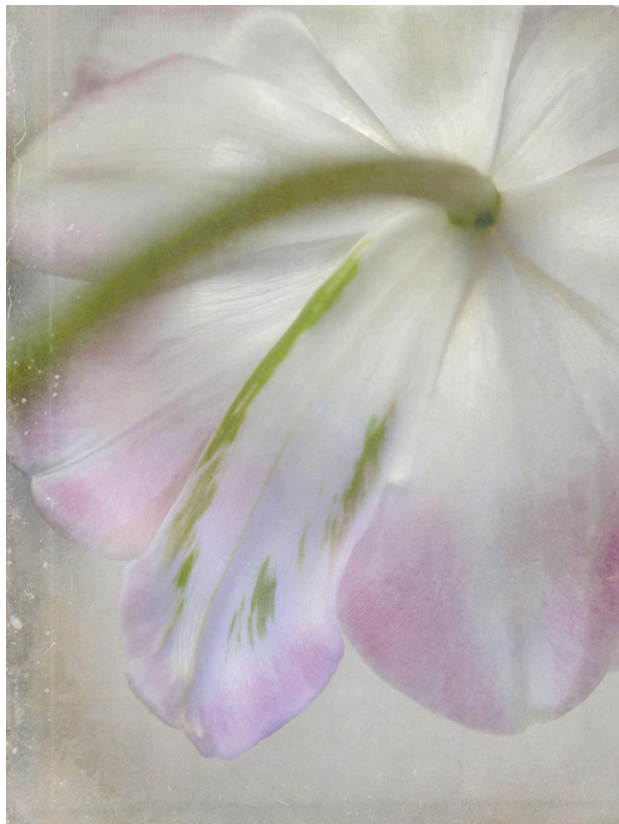
“Sea Change” chronicles the development of Ryan’s unique pour painting process. Previously known for her abstract figurative art, in 2012 she was given a sample of Liquitex Pouring Medium, which led to years of exploration and study. A 2017-2018 Mendocino

Artist in Residence program helped her develop the layering process that now characterizes her signature works.

“Motion and energy have been my artistic fascination since I first found voice in paint,” says Ryan. “Recent developments in pour painting, combined with a lifelong love of the sea, have melded into a passion for creating works about the ocean.” The new pouring medium allows her to create a luminescence in her works that she had been trying for a decade to achieve using gels. Mastering the difficult-to-control pour medium has given Ryan the ability to translate what she sees as earth’s treasure, the Pacific Ocean with its tidepools, coastal rock formations and endless surf, into treasures of art.

“Living Large” and “Sea Change” will be on display in the Bankhead Gallery, in the lobby of the theater at 2400 First St., Livermore, through March 2. It is free and open to the public from noon to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and for ticketed patrons during performances.

A ticketed reception on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1-3 p.m. will offer the opportunity to view the works and meet the artists. A free closing reception will be held in conjunction with Art & Wine Intertwined on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with wine tasting, live music and refreshments.



Some of the large-format paintings to be shown at the Bankhead Theater's exhibit

