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CityServe Responded to Over 1000 Calls

CityServe of the Tri-Valley, a non-profit founded in 2009 to help people who are in crisis, has announced accomplishments achieved during 2018.

Executive Director Gloria Gregory said in a message to members and interested public that the organization was able to help more than 1000 callers in the Tri-Valley last year in significant ways.

CityServe disbursed \$107,000 in community care expenses, including partial rental assistance to prevent eviction, money for essential car repairs, and funds for utility bills to prevent shut-offs for low-income families.

CityServe provided 275 nights in local motels for emergency shelter for homeless families, often those with small children. The organization connected volunteers to service opportunities, which amounted to more than 33,000 hours in community service.

In 2018, the non-profit adopted a new goal of knowing every homeless person in the Valley. Gregory said that CityServe helped, and knows by name, some 277 homeless families and individuals, including 176 in Livermore, 64 in Pleasanton, and 37 in Dublin.

“We are thankful for each relationship, both clients and community partners. We look forward to more community spirit and joint efforts as we address the very urgent human services needs in our Tri-Valley in this new year ahead,” said Gregory.

CityServe receives support from other non-profits, local churches, city governments, school districts, businesses, and private donors. It has a website at cityservetrivervalley.org. Besides organization news, the website lists volunteer opportunities.

City Council Norms And Values Updated

By Bruce Gach

At the Livermore City Council Means and Norms Workshop on January 7, updates, clarifications and revisions to the rules of procedure were discussed by all council members. They will be incorporated into a final presentation for a vote at a future council meeting.

The Livermore Mission Statement and Core Values were introduced by Marc Roberts, City Manager. The Core Values address how the city council and staff work together. They deal with shared values, principles, vision, ethics, accountability, equitable treatment, commitment to quality and continuous improvement to better serve Livermore.

Report Says County Can End Homelessness by 2023

The homeless problem continues to worsen in Alameda County, but it can be turned around and solved by 2023 by increasing spending to \$333 million annually.

That is the conclusion of a 46-page report from Everyone Home, a non-profit organization founded in 2007 to deal with the county's homeless problem.

Although homeless people have been returning to permanent housing, they have been replaced on the

streets and in shelters by a larger number of new homeless. For every homeless person able to find permanent housing, two people become homeless every year.

If the annual increase in homelessness were to continue, the problem never would be solved. To address the issue, Everyone Home has come up with a plan to reverse the numbers, and eliminate homelessness in the county by 2023.

The county and its non-profit

and private sector allies spent \$106 million in Fiscal Year 2017-18 on various resources to place people in permanent housing. Raising that amount by approximately \$227 million would finance sufficient services, rental assistance and housing acquisition to change the homeless figure each year.

The bigger budget would reduce the number of homeless by an extra 500 people per year. Adding those 500 people to the

500 who are currently able to find permanent housing each year means that 1000 people would go into permanent housing annually. That would stop the upward trend of homelessness, and eliminate homelessness by 2023.

Asked if homeless people would come to Alameda County from other areas if the county were to solve its problem, Everyone Home Executive Director Elaine di

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A rainbow appeared early on Saturday morning before the storm broke out near Tesla Road in East Livermore. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Valley's Own Women's March To Link With National Turnout

The Valley will have its first Women's March on Jan. 19 at the Amador Valley High School football field in Pleasanton.

The march is part of a nationwide commemoration of the 2017 Women's March in Washington D.C. Hundreds of cities are expected to turn out for their marches on Jan. 19.

The local sponsoring organization is Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group. Joining them are members of Livermore Indivisible, Students for Social Change and Organizing for Action (OFA) East Bay Central.

Pleasanton resident Kathy Ellis, who is a spokesperson for the march

organizing group, stated, “The 2017 Women's March galvanized this country, and birthed a new wave of the women's rights movement. That wave is taking to the streets, here in Pleasanton and nationwide, and we're coming with an agenda.”

The event will begin with speeches at 1 p.m. New 16th District Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan is featured. Other confirmed speakers are Marsha McInnis, president of Tri-Valley National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Jessica Trubowitch, Director of Public Policy and Community Building of the Jewish Community Relationships Council; and Lylah Schmedel, president of

Las Positas College student government and a member of the LPC Black Student Union.

People who want to participate in the march through downtown Pleasanton will leave the football field at 2 p.m. and return later to the plaza in front of the field, where a Women's Expo will be underway for those who do not march. The Expo will run until 4 p.m.

More than a dozen non-profits will have literature tables at the Expo, and some businesses will be represented. A First-aid station will be available.

For more information online, go to <https://www.indybay.org/news-items/2019/01/03/18820093.php>.

Dublin School District

Petition Seeks To Unseat School Trustee

Residents of Area 4 in the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) have filed a petition with the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) to cancel the board's Dec. 11 appointment of Niranjana “Nini” Natarajan as a trustee.

A petition to have the appointment nullified was turned in Jan. 2 to ACOE Superintendent Karen Monroe. She sent it to Tim Dupuis with the County Registrar of Voters so that his department can make sure the petition has the proper number of valid signatures that would require Monroe to declare the appointment vacated, and to call a special election. Dupuis will report back to Monroe within 30 days of Jan. 2.

Under the state education code, valid signatures from only 1.5% of the registered voters in Area 4 are needed to make the petition valid, said ACOE Chief of Staff Dan Bellino.

Data on the Registrar of Voters website on Jan. 7 show that Area 4 has 5012 registered voters. Website data for all political jurisdictions throughout the county are updated daily on the website, stated a spokesperson. With 1.5% of the total registration needed, there must be at least 75 valid signatures on the petition for it to nullify the appointment, and require Monroe to call a special election.

Natarajan was appointed to replace Joe Giannini, who resigned in October. Giannini cited a long commute, which consumed time that conflicted with some of his board duties. Board work also

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Former LLNL Director Dies

Harold Brown, a brilliant nuclear physicist who helped shape the modern U.S. nuclear arsenal and then became the second director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has died at age 91.

Brown's long and highly influential career ranged from groundbreaking scientific research and management locally to high level academic leadership at the university level and national security leadership in Washington.

News reports said the cause of his death was pancreatic cancer.

A child prodigy, Brown graduated from Columbia University at 17 and earned a physics PhD at 21. He moved to the West Coast to do physics research at the Berkeley “Rad Lab,” then joined the small contingent that opened the nation's second nuclear weapons laboratory in Livermore in the fall of 1952.

He became LLNL director in the summer of 1960, succeeding Edward Teller. He served less than

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Nearly ready, the Rose Parade Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) and Rebekahs float calliope design fits this year's Melody of Life theme. Coverings include seaweed paper, statice, chrysanthemums, cornflower, carnation petals, rice, beans, lentils, ground coffee, and of course, lots of roses. This is the 111th year the IOOF has participated in the Rose Parade. Loretta Kaskey, Carol Wahrer and Jon Hart, from the Livermore Lodge 219 at 2160 First Street, Livermore, traveled to Pasadena to work on the float. For more photos, go to page 7. (Photo- Loretta Kaskey)

PET OF THE WEEK



VELVETEEN

Make this cat's wishes come true! All he dreams of is a real home of his own, a real family to love, and a real bed in which to snuggle. No fairy needed – we just need you to come adopt this soft and velvety cat! Velveteen is a one-year-old shorthair male. He loves a warm place to bundle under but will happily hop out for a belly rub. Meet Velveteen 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 - Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz

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In downtown Pleasanton, shoppers and pedestrians needed umbrellas as storms broke out on Saturday. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

HOMELESS

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Coligny reported that efforts are underway in other counties and at the state level also to make a big push to solve problems at those locations.

San Francisco and Santa Clara County have passed bond issues to work on their problems. Berkeley just added a parcel tax to help fund solutions.

There are signs that the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom want to do more to end homelessness, especially with a projected budget surplus this year, said di Coligny.

Fixing the homeless problem could save the state money in other categories, such as health care and welfare, noted di Coligny. Homeless people would become more stabilized for job opportunities; they would experience a better health environment.

To pay for the plan to eliminate homelessness, the report states that it is important to have a dedicated source of revenue that could be locally controlled. The report expresses no preference about which revenue generators should be tapped.

Potential revenue sources cited for county and city government include parcel

taxes, which involve exemptions and a sunset date; carving out a segment of the county budget; and a one-half of 1% sales tax, which is likely to raise the most funds, and may require state legislators to raise the county's taxing limit.

Di Coligny said that she and others have been talking to county supervisors and city officials throughout the county, as well as non-profits to explain the plan in detail. She expects that county supervisors will be hearing a public presentation of the plan in February or March.

The Everyone Home report profiles demographics about homelessness in the county. Some 82% of those impacted were county residents before they became homeless.

Approximately 47% reported that a health condition impairs their ability to work or maintain housing. Further, 41% identify themselves as having a psychiatric or emotional condition, and 18% say they have three or more disabling health conditions. These are among the most vulnerable, and should be a priority, concludes the report.

African Americans are overrepresented among the homeless. African Americans total 11% of the county population, but 49% of them are homeless people.

According to the report, policymakers need to address this discrepancy. The report states that "actions that remove major barriers to housing are designed with a racial equity lens. They honor the dignity and safety of all community residents, especially those living without housing. They will have the greatest impact on homelessness."

Virtually all persons polled say that homelessness is not a choice for them. Some 98% say they are interested in affordable rental housing or housing with support services. Such services include helping people obtain disability payments from the federal government, or medical and financial support from the county.

Contributors to the increasing economic problems that push people out of housing include "dire shortages of affordable housing, neighborhood gentrification, increasing disparities of income and wealth."

Homeless Count Looking For Volunteers

The biennial enumeration of homeless people in Alameda County will be held Jan. 30. Volunteers are being sought to help with the interviews.

The count is a snapshot on that particular day of how many people are homeless.

Every two years a survey is taken on the same date to estimate the number of people who at night, are unsheltered, living outdoors.

In order to receive federal homeless assistance funds, a count is required.

It also gives organizations data for the formation of policy and fiscal planning to better resolve the problem of a lack of shelter for people.

Some 500 interviewers are needed to conduct the survey at sites throughout the county. Two or three volunteers are matched with a guide who has recent experience with homelessness in order to check sites where homeless people can be found.

As of Dec. 17, Everyone Counts, the organiza-

tion conducting the survey, met 75% of its recruitment goals, but still needs help in the Valley, South County and East Oakland.

The training of volunteers takes only one hour. Training for Tri-Valley volunteers will take place at Asbury United Methods Church, 11 a.m. to noon, on Jan. 17.

People interested in volunteering may sign up online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019AlamedaPIT>.

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Early Winter Storms Produce Sierra Snow, But Water Content Remains Below Average

On January 3rd, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first Phillips Station snow survey of 2019. The manual survey recorded 25.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 9 inches, which is 80 percent of average for this location. State-wide, the Sierra snowpack is 67 percent of average. The results confirm that despite early winter storms, Sierra water content is below average for this time of year.

Climate change has also shifted the balance of rain and snow, with rain falling at higher elevations than in the past. DWR's manual snow surveys, combined with our electronic snow sensors and emerging technology, enable successful runoff forecasts and water resource management. "About two-thirds of California's annual rainfall occurs December through March. Total precipitation so far this water year, which

ple runoff as the snowpack melts to meet the state's water demand in the summer and fall. DWR has conducted manual snow surveys at Phillips Station since 1964, recording both depth and snow water equivalent. Snow water equivalent is the depth of water that theoretically would result if the entire snowpack melted instantaneously. That measurement allows for a more accurate forecast of spring



John King, Water Resource Engineer of the California Department of Water Resources Snow Survey Section inserts the long aluminum snow depth survey pole into the snow for the first DWR snow survey of the 2019 season held at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The survey site is approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo taken January 3, 2019. (Ken James - Cal. DWR)

"The last few years have shown how variable California's climate truly is and what a profound impact climate change has on our water resources," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "California's significant weather variability means we can go from historic drought to record rainfall, with nothing in between. Climate change will continue to exacerbate the extremes, creating additional challenges for maintaining water supply reliability and the need for innovative solutions."

began October 1, has been below average," said DWR State Climatologist Michael Anderson. "We still have three wet season months ahead of us, so there's time for the snowpack to build and improve before it begins to melt, which usually starts happening around April 1." On average, the snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs as it melts in the spring and early summer. The greater the snowpack water content, the greater the likelihood California's reservoirs will receive am-

plified runoff. DWR conducts five snow surveys each winter - near the first of January, February, March, April and May - at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada just off Highway 50 near Sierra-at-Tahoe. The Phillips snow course is one of hundreds that will be surveyed manually throughout the winter. Manual measurements augment the electronic readings from about 100 snow pillows in the Sierra Nevada that provide a current snapshot of the water content in the snowpack.

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affected his availability for family activities.

Natarajan's appointment lasts for two years, filling out Giannini's term. When the term expires in 2020, she would be eligible to run in the election in Area 4.

The Dublin district switched from at-large seats to area seats in 2017 in response to a demand letter from an attorney representing the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP). The SVREP said it made the request after being asked to do so by Latino residents of Dublin. It is more difficult for a minority person to be elected in an at-large election, said SVREP.

The board voted 3-1 to appoint Natarajan, Head of Finance for a start-up in San Mateo. The only other candidate for the appointment, Gabrielle Blackman, works in the architecture industry, helping institutions with facilities design.

Blackman ran for the board in 2016, when the voting was at-large, and three seats were up for election. She finished fourth in a field of five. Incumbents Amy Miller and Dan Cunningham were re-elected, and newcomer Giannini defeated incumbent Sameer Hakim, who had been appointed in 2015 to succeed Sean Kenney, who resigned. The other finalist for the 2015 appointment from a field of nine candidates was Giannini.

Board Vice-president Dan Cherrier cast the lone no vote against Natarajan's appointment, preferring Blackman. He said both candidates were qualified, but Blackman was more in line with his philosophy. He would like to seat a board member who could help

locate available money for projects, and work toward goals tied to that. Also, Cherrier liked Blackwell's longer, 13-year residence in Dublin, and her school volunteer work.

Board President Miller said she preferred Natarajan, because she emphasized connecting with people, both teachers and parents, and was active in the schools.

Trustee Megan Rouse said that since Natarajan is relatively new to Dublin, having lived there for four years, she might be more in touch with newer community residents, and bring in new ideas. Cunningham said that Natarajan brings a fresh face to the board, and with it perhaps something

new. Natarajan attended her first meeting Dec. 13. The board's next meeting took place Jan. 8.



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a year before being called to Washington to head defense research and engineering for the Kennedy Administration's Defense Department.

He continued in that position under Lyndon Johnson and was promoted to Secretary of the Air Force. He moved back to California as president of Cal Tech, then returned to Washington as Secretary of Defense under Jimmy Carter.

Today's LLNL director, Bill Goldstein, described Brown as "instrumental in establishing our Laboratory's reputation for 'new ideas.'"

Under Brown's leadership, the Livermore Lab "developed nuclear weapons that were small and light enough to be placed on submarines, a critical turn for this country during

the height of the Cold War," Goldstein said.

Former director Bruce Tarter said that Brown embodied characteristics that typified the dynamic nature of the early laboratory.

In an email, he called Brown "brilliant, self-confident and very dedicated to achieving major technical results."

Tarter's history of LLNL, "The American Lab," was published last year.

Tom Ramos, another LLNL scientist who has turned his attention to history, also noted Brown's brilliance in scientific leadership.

Ramos's book on the Laboratory's weapons program is expected to be published later this year.

One part of the book will focus on advances in ther-

monuclear weaponry made by Brown and his team as demonstrated in a nuclear test in Nevada in 1955.

The explosive power of the test, code named Linda, was "within a few percent" of that predicted by Brown a year earlier. The observed agreement with prior calculations gave the team, and the nation, confidence in the design's reliability.

The design was so "radical" that it had the effect of making "every thermodynamic design up to that time...obsolete," according to Ramos.

It was one of the key advances that enabled the young laboratory to make it possible for the U.S. to deploy a virtually invulnerable submarine-based deterrent force, Ramos said.



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EDITORIAL

Addressing Homelessness

Already, the year 2019 is bringing more focus on the homeless problem. According to a report prepared for Alameda County, the issue could be solved by 2023 by increasing spending to \$333 million annually.

The report notes that for every homeless person able to find permanent housing, two others become homeless every year.

The county with its non-profit and private sector allies spent \$106 million in Fiscal Year 2017-18 on various resources to place people in permanent housing. If by 2023 approximately \$227 million in additional funds could be raised every year, the total amount could finance sufficient services, rental assistance and housing acquisition to eliminate homelessness.

Alameda County is not the only government entity looking into solutions. San Francisco and Santa Clara County have passed bond issues to work on their problems. Berkeley just added a parcel tax. There are signs that the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom want to do more to end homelessness. Dealing with the homeless problem could save the state money in other categories, such as health care and welfare. Homeless people would become more stabilized for job opportunities; they would experience a better health environment. It would also help to eliminate homeless camps, which have led to problems.

Potential revenue sources cited for county and city government include parcel taxes, which involve exemptions and a sunset date; carving out a segment of the county budget; and a one-half of 1% sales tax, which is likely to raise the most funds, and may require state legislators to raise the county's taxing limit.

We urge the county to move forward with planning and to involve cities in finding solutions that work for each. It would be money well spent.

Pedrozzi Scholarship Applications Open

The Pedrozzi Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies, community college and vocational training. Applications are accessed from the Pedrozzi website – Pedrozzi.org – and are due March 1, 2019.

The Foundation expects to award over 100 scholarships in May 2019. Current Livermore Schools seniors and all past Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District graduates are eligible to apply to join the growing list of over 1,100 Pedrozzi Scholars who have received \$4 million in scholarships since 2008.

In addition to applying for a Pedrozzi Foundation Scholarship, the Foundation encourages all high school seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to access all federal, state and school aid for which they are eligible. The Foundation's website is also a valuable resource for learning why and how to apply for financial aid.

The Foundation was es-

tablished by Mario Pedrozzi, a Livermore businessman, who left his estate as a gift to the community. In addition to awarding scholarships for any field of study, scholarships funded by generous community members will be awarded to students pursuing vocational training or degrees in the physical sciences, engineering, or music. If the recipient of the Charles Amirkhanian Music Scholarshipplans to study music at San Francisco State, the school's department of music will match the \$5,000 scholarship.

Applicants are evaluated anonymously based on responses to short essay prompts, school and community activities, work experience, reference responses and academic record. The 2019 scholarship awards will be at least \$1,000 per year, up to a maximum of 4 years, depending on type of scholarship. A past recipient shared, "I work a minimum wage job. Due to my \$4,000 Pedrozzi Scholarship, I spent hundreds of hours studying instead of working."

Correction

A story in the Dec. 27 issue of The Independent referred to a revival of Sen. Scott Wiener's bill SB 827 from the Legislature's last session. The bill number has been changed to SB 50. The bill states that local government might have to give density bonuses to developers who meet certain requirements. Any density bonuses would be available near transit and bus corridors, as was true of SB 827.

The story said the bill would mandate 5-story buildings in transportation corridors, but story heights are not mentioned in the bill.

MAILBOX

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Thoughts and Corrections on Transit Housing Bill Steven Dunbar, Livermore

Thank to the Independent for covering the regional action that is being taken to address our housing problems.

Too many people are struggling to keep roofs over their heads, or they're driving hours per day and spending no time with their family, or they're moving out of state to areas that emit 5 times as much carbon pollution per person. That's bad news for everyone - bad news for those displaced, bad news for those who are trying to help the homeless we already have, bad news for those commuting, and bad news for the planet.

The bills that are being presented are compromises between local residents and councils, citizens who have already been displaced from high-priced locales and do not have a voice in their county or city any longer, developers (both for-profit and non-profit), tenant-rights activists, environmentalists, climate change activists, and the state, which is trying to invest wisely in fiscally and environmentally sustainable infrastructure. It's a tough balance.

The new bill does more to address areas with lots of jobs and not enough housing, regardless of the size of individual employers, while being careful not to displace existing renters. It also attempts to be a bit better at managing the problems in different cities - LA is different than the Bay.

However, I wanted to clarify a few things that were mentioned.

1) SB 827, in the form

voted on by the Transportation Committee, did not affect height limits along bus routes - only along rail lines. It should also be said that what others rules were proposed on bus routes only applied to certain "high quality" bus routes with high levels of service.

2) Neither the old bill or the new bill propose "banning" single family housing. It attempted to eliminate "apartment bans."

3) Neither the old bill or the new bill "mandate" 5 story buildings in any location. There are still a variety of other rules and factors besides height limits that were not touched that affect what could be built.

4) The coalition also includes mayors of smaller cities like Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park, sustainable transportation groups like Transform, and staff from cities around the bay. It's not just big companies, big development, and big cities.

Not all of the language of the bill is set in stone yet, but I'm looking forward to seeing it in the new year.

Volunteer for Homeless Count Gloria Gregory, Executive Director and Co-Founder, CityServe of the Tri-Valley

Please consider signing up to volunteer to help with our local homeless population count on Wednesday, January 30th! Homeless counts will be done all across our country that morning. Sign up at www.cityservetrivervalley.org if you can help! CityServe of the Tri-Valley is the lead agency for this count (it happens per HUD requirements nationally every 2 years). This count helps determine funding to our area for homeless services.

Please help us meet the local volunteer need of 44 individuals to help count on January 30th! Please contact our office with any questions. Thank you!!

Ludicrous Almost Lutfesk Daryl R Carlson, Livermore

I'm still laughing at Vibrant Livermore's latest scaled-back ad which mourns the loss of some illusionary parking spaces, shrieking that residents and

visitors might have to walk a burdensome three blocks to a restaurant when they overdose on salt, fat, starch and sugar.

Vibrant is grasping at straws at a time when the state is trying to ban them. Please, Vibes, stop the churlish assertions and go back to distorting the facts.

Isabel Connection Project Mike Kujacich, Livermore

I was reading with interest and frustration about the Alameda CTC transportation plan for finishing the Isabel connection project from Interstates 580 to 680.

Funding is now complete and the project is slated to start in early 2021 to add the final two lanes three miles from Ruby Hill Drive to I-680. Bond measures, environmental reviews, etc. started in 2014 and probably before that. Say it finishes in 2024, which will mean it took 10 years to plan and build two lanes of highway three miles. The complete project will have taken say 15 years to add two lanes and in some places four lanes maybe 10 miles.

Is it any wonder we can't keep up with our traffic issues. And the longer these projects take the more it costs. This is a great project, I use it all the time. But the whole thing could have been completed in several years not decades with some streamlined planning.

Illegals Kenneth Nather, Livermore

Yesterday another police officer was killed by an illegal alien protected by Sanctuary State Laws. When are Democrats and Never Trumpers going to wake up and protect the U.S.A.? Representatives are elected to manage and protect the U.S.A. For the last twenty or more years our representatives have been out to lunch.

I believe they have allowed 30 to 40 million illegals to cross our borders and suck off our system. Our budgets for welfare; schools; hospitals; legal representation; food stamps; prisons etc. have skyrocketed.

The Democrats don't seem to care. They called

for border control at times when Obama was President but did nothing about it except talk. They allowed more voters to vote than were registered in some districts. They oppose voter ID. They are for "Motor Voter." I believe it registers many illegals.

The most serious thing that the Democrats support is sanctuary cities in California. They allow all sorts of bad things to happen and no one gets punished.

Water Consumption Jorge Barrantes

While filling up my bath tap the other day, I realized that it took a while to fill up. That is because the tub needs 40 gallons of water to fill up! Forty gallons translates to eight (5 gallon) jugs.

If we added it up, the regular consumption in a household of 4 will take approximately 1 gallon jug of water per day. And now those 40 gallons translate to a 6 weeks consumption of water for a family of 4.

The luxury of taking a bath will no longer be considered the norm. Please consider.

Transit Densities Article Andrew Barker, Livermore

December 27 edition of the Independent on Scott Wiener's bill to allow higher densities near transit contained several factual errors.

First, the article incorrectly referred to the bill as SB 827, which was its designation in the last legislative session. The current proposal is SB 50.

The Independent also falsely stated that "single-family housing would be banned" in certain areas under the bill. This is incorrect, as no current owner of a single-family house will be forced to move or to modify their property under the bill.

Similarly, the article falsely claims that 5-story buildings will be "mandated." In fact, such buildings will be permitted but not mandated in certain areas under SB 50.

I hope the Independent issues a correction and is more careful in its reporting in the future.

SHORT NOTES

Plans for Decommissioning BART's Legacy Fleet

With a steady flow of new Fleet of the Future trains arriving in 2019, BART is planning what to do with the fleet of the past – the "legacy" train cars that have served the Bay Area with many dating to the start of BART in 1972.

There's lots of public interest in what will happen to the old train cars: Could they be donated to museums? Turned into homeless shelters? Used at tech schools for mobile classrooms? Repurposed into container-cart coffee shops? Or sold off as scrap metal to the highest bidder?

The BART Board of Directors will get a look at early plans for the fleet decommissioning at its Thursday, Jan. 10 meeting. The decommissioning is a complex process because BART will operate with a mixed fleet of new and old cars for some time. The new and old cars can't join together in one train, but there will be full train sets made up of new and old running simultaneously for several years.

Assemblywoman Bauer-Kahan to Talk at Library

On Sunday, January 13, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, join Livermore Indivisible members at the Livermore Civic Center Library, Community Rooms A & B, for the group's first meeting of 2019. Special guest, newly elected State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, will discuss issues of concern to the community and state. Space will be limited.

For more information, contact Mary Perner at mary-qkontrary@yahoo.com.

CityServe Community Meeting January 15

CityServe's meeting will provide an opportunity for all who are serving the Tri-Valley communities at non-profit organizations, schools, churches, city services, businesses and community members to come together, educate each other, and strategize how to meet Tri-Valley human service needs more effectively.

The agenda for this meeting will include: updates on CityServe's Homeless Outreach Team Initiatives, important

information about CityServe's local mental health services, progress updates on the new Axis Health dental clinic, a hearing about the impact (and renaming) of the Tri-Valley Career Center, and more.

The meeting will be held from 1-2:30PM at Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

For more information, contact the CityServe office at: info@cityservetrivervalley.org or (925) 223 - 6947.

Greenlining Institute

The Greenlining Institute is now accepting applications for 10-week Summer Associate and year-long Fellowship programs. Greenlining is seeking individuals who are ready to build a just and more inclusive society by becoming top leaders on racial equity issues. Nationally recognized, these two competitive programs are driven by experiential learning and train emerging leaders to tap into their personal experiences to fuel their growth as generational changemakers.

Greenlining seeks to foster a strong network of leaders doing impactful work that strengthens a vision where communities of color thrive. Visit www.greenlining.org/leadership-academy for application details, or email academy@greenlining.org with questions.

Firefighter Terminated

Recently, Alameda County Firefighter/Paramedic Alan Weeks was terminated by the department. Firefighter Weeks, a resident of Discovery Bay, was a 15-year veteran of the Alameda County Fire Department. He was placed on Administrative Leave approximately 2 ½ years ago. Firefighter Weeks was not advised as to the reason he was placed on Administrative Leave. Prior to joining the Alameda County Fire Department, Firefighter Weeks served as a decorated Navy Seal.

Firefighter Weeks is being represented in a wrongful termination lawsuit by attorney Jason Hasley with the law office of David Olson.

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CITY COUNCIL

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message to send to the community since safety was one of the topics that ranked high in the citizens' survey. Roberts mentioned that safety encompassed a lot of different areas, such as water, sewers, streets and even the police and fire departments.

Shawn Spano, communication consultant, who has previously worked with Livermore and other communities concerning operations, stated that he observed that Livermore has good effective government, a collaborative history, tradition and practice and values, a very strong staff from city manager and department heads on down, and most important, has excellent staff-council relationships. That makes "for a very, very well-run city".

He reviewed information told to him about what motivated and inspired council members and staff to become involved in public service, and how they approach their city work, collecting and absorbing information as part of the decision-making process. All stated that they gathered as much information as possible from various sources before a council meeting, but then waited for the public comment, which many times shaped their decision making.

Spano asked whether the Mission and Values statements should be incorporated in the document itself as a preamble to the council Norms and Values document. All council members agreed. He asked them whether long range thinking and planning should also be included in the new Principles of Governance. Council member Trish Munro noted that vision and long-range planning fit into how the council acts as policy makers. Roberts will formulate language that addresses this topic and bring it for discussion later.

City Attorney Jason Alcalá noted that certain workshops, such as those concerning rules and procedures, can be treated as a "special meeting" where council members discuss and make decisions only on those items on the agenda. No action can be taken on projects. At "emergency meetings", the council can take a final action with a 4-5 vote. If a council member cannot be present at a meeting, the member can call in and ask for a video/teleconference. These rules and procedures are already in place. The carrying of letters or proxy from an absent council member with that member's opinion/impressions is discouraged, since the council member does not have the benefit of the public comments and the other council members' points of view and deliberation. At 11 pm, the current rules state that the council can continue only on the item being considered, but not take on any new ones. However, if the council wants to continue on any further agenda items, the council has to approve a motion to do so. Minutes may be approved by an absent council member who watched the meeting in real time and verifies that statement.

Speaker cards are supposed to be presented to the mayor in the order of their receipt. The person submitting the card must be present in person to

submit the card and also present when the card is read. The purpose of the speaker card "is to hold that place". Presently, the cards come to the city clerk who numbers them before handing them to the mayor. Further, agreement was reached that the speaker cards may be submitted until an item is closed and under consideration by the council. Speakers must address the council as a "body" and not single out a specific council member. If the speaker does not follow this practice, the speaker may be called out of order, and asked to step aside.

Alcalá discussed questions that concern voting by council members. If there were a conflict of interest by a council member in regard to an issue up for a vote, that member must leave the dais before any discussion and cannot vote. If a member abstains and states that abstention before any discussion of the motion, that member has no vote in the issue. The vote of the remaining council members determines a pass or fail for the motion. However, if there were a tie vote and a member has participated in the discussion and then chooses to abstain, the

abstention will be counted as a "yes" vote and the motion will pass. If there were a tie vote and a member chose to abstain before any discussion of the motion and therefore has not participated in the discussion, the member will be

listed as abstaining, and the motion will fail.

Marchand stated that as part of being elected to the council, members are expected to give their opinions and position on issues, participate in all discussions and vote.



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Blue skies and a greening valley landscape appear after the rains in a panoramic view from Mendenhall Road in Livermore. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

SPORTS NOTES



Over the holidays, the Amador Boys Varsity basketball team hosted Dublin High. The Amador Dons narrowly defeated the Dublin Gaels in a hard-fought game, 65 to 64. Pictured is Amador's Brad Couture working to drive the ball toward the basket and Dublin's Grant Manning going for a rebound. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore Girls Softball

Softball Spring Registration Open
Livermore Girls Softball is a fastpitch softball league for girls ages 5-18, no experience necessary. Player Evaluations will be held at Junction Avenue K-8, located at 298 Junction Avenue, Livermore. Evaluations for players will be January 12th or the 19th. 9U and 10U has been combined. The updated times are below:
January 12th, Players with last name beginning with A-M: 9:00 a.m. - 9U/10U evaluations; 12:00 p.m. - 8U and middle school evaluations.

January 19th, Players with last name beginning with N-Z: 9:00 a.m. - 9U/10U evaluations; 12:00 p.m. - 8U and middle school evaluations. If your child would like to play in the older division she will need to attend the evaluation for her age group and the one she would like to play in. Please note that playing up is not guaranteed and is contingent on space. Lastly, evaluations are just that. These are not try

outs. The league will find a place for every girl. For more information and to register please see <http://livermoregirlsoftball.org>. On Facebook: Livermore Girls Softball Association. Or by email at info@livermoregirlsoftball.org.
CYO Spring Signups
The St. Michael CYO track and field team will hold signups for the spring season on Wednesday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 29 at 5:30-8:00 at the St. Michael large hall. The

team is open to all children from third through eighth grade (K-2 with permission from coordinator) who live in Livermore or attend St. Michael. Athletes compete in running events (50m to the mile), relays, and field events (long jump, high jump, softball throw, and shot put). Please see the team website at <http://www.smisctrack.org> for more information or contact the team coordinator Ann Rohrer at roaring03@yahoo.com.

BART Service Changes Start Feb. 11 to Deal With Seismic Retrofits

While there will not be a BART fare increase in 2019, there will be major service changes. A massive seismic retrofit of BART's Transbay Tube will begin February 11. It will mean changes systemwide to the start of service and early morning parking payment methods, as well as changes to BART train headways after 9:30pm each weeknight. BART has coordinated with local transit agencies to offer the Early Bird Express Bus service with 14 lines for riders in the 4 a.m. hour. Clipper will be the most convenient way for riders to pay for the Early Bird Express bus. Riders will tag their Clipper cards on the bus to pay for their trip. The cost of the bus ride will be the same or less than the equivalent trip on BART. Early Bird Express riders who transfer to BART after 5 a.m. to finish or continue their trips will need to tag their Clipper cards again when entering BART. However, riders will not be able to use BART high-value discount value to ride Early Bird Express bus service – they will need to use cash value on their Clipper cards. Because BART stations throughout the entire system won't open until 5 a.m., current parking pay-

ment methods will not be available for Early Bird Express riders. To allow riders to continue to pay for parking, BART will offer a pay by app option using a credit card on the agency's new official BART app. For those who prefer to pay in cash, day passes will be available for advance purchase by mail or at BART customer service centers. The cost to park will remain the same and Clipper cannot be used to pay for 4 a.m. parking. The February 11 BART schedule change also includes changes to Sunday service, requiring a transfer for some trips on the Dublin/Pleasanton line. For more information, see www.bart.gov.

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Participants took part in the annual Labyrinth Walk at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on New Year's Eve. Unlike mazes, where one can get lost, circular labyrinths are designed to represent the journey to one's center and back into the world again. In celebration of the new year, the labyrinth featured luminarias and music, with hot cider and coffee. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Loretta Kaskey, Carol Wahrer and Jon Hart, of the International Order of Odd Fellows, Livermore Lodge 219 at 2160 First Street, Livermore, traveled to Pasadena to work on the Rose Parade IOOF and Rebekah's float celebrating 200 years of Odd Fellowship in the United States. Rose Parade floats must be completely covered with 100% natural materials. Carol applies yellow clover seed to the panel. Jon and Carol trim purple statice flowers to be applied with glue. Visit the Odd Fellows on Facebook, "Livermore Odd Fellows Lodge 219." (Photos - Carol Wahrer)

Police Seeking Identity of Pickup Truck Driver

On December 21, 2018 around 8:30 a.m., a pedestrian was traveling from the west side to the east side of Tom Burnett Lane in a marked crosswalk when the person was hit by a truck turning onto Tom Burnett Lane from Johnson Drive.

After an initial investigation, surveillance video from the area did confirm that the driver of a dark colored, full sized pickup was traveling south on Johnson Drive and attempted to make a left turn on to Tom Burnett Lane. The video also shows the driver of the pickup failing to yield to the pedestrian in the middle of the marked crosswalk, resulting in the pickup knocking the pedestrian to the ground.

The driver of the pickup stopped at the collision scene and provided information that was later determined to be false. After leaving the collision site, the pickup driver entered a nearby security-controlled business by following an employee inside. The driver

did not appear to have legitimate business at the establishment, is not an employee of the business, nor does the business recognize him.

The pedestrian, whose identity is not being released, suffered non-life-threatening injuries. The Pleasanton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the pickup truck driver. He is described as a Caucasian male, 30 to 38 years old, 6 feet tall, weighing 200 lbs. with me-

dium length dark hair. The male was last seen wearing a blue jacket with dark colored pants. The suspect vehicle appears to be a full size, quad cab, 2016-2018, Chevrolet or GMC type pickup truck, dark in color.

If you witnessed this collision or can identify the pickup driver, please contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100. Refer to case #18-47962.



Police are asking anyone who recognizes this individual to call them.

East Bay Community Energy: Scott Haggerty's Instrumental Role

About ten years ago, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was sitting at a board meeting for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

something like this happen." Alameda County served as the "angel investor" for EBCE (East Bay Community Energy), funding the planning necessary to get

connections in the area. He has served on 47 boards and commissions over the years. That has included stints as the chair of the board of BAAQMD, chair of the

was instrumental in extending BART to Warm Springs, among many other things. But he says the creation of EBCE is "one of my greatest accomplishments," especially for the climate change and public health benefits.

"I think back to when I was a kid in Fremont. The air quality was horrible," he recalls. "We've done a lot to clean the air, but there is still a lot to do. The climate is changing. We see it every day in wildfires and storms. We have to react to this."

Haggerty sees climate change as an opportunity as well.

"As we look at solar and wind and other ways to generate energy, there is a whole new economy there," he observes. "Through our Local Development Business Plan, we can train the next generation of electrical workers, people who can be involved in the sustainable energy economy."

"We have to be careful, because our core mission is sustainable power at a lower price," he adds. "But we can reinvest in the community and bring a whole new economy to the Bay Area."

Right now Haggerty is most concerned about a seamless launch of service to residential customers, and making sure customers accept and trust EBCE.

He also worries about the risk of unhelpful policies from the state.

"I've become frustrated about the grip that PG&E and other utilities have on

the legislature. I hope moving forward that legislators look for ways to help CCAs thrive and not hold them back."

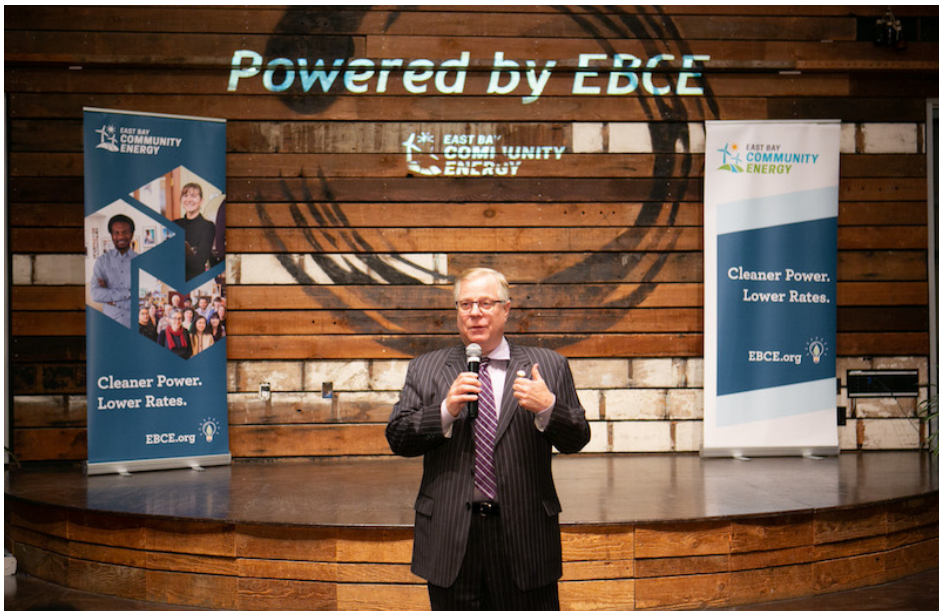
Haggerty points to the fact that CCAs reflect their communities and voters, and provide citizens with a whole new level of say about their energy future.

"Community energy has brought the decision to the local level," he says. "You can stop the mayor in your market and say 'when are you going to buy more renewable energy?' It's an amazing change. They never had access to the people making decisions before."

"This is the wave of the future, this is California," he concludes. "We can show the nation how to cut carbon and continue to grow the economy."

"Everything I've done

in 22 years in office is to try to make Alameda County a better place. When I talk to high school kids in their classes, I tell them I don't worry about them, but about their children's children. I have kids and they will have my grandkids. I want to leave this world in a shape so they can have the great life that I enjoyed."



Scott Haggerty spearheaded the creation of EBCE. (Photo courtesy of EBCE)

when he first heard the concept of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Marin Clean Energy was getting ready to launch, helped along by a planning grant from BAAQMD.

"The thought of sustainable energy at a reduced price was attractive to me," he says now. "So I talked to my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors about their interest in setting up a CCA, and they were willing to go along with it. They were all very excited about seeing

it off the ground. County staffers Bruce Jensen and Chris Bazar did most of the leg work. This helped get the buy-in of potential member cities. "They saw how great a CCA could be, and it wasn't going to cost them to be at the table," he states.

"I live with the motto go big or go home," he comments. "I wanted to have the entire county move forward on CCA."

Haggerty took on the job of recruiting partners, taking advantage of his

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and as President of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

He has spent 22 years on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, currently serving his sixth elected four-year term. His district includes the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and most of Fremont, plus unincorporated areas of East Alameda County.

He has had a strong focus on transportation issues, and

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OBITUARIES

Arelia Bernadine Bauer Morrow
March 26, 1925 – Dec 20, 2018



Arelia Morrow, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, died peacefully on the evening of December 20, 2018. Arelia met the love of her life, David, in high school, and they celebrated their 70th anniversary just before his death in 2014. She was born in Washington, PA, but lived all over the world as a navy wife. She was a resident of Pleasanton for 42 years and a member of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin. Throughout her life, she took great joy in family. She loved nature and travel, treasuring family trips to the Tetons. While she was not in the navy herself, she ran a tight ship and very efficiently moved the household every few years when her husband David was reassigned. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Leann and John Post, and Dan and Liz Morrow; her grandchildren, David Arthur, Grace, Audrey, Thomas, Nathan, and Erika. She is predeceased by her husband David Franklin; her son, David Lee; and her parents, George and Hazel. Her ashes will be scattered in the Tetons, joining those of her beloved husband, at a later date.

Martha Lagomarsino

A native of Gladwin County, Michigan, and a Livermore resident for 73 years, she passed away at her home on December 21, 2018, at the age of 103. She is survived by her son Mark and her daughter Edith Van Huss. Martha was preceded in death by her husband Joe and by her eight siblings. Services will be private.

Ken Finders
Loving Husband and Father

Ken Finders, loving husband and father, passed away late last year. He went to sleep and passed peacefully surrounded by the familiarity of his home and loving family. He was 94 years old.



Ken and his lovely wife, Marcia grew up as neighbors in a tiny town in Iowa. They were casual friends through their youth. Ken's attention turned to Marcia when he returned from service in World War II. A flight engineer in the U.S. Air Force, Ken was stationed in the Pacific. After his service, he returned to the states and completed his degree in engineering at the University of Iowa. Shortly before graduating, he married Marcia, and a decades-old journey of love, friendship, unwavering loyalty and support began for these two.

Just married, they moved west, where Ken began his long and successful career as an engineer. After a short assignment working on the Davis Dam, Ken accepted a position with Sandia Laboratories, so the Finders relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In Albuquerque, Ken and Marcia welcomed two children to the family, Dale and Mary Finders. While living in New Mexico, Marcia became a fan of Southwestern cuisine and Ken explored his love of the Old West. They would describe fondly how they grew to love the wide open spaces and the beauty of the desert while living in Albuquerque.

Sandia leadership, however, wanted to relocate Ken to their Livermore offices. So in 1959, Ken and Marcia traveled to Livermore to assess the potential. After a full day of house hunting in the downtown area, Ken determined it was "too crowded". He intended to decline the offer to relocate. As they were leaving town, they decided to check one last house on the south end of Livermore. (Family note: the notion that our dad found Livermore too crowded back in 1959 continues to amuse us).

Touring the house on Pleasant View Lane, Ken and Marcia fell in love with the views and the acreage. Indeed, their Midwest roots felt quite at home. They bought the house and lived there for 59 years. The family grew to four children with the addition of Matt and Anne. Over the years the Finders brood planted vegetable gardens, raised horses, cows, sheep, goats and other animals.

Whether entertaining Ken's many wonderful colleagues from Sandia or

Marcia's friends from PEO, church or the Symphony Guild, together Ken and Marcia were regarded as welcoming, gracious and generous hosts. As they predicted, their warm Midwest roots were right at home in Livermore.

Ken Finders is survived by his sister, Lois, his children, Mary, Matt and Anne, four grandchildren, Aaron, Beth, Hannah and Sam, and one great granddaughter, Isla, who remembers fondly making s'mores with her "Grandpa Dude".

A Message From Mary, Matt and Anne: "While we miss our parents terribly, we are soothed to know they are together. And we smile thinking that our Mom welcomed Dad with a slice of pie, cup of coffee and her warm smile. Together, we know they are settling into a long overdue visit, and their journey together continues."

Esperanza R. Lopez
Feb 14, 1924 - Jan 1, 2019

Esperanza R. Lopez, 94, formerly of Livermore, living the last 10 years in Tracy, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, January 1, 2019. Loving mother of Martha (Antonio), Liberty (Jorge), Vickie (Marcos); Ray, Oscar (Joan), and Flavio.

Preceded in death by her husband (Felix), daughter (Velia); brothers and sisters.

Survived by one sister (Eva), numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and family members.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Lopez family.

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

Michael W. Butler
Nov 1, 1949 - Dec 22, 2018

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to Michael Butler, a resident of Livermore who passed away on December 22, 2018 at the age of 69 after a 5 year battle with bone cancer. Mike will be placed to rest at the San Joaquin National Cemetery on Feb. 8, 2019 at 11:30AM in Santa Nella, CA.



Mike worked for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory assigned to the Nevada National Security Test Site for 25-years conducting nuclear testing and post shot drilling during the 70's through the early 90's before returning to California to work at the NIF Facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he retired in 2005.

Mike Butler was a decorated US Army officer in the 101st Airborne Rangers serving in the Vietnam War. After leaving Officer Candidate school Mike was deployed directly to Vietnam. Nearing the end of his Vietnam tour he was promoted to Captain. Mike was a three time recipient of the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal for consistent acts of heroism or meritorious service, Army

Soldiers medal for heroism, three time Bronze Star recipient for Valor and Bravery in the acts of meritorious service, Army Good Conduct medal, Marksmanship National Defense service medal, Vietnam service medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal, the Silver Star medal for gallantry in battle, Special Forces and MAC V SOG Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies & Observations.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Terry Ann Butler of Livermore, two step-daughters and their husbands, Tara and Jason Wescott and Gillian and Eric Schuller, two sons, Eric and Ryan Butler, Mike's mother Rena Johnson, brother Terry Butler, and sister Sherry Lemberger – all from Wisconsin.

Prior to his illness, Michael's passion was deer and elk hunting, and he enjoyed mountain life and RV camping. Mike was a devoted papa to his grandchildren, Ryan, Rylee, Kaia and Tanner.

Michael Butler was a hero in his own right but he was a quiet and ordinary individual who found strength to persevere and endure in spite of the overwhelming obstacles he went through during his illness. That is the legacy Mike Butler leaves his family—never stop trying. Mike is forever in our hearts and will truly be missed.

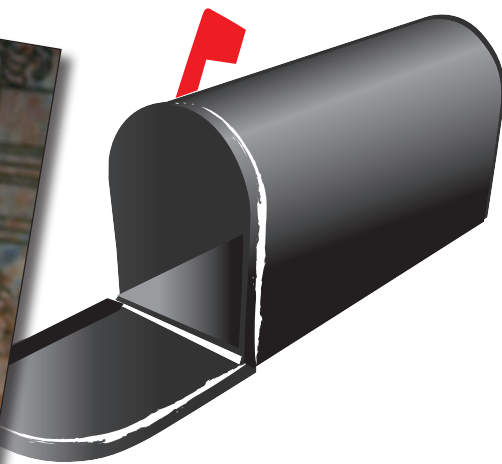
Members of the Gustine VFW post 7635 volunteer their time to honor veterans. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on behalf of Michael Butler to the VFW at 145 5th St., Gustine, CA, 95322-1130. They would be much appreciated.

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Charles (Chuck) J. Frydendal

Mar 10, 1958 - Dec 24, 2018

Charles (Chuck) J. Frydendal, 60, of Livermore, passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve with his family at home in Livermore.



A viewing will be held at 2pm, with the Rosary following at 3pm, Friday, January 4 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Funeral services will be held from 4-5pm, Friday, January 4, at Callaghan Mortuary on 3833 East Ave. Livermore, with a minister from St. Michael Church officiating. Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary. He will be laid to rest in Memory Gardens 3873 East Ave. Livermore.

Chuck was born in Livermore on March 10, 1958 to Cornelius (Connie) Alwin Frydendal, November 28th, 1929, and Margaret (Peggy) Elizabeth Frydendal, September 2, 1930. He went to St. Michael Catholic School and later graduated from Livermore High School in 1976. He married Corrine (Corie) Lee Frydendal on August 27, 1992 in Tahoe. He worked as a Grocery Clerk for Lucky and Albertson's for 38 years until he eventually retired.

Chuck loved to race cars in his late twenties. He was an outdoorsman that loved to camp with family and friends, hunt, ride his three-wheeler and take his boat out with his children. He also loved being a grandfather to his only grandchild, Ryder.

Chuck is preceded in death by his father Cornelius Frydendal and older brother Richard Frydendal.

Chuck is survived by his wife Corie Frydendal, his children Rachelle and Charles (Hunter) Frydendal, his older sister Linda Olson, older brother Paul Frydendal and younger brother Mark Frydendal, his mother Peggy Frydendal, and his grandson Ryder Frydendal-Woods.

The family of Chuck wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Hope Hospice and Father Carl from St. Michael Church.

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

In Memory of Elaine Erven

Aug 13, 1940 - Nov 17, 2018

(Margaret) Elaine Erven passed away surrounded by family on Saturday, November 17, 2018, following her courageous battle with several long-term health issues.

Born on August 13, 1940, and raised in southern California, Elaine moved throughout the country, living in multiple states as she and her husband, Wayne Erven, moved 21 times during his decorated service with the US Navy. They settled in Pleasanton in 1976 and quickly began building deep roots in the community. Widowed after 52 years of marriage, Wayne was surely the first to greet her in heaven.

Her parents, sister and brother were also waiting to welcome her to heaven.

Elaine is survived by the "Erven Army," which includes her children: Nanci Erven-Collins (Gary), Karen Mullenax, Joy Erven, James (Janice) Erven and Wendy Erven (Scott Andersen). She is also survived by seven grandchildren (Arielle, Gunner, Jesse, Jake, Annalise, Shaely and Sophie) and four great grandchildren (Charlotte, Branson, Beau

and Thorin). Elaine is also survived by her three sisters-in-law, several beloved cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Elaine leaves a strong legacy as a compassionate and caring person, dedicated to her family, friends and any community of which she was part of. She loved telling stories about her youth, including her time as a camp counselor, summers spent on the Santa Monica beaches, and her annual participation in creating Rose Bowl floats for Pasadena's Rose Parade. An avid volunteer, she participated in organizations like the Girl Scouts, Pleasanton Softball, Job's Daughters, and as a "baby holder" in the NICU of Children's Hospital, Oakland.

Elaine had many devoted and dear friends. Her door was always open, coffee was always on, and a supportive shoulder and listening ear awaited all who entered. Known for her famous spaghetti dinners, the Erven table was often full of family, friends and neighbors sharing a meal and great conversation.

Elaine's true passion was teaching and working with children, especially those with special needs. Her patient and loving approach enriched the lives of the children she taught as well as their families. After her illustrious 32 years with the Livermore and Pleasanton School Districts, she couldn't go anywhere in the Tri-Valley without someone coming over to talk to "Mrs. Erven" to reminisce about old school days or the ways she impacted/changed their lives.

As a 53-year member of P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization promoting educational opportunities for women, Elaine helped many young women receive grants, scholarships and loans.

A celebration of Elaine's wonderful life will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at noon at the Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. A reception will follow.

To honor Elaine's passion for education, a scholarship fund is being created in her name. In lieu of flowers, donations to the "Elaine Erven Scholarship Fund" can be sent c/o Nanci Erven-Collins, 1398 Benedict Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577.

Amy Gee Livermore Resident 1964-1988

Amy Gee passed away at the age of 88 on December 1, 2018, in Alameda, California from ovarian cancer. She lived in Livermore from 1964 to 1988 and for 17 years she was the owner and manager of Bazaar Canton, a popular Asian food and gift store located on Second Street in Livermore.



Amy Sung Gee was born in Shanghai, China and immigrated to the US in 1949 to escape the postwar turmoil in China. Upon her arrival, she married Stanley Gee, her husband for the next 62 years. They lived in Oakland and Hayward before moving to Livermore. Mr. Gee retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1978 after a long career as a mechanical design draftsman. They had five children and Ms. Gee began her career as a successful licensed beautician in Hayward until 1964.

While residing in Liver-

more, Ms. Gee was presented with numerous awards at the Alameda County Fair for her knitting skills, and began teaching Chinese cooking through the Livermore Symphony Guild and the Livermore Area Parks and Recreation District. It was through her years of teaching widely popular Chinese cooking classes that led to the opening of Bazaar Canton which helped introduce Asian food and culture to Livermore Valley residents. While at Bazaar Canton, she also helped Vietnamese refugee families settle in the Livermore area.

Ms. Gee also became an accomplished and award-winning artist painting traditional Chinese watercolors which became her passion for many decades. She was an active member of the Livermore Art Association and the Alameda Art Association.

After retiring in 1988, Ms. Gee and her husband moved to Alameda in 1989 where she traveled the world and became a prolific and successful Chinese watercolor artist.

Ms. Gee leaves behind five children, Marilyn Jardin (Stephen) of Princeton, NJ, David Gee (Julie) of Yakima, WA, Delbert Gee (Doris) of Alameda, Dennis Gee (Cheryl) of Alameda, and Melissa Gee of Emeryville, plus eight grandchildren, Michael Jardin (Ada) of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, Emily Stroncione (Adam) of White Plains, NY, Daniel Gee of Nashville Knoxville, TN, Christopher Gee of Berkeley, CA, Denise Gee of San Diego, CA, Debbie Gee of San Diego, CA, Jason Gee of Davis, CA, and Katie Gee of Alameda, CA, and three great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Jardin, and Aiden Stroncione.

A Celebration of Life for Ms. Gee will be held at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, 2311 Buena Vista Avenue, Alameda, CA on January 19, 2019 at 2:00pm. Contributions in memory of Amy Gee may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org and to Alameda Meals on Wheels at www.alamedamealsonwheels.org, where Ms. Gee volunteered her time and energy to assist the elderly.

Mark A. Jackson

Mark A. Jackson passed away unexpectedly in Walnut Creek on December 27, 2018 at the age of 58. He is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca, two children, Sean and Jessica, dedicated Mother, Thelma, two Brothers John & David. Mark was born in London, Ontario, Canada, but Fremont, CA was his home for most of his life. He graduated from Irvington High School in 1978 and began his first business, Jackson Floors with this Father Kenn and Brother Peter, both of whom preceded him in death. After having a successful run in the carpet industry Mark decided to try his hand in real estate, the job and passion that he spent the rest of his 30+ years doing.

During his career, Mark was on the management team for two of the largest offices in the Bay Area and helped hundreds of families attain their goal of homeownership. Above all else, Mark loved life and always put his family first. A funeral service is scheduled for Friday, January 11 at 11:00 am at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.



Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Jackson family. An online guestbook is available for

condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Laureen Frasher Woodruff

Jul 2, 1932 - Nov 24, 2018

Laureen Frasher Woodruff of Pleasanton passed away peacefully at Stanford Valley Care Medical Center on November 24, 2018. Laureen was born to Lawrence and Irene Frasher on July 2, 1932 in Lindsay, California. She attended schools in Lindsay and graduated from the University of California in June, 1953 with a degree in political science. She met her husband, Wayne, while attending the University.

Laureen and Wayne made their home in Livermore, California. They were married for over 60 years and during that time enjoyed square dancing, backpacking in the Sierras and world travel. In their retirement Laureen and Wayne were active in the San Francisco Ballet volunteer organization, BRAVO.

Throughout her life Laureen was an avid reader, gourmet cook, gardener and flower arranger. She enjoyed volunteering for the Sierra Club and the Livermore Library.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wayne, in 2011. Since that time she has made her home at Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton.

Laureen is survived by her husband's niece, Linda Bond and nephews Michael and Paul Hammons and Carlton and Kevin Woodruff and her cousins, Wanda English, Celia Dudley, George Webb and Sharon Ball.

Mary Ann Chapeta

April 7, 1958 - Dec 30, 2018

Mary Ann Chapeta of Livermore passed away December 30, 2018 at the young age of 60.



Mary was born in San Jose on April 7, 1958 to Edward Joseph Azeveda and Mary Dolores (Rocha) Azeveda. Mary graduated from Mission San Jose High School in Fremont in 1976. She married Corey Dean Chapeta July 20, 1985 in Myers, CA.

She worked as an administrator at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for over 20 years.

Mary and Corey shared a love that was unsurpassed. They were devoted to one another and had three beautiful sons: Ryan Corey, Gary Dean, and Scott Edward Chapeta. Mary was a loving mother who was dedicated to supporting her children in all aspects of life. She loved cheering her three sons on at all their sporting events including: baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, track, wrestling and especially racing. Mary loved the sport so much that she decided to buy out a family owned sprint car team recently and become an owner herself.

Mary enjoyed her moments of relaxation, spending time with her friends, and caring for her family. She loved to share stories of her adventures traveling with Corey, going to different race tracks, and meeting new people. Mary was passionate about all her animals, especially her cat Leo. She was a positive and selfless person with an incredible outlook on life. She put others before herself and gave unconditional love. Mary is truly an irreplaceable wife, mother, sister and friend to us all. Her wonderful spirit and beautiful heart will be deeply missed.

Mary is preceded in

death by her father Edward Joseph Azeveda and mother Mary Dolores Azeveda.

Mary is survived by her husband Corey, and their three sons Ryan, Gary, and Scott of Livermore; her brother Edward Azeveda of Fremont; and her sister Edna Waller of Livermore.

A celebration of life will be held on March 17, 2019. The location will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers she would appreciate donations made to the SPCA or Chapeta Family Racing fund, to support the 2019 racing season that she was looking forward to so much.

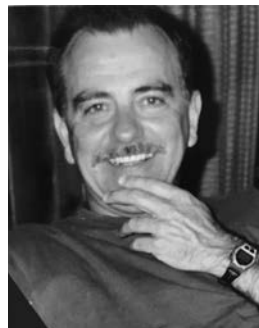
Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Chapeta family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

William "Bill" K. Blevins

Nov 8, 1946 - Dec 22, 2018

William "Bill" K. Blevins, a resident of Livermore from the mid-1990s until 2011, passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio, near his home in Pickerington.

Bill was born on November 8, 1946, in Middletown,



Ohio, to the late William and Della Jean (Baker) Blevins. He worked more than 40 years as a recognized tritium specialist with the U.S. Department of Energy at Mound Lab in Ohio, and at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore. He took pride in his work, retiring from LLNL. He also had a side roofing business for a number of years.

He was an athlete for the majority of his life. He played basketball, softball, and tennis, and competed in triathlons and marathons – often the first runner in, and on the winning triathlon and tennis teams. He remained an active hiker and walker for many years, enjoying taking friends to hike up Half Dome in Yosemite or walking by the beach in Pacific Grove. He had a passion for cars, owning easily more than 100 during his life, and was known for helping friends find the perfect car. He enjoyed reading westerns, and his favorite movie was "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." He also liked to cook for family and friends.

Bill was always known for putting others first and for helping out with tasks large and small. He was a literacy tutor volunteer at the Livermore Library, and he volunteered to help with bottling wine at Thomas Coyne Winery in Livermore.

He is survived by those who loved him: his wife, Gail Blevins; his son, Ken (Karen) Blevins; his daughter, Lea Blevins; his sister, June (Mike) Haddix; his granddaughter, Brittani (Derek) Kline; and his former wife, Donna Blevins. An open house will be held in Bill's honor at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 20, at the Blevins home in Livermore. For details, email ldivamoment@gmail.com.

Donald Caddens Bird

Jan 22, 1935 - Jan 3, 2019

Donald Caddens Bird passed away, Thursday evening, January 3, 2019 at his home with his family. He was born in Victoria, British Columbia on January 22, 1935 to the late Ernest David Nelson Bird and Minnie Francis Cobleby Smith.

He moved extensively as

the stepson of a Navy man, Harold V. Smith, eventually settling in Alameda, California after stops in Seattle, Dallas, Alameda (twice), Memphis, San Diego, and Pearl Harbor, Honolulu.

He graduated from Alameda High School in 1953,



became a U.S. Citizen in 1955, graduated from City College San Francisco in 1956, attended University of California Berkeley in 1956 and 1957 and graduated San Francisco State College in 1959.

He was an intelligent, brave and thoughtful man, having survived open heart surgery at age 26, a successful career in personnel management, exercising regularly, eating well and enjoying his many friendships and extensive family.

He married Barbara Ann Bruce in March 1962 in California, had three children together, lived in various cities within California, Connecticut, Virginia and divorced in 1983. After moving back to California, he met and married Christine Mary Thompson in September 1989 in Livermore and lived a happy and wonderful life for many years together.

All of his life he loved his family, enjoyed swimming, yoga, pilates, tai chi, cooking, watching and following sports, and being outdoors. He became the children's supervisor for bible study fellowship and an active member of Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Christine, his sons, Brian Donald Bird and wife Virginia of Centerville, VA; Bruce Caddens Bird and wife Kristine of Berthoud, CO and his daughter, Rebecca Ann Tarantino of Pleasanton; his twin-brother, David Bird of Sacramento; his grandchildren, Nicolas Davis, Nathan Davis, Natalie Tarantino, and Rachel Bird; his step-children Kate Komatz and husband David, Samantha Beasley and husband Tom, and his many step-grandchildren Sam, Rex, Elizabeth, Paul, Luke, Derek, Nathan, Nicole, Justin and Megan.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 19, 2019, at Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore with Pastor Keith Cromie officiating. The family will receive friends at a reception following the service, in the church's lobby. In lieu of flowers, donations to Bible Study Fellowship are appreciated.

Marilyn Foscalina

Jan 20, 1944 - Jan 6, 2019

Marilyn F. Foscalina, a 4th generation Livermore Valley native, died Sunday, January 6, surrounded by family.



She was born on January 20, 1944 at St. Paul's Hospital to parents Jack and Betty McCormick. Marilyn attended St. Michael Catholic School in Livermore and graduated from there in 1958. Following that, she attended Livermore

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High School where she was student body secretary, and graduated in 1962.

Marilyn met her husband, Charles Foscalina, at a Teen Canteen Dance in January of 1959 and the two were never separated again, marrying on November 10, 1962 at St. Michaels Church in Livermore. During their marriage, they had the pleasure of having four great kids, Cindy Gallagher (Steve), Debra Rose (Mark), Mike Foscalina (Kris), and Lori Porter (David). The loves of her life were her grandchildren; Danielle Bermingham (Colton), Sean Gallagher (Monica), Carly Rose, Kaitlyn Rose, Jake Foscalina, Dominic Foscalina, Luke Foscalina, Ashley Porter, Joe Porter and her great-grandchildren Case, Rhett and Duke Bermingham.

Besides being the greatest wife and mother, she loved coaching soccer. She was the Varsity Girls Soccer coach at Livermore High for seven years and spent countless years coaching for the Livermore Soccer Club. She was also the assistant softball coach at LHS where her husband was coach and she was the conscience of the team for 17 years. She also thought she was a World Champion Ping Pong player and was very competitive in everything she did.

One of her greatest passions was decorating the Livestock Showing at the Alameda County Fair where trailer loads of decorations would be hauled down for her. She loved 4-H and FFA activities and was very supportive of them. She could gather a bunch kids in a heartbeat and con them into helping her do just about anything.

With everything she was involved with she was also a passionate quilter, making quilts for the entire family, not quite finishing the one for her youngest granddaughter, Ashley.

All in all she was quite the woman and will be missed greatly by everyone who knew her, especially her husband of 56 years.

A Visitation will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on January 10th from 5-7, with a Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be on January 11 at St. Michael Church at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at the Veterans Hall in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish please make a donation to either the Junior Livestock Auction Boosters, PO Box 3176, Livermore, CA 94551 or the American Cancer Society.

Rachel Luevano Burke Feb 15, 1943 – Dec 31, 2018

Although Rachel had endured many health challenges in her life, she passed away suddenly on December 31, 2018 in Antioch, CA.

She was a longtime resident of Livermore and a retiree from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She took great pride in the divisions that she worked within at LLNL and had a great love of music, dancing, food and the thrill of shopping.



She leaves behind: daughter (Victoria Byrne), son (Daniel Burke), sister (Esther Luevano), brothers (Carlos, David, and John Luevano), grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents (Jesse and Hope Luevano) and former spouse (William C. Burke Jr.).

A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 18th, 11:00am, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, with a committal service immediately following (approximately 12:15 p.m.) at Roselawn Cemetery located at 1240 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Donations may be made to the UCSF Sarcoidosis Research Program or the American Diabetes Association.

Dr. David Charles Oakley July 4, 1929 - Sept 21, 2018

A Celebration of life service will be held for Dr. David C. Oakley on January 12 at Alden Lane nursery in Livermore from 2-4 p.m. David passed away on September 21, 2018 after an extended battle with Alzheimer's. He is survived by his wife Bernice; children Renee, Charles and Craig; as well as four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

David was born on July 4, 1929 and was very proud of his California heritage. His grandfather had sailed around Cape Horn in 1849 during the gold rush and managed to parley his gold claim into several thousand acres of farmland near Wheatland, just south of Marysville and Yuba City. David's father "Charlie" was a foreman operating massive gold dredges and David grew up in the company town of Hammonton at the base of the foothills east of Marysville.

David and his father developed a strong bond after his mother passed away in 1931. While Charlie often worked long hours, neighbors and family were there to lend a hand. David always had a passion for learning and became an avid reader at an early age. He soaked

in everything his teachers could give him in the little two room schoolhouse in the small company town and it wasn't long before he skipped ahead one grade.

When school was out, he would entertain himself riding his bike around the rock piles, left by the dredges, chasing jackrabbits and of course reading whatever he could get his hands on. He picked berries and sold them to earn some spending money. He learned to play the violin and played with 1000 other youngsters at the World's Fair in San Francisco in 1939.

David went to high school in Marysville, where his interest in science flourished. There he was the editor of the school yearbook. He also worked on the school paper and went so far as to hitchhike the 425 miles to Pasadena to interview some of the staff at the California Institute of Technology for an article. He was so impressed with the campus that he decided that was where he wanted to go after high school.



At Cal Tech, he studied physics, made some great life-long friends, performed some crazy pranks, and each summer he'd hitchhike back to Hammonton and work at the peach cannery. To make ends meet during the school year, David waited tables in the dorm cafeteria and had a paper route. He convinced all his customers to save their newspapers and when there were enough, he collected them and with his pals stuffed another buddy's dorm room full of the wadded up newspapers.

On March 1, 1952, he met Bernice Reeder, who was attending Pasadena Junior College, at a dance. He thought she was fun to dance with and asked if he could give her a ride home. Although she declined, she did give him her number. Being good with numbers he had no trouble remembering it; unfortunately he wasn't as good with names. It took real dedication and interest to find her name by looking through the phone book until he found her number. On their fourth date, they agreed they didn't want to get serious. In spite of that mutual declaration, they got engaged on Memorial Day and were married on July 19.

While David worked on his Doctoral Thesis, Bernice made ends meet working at the phone company. Then in

1954, David accepted a job at the Livermore Radiation Laboratory (later known as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory). He began in the high speed photography group of B Division, but soon advanced into a leadership role in the lab's nuclear testing program and spent a lot of time at the Nevada Test Site.

On the home front, David and Bernice helped to found Cask and Mask, an amateur theater group in 1955. David was active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He also loved the outdoors, which had been apparent since he was a young man, when he climbed Mt. Whitney and scrambled up the cables of Half Dome. As a newlywed, he took his young bride backpacking and as a father, he took the family on countless camping trips throughout the western US and Canada.

He was always there to enlighten minds and had the ability to make complex issues accessible - whether he was explaining the effects of a nuclear explosion to the staid minds of military brass or as a project leader in his kid's 4-H group. He loved to see minds grow, initiating countless trips to museums, historical sites and yearly vacations to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

In 1973, he took a temporary leave of absence from the Lab in Livermore to move to the Washington D.C. area and head the Defense Nuclear Agency's tunnel testing section. While the new position kept him very busy he still managed to find time to explore the east coast with the family.

In 1977, David returned to LLNL to lead numerous weapons tests with L Division. In 1991, with the moratorium on nuclear testing looming he took an early retirement. However, he did not rest on his laurels. He was active in the Volunteer Bureau and SIRS (Sons in Retirement), he worked on the advisory committee for Las Positas College and was active with the Cal Tech Alumni association. Most of all he was active with the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club. As one of the founding members and as President for 2 years, he helped to design the Sensory Garden at Pleasanton's Senior Center and spearheaded the Daffodil Valley Project in 1994, which planted 100,000 daffodils throughout the Livermore Amador Valley.

David's extensive knowledge and intellect helped to both mask and postpone some of the mental difficulties associated with Alzheimer's, unfortunately it was only a delaying action. He finally succumbed to some of the physical complications of the disease on September 21st 2018.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope

Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Deborah Anne Knott Walker Dec 20, 1948 - Dec 31, 2018

Deborah Anne Knott Walker, 70, of Pleasanton, returned home to the loving arms of her Heavenly Father on Monday, December 31, 2018.



Deborah was born to Norman and Adele Nowicki on December 20, 1948 in San Francisco, California. She graduated from Miramonte High School of Orinda in 1966 and received Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Art from the San Francisco State University in 1971. She earned her teaching credential from California State East Bay shortly after. She married Ronald Knott in 1969, and they lived together in Livermore, where together they raised two children. Deborah married David Walker on October 7, 2005. They lived happily and actively in Pleasanton for 13 years.

She leaves as her legacy her two cherished children: Adam Knott (Tiffany) and Jessica Knott Profumo (Mickey) and beloved five grandchildren: Olivia, Michael, Adrian, Elijah, and Callie. She also leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Claudia Nowicki Ellis (Jim). Her family will remember her as a vibrant and dynamic woman with a strong relationship to the Lord.

Deborah served the Lord through a long and dedicated career in education as both a teacher and administrator. She began teaching in public education before becoming the Principal of Our Saviors Lutheran School in Livermore in 1981. She then found her calling in teaching high school at Valley Christian in Dublin. Deborah has spent the last five years sharing her gift of teaching at Fremont Christian School. Among her favorite subjects to teach were AP art, English, and humanities. She found life's connections fascinating and compelling to share with her students.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Church Family Venue, 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. A reception with refreshments will follow. Steve and Andrew Madsen will officiate the ceremony.

The family requests that donations be made to The

Yosemite Conservatory at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/gift-memory or Cornerstone Fellowship Church at <https://pushpay.com/g/cornerstoneweb>.

The family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, prayers, condolences and stories. It is evident how deeply Deborah has affected the lives of those she loved, mentored, taught and inspired. You have all helped us to remember the joyful times during this very difficult one.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Joshua Alexander Atkinson Nov 29, 1992 - Dec 25, 2018

Joshua (Josh) Alexander Atkinson, age 26, departed this life unexpectedly on December 25, 2018, in Hayward, California. Born minutes after his twin brother, George III on November 29, 1992 to Michelle Rene' Martin and George Henry Atkinson, Jr., in Oakland California, he attended elementary schools in California's Central Valley.

A 2011 graduate of Granada High School in Livermore, Josh was an outstanding athlete, excelling in track and field, and football. Football scholarships to Notre Dame and Azusa Pacific Universities, where he performed as cornerback, enabled a B.S. in communications and completion of post-graduate studies.

Most proud of completing his bachelor's in three and one-half years, Josh returned to his beloved California and pursued a career in sales, ascending the corporate ladder through his exceptional interpersonal skills.

Recently predeceased by his mother, Josh is survived by his father, George Atkinson, Jr. (Denise Fee), siblings, twin George Atkinson III (Diana), Julius Martin, Michelle Atkinson, Jerry Wright (Nidia), Craig Atkinson, Deshell Hippard, Angela Atkinson, Maya Atkinson, Brittany Atkinson, Morgann Schlessner, and Alivia Duffus (Clifton); grandmother, Alicia Hugg Cutting (Cecil); great aunt Carol Bowie, aunts Pamela Brown, Julia Barnes, Mia Terry-Samuels (Byron), Amber Moncrief, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life, under the direction of Callaghan Mortuary, will be held on January 14, 2019, at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, CA. Viewing will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by services at 1:00 p.m. Interment is private.

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jay Frost, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 10, 2018. Expires December 10, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 4444. Published December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 10, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 552954

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Daniel Alvarez Alaya, CEO/ President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 11, 2018. Expires December 11, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 4445. Published December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 10, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553174

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Blanca Posada, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 17, 2018. Expires November 16, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 4447. Published December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 10, 2019.

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Belkys Bravo, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on November 16, 2018. Expires November 16, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 4446. Published December 20, 27, 2018 & January 3, 10, 2019.

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27, 2018 & January 3, 10, 17, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553236

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Rodney Burnsides, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 18, 2018. Expires December 18, 2023. The Independent Legal No. 4450. Published January 3, 10, 17, 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROGELIO S. BELENA a.k.a. ROGER S. BELENA and as ROGELIO BUGAY BELENA

Case No. RP18918209

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROGELIO S. BELENA a.k.a. ROGER S. BELENA and as ROGELIO BUGAY BELENA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUANITA L. BELENA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: JUANITA L. BELENA be appointed as 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 consented 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: 02/05/2019 TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 201. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse / Probate Division 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: THOMAS W. CAIN, 1700 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 403, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596, (925)-937-4070.

The Independent Legal No. 4451. Published January 3, 10 & 17, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553016

The following person(s) doing business as: Cogent Communications 1733 Elm St, Livermore CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michelle Dawson, 1733 Elm Street, Livermore CA 94551.

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The Independent Legal No. 4452. Published January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553561

The following person(s) doing business as: Proactive Marble and Granite 1226 Elm St, Livermore CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Charlie Valentino Camarillo, 1226 Elm Street, Livermore CA 94551.

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Charlie Valentino Camarillo, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 2, 2019. Expires January 2, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4453. Published January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553306

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jennifer (Jenn) Collins, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 20, 2018. Expires December 20, 2023.

The Independent Legal No. 4456. Published January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553455

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business as: Skills B4 Drills AKA "SBD" 1948 Railroad Ave, Unit 102, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jessie M. McGaffie, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 27, 2018. Expires December 27, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553613

The following person(s) doing business as: Cookie Express, 2182 Buena Vista Ave, Livermore CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Charlie Annette Mifsud, 2182 Buena Vista Ave, 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: 12/24/13

Signature of Registrants: /s/ Annette Mifsud, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 3, 2019. Expires January 3, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4455. Published January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553492

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Signature of Registrants: /s/ Ananth Sethuraman, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 28, 2018. Expires December 28, 2023.

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ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Names Chad Anderson, PA-C, To Board Of Trustees

Chad Anderson, a Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare (SHC – VC) Physician Assistant and a member of the SHC – VC Hospitalist Team, has joined the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees. He will be completing Randall Brown’s term, who resigned in October.

“We are excited to welcome Chad to VCCF’s Board,” said Shaké Sulikyan, Executive Director. “Chad brings great community knowledge and a commitment to Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare and its patients. We look forward to working with him, as he will help us secure resources for our community hospital and meet the Tri-Valley’s growing and changing healthcare needs.”

Chad is the Assistant Director of Physician Assistant Education at SHC – VC and serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at Stanford School of Medicine. He has been a Physician Assistant since 2005, before which he served as a Registered Nurse in Sutter Delta Hospital’s Emergency Department. He began his medical career as a firefighter and paramedic in the late 80s. Chad and his wife, Traci, are long-time residents of the Tri-Valley, with a deep commitment to the community and its residents. They are the proud parents of Parker Anderson, a junior at Granada High School. Chad is a triathlete and enjoys road-bike racing and competitive swimming.

Chad joins the 11 other ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Trustees, which include Chairman Bob Shapiro, Gary Alt, Lori Arden, Mary Americh-King, Joe Carlucci, David Clausen, Larry King, Brad Kinney, Megan McManus, Joyce Shapiro, and Gina Teeple.

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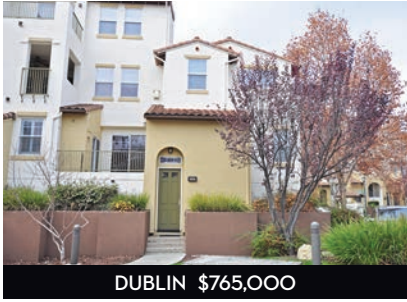
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Pleasanton Festival to Provide Information on Making A Difference

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Would you like to help prepare and serve meals to neighbors in need? Drive elderly neighbors to medical

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Festival planners W. Ron Sutton (left) and Ken Mano pose with volunteer greeter Christina Gray. Sutton is founder of the Make A Difference, Today & Always non-profit organization, which produces the event. Mano is vice-president of the board of directors for Pleasanton's Community of Character Collaboration, another sponsoring organization.



David Wright greets a visitor to the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council's booth.

Musical Exploration of “The Life and Times of Django Reinhardt” Set



Alex Ciavarelli and Rudy Marquez

Django Shredders, jazz guitarists Alex Ciavarelli and Rudy Marquez, will bring their energy and a guitar virtuosity to the Bothwell Arts Center to perform “The Life and Times of Django Reinhardt” on January 19, 2019. Regarded as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century, Belgian jazz guitarist Reinhardt has inspired songwriters and performers worldwide for decades. In a compelling exploration of the late master’s legendary music as well as the music of those he influenced, Ciavarelli and Marquez trace the story of the rise of the “gypsy jazz” style and sound Reinhardt established.

San Diego natives, Marquez and Ciavarelli met while undergraduates in the jazz studies program at San Diego State University. Their mutual interest

in Reinhardt led them to develop this fascinating program which shares their joy in his music, as well as some of the history behind it. Together the two have toured the Southwest, including performances at Django Vegas and at the San Diego Gypsy Jazz Festival. This month they have a nine-concert residency at the Sonoma County Libraries, where they will present a version of “The Life and Times of Django Reinhardt” tailored especially for families. While in Northern California, they will also appear as part of the “Center on the Go” concert series at the Grass Valley Center.

Ciavarelli performs solo and with his band throughout Southern California at various clubs and venues. He has been a featured guest artist at Concerts in the Park on Coronado

Island and in Balboa Park, as well as at the Kyoto Prize Gala. Originally eager to become a rock and roll musician, Marquez instead ended up studying classical guitar before discovering his passion for jazz. He played in a gypsy jazz group at SDSU called Hot Bananas and also performs with a jazz organ trio. Ciavarelli and Marquez have been performing as Django Shredders since 2017 and will demonstrate their remarkable ability to capture the gypsy jazz style in their intimate tribute to Django Reinhardt at the Bothwell. Tickets for the single performance on Saturday, January 19th are just \$20 each.

The performance by Django Shredders is the first in the new Bothwell Presents series, intimate

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Branford Marsalis Quartet Brings Their Expressive Jazz Style

Legendary Branford Marsalis Quartet brings their expressive jazz style to the Bankhead Theater on January 21 for a 7:30 p.m. concert.

From his early acclaim as a saxophonist, Branford Marsalis has stayed the course, bringing new energy and new audiences to the world of jazz. Over the years, he has refined and expanded his talents and his horizons as a musician, composer, bandleader and educator, becoming a twenty-first century mainstay of artistic excellence. Called by the Associated Press, “One of the most cohesive, intense small jazz ensembles on the scene today,” the Branford Marsalis Quartet will perform at the Bankhead Theater for one night only on January 21, 2019.

Marsalis grew up in the rich musical environment of New Orleans, the son of famed pianist and educator Ellis Marsalis and the oldest of his three jazz-playing siblings. He formed his own quartet in 1986 and has taken guest turns with such giants of the jazz world as Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock and Sonny Rollins. Among his many credits, Marsalis has composed for Broadway, toured with Sting, served as musical director for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and appeared on numerous other television and radio programs. He is a frequent soloist in jazz performance and, increasingly, in the classical universe as well.

Known for telepathic communication among its uncommonly consistent personnel, the Branford

Marsalis Quartet has long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind must be measured. They deliver a deep book of original music, replete with expressive melodies and provocative forms, as well as unrivaled spirit in both live and recorded performances.

Very few tickets remain for the January 21st performance at the Bankhead. The \$20 regular ticket level is already sold out, although discounted tickets for students and active military personnel are still available at that price. Remaining seats start at \$50.

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



The Branford Marsalis Quartet (from left) includes Joey Calderazzo, piano; Eric Revis, bass; Branford Marsalis, saxophones; and Justin Faulkner, drums. Photo - Eric Ryan Anderson.

Legendary Singer-Songwriter to Perform Her Hit Songs

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Melissa Manchester, who has been delivering heartfelt hit songs to audiences for decades, will bring cuts from across her broad catalog to the Bankhead stage on January 18, 2019 at 8 p.m. She first soared to stardom in 1975 with her hit single "Midnight Blue" and went on to win the 1982 Best Female Vocalist Grammy Award for her disco-inspired "You Should Hear How She Talks About You."

Manchester has always brought her own experience and truth to each song, from early hits such as "Through the Eyes of Love," "Don't Cry Out Loud" and "Just You and I," to her most recent single, "A Better Rainbow," released last fall. Along the way Manchester has collaborated with a who's who of artists including Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Roberta Flack, Kathy Mattea, Johnny Mathis and Kenny Loggins, with whom she co-wrote the radio classic, "Whenever I Call You Friend."

Born in New York, Manchester grew up on the Upper West Side in an artistically inclined family. She attended New York University and started her career on the songwriting staff for a music company. On the jingle circuit, she met Barry Manilow whose introduction to Bette Midler led to her performing as one of Midler's back-up singers and dancers, before signing



Melissa Manchester

her own recording contract. She has appeared on stage, film and television. In addition to writing the popular songs, she has also composed for film scores and musicals.

Since her first album in 1973, Manchester has released more than 20 more, including her most recent "The Fellas" a tribute to the male singers and songwriters who influenced her

career. She has called the album a "love letter" to Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett and more, with renditions of such favorites as "Night and Day," "Love

is Just Around the Corner," and "Smile." "The Fellas" which was released in 2017, came 25 years after her album "Tribute" honoring the great female singers she admired. Manchester will bring her style to music across a range of genres, from pop and rock to Broadway and jazz.

While the \$20 regular

ticket level is already sold out, discounted tickets for students and active military personnel are still available at that price. Remaining seats are just \$40. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office online at www.lvpac.org or by calling 373-6800.

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concerts designed to highlight exciting new artists, as well as more established small groups. Scott Kenison, Executive Director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, sees the series as an opportunity to

share with the community unique and affordable performing arts experiences, in addition to what is already presented at the Bankhead Theater. "We often come across talented artists and events that are best suited

to a smaller, more casual venue. While the Bothwell has welcomed groups such as Gabe Duffin and his Pog Mo Thoin band for years, we now hope to build on those shows with this expanded series," Kenison

added.

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

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PAL Artwork on Display at Museum

Pleasanton's Museum on Main and the Pleasanton Art League opened the twelfth annual showcase of the Valley's artistic talents with Imagination Expressed 2019.

Featuring paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, and other

works by members of the Pleasanton Art League, this year's version of Imagination Expressed promises to engage the eye, the mind and the soul with a wide variety of distinctive viewpoints and styles. Many of these works will be available for purchase; the Museum receives 10% of the proceeds from sales.

In support of the exhibit, Art League members will appear at the Museum to demonstrate their methods and conduct family art classes during the show's run. Artists, dates and times will be announced on the Museum's website and Facebook page; past participants have included George and Linda Garbarino, Beth Okurowski, Charlotte Severin and Eugenia Zobel.

An opening reception with light refreshments will

take place on Sunday, January 13 from 2-4 PM.

Pleasanton's Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Hours are 10-4

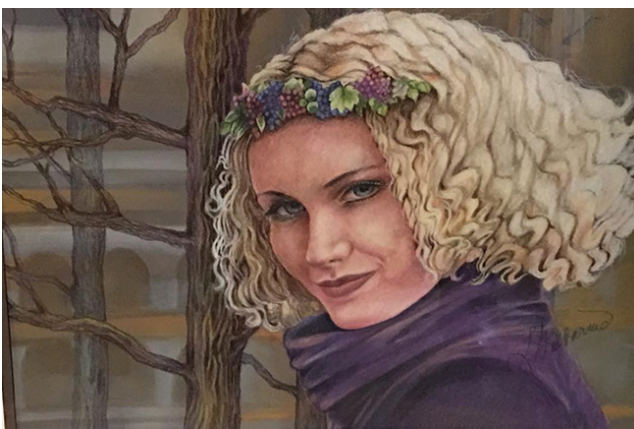
Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 Sunday. For more information, check the Museum's website at www.museumonmain.org, or call 925/462-2766.



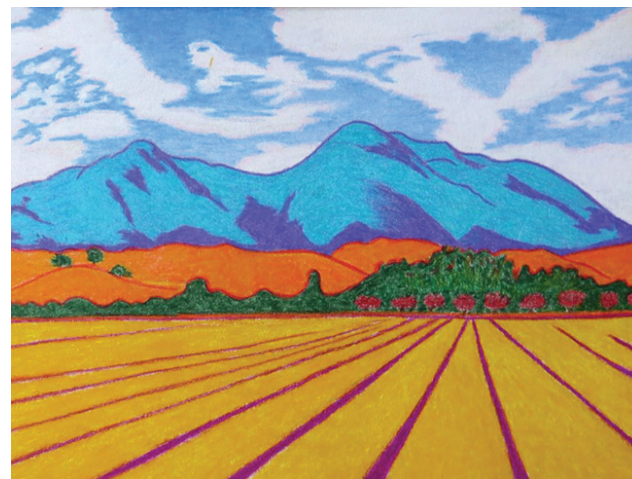
By Beverly Patterson



By Steven Barkkarie



By Linda Garbarino



By Barbara Blissert

Winter Weeds: Topic of January 10 Garden Club Meeting

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's January 10 meeting will focus on winter weeds and what to do about them. The meeting will be held in the multi-purpose room of Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, in Pleasanton, starting at 7:00 p.m..

Guest speaker will be Bethallyn Black, associate professor of horticulture at Diablo Valley Community College. Black will share slides and information about the old and new winter weeds, plus how to manage them.

(Salad, anyone?)

The garden club meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at Alisal School. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

In addition to the evening meetings, the garden club has luncheon meetings on the fourth Mondays. Other interest groups that meet separately include: seed sharing, floral design, and edible plant gardening. Members already are planning for their popular annual Plant Sale,

which will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Amador Valley High School.

Club members also volunteer their time and talents to maintain the Sensory Garden in Pleasanton, and the Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore. They help raise food for neighbors in need at Eden Garden, located in Livermore.

For further information about the club and its activities, visit www.lavgc.org.



Jet Set

Jazz Dance Company to Perform 'Come Fly with Me'

Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company presents Come Fly With Me, directed by Liz Roberts. This is a dance performance that takes the audience on a virtual trip around the world, through music and dance.

Show times are 2:30 and 7:30 pm at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

The performance setting starts at an airport and then proceeds to fly to many destinations on the globe such as New York, Rio de Janeiro, London, India, Singapore, and more. A variety of dance styles will be performed including Jazz, Musical Theater, Hip Hop, Modern, Contemporary Lyrical, and Tap. There will also be a diversified selection of music played from the old classics to new contemporary songs of today.

Tickets are available now at www.lvpac.org, by calling 373-6800 or at the box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore.



Feeling Good

Multicultural Performance to Celebrate the New Year

The Pleasanton Public Library presents its third annual New Year Celebration with Traditions of Many Cultures. It will feature short performances by diverse area groups and individuals at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

Festivities are Sunday, January 13, 2019, 2 – 3 p.m.

To celebrate Pleasanton's vibrant and growing diversity and highlight the Library's commitment to offering books and materials in multiple languages,

at this family-friendly event cultural songs and dances will be performed along with library displays and activities.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Yu Tao, Senior Librarian at 925-931-3410.

FIREHOUSE

ARTS CENTER

For tickets, visit:

www.firehousearts.org/events



Chicago: The Tribute

January 11-12 • 8pm

Classic Sound, Powerful Horns
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WHITNEY: "One Moment in Time"

Starring Dee Dee Simon

February 16-17

Award-Winning Tribute
to the Legend



CREATURES OF IMPULSE: Improv Face-Off

February 20-23

Get back in the ring for this
local improv team showdown!



Banda Magda

February 24 • 7pm

Latin rhythms with jazz improv



4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton | 925.931.4848

Entries Being Accepted for Art Show at Alviso Adobe Community Park

Entries are being accepted for the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) annual art show and sale at the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Community Park is a unique site that tells the story of California from its earliest human history. This fully restored interpretative park reveals the history of the Amador Valley, offering a rare glimpse of times past - from its Native American beginnings to the days of Spanish Ranchos managing herds of cattle on the original 12,000 acre Rancho Santa Rita, through a period in the early to mid-20th century when it was a popular dairy and finally its present as a community park."

This is an open show. All categories of hung artwork and photographs will be judged together. There may be up to 100 pieces of art to be judged for monetary prizes.

The restored milking building will serve as the art gallery.

The show itself will be on display March 1, 2, 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration deadline is Feb. 23, 2019. Refer to the prospectus and registration form at the PAL website: www.pal-art.com

Tri-Valley Haven Thrift Store and Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

For over 40 years, Tri-Valley Haven has honored its mission of contributing towards a healthier and safer community by remaining a loyal provider of safety-net services for the Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton communities. The Haven's ongoing work in the community has been supported by the help of dedicated volunteers. In order to continue providing food, shelter, and social service programs, The Haven is seeking regular volunteers at our Thrift Store and Food Pantry.

The Thrift Store, located at 116 North L Street in Livermore, is seeking volunteers on Thursday afternoons and weekends to sort donations, stock merchandise and provide customer service.

The Haven's food pantry is seeking drivers to do food pick-ups from local vendors on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. In addition, the food pantry, located at 418 Junction Ave in Livermore, is in need of volunteers to help stock shelves, rotate food and assemble food bags (shifts are flexible).

Volunteer applications can be found at www.trivalleyhaven.org under the Volunteer tab. Contact Fatima at 925-667-2711 or fatima@trivalleyhaven.org for more information.

Volunteers Sought for Tri-Valley Haven

Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Tri-Valley area. The Haven is looking for dedicated volunteers who are interested in training to become domestic violence and sexual assault advocates, legal advocates or crisis line operators.

Approved by the State of California, Tri-Valley Haven's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training is considered a premier course of instruction in the field of counseling.

The Haven's next 70-hour volunteer training course will begin on January 29, 2019. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30-10:15pm for 12 weeks at The Haven's Community Building in Livermore. Volunteers who successfully complete the training will be certified and required to volunteer one shift per month for a year.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, participate in a pre-training interview, and pay a \$240 training fee (\$100 of original fee refunded after a yearlong volunteer commitment of one shift per month with The Haven.)

Applications and advocacy descriptions can be found at trivalleyhaven.org. Contact Fatima at 925-667-2711 or fatima@trivalleyhaven.org to schedule an interview.

Benefit for Paws in Need

Attend a tasty crab feast and help save the life of a lovable local pet, and help prevent animal overpopulation by attending the Paws In Need Crab Feed fundraiser on Saturday, February 2nd, 2019. The event includes dinner, games, raffle baskets and auction items from 6-10 pm at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore.

The menu includes clam chowder, fresh cracked Dungeness crab, pasta, Caesar salad, bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. A no-host bar offering beer, wine, Cosmos and nonalcoholic beverages will be available. There will be many oppor-



tunities for lucky attendees to win fabulous auction items along with raffle prizes. A limited number of Premier tables of 8 are also available.

All proceeds will benefit local animals. The Spay/Neuter and Urgent Care programs rely solely on public donations and con-

tributions from the community to provide financial assistance for veterinary medical needs in the Tri-Valley area.

Dinner tickets are just \$60 per person when purchased by January 19th, and \$70 thereafter. Paws In Need Crab Feed tickets are expected to sell out early, so buy yours today! Tickets are available online at www.Paws-In-Need.org, or by mailing checks to Paws In Need, P.O. Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583. Please contact event coordinator Lisa Williams at 925-216-1621 or lisawilliams.ca@gmail.com.

EBRPD to Host Youth Job Fairs

For the 5th consecutive year, the East Bay Regional Park District will host two Youth Job Fairs, designed to raise awareness of employment opportunities for youth in the East Bay. The fairs are scheduled in Oakley on Saturday, January 26, 2019, and in Union City on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Both events offer attendees an opportunity to learn about the specific Park District jobs available and interact with current employees to get insight into what it's like to work for the Park District. Highlighted 2019 positions include: Interpretive Student Aides, Public Safety Student Aides, Recreation Leaders, Lifeguards, Gate Attendants, Park Services Attendants, Student Laborers, Field Interns, Interns, and Volunteers.

The Youth Job Fairs also include general information sessions on resume writing, application submittal, and job interviewing for youth

looking to enter the workforce, whether at the Park District or elsewhere.

"The Park District's Annual Youth Job Fairs are an important way for the District to engage with local youth looking for jobs," said East Bay Regional Park District Ward 5 Director Ayn Wieskamp. "The Park District works very hard to ensure youth in the district are aware of the jobs the District has to offer."

"These events are great for area youth looking for full-time work or seasonal jobs," added Wieskamp.

2018's youth job fairs were the biggest so far. Over 500 attendees learned about working for the District and the positions available. The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest employer of youth in the East Bay, hiring over 400 Bay Area youth each year to work in the District's 73 regional parks

and ten visitor centers. The Youth Job Fairs are key to filling seasonal summer positions, especially Recreation Leaders and Lifeguards.

"The Park District is interested in attracting qualified and energetic job candidates who care about parks, nature learning, and enjoy outdoor recreation," said East Bay Regional Park District Chief Human Resources Officer Kip Walsh. "The Youth Job Fairs are a great way for the Park District to connect directly with interested job candidates."

2019 Youth Job Fair Details: Saturday, January 26, 2019 Big Break Visitor Center, 10 a.m. to noon, 69 Big Break Road, Oakley, CA 94561; Saturday, February 2, 2019, Rugieri Senior Center, 10 a.m. to noon, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587. (In partnership with City of Union City).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Banner outside the Pleasanton Library welcomes all to the Saturday, January 19 event.

appointments? Comfort dogs and cats awaiting their forever homes? Assist a newcomer learning English? Help visitors learn about local history? Refresh public garden areas? Organize Special Olympics sports events? These are but a few of the volunteer opportunities that await festival visitors.

Produced by Make A Difference, Today & Always, a 501©3 non-profit, the festival is co-sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, the Community of Character Coalition, Child Care Links, ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs, and Karlsson & Lane Accounting Services..

Exhibitors will include the following:

- ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs
- Alameda County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates)
- Alviso Adobe Community Park
- Amador Valley Quilters – Quilts of Valor Project
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- American Cancer Society
- Asian Pacific Islanders American Public Affairs
- Axis Community Health
- Child Care Links
- City of Pleasanton (Department of Library and Recreation)
- CityServe of the Tri-Valley
- Community of Character Coalition
- Go Green Initiative Association
- HERS Breast Cancer Foundation
- Hooks and Needles
- JustServe.org
- Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club
- Lynnewood United Methodist Church
- Meals On Wheels (Spectrum Community Services)
- Museum On Main
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council
- Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
- Senior Support Programs of the Tri-Valley
- Special Olympics

- Stanford Health Care/ValleyCare Auxiliary
- Sunflower Hill/Sunflower Gardens
- Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers
- Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center
- Valley Children's Museum ??
- Valley Humane Society

Visitors will be encouraged to sign the "50/50 Pledge," which states, "I pledge to spend at least 50 hours in community service, and to spend 50 more hours with my family in the next year." They can also sign the historic banner from the very first local Make A Difference Festival

(which were sponsored by the Pleasanton Unified School District and included many other organizations in the 1990s).

"We used to try to tie in with the national Make A Difference Day, which is held in October, but here in Pleasanton that date has long been reserved for the Foothill High School Band Review, so we changed to the date closest to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which has become a global service day," explained W. Ron Sutton, founder of Make A Difference, Today & Always.

"Also, we felt that people should make a commitment to community service on more than one day per year. That is why we came up with the '50/50 Pledge' and the slogan, 'Get Connected, Stay Connected,'" said Sutton.

"This is a great way to learn of volunteer opportunities," said Ken Mano, vice-president of Pleasanton's Community of Character Coalition. "There will be many non-profits and other groups that serve our community from newborns to young children to our senior population, and even animals. We all need to do our part in helping those who don't have all the advantages and benefits which many of us enjoy."

The festival helps fund the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships, which are awarded annually to graduating seniors from each of Pleasanton's three high schools through the Community of Character Collaborative.

"We are pleased to host this event," says Yu Tao, librarian. "Because a growing number of organizations want to participate, the city's Department of Library and Recreation will move our information tables into the children's section of the library, just beyond the community room. We hope participants will come by to see the volunteer opportunities we offer."

The festival is free of charge, as is the parking at the city library. All are welcome.



City library and recreation department staff members explain volunteer opportunities to festival visitors. Their department is a co-sponsor of the annual festival.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



A Winter's Tale, a Bankhead Theater Gallery Exhibit will be on view Jan. 10 to March 5. A reception is set for Saturday, Jan 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. Images will depict cold, snow, ice, frost, bare trees, a warm fire in the fireplace, snuggling inside against the cold...this is the story of Winter. Image by Danuta Wang

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association

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

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

Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Alamo Danville Artists' Society will host the opening of Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit 'Fes-tive'. The exhibit will be on view seven days a week from Friday, November 30th to Sunday, February 10th, 2019. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville, California, in the Blackhawk Plaza. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 11am-6pm. Holiday hours: 1/21 Martin Luther King Day regular hours
Imagination Expressed 2019, Pleasanton Art League show at the Museum on Main. Reception January 13, 2 to 4 p.m. Show runs January 8 to February 24 during regular museum hours. 603 Main Street Pleasanton.

A Winter's Tale: Art Exhibit at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, Jan., 10-March 5, art Reception Sat., January 12, 2019, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

California Watercolor Association 49th Annual National Exhibition. Opens January 11 through February 16, 2019 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 74 artists from California and beyond have been accepted. 25 awards and cash prizes. Selection Juror: Iain Stewart; Awards Juror: Karen Frey. Wide variety of styles and types of water media are represented. **RECEPTION:** Free opening reception and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, January 12, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The public is welcome to come preview the entire exhibit, chat with the artists, and enjoy light refreshments. **PAINTING DEMONSTRATIONS:** Wednesday afternoons 1-3:30pm. 1/23 David Savellano; 1/30 Sue Johnston; 2/6 Ruth Miller, 2/13 Carolyn Lord **YOUNG @ ART:** "Water + Color = Fun!" class for young people ages 5-11. Thursday, February 7, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, Code 8853. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Two Workshops, One Weekend taught by artist Linda Ryan.

Workshop in Pour Painting - Basics Friday, January 25 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, January 26, 10:30-11:30am. **Workshop in Pour Painting - Basics to Intermediate** Saturday, January 26, 10:30-4:00pm and Sunday, January 27, 10:30-3:30pm Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. Livermore. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basics-of-luminous-pour-painting-tickets-53628358865?aff=efbneb>

Pleasanton Art League/Livermore Art Association meeting January 14, 7:30 pm, Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton: featuring Las Positas Scholarship Winner & Plein Air Setups. Visitors welcome. www.livermoreartassociation.org

Celebrate Women! 2019 Art that Honors Women, is in its 5th year! This photographic exhibition has two tracks: 1. competition with judging and monetary awards. 2. anyone may submit in this non-judged track. Exhibition will go up March 1st at Civic Center Library, Livermore. Main Requirement: Every image must have one woman/many women as subject matter. Sponsored by: Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League. For more information and detailed guidelines, please contact: Barbara Reynolds email: barbara.nichols.reynolds@gmail.com or call/text: 503.449-3861.

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, printmaking

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. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 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

Las Positas Vineyards - Saturday, January "Evening in the Vineyards" winter concert series at featuring acoustic pop singer & songwriter Tammy Byerly. This concert will be in the event room with wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages dinner option available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverage permitted) to purchase tickets, visit our website at www.laspositasvineyards.com Weekend of January 12th & 13th featured food pairing flight will be the newest French Cheese's & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open 1130-430pm. For more information, contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery release of a "Winter White" January 12th. Visit the winery Saturday and Sunday, 1/12 and 1/13 for a free taste of this very special Livermore appellation Pinot Blanc. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards, 11th Annual Cabstravaganza! Saturday, January 26, 2019; 11:30am - 4:30pm Start with a 2018 barrel tasting, compare the aromas and flavors with a nicely aged 2014. We'll crack open the 2008 from our cellar, while supplies last! Specially selected limited Cabernet vintages will be available for sale during this annual celebration. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore www.charlesrvineyards.com 925-454-3040

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/ on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd Tuesday each month from

7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Chicago: The Tribute. The authentic sound and show, including all the powerful horns, rich vocals, and rocking rhythm section. 2 blow-out shows - Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12, 8:00 p.m. at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Chicago fused rock, jazz, funk, and soul into the iconic sound all their own. Includes hits Saturday in the Park, Beginnings, If You Leave Me Now, plus many more. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Melissa Manchester, Jan. 18, 2019, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Presents - Daniel Cainer in "Gefilte Fish and Chips". Daniel Cainer is an award-winning songwriter, storyteller and performer. Jewish-themed, one-man show of unique stories in song is smart, funny, timely and only slightly irreverent. January 19 at 7:30pm at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Hayward. This presentation is part of TVCJ's "A World of Jewish Music Conference". Tickets can be purchased for this evening by itself (\$20.00), or for the entire weekend conference here: www.eventbrite.com/e/a-world-of-jewish-music-tickets-50672074539

Django Shredders "The Life and Times of Django Reinhardt", Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 8:00pm. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Avenue, Livermore. Tickets at www.lvpac.org, call 925-373-6800, or visit 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Jake Shimabukuro - Innovative Master of the Ukulele on "The Greatest Day" New Album Tour, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

John O'Connor, piano. Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org, 373-6800.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Robert Cray, Legendary Blues Hall of Fame Guitarist, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

A Bowie Celebration, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

The Music of ABBA (Arrival from Sweden), Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Whitney: "One Moment in Time" Saturday, February 16 at 8 p.m. Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Choir of Man - The best Singing, Dancing, Pub Show Ever! 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, Feb. 23, prelude talk 7 p.m. concert begins, 8 p.m. Rossini: William Tell Overture, Copland: Billy the Kid Suite Plus solos by the winners of the 2018-2019 Competition for Young Musicians. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Banda Magda, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

The Great God Brown, Eugene O'Neill play, will be held at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue in Danville, on January 12 at 8:00 pm and January 13 at 2:00 pm. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 and can be ordered here: <http://www.eugeneoneill.org/shop/the-great-god-brown-january-playwrights-theatre/>

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Jan. 12, 19, 26 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 13, 20, 26, 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Branford Marsalis Quartet, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre **Mama Mia**, Jan. 26, Feb. 10, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Role Players Ensemble presents Honky by Greg Kalleres; directed by Katja Rivera; Artistic Director Eric Fraisher Hayes. February 1 - 17, 2019, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com or call (925) 314-3400.

Student Showcase, Las Positas College Main Stage, Feb. 8. Free. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

The Clairvoyants, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

DANCE

Come Fly with Me, Livermore School of Dance presents A dance performance that will take the audience on a virtual trip around the world through music and dance. Feb. 2, 2:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Russian National Ballet "Don Quixote" Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

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 730pm.

The Second City, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, Pleasanton

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

Top Hat (movie) Wed, February 13, 7:00 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera's "Behind the Curtain" benefit January 20 at 4 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Tickets are \$90 per person with tables of eight available for purchase as well. Tickets can be purchased online at www.livermorevalleyopera.com. Seating is limited.

AUDITIONS

Auditions - Smokey Joes' Cafe - the songs of Leiber & Stoller. Words & Music by Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller. Directed and Choreographed by Christina Lazo. Musical Direction by Sierra Dee. Produced by Kathleen Breedveld. Walk-Ins will be seen as time permits. All auditioners must provide a current headshot/resume and properly marked sheet music, an accompanist will be provided. NO A CAPELLA. Prepare 32 bars of a 1950s-1960s pop song. Be prepared to dance! Singing a selection from the show is encouraged. A dance/movement combination will be taught, ladies wear appropriate heels and men bring a dress shoe comfortable for dancing. Auditions will be held at the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Rehearsal Space located at 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 in Pleasanton, CA 94566 on Monday, January 21st and Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at

7:00 PM. Audition form and roles: <https://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/smokey-joes-cafe>

Valley Concert Chorale auditions January 14 and 21. Arrange appointment for a brief 15 minute meeting with Music Director. 925 • 736 • 9731; will include a little sight reading, rhythmic exercise and bring a short selection (art song, hymn, My Country Tis of Thee, etc.) in any language. Singers must commit to the season with Monday evening rehearsals. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble seeking actors to audition for their upcoming event, Festival 10 - A Treasury of 10-Minute Plays. Each play is only 10 minutes long, each cast member is a 'lead' with lines, yet the actors won't need to expend extensive effort memorizing their part. Actors of all ethnicities are encouraged to audition, and roles are available for a broad age range, including teens, adults and senior citizens. The plays will all be performed on a single day - Saturday, March 30th, at the Shadow Lakes Event Center in Brentwood. Performers audition for all plays simultaneously, with each play director making his or her own casting decisions. Auditions will be held on January 23rd and 24th, with callbacks on January 27th. For full details and to sign-up for auditions, visit <http://ghostlighttheatre.org/auditions-festival10.html>. For further information, contact Helen Dixon at helen@ghostlighttheatre.org.

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 livermorelibrary.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

New Festival at the Bankhead

Explores Kwanzaa to Celebrate African American Heritage on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Bankhead Theater Lobby, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Free.

A World of Jewish Music - Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host a weekend of learning, enjoying, and singing Jewish music from

around the world. Learn about teaching music, how to get kids to sing, and the history of different types of Jewish music such as Jewish Musical Theater, Jewish composers, and Sephardic and Mizrahi music. Conference runs from January 18 - 20, 2019 at the La Quinta Inn in Hayward. Tickets can be purchased for the entire weekend or for individual days. For more information: <http://bit.ly/JWest-2019>

Golden Age of Hollywood Gala fundraiser, Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 6:30pm; \$75 each. After January 5, 2019, \$100 each Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore; www.lvpcac.org or call 925-373-6800

Patrick Hunt, Hannibal's Secret Weapon, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... Bessie Coleman Tuesday, February 12th, 2pm; Tuesday, February 12th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumon-main.org or (925) 462-2766.

One-Man Show with 'Gefilte Fish and Chips' Scheduled

Award-winning songwriter, storyteller and performer Daniel Cainer will present his Jewish-themed one-man show "Gefilte Fish and Chips" on Saturday, January 19 at 7:30 at La Quinta Inn & Suites in Hayward, CA. His unique stories in song are smart, funny, timely and only slightly irreverent. His tales about family are told in brilliant rhyme and witty wordplay with great musicianship and haunting tunes. The performance is the capstone of the World of Jewish Music weekend to be held at the hotel, and is open to the public. The admission fee for the concert is \$20. (Admission is included with registration to the weekend conference.)

To purchase tickets online, <http://bit.ly/JWest-2019> and click on "registration." Cash or checks will be accepted at the door, but to ensure seats, reservations are recommended.

The World of Jewish Music weekend is sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews and the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations and serves those whose Jewish identity is based on culture, heritage and family, rather than on religion.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Amador Valley Quilters general meeting. Sandy Corbin will be the guest speaker at the January 12, 2019. Her lecture will focus on ways to use multiple fabrics to create different styles of fresh "scrappy" quilts. She will have about 30 sample quilts on display. Amador Valley Quilters meet on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30-4:00 PM at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Pleasanton.

PAWS In Need Crab Feed, Saturday, Feb., 2nd, 2019 at 6:00PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are \$60 per person. To order tickets, go to the website <http://paws-in-need.org/upcoming-events/event.php?Crab-Feed---Feb-2nd-55>. For additional info, please call 925-551-1877.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club, meeting Sunday, January 13 1:30 to 3:30 in Rm A-B, Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will discuss how she is fitting in with her new job as Assemblymember and answer questions from the attendees.

Crab feed, Pleasanton Lions Club, annual fun February 2, no host bar 5 pm, crab served 6:30 p.m. Casino night \$70 per person (includes parking), \$65 person with purchase of 16 tickets or more. Tickets or information, contact Steve Grimes at (925) 484-3524 or Greg Aynesworth at (925) 336-6069.

Swim, Bike, Run, Fun with Tri-Valley Triathlon Club in 2019 at the Tri-Season Kick Off. Saturday, January 26; 9:00am - 10:30am; Optional - before the meeting for a run at 7:30am. Meeting at the Sports Basement, San Ramon, 1041 Market Pl., San Ramon. Tri-Season is February through September. Learn about TVTC's 2019 programs and Coach Supported Events, hear from the coaches, sponsors, and other members. RSVP with Coach Liz at liz@trivalleytriclub.com to attend the meeting.

Livermore Lions Club annual Crab Feed on Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 5:30-8:30pm at the Bothwell Arts Center at 2466 Eighth Street in Livermore. At the event will be a no-host bar, all-you-can-eat crab with a pasta dinner, and dancing to live music. There will be lots of raffle items, as well as a variety of silent auction events, activities, and items. No outside beverages allowed. Monies from this fundraiser are going to local community projects and the visually and hearing impaired. Tickets are \$50 per person and for a table of 6-10, tickets are \$45 per person. To order tickets call Ann or Ben at (925) 449-9974.

Citizens' Climate Lobby Tri-Valley Chapter Meeting, Jan 15, 6 p.m. Vineyard View, 3227 Saratoga Court, Livermore; 6 p.m. Potluck dinner, introductions, networking; 7 p.m. view Monthly Speaker and discuss the topic; 7:30 p.m. Action Reports, Updates, and Action planning. All are welcome. Please

contact Ann at aewbrown@gmail.com with any questions.

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

Livermore Community Blood Drive: Friday, January 18, 12-6:00 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Please come donate, bring a friend or family member to the drive and give the gift of life to our friends and neighbors who need it. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

Livermore Rotary Club annual Crab Feed on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. The event features a crab dinner and dancing to live music by the Gabe Duffin Band. Tickets are priced at \$60 per person. Call for special \$55 pricing for groups of 8-10 people. To order tickets call Debbie Peck (925) 447-4300.

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 Danes 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.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meets Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Guest speaker will present a program British Genealogy on the Internet. No Charge - Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Julie Liu, Program Chairperson, email: program@L-AGS.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Jan. 13, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Jan. 10 to Gloria, 846-8320. Jan. 23, 1 p.m. lunch in Dublin, RSVP by Jan. 20 to Marge, 828-5125. Jan. 27, 1 p.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Jan 24 to Marsha, 830-8483.

Grief support meetings at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on January 10 and 22, February 12 and 28, March 14 and 28. There are two Tuesday evening meeting dates, January 22 and February 12. Call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

Crab feed - Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge # 2117-Saturday January 19, 2019, Cocktails 6:00pm, Dinner 7pm; Menu, Fresh Crab, Clam Chowder, Pasta meaty tomato sauce, Cole Slaw, French Bread and Dessert. Steak plate available by advance request only. Tickets Adult \$50.00 per person; Children

\$12.00 no crab. Buy a table of 12 Adults and get one free \$550.00. Advance Sales Only; Reservation Deadline Thursday January 17, 2019! Lodge Office 925-455-8829; 740 Larkspur Drive, Livermore.

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 January 12, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, 325 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

Moms Demand Action, Livermore - Jan. Meeting at Janie's house, 3440 Vermont Pl., Pleasanton. Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 PM 2019 kickoff meeting to learn about our plans for the year and how you can help save lives from gun violence in your community. New members welcome. <https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event>

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Tu B'Shvat LARPD Ranger Amy will lead the group on a hike along the Arroyo del Valle. We will look for the plants and animals that call this area home. We are sure to find lots of cool bugs and other creatures along the way. We plan to walk rain or shine so please dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. Please bring a potluck dish to share. We have members that are dairy-free and gluten-free so please indicate on an index card your ingredients. potluck at noon. Sunday, January 27th, 2019, 10:30am - 12:30pm. Sycamore Grove Park Parking Lot, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. Free for members and children, \$10.00 per non-member adult

Crab feed and live jazz, Fundraiser for Veterans Memorial and Pink Sunday Cancer Awareness sponsored by White Crane Winery, Eight Bridges Brewery and Pink Sunday. Raffle ticket included with Dinner purchase. And enjoy Live Jazz with Joey T & Friends. January 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Eight Bridges Brewery, 332 Earhart Way, Livermore. Family style seating, first come first served. Doors and bar opens at 4:00pm for a fun Meet and Greet. \$65.00 per person. Includes tax & gratuity. Plus one raffle ticket. For tickets, call Nick at 925-321-5463. Seating is Limited. This is a charity event. No outside food or beverages allowed. If there is any crab left over, bags will be sold at the end of the evening with monies going to the charities.

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

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

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

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480-585-8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925-443-4444.

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 History Mobile. Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or 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), Counter Point is a free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship (348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore across from Costco) and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information

contact Kent (925-243-0211) or Rachel (510-501-1411).

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

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

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. 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 Support Group meets 1300 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, at 2pm every Sunday except holidays. No RSVP needed. Contact : Ken 510-754-4599 or Barbara 916-335-8836

Ethos California, 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.

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. At chapter meetings, members learn about antiques, share and view members' collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. New members are invited to join the local Amador Chapter. If interested call President Rickie at 925-292-8123 or e-mail rjfigonio@comcast.net.

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

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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 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.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.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 abrill.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit), a faith enriching ministry for women of all ages and life stages, meets Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am through May 9, 2019 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. The theme is Reflecting the Light of Christ to the World. Guest speaker "highlights" include Father Mark Wiesner, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo; Tiffany Hoover - Theatrical Performance on the life of Dorothy Day; Graham Wiseman - Mental Health Advocate for Youth; and others. All are Welcome. For a list of presenters or to learn more about WINGS: stcharleslivermore.org/ WINGS Questions: Janet Schott 925-373-9346 or Phyllis Clearwater 925-337-4299

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

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

Unitarian Universalist 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, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Adult Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church (Pre-K-5th grade) 11:15 a.m., Nursery to age 3, Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Senior Adult Ministries meet every other month. For ministry information call (925) 846-8650

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org 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.saintbartsLivermore.com. Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, Priest-in-Charge, 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 a.m. 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.

Lynwood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Pastor Henry Kim at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynwood.org or visit www.lynwood.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 11:00 am. 950 Mocho St.; Valley View Ward 9:00 am; Vineyard Hills Ward 11:00 am; Mocho Branch (Spanish) 12:20 p.m.. 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 1:30 p.m..

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Join children's and youth groups for Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, and we also provide childcare in the nursery. Upcoming event Saturday, January 26 Race Conversations-Embracing the New Multicultural Reality Workshop, 9:30-12:00pm. This workshop will be led by Rev. Sun Her Kim & Rev. Dale Weatherspoon. This workshop will offer a safe and respectful space to engage in conversations that leads to listen deeply and share freely. It will provide tools that help participants become mindful and build common understanding/ language, strategy, and build bridges to working together despite the challenging issues of systemic racism. For more information visit www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find our most updated information and worship sermons. All are welcome.

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 stfranciscanglican.church.

The Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley is now holding Sunday services at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., at 10 a.m.

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 **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.

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

Unity of Tri-Valley, an inclusive spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. All are welcome. 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 am Sunday service. Rev. Dinah Chapman, Minister. www.trivalleyunity.org. 925.829.2733

Asbury United Methodist Church '5 Love Languages' 7- week series Workshop beginning Sunday January 27. Class will be from 11:30-12:30pm in room 4. Childcare will be provided for children not in choir practice. If you are interested in attending and to reserve your spot, contact the church office at 925-447-1950 or email office@asburylive.org. For more information about events visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find our most updated information and worship sermons. All are welcome. Asbury United Methodist Church is located at 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed.

Milestones



Float 'Far Out Frequencies' Recognized as California-Grown Certified for the Eighth Year

Cal Poly universities' "Far Out Frequencies," featuring a pair of astronauts and a handful of animated extraterrestrials on an alien planet communicating through music, received the Extraordinaire Award for the most extraordinary float at the 130th Rose Parade® held New Year's Day.

The float, designed and built by teams of students from Cal Poly and California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, celebrates this year's parade theme, "The Melody of Life," by paying homage to music as a language for all. It is the fourth time in 71 appearances that

the Cal Poly float has featured a space-related design.

"It's the first time we've every gotten this award, so we're really excited about it," said Sara Novell of Livermore, a mechanical engineering senior who's president of Cal Poly SLO Rose Float. "This includes all floats in the parade including those that are over 55 feet long."

"I am so excited and just so proud of my team. We did build an extraordinary float from an extraordinary team of students from both campuses. It was just a culmination of all of our collaborations, teamwork

and honestly, I wouldn't expect anything less from this team."

On the float, astronauts Morgan and Sally travel deep into outer space and land on a distant alien planet. Unable to communicate through language, they use musical instruments to share their message of goodwill with a handful of aliens, leading to out-of-this-world fun and some unexpected good times.

"Far Out Frequencies" was among 40 floats in this year's parade. Rose Parade® officials estimate that 700,000 people see the parade in person, while 44 million Americans and an

international audience of 28 million tune in to watch it on TV.

The 49- by 15-foot entry, which stands more than 16-feet tall, uses animation to breathe life into this outer space close encounter.

"The front astronaut strums a guitar, bobs his head and taps his foot," Novell said. "The alien next to that astronaut mimics the guitar strumming motion. All the aliens have moving ears. On the rock arch, two aliens play with an accordion — one on each end — which moves."

"The back alien will rock its legs as well as move its wrist to shake a tambourine.

On the back of the float, another alien lifts a tuba off its head. There also will be bubbles coming out of the saxophone that an alien plays. Lastly, one of the flowers spins."

The concept was selected from more than 150 ideas submitted last spring by students, local communities, alumni and friends of the Cal Poly Rose Float program.

During the recent Decorations Week in Pasadena, the float was adorned with thousands of colorful blooms — including 7,000 roses, 7,200 Gerbera daisies, 3,200 irises and 200 red cabbages as well as white cushion mums, and button mums.

Awards were announced by 2019 Tournament of Roses President Gerald Freeny about 6 a.m., two hours before the start of the 5½-mile parade down Colorado Boulevard.

"People are walking by our float and saying, 'Oh my god, it's a beautiful float,'" Novell said. "The judges even complimented our float during the judging — and that's not very common. It's amazing. We're so happy about it."

The schools were also honored for their commitment to California's flower farmers.

It's the eighth consecutive year the float has earned the "California Grown" designation from the California Cut Flower Commission, which recognizes an entry decorated with at least 85 percent of cut flowers and plant materials from the Golden State.

"This year we have a water feature on our float," said Novell, who has been a member of Rose Float for five years. "One of the alien planet flowers will squirt water in a laminar-flow fashion onto a different location on our float."

New Chief Strategy Officer Named

San Ramon Regional Medical Center has appointed Pam Yoo as its new Chief Strategy Officer, effective Jan. 7, 2019.

As Chief Strategy Officer, Yoo will focus on the growth and development of San Ramon Regional Medical Center's network of services to ensure the hospital is meeting the needs of the community and providing convenient access to high-quality care close to home.

"Pam brings with her a fresh perspective on strategic development and new energy to enhancing and expanding our healthcare delivery," said Ann Lucena, CEO of San Ramon Regional Medical Center. "We are delighted to have her join our executive team."

Prior to her role at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Yoo served as the Senior Manager of Strategy Implementation at the Sutter Health System Office where she was the strategic leader and advisor to senior executives in the planning, execution and monitoring of large-scale initiatives. She also served as the Director of Neuroscience at UCSF Medical Center and the Program Manager of Neuroscience at Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento.

Yoo earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology with a minor in political science, and a Master of Business Administration, both from the University of California, Davis. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and also serves on the Graduate School of Management Alumni Association Board at the University of California, Davis.