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Council Authorizes Development Agreement for Eastside Hotel

By Bruce Gach

At the July 22 Livermore City Council meeting, the council voted unanimously to direct staff to file a Notice of Determination to introduce an ordinance authorizing execution of a development agreement with Presidio Co. to build a downtown hotel on the eastside of Livermore Avenue.

Presidio is proposing to build a three-story, approximately 65,000 square foot, 125-135 room up-

scale-branded hotel. The hotel will include 1,400 to 2,000 square feet of conference space and a rooftop deck.

Speakers in favor of the present City Plan with the hotel on the eastside of South Livermore and Railroad Avenues numbered 31, with 29 against.

The initiative supporting the Central Park Plan has qualified for the ballot. On Tuesday, July 16, 8,110 unverified signatures were submitted to the city; 5,269

signatures must be qualified voters. On Friday, July 19, the Alameda County Registrar of Voters reported to the city that 6959 signatures were valid, 32.08% more than needed.

During the public hearing, Tamara Reus related "If you proceed, we will file a referendum. You need to stop your illegal interference with the citizens' initiative." Denise Leddon and Richard Ryon concurred.

Rich Buckley stated that the

council's highest duty was to honor the community directed initiative, not subvert it.

William Dunlop, Chair of the Citizens for the Central Park Committee, declared that the council moving forward "is intended to cut off the rights of Livermore's voters. The voters will use the referendum power to reject any development agreement the city council contrives. Stop your actions now."

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Dublin Council Directs Staff to Continue Talks on 'Millennial' Hotel

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin City Council took a close look at a proposal for a 138-room hotel catering to the Millennial business traveler, which the developer termed "cool and hip."

The hotel would be built on a lot next to the Corrie office building, which has been there for 30 years. The Corrie building will be gutted and rebuilt for future office use, said developer Jerry Hunt of Rubicon Properties Partnership.

The parcel is located near Dublin Boulevard and San Ramon Road.

Hunt answered questions about the plan, and showed architectural renderings at the council's July 16 meeting.

The item was listed as a study session. Approval will be scheduled for a future meeting, after staff continues to work with the developer on the development details and a Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) for the city.

The study session updated the council on what has transpired so far between staff and developer. Several years ago, councilmembers said they were looking at the negotiations too late in the process. That resulted in more pressure on the council to approve developments, because so much deal-making work had already occurred.

This approach also has the merit of saving staff time, if the council finds little merit in a development.

The hotel would be operated by Cambria, a chain building in large metropolitan areas. It would feature modern, upscale decor, a swimming pool, and a bar and restaurant that would be placed at a spot at the hotel's edge, with good access for local residents.

The hotel would be four stories high, with two more stories under it dedicated to a parking structure, bringing the total height to 69 feet at the building's parapet.

The developer is asking the city to allow more parking spaces than is the standard Dublin requirement. There would be 12 spaces above standard for the hotel, and 55

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A summer sunset silhouettes the vineyards (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Study Shows Increasing Marijuana Use Among Women Who Become Pregnant

By Jeff Garberson

Despite risks to fetuses and infants, increasing numbers of women appear to be using marijuana in the year before they become pregnant

as well as early in their pregnancy, according to a Kaiser-Permanente study published last week.

The study reported on the results of early pregnancy surveys taken about eight weeks into the pregnan-

cies of nearly 277,000 Northern California women from 2009 through 2017.

The research was reported last week in the online journal, JAMA

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Pleasanton Weighs in on State Legislation

The Pleasanton City Council revised its positions taken on state legislation.

The votes were unanimous.

The City has been implementing its 2019 Legislative Framework with a specific focus on bills related to housing. Working closely with regional partners, the Tri-Valley cities, the League of California Cities, and advocacy firm Townsend Public Affairs (TPA), the city has engaged with local state representatives and has routinely engaged with bill authors and their staff to offer amendments.

Of the housing bills for which the council has taken a position, the council legislative subcommittee recommended that the council reconsider the following:

AB 1483 - Housing data, collection and reporting. Move from oppose unless amended to oppose. This bill would require a substantial increase in the amount of data to be provided annually to the state Housing and Community Development Department for each housing development project. The additional data collection and report-

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EBRPD Board Votes to Ban Glyphosate Use by End of 2020

On July 16, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors unanimously approved Resolution 2019-07-187, calling for an immediate ban on glyphosate use in picnic areas with full elimination in

all developed park areas by the end of 2020. Glyphosate is currently used as part of the Park District's pest integration management program for fire ignition prevention and vegetation maintenance around

park structures, fences, walkways, and parking areas, and in public right-of-way areas including roads, bike paths, and trails.

"The Park District has taken large steps over the past two years

to reduce glyphosate use and find alternatives," said EBRPD President Ayn Wieskamp. "Managing the complex spectrum of land that the Park District does, with

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Kaiser Shows

Both High and Low Blood Pressure Readings Are Vital

By Jeff Garberson

Both the higher and lower readings from blood pressure measurements are strongly and independently linked to cardiovascular health, according to Kaiser-Permanente researchers, who published a major study on the subject.

The higher number, called systolic pressure, measures pressure when the heart pumps blood into the arteries. The lower number, called diastolic, indicates artery pressure when the heart is resting between beats.

Blood pressure is one of the key indicators of human cardiovascular health, reflecting higher or lower

risk of heart attack and stroke. High blood pressure can also be implicated in kidney disease, dementia and other conditions.

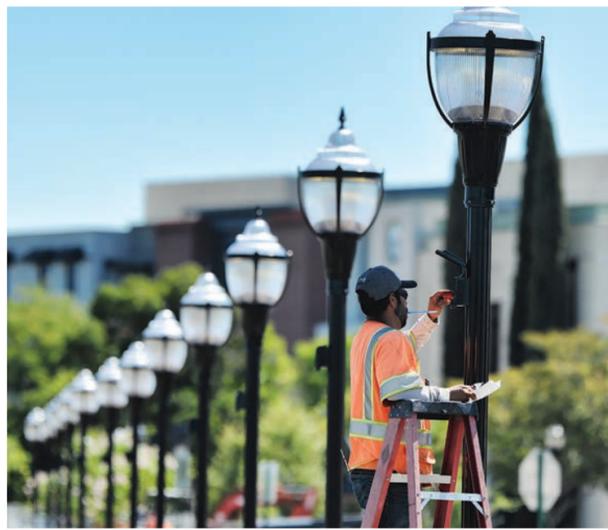
Patients should be up to date on current blood pressure readings and engage with their medical provider as needed, according to the study's lead author, Alexander C. Flint, M.D.

"There is a very important role for broader public recognition that both of these (blood pressure) numbers are important," he said.

Flint is a Kaiser stroke specialist and adjunct researcher with the Kaiser division of research.

Recommended guidelines for

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Lamp posts line Livermore's new downtown street – Veterans Way. More on page 12. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Climate Change – New Experiences Can Be Used to Transform Minds

By Bruce Gach

On July 13, members of the Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Lobby watched an online video illustrating the abilities of En-ROADS, a powerful climate-simulation tool showing how climate goals can be achieved through changes in energy, land use, consumption, agriculture, and other policies.

In the video, Drew Jones detailed and demonstrated the soon-to-be released 2019 version of the En-ROADS program.

Jones is a co-founder and co-director of Climate Interactive, a

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PET OF THE WEEK



CIRRUS

Got your head in the clouds? Dreaming of a new best friend? He's here at Valley Humane ready to meet you! Cirrus is a 6 month old male small mixed breed. He and his brother Stratus are daydreaming of their forever homes. Could yours be the silver lining for these furry boys? Cirrus and Stratus have been neutered and microchipped. Meet Cirrus at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am – 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

Photo Credit: Valley Humane Society/E. King

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DEVELOPMENT

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Sally Dunlop, Mary Ann Brent and Johnna Thompson asked the council to reject the development agreement until after the required election.

Tom Ramos was concerned about the traffic plans for an eastside hotel.

Jean King believed that the council should not sign any agreement for the hotel until the citizens had a chance to vote on the plans for downtown. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to make the downtown great," she said.

A letter from Walter Davies complimented Joan Seppala for her years of support for what she felt was the best for Livermore.

Michael Ferrucci favored the westside hotel, and the less housing the better.

Jeff Kaskey chided councilmembers for using land use titles to block the initiative.

Jeffrey Sinsheimer, an attorney representing Friends of Livermore and Citizens for a Livermore Central Park, read the statement that he sent the city attorney. "City Council may not proceed with any development agreement that annuls the right of the voters to act on the Central Park Plan as a matter of law under the California constitution. The record as read into the proceedings this evening by staff does not adequately identify the constitutional crisis that you have created. The city council authorized city staff to pursue negotiations with Presidio to enter a development agreement to build a hotel at a location where one is not allowed by the Central Park Plan.

"Last week, the Central Park Plan initiative signatures were submitted for verification. The California constitution reserves for the people, under Article 4 Section 1, the ultimate right to legislate. It is beyond the council's right as a matter of fact and you must respect it or you will annul their right. Section 5.04 violates the rights of the people. An amendment to the California constitution in 1911 providing for the initiative and referendum process signifies one of the most outstanding achievements of the progressive movement in the early 1900s, drafted in light of the theory that all power of government ultimately resides in the people and a power reserved to them as one of the most precious rights of our democratic process."

Jason Alcalá, City Attorney, responded by claiming that the reading of that case was

incorrect. Councilmember Bob Woerner asked Alcalá whether the Council could proceed with the Development Agreement.

Alcalá replied, "The city council is not prevented from moving forward today, since the initiative has no effect until it is voted on, and only then, if it is voted on in favor by the people."

Linda Milanese referred back to a council meeting 16 months ago in which Rikesh Patel, the Presidio hotel developer, was asked if a hotel on either side of Livermore Ave. were feasible. Could more time be taken for staff to study the implications? The developer answered, "yes" to both questions, but stated his preference was to have an immediate decision. "It appears that our council is more concerned with serving a developer," Milanese said.

Jim Perry, who served on the Livermore Planning Commission for 16 years, spoke in favor of the agreement. During that time, in the late 1990s, the eastside was designated for a hotel location. He told the council to continue with its downtown plan.

Lisa Tromovitch, Founding Artistic Director of Livermore Shakespeare Festival, backed the eastside hotel, which she said had been a part of the General Plan since 2004.

Chris Chandler, Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, supported the conclusions reached in the public process and by the council. John Marion and Asa Strout wanted the plan to move forward as quickly as possible.

Winery owners, David and Darcie Kent, stated that the eastside hotel would already be open if it had not been combined with the redevelopment of the supermarket site.

Rachael Snedecor, Executive Director of Livermore Downtown Inc., explained that she and other downtown business owners attended city meetings and workshops to ensure everything tied in with the entire district. "You are doing the right thing for the business community," she said.

Maxine Brookner noted that the opponents have spent an awful lot of money to oppose the plan the city approved.

Steve Larranaga and Dawn Argula from the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce wanted the council to continue with the schedule for the hotel and the rest of downtown, as did Mike Allen, Travis Fisher

and Kathy Streeter. Beth Wilson urged moving ahead with the project noting that Livermore has 43 parks already, as well as Sycamore Grove.

Mony Nop asked when was enough, enough. How much was it going to cost the city if we don't move forward?

Ali Felker questioned the accuracy of the numbers of people in favor of a westside hotel put forward by those supporting the Central Park Plan. Lynn Naylor, CEO of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group representing Valley businesses with a GDP of \$42 billion, fully supported the downtown plan.

Vice Mayor Bob Carling asked Alcalá whether it was true that if the Development Agreement were approved that evening, would it be truly illegal and annul the right of the voters to vote on the initiative. Alcalá answered that was not true. Alcalá said that the appropriate action would be a referendum separate from the initiative.

Carling asked what percentage of the public involved in the Outreach Process supported the westside hotel.

Paul Spence, Community Development Director, answered that 50% were for the westside, 34 % eastside and 16% undecided.

Councilmember Bob Coomber said, "I wonder why we got into this? Every time we are in disagreement, we are issued an initiative or a referendum. I was the one councilmember who voted for the westside hotel. But I respected the process by which the other four members approved the eastside, and I went for that. It was what we decided on, and it's done. That we are still here talking about it versus breaking ground a year ago is obscene."

Councilmember Trish Munro said that getting enough signatures to get an initiative on the ballot means nothing. "Being a longtime resident and paying property taxes doesn't mean a thing. What matters is do you vote in Livermore? It's the voting that matters."

Woerner stated that the initiative was irresponsible. He asked staff if they had had any contact with the hotelier/developer Kaskey mentioned at the last council meeting.

City Manager Marc Roberts replied that Adam Van de Water, Director of Innovation and Economic Development, had talked with that developer.

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Man on the Moon, an interactive exhibit at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, is open through August 25th. A reception, marking the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, took place on July 20th. Livermore resident Ken Ball, created the exhibit, along with curation from Anne Giancola, Manager of the Bothwell Arts Center, pictured. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Missing Man Ministry's 7th Annual Fall Banquet

After the sudden, heart-breaking loss of their husbands, many women have to fight through shock and sadness to pick up the pieces of their lives for their children. Losing a life partner can mean they don't have anyone to turn to, to help sort through the rubble and rebuild.

Missing Man Ministry, a 100% volunteer organization whose mission is to support these women and children, invites you to their 7th annual Fall Dinner Banquet where your evening of dinner, auctions and raffles will be all the more satisfying knowing that you are helping widows and fatherless children in need.

Missing Man Ministry's 7th Annual Fall Dinner Banquet will take place on Sunday, October 6, from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Fellowship Event Center, 348 North Canyons Pkwy. in Livermore. Tickets are \$75 each (at the door or online), and all proceeds go directly to benefiting widows and their children by

providing counseling, home or auto repair and maintenance, financial planning and counseling, grief care and recovery, transitional services, emergency support, and long-term solutions.

"My wife and I are both painfully aware what it looked like for our mothers to go through the death of their husbands and raise four kids. It was profound," said David Doyle, president of Missing Man Ministry. "We are grow-

ing this ministry to help more women and children through this often-catastrophic experience. One hundred percent of the funds we raise goes to supporting these women and their children."

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Sycamore Grove Park Bridge Construction to Begin

Construction of the bridge to connect a popular trail in Sycamore Grove Park officially began with a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, July 22nd. The bridge is the final step to permanently connect a 44-mile trail through five parks from Livermore to Fremont. A multi-year, multi-agency project spearheaded by non-profit Tri-Valley Conservancy, representatives from Alameda County, City of Livermore, East Bay Regional Park District, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ceremoniously broke the ground in unison with golden shovels to symbolize the collaboration required to bring this project to fruition.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a major supporter of Tri-Valley Conservancy's Valley Trail Connections project, announced the bridge is officially named the "Edward R. Campbell Bridge" in honor of his predecessor who was instrumental in the creation of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan which helped to protect the natural and agricultural land in south Livermore, including the area of Sycamore Grove Park where the bridge is located. The Plan also launched the creation of Tri-Valley Conservancy to help preserve and steward the protected agricultural and natural lands in perpetuity. Tri-Valley Conservancy's Executive Director Laura Mercier confirmed that naming the bridge for the late Supervisor Campbell points to the wonderful culmination of the vision that he helped to establish for the century-old wine region.

Once completed, the Edward R. Campbell Bridge will permanently connect the Arroyo del Valle trail in Sycamore Grove Park which links into the trail systems of Del Valle Regional Park, Ohlone Regional Wilderness, Sunol Regional Wilderness, and Mission

Peak Regional Preserve. The route will become part of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail—one of just thirty National Historic Trails in the country. The bridge will also open permanent year-round access for park visitors with horses, bicycles, strollers, and wheelchairs.

It has taken Tri-Valley Conservancy several years to coordinate including the 2014 purchase and preservation of the 74-acres of land where the trail will connect. "Thanks to our partners and donors, we're finally at the last step of the Valley Trail Connections project which will link 25,000 acres of open space, help improve creek habitat, and allow year-round access for park visitors to these amazing preserved lands," Mercier explained.

Tri-Valley Conservancy credits key partners Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Bay Area Barns and Trails, California State Coastal Conservancy, Chevron, City of Livermore, Dean Witter Foundation, East Bay Regional Park District, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, Sierra Club, Teichert, The Joseph & Vera Long Foundation, Altamont Open Space, and Zone 7 Water Agency for bringing this project to fruition.

The groundbreaking also marked the temporary closure of the bridge site during construction. The Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park was closed on July 15, for the start of the Tri-Valley Conservancy's bridge construction project. For questions regarding the closure in Sycamore Grove Park, call 925-960-2400. To learn more about Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Valley Trail Connections project visit TriValleyConservancy.org.

PLEASANTON

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ing requirement will have an impact on staff time and increase staff costs, without any support from the State in offsetting these costs.

SB 330 - Housing Crisis Act of 2019. Move from oppose unless amended to oppose. This is a bill of emerging concern as it would declare a statewide housing crisis. For a five-year period, it would prohibit a city from imposing parking requirements near rail stops and freeze nearly all project related fees once a developer submits a "preliminary" application.

The council was asked to take a position on additional housing legislation.

SB 5 - Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program. It would establish in state government the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, which would be administered by the Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Committee. The bill would authorize a recognized jurisdiction or entity

to apply to the Committee to participate in the program and would authorize the committee to approve or deny plans for projects meeting specific criteria. Oppose unless amended.

SB 8813 - Accessory Dwelling Units. This bill would authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use, and allow for ADUs to be created in garages, storage areas, etc. This will expand the locations where ADUs could be constructed in homes. Support if amended.

Councilmember Julie Testa commented that we haven't seen the worst of this type of legislation. She noted there are groups around the state considering a ballot measure to stop measures impacting local control. She stated there is a need to educate the public concerning the potential impacts. Consideration should be given to working with legislators to write legislation aimed at retaining local control.

DUBLIN HOTEL

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more than standard for the refurbished Corrie structure. Other adjustments would increase the density, but still keep it from rising above the city's maximum standards for density permitted for the 4.5-acre lot.

In exchange, the development is projected to create 50 jobs, and about \$450,000 of annual revenue under the city's Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which would bring the five-year total to \$2.4 million. The developer would also contribute \$200,000 for a monument indicating that motorists and pedestrians are entering the Dublin Downtown. The city has a Downtown Specific Plan, and wants to underscore it as a special district. It is also in the city's Transit Oriented District, about a half-mile from the

West Dublin BART station.

All five members of the council gave head nods for the staff to continue its talks with Hunt. A head nod in the lore of the Dublin Council does not represent a formal motion and vote, but rather a special language to say councilmembers approve the direction in which the staff is going. The staff needs at least three head nods to work on an item.

On the proposal, Councilmember Arun Goel said, "I am trying to encourage thinking outside the box." He told Hunt, "You are 98% there."

Mayor David Haubert added, "This is a great use for that corner. It will provide synergy, hopefully catalyze the downtown. We are paying close attention to look at details of the hotel."

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EDITORIAL

The Independent's Fairness

There are those who accuse the publisher of The Independent of controlling what is printed in the newspaper.

That charge is untrue. The editor determines what goes into a story and what stories appear with the goal of making room for all views. For example, very few newspapers print letters that continually criticize their publishers. Something The Independent does.

We will continue to focus on local news and issues in an effort to retain and advance the quality of life in the Tri-Valley.

More Access to Information

Libraries throughout the country have moved away from charging fines for overdue materials. Last week the Livermore and Pleasanton Public Libraries joined the trend.

The idea is to remove common barriers for library members and provide greater access to information for all.

According to one librarian, fines can present a significant hurdle to those who are economically disadvantaged, and have the most need for library resources.

We applaud the change as a way to eliminate unnecessary barriers to usage for all residents.

MAILBOX

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

Fair Play or Gamble? Richard Langlois, Livermore

The Livermore Central Park Plan Initiative, signed by over 8,000 voters, has been validated by Alameda County. This means that there will be a mandatory election to determine which downtown plan is implemented. It also shows that thousands of voters want, and expect, this to be an open and fair election where either outcome can, and will, be implemented by the city.

Monday night the Livermore City Council continued aggressively approving complex contracts to implement the eastside hotel plan, without waiting for the election. It is an incredibly irresponsible gamble for our city leadership to continue to lock us in to the eastside hotel plan, placing Livermore and its citizens at risk for potential drastic losses if the Initiative succeeds. It will also be impossible to have an open and fair election on the Initiative if the city is irreversibly locked into one plan.

Why have the Mayor and City Council not addressed this critical moral issue? The Mayor and Council could make a clear statement that they will approve contracts only if they can be reversed or applied equally without penalty to either Initiative election outcome. I would take them at their word, and look forward to an open and fair election.

If they are not willing make a statement addressing this concern, why not??

Will they play fair, or gamble, risking our financial future and tainting our election?

Civil Civic Discourse Rifka Sevalar, Livermore

"If we are going to have a functioning and healthy society, we need to be open to civil discourse. We have to be able to disagree without being disagreeable." (Dr. Glenn Antizzzo)

In the discourse about developing our Livermore downtown common space, please remember that this is civic discourse and let us attempt to be civil. Joan Kenney Seppala has devoted her life to improving our community, and has received numerous awards and commendations for doing so. Even if you do not agree with the Central Park plan to increase the green space, decrease the downtown housing and place the hotel in a park setting – attack the plan, not the people. If 8,000 of your neighbors want to take another look at the plan, let's do it together instead of sending vitriolic volleys in the Independent. I respect all points of view on how to improve our downtown common area and hope there can be some forum for open discussion.

Let Voters Decide Vic Avila, Livermore

The Livermore Central Park/Stockmen's Park plan is a decision that will last for 100 to 150 years. Cities do not change their central parks once they are built, e.g., Golden Gate Park and Central Park, NYC.

Livermore Central Park will be there for the next five to seven generations - we HAVE to get it right the first time.

It's not just for those of us who will enjoy it now, but for our children and grandchildren, etc.

When this goes on the ballot, vote yes for more open space, more parking, and more enjoyment downtown. Livermore, the last bastion of open space in the Tri-Valley - protect it.

Re: "Dreamin' is Free..." Alice Re, Livermore

In response to Mr. Daryl Carlson's Mailbox letter appearing in The Independent's July 4 edition, it seems he needs to be reminded of a couple of things. One is that just because someone doesn't agree with his viewpoints doesn't mean he has license to start name-calling them, e.g., locusts and vigilantes.

Secondly, people don't have to run for office in order to dissent what mayors or council members do, otherwise it would be a dictatorship.

By the way, Livermore citizens made it quite clear that it would make more sense to put the hotel on the west side to form continuous greenery from the Bankhead Theater Plaza to L Street, but the mayor and council members would not listen. That is why so many voters have signed the ballot initiative – NOT because they're "like locusts" or vigilantes.

So Mr. Carlson, cool your jets in your rhetoric because people have the right to disagree – otherwise we would still be a part of England.

Hear Our Voices Norb Lewandowski, Member of West Dublin Alliance

The City of Dublin and Valley Christian Center (VCC) were unsuccessful in their attempt to dismiss residents' lawsuit. The judge chided them for trying to "game" CEQA.

West Dublin Alliance (WDA), formed by Dublin residents upset by the City's approval of a stadium at Valley Christian Center without adequate study, filed a lawsuit against the City and Valley Christian Center. The lawsuit pointed to the City's unjustified assertion that there was no possibility of significant noise impacts on the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the statute WDA sued under, requires all parties to meet and try to reach a settlement prior to going to court. A first meeting was held on April 9, 2019. WDA, at the request of VCC and the City, submitted a formal written settlement proposal prior to the meeting and discussed it at the meeting. Despite repeated promises, VCC provided no follow-up information for three months after that initial meeting.

The City, for its part, refused to give WDA access to the City project files, as required under CEQA. After three months of excuses and delay, the City and VCC then had the nerve to ask the court to dismiss the lawsuit because WDA hadn't requested a court hearing date - a date that couldn't be set until WDA had access to the City's files. The City's and VCC's actions led the judge in the case, in rejecting their motion, to accuse them of resorting to harsh tactics, which ought to be curtailed, rather than rewarded.

WDA residents were not surprised at the City's and VCC's unfair tactics, based on the City brushing aside the substantial evidence presented by the residents showing a very real risk of significant noise impacts. This is yet another case where the City has refused to take responsibility for providing adequate mitigation measures to protect residents, many who are seniors, from this and many other projects. This type of behavior is why so many Dubliners are upset about the many development projects taking place in the City.

Let your voices be heard by contacting WDA.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombing Commemoration Jo Ann Frisch, Pleasanton

Seventy-four years ago, on August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the unsuspecting civilian population of Hiroshima, and three days later we unleashed a second atomic bomb on the residents of Nagasaki.

Schools, homes and families were incinerated in Hiroshima. Nearly 100,000 residents perished immediately, and more than 140,000 men, women and children died within five months. Many thousands more suffered lingering deaths from radiation poisoning in the months and years that followed. Nuclear radiation is an indiscriminate killer.

The nuclear age was ushered in by the blood of the Japanese people. Debates still rage about whether this was what ended World War II. Not debatable is the devastation wrought upon regular people going about their daily routines: children in classrooms, babies in arms, women shopping for food, men working.

Along with others, I remember and commemorate those lost on this anniversary. We stand up to today's warmongers and promise "never again." We protest continued nuclear development and dedicate ourselves to the global abolition of these weapons that endanger us all. We bow our heads and pray for peace.

I invite my Tri-Valley neighbors to join me in this ardent effort to eliminate the most inhumane weapons on the planet.

Together, we can change the mission of the Lawrence Livermore laboratory from its current focus on new nuclear bomb design to a civilian scientific purpose instead – and to the necessary cleanup of the toxic and radioactive legacy of the nuclear age.

On Tuesday, August 6, at 8 a.m., I will gather with others at the northwest corner of the Lab at Patterson Pass and Vasco Roads in Livermore to hear from an A-bomb survivor Nobuaki Hanaoka, and whistleblower and former defense analyst Daniel Ellsberg.

After the rally, I plan to walk to the West Gate to participate in a Japanese Bon dance and commemorative "die in." I will use my presence to promote peace. I hope you will join me

Re: "Trump's Salute To America" Kristin Ekvall, Livermore

I would like to thank Patrick Weldhass of Dublin for taking the time to write a letter replying to the letter posted July 11, 2019, concerning "Trump's Salute to America." The points were excellent, short and to the point.

Mailbox is part of what makes the paper a favorite read of mine on Thursday.

Downtown Plan Tom Soules, Livermore

The mayor and council can argue that the Central Park Plan is unrealistic or impractical. They can also argue that the large number of signatures on the petition is due to full page ads in The Independent and money and volunteer time spent on gathering signatures.

They cannot, however, deny that the citizens of Livermore are not happy with the present downtown plan. In the many outreach meetings held by the city two meetings were unanimous: a desire to have as much open space as possible and to provide more parking.

The people of Livermore also expressed their desire to have this small parcel in the center of town be a showcase for Livermore, a beautiful space of respite for walking, playing and relaxing, complementing the shops on First Street and the small-town character of Livermore, and attracting residents and visitors alike.

Clearly the people do not feel that the present downtown plan with nearly half the area occupied by low-income rental units does this, which is why they signed the petition to have a chance to vote on the plan.

I hope that the mayor and council will not ramrod their plan through, but be open to making changes in keeping with the will of the citizens of Livermore or accept the mandate of the people in a vote on the plan.

Vote For Initiative Mary and Bill Zagotta, Livermore

It is apparent that a small, dedicated group is using Trump-like tactics to smear The Independent, its publisher and those who are campaigning for a Livermore Central Park Plan...in this case smearing a superior plan for the 8+ acres at the former Lucky site.

One of the group's most frequent smears of Better Livermore is that it is a "special interest group." BL's only special interest is for progress in improving the City. The new vitality and attractiveness, and halting of

urban sprawl by/for the City, was all supported (and perhaps created) and energized by Better Livermore and Friends of Livermore over the last three or four decades. FOL's only interest is not selfishly special - it is people, citizens, who have pleaded with the City Council to be bold in formulating the Downtown Plan. Instead the Council came up with a plan for covering our major parking lot with housing. And who believes the housing would be affordable?

A case in point is: who is advocating affordable housing? As the urban growth boundary was being debated, it was FOL - this same group of pro-urban-growth boundary citizen who pointed out that more affordable housing can be best accomplished by the up-zoning of some neighborhoods, so that we could get more affordable housing than the then existing General Plan provided. And I think up-zoning is happening. Whose Special Interest was served? The City's!

The Downtown Central Park plan provides housing that by the housing's design will be affordable in PERPETUITY.

By the way, every one of the current city council members asked for and received the endorsements of FOL and, in my opinion, probably would not have been elected without FOL's support. Were those the actions of a special interest? Since Marshall Kamena (supported by FOL), who would have been elected with or without FOL, the long existing conflict between FOL and the "urban sprawlers" has been abated. But now they are back. Once again, not interested in discussing how best to make Livermore better. The City Council held town halls but they never listened.

Why? Do the "sprawlers," and this unimaginative City Council, have a plan that is innovative and imaginative and as good as it could possibly be? I don't think so. Just consider how the hopes for the hotel have diminished over and over again as it became clear there was not enough space for a really nice hotel by the oil change building. Where we needed parking improvements, we got a diminished hotel from what the City Council promised us. Is there enough parking for Livermore in the future? Is the traffic near the flagpole going to be better with the city council plan?

Vote for the Initiative and send a message to the City Council.

Downtown Plan Patricia Mann, Livermore

All residents surely want the best for Livermore while differing in ideas about how the downtown development should be configured.

A response to a few recent comments. It has been suggested that the recent re-election of the present City Council clearly indicates overall approval of the Council's choice of a plan. In fact the vote could have shown respect for the many positive outcomes of previous Council decisions, name recognition, or memories of working closely on issues with the Mayor and others on matters of mutual concern. People vote for a candidate for many reasons, usually not for any single one. Finally, if there were no viable opposition candidates, winners may have been elected by default.

One resident notes in the The Independent that Livermore has parks now: Veteran and Sycamore Parks, and many neighborhood parks. All are well used and contribute to the beauty of Livermore. However (except for the space around the Carnegie Building) currently there is no park in the center of the city, where residents, including those living in adjacent housing, and visitors can rest weary bones, children can play after family shopping and lunching, and customers can take time to consider making purchases.

Some have questioned the cost of the initiative. The City did spend much in the process of developing a plan, costs paid by you and me with our taxes. Any alternative plan would use much of what has been achieved in that process. Opponents of the end result must finance any referendum or initiative with privately garnered funds. The Supreme Court has ruled that this kind of expenditure is a form of free speech.

Glad to be a Subscriber Monica and Ken Kulander, Rotary/LVO/PCO

My husband and I have lived in Livermore for 40 years.

We have looked forward every Thursday to receiving this delightful paper. We each read every word of the good, sad and bad news from our community and beyond. Without this informative paper, our Thursdays would have a large void and I know many people who feel the same way. Glad to be a longtime subscriber.

The Independent Connie and Bill Bish,

In the digital age of much inflammatory and less than accurate news, we are grateful for the integrity of our local newspaper, The Independent. We are very fortunate to have reporters and editors who cover the Tri-Valley's city council meetings, local board meetings, school board meetings, county activities, and sports.

Additionally, The Independent prints both positive and negative submissions in Letters to the Editor. We look forward to our weekly copy of The Independent newspaper.

Saddened by Vitriolic Attacks Johnna Thompson, Livermore

I am saddened by the vitriolic attacks on Joan Seppala and The Independent that have been prompted by the citizens' efforts for a more visionary approach to downtown development.

The Independent is the last remaining Tri-Valley newspaper; when I arrived in 1972, there were three. Joan, who founded The Independent in 1963, has been a tireless and selfless supporter not only of independent, local journalism, but also of the performing arts, as a co-founder of the Cultural Arts Council and of the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center. Anyone who insinuates that Joan has a self-serving agenda in developments in downtown Livermore, demonstrates a profound ignorance both of Joan's character and of her place in the history of Livermore.

I helped gather signatures for the Central Park Initiative, not as part of any "special interest" group, but because the Central Park Plan is what I would prefer for our downtown core. In the 47 years that I've lived in Livermore, I've participated in several referenda and initiatives to stop ill-advised developments that I believed were detrimental to our city and its citizens. I participated in the Central Park Plan Initiative process for the same reason.

My fervent hope is that, in the months between now and the election on the Central Park Plan Initiative, all of us can have discussions about the future look and feel of our downtown with civility, always respectful of the opinions of those who disagree with us, and not devolving into vitriol and invective.

I am Grateful for the Great Job You're Doing Vivian Guzman, Livermore

I wanted you to know that I appreciate and enjoy the publications of The Independent newspaper and magazine!

It keeps us informed of all the many things going on in our area and what a wonderful, active and diversified community we have!

It also allows everyone to plan how or when to participate if they choose to do so!

Thank you for the great job you are doing.

Eyes Wide Open Mary Perner, Livermore

They're back! Petition signature gatherers are trying to grab us (sometimes literally) at stores and events around Livermore - at Walmart, the Farmers' Market, the library, and elsewhere. They call out to us as we walk past, or follow us trying to engage us. We may be preoccupied with our errands and in a rush, so they use our hurrying to their advantage, pressing for a "quick signature." They also take advantage of our goodwill, our desire to be good citizens and help our community. Unfortunately, what they want us to sign can sometimes damage the community. If we were allowed the time to look petitions over, we would see that.

The majority of these people are paid petitioners from out of town, hustling to earn \$6 per signature. The latest crop is paid by JUUL, working to overturn Livermore's recent moratorium on sales of e-cigarettes and vaping materials targeting minors. They don't know Livermore's issues, or who (children) will be affected. Most have only a sketchy idea of what's in each petition, and some have no qualms

about lying or even harassment to get that \$6.

How do you protect yourself, our community, and in the case of the JUUL petition, our kids? First, ask signature gatherers if they are being paid; they must tell you. Then ask them if they have literature, or a copy of the petition you can take with you to read when you have more time. Volunteer petitioners will have handouts and fliers for you. They are pleased when you want to learn more about their issue. Paid petitioners have nothing to send along with you and want you to sign on the spot. This is when it's time to put on the brakes.

Tell them "not now." Ask for a website address, or take photos of the petition (be sure to take pictures of a couple of inside pages too - the front page, as with the current e-cig petition, can often be deliberately deceptive.)

It takes big money to promote an initiative or a referendum and collect thousands of signatures. Ask yourself where the money comes from and who stands to gain. Take your time, examine the issues, and THINK before you sign anything. A lot depends on it. Our kids depend on it.

BART to Livermore Robert Allen, BART Director

Eight years ago, facing BART's costly 2B plan for a Livermore station by Junction Avenue K-8 School, some 8,400 Livermore voters petitioned the City to amend its General Plan and favor BART instead along I-580, initially to Isabel and ultimately to Greenville near ACE. The freeway median was bare then; the toll lanes came later.

Once their petition qualified for the 2011 ballot, the City so amended it's declared preference rather than place it on the ballot. The people were heard!

BART agreed in part, with extension to Isabel in its Environmental Impact Report - but not later extension to Greenville. Their EIR included \$465 million for a train yard near Las Positas College which was not needed, and \$191 million for cars - despite talk of decommissioning part of the current fleet.

Faced with a legislative deadline to approve the EIR, the BART Board lacked enough time to challenge these costs. They dropped the EIR and let the funding go instead to the new Valley Link agency planning for rail over the Altamont Pass and into the Central Valley.

As the first elected BART director in District 5 and co-author of the 2011 petition, I support the current Valley Link rail project (public comment is due by July 30). With a cross-platform transfer to BART at Dublin-Pleasanton, it could serve Livermore much as eBART serves Antioch, but at far lower cost.

Hopefully Valley Link will acquire the BART facilities in Livermore soon, vastly enlarge the parking at Isabel, and run interim freeway bus service closely timed to meet BART trains at the existing station.

Why are They so Upset? Ben Barrientos, Livermore

Every once in a while the elected representatives must stand aside and allow the will of the people/common folk to have the right to vote on this major piece of development. It is unique; it will stand out as a testament to nature and the free spirit of the people of Livermore. It will give the city a gem to be proud of. The parking is there, the ambience is there, and the feeling of mother nature is there.

The question is why are the elected representatives so upset with this alternative plan? I hope that there is no ill will toward those of us who would like the proposed "Central Park." Are personal attacks necessary?

Not to be morbid, but the large area of open space could be used as a staging area for fire responders in case of a major catastrophe.

What Could be More Democratic? Ann Lopez, Livermore

What could be more democratic than an initiative? 8,000+ signatures in five boxes submitted to the power that be - if anything, the city leaders should be proud to know that their constituents took the time and made the effort to get involved in the development of this Central Park.

The hotel and some of the residents in the affordable housing units will be able to feast their eyes on beautiful park

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National Day of the Cowboy to Be Celebrated

On June 7, 2012, the California Senate voted to name the third Saturday in July as National Day of the Cowboy. California became the second state in history, (Wyoming is the first) to establish the Cowboy Day in perpetuity. The day recognizes and celebrates the cowboy culture and pioneer heritage.

To celebrate and honor the American Cowboy, on Saturday, July 27 (National Day of the Cowboy) Rowell Ranch Rodeo, a non-profit organization will host a free Cowboy Education Day. Participants will learn about cowboy culture and western heritage. Participants will see demonstrations from saddle makers, horse shoeing, and Chuck Wagon Dutch

Oven cooking. The arena will feature dog and horse demonstrations. Contact Allison Batteate at 925-455755 or RGCAllison@yahoo.com to register (if you do not register, the organizers cannot guarantee a free lunch and gift). Cowboy Education Day Check-In is at 9am – 9:20am and program begins at 9:30 sharp – ending at 12:30.

The celebration continues on Sunday, July 28 at 8 am when the Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo will host the Third Annual Western States Ranch Rodeo Association sanctioned free 'Rowell Ranch Day of the Cowboy Ranch Rodeo'. The competition will include tasks like those performed every day on the ranch, such as Calf

Branding, Team Roping, Yearling Doctoring, Line Sorting, and Trailer Loading. Contestants include local ranchers, as well as cowboys, and cowgirls from throughout California and Oregon; all competing for a spot in the Western States Ranch Rodeo Assoc. finals in Winnemucca Nevada. Food will be available for purchase. Contact Abbie Batteate for more information 925-413-9502 or Batteate-Livestock@hotmail.com.

Held at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park off Dublin Canyon Road and Highway 580, events will start the celebration of National Day of the Cowboy. Admission and Parking is free. Visit rowellranchrodeo.com for more information.



Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore hosted Art Under the Oaks on July 20th-21st. The 33rd annual event combined art, wine, food and live music. Pictured is artist Kurt McCracken with his ceramics. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

BLOOD PRESSURE

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blood pressure intervention come from several authoritative sources including the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association.

For the general population, high blood pressure or hypertension is typically diagnosed and intervention is considered when blood pressure reaches 140/90 -- that is, the systolic pressure is above 140, the diastolic is above 90, or both.

For people with added risk factors such as diabetes or a history of stroke, the recommended threshold for intervention is 130/80.

(The numbers are often followed by the chemical symbol for mercury, Hg, reflecting pressure shown in millimeters of rise in a column of mercury.)

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that 75 million Americans – nearly one-third of the U.S. population – have high blood pressure.

It is a condition that can normally be dealt with simply and inexpensively, Flint said.

"The technology for measuring blood pressure is straightforward, simple and cost-effective. The technology and medications to be able to control blood pressure are straightforward, and the vast majority of anti-hypertensive medications are generic, quite affordable and generally well tolerated."

In 2017, a high quality study published by the National Institutes of Health established two different hypertension thresholds, 130/80 for high risk patients and 140/90 for the general population.

Kaiser itself has a major program to diagnose and treat high blood pressure, achieving a control rate of better than 80 percent in patients with hypertension. This is some 20 percentage points higher than the national average for hypertension control.

The study published last

week appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine. Authors were from both Northern California Kaiser-Permanente and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

It was the largest of its kind, involving a review of 36 million blood pressure readings taken of 1.3 million Northern California Kaiser-Permanente from 2007 through 2016.

Until recently, it was widely accepted that the higher (systolic) blood pressure reading was by far the more important indicator of cardiovascular risk, so that some authorities saw little need to pay attention to the lower (diastolic) number.

"The reason we did the study," Flint said, was "to determine what the reality is and try to improve upon dogma with a large amount of data, to bring data to this discussion."

"Is it true that systolic is the only thing that matters, or is it really both (systolic and diastolic)?"

The study found very clearly that "both numbers independently and strongly predict the risk of heart attack and stroke."

Flint considers it "critically important" that patients have continuous, integrated medical care to stay on top of blood pressure and treat it as needed.

Keeping blood pressure under control "helps prevent these very serious, life-changing, potentially fatal events like heart attack and stroke that are not only devastating for individuals and families but are extremely expensive for the healthcare system to deal with... If you can prevent them, that is an incredibly important aspect of healthcare."

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CLIMATE CHANGE

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think tank that grew out of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Jones stated that the think tank developed easily-understood climate simulations that could be used to change minds about the success of various methods to lower projected temperature elevations around the world. The simulations use graphs that, when producers of emissions are moved, depict the raising or lowering of future temperatures.

Present fuel uses were demonstrated, as well as the effects of deforestation, methane from animal gases, and other sources. The idea, Jones said, is that since each person using a simulation can personally see the effects, it should act as a means to establish new ways of thinking.

The simulations, recently presented to 36 U.S. senators, showed that continuing to burn coal, gas and oil in the present amounts would raise the world temperature

7.6 degrees Fahrenheit by the year 2100. It will take over 20 years of not using these products in the current amounts to achieve any reduction in global warming, said Jones, adding that the best way to begin to achieve less use is by establishing a carbon fee that starts slowly and increases over the years. He noted that even \$100/ton would add only \$1 onto fuel costs for vehicles using gasoline.

In addition, if energy prices do increase due to cap and trade, there would be further commitment by the public and industry to conserve energy. This could be achieved by increasing insulation in buildings, using other energy-saving techniques, and developing vehicles with better gas mileage that produce less air pollution.

By doubling renewable energy production through increasing wind and solar use, the cost for energy would be at least 20% less than current costs.

"CITY COUNCIL, STOP TRYING TO THWART CITIZENS FROM VOTING ON THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN. THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION PROTECTS CITIZENS' INITIATIVE RIGHTS."

An Open Letter To The Livermore City Council

Dear Council Members,

Last week, Citizens for a Livermore Central Park submitted 8,110 signatures on an initiative petition presenting an alternative plan for Livermore's Downtown.

The Alameda County Registrar verified last Friday that 6,959 signatures were valid, 32 percent more than the 5,269 needed to qualify the initiative. Therefore, the City Council must either (1) adopt the initiative or (2) submit it to the voters to decide.

On Monday, however, the City Council approved a development agreement with PresidioCo East Bay, LLC and/or 2205 Railroad Ave, LLC to build a hotel on the east side of South Livermore Avenue. The City Council is attempting to block the rights of Livermore residents to vote on this issue and move ahead with its flawed plan.

The law requires that the City act consistently with the Constitution at every step in the initiative process to protect the voters' power.

We will referend any action the City Council takes that prevents voters from having a fair election on the Central Park Plan.

Make no mistake, the Central Park Plan WILL be on the ballot. The California Constitution protects our rights. The voters of Livermore WILL vote on their proposed plan.

City Council, are you afraid the initiative will be supported by the Livermore voters?

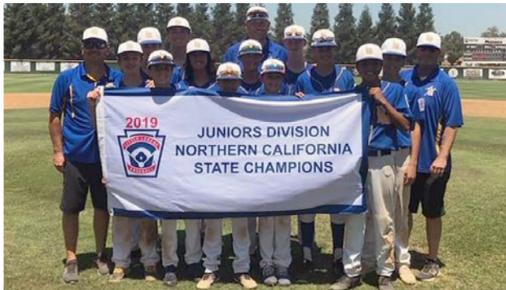
Thank you,

Bill Dunlop, Chair, Community Group

SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Little League's Silver 9's Tournament team closed out the summer with another championship title in San Ramon on July 18. They've given their all through four tournaments starting strong taking first place in the Dublin Tournament June 19th followed with second place in the Danville Tournament June 27th. They continued their hard work and dedication playing in the Livermore Tournament and rounded out their summer with a final championship victory of 10-9 over Granada on July 18th in San Ramon.



Livermore Baseball Junior 90's coaches: Steve Griffith, Mike Trudeau and Dan Johnston; players: Tanner Griffith, Tyler Trudeau, Colin Johnston, AJ Arante, Ben Johnston, Nate Keaney, Anthony Munoz, Anthony Camilleri, Bobby Alvear, Adrian Vargas, Denny Durham and Tristan Webb



Pleasanton Seahawks at Junior Olympics Championship

Livermore Baseball Junior 90's Wins Northern California State Championship

Livermore Baseball Junior 90's traveled to Visalia for the Northern California State Championship. The team consists of 14 year old players from Granada Little League and Livermore Little League. Livermore Baseball played 7 games in 8 days to take the title as the Northern California Champion and will advance to the Western Region Championship for a chance to play in the Little League Junior 90's World Series in Taylor, Michigan. Livermore Baseball started the week with a big win over a very solid Woodcreek Little League team from Roseville with a final score of 8-1. A complete game pitching effort from Tristan Webb led the way for Livermore, as well as solid hitting from the entire team. Livermore then dropped their second game to Sunrise (Stockton) Little League 12-11 in a hard fought loss. Livermore had to work its way through the losers bracket and defeated Yreka Little League 15-1, Woodcreek Little League 5-1, and Sunrise Little League 5-4. Livermore then faced undefeated Visalia Little League for the Championship. Livermore Little League won the first game 6-5 to force a winner take all game on Saturday. Livermore used timely hitting and great pitching to take the Championship game 14-10. Livermore will now face Montana in the Western Region Tournament starting this Saturday at 2:30 at Ida Price Middle School in San Jose.

Livermore Little League

Livermore Little League 11 year old District All Star team won the 2019 Brett Slinger Memorial Tournament hosted by Danville Little League by beating Tassajara Valley Little League 10 to 4 in the championship game on Thursday, July 19. To reach the championship game, Livermore Little League won against teams from Dublin Little League, Pleasanton Little League, Canyon Creek Little League and Danville Little League.

Pleasanton Seahawks Compete at Junior Olympics

Pacific Swimming Adam Szmidt Memorial 14 & Under LCM Junior Olympics Championship 2019 was hosted by Terrapins Swim Team and held July 12-14 in Concord, CA. A total of 73 qualifying teams across Northern California and Reno, Nevada with 742 swimmers traveled to this three-day age-group championship meet to compete in 96 events.

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) swim team entered 44 swimmers (20 girls and 24 boys) for competition and won a total of 111 individual medals. PLS' top individual swimmers were Francesca Lin (3rd place 100m breaststroke), Brooke Bennett (2nd place 1500m freestyle and 3rd place 800m freestyle), Lillyana Caples (1st place 800m/1500m freestyle, 2nd place 400m freestyle, 3rd place 200m freestyle, and 3rd place 400m IM), Emmy Loftus (2nd place 800m/1500m freestyle), Natalie Mak (2nd place 50m/100m/200m backstroke, 2nd place 200m fly, 2nd place 200m/400m IM, and 3rd place 50m fly), Breuklynn Harris (2nd place 100m breaststroke), Francesca Hawkins (3rd place 400m freestyle), Kaitlin Lee (1st

place 400m/800m freestyle and 2nd place 200m freestyle), Chloe Xu (2nd place 1500m freestyle), Oryan Liu (2nd place 50m/100m backstroke), Songrui Wu (2nd place 50m/100m/400m freestyle, and 3rd place 50m fly), Ziyue Yang (3rd place 100m breaststroke), Jared Burnes (2nd place 1500m freestyle), Jeremy Ting (1st place 200m fly, 1st place 800m freestyle, 2nd place 200m/400m IM, 2nd place 200m breaststroke, and 3rd place 100m breaststroke), Ethan Wang (1st place 100m/200m breaststroke and 3rd place 50m breaststroke), Devyn Caples (1st place 200m/400m/800m/1500m freestyle, 1st place 400m IM, and 3rd place 200m IM), and Yassin Dwidar (2nd place 100m breaststroke, 2nd place 800m freestyle, 3rd place 400m/1500m freestyle, and 3rd place 200m breaststroke). Other individual medal winners included Emma Wang, Maria Zhang, Aria Harris, Cynthia Li, Florence Lin, Kealan Tupper, Christopher Wang, Ashwin Anugraham, Hunter Bian, Iian Burnes, Phil Lin, Benjamin Ohrr, and Samuel Wang. PLS also earned four team relay medals. The 13-14 girls (Francesca Hawkins, Breuklynn Harris, Flor-

ence Lin, and Kaitlin Lee) won 2nd place 400m freestyle relay and 13-14 girls (Aria Harris, Breuklynn Harris, Francesca Hawkins, and Cynthia Li) won 3rd place 200m freestyle relay. The 10 & under boys (Oryan Liu, Ziyue Yang, Songrui Wu, and Christopher Wang) won 2nd place 200m medley relay and 2nd place 200m freestyle relay.

Pleasanton Valley Club Swimming

In their 5th consecutive win of the VSL championship swim meet, the Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins set an astonishing 6 new league records. Congratulations to Laird Muise for his record setting swim in the 9-10 boys 25 yard breaststroke, to Alana Rauscher for her swim in the 7-8 girls 25 yard backstroke, and to Makayla Rauscher for hers in the 11-12 girls 50 yard backstroke. The Dolphins also set new league records in the following relays: Dylan Li, Luke Hedges, Cole Hall and Mason Trejo set a new record in the 7-8 mixed 100 freestyle relay. Lauren Reilly, Anna Shackelford, Katie Salonga and Elizabeth Williams set a new record



Pleasanton Valley Club Dolphins won the VSL Championships for the 5th year in a row. (Photo - Becky Harper)



Livermore Little League 11 year old (left to right) front: Jesse Peterson, Eli Borja, Ryan Kohn, Devin Ingersoll, Matteo Lortie; middle: Braden Ford, Erik Schock, Griffin Lee, Hayden Druba, Nico Rodriguez, Jace Perry, Harmon Skeen and Dylan Wherry; back: Coach JP Peterson, Coach John Lee, Manager Matt Ford, and Coach Wayne Schock.

in the 13-14 girls 200 freestyle relay. And Dustin Schmidt, Evan Grell, Jackson Morgenstern and Nathan Bodenstener set a new record in the mixed 13-14 200 freestyle relay.

Iron Horse Trail Bridge Plan to Be Adopted

By Bruce Gach

On July 16, the Livermore Planning Commission unanimously voted to adopt the site plan design for a public multiuse pedestrian/bike bridge on N. Murrieta Blvd., spanning the area from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to just north of Stanley Blvd.

The bridge, part of the larger Iron Horse Trail project, was authorized by the City Council in 2018. Funded by Alameda County and regional grants, the project will fill a gap in the trail between Isabel Avenue and the already existing segment behind Heritage Estates.

The Iron Horse Trail will eventually connect Livermore with other parts of the region, including Contra Costa County, and will enhance connectivity to other local trails within the network.

The bridge is designed to be a prefabricated 205-foot long by 10-foot wide metal truss with an arch featuring concrete supports, similar to other structures in the city, and will contain the decorative leaf found in the city logo. The project includes

four decorative light poles, similar to those downtown, and LED lighting at the base of the pathway for trail users at night.

Commissioner John Stein noted that there was no connection between Heritage Estates and K St., adding that some buildings are situated at the railroad right of way. He asked when the connection will be completed.

Planner Andy Ross said that there is not yet an estimate of when the Iron Horse Trail will be completed. He said that the City Specific Plan includes improving that area as part of the development of those parcels, but there has not been an application to do so yet. Staff is exploring a way to make those connections on an interim basis.

Chairperson Gina Bonanno stated that the bridge makes these areas more bike- and pedestrian-friendly, and more appealing. She said she liked and appreciated the classic look of the design.

Next, the bridge design plan will be presented to the City Council for approval.

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GLYPHOSATE

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requisite state and federal requirements, is not easy or inexpensive. We are proud to be a leader in parkland management.”

The Park District recognizes that there are public concerns about glyphosate use. In 2016, the Park District updated its integrated pest management practices to focus on early intervention strategies and the use of organic products when

possible as an alternative to glyphosate. Over the past two years, the Park District has reduced glyphosate use by 66% for park maintenance.

“The Park District plans to phase out glyphosate use in developed park areas by the end of 2020, including parking lots, campgrounds, lawns, and paved trails,” said EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle. “The Park

District does not use glyphosate near play areas or water fountains.”

The phasing out of glyphosate use for developed park areas will take substantial financial resources and significantly impact the Park District’s general fund and staffing levels. The Park District Board of Directors has asked staff to report back to the board with an assessment of staff and fiscal needs.

SHUTDOWNS

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on the state’s power grid. The Valley may suffer the same outages that people near a likely fire location would.

There does not even need to be a wildfire to trigger the utility’s shutdown plan. Just a weather forecast showing a high fire danger, because of high temperatures and wind velocity, can do it.

The potential consequences of an outage, even for a day or two, can be costly, inconvenient and even life-threatening.

Experience with a two-day blackout in Calistoga near Napa wine country in mid-October shows what the Valley would be up against. Restaurants and food markets would close, after losing their refrigeration. PG&E’s insurance would not cover such an event, because it is a planned event, done as part of a long-term fire prevention plan.

Gas stations would shut down, with no electricity to run their pumps. Street lights will be out, creating more traffic hazards on roads, and traffic signals will have to be treated like 4-way stop signs. Without backup, fuel-fired generators schools would have to close. Day Care Centers would close, unless they had generators.

Perhaps the most vulnerable will be people with health problems who depend on electricity to run their machines. Hospitals may have generators as a matter of course for their patients, but homebound residents may be lacking them. Online, prices start at around \$2,000 for a generator that serves a home. PG&E promises 24 to 48 hours notice to customers through news media and on the PG&E website about when the firm will turn off the juice, but that estimated lead time could turn out to be much less. Local governments will be giving safety tips as part of preparedness for surprises.

Valley Cities Starting to Address Problem

The three Valley cities were asked by a reporter what solutions they plan for the challenges of a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdown.

In Livermore, Stephanie Egidio, management analyst in the City Manager’s Office, said the city is devising specific procedures to address the power shutoffs. The directives will be integrated into the city’s Emergency Operations Plan. The city’s Public Information Officer will inform the public through television, radio, social media and the city’s website.

Livermore regularly updates its emergency management web pages to help residents prepare for emergencies. It can be found online at www.cityoflivermore.net/emergency.

Residents can also sign up for the County’s AC alert System at www.acgov.org/

emergencysite.

Egidio said that people whose health requires them to operate machinery for their treatment “are encouraged to have a plan in place, and an alternate means of power.”

PG&E’s Medical Baseline Program offers a lower monthly rate and extra notifications in advance of a Public Safety Power Shutoff to those with a qualifying medical condition, said Egidio. Information is available by searching on a browser for www.pge.com.medical baseline.

Asked whether there will be any extra cost to the city, Egidio said that PG&E has not committed any reimbursement money for the shutoffs. As far as state support, power outages and interruptions do not meet the definition of a disaster for federal public assistance programs, so no federal or state money would be made available.

In Pleasanton, City Manager Nelson Fialho and Public Information Officer Cindy Chen responded by email that the city is already working with PG&E on addressing the approaching fire season.

The priority is for Pleasanton to be as well informed, prepared and trained as possible, so that essential services for residents are continuous during any emergency.

“We understand that some residents have medical and other considerations for which electricity is a necessity; we’re setting up processes to support them as well as ensure our medical care facilities remain in operation,” said the city’s email response.

Pleasanton has asked PG&E to “engage with the collective Tri-Valley cities so that we can build on our already collaborative efforts, and work together on emergency response in the event of power shutoffs. As just one example, we understand a transmission line can originate in one jurisdiction, but have impact beyond our individual city boundaries. As the Tri-Valley cities already work collectively on other important issues like legislation, transportation, and even our joint fire district with Livermore, we believe this approach will best serve all residents in Pleasanton and across the Tri-Valley.”

Pleasanton says that any impact on city finances is not known yet. One City Council priority is to build out the city’s Emergency Operations Center in order to give the best possible service during an emergency.

Pleasanton belongs to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Statewide Emergency Management System (SEMS). The city can use those contacts to provide documentation leading to resource recovery following

an emergency, says Pleasanton’s statement.

In Dublin, representatives from Public Works, police, and the fire department attended a PG&E presentation at the County Office of Emergency Services a week ago, said city spokeswoman Shari Jackman.

“The city has a comprehensive emergency management plan. If there is a shutdown, the county would take the lead in coordination and notification efforts. The city and its public safety agencies would work closely with the County, especially since we contract with Alameda County Sheriff’s Office and Alameda County Fire Department for our police and fire,” said Jackman.

There would be coordination with County agencies and local human services organizations to find and help the medically fragile, infirm, and other vulnerable members of the community.

The County has said that the Fairgrounds would be used as an emergency shelter, said Jackman.

“Locally, we have determined that the Dublin Senior Center would be the best place for our residents to go, as it is right next to a senior housing complex. We anticipate that we could get generators running to help those with medical devices. The County has stated that they would work quickly on providing fuel for generators and for emergency vehicles,” said Jackman.

Manteca Shows How Policies Might Look

A look at potential Valley policies may be seen in information provided by an early adopter in meeting any outage-related crisis. Manteca, 75 miles east of Livermore, with a population of 79,000, already is developing city policies on dealing with shutdowns.

The city’s website says it is a comprehensive plan, and the city is prepared to continue providing essential services for the entire duration of a power shutoff.

Charging stations are being established at the city’s four fire stations for residents who use powered medical equipment to stay alive.

Manteca residents should be aware of certain things for which they should be personally prepared. Residents will still have water and sewer service, but bans on non-essential water uses will exist. The bans would cover washing cars, sidewalks, structures, and landscaping.

With street lights and traffic signals out, intersections will be treated as 4-way stops. Emergency Services will continue to operate, but calls to 911 likely will be longer, so people should refrain from any non-essential calls.

The city will not be able to supply residents with bottled drinking water or food, says the website.

MARIJUANA

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Open Network. (JAMA stands for Journal of the American Medical Association.)

Some of the women were pregnant more than once during the period of the study, so survey responses covered 367,403 actual pregnancies.

Marijuana use during pregnancy has been found to increase the risk of impaired neurodevelopment and babies with low birth weight, according to medical authorities.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, for example, recommends that women who are pregnant or contemplating pregnancy stop using cannabis, the psychoactive drug in marijuana.

The Kaiser study found that that self-reported cannabis use nearly doubled during the period of study.

From 2009 through 2017, the proportion of surveyed women who said they used cannabis in the year prior to pregnancy rose from 6.8 percent to 12.5 percent, the report said.

During the same nine years, the proportion of women who used cannabis even after they were pregnant rose from 1.9 percent to 3.4 percent.

In a Kaiser staff publication, Kelly Young-Wolff, a research scientist in Kaiser’s division of research, estimated that “the actual numbers are likely higher, as women may be unwilling to disclose their substance use to a medical professional.”

She also speculated that marijuana use may have risen further after the study ended because recreational use of cannabis was legalized in California in 2018.

The risks to the newborn are real, however. “These (published) findings should alert women’s health clinicians to be aware of potential increases in daily and weekly cannabis use among their patients,” she said.

The percentage of women who self-reported using cannabis varied by daily, weekly and monthly use. All increased, but “daily use increased most rapidly,” according to the research findings.

Findings with regard to Northern California Kaiser patients paralleled national statistics, which also indicate rising cannabis use among U.S. adults. Urine toxicology studies at Kaiser also tend to support the survey findings,

according to an internal Kaiser article.

The study was also supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health abuse. It called for further research to learn more about the use of cannabis later in pregnancy as well as trends that might have developed since California legalized recreational cannabis use in 2018.

The Kaiser article noted that “some women may use cannabis during pregnancy to manage morning sickness.”

It also supposed that some women may get the impression from cannabis product marketing and online media that cannabis use is safe during pregnancy.

However, it continued, “There is substantial evidence that exposure to cannabis in pregnancy is associated with having a low birthweight baby, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that women who are pregnant or contemplating pregnancy discontinue cannabis use because of concerns about impaired neurodevelopment and exposure to the adverse effects of smoking.”

WATER PLAN

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behaved, and best practices for its management.

It was so exemplary that the state cited Zone 7 policies as a model when it wanted to show lagging water districts how to manage their groundwater basins better.

Among other Update 2018 recommendations are restoring ecosystem functions and engaging in long-term planning.

A news release from DWR says Update 2018 falls in line with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s “broader effort to develop a suite of priorities and actions to build a climate-resilient water system that prioritizes multi-benefit and watershed-scale approaches.”

It also coordinates with Newsom’s desire to see a

system that uses natural infrastructure, such as flood plains and aquifers, and strengthened partnerships, says DWR.

Karla Nemeth, formerly of the Zone 7 staff and now director of DWR, said, “We are now living in a new cli-

mate reality, and we know we must respond. Our goals are clear — to face our critical, institutional, and systemic challenges head-on and build a more sustainable future.”

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MAILBOX

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organizations such as The Rotary, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, etc. who could be encouraged to sponsor benches around the park. Large open-air concerts can be offered to bring the community out to the park. An open-air movie screen can be set up to see classic movies such as "Casablanca" and "The Goonies." The park can inspire and be a "mental brain restorer." Just some ideas inspired by this proposed Central Park. And yet, if the "people" of Livermore do not like this proposal, they can vote it down and let the City Council and the Mayor have it their way.

Let Us Vote
Mary Jestice, Livermore

Over 8,000 residents of Livermore have spoken. By signing the initiative, they have said "YES," they want the opportunity to vote on the downtown plan they prefer. So lets put a stop to all the personal attacks, the truth twisting and the bickering, and let democracy work. The people have spoken - Let Us Vote!

Listen to the Residents
Don Maroney, Livermore

As a 32-year resident of Livermore, I am bewildered by the argument that some City Council members have been utilizing regarding the downtown plan. It goes something like this. We won our last election so therefore residents must go along with our recommendations on all issues including the current eastside hotel plan.

I am not going to demean the process by providing a basic Civics 101 review as I think the members do a nice job on the whole, but suffice it to say being elected to office does not entitle politicians to ignore obvious quantifiable opposition - especially when that opposition has majority support through every public mechanism provided to date.

Supporting the first argument is the second which goes something like this. If the people have a vote in November, it will delay the project and somehow change the financial, construction and operational viability of the project. I have read direct quotes from Mr. Patel that his company would build on either the eastside or the westside, so why is there such a rush to silence the residents by opposing the November vote?

Both sides just need to take the temperature down and follow one of the key founding principles of this country of free, open and transparent ballot initiatives that give the people a vote on issues, and not just representatives.

Once completed, everyone should accept the November results, put away the rhetoric, move forward with a late '22 completion target, and bond once again as proud residents of this wonderful city. Livermore is comprised of fantastic people on both sides of any issue, but we must focus on what we have in common and not on what may divide us at this moment.

A Better Livermore
Central Park Plan
Rob Blum, Livermore

It is a big concern that the City Council is ignoring the input of the citizens of Livermore and all the work done in various workshops. The public participated in several workshops. The City Council appears to be in bed with the developers without consideration for a better Central Park Plan, and is not listening to the public. The plan that has been presented by the Citizens for A Better Central Park Plan in the downtown has a much better flow pattern along with great aesthetics and a better overall concept. The Citizens For A Better Central Park Plan have presented this plan in The Independent paper and at City Council meetings. The Citizens For A Better Central Park Plan have inputted what the public wants. The City only has ONE CHANCE at this, and it should not cut any corners and blow it to please some inside people who are twisting the City Council's arms.

It is a shame at a previous City Council meeting that the City was very rude to a few citizens who spoke out on behalf of the Citizens For A Better Central Park Plan. It is also disgusting that the City Council is mocking the local Independent newspaper that has been around for a long time and is supported by the public.

The City Council must do the right thing and listen to the citizens of Livermore and pursue the Citizens For A Better Central Park Plan and let the public vote for what they want. The City Council should be voted out of office for not doing their civic duty and not listening to the citizens of Livermore.

I want to thank The Independent for covering the issues surrounding development in downtown Livermore.

Downtown Park Plan
Owen Brovont, Livermore

As I read the first three or four letters to the editor in the July 18 edition of The Independent, I was momentarily overcome by a sense of futility, almost

hopelessness regarding the impact of abysmal ignorance and short-sighted stupidity of some of our residents. These were unavoidable assumptions based solely upon the content of their expressed opinions. But on sober reconsideration I recalled that we are all blessed in this country with the guaranteed right to speak our minds and make our individual views public, and it would not be in keeping with the ultimate intent of the free exchange of ideas to deny anyone the exercise of that right - so a level of contrition made itself manifest, and I must apologize for such a quick and unkind reaction. However - there are many "howevers" - adequately covering all of these expressions would require writing a book, so I will respect brevity, which Shakespeare has called "the soul of wit," and hope to do better than Polonius with my remarks.

So now I need to deal with the dilemma in which I found myself, facing the expressions of ideas and opinions with which I fundamentally disagree. First to Sara Lee in Pleasanton: Sara please take your passion to India and to China, the two worst polluters on the planet. Secondly, the United States was well ahead of the requirements of the Paris Climate Accord, having achieved the stated goal for the United States carbon emissions before the turn of the millenia. All the Paris Accord sought was funds from the American tax payer. Your blood pressure would likely benefit greatly from some basic research on the subject and if you ignore the climate doomsayers.

Rion Causey, there are large central parks in Moscow, Paris, London, adjoining "Dorchester Square" and "Canada Place" parks in Montreal; downtown Santa Barbara; a 22.5 acre park in Lompoc; a 16 acre "Centennial Park" in Paso Robles, the three-quarter acre "Devendorf Park" ("A central gathering place" - 4th of July Fireworks - "A lovely little park in downtown Carmel"); adjoining "Wayside" and "Delucchi" Parks in central Pleasanton; "Mape Park" in Dublin, and "Depot Park" in Chico. I hope the information will lead to you reconsider the value of downtown parks. People like parks, especially if they are cool, green, and centrally located in town, and through which people can stroll on a balmy afternoon or evening, or gather for conversation with neighbors. They are civilizing phenomena.

Patrick Wiedhass, your characterization and comparison of "Trump's Salute to America" and critical comments regarding

Carla Biermann's remarks of July 11 were disappointing as well as disoriented. It is clearly apparent that you disapprove of President Trump, but that doesn't justify your sweeping generalizations. It is apparent that you are uninformed regarding how the government is supposed to function and how it is functioning. The President is the chief executive and is charged with implementing the law. The laws are first generated by the Congress as a bill and, when supported by a majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives, is forwarded to the President for final approval or rejection (veto). If the Congress does not present a bill supported by both houses, it cannot be placed on the President's desk for approval or rejection; in effect, it doesn't exist. The House has virtually complete control of the money; the current House is dominated by the democrats and they have refused to work with the Senate to write legislation to solve the problems to which you pointed - that is the reason these problems are not being adequately addressed. Finally, your characterization of Trump's Salute to America as a "Soviet-style military parade was ludicrous. I have seen films of Soviet military parades, and the same kinds of parades in China, North Korea, and others, and Trump's Salute to America came nowhere near the size, length, and nationalistic fervor typical of the nations mentioned. I am a proud veteran and in no way find fault with a person who has a medical deferment for serving in the military - recall your Democrat President Clinton.

John Lawrence, please reread your column in the July 18 Independent then take a long penetrating look in the nearest mirror. The petition to give the residents another opportunity to make their choices regarding a Livermore Central Park Plan known is not frivolous - if the council had not been deceitful early in the process, this petition would not have been necessary. I participated in the so-called outreach program and the council's announced conclusions were not in accord with the majority of the wishes expressed by the participants; the process was rendered a farce and was waste of a half-million dollars!

I must take issue with ex-councilmember Spedowski's comments because the very presence of his "Letters to the Editor" belie his claim of present and past council members not having adequate access to the public forum to express their views and "follow-up quotes." Mr. Spedowski has, in fact, availed himself of this avenue of communication on multiple occasions and the same route is available to any councilmember, and the Mayor. As I said in a letter back in November 2017, "...the town belongs to its residents, not to its leaders and most certainly not to the prospective contractors bent on obtaining lucrative contracts for the design and construction of whatever changes are finally decided upon." Locally elected leaders are in place to bring the expressed wishes of the residents to fruition as best they can, not to force the population to accept the offerings they have devised in camera; i.e., in the backrooms. Finally, a successful councilmember receiving "more votes" is based on a general approval of the totality of his or her campaign rhetoric and cannot be interpreted as a blanket approval of whatever that particular councilmember may propose in the future. Eugenia Reuschel, I recommend to you the very same recommendation I made to John Lawrence; reread your column then look deeply into a mirror. It appears to me that you are far more concerned with the potential impact of Joan Seppala's influence on the acceptance of a plan than with the quality of the plan itself and whether the plan is supported by a majority of Livermore residents. You will be constrained, if the quality of the plan is your overriding consideration, to accept the process if the plan receives majority support of the residents. If it isn't clear where I stand, let me be explicit: I am in agree-

ment with Elizabeth Judge's analysis as written in the July 18 letter to the editor, and Richard Langlois' very clear warning example of Half Moon Bay.

What is Happening to Civility in Livermore?
Virginia Loewe, Livermore

I am pleased that this second petition met with approval from so many persons, who were ready to sign, but I am dismayed to learn that the persons providing the opportunity to sign it met with harassment and intimidation. There have been differences of opinion in the past but I do not remember anything like the lack of civility that has appeared here recently. I can understand that the City Council may be annoyed that their plan for the area, made available when the Lucky store vacated, was not welcomed. But when more than 8,000 voters prefer an alternate plan submitted by residents, they should accept it graciously. We do have a representative form of government, but sometimes "The People Shall Judge," and Livermore residents have spoken again.

It is time to drop the vitriol about the woman who has done so much to provide Livermore with a "real newspaper." I remember when The Independent was just getting on its feet and I remember the "catty" remarks from our other two local papers: "fit as a fish wrapper" and "bird-cage liner." Where are those papers now? They could only

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Eleanor Boerner Siglock Resident of Livermore

Eleanor Boerner Siglock died on April 26th, at the age of 99 and a half.



She is survived by her son, Timothy James Siglock, MD, of Croton-on-Hudson, NY and his wife, Marcy B. Freedman, her grandsons Devin Siglock, Blake Siglock, MD and his wife Carly Siglock, MD, her younger brother Thomas Boerner and his wife Carol, her younger sister Dorothy Levens and her husband Loy. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Robert, and her daughter Ellen Christine Magiotto, as well as her sisters, Jean, Peggy, and Mary Alice, and her brothers, Robert, Edward and Joseph. There are numerous adoring nieces and nephews, too many to list here.

She graduated from Marquette High School in Alton, Illinois. She received a scholarship to go to college, but she elected to go to work to help out with family expenses. It was 1937, after all, and the country was emerging from a recession.

She married Robert Leo Siglock in January of 1948. He came out to Livermore ahead of the family, in 1955 to recruit engineers to work for Sandia Corporation. She followed him to Livermore from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in January of 1956. It rained for two straight weeks, she would remind everyone, and she initially missed New Mexico terribly. She grew to love Livermore, of course.

She was a faithful congregant at St. Michael's church and loved the church and all it stood for. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Mothers' Club of St. Michael's School, and she counted the collection on Sunday nights for years with a gaggle of good friends from the parish. She liked to walk to church.

She did not play any sports. At all. She was the most unathletic person in the entire family, and some think that might be why she lived so long. She did love to garden, and her bank of "party girl" roses were, and continue to be, the talk of the neighborhood in the spring and the summer. They still produce 4-5 flowerings.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Siglock family.

An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Patsy Anne Lund Resident of Pleasanton Mar 2, 1934 – Jul 6, 2019

Patsy passed away on Saturday evening surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Throughout the years, she has touched the lives of many with her leadership and optimism. Patsy was the rock for her family, and many others.



Patsy was born in Dubuque, Iowa. She and her family which included her mother, father and 4 siblings. Her siblings included 2 sisters, Elizabeth and Barbara, and her 2 brothers, Ed and Richard. They moved to the East Bay in 1944. In 1949 her father moved them all to Pleasanton. She later graduated from Amador High school and shortly after was hired at the Livermore Lawrence Laboratory.

In 1954, she married the love of her life, Victor Lund. They later had two sons. The eldest was Michael shortly followed by Jeffery. Patsy and Victor raised their two sons on a cattle ranch in Pleasanton when eventually they moved their cattle ranch near North Livermore. While also being a rancher's wife and a mom of two boys, she worked for the City of Pleasanton in the financial department. She worked there for 29 years! She retired in 1991 and started her career with Mary Kay where she received many awards for her accomplishments.

One of her many accomplishments included being president of the Alameda County Unit of Cattlewomen (then known as Cow Belles) from 1975 through 1976. One of her board members said it was a most productive term of office as three members of Patsy's board had one or more babies from 1975 to 1977. Patsy took on the responsibilities of may board of directors offices as well as serving to chair many of the activity committees of the organization. Patsy was instrumental in forming the Alameda County Cow Belles' mounted parade color guard, and she participated in many beef education demonstrations and presentation.

Patsy served as the president of the California CattleWomen from 1991 through 1992. During her term of office, California hosted the National Beef Cookoff. As Jean Barton, a long time California State officer said, "Patsy was a fierce advocate for the California Beef Industry at this time making sure that California needs were met." Jean stated that Patsy was a "gorgeous lady." Patsy believed that it was important for the beef industry that as many women as possible should be knowledgeable not only on the local level, but also on the

state and national levels as well. Patsy and her husband, Vic were a wonderful couple working hard to better the California Beef Industry.

For 25 years, Patsy spent many hours volunteering at Valley Care Hospital. While at Valley Care she spent time on the committee and board. She made many friends there and was known by everyone. She was also very active with her church, Crosswinds. She dedicated lots of her time helping with Vacation Bible School and other children's events. Patsy and her husband also helped serve coffee and bagels before Sunday church, also staying after to clean.

Patsy is survived by her loving husband, Victor; devoted children, Michael Lund and Jeffery Lund. In addition are her grandchildren, Cassie Lund and Tyler Lund. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Mills and Elizabeth Olivares. Patsy will be missed by so many people.

There will be a celebration of life to be posted on a later date for friends and family. Help us celebrate her beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, please donations to Hope Hospice, The Junior livestock Auction Boosters, The Main-street Museum in Pleasanton and the American Cancer Society.

Harriette Cochran Resident of Livermore

Harriette Cochran, a resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully at the age of 81 at home on June 18 after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). She was born in 1937 to Harry & Glendora Ballou and sister Adele. She spent her youth in Ben Lomond, later moving to Alameda & San Lorenzo. She graduated from San Lorenzo High School, where she met her husband-to-be, Raymond. They were married in 1955 and soon moved to Livermore. Harriette retired from LLNL working as a Phone Operator. Throughout her illness she brought smiles to many friends and family. Harriette leaves behind her husband of 63 years Raymond, sister Nicki, daughters Janet and Sandi, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



Harriette loved to travel with Ray or friends, especially enjoying Alaska, cruises and trains. She always had a passion for ice cream. Harriette & Ray were partners in Orchids Orinda in Livermore. Harriette was President of the California Orchid Society. Harriette was devoted to First Presbyterian Church, serving as a Deacon & Stephen Minister, as well as the Presbyteries & Presbyterian Women organizations. She loved craft projects, quilting, knitting and crocheting, making many quilts for her family, and prayer shawls and hats for adults, children and babies in the community. She also was a member of the Peacemakers of LLNL, making quilts and blankets for those in need.

Donations in her honor may be made to CurePSP.org, the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or to the charity of your choice.

A celebration of Harriette's life will be held July 31 at 11:00AM in the Livermore First Presbyterian Church Historical Chapel at 4th & K St.

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

Marion Tully Oct 5, 1918 - Jul 16, 2019 Resident of Livermore

Heaven gained a true Angel, Marion (Perry) Tully, who passed peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the amazing age of 100. Marion was born October 5, 1918 in San Leandro, Ca to Raymond and Marion Medinas.



Marion spent most of her younger years growing up in San Leandro, before moving to Niles, and later moving to Sebastopol, Clear Lake and Livermore.

Marion married John Perry and raised their two sons while living in Niles. Later in life Marion married Bernard Tully, setting her roots in Livermore.

Marion shared her many talents over the years, she worked to harvest many different types of produce in her youth before she worked in the canneries around the San Leandro area. Later in life she was a nurse at a local hospital, then becoming a Manager / Caregiver at a convalescent home, as well as an Apartment manager. She enjoyed everything family related, camping, fishing, traveling, taking long trips to Hawaii and even riding double on the back of Grandpa Ben's Quad. She enjoyed speaking Portuguese any time she could. Knitting was one of her greatest talents. Her family is so blessed to have many blankets, scarfs and slippers that she had knitted. Another one of her favorite passions was cooking for her family. She could make a gourmet meal out of a can of soup and a bunch of fresh vegetables that she grew in her garden. Most of all she loved everyone!

Her grandchildren have so many memories of spending time together whether it was playing cards or learning how to crochet.

One of the favorite memories is of grandma driving the grandchildren in her 1968 Mercury Cougar and burning off the tires whenever she got a chance.

The family and especially the great grandchildren enjoyed her many stories of her life, family history and the legacy that they will cherish.

Marion is preceded in death by her two loving husbands John Perry of 24 years of marriage (1964) and Bernard Tully of 35 years of marriage (2006), her son Jack Perry (2018), her two brothers and her four sisters.

Marion (AVO) is survived by her son Don (Carolyn) Perry, and Grandchildren Donnie (Leane) Perry, John (Becky) Perry, Michael (Terri) Perry, Susan Russet, Mathew (Heather) Perry, and Katie Perry, as well as her 14 Great-grandchildren and had many nieces and nephews.

Marion had a phrase that she instilled in all her family, "This Too Shall Pass," meaning it's going to be okay, you'll get through it. No matter what it was, she was always right!

Marion was a member of St. Michaels Church in Livermore.

Avo you will be forever in our prayers and hearts.

Services will be held at 10:00am on July 29, 2019, at Callahan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA 94550.

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Elizabeth "Libby" Wood Resident of Livermore 1930 – 2019

Elizabeth "Libby" Wood, a beloved teacher and friend, passed quietly on June 19, 2019, after many visits from family and friends. She is survived by her two sons, Charles and Thomas, two grandchildren, Erin and Catherine, her sister, June Jackson, and her longtime partner, Phil Landon. Elizabeth, born in 1930 and raised in Beckley, West Virginia, was one of four children. Elizabeth was an exceptional student, attending WVU, where she graduated in 1953 with degrees in biology and teaching. She taught in WV and Ohio, where in 1957 she met her (late) ex-husband, David Wood, a California native. Once married they relocated back to Livermore, where they raised their two sons. Following their divorce in 1995, she remained in Livermore the balance of her life. She spent many of these years in the company of Phil, as they traveled and played music together over the next two decades.



Libby, as she was known to friends, was renowned for her extraordinary passion for family, life, nature, entertaining, music, travel and teaching. She had a consistently positive outlook on life, and was known for seeing the best in people and in the world around her. Libby's first love was for her family and friends. She suspended her teaching career to raise her two sons, and later especially enjoyed time with her two granddaughters. She made efforts to expose her children to many different activities, especially outdoors, and was always proud of their accomplishments. Her enthusiasm for nature undoubtedly influenced her son, Tom's, career as a biology professor.

Libby was also a consummate host, entertaining many friends and family over the years, often spontaneously, as her approach was always, "it's not a problem." Welcoming guests into her home was always a priority, and she often hosted several times in a week. She took great pride in having a well decorated, friendly and inviting home for family, friends, and especially for children.

For Libby, every day was a beautiful day and the world was this wonderful place and curiosity to be explored. She loved the outdoors, especially annual visits to Yosemite Park. Once retired, she enjoyed travel, with her most memorable trip to Africa, which she simply called "awesome." In later years, as her world grew smaller, she still often expressed "what a wonderful world we live in," while teaching about nature to her fellow memory care residents.

Music played a major role throughout Libby's life as a daily activity in some form. An exceptional pianist, she also played guitar, sang and performed weekly with Phil Landon in the Valley Banjo Band for over 20 years.

Initially teaching in West Virginia, then Columbus, Ohio, then Fresno, and lastly Livermore, she always considered herself a teacher. She believed in "hands on learning", and her students will recall her propensity to use actual animals, bones and plants in her instruction. Evidence indicated she was a memorable teacher as students frequently recognized her.

Despite Libby's increasing struggles with dementia, she continued her positive outlook to the end, still teaching those around her, loving music, enjoying nature, loving family and friends, and simply enjoying the world around her.

A remembrance service will be held on Sunday, August 11, from 3-5 pm at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clifton Institute.

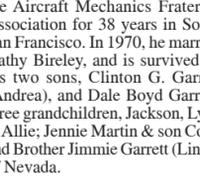
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Darryl Boyd Garrett Sept. 3, 1946 – July 10, 2019

Darryl Boyd Garrett was born in Miami, Florida, to parents Boyd and Geneva Garrett. The family moved to Livermore in 1950, running the Parks Motel on Hwy. 50, which is now Hwy. 580. He attended Green School, Junction Ave. Middle School, and graduated from



Livermore High in 1964. He joined the United States Army in 1965, training at Fort Rucker, Ala. & Fort Eustis, Va. before being deployed to Vietnam. He served as a crew chief on the chinook helicopter in the 200th and 242nd Assault Support Helicopter Companies, "the Pachyderm's". During his distinguished service in Vietnam he was awarded an Air Medal with 5 OLC (Oak Leaf Clusters), one of which was given for service near Bear Cat, Vietnam. He also was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with 60 Devices, and Good Conduct Medal. After coming home, Darryl worked for United Airlines and was a member of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association for 38 years in South San Francisco. In 1970, he married Kathy Bireley, and is survived by his two sons, Clinton G. Garrett (Andrea), and Dale Boyd Garrett; three grandchildren, Jackson, Lyla, & Allie; Jennie Martin & son Cole; and Brother Jimmie Garrett (Linda) of Nevada.



In his early years he helped coach his son's baseball and LYF football teams, loved dirt bike riding, waterskiing, house boating on Lake Shasta and Oroville, the Dodgers, camping, fishing, NAS-CAR, and was part of the "rescue rangers". He enjoyed morning visits with his nephew Darryl, loved to BBQ, and spend time with his family. He is preceded in death by his parents Boyd & Geneva Garrett and partner Collette Martin.

A memorial service will be held at Callaghan Mortuary (3833 East Ave., Livermore) on Friday, August 2nd at 12:30.

Viewing will take place at 10:30am, also at Callaghan Mortuary. Burial, at Memory Gardens, will occur at 1:30 pm.

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Gloria Ann Maniscalco Staude Longtime Pleasanton Resident

Gloria Ann Maniscalco Staude, age 82, passed away July 13, 2019 in Pleasanton, following a short illness.



Gloria is survived by her sisters, Marie Damato and Paula Henderson, her grown children, Greg Staude and Noelle Magill [Joe Magill], her grandchildren, Nicholas Magill [Dr. Liz Edgar], Sheila Magill [Ryan Beard], Nicole Kuykendall [Bill Mickle], Colleen Magill and Rachael Magill, as well as her two great-grandchildren, Madison Magill and Robert Magill-Beard.

Gloria was born and raised in San Francisco, where she met her future husband William (Bill) Staude of 40 years, whom she was predeceased by in 2005. Gloria lived in Pleasanton for over 50 years. She loved her family, her dog Mitzi, her garden, shopping, and cooking. A member of the NorCal Widows & Widowers Club, Gloria served as president for the past three years.

A memorial service will be held for Gloria on Monday, July 29, at 11:00 am at the Graham-Hitch Mortuary, located in Pleasanton.

Uwe Thomsen Resident of Livermore

Uwe Thomsen, 72, of Livermore passed away on July 14th at home, sleeping in the warm sun, looking over his pool.



Uwe was born on December 28, 1946, on the island Hallig Hooge, Germany to Otto and Helene Thomsen. They moved to

San Francisco when Uwe was four years old.

Uwe attended Washington High School in San Francisco.

Fortunate to live so close to a natural and literal playground, Uwe grew up in, on, and through Sutro Park, Land's End, Playland at the beach, ice skating at Sutro Baths, sailing and fishing at Lake Merced, and swimming at Fleishhacker outdoor salt water pool.

Decked out in his Torque Masters leather jacket, pegged jeans, and blonde hair styled into a wave, he made an impression and caught the eye of JoAnn Fernandez. He asked her to ride shotgun and they were married in 1966.

They had two children, Christine and Stephen, who they raised in Livermore.

Uwe worked for Portola Auto Service in San Francisco for 22 years, and retired from Honda in Walnut Creek in 2016.

Uwe was a talented master mechanic, passionate about cars from a very young age. He never met a Snap On tool he didn't "need".

He was the original MacGyver. The man could fix or make anything with his creativity and a skill set unparalleled. A true perfectionist, it didn't matter that he was up all night, existing on a handful of peanuts and his 15th cup of coffee, "it" would be completed and it would be perfect. The PATIENCE. He should have won a medal, maybe two. From necklace chains in a horrible knot, ski tow ropes that weren't brought in correctly and were tangled, and even mom's hair stuck in a hair dryer once, he was your man.

An island boy from the start, he taught us kids about water adventure. He put a pool in the yard and he bought a boat. We learned to water ski and camped at the lakes. He was in his glory on the water, wind in his hair (comb in pocket, because messed up hair isn't cool), skis on someone's feet, and the more the merrier. HIT IT!!

He taught us to drive. He passed on his love of cars. One day we'll have the 56 and the 66 restored and we'll cruise. Well, we might have to light up the tires just a little first. We know he'd approve. They don't make cassette players in cars anymore, or we'd still be borrowing from his huge music collection.

He took us to our first concerts. Stray Cats in San Francisco and Foreigner at Day on the Green. He made us sit in the stands for that one, I'm sure to avoid the contact high.

His soft spoken, laid back personality put everyone at ease. There isn't a person lucky enough to have met him that didn't find themselves on the receiving end of his generosity and kindness.

In the past three years he had watched enough cooking and nature shows to have become a professional chef and a wilderness tour guide.

Uwe is survived by his wife, JoAnn (Fernandez) Thomsen of Livermore; his two children, Christine (Thomsen) Salazar (Art) of Livermore, Stephen Thomsen (Nichole) of Discovery Bay; his grandchildren, David (Holly), Benjamin, Trenton, Isabella and Brayden; his siblings, Rosalie (Thomsen) Gift of San Francisco and Gerd Thomsen (Joan) of San Bruno; many nieces, nephews and bonus grandchildren.

Uwe's Celebration of life will be held on Saturday August 3rd, aboard the yacht, Voyager, where we will have a floating ceremony and send his ashes back to the water he so loved. Due to passenger limitations, if you would like to attend, please contact the family.

Donna Elizabeth (Hemsley) Hoover Age 65

Donna Elizabeth (Hemsley) Hoover (65), daughter of Commander Donald Edward Hoover and Loraine Coppel Wadkins Hoover, passed away on the morning of July 20, 2019 at her home in Manti, UT after a recent diagnosis of cancer. She was born in Bainbridge, Maryland.



As the daughter of a sailor in the United States Navy, she called many places home during her youth, including Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Seattle, Washington; San Diego, Pleasanton, and Livermore, California. As an adult, she kept her adventurous spirit, living in San Jose, Milpitas, and Placerville, California. Life's adventures and challenges, including children, grandchildren, divorce, and the loss of her own parents resulted in Donna moving and resettling in a number of locations including El Dorado Hills and Rescue, California; Springville, Utah; Phoenix,

Arizona; and finally, Manti, Utah.

She loved the United States of America and the freedoms she enjoyed living here. She enjoyed her final years in Manti, and chose it for her final resting place. Her travels were many and she loved the places where she lived over the course of her lifetime. Most of all, she loved her eight children and believed that they were her greatest accomplishments in life. She was a vocal supporter of the right to life and believed that "children are a heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). She is survived by her 2 sisters and 1 brother, (Karen Wadkins Cortez, CA; Sandra Wadkins Gruell, SC; and Don Hoover, CA), by eight children and their father (Richard Hemsley, CA; Melody Hansen, TX; Jill Mott, England; Teresa Roberts, CA; Ryan Hemsley, CA; Amy Stewart, CA; Justin Hemsley, AZ; Darren Hemsley, UT; and David Hemsley, NV) and by her ten grandchildren.

Donna was involved in family history, both for her own genealogy and volunteering to help others with their research. She enjoyed both creating and appreciating the beauty of art, including gardening. She loved to dance and enjoyed being part of the Oakland Temple Pageant with her family. She also enjoyed reading and loved great literature.

Services to celebrate Donna's life will be held in both Utah and California. She passed with a firm hope in a glorious resurrection. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her—until we meet again.

Charlie Hays

April 21, 1965 - July 2, 2019

Charlie Hays, 54, of Pleasanton Hills CA, formerly of Pleasanton CA, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in his home after a prolonged battle with cancer. Charlie was born April 21, 1965, to Chuck Hays and Hazel (Tucker) Hays. Charlie was united in marriage to Linda Haukland Hays on Aug 9, 2010, in Maui, Hawaii. Charlie was an avid golfer, loving father, and husband. Charlie enjoyed fishing, tailgating with friends at Oakland A's games, and most of all his family.



Charlie will be missed by his wife, Linda; his two children: Justin Hays of Brentwood, CA, Danielle (Hays) Fink of Brentwood, CA, a brother James (Jim); and a sister, Jane of Livermore, CA. He was preceded in death by his Mother (Hazel), sister Sue and brother David.

James Frederick Foye Age 78

Loving father and devoted husband, James Frederick Foye is now at peace after a valiant battle with symptoms related to a neurological disease. Jim was 78 years young and passed too soon from a disease that afflicted his body, but not his spirit. Jim was born in Chicago, IL and was the first-born child of Ann & Frederick Foye. Jim's family moved to Weymouth, MA where his brothers Tom, Paul, Rick and sister Margaret "Peggy" were born. Jim's work ethic started at very young age by delivering newspapers, working at a donut shop and as a golf caddy to help his family during the depression.



Jim joined the Air Force at the tender age of 18 and continued to send money back to his family. Jim was stationed in Athens, Greece when he met and married Helen "Nitsa" only after 6 months of knowing each other. They remained together in adventures and marriage for 56 years at the time of his passing. Jim remained in the Air Force for over 8 years and was in combat during the Vietnam War. Jim and Helen moved stateside to Massachusetts, where their son Chris was born. They then moved to California, had a daughter, Denise, and moved to the Bay Area. After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Jim became an airplane instructor at San Mateo College. Jim wrote and published the very first Aeronautics dictionary to help students learn the complexities of airplanes. Jim's passion to learn and teach others continued throughout his career. He ultimately retired

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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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from Lawrence Livermore Lab only recently.

Jim was lovingly called, "Mr. Fix It Man" and "The Answer Man". Not only could he could fix anything that came in his path, even if there were the inevitable "extra" parts left over, Dad was a walking encyclopedia and could hold conversations on just about any topic. Jim liked to keep active and loved biking to work, during a lunch break and on the weekends. Jim was a family man and enjoyed taking his family on trips to the lake for fishing, boating, and camping. Jim enjoyed traveling with Helen and had many adventures in places like Italy, France, South America, and travelled back to Greece several times to visit family and friends. Jim was an amazing Grandparent to Demetri, Brandon and Lythia. His patience and understanding was amplified when he was around them, and always made time for his grandchildren. He especially liked going with the grandchildren to Pinecrest Lake during the summer to spend a day on the lake rowing the boat, fishing and camping.

Jim will be laid to rest at the

Veteran's National Cemetery in Dixon on Friday, July 26th at 11:00 am.

In his final days, Jim was in the care of the Bruns House in Alamo. Our family is eternally grateful to all the doctors, nurses, nurses aides, social workers, volunteers and all others for the loving care they gave to Jim and us during this difficult time. If it so moves you, please make a donation to the Bruns House so that they can continue to offer such wonderful care of loved ones. Our family wishes to thank all who supported and loved Jim not only in the time of need, but always. We are comforted by knowing he had such wonderful friends and family.

The biggest gift Jim gave to his family was his deep Catholic Faith and his forgiving and generous nature. Jim forever lives in our hearts and although we miss him dearly, we are comforted knowing he has eternal life and is in the care of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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MAILBOX

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Watching Livermore

Paul Stone, Dublin

Monday night I stayed up way, way past my bedtime to watch on TV the Livermore City Council deal with the downtown Livermore issue, particularly the going forward with plans for a new hotel. Though I don't have a dog in this hunt (I live in Dublin) and I don't pretend to know which plans are best for downtown

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To address one major theme calling upon us for attention, there's "good water" and "bad water" - with the good water easily converting to bad water if we don't do something about it. We might think of the ice shelves at our two poles as "good water." They absorb heat and reflect sunlight to keep our planet's temperature predictable and, in many places, moderate. Yet as David Wallace-Wells writes, citing both Science and The Atlantic for November 3, 2016: "Every year, the average American emits enough carbon to melt 10,000 tons of ice in the Antarctic ice sheets - enough to add 10,000 cubic meters of water to the ocean. Every minute, each of us adds five gallons."

DEVELOPMENT

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After the meeting, Jean King, a supporter of the Central Park Plan, stated that she, too, had spoken with him. "He is one of the largest hotel developers in the country, and is interested in the westside if Presidio is not interested. He believes there is a demand for a life-style, destination hotel on the park, with surrounding wine-related retail that would greatly benefit the Livermore wine industry. I understand that this would bring higher room rates. with

At its July 16 meeting, the Livermore Planning Commission unanimously passed a resolution recommending that the city council instruct staff to file a notice of determination with the Alameda County Clerk and adopt an ordinance approving the Development Agreement with Presidio Co. to construct a downtown hotel on the southeast corner of South Livermore and Railroad Avenue.

Bryan Fagundes recused himself because his office is located in the vicinity of the project.

Nine speakers addressed the

more property and sales tax, as well as Transit Occupancy Tax to the city."

Carling quoted from one of the Letters to the Editor in last week's Independent newspaper. It stated that the council "adopted another design foreign to the public process, but friendly to seven self-interested groups," and that on the last night of the official steering committee meeting, one of the speakers from the public said we should pick a plan. Carling said that

Planning Commission Endorses Development Agreement

council at the public hearing. Eight opposed the development agreement (DA), and one supported it.

Elizabeth Judge stated that the hotel size and location would not allow lucrative weddings. She believes that the site would present difficulty for wine country buses to navigate, and along with traffic issues, would make the hotel unlikely to be successful. "This hotel will be a financial burden for the city later on. If you vote to move these negotiations along, you will be complicit in what I see as unprincipled, irresponsible

was never the intent. He maintained that the committee was to collect information from citizens, residents, experts, and from the staff. Then, it was up to the five council members to make a decision from that information. "Everything we did was out in the open." Carling said that the people backing the Central Park initiative did not go through a public process.

Marchand mentioned concerns about traffic problems on the site, comparing a 133-room

leadership."

Jean King maintained that the citizens could not understand why the city would want to "squish the hotel up against the Bankhead Theater." She said, "The location on the westside looking over a grand Central Park would be a perfect location for it to be a real destination... This is a chance to make the downtown special."

Johnna Thompson read a submission from Tamara Reus stating, "This is not what the people wanted. The council is now considering yet another tactic to undermine voter rights."

hotel on the corner versus the initiative proposed parking structure. "That defies logic," Marchand stated. "Also, there has been no financial analysis or traffic analysis on the Central Park Plan, which also proposes multi-family micro units each 400-square feet in size. Nobody in the public outreach wanted this. We need to move this project ahead."

Loretta Kaskey referred back to John Stein's remarks to the city council on July 8 that concerned the financial cost of the downtown hotel development. "It is good to see an indemnity clause in the matter before you, shifting the city's obligation and expenses for litigation to Presidio."

Dawn Argula, CEO and President of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chamber represents nearly 500 businesses. The Chamber supports the staff recommendation and the city's plan.

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Tom O'Neill, Livermore

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To address one major theme calling upon us for attention, there's "good water" and "bad water" - with the good water easily converting to bad water if we don't do something about it. We might think of the ice shelves at our two poles as "good water." They absorb heat and reflect sunlight to keep our planet's temperature predictable and, in many places, moderate. Yet as David Wallace-Wells writes, citing both Science and The Atlantic for November 3, 2016: "Every year, the average American emits enough carbon to melt 10,000 tons of ice in the Antarctic ice sheets - enough to add 10,000 cubic meters of water to the ocean. Every minute, each of us adds five gallons."

This is a matter of "good water" rapidly converting into "bad water" - in the sense that this water, now salted, is rising and threatening prime human habitation in many places. The low islands of Micronesia are all in jeopardy; so is the whole south of Bangladesh; so also is almost the entirety of Central America.

I suppose in each case we can villainize the victim if we feel like it. We're very good at that. Or we can enter the complaisant mindscape of the developers of the Miami shoreline: "We know that high-rises built on the shoreline command high prices for business-suites and apartments; so let's be practical and go on building them!"

An alternative is to anticipate. Dikes are possible. While we have a lot more shoreline that's vulnerable than the Dutch have, there may still be places along our shoreline that are worth a seawall. In a lot of places, relocation to higher ground is probably the most obvious counter-measure. As Sarah Lee's letter implies, the time for nationwide planning is upon us. It is much easier, for instance, when the weather is moderate, to fix an asphalt road for hard use ahead than it is during a heat wave; it's easier to re-locate real estate when you're not knee-deep in water.

Reversing the direction of the discussion, there are many ways to turn potentially "bad water" into good. One of them would be to develop new-design nuclear power-plants dedicated to desalinating water. I don't propose, of course, that these can lower the rising level of our world's ocean, but they can do much to address the water shortages that threaten California - and much of the rest of the world - today.

There's exceptional brain-power deliberately situated here at LLNL. The bulk of it is dedicated to maintenance and refinement of our nuclear arsenal. If, say, just ten percent of that bulk could be re-channeled, genuine national security could be greatly enhanced were it directed to designing new nuclear power-plants for de-salination. While environmental damages at Chernobyl and Fukushima have been catastrophic, estimates of human deaths at those two places seem to focus on what could have happened more than on what did

happen. (Wallace-Wells says the official estimate for Chernobyl is 47 deaths, but adds that some individual estimates run as high as 4,000.) The human imagination has been seared by the accidents at these sites, yet when one looks realistically at the challenges that currently face the human species, and when one factors in what we've learned from past mistakes, it seems important to discuss the propriety of an Act Two for the domestic use of nuclear power.

Let me conclude by returning to Sarah Lee's point. It's high time for a national debate on the radical redesign of infrastructure in America. The election coming in 2020 presents a wonderful opportunity for us to begin this at the present moment. The candidates whom we should take seriously are those who are aware of this. We should not wait for permissions from them to start the discussion, but should demand they keep up with us.

Alarming Level of Anger

Maryann Brent, Livermore

Last night at their regularly-scheduled meeting, the City Council orchestrated a personal attack on Joan Seppala. To be sure, the last developable space in Livermore's downtown is causing stress. It was disheartening and interesting to witness such hostile behavior from the City.

Disheartening because Joan Seppala has always been a champion for Livermore residents over special interests, and she has always offered both sides of contentious issues in The Independent, which she publishes.

She has protected ranch land and vineyards beginning in 1972 when she backed SAVE (Save All Valley Environments), now known as Friends of Open Space and Vineyards. She has supported initiatives for urban growth boundaries in Livermore and Alameda County against the constant threat of urban sprawl development. She has supported the arts in so many ways over time, co-founding the Livermore Cultural Arts Committee and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

She has received many awards, most recently on June 2 of this year, by the Livermore Lions Club's "Citizen of the Year Award in Alameda County." And at that event, former Mayor

Marshall Kamena and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty applauded her community work over the years.

Look around you, young Livermore residents. If you see something lovely, if you delight in a concert downtown, Joan Seppala most assuredly played an important part.

Which brings me back to last night. Most interesting was the level of anger, in high decibels, among the City Council and opponents of the Central Park Plan in the audience. Central Park volunteers and paid contractors managed to collect 6,959 validated signatures in a very short time - 32% more than needed. They could easily have continued to collect many more. The City Council is clearly trying to block the initiative by marching ahead with development agreements with the hotel, housing, retail, and cultural facilities downtown. Are the City Council members worried that the City Plan will fail on the ballot next March?

Support for Livermore Vaping Ordinance

Marla Hohn, Livermore

As a resident of Livermore, with two kids in the Livermore school district, I want to thank the Livermore City Council for adopting the ordinance regarding the sale of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

I thought the battles against big tobacco were fought and largely won a long time ago. I am old enough to remember when, a couple of decades ago, the Federal Trade Commission charged big tobacco company R.J. Reynolds with illegally targeting youth with its cigarette marketing campaign featuring its cartoon character Joe Camel.

So I was surprised a year or two ago, when I started to hear from my kids and the schools that vaping has become extremely popular among the kids, and a problem in the schools. I believe that this new generation of nicotine products is even more pernicious in their appeal to young people now than Joe Camel was back in the day.

The current devices look like cool tech products and, to unsuspecting parents, are extremely difficult to detect as purveyors of poison. Kids who vape say it tastes like candy. And the pack-

aging is made to look like candy. Let me repeat that - it tastes and looks like candy. It doesn't take a genius to figure out who the target market for these flavored products is. It is my kids and all of our kids.

Vaping has spread like a California wildfire in our schools; while waiting to pick up my son at school, I would see several kids pull their devices out of their pockets and take a hit as they walked down the sidewalk just outside of school. The suspension rate at the schools skyrocketed when so many kids were caught vaping at school. It's easy to see why it spread so quickly: the kid-friendly flavors and sleek packaging lure them to use it, and the nicotine hooks them.

Did we as a society not learn anything from the anti-tobacco campaigns from decades ago - that nicotine is addictive, is poisonous to our kids, and should not be marketed to young people? I support the Livermore ordinance regulating the sales of these new tobacco products and applaud the City Council for doing the right thing to protect our kids.

Defend your Right to Vote

Donna Cabanne, Livermore

Over 7,000 signatures were validated for the Livermore Central Park Plan Initiative, guaranteeing your right to vote on the downtown plan. Unfortunately, the city council circumvented your right to vote on this issue by entering into a development agreement which puts the hotel on the east side. This move derails the impact of your vote. Because of the council's misguided action, we must now file another referendum. Why did the city council vote to shortchange your vote? What is the city council afraid of? Why didn't the city council let the residents vote first before entering into a binding agreement with the developer? Attacking the press, attacking The Independent, attacking those who support the Central Park Plan does not resolve the issue.

The council's move to force the hotel on the east side does not resolve the issue either. The only way to resolve the downtown issue is to allow the direct vote of the people without council interference.

Stand up and speak up for your right to vote on this issue.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560410

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560187

The following person(s) doing business as: Thinker Travels, 517 Ruby Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jared Heymann, 517 Ruby Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants:

/s/: Jared Heymann, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 12 2019. Expires June 12, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4576. Published June 27, July 11, 18, 25, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560549

The following person(s) doing business as: Mediterranean Culinary Consultant, 761 Old Oak Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hassan Reza, 761 Old Oak Rd Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Hassan Reza, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24 2019. Expires June 24, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560786

The following person(s) doing business as: Ibarra Investigations, 782 Ursula Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veronica Ibarra Hattaway, 782 Ursula Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Veronica Ibarra Hattaway, Private Investigator, Qualified Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2019. Expires July 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560780

The following person(s) doing business as: Soul Strides, 4061 E. Castro Valley Blvd. #484, Castro Valley, CA 94552, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Soul Strides, PC, A Marriage and Family Therapy Corporation, 4061 E. Castro Valley Blvd. #484, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Katherine E. Leahy, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2019. Expires July 1, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560714

The following person(s) doing business as: D & K Co. 2927 Danielle Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin S. Smith, 2927 Danielle Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is con-

ducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 2016. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Kevin S. Smith, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2019. Expires June 27, 2024.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CARMEN E. CUNHA Case No. RP1902026

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CARMEN E. CUNHA. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: VICTORIA LYNN LEWIS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petitioner/Probatee Requests that: VICTORIA LYNN LEWIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consent-

ed to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 202. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice

(Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. (X) Attorney for Petitioner: RONALD A. AUGUSTINSKY, 7077 Koll Center Parkway, STE 120, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (925)-225-1010

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. RG19007008

The Independent Legal No. 4582 Published July 11, 18, 25, 2019.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Azadeh J. Vahidi, Vahidi Law Group 555 Peters Ave, Suite 105 Pleasanton, CA 94566 (925) 469-9700 Attorney for Maria Magdalena Braz Coelho, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Maria Magdalena Braz Coelho Proposed Name: Maria Magdalena Braz Caldeira

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG19026250

The Independent Legal No. 4584. Published July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Fnu Namra 1672 Arrowhead Ave Livermore, CA 94551 (925) 225-2814, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Fnu Namra Proposed Name: Nimra Nazar THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING

Signature of Registrants:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560882

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2250 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 Dated: July 9, 2019
/s/: Wynne S. Carvill, Judge of the Superior Court.
The Independent Legal No. 4586 Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2019.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG19026252

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner:
Fnu Tahoorah
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Livermore, CA 94551
(925) 339-2477,
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Fnu Tahoorah
Proposed Name:
Tahura Nazar
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 561222 to 561224
The following person(s) doing business as: 1.Creekside Center for Spiritual Formation, 2.Lead Bold, 3.The Dairy, 1660 Freisman Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James Chris Coli, 1660 Freisman Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: James Chris Coli, Senior Pastor/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2019. Expires July 15, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4588. Published July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 561306-561308
The following person(s) doing business as: 1.Goodguys Merchandise, 2.Goodguys General, 3. Goodguys Garage, 1071 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Goodguys Merchandise, LLC, 1071 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 24, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Marc C. Meadors, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 17, 2019. Expires July 17, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4589. Published July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 560808
The following person(s) doing business as: DaBomb Guitars, 5410 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dwayne Thaele, 5410 Carnegie Loop, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Dwayne Thaele, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 2, 2019. Expires July 2, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4590. Published July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 2019.

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FILE NO.560539
The following person(s) doing business as: Zilla Boyz Clothing, 603 Hazel Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Ray Brunell. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: John Ray Brunell, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2019. Expires July 12, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4591 Published July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO.561412
The following person(s) doing business as: Green Valley Landscape & Maintenance, 1751 4th St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samuel F. Fernandez, 1751 4th St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Samuel F. Fernandez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jul 22, 2019. Expires July 22, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4592 Published July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 2019.

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Livermore Police Department (LPD) officers accepted donated school supplies at “Stuff the Cruiser” on Saturday. The drive benefits students in need. LPD employees coordinating the event volunteered their time, accepting donations at multiple locations, including Big Lots on Las Positas Road. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

Veterans Way Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on July 28

By Carol Graham

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Veterans Way, the new east/west street in downtown Livermore, will be held on Sunday, July 28, at 9:30 a.m. It will take place on S. Livermore Ave., between Railroad Ave. and First St.

The public is encouraged to attend this event, which includes a motorcade of vintage cars and military vehicles through downtown Livermore. The motorcade will carry representatives from veteran associations throughout Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, as well as elected officials, members from the Livermore Stockmen’s Rodeo Association, and Livermore Downtown, Inc.

The program will include remarks from Mayor John Marchand and representatives from the Stockmen’s Association, Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265, and Livermore Downtown, Inc. Also at the event, a Mobile Vet Center will provide outreach and referral services, and confidential counseling space for veterans, service members and their families. Following the ceremony, the vintage and military vehicles will be on display along Veterans Way.

Veterans Way is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2019.

Additional late summer/early fall downtown projects include starting construction on Stockmen’s Park, along with a trash-compactor enclosure next to the Bankhead Theater.

In 2020, construction will begin on the street parking garage, hotel and retail space, followed in 2021 by the L Street Parking Garage.

City Council approved a development agreement with Red Bear Property Management to construct and operate the new retail development. Envisioned as an expansion of Blacksmith Square, the design will reflect Livermore’s history and community character, maintain the existing intimate courtyard setting, and add approximately 8,600 square feet of architecturally similar retail space, with some of the storefronts opening onto Stockmen’s Park.

Construction of housing and cultural facilities will be scheduled in future years.

For information about the July 28 event, call the City Manager’s Office at (925) 960-4040. For questions about the Downtown Project, call (925) 960-4400.

A Year in Review: ValleyCare Charitable Foundation

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation (VCCF) members and donors received an update from VCCF and Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare (SHC–VC) during their recent Annual Meeting. The event, held at LifeStyleRx in Livermore, brought together VCCF members, donors, sponsors, Board members, physicians, and Hospital Administration to celebrate the work being done by all to provide world-class care to the Tri-Valley community, close to home.

Guests were provided a review of Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019), and a look to the future. The evening included updates from the VCCF Board of Trustees Chair Bob Shapiro, and VCCF Executive Director Shaké Sulikyan, as well as the announcement that Gina Teeple and Joe Carlucci were re-elected to the VCCF Board of Trustees for their third and final three-year terms.

The highlights of the meeting were a presentation by Rick Shumway, Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare’s CEO and President; an update on the SHC–VC Stroke Program by Dr. Prashanth Krishnamohan and Sulikyan; and recognition of the President’s Society Corporate Partners.

Shumway has been on the job for a little over two months. During the meeting, he made observations about the state of health care, and SHC–VC’s position to impact the community.

“There is no doubt that the healthcare environment is dynamic, changing, challenging, and sometimes quite uncertain,” Shumway said. “In my opinion, we are uniquely positioned to move into a new era of healthcare delivery and become the finest community-based, academically-affiliated health system in the nation. While this upcoming journey will certainly require

hard work, commitment, flexibility, change, and innovative thinking, I am highly encouraged that we truly have all the parts in place that we need to be successful. Our community deserves this, and I’m excited about what Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare can offer.”

Shumway noted that SHC–VC is an important part of, and backed by, a world-class academic health system. The continued integration with Stanford Health Care and Stanford Medicine provides distinct advantages to our community. Since the affiliation in 2015, there have been many efforts and investments made in the people, facilities, and programs at SHC–VC. Stanford is committed to continuing those investments and will be working with Shumway and SHC–VC leadership to develop a strategic and operational plan that will include items such as an overarching clinical program growth and development strategy in order to achieve superior outcomes for patients in quality, cost and experience.

In partnership with Stanford, SHC–VC is developing programs in the Tri-Valley, including a state-of-the-art stroke program, colorectal surgery program, advanced endocrine surgery program, an orthopedic surgery clinic, and a pain management program. Stanford Clinical Professors and spine surgeons Dr. Michael Tseng and Dr. John Kleimeyer will be joining the medical staff to provide the growing Tri-Valley area with comprehensive care and treatment for a range of spine injuries and conditions.

Also at the top of Shumway’s observations was the community’s investment and pride in their local hospital, SHC–VC. He was amazed to learn that the community went door-to-door over 60 years ago to raise funds to build the original hospital. He has come to appreciate that the

community continues to support the hospital today through VCCF.

“In a changing healthcare landscape, with ever-shrinking reimbursement rates from government payers (such as Medicare and Medicaid) and insurance companies, and rising costs for delivering care, healthcare organizations are more reliant than ever on private donations in funding state-of-the-art technology and services in order to meet the needs of their communities and patients,” Sulikyan said. “Our hospital is no exception. That’s what makes contributions from the community and sponsors so vital to the health of our community. We are incredibly thankful to our donors, sponsors and volunteers for their selfless commitment to our local hospital. We couldn’t do it without them!”

In the summer of 2018, VCCF set out on a mission to raise \$1 million to fund the launch of a stroke program at SHC–VC.

“Thanks to the generous outright gift and matching

funds from Joan and Lynn Seppala, we were able to raise over \$650,000 in less than six months, an unprecedented amount,” says Sulikyan.

During the Annual Meeting, Sulikyan and Krishnamohan, Medical Director of Neurology and Stroke Program, Stanford Health Care–ValleyCare, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurological Sciences, Stanford University, provided an update about the fundraising campaign and the work that has been accomplished thus far in creating a robust stroke program at the hospital.

“Thanks to the generous support from VCCF and the community, we have accomplished a great deal in the past year,” said Krishnamohan. “The funds raised are already dramatically improving outcomes for stroke patients in your community.”

Donations helped fund new cutting-edge technology, institute new protocols, train SHC–VC staff, and hire new staff.

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Pleasanton, Livermore Libraries End Overdue Fines

LIVERMORE

On July 1, 2019, the Livermore Public Library moved from an overdue fines model to a materials recovery model. Patrons will no longer owe an overdue fine if they need to return an item a few days late.

In order to encourage the return of materials so others may enjoy them, patrons with items overdue by one week or more will not be able to check out additional items until the late items have been returned. Patrons will still be billed for the cost of an item once it is four weeks overdue. This change was recommended by the Library Board of Trustees and Library staff, and was approved by the Livermore City Council on June 10, 2019.

The purpose of moving from an overdue fines model to a materials recovery model is to eliminate unnecessary barriers to usage for all residents, while still encouraging the timely return of library materials. "Fines can present a significant hurdle to those who are economically disadvantaged, and have the most need for library resources," said Library Services Director Tamera LeBeau. "It supports the Library's mission of free and equal access to move to this type of model."

The American Library Association established this change as a best practice for libraries when they adopted a "Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity" in January 2019. A number of libraries in the Bay Area and across the nation have successfully moved to this type of model.

PLEASANTON

Pleasanton Public Library will be joining other Northern California libraries, and libraries nationally, to eliminate daily overdue fines in efforts to remove common barriers for library members and provide greater access to information for all. After a majority vote for the City Council at last week's council meeting, with support from the Library Commission, an update to the Library Fee Schedule went into effect last week. Daily overdue fines will be eliminated.

"At a time when the Pleasanton Public Library is working to grow its community connection and reach more people in the community, turning each of those negative transactions into positive interactions could have an impact on the perception and role of the library in our community," said Heidi Murphy, library and recreation director.

In an effort to align current Pleasanton Public Library practices with strategic goals and objectives, staff conducted extensive research on moving to a materials recovery model and away from an overdue fines model that penalizes members for not returning items on time and can discourage further use of the library by creating negative customer interactions.

This policy change is a trend from libraries throughout California including Contra Costa County, Alameda County, San Mateo County, Berkeley and Livermore Public Libraries, and countless other libraries throughout the country. Library patrons can expect to see the elimination of daily overdue fines, and existing daily fines waived from accounts. Lost and damaged materials would continue to be charged a replacement fee. In the new model, eligible items will be automatically renewed. This materials recovery model will further enhance the mission of the Pleasanton Library by increasing access, circulation and recovery of the materials and the many resources it has to offer, while eliminating barriers to usage.

For more information, contact Heidi Murphy, Director of Library and Recreation at hmurphy@cityofpleasantonca.gov. To view the full Council agenda report, visit the City's homepage at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov



Layna Chianakas



Candace Evans

Livermore Valley Opera 2019-2020 Season

First Time Women to Direct Both Operas

The Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) announces its 28th season, with two fully-staged operas directed by women. LVO's 2019-2020 season tickets are now available for performances at the Bankhead Theater.

The season opens with Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin September 28, 7:30 pm, Opening night; September 29, 2 pm; October 5, 7:30 pm; and October 6, 2 pm.

Opening Night Gala dinner will be held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, 4:00pm. (Separate ticket purchase required.)

The second production will feature An Opera Double-Bill: Zemlinsky's A Florentine Tragedy & Puccini's Gianni Schicchi March 7, 2020; 7:30pm, Opening night; March 8, 2020; 2 pm; March 14, 2020; 7:30pm; and March 15, 2020; 2 pm.

Opening Night Gala

dinner will be held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, 4:00pm. (Separate ticket purchase required.)

For the first time in LVO's 28-year history, women will direct both operas. Candace Evans (LVO's stage director for Lucia de Lammermoor, 2015), returns to stage Eugene Onegin and Layna Chianakas will stage the double bill: Zemlinsky's A Florentine Tragedy and Puccini's Gianni Schicchi. Ms. Chianakas sang the role of Rosina in LVO's Barber of Seville in 2008, and she will sing the role of the Nurse, Filipievna, in Eugene Onegin.

The season opens with a Tchaikovsky jewel of the Russian operatic repertoire, a passionate drama filled with sweepingly beautiful and unabashedly romantic music. Tchaikovsky's best-loved opera is based on Alexander Pushkin's

profoundly human verse drama. Packed with memorable music, dances and a heart-stopping duel, it tells the bittersweet tale of a love that could have been. Our extravagant production will transport audiences to the courtly elegance of nineteenth century Russia. Sung in Russian with English supertitles.

"This is a beautiful opera about love denied, unfulfilled, and love lost set to Tchaikovsky's best music," says Erie Mills, LVO Artistic Director. "This opera requires a powerful cast and LVO's cast is wonderful!"

American baritone Morgan Smith, known for his dramatic portrayals and the power and beauty of his voice will perform the title role of Eugene Onegin, and received praise for his role as Starbuck in San Francisco Opera's Moby Dick. Ukrainian-born soprano

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Review: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Terrific Performances Make for a Fun Production

By Carol Graham

Jealousy. Betrayal. Lust. Hilarity. Power. Redemption. Who says biblical stories have to be dry?

The Tri-Valley Repertory's rollicking production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" opened on July 20 to a standing ovation at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

"This show is a blast! With the help of a narrator, it follows the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors from the Bible," says Kirsten Torkildson, who plays the narrator with delightful aplomb and a drop-dead gorgeous voice. "It's almost entirely through-sung, with tons of catchy music that cover several different musical styles — from Elvis to country to go-go. It shows that 'anyone from anywhere can make it if they get a lucky break,' in a funny, family-friendly format."

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, theatergoers know they're in good hands. But what makes this production so much fun are the terrific performances by the cast of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (TVRT).

"Each and every one involved spent endless hours before and after rehearsals to make sure they have everything right," says Romar De Claro, who plays Joseph with a mix of strength and sensitivity. "The crew behind the scenes — stage managers, lighting and sound crews, costumers, and everyone involved — have to work together and

must be in sync at all times to put on a perfect show."

With a chorus of young children, perfect means adorably imperfect. The talented youths enchant both young and grownup audience members alike.

While the musical is appropriate for all ages, it may help younger attendees to have a basic outline of the plot: Joseph, one of 12 brothers, is the favorite son of Jacob, who gives Joseph a colorful Dreamcoat. The jealous brothers then sell Joseph as a slave, and he is taken to Egypt.

Joseph becomes the slave of tycoon Potiphar, whose lusty wife tries, unsuccessfully, to seduce Joseph, but Potiphar jumps to conclusions and throws Joseph in jail. While there, Joseph accurately interprets the dreams of two imprisoned servants of the Pharaoh. When the Pharaoh hears of this, he has Joseph brought before him to interpret his dreams: Joseph sees seven years of plentiful

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crops, followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of preparing for the impending hard times, and Joseph's success makes him the second most powerful man in Egypt, after the Pharaoh.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A scene from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

When the famine hits, Joseph's father and brothers are ill-prepared, but hear there is food in Egypt. They are brought before the brother they betrayed. They

don't recognize Joseph, though he recognizes and challenges them. When he sees his brothers have truly changed, he reveals his identity, and is joyfully reunited with his family.

Jordan Smith, who hilar-

iously plays oldest brother Simeon, has the comic chops to elicit laughter with only the slightest effort. Yet, showing a more tender side, Smith says, "My favorite scene is the prison scene; 'Close Every Door' is one of my all-time favorite songs — simply beautiful. Later in that scene, 'Go Go Go Joseph' closes out the first half and the stage explodes with life and colors from the late 60s/early 70s; it's funky and fun!"

Director Todd Aragon notes, "We are staging the 1993 revival version of Joseph, which expanded on the original 1972 Broadway production. Many numbers, such as the Megamix and Hoedown, weren't added until the later version.

We have two adult cast

members, Max DeSantis and Hannah Conner, who were in our Kids Chorus in TVRT's 2010 production. Watching the young performers grow into the next generation has been a great joy."

DeSantis, who has performed in numerous TVRT productions, is working on his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Musical Theatre at The Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat was actually the first theatrical experience that I had, inspiring me to make the theater profession a career. The journey Joseph takes throughout the show is captivating — seeing all

of his high and low points," says DeSantis, who plays Reuben. "I hope attendees leave the show wanting to sing and dance around in the streets. I want the audience to reflect on their own individual dreams, and to reach for them."

DeSantis adds that some of his favorite memories from this show are going out with castmates after rehearsals, and listening to their stories about past theatrical experiences. "For me, stories told about my passion — theater — from others, make me excited for the possibilities to come."

Kelly Krauss Cooper, who choreographed the show and plays Mrs. Potiphar, shares another behind-the-scenes tidbit.

"We have a priest amongst us! While the cast all carry their own beautiful light, having Father Mark Wiesner here, helping us tell this beautiful biblical story about resilience, forgiveness and family, makes it that much more precious."

Upcoming performances are: July 27 and August 3, at 8 p.m.; and July 28, and August 3 and 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets are typically \$23 to \$39. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

"I hope attendees take away that family is important," says William Schubert, who plays Judah. "Value your siblings, even if they are favored and get a prettier coat than you."

To learn more, visit: trivalleyrep.org, and lvpac.org.

Group Performs Classic Rock, Pop, and Blues "Illusions"

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council is bringing back Audio Illusion to the Shea Homes Stage in the Livermore Plaza adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, July 30th at 6:45 pm. Shea Homes is also the major sponsor of "Tuesday Tunes". Each Tuesday through August 13, LCAC brings family-friendly free entertainment for the community to gather and enjoy. Bring your own chairs or blankets and pick up dinner at the many restaurants nearby. Additional funding comes from Heritage Bank, The Independent, Tri-Valley Conservancy, UNCLE Credit Union and Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard.

Audio Illusion performed in 2015 and 2018. They are a high-energy Tri-Valley band that performs Classic Rock, Pop, and Blues "illusions" of songs from the 1950's to the present: Albert King, Chuck Berry, Beatles, Doobie Brothers, Rolling Stones,



Audio Illusions

Jimmy Buffet, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Foo Fighters and others.

This band of seasoned and grizzled musicians will take you "back to the day" when rock and roll ruled the

airwaves and the chrome on a bumper was thick. They will keep you reminiscing about where you were when you first heard that tune.

Audio Illusion had its roots 20 years ago with a band formed by guitarist

Gary Shreve and bassist Rich Lagomarsino. Now Robert Sakogawa performs scorching guitar leads, while Hank Moreira keeps the backbeat. The newest member of the band on keyboards is Bill Ciullo.

All members sing and harmonies are abundant. In addition to Tuesday Tunes, they are perennial performers at the Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton Concert in the Park series, and at local restaurants, bars, and wineries.

Audio Illusion's website is www.audioillusionband.com. They can be followed on Instagram @audioillusiontheband and Facebook @audioillusion-

band.

Concert-goers should be aware that the City Municipal Codes prohibit the use of alcohol in public places. A full schedule and information about the bands can be found at the Livermore Cultural Arts Council's website www.LCAC.org. Next up on August 7th is Joey T and Friends featuring a classic rock blues style.

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Pleasanton Students Seek Community Opinions on Recycling

The Go Green Initiative (GGI), a Pleasanton-based nonprofit organization, has partnered with the City of Pleasanton to create new educational materials to in-

form residents about recent changes in the community's recycling and composting programs. The GGI has hired Pleasanton high school and college students

to conduct 60 minute focus groups with a wide range of local residents to collect the opinions and experiences regarding recycling, composting and general home

waste management.

GGI Interns are looking for community groups of adults over 25 who would be willing to answer a few questions. They only need 5-8 participants for each focus group.

The interns would like to schedule a meeting in a place that is convenient for groups, clubs or neighbors - perhaps at a facility used by the group regularly. Community participation will help the students better understand what residents think about Pleasanton's waste system and the changes needed. Snacks and Drinks are provided!

To sign up for a focus group, use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/pleasantonfocusgroup>

More information is available at www.Go-GreenInitiative.org



Go Green Initiative students

Review: Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised]

Brilliant, Laugh-Out-Loud Roller Coaster Ride

By Carol Graham

People who like Shakespeare are going to love this play. People who don't like Shakespeare are going to love this play.

As for me? I'm going to have a devil of a time describing this play.

Here goes, but please know I'm understating everything.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised]" is a brilliant, laugh-out-loud roller coaster ride that teeters on the edge of its tracks, threatening to become completely unhinged at any moment. It is an absolutely delicious thrill ride.

"We've been describing it as Shakespeare meets Monty Python!" says Director Mary Ann Rodgers. "I knew from the start that the show would require smart, skilled actors with a lot of strength, stamina and flexibility — and who knew how to have a good time. These three actors DO come to play."

Yes, three. Just three actors...covering all 37 of the Bard's plays in 97 minutes. I tip my hat to actors Robyn Grahn, Sydney Schwindt and Jed Parsario. Their talents are breathtaking to behold.

"As random and loose as the show appears,," says Rodgers, "it requires a tremendous amount of focus, strength, discipline, and precision in performance."

The show begins with

a parody of Romeo and Juliet, followed by Titus Andronicus performed as a cooking show, then all the histories are acted out as a football game with the ball being a crown.

"The show was not like I expected," says Zachary George, a freshman at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. "I thought that it would be boring and serious, but it was neither. One of my favorite scenes was when the actors did Othello. Even though Othello is normally a serious tragedy, they made it light, interesting and funny by rapping it."

The Complete Works is the last of Livermore Shakespeare Festival's two summer productions, which take place outdoors, under the stars at Wente's Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore.

"Livermore Shakespeare Festival is great," says Jennifer Achtert, Zachary's mom. "I like to support regional theater, enjoy a good show, and expose my son to cultural events that might not be his first choice. We saw A Midsummer Night's Dream in 2017 and were impressed, so we'll keep



Pictured are Jed Parsario*, Robyn Grahn and Sydney Schwindt in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised]*, 2019. Photo by Gregg Le Blanc, CumulusLight.com.

* Member of Actor's Equity

coming back. I agree that the Othello rap was really well done; I thought the entire show was really funny and creative, while remaining tied to the original Shakespeare."

The Wente venue offers an in-the-round stage, which is ideal for the Complete Works. The fourth wall is nonexis-

tent, with actors speaking directly to the audience during much of the play, while the director and stage crew become characters in the play. Additionally, it is common for the actors to make references to pop culture, or to talk about local people or events.

Some scenes even

require audience participation.

"We can rehearse everything that surrounds bringing an unknown person onstage, and we can do everything we can to keep them safe, but what will actually happen when that person is on stage is unknown, a little risky, and a lot of fun," Rodgers says.

For the second act, the characters perform an abbreviated version of Hamlet, Shakespeare's greatest work. An audience member is asked to portray Ophelia for the Nunnery Scene, while the rest of the audi-

ence makes up Ophelia's subconscious, representing her ego, superego and id. From there, the roller coaster train gathers momentum, careening down the tracks with increasing speed (literally) before it collects itself, and starts to run backwards.

For an evening of non-stop laughs, irresistible joy, and entertainment that manages to be both witty and bawdy, get your tickets now. Upcoming shows run Thursday through Sunday: July 25-28, and August 1-4. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets typically range from \$18 - \$58. Wente wines are available to enjoy during the show.

This will be the last opportunity for attendees to see an in-the-round LSF production at Wente. Next year, LSF moves to traditional outdoor theater at Darcie Kent Vineyards, also on Tesla Road.

Asked if he would recommend *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)[revised]* to other young people, Zachary adds, "I would say that this may not be the play to see if they want to see the more serious plays or to understand the whole story. However, if they want to see a funny play or get a basic idea of Shakespeare's plays while getting a good laugh, then they should go see it."

To learn more, visit livermoreshakes.org.

"We've been describing it as Shakespeare meets Monty Python!"

Valley Humane Society Teams Up with Winery to Benefit Dogs and Cats

Valley Humane Society has forged a partnership with Darcie Kent Vineyards to benefit local dogs and cats through the sale of Dog Day Cabernet, which is newly available at eight Northern California Costco warehouses.

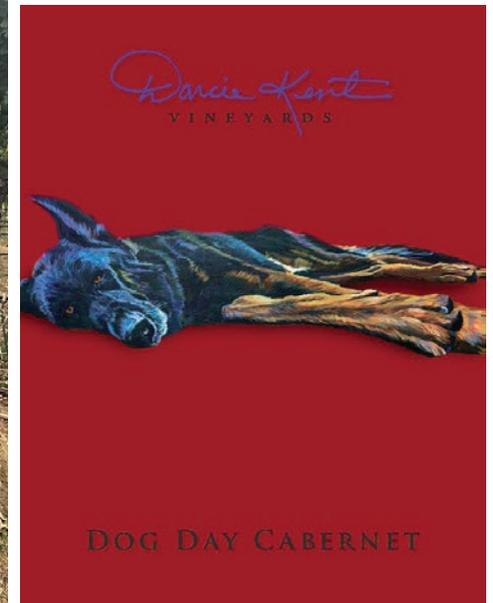
One of the winery's six Give Back Wines, the sale of each bottle of Dog Day Cabernet contributes \$5 to the lifesaving and life-enriching programs of Valley Humane Society. The distinctive red label featuring Darcie's faithful beloved Shepherd, Brunello, and the Valley Humane Society logo make it easy to spot "the bottle that benefits."

Dog Day Cabernet was created when Valley Humane Society helped a mother cat and two kittens Darcie found in the vineyard. "I was so impressed with their programs, how they serve the community and our animal friends that I wanted to do something that could help in a big way." The winery has donated \$5 of every bottle of Dog Day Cabernet sold for the last three vintages.

Proceeds from the wine sales have a great impact on Valley Humane Society's ability to serve animals and members of the community. The organization relies on private donations from individuals and businesses to fund programs and services. "People often assume a connection between the national groups and their smaller humane societies, but in fact Valley Humane Society is supported exclusively by our local community," said Executive Director Melanie Sadek.

Costco stores in Livermore, Danville, Concord, Fremont, Tracy, Manteca, Almaden, and Santa Clara are now

carrying the playful cabernet sauvignon for enjoyment by pet lovers and wine lovers alike!



Darcie Kent with friends (left); wine label (above)

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Sauvignon Blanc

Beats the dog days of August

By Harry Stoll

SaWhether you're on a sweeping veranda, a cozy patio, your neighbor's Weber-equipped deck, or your back porch, Sauvignon Blanc gives you shelter from the summer. Crispness hits your lips, tongue, and all the rest, causing you to sigh and close your eyes. Now you get some subtle herbal flavors that some call grassy, but herbacious is the preferred term. Livermore Valley Sauvignon Blanc is light on both.

I learned from the excellent wine writer Karen McNeil of Wine Speed says that "Sauvignon" is a combination of two French words: "sauvage" for "savage" and "vigne" for vine. In the mid 16th Century Sauvignon Blanc grew in a vineyard in the Basque area of France, neighboring a vineyard of Cabernet Franc that sang, "You make my heart sing Wild Thing." The inevitable happened and Cabernet Sauvignon was born, taking its rich flavors from daddy and its whomp from mama.

In 1882, 19th Century Livermore Valley's Charles Wetmore went on the road to Bordeaux's Château d'Yquem and returned with Sauvignon Blanc cuttings that he planted in his Cresta Blanca Vineyard on Arroyo Road. Cresta Blanca-- It the first planting of the variety in California. He made wine at his Cresta Blanca Winery on Arroyo Road. Wetmore's dry white wine won the grand prix at the Paris Exposition of 1889. The vineyard and winery ended up with a sordid history, but is now owned by Wente and is spiffed up. What was the winery is now a tasting room and event center. The white hills whence Cresta Blanca is ts named dominate the scene.

Let's taste!

2017 Bent Creek Sauvignon Blanc Mendocino County (\$24) A light, bright wine bursting out all over with crisp, fresh citrus flavor and a fine lingering finish. Arlo Guthrie sang me down to the Big Easy on the City of New Orleans. This Sauvignon Blanc complemented and complimented ("Oh that tastes good") our Po'boy sandwiches of fried crawfish and shaved truffles on that one-of-a-kind New Orleans bread--crisp crust, soft inside.

2015 Chouinard Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley (\$23). This favorite of winemaker Damien Chouinard was also the favorite of judges who hung a gold medal around its neck. It's clean as a houndstooth, as crisp as mountain air, and dry as an algebra book. This delicious treat is from primo grapes. For pairing with this suave Sauvignon Blanc, Mr. Jones knew what was going on when

he served shaved truffles and a tuna salad on Beckman's 4-seed sourdough bread.

2018 3 Steves Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley Donovan Vineyard (\$26). This Sauvignon Blanc was fermented in two stainless steel vessels-- in one, the three Steves used a yeast to help the mouth feel--in the other a ayeast to enhance fruit components. Viola! It plays aromas and flavors of Redhaven peach, Bosc pear, and pineapples from the coast of Malabar. At the Monster Jam I introduced it to Salvadorian chorizo and shaved truffles: Game, set, and match.

2017 Ruby Hill Sauvignon Blanc Reserve Livermore Valley (\$22). The juice for this wine was left in contact with the skins for one hour before pressing. This reserve Sauvignon Blanc throws stone fruit aromas, followed by guava passion fruit and floral love notes. This wine is very drinkable with a long finish. I left my loge at intermission for a glass of this paired with asparagus rubbed with cilantro, cardamom and raspberries--lightly grilled and served cold with shaved truffles.

2017 Mitchell Katz Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley (\$16). Using the familiar Sunshine label this Sauvignon Blanc will light up your life with refreshing crispness, unloading a cargo of fresh tropical fruit, guava, crunchy valuable minerality, Betty Crocker Pineapple Upside Down Cake and a skosh of Hosui Asian pear, lime zest, and hypoallergenic grapefruit seed extract. It cooled off my pairing of Louisiana hot links. And shaved truffles, of course.

2018 Dante Robere Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley (\$26). A bright, crisp wine with a trio playing flavors of honeysuckle, Goodbye Ruby Tuesday, grapefruit, and Del Monte pineapple chunks. Reggae was in the air and Natty Dread was on the box when I introduced this Sauvignon Blanc to Jamaican dasheen with shaved truffles. The two got up and stood up for this pairing, They could have danced all night.

2012 Pat Paulsen Sauvignon Blanc Lodi Mio Vigneto Vineyard. This vaunted Sauvignon Blanc is by guest vintner and grower Dwight Busalacchi, who learned to make wine from his grandfather. He planted in an area where some said only red-wine grapes would grow. Hah! His first shot with Pat Paulsen Vineyards went gold. His wine is light and crisp with good structure and balanced acids. It met with shaved truffles and a pair de well with pakoras that are crisp on the outside and evoke potato salad inside.

Woodworking Added to Library's Create Lab

The Livermore Public Library hosts a "Create Lab" at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm every Saturday. Create Lab is a pop-up makerspace in the Storytime Room that is aimed at children in grades K – 6.

While Create Lab participants can use a variety of tools to create, including a sewing machine at the textiles station, LEDs and batteries at the electricity station, a large wooden creative play station, and much more throughout the year, this summer a wood working area will be added starting Saturday, June 22. The Library will provide materials necessary to create short projects and teach children basic skills. All wood working activities will be performed with hand tools, and the guidance of an adult volunteer. Parents are required to stay with their children during their visit to the Create Lab.

Create Lab is an open learning environment where participants can be creative and take charge of their own learning. A signed waiver is required for all Create Lab participants, including adults and children. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult with a maximum of two children per adult.

The Create Lab was developed with children in grades K – 6 in mind, however all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Participants should be aware that some materials in the Create Lab, such as the sewing machine, hot glue guns, wood working tools, and iron, must be used with care to avoid injury.

Create Lab began as a pilot project in January 2017. Due to its popularity and educational value, the library has made the workshop part of its regular, ongoing services.

Create Lab at the Livermore Public Library is made possible thanks to donations from the Friends of the Livermore Library, an anonymous donation, and the support of volunteers.

For additional information, please contact Nathan Brumley at (925) 373-5572 or njbrumley@livermore.lib.ca.us.

Tri-Valley Haven Seeking School Supplies

With another school year on the way, Tri-Valley Haven is seeking community support for an ever-rising need of school supplies. Since 2012, the number of children served by the Haven's back to school distribution has risen by almost 20%. With many families in the Tri-Valley experiencing hardship, the Haven's back to school distribution has become a resource for locals as they prepare their children for another year of learning.

Tri-Valley Haven invites the citizens of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore to help Tri-Valley children and teens start the school year on a high note by donating backpacks, calculators and other essentials. Donations may be delivered to the Haven's Community Building at 3663 Pacific Ave, Livermore 94550; Monday through Friday from 10am-4pm. The last day to donate is Thursday, August 1st.

For questions or a list of needed supplies, email ralph@trivalleyhaven.org or phone 925-667-2702.



At the Rodeo Parade.

Lions Club Had Busy June

June was a busy month for the Livermore Lions Club. On June 2, the club started with a very big event, "2019 Citizen of the Year." President Ben Barrientos and the club's board voted unanimously to give the award to The Independent for 2 main reasons. First off, the topic for this year's Lions Speakers Contest was "Freedom of the Press--What does it Mean?" Secondly, this newspaper always does a great job of covering Tri-Valley news, as well as local schools and sports events.

The "2019 Citizen of the Year" was awarded to Mrs. Joan Seppala, the founder and publisher of The Independent, at a dinner attended by 200 at the Poppy Ridge Golf Club. Included in the program were 2 winners of the Speakers Contest who spoke about how important it is to have a free press. They were Sachi Uppal and Chris Gonzalez, a recent graduate of Granada High School. At the end of the dinner the Lions Club presented Joan with a big birthday cake to celebrate her 80th birthday.

The following weekend the Lions were busy, from 3:00 to 5:00 am, cooking and serving 900 pancakes to students at the Granada High School Grad Night. This was the second year the Lions helped out at this very successful event. A few hours later the Lions got their float ready to ride in the annual Rodeo Parade in downtown Livermore.

Among the many charities the Livermore Lions Club gives donations is the Grateful Garments. This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing new clothes to the survivors of sexual violence in Alameda County. In June, the Lions gave over 50 new clothes to help out. Other clubs and organizations are invited to join the Lions in donating even more. If interested in donating to this charity, contact Ben at (925) 449-9974.

Susan Houghton Named as Sunflower Hill's 2019 Rainmaker



Pictured (from left to right) are Susan Houghton, Janeen Rubino-Brumm, Kathy Layman and Debi Zentner.

Sunflower Hill recognized its founder, Susan Houghton, with their 2019 Rainmaker Award. The award was presented at the organization's most important fundraiser of the year, Moonlight in the Vines, held on July 12 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery.

As Board President for the past seven years, Susan's passion, dedication, and creativity transformed Sunflower Hill into the thriving organization that it is today. "The 2019 Sunflower Hill Board of Directors and staff are thrilled to honor our founder, Susan Houghton," said Board President, Kathy Layman. "Susan's efforts, vision, and leadership have created a vibrant and successful nonprofit organization dedicated to serving intellectually and developmentally disabled adults throughout the Tri-Valley."

A rainmaker is an individual who causes rain to fall, however, this term is also commonly used to describe individuals who make change happen and are a force for good. The Rainmaker Award honors community leaders, individuals and entities who have been that force for Sunflower Hill and the clients they serve. Since 2017, the

Rainmaker Award has been presented to Alameda County Supervisor, Scott Haggerty, the City of Livermore, Pleasanton City Council Member Kathy Narum and last year, the City of Pleasanton.

Sunflower Hill is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating residential communities along with educational and vocational programs for adults with developmental disabilities. In May 2019, the organization broke ground on Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch in Pleasanton. Located within the Irby Ranch Homestead development by Meritage Homes, this innovative residential community will offer 31 units for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. Sunflower Hill is dedicated to developing unique educational and vocational programming for adults with developmental disabilities to ensure a full and productive life. These programs include the Sunflower Hill Gardens located at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore and Sunflower Hill at the Stable Café at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

For additional information on Sunflower Hill, visit sunflowerhill.org.

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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 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.

Man on the Moon: 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing Exhibit, July 10-Sept. 9. The Commemoration Reception July 20 from 1-4 pm. Bankhead Theater Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvoac.org

Play Date exhibit focused on play and playfulness, including toys, imaginary creatures, and art games. August 2-September 14. Opening Reception: Thursday, August 1, 7:00-9:00pm. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton www.firehousearts.org

Art Reception: Where Art and Nature Meet, 1-3 p.m. Sept. 21. Exhibit Dates: Sept. 11 through Oct. 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school. She also works with adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Home schoolers and high school students working on advanced portfolios are

welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley for many years. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

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

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

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Week-day 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 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

WINERIES

Fun Fridays at Wood Family Vineyards. Live Music Acoustic Wednesdays each and every Wednesday: 7/24: Jenny DeSantis & Ron Bruder 7/31: Maddy Hudson. Tasting

Room opens at Noon with music from 4-7pm. Fun Fridays each and every Friday: The Foxcatchers 7/26: Frankie Bones. Tasting Room opens at Noon with music from 5-8pm. 2407 Research Dr., Livermore.

Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore. www.charlesvineyards.com 925-454-3040. Ukulele Jam & Open Mic with Steve Kritzer Saturdays, July 27, August 24 and September 28. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Music sheets will be provided, or email Steve at steveonstrings@gmail.com for a PDF of the songs in advance. Bring a picnic, kids are welcome, and wine is available for purchase by the glass or bottle. An Open Mic session will give those with more expertise a chance to strut their stuff.

Cedar Mountain Winery Grill and Chill - July 27 - 5-8pm Featuring Chris Ahlman - acoustic pop, folk and rock. B.Y.O.F. (bring your own food to grill). We supply the grill with hot coals. You bring your grilling food, BBQ tools, side dishes, plates, and utensils. Wines by the glass/bottle, non-alcoholic beverages, salami, cheese and crackers will be available for purchase. Plus Port Sundaes. Call the tasting room for more information at (925) 373-6636. Fee is \$5 per/person. (cash collected as you park). All fees go to the band.

Charles R Vineyards 4th Friday Free Summer Concert Series August 23 - Rick Spitaleri - Danceable rock and roll from the 60s through today; September 27 - The Spencer James Band - A remix and a mashup of great blues and rock 'n' roll. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, www.CharlesRVineyards.com 925-454-3040.

Taste Our Terroir in Livermore Valley Wine Country, July 25 - July 28, Livermore Valley Wine Country. Food and wine affair at Casa Real. Friday through Sunday, wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including Port tastings, a hike in the vineyard, honey tasting and more. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, www.lvwine.org

Sip By Sunset at Rodrigue Molyneaux, Saturday, July 27 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Music performed by Ben Gill. Wine will be available for purchase by the bottle and the glass. Picnics welcome. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

Harvest Wine Festival, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 1. Wine tasting, entertainment at wineries. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. www.lvwine.org.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

New Christy Minstrels, 8 p.m. July 26. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

How Lucky Can You Get? Songs & Stories of the Kander & Ebb Musicals. Performed by award-winning theatre and opera star Tielle Baker. Sunday, July 28, 2:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center Theater in downtown Pleasanton. Music from Chicago, Cabaret, and Funny Lady. 'All That Jazz', 'Maybe This Time', 'New York New York'... and more! Tielle has appeared in over 50 productions with over 20 different companies, including her multi-award-winning role of 'Velma Kelly' in Lucky Penny Productions' of CHICAGO: The Musical. Reserved Seat Tickets: \$15-\$25. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. Free parking.

David Victor formerly of BOSTON 8 p.m. August 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

GEORGE! The Concert starring **Nick Bold**, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. It can also be downloaded

NorCal Vocal Jazz Academy (5:00pm Free Public Concert), Aug. 10. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. www.laspositas-college.edu/theater/events.php

The Family Stone, 8 p.m. August 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Mitch Polzak & The Royal Deuces with Special Guest Mads Tolling. 8 p.m. August 10. Rockabilly, Honky Tonk and Bluegrass. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.,

Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Keiko Matsui, 8 p.m. August 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Lunafish "Woodstock Revisited", 8 p.m. August 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Queen Nation, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28. Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

Brilliance at the Bankhead with Matthew Morrison, 8 p.m. Sept. 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Stephen Bishop, 8 p.m. Sept. 7. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Meri Bhavna, 4 p.m. Sept. 8. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Night of the Living Prog, 8 p.m. Sept. 13. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Midnight Flyer, Sept. 14 - Sept. 15. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sept. 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Orchestra, Symphony #9 - Beethoven, 3 p.m. Sept. 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Marc Broussard, 8 p.m. Sept. 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE
Livermore Shakespeare Festival, July 3 to August 4, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, The Tragedie of Othello and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridges) (Revised). www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 20, 27 and Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. and July 21, 28 and Aug. 3 and 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. his family. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Golden Follies: Trip the Light Fantastic, 2 p.m. August 17 and 18.

Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

H.M.S. Pinafore, Lamplighters Musical Theatre August 24 and 25. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

The Glass Menagerie, Role Players Ensemble. August 30-September 15, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com.

COMEDY

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

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

In the Better Than Therapy Tour, Mary Carouba and Regina Stoops, August 17, 7:30 pm. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

San Francisco Comedy Competition, 8 p.m. Sept. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

DANCE

Tango Del Cielo, Sept. 21 - Sunday, Sept. 22. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Public Library, Classic Films series returns for the summer with two films shot on location in Pleasanton. Both will be screened for free in the library's large meeting room. It Ain't Hay (1943) Thursday, July 25, 6-9 p.m. For more information or assistance, contact the Pleasanton Public Library at (925) 931-3400, extension 4. 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Movies in the Park, fun activities and games! All movies are free and begin at dusk: The Wizard of Oz, July 18; Bumblebee, July 25; Spider Man into the Spiderverse, August 1; Incredibles 2, August 8. Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. (behind the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center)
Dublin Picnic Flix, Free Summer Movie Series at Emerald Glen Park. Coco, July 26, Incredibles 2, August 30. Movies will begin at dusk usually 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Food trucks

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and other snack food vendors such as kettle corn will be on site.

Wall-E (2008 movie) August 7, 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Royal Wedding (1951), Bankhead Presents Classic Film, 7 p.m. Sept. 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

OPERA

Eugene Onegin, Livermore Valley Opera, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29, 2 p.m. Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 6, 2 p.m. Tchaikovsky's best-loved opera. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 47th Competition for Young Musicians. Application deadline is Sunday, September 8, 2019. (Applications will be accepted starting September 5, 2019.) Competition open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside in Alam-

eda County, Contra Costa County, the city of Tracy, or the community of Mountain House. The selection, one movement of a concerto, should have the minimum length of about 10 minutes. All instruments will be considered. Students are eligible through the age of 19 (being 19 at the time of concert performance February 22, 2020). Two young musicians will be chosen to perform as soloists with the symphony on February 22, 2020 in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applicants must submit a completed application form, a non-refundable fee of \$20 and a recording of their playing (submitted link to YouTube via email). Additional information may be obtained from www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at (925)525-6070.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hagemann Ranch Open House.

Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday

of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

A Writers Meetup for adults 18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at livermore-relibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.

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

2019 Alameda County Fair -- June 14 - July 7. live Action Sports shows, big name concerts and Live Horse Racing. For more information and schedules, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

Jamie Metzl, Hacking Darwin, Rae Dorrough Speakers Series, 7:30 p.m. July 25. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Little League® Intermediate Baseball World Series, July 28 – August 4, 2019. Livermore, Max Baer Park. <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/5070/>

Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... Pablo Picasso: Tuesday, August 13th, 2pm; Tuesday, August 13th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

125th Anniversary Celebration activities, Pleasanton, Museum on Main: August 2: special exhibit opens "Pleasanton at 125" from August 2 until the end of the year; August 2: new permanent history gallery opens "Growing Pleasanton." Firehouse Arts Center:

August 1: Play Date Art Exhibition Opening 7:00pm-9:00pm. August 2: Pleasanton Downtown Association Concert in the Park Anniversary Celebration. www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/

Fertile GroundWorks Taste for Giving Fundraiser - Sunday, September 8, 2019 at The Barn in Livermore 4 to 8 p.m. at 3131 Pacific Avenue. Food, beer, wine and music plus auctions and drawings for all. Early bird tickets, \$65.00 each or sponsor a table of 8 for \$480.00, available through Brown Paper tickets now through August 31st <https://bpt.me/4287415>

154th consecutive Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Celebrate the very best of Scottish culture, competition, cuisine and entertainment. www.caledonian.org/
The Cutting Edge Management of Concussions, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12. ValleyCare Speaker Series. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Splatter, a colorful splash of water, wine, art and music at Dublin's Emerald Glen Park. The 8th Annual Splatter festival will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019, from noon to 8:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. <http://dublin.ca.gov/1145/Splatter>

Taste of Downtown, Sunday, Sept. 15, noon to 5 p.m. Livermore. Sample Wines, Beer & Culinary Treats, and More. Downtown restaurants will offer culinary; Downtown shops will be host to a tasting of wines and beers. Live entertainment and shopping specials. Tickets and information Livermore Downtown, Inc. www.livermoredowntown.com
Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with.. William Clark: Tuesday, September 24, 2pm; Tuesday, September 24th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

30th Nostalgia Day Car Show, The Altamont Cruisers - September 29, 2019. Downtown Livermore. Opening ceremonies 9 a.m. www.altamontcruisers.org

OPERA SEASON

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Antonina Chehovska sings the role of Tatiana, rejected by Onegin. Of her performance, the New York Times declared that her "heartfelt 'Letter Scene' from Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin made her an audience favorite."

About the Double Bill: Zemlinsky's A Florentine Tragedy

& Puccini's Gianni Schicchi: This double bill is the West Coast premiere of a fully staged production of A Florentine Tragedy, as well as its pairing with Gianni Schicchi. One a tragedy, one a comedy, both are set in Florence, both composed in 1917 and both are based on fragmentary tales by two literary giants: Oscar Wilde in the first case, Dante Alighieri in the second. One tells a tale of

jealousy and commerce, the other of greed and commerce. In A Florentine Tragedy, the music and drama is of Wagnerian intensity. Gianni Schicchi is a brilliant comedy with one of the most memorable arias in all of opera. Both operas are guaranteed to captivate in utterly different ways. Sung in German and Italian with English supertitles.

"We are very excited to premiere these operas," explains Mills. "Again we have brought together a powerful cast, with returning favorites including bass Kirk Eichelberger (Don Basilio in LVO's 2019 Barber of Seville), and debutting artists baritone Robert Mellon, soprano Anush Avetisyan and tenor Michael Day, a 2019 Merola

artist."

Opening Night Galas at Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyards: Gala ticket includes dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, followed by a dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater. The welcome reception with wine and appetizers begins at 4:00pm and dinner seating at 4:30 pm at Uncle Yu's, conveniently located one-half block from the theater. Guests will have a chance to meet the Stage Director and LVO's Alexander Katsman. Gala Tickets are \$95, and are available through Bankhead Theater box office. Opera performance tickets are a separate purchase.

Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time. LVO's traditional

artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Tickets are Adults \$20-\$90. Tickets can be purchased through the LVO website at www.LVOpera.com. New ticket pricing: \$20 for age 20 and younger; \$40 for age 40-20.

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

ADDITIONAL OPERA EVENTS

Moulin Rouge 2020 at The Club at Ruby Hill: Join us for "The" fundraising party of the New Year. Games of chance, wine lottery, a cabaret show and of course the "cancan" dance. Dine on gourmet hors

d'oeuvres, champagne and three-course dinner served with award-winning wines. Don't miss a chance to wear a red dress and tuxedo with red tie to The Club at Ruby Hill on Saturday February 1, 2020 beginning at 5:00 pm.

Visit the LVO website at www.LVOpera.com for more information and tickets.

Student and Community outreach programs: Livermore Valley Opera continues to visit schools and expose a younger generation to the art of opera. This season the program will reach 10,000 students in 24 schools and colleges with LVO's exquisite principal masterclasses program with the opera "The Telephone" by Gian Carlo Menotti. To make the story relevant

to younger audiences, the opera is modified from a telephone into a smartphone. Principal artists will also perform at area Rotary Clubs and at Rossmoor Walnut Creek.

For information about this successful program, please contact our Outreach Director, Revital Shmerling at revital@livermorevalleyopera.com.



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Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting Aug. 12, 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton, guest speaker Bill Hewitt Restoring and documenting an. Old Cemetery. No Charge - Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Julie Liu, Program Chairperson, email: program@L-AGS.org

Moms Demand Action Learn about what is being done to prevent gun violence both locally and nationally and how to get involved. Also stop by our booth at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturday, July 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

5th Annual Matthew Yount Memorial Scholarship 3-Stick Golf Tournament- Hosted by Pleasanton Lions Club: August 9, 2019 at Pleasanton Golf Center located in the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Check-in at 2:30pm. Shotgun Start at 3pm. All skill levels welcome. Following golf, guests will enjoy beverages & Cabana Dave's barbecue dinner in the pavilion, silent auction, raffle & closest to the pin contest Admission Cost- \$ 85: Golf, beverage, and dinner \$ 50: Student Price or \$40 Dinner Only. Sponsorship opportunities available also- Large Banner \$1000 or Individual Hole Sponsorship for \$200. For more information or to reserve your spot contact Greg Yount at yountbz@yahoo.com or call (925) 730-3874. Tournament Proceeds will benefit scholarships to students at each of the three Pleasanton high schools and Cal Poly SLO with annual study abroad scholarships.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, Corner of 3rd and Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

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

Castlemont High School All Classes Reunion Saturday, September 7 from 10am to 4pm at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunaol Blvd. Bring own food and beverages, no alcohol allowed. Entrance is \$15. ea. or \$10. ea for Castlemont Alumni Association members. For more information contact Greg Hickey 925-

461-1381 or whizman@prodigy.net.

The Fifth Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice for a fun and challenging day where you will be among an exclusive group of passionate golfers completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause! The event takes place September 30 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. You can pay your own \$2,500 entry fee directly, or encourage friends and family to collectively support you and cover the fee. Register at hope100golfmarathon.com. For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at (925) 829-8770.

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) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome to meetings and to participate in activities.

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 am- 11 on the second Saturday of the Month Mar-Nov. Aug. 10 Soil- why does it matter so much; Sept. 14 Firescaping in a Suburban environment; Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites- Winter interest

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 or contact Kendall @ 925-872-0170.

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

Grief support meetings. 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on July 25 and August 8. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All

are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

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

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

Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237 located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Please consider coming and joining your comrades, because there still fun to be around. Lock and Load. Ready on the right ready on the left. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net

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

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

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

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

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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 / 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, For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven 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 HistoryMobile. 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 three docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail 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 (AI 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, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Bottle-Taps -3020 Bernal Ave Suite 160, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. All are welcome.

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

Recovery International (RI) is a weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. There is no charge 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 1010 Murrieta Blvd., Suite B, Livermore. Free and confidential services related to pregnancy include guidance and referrals, baby clothing, and diapers. Call (925) 449-5887 for an appointment.

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/ or contact Frank Vallejo, President of Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, at 925-595-2004 or FVallejo@CalWater.com

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

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 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30pm Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding

charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group (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 pm (except postal holidays). www.clutterless.org (national) or www.ClutterlessEastBay.org for more info.

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 @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

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

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

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

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

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in

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the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

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

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

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

location of the next meeting.

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

RELIGION

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

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

Unitarian Universalist 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 or call 925-447-8747.

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

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

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

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

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

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school — 9:45 a.m.; worship service — 11 a.m.

All are welcome. 447-3428.

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 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 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 or 925-447-1848.

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartsilivermore.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 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

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

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00.

925-227-1301. 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.

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — Livermore Stake: Sunday services — 1501 Hillcrest Ave. Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 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 (925)828-1846.

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

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. Meeting place Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.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 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 (925) 846-4436.

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, childcare in the nursery. Dine & Dawdle Dinner at 6pm and Asbury Players Readers Theater at 7pm will present one time only "The Sleuth Slayer" Thursday, July 25. This clever, silly spoof of traditional British murder mystery will keep you laughing long after you leave the Fellowship Hall. Play Date in the Park, Friday, July 26, 10am at Almond Avenue Park, located at 1555 Almond Avenue. Caregivers Support Group will meet August 10, 10:30 to noon in the Fireside Room. This group meets the Second Saturday of each Month. If you are caring for a spouse, a parent, a friend, a neighbor, please consider attending the group. This group is open to people in the community. For more information, contact the church office at 925-447-1950. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

Gateway Church, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit

gatewaylivermore.org or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

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

Celebration Church, 1135 Bluebell Drive, Livermore. 925-455-4250. Sunday Service: 9:45am; children's programs: 9:45am; Spanish service at 1:00pm; Jr. & Sr. High: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm. For more information or weekday Bible study and Prayer group schedules, go to www.celebrationcc.org. Welcome home.

Brit 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.

Tagalog Mass: 3rd Sunday of the month (remaining dates for the year: Aug. 18, Oct. 20, Nov. 17); Time: 3:30 pm St. Michael Catholic Parish, 458 Maple St.; Potluck reception to follow in the parish hall. Check <https://stmi-chaellivermore.com/Filipino> for details

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. First session will be September 8 from 10:30-12:30 at Aran's Art Studio in Castro Valley. Students who attend this first day will paint mezuzahs and hear stories. Enrolled students paint for free; others pay \$10 per mezuzah. Space is limited. RSVP to culturaljews@gmail.com, or call 510-384-8756 with any questions. Throughout this school year, students will be encouraged to discuss among themselves and with their parents topics related to these themes. The younger children will enjoy crafts related to the concepts; older children will learn the history and literature surrounding these Jewish ideas. Both classes will learn songs on these themes. Jewish Culture School is open to children aged 5-14 and culminates in a Brit Mizvah ceremony.

Childcare Volunteers Sought

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking childcare volunteers to support survivors of domestic violence, hunger and sexual assault. Get involved by providing supervision for children of survivors while their parents receive counseling services, life skills training and case management.

The Haven is currently in need of volunteers for Tuesday and Friday evenings. Childcare shifts are one hour long. Volunteers will work with children of all ages and will have access to a play room during their shift.

All those who are interested in applying must complete a volunteer application and a background check. Volunteer applications can be found at www.trivalleyhaven.org. Contact Fatima at 925-667-2711 or fatima@trivalleyhaven.org for more information.

Milestones

Four Seniors Receive Scholarships

Four seniors who recently graduated from Granada High School and Livermore High School received scholarship awards from the Livermore Filipino-American Organization. The scholarship award requirements include: a Filipino-American graduating senior student from a high school in Livermore who is continuing on to college, excellence in academic leadership, extracurricular involvement, letters of recommendation from teachers, and a written essay: "Growing up as a Filipino-American."

Pauline Evangelista and Jonathan Nguyen, both of GHS, tied for third place and each received \$500, Veronica Valenton, LHS, third place, received \$750, and Ciara Acosta, LHS, first place, received \$1,000.

• Pauline Evangelista (GHS) has a cumulative GPA of 3.96. She was recognized

as a North Coast Section Scholar Athlete in tennis. She was active with the Hip Hop Club that provided entertainment in after-school campus events. Outside school, she held leadership positions in her church including being a youth retreat director, and with the Fil-Am Organization, she received a Youth Leadership award. Pauline plans to enroll at Las Positas College this fall.

• Jonathan Nguyen (GHS) has a cumulative GPA of 3.72. He is a three-time recipient of the North Coast Section Scholar Award for academic achievement while with the varsity wrestling team. As member of the Spanish Cultural Immersion Program, he went to Ecuador and Galapagos to learn more about their culture and history. In his church, he held various leadership positions. Jonathan will enter Chico State University this fall.

• Veronica Valenton (LHS) has a cumulative GPA of 4.09. She was a North Coast Section Scholar, a team captain for cross country that led the school to win the championship. In 2018, she received the Coaches Award for track and field. Outside of school, she is a member of the Rosebuds Girl's Club where she is a leader and speaker that encourages young girls to aim high. Veronica will attend East Bay State University and will take Business Administration majoring in Accounting.

• Ciara Acosta (LHS) has a cumulative GPA of 4.51. She was in the Principal's Honor Roll eleven times and was a North Coast Scholar Athlete as captain of the varsity girls' tennis. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Ciara became a member of Link Crew where she helped ninth graders to



Filipino-American Organization Scholarship awardees, from left to right, are Ciara Acosta (LHS), first place; Veronica Valenton (LHS), second place; Pauline Evangelista (GHS) third place; Jonathan Nguyen (GHS), third place; Raquel Holt, Scholarship Chairperson

feel good and excel. During high school, she held a part-time job helping and tutoring students in their math skills, in algebra, and calculus. She will attend the University of California in Berkeley and will major in Data Science.

Raquel Holt, chairperson of the Livermore Fil-Am Scholarship committee, stat-

ed, "These four remarkable students are so motivated and purpose-oriented. They are role models and inspirations to others."

October 6 - 11AM TO 3PM - club members will perform Philippine regional folkdances in authentic costumes to be presented at

the Shea Plaza in front of Bankhead Theater. This free to the public fourth annual "Barrio Fiesta" event is in partnership with the Livermore Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) under its Multicultural Programming. Food vendors featuring Filipino cuisine will also be there for purchase.



Vericool team in front of their Vericoolers®, with CEO Darrell Jobe in the center bottom.

Vericool Recognized for Recycling Efforts

Vericool not only gives materials a second chance, they also give people a second chance. Companies are often unwilling to hire individuals who were formerly incarcerated or gang members, making it hard for them to find jobs and increasing the likelihood they'll be rearrested. Vericool CEO Darrell Jobe, who dropped out of school in eighth grade and was in and out of juvenile detention and jail himself, got a second chance at age 23 and is determined to give former prisoners the same opportunity. Roughly 15% of Vericool's team are second chance employees that now have steady jobs, mentorship and hope, and Vericool is working on growing this program.

At the award ceremony, Norell Paredes, Director of Operations at Vericool, shared Vericool's vision: "What we do as an organization is much more than creating a product or providing a service. Every decision that we make has the potential to impact both the community and the environment. I ask everyone here today to take the time to reflect back on what we all can do to help inspire others - just imagine the world that we could live in."

Vericool is among six Alameda County businesses recognized for outstanding environmental performance and business efficiency this year. For more information about the 2019 StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards, visit www.StopWaste.org/business-awards. To learn more about Vericool, visit www.VericoolPackaging.com.