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"Shelter in Place" Order Locks Region Down

Valley Responds to Coronavirus Spread

By David Chircop

Alameda County, along with Contra Costa, San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma counties have all issued a "shelter in place" order to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the Bay Area, and to prevent hospitals and health clinics from being overwhelmed.

The unprecedented and dramatic public safety response, affecting more than 7 million people, was announced by health officials from seven Bay Area counties on Monday, in addition to Sana Cruz, and

the cities of Oakland and Berkeley. Napa County was considering a similar order as of Tuesday.

The order requires residents to shelter at home for three weeks, and for all non-essential businesses to close through April 7. The duration can be either shortened or extended by the County Health Officer or the State Public Health Officer.

"This joint action we are demonstrating today in unity is to show the importance of coming together as a community and as a region to protect our most vulnerable," said

Dr. Erica Pan, Alameda County's Interim Health Officer. "We are here to protect the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. Together, we can slow the spread of disease to protect our parents, our grandparents and those who need us most to help protect them from serious illness and hospitalization."

The sweeping order followed an advisory issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom at a press conference on Sunday, telling seniors over 65 to stay home and urging bars, nightclubs, brewery tap rooms,

and winery tasting rooms across the state to close immediately due to the public health emergency.

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How Are You Coping?

The Independent wants to know how you and your family are dealing with the disruptions in daily life. If you are a business owner, how have you had to adapt? Send an email with your story to editor@independentnews.com, and be sure to include photos whenever possible.

Second Lawsuit Filed Against Pleasanton's Costco Plan

By Aly Brown

Pleasanton's Costco project, which has seen years of delay, has hit yet another speedbump in the form of a lawsuit this month.

On the heels of a Feb. 4 city council meeting, a group by the name of Pleasanton Citizens for Responsible Growth (PCRG) on March 4 filed its second lawsuit seeking to stop the project, slated for the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ). The lawsuit came after the City Council on Feb. 4 voted to certify the project's final Partial Recirculated Supplemental Environmental Impact Review (PRSEIR).

"We were forced to file a second lawsuit against the project due to the still-insufficient environmental study performed for the JDEDZ, and the failure of the City of Pleasanton and Costco to fully evaluate and disclose the true impacts of the project," wrote PCRG spokesperson Matt Sullivan in a press release.

"Especially egregious is the lack of analysis performed on the cumulative impacts to air quality, public health and traffic from the project itself, and from the hundreds of thousands of square feet of new commercial development along Interstates 580 and 680 that Dublin and Pleasanton have together approved since the original project EIR was performed in 2015," the release said.

While the City Council is unable to comment on pending litigation, Councilman Jerry Pentin spoke to the project itself.

"I know that the City of Pleasanton, city staff and council have vetted this project fully, if not beyond expectations," Pentin said. "We know, by a resounding margin with the ballot measure in 2016, that our residents want a Costco sited in the JDEDZ. I know that the JDEDZ is our best opportunity to bring economic vitality to this area of Pleasanton. So yes, I'm disappointed that there is a new filing — that there may be more delays

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On March 13, Pleasanton Military Families hosted their Spring Pack Out to support our deployed men and women serving overseas. The community was invited to help pack hundreds of care boxes with food, clothing and comfort items for our military. Above, Denise Colvin helps create care packages before Pleasanton officially shut down their facilities due to Coronavirus fears. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Coronavirus Having Effect on Public Safety

By Larry Altman

The Alameda County Superior Court has shut down its operations to meet a Health Department's sweeping order for residents to "shelter in place" to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Hour by hour, decisions this week seemed to change as law enforcement officers, judges and

other officials held meetings on ways to slow the COVID-19 illness' path.

Local police departments and fire agencies are operating normally, with Alameda County firefighters asking on social media for restaurants that takeout, so they can patronize them while on duty.

The Alameda County court sys-

tem, which had intended to keep some operations in place, closed instead on Tuesday while waiting for California's Chief Justice Tania Cantil-Sakauye to officially grant an emergency order to keep court business shut down until April 8.

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Well-Known Scientist Finds Parallels

Similarities Seen in Climate Research and COVID-19 Spread

By Jeff Garberson

Ben Santer, the well known climate scientist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, is self-quarantined after showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

Santer developed fever, weakness and a persistent dry cough after returning to the Bay Area from a scientific conference in Washington, D.C.

He was tested for a range of viruses by a masked and protectively suited nurse practitioner in a parking lot outside his doctor's office.

The test found that he is infected with an influenza A H1 virus, he said in a telephone interview. Now he is waiting for the results of the slower coronavirus test that should reveal whether he also has COVID-19.

In isolation at home, pondering

his illness, he has found parallels between the recent course of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and some of the scientific principles that underlay his climate research.

These parallels, he believes, expose dangerous flaws in current U.S. leadership.

He is angry at the dismissive nature of President Donald

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Caltrans Is Asked to Fix Dangerous Intersection

By David Chircop

Pleasanton Pedalers, a cycling club of retired seniors from throughout the region, is calling on Caltrans to make a busy intersection in Livermore safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

People on bikes riding west toward Pleasanton on Vineyard Avenue, where it crosses the newly widened Highway 84 (Isabel Avenue) expressway, have been stranded in the middle of two lanes of fast-moving traffic on the popular route to Silicon Valley.

For months, the cycling club, made up of more than 400 retired cyclists from Martinez to Sunol,

has drawn what they call a potential deathtrap to the attention of local and state traffic engineers.

They say a short green light and shorter yellow light do not give bicyclists enough time to safely clear five lanes of traffic, wide shoulders and two turning lanes.

"There are quite a few more people on bicycles these days than there has been in the past," said Steven McGinnis, a founder and volunteer ride leader of the club Pleasanton Pedalers. "Traffic engineers have focused on throughput of vehicles for years. State standards need to be modernized to recognize what's going on

on our streets."

The Independent contacted Caltrans on Feb. 24 seeking information about the intersection and what, if anything, was being done to address the cycling club's concerns. Highway 84 at Vineyard Avenue is also known as Isabel Avenue.

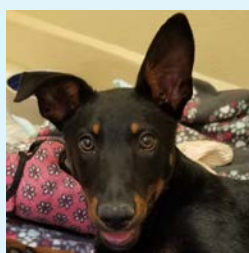
An agency spokesman on Feb. 25 said answers would be provided to the reporter within a few days. Requests for updates were sent to the spokesperson on March 2, March 9, and March 11. As of press time, Caltrans has not answered our questions.

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Caltrans is being asked to consider safety improvements for the Highway 84 (Isabel Avenue) crossing in Livermore. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



VICTOR

To the victor, go the spoils! Be part of the winning team and adopt this four-month-old puppy. Meet Victor 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.

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receive meal assistance will have access to a "Grab and Go" bagged breakfast and lunch during the duration of the suspension time. The district will

make meals available at Dublin High School and Cottonwood Creek School from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for breakfast, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch. Seat-

ing will not be offered at either site. Soon, families will be able to go to the district website to review the menu and pre-order their meals.

Distance learning for students

LVJUSD said in a website announcement this week that it will deliver electronic learning to its students, but has not settled on a specific plan yet. Parents will be informed when that decision is made, estimated to occur next week. Schools are set to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, pending developments in the pandemic.

Pleasanton Superintendent David Haglund said in a message that students should stick to the learning program, and not use the time for vacation, especially since the purpose is to shelter in place, and not be exposed any more than necessary to coronavirus. Schools are set to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, pending developments.

Dublin Superintendent Dave Marken announced in a news release that teachers will communicate with students and parents about lesson plans. School planned to reopen Monday, April 13, pending developments.

"Your student is expected to complete assignments during this time, and they will be graded. We'd like to make it clear — do not, under any circumstances, expect individual learning plans for each and every one of our over 12,900 students," said Marken.

Sunol Glen School District, a K-8 school with nearly 300 students, also will go electronic for instruction. Superintendent Molly Barnes was out on Tuesday distributing Chromebooks to families that did not have them. Families drove up to the school, and were helped by administrative staff.

Barnes said that before her district closed, a massive sanitation effort included certifying all staff in order to use school-safe cleaners.

"The health and safety of our students and staff is of utmost priority," Barnes explained. "We are (and

have been) monitoring the COVID-19 information very carefully ... this situation is fluid and changes in information are happening rapidly. I have been working closely with the Alameda County Superintendent's group, Alameda County Office of Education and ACPHD in regard to what steps to take as we move forward in addressing the COVID-19 concerns."

Electronics Also Helping Private Schools

The Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco has closed down its schools in Alameda County. In the Valley, that affects St. Michael's School's 243 students in Livermore and St. Raymond's 305 students

in Dublin. Both are K-8 schools. The archdiocese has set March 25 for a potential return to classrooms.

St. Raymond's vice principal, Gregory Peterson, stated that the school plans to transmit classes to students. A source at St. Michael's said it will do the same.

At Quarry Lane School in Dublin, a K-12 school with 950 students, a faculty member said teachers are prepared to implement the school's distance learning mode. Until further notice, the school plans to resume classes on campus on Monday, April 13.

Reporter Aly Brown contributed to this story.



In Livermore Valley Joint Unified (LVJUSD), all children 18 and under can get free meal pick-up service at East Avenue Middle School, Junction Avenue K-8 School, and Marylin Avenue Elementary School, from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Each child will receive a breakfast and lunch. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Rep. Swalwell to Host Telephone Town Hall on Coronavirus Epidemic

Two noted experts on public health will join Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) for a telephone town hall on Thursday, March 19, to discuss the coronavirus epidemic.

Dr. Arthur L. Reingold, head of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, and Dr. Michael Anderson, president of the UC-San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospitals, will be available to answer questions.

Residents of the 15th Congressional District, which includes Dublin, Pleasanton, Sunol and Livermore, will be able to

ask questions and listen to the town hall discussion by calling (855) 962-1059, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"As new cases of the coronavirus appear in the Bay Area and across the nation, it is more important than ever to stay informed," said Swalwell, adding he was pleased to be joined by two professors of public health to provide "the most up-to-date information on prevention and preparedness during these uncertain times."

Reingold has worked more than 40 years on the prevention and control of infectious diseases, including eight years at the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and with developing countries around the world. He has been involved with the CDC-funded California Emerging Infections Program since its inception in 1994.

Anderson is a nationally renowned authority on children's health policy and pediatric disaster preparedness, and served as vice chair of the National Commission on Children and Disasters. He is also a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services' National Disaster Medical System.

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The Economic Ripple Effect of COVID-19 Affects Everyone

By Aly Brown

Flour coats the empty shelves of area grocery stores as residents prepare to shelter in place. But while the demand for cashiers remains high, other locals businesses are scaling back and bracing for the worst as the streets clear.

On the heels of Monday's announcement of the three-week "shelter in place" order from seven Bay Area counties' health officials, those in Alameda County are observing the orders to stay indoors, work from home or cease business entirely if their services are not deemed essential by the order.

"Right now many businesses are mobilizing to respond to the shelter in place order and taking the proper precautions to protect the health of employees, customers and themselves," said Livermore Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) CEO Dawn Argula. "What isn't clear is the immediate, near- and long-term remedies to address economic impacts. Small- and medium-sized businesses are particularly



Panama Bay coffee shop set up a "drive thru" window so customers won't have close contact with one another. Above, Kirk Farnam orders a drink from August Yocher. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

affected."

Argula went on to encourage business owners to evaluate their immediate financial needs and plan ahead.

"Beyond reserving cash and managing expenses, I advise that they communicate with lenders early to consider deferrals on loan payments or moratoriums on pending financial actions to help them bridge this tem-

porary period of time," she said. "Additionally, LVCC is in regular consultation with the City of Livermore and working collaboratively with our business partners at Livermore Downtown Inc., Livermore Valley Winegrowers and Visit Tri-Valley to navigate this unprecedented challenge."

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Van Dorn noted the order will

place a significant impact on local businesses, many of which have already reduced their staff and will consider further reductions.

"The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is doing all we can to communicate immediate financial options for the business community, like the (Small Business Administration) Disaster Loan Assistance Program that was recently announced,"

Van Dorn said.

Local businesses in Livermore and Pleasanton's downtown noted their sales have dropped off significantly.

"It's very, very slow; not too many people coming," said Sonia Cuadra, an employee of Donut Wheel, which is one of Livermore's original downtown businesses and has seen the area through much change.

Barista Izzy Stafford at Panama Bay coffee shop echoed the sentiment.

"It's pretty slow, but we're still open. We have the window open and we're not letting people come inside right now," said Stafford, who noted there are no deliveries available.

Over in Pleasanton, Gay '90s Pizza, another longtime staple of the community, is getting through the last of its supply, but not for expected reasons. Employee Julie Patterson said that while they are slow, due to a planned remodel, the business had already planned to close for two months. They will close completely soon after using the stock on-hand.

In addition, the City of Dublin published a notice to the community, indicating employers who experience a slowdown may apply for the UI Work Sharing Program, which allows for reduced hours as an alternative to layoffs.

"We are also urging our members and community to continue to support our local businesses whenever possible, while following Alameda County's safety guidelines," Van Dorn added. "Unfortunately, I don't see this improving in the near term. Once the shelter-in-place order is lifted, our businesses and local community need to do all we can to support our local businesses so they can remain in business."

To review the health order issued Tuesday, March 16, in its entirety, visit <https://bit.ly/2WgkY2t>.

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COVID-19

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Unlike Newsom's advisory, which requested voluntary compliance, Tuesday's order from Bay Area health officials is mandatory. Violations constitute a misdemeanor. Although, at press time, no serious discussions of enforcement or potential penalties have been made public.

The order limits activity, travel and business functions to only the most essential needs. The guidance comes after substantial input from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and best practices from other health officials around the world.

Essential activities are defined as those necessary for the health and safety for individuals and their families, such as grocery shopping, purchasing medication and going to medical appointments.

Public transit is mostly running on a regular schedule, although Amtrak California announced it will likely make significant changes to its regular Capitol Corridor train and connecting bus service starting March 21. ACE has decided to suspend its Saturday service pilot program.

As of press time, outdoor activity that does not involve close contact with other people, such as going for walks, is allowed, provided people adhere to social distancing requirements. This means, while outside your home, trying to stay at least six feet away from other people you do not live with.

Scientific evidence shows social distancing is one of the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable disease.

You will still be able to get mail and other deliveries at your home, and leave home to purchase necessary items at grocery stores, pharmacies, and hardware stores. Banks, laundromats, dry cleaners, gas stations, auto repair shops and business supply stores will remain open. Restaurants will also remain open, but only for takeout and delivery. Day care centers may remain open, though many have chosen to close.

Officials are urging people to purchase normal quantities of food to ensure that there is enough for everyone.

The shelter in place order comes on the heels of new data showing increasing community transmission of COVID-19. As of March 17, the eight counties had more than 300 confirmed cases with at least four deaths.

This does not account for the rapidly increasing number of assumed cases of people infected through community transmission. Community transmission means the affected patient had no evidence of having associated with anyone who had been diagnosed with

the virus. The CDC confirmed the Bay Area's first community transmission of COVID-19 on Feb. 26.

As testing capacity increases, the number of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases is expected to markedly increase.

Below are some of the ways the COVID-19 response is affecting the Tri-Valley.

Hospitals, clinics set rules for patients, visitors

Kaiser Permanente: Kaiser is encouraging patients to call the advice nurse before coming physically to a medical center. David Witt, National Infectious Disease leader, said that patients with Covid-19 symptoms "will in most cases be isolated in our medical centers." When patients are otherwise healthy and have mild symptoms, they may be sent home "to convalesce in isolation from others" with regular monitoring by clinicians. "Most infected people will recover on their own," he said.

Kaiser also announced it was providing \$1 million to increase capacity for preventing and treating cases of COVID-19 within the homeless population. It was not clear if any Alameda County agencies would be recipients. The initial recipients were in Santa Clara County, Los Angeles, Seattle and Portland.

Stanford Health Care and Valley Care: Visitors are no longer allowed in their hospitals, clinics and outpatient locations until April 30. The policy exempts visitors for patients under 18 or those supporting people with disabilities. Visitors must stay 6 feet apart, perform hand hygiene as ordered, and keep visits short.

John Muir Health: Potential patients will be screened by telephone. The centers are not taking walk-ins and have temporarily disabled an online scheduling system, according to the JM Health website. Patients should first call a primary care doctor, but then call an urgent care center if the doctor is not available. John Muir Health has also established visitor restrictions "for the safety of our patients and staff." Any visitor who is feeling sick should stay home, and all visitors will be screened for cold, flu-like and respiratory symptoms.

Cities cancel meetings, limit services

Livermore: On March 13, Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts declared a local emergency to strengthen the city's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At a special Livermore City Council meeting March 13, the emergency declaration was ratified. Mayor John Marchand was the only elected member physically at the Council Chambers during the meeting. The

rest of the City Council, all who fall within the medically vulnerable population at the greatest risk from the virus, attended the meeting remotely via Skype.

"The situation is very serious and changing rapidly," said Livermore Vice Mayor Bob Woerner. "Everyone should do as the health experts advise and comply with government directives. The city is partnering with all relevant agencies. The city's website has important information and links to trustworthy sources for the latest information."

All City Council and advisory board meetings are cancelled through April 17. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for April 27. All "non-essential" city-sponsored events with an anticipated attendance of more than 25 people until the end of May were also cancelled.

Most city facilities will remain open and essential services will continue. However, the city is asking people who need to do business with a city department to first call (925) 960-4000 or check the city's website, www.cityoflivermore.net, to see if they can complete the task over the phone, online, or via email, rather than in-person.

Pleasanton: The only city services to remain open will be police, fire, and transit to medical appointments and grocery stores.

"We must all do our part in slowing the spread of COVID-19 within our communities and across the region," Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said. "Limiting city services will help maintain public health and safety of our residents and employees."

Limited City services and staff will be available to assist with:

- Utility billing via phone at (925) 931-5500 from 7:30am to 3:30pm or through SEW online portal. Utility billing drop box locations will also be available in front of 3333 Busch Road and 200 Old Bernal Ave.
- Permits for emergencies relating to health and safety associated with sewer, water or utilities by calling (925) 931-5650 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Building inspections for emergencies relating to health and safety by calling (925) 931-5650 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dublin: City Manager Linda Smith declared a State of Emergency, which will be ratified by the City Council by next week. The declaration will allow for the City to qualify for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to seek other state or federal relief for expenses incurred during this emergency.

Dublin city officials further stated they've been in close contact with the governor's office and state health

officials. "We are following all of their guidelines to keep the citizens of Dublin safe through this unprecedented time," said Dublin Councilwoman Jean Josey.

"I would like to reiterate that social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19 is crucial. Slowing the spread and 'flattening the curve' will help keep us from overwhelming our hospitals and will save lives. Please heed Governor Newsom's order."

All meetings have been cancelled until further notice. While Dublin City Hall will be closed, essential City of Dublin staff will remain working at City Hall in order to be available to answer the public's needs. For more information, please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/coronavirus or call (925) 833-6650.

Senior meals will continue
Open Heart Kitchen: Meals will be offered as to-go lunches only, and will distribute pre-ordered to-go lunch bags from an

alternate entrance of the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. For

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"Watching grown men abuse this poor cow reminds me of rape cases I have tried as a state prosecutor. Appalling!"

See video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PjSEMxh8Kw&t=133s>

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EDITORIAL

Bay Area Counties Take Action Against COVID-19, Setting an Example for the State and the Nation

This week, health officers in seven Bay Area counties each issued a similarly worded order for residents to remain in their homes and shelters without contact with others until April 7. The orders also closed down all non-essential businesses and gatherings. They were initiated to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

We strongly support these actions that required courage on the part of Alameda County health officers, and those from Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma and Santa Clara Counties, along with the cities of Berkeley and Oakland. At press time, Napa County was considering its own shelter in place order.

Immediate reactions have varied, from those who say the restrictions make sense, to others who admit they are really frightened, and a number who are angry because they see the counties and cities as overreacting. The

requirements do create both personal and financial hardships. However, in the long run, they are expected to minimize the number of people dying, and the length of time the pandemic will damage our communities.

The Independent realizes the gravity of the situation. The change in daily activities and the restriction on freedom of movement can have consequences physically and mentally on ourselves, our loved ones and those with whom we have relationships. The economic impact on many will be devastating.

Essential services will continue throughout the counties from providers of public safety, such as police and fire fighters, utility and sanitation workers, hospitals and most other health care facilities.

We thank the leadership of Alameda County and other Bay Area counties for reducing the impact of the virus locally, and for setting a standard for the state, and even the nation, to follow.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them and city of residence. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be limited to 600 words or less and should be sent by email to letters@independentnews.com. To be considered, letters must be received by 6 p.m. on the Monday before publication.)

Livermore Is... Vic Avila, Livermore

Livermore is not congested; once you're in town, traffic is very manageable. Drive around San Leandro for instance; that's congested.

You can see vistas of hills here. It's a small-town feel, spacious in many ways, low density, with open space. Look at the south and north sides of town. Livermore is the last bastion of open space in the Tri-Valley due to wineries, ranchers, cowboys and cowgirls. These are some of the reasons why Livermore is a great place to live. If you're going to live here, these facets are worthy of preserving and protecting.

The City Council and the Planning Commission have done a fantastic job of accepting design features and architectural styles that fit in with Livermore and it's Western, traditional, rustic heritage. If a ballot measure comes up that preserves open space, I feel it is worth voting for. Save Livermore for what it is. Livermore is not Dublin.

Plan Needed to Ensure Largest Voter Turnout Van Rainey, Livermore

We need to begin a campaign that assures the largest turnout of voters in all future elections, including primaries and the national election, in light of the threat of Covid-19 contagion.

We should, at the least, initiate a federally funded effort to enable more polling places, and ideally, require that states adopt vote-by-mail procedures to assure the fullest voter response possible.

We cannot require voters, regardless of their desire to vote, to gather in large numbers, standing in line for hours, and threatening their health in the process. This basic right that our democracy depends on cannot be prevented by partisan bias that might afford favor to

one party over another due to lower voter turnout.

We may not go as far as Australia does in requiring that all must vote or be fined, but we must make voting as safe and as welcoming as we can to assure the voices of the governed are heard and not silenced by circumstances beyond our abilities to fully control.

Shame on the Senate Gary Estee, Livermore

Can you believe this situation? I stand both amazed and dismayed at the behavior of our elected officials.

Granted, my political acumen is neither complex or extensive, but I do like to think that I have some basic understanding of the U.S. political system after observing it for over 60 years. I also have a college education (with several degrees). Also, I am a retired veteran with a background in two military services. I have worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, RAND Corporation, Northrop Electronics Division, and Hughes Aircraft. So, it may be assumed I have some semblance of logical thought process swirling through my brain.

The recent behavior of the members of the U.S. Senate has been, at the very least, self-serving in how they handled the impeachment trial of that unmentionable POTUS. They have gone far beyond any possible interpretation of party loyalty by failing to allow witnesses during the trial. Their actions have openly displayed their imperfections and unsuitability for their office. It is inconceivable that any self-respecting individual could act in such a biased and selfish manner, especially when their obligation is to place the welfare of their constituency before their own.

To list a few of the inappropriate actions that the President has committed (that have been ignored and permitted by the Senate) are:

- 1) Assumed office without either a transition team or plan.
- 2) Nepotism by hiring his own children to jobs that they had neither the training, experience nor capacity to fulfill.
- 3) Appointed cabinet members woefully incompetent and/or incapable of performing any tasks beneficial to the country.
- 4) Wasting federal funds so that the national deficit skyrocketed into infinity and beyond.
- 5) Ignored not only the science, but the actual effects of environmental changes to the world.

6) Alienated the people and governments of every single nation on the planet (except for those known for human rights violations and violent treatment of their own inhabitants).

7) Encouraged election fraud in 2016 and attempted to repeat same in upcoming 2020 election.

8) Consistently appointed immoral and criminal men to positions requiring the highest degree of honesty.

9) Incapable of speaking without falsehood, exaggeration, errors and self-aggrandizement.

10) Continually wastes time and money on glorious projects like building a wall to reduce refugees from crossing the border and a space force that nobody needs.

My suggestion is that senators have their performance in office and backgrounds investigated by our federal law enforcement agencies. Article I, Section 5, of the Constitution provides that "Each House [of Congress] may determine the Rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds, expel a member." Since 1789, the Senate has expelled only 15 members.

I also recommend a maximum age limit of 45 be established for both houses of Congress and the presidency.

As for the upcoming election, I fervently hope that the Democratic National Convention selects a worthy candidate for us to vote for President next November 3.

The Homeless Games, Part XXXV - Lepers' Colony Greg Scott, Livermore

The expenditure of taxpayers' money on homelessness is mostly a scam of overall ineffective, fatuous exercise.

A large amount of these financial resources is for housing. Housing is not going to solve the greater homeless problem, nor the "housing crisis." Why? The reality is housing is not only shelter; it is more a "financialized" instrument of addicted gamblers' bets.

"Financialized" is enabled by the unregulated shadow banking industry that has assets of around \$100 trillion in the U.S. Much of this is facilitated by repos, that is repurchase agreements, that are overnight or short-term loans based on the collateral of U.S. Treasury bonds and/or Mortgage Backed Securities. The volume in the repo market is around \$1 trillion per day. The financial elite play this charade at the behest of our central bank, the Federal Reserve Bank Corporation. The problem is with the "easy money" provided in reserves for liquidity in the repo market by the Federal Reserve. The "repo crisis" started in earnest last September. However, it was a big causality factor in the "Great Recession" of 2007-2009, and "Black Thursday," March 12, when the stock market crashed, and the

bond, futures, options and commodities markets went into unusual gyrations.

In response, the Federal Reserve is opening up three "repo windows" of reserves, each of \$500 billion, for a total of \$1.5 trillion. This was necessary to keep the global financial system from collapsing. The conundrum is that this widens and accelerates the wealth and income inequality gap of the elite, wealthy, financial finaglers and bankers against the society at-large. In other words, the chasm between "Wall Street" and "Main Street" is only increasing in size and growth rate.

To play the "housing game" is to go against this leveraged financial juggernaut. One cannot possibly and relatively "win" unless one has massive amounts of capital. One-third of all housing purchases in the U.S. are by hedge fund, private equity, and venture capital entities. To think one can spend money on a local level versus this enormous tide of usury is an inefficient, losing proposition against an asset bubble that at some point is going to have to be dealt with or that will brutally and simultaneously explode/implode.

How the Federal Reserve is going to resolve this is unknown. Therefore, in the big picture, under current circumstances, homelessness and the "housing crisis" will not be reconciled by regular housing as we know it. Shelter is going to come from the best utilization of resources possible for the most minimal shelter obtainable, not from \$110,000 "tiny homes," nor \$150,000 apartments, nor the \$20 million Vineyard 2.0, nor from any ruses of so-called "affordable housing." Under government, nonprofit or private-sector schemes, or some mix thereof, most homeless will never get housing.

Without isolated, reasonable shelter the homeless cannot "self-quarantine" in the COVID-19 global pandemic. Insultingly, the City of Livermore's Human Services Commission provided zero funding for Axis Health in its 2020-2021 grant cycle. This is unconscionable and not justifiable! What is the thinking here? Somehow the SARS-CoV-2 virus respects socioeconomic boundaries? Axis Health finished first and second in the grant funding cycle in Pleasanton, and finished in the top elsewhere. Why should Livermore be incongruent in its grant-funding cycle?

It's only a matter of time before COVID-19 hits the vulnerable homeless population. Perhaps the homeless will become scapegoats and rounded up into a "lepers' colony" for "self-quarantine." Tragically, the homeless will then have their "commons."

Curious About Pet of the Week Susan Richardson, Livermore

I was curious how you pick pet of the week? I have the best, most perfect kitty ever. Although she is 7 years

old, she is smart, speaks English, and rules my street. The entire block drives around her; she won't move for anyone. But everyone knows this cat's demeanor and they honor her presence, not the other way around! She is one character! She learned her name quickly, and it stuck hard: "Baby Kitty!" Sometimes "Helen." No one could ask for a better cat as your friend.

Thanks for School Closure to Help Contain Spread of COVID-19 Lu See Kwik, Livermore

Thank you, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees, for your unanimous decision in accepting Superintendent Bowers recommendation to close Livermore due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. It was the right answer in these uncertain times. We trust in your decision, as elected leaders, regarding our children's and educators' health and welfare.

It should not be overlooked that the board's decision extends to the health and public safety of the broader community in preventing this disease from spreading. The COVID-19 outbreak is an ever-evolving story. It's up to us as a community to slow the growth of this disease in our Bay Area ecosystem and beyond. By closing large gatherings such as schools, we can only hope that everyone will do their part by limiting their contact through social distancing, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, and staying home when possible.

We need to learn from what's happened in countries such as Italy. Flattening the curve will hopefully slow the spread of the disease to the elderly and vulnerable, and avoid overwhelming our medical professionals who are at the front lines of this crisis. We shouldn't have to be concerned that our hospitals are short on beds, ventilators, supplies, and medical staff to manage the spike of patients, like was reported in Italy. We should learn from Italy and other countries by aiding in containment of this before it reaches a boiling point.

Thank you to Superintendent Bowers and the LVJUSD staff for their ongoing assessment of the COVID-19 outbreak and increased cleaning protocols by the custodial staff and teachers. In the spirit of health and welfare of our children, thank you for not disrupting the free meals for those in need. Thank you to the teachers for determining flexible learning opportunities for our students during the closure. Thank you to those coaches (including Granada High School track and field coaches, Noel and Jeremy Mattern) who are providing training guidance to athletes while programs have been suspended.

Lastly, thank you to Ms. Philomena Rambo and the communications team for keeping us informed during these unprecedented times. All of you are making a

difference in supporting our students and overall community.

Surviving the Coronavirus Lex Manwill, Livermore

School closings, cancellations of sports events, food hoarding. We live in a new coronavirus-induced world. Yet some personal health facts remain unchanged.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer good advice for preventing community spread and personal infection: apply social distancing, sanitize surfaces, wash your hands, don't touch your face. But, there's more.

Does anyone wonder why uncounted numbers of infected people develop no symptoms and only 20 percent of symptomatic people require hospitalization? It's because they have an effective immune system that is able to fight off the virus. But the CDC does not talk about that, perhaps for fear of offending powerful animal food industries.

Fortunately, good advice on boosting our immune system is readily available on the internet from trusted sources like WebMD and Healthline. And the advice is always the same:

- Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, including citrus fruits and leafy greens
 - Refrain from dairy, other fatty animal products, and sugar-laden foods
 - Maintain daily exercise of 30-60 minutes
 - Minimize your stress level and get adequate sleep
- Did I mention that this advice works great for other nasty bugs as well?

Is this God's Wake-Up Call? Paul Stone, Dublin

Like everyone else, my life has been disrupted by this virus. I've been laid off indefinitely.

Seems like it's affecting everyone one way or the other. I'm calling it the "Great Interruption of 2020."

John Newton, the ex-slave trader who wrote "Amazing Grace," also wrote these words about the difficulties in his life after his conversion to Christianity: "These inward trials I employ, from self and pride to set thee free; and break thy schemes of earthly joy, that thou mayest seek thy all in Me."

Maybe God is using this crisis to interrupt our lives for a bit to get us to realize our inability to live apart from Him. You know, a "wake-up call." Maybe He's forcing our hand. "All we like sheep have gone astray and we have each one turned to his own way. And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53.6)

But He can't force us to believe. Eternal salvation in Christ is a choice.

Farmers Markets Are Essential Linda Driver, Livermore

Closing the Saturday farmers market in Pleasanton due to COVID-19 makes no sense. Many of us depend on (See MAILBOX, page 7)

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Researchers Describe How Antineutrino Detectors Could Aid in Nuclear Nonproliferation Efforts



Two LLNL physicists, Adam Bernstein (right) and Nathaniel Bowden, examine sensors known as photomultiplier tubes, which are used in the WATCHMAN and PROSPECT neutrino experiments. (Photo - Julie Russell/LLNL)

A tiny, invisible particle could offer help for a big problem – the threat of nuclear proliferation.

For more than six decades, scientists have been developing instruments for fundamental physics that can detect antineutrinos, particles that have no electric charge, almost no mass and easily pass through matter. Antineutrinos are emitted in vast quantities by nuclear reactors, and since the 1970s, scientists have considered turning antineutrino detection into a tool for nuclear security.

With advances by scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and other institutions, researchers are moving closer to the day when they can deploy technology to remotely monitor these subatomic particles from nuclear power plants at long distances.

Such a breakthrough would allow them to warn international authorities about the illicit production of plutonium, a key material for nuclear weapons. It also could help with verification of existing and planned treaties that seek to limit nuclear weapons materials production worldwide.

Reviews of Modern Physics has published an article that describes the potential uses and limitations of antineutrino detectors for nuclear security applications related to reactor, spent fuel and explosion monitoring.

The article is co-authored by two LLNL physicists – Adam Bernstein and Nathaniel Bowden – along with four university colleagues: Bethany Goldblum of the

University of California, Berkeley, Patrick Huber of Virginia Tech, Igor Jovanovic of the University of Michigan and John Mattingly of North Carolina State University.

The study was initiated as part of an ongoing research effort led by LLNL and supported by the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Research and Development (DNN).

In the paper, the scientists assess the current and projected readiness of various antineutrino-based monitoring technologies.

They contend that advances in applied antineutrino physics have the potential to strengthen the existing Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which provides a framework for facilitating the peaceful use of nuclear technology while reducing nuclear weapons proliferation risks through safeguards, monitoring and verification.

"The Reviews of Modern Physics (RMP) article is a comprehensive summary of the state-of-the-art in the burgeoning field of applied antineutrino physics," Bernstein said. "Our work was motivated by important breakthroughs in antineutrino detection technology, and a greater awareness in the last decade of the potential of this unusual tool for reactor monitoring."

The technology may provide a "way to monitor the plutonium or uranium content of a nuclear reactor in real time that we just don't have right now," Goldblum

said.

"What's exciting about the RMP article is that it showcases how antineutrino detection has advanced to the point where we can now consider practical applications of the technology," Goldblum added.

In their paper, the researchers see important and favorable potential for three applications of antineutrino technology – near-field nuclear reactor monitoring, far-field monitoring and monitoring spent nuclear fuel.

The researchers concluded that antineutrino technology stationed within about 100 meters of a nuclear reactor could ensure that nations are not making and diverting weapons-usable material under the cover of civilian energy production. By measuring the quantity of antineutrinos produced over a period, it is possible to approximately quantify the amount of plutonium or uranium in a reactor.

"For near-field reactor monitoring in particular, technology now exists to support the first on-the-ground applications," the report said.

"At close range from a reactor, antineutrinos allow the measurement of plutonium content and the production rate," said Patrick Huber, director of the Center for Neutrino Physics at Virginia Tech. "This capability would provide high-level assurances of treaty compliance while being less intrusive to the facility."

In the area of far-field monitoring, the researchers also concluded that scien-

tists could one day use the technology for nuclear reactor discovery or exclusion at ranges out to roughly 200 kilometers. "For far-field monitoring, with distances ranging from tens to hundreds of kilometers, key enabling technologies for suitably large detectors are well developed."

A third application for antineutrino technology to detect diversion of material could be to monitor the spent fuel that has been used to operate nuclear reactors.

Antineutrinos, the antimatter counterpart to neutrinos, are produced in nuclear power plants when the fissile materials of uranium and plutonium break apart, creating fission products that emit antineutrinos in the process.

Several of the article's authors are involved in efforts to advance antineutrino detection technology.

Researchers from Virginia Tech participate in the Daya Bay experiment, which to date has provided the most precise measurement of antineutrino emission from reactors. They also developed and demonstrated a novel and highly efficient technology to detect reactor neutrinos without using flammable liquids, called CHANDLER.

LLNL is the lead laboratory for a proposed United States-United Kingdom experiment to demonstrate remote monitoring of nuclear reactors using a kiloton-scale antineutrino detector. A US-UK collaboration known as WATCHMAN is working on a candidate design for this detector.

This effort has already "exceeded my expecta-

tions," Bernstein said, adding, "the idea that the nonproliferation community might one day be able to use this technology, that until now has been the exclusive province of fundamental science, is an exciting motivation for this work."

Jovanovic, of the University of Michigan, is a WATCHMAN collaborator. He also coordinates a synergistic NNSA-sponsored multi-university effort to advance the antineutrino detection technology and its use in nonproliferation under the Michigan-led Consortium for Monitoring, Technology and Verification.

Scientists from LLNL and other institutions also are involved with another antineutrino detection project, the Precision Reactor Oscillation and Spectrum Experiment (PROSPECT),

which has operated a novel antineutrino detector at the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR) at DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

This effort is searching for the possible existence of a new form of matter, a sterile neutrino, and seeking to better understand antineutrino production in nuclear reactors. Notably, PROSPECT has demonstrated for the first time high sensitivity antineutrino detection at the earth's surface, which opens new possibilities for reactor monitoring deployments.

PROSPECT is a collaboration of more than 60 participants from 10 universities and four national laboratories, including LLNL. Bowden is one of the co-spokespeople for the experiment, which is primarily supported by the DOE Office of Science and the Heising-Simons Foundation.

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Trump's remarks about a new disease that the medical community understood to be dangerous, a disease that is now killing people, sickening thousands and disrupting life across the country.

His thoughts appear this week in a column in Scientific American online.

As a scientist, Santer's work has been aimed at trying to characterize and analyze major climate disturbances. These might be caused by natural events like volcanic eruptions, or by human influences like doubling the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

As he sees it, the novel coronavirus that generates COVID-19 illness has generated comparable shocks to our system of governance.

Four basic lessons emerge. The first lesson, he wrote, is that "scientific ignorance can be fatal," particularly if it starts at the top.

President Trump was "scientifically incorrect" to dismiss the coronavirus as no worse than seasonal flu, and "scientifically incorrect" to recommend "business as usual" in the face of a pandemic, he wrote.

"Dissemination of such incorrect information by

the commander-in-chief helped to spread the novel coronavirus in America. Ignorance served as a potent disease vector."

The second lesson is that a leader must accept responsibility for failure, as well as take credit for success. The President has not done so, rejecting responsibility for his administration's "chaotic response" to the virus.

From a shortage of reliable tests to shutting down the National Security Council's biodefense directorate, the President claimed that these issues were "not his problem."

In the Trump Administration, Santer said, "the buck never stops at the top."

The third lesson is that a leader must not "assume the mantle of expertise in areas where he or she has none." The leader must "tell hard truths in times of crisis... (and be) more concerned with the well-being of all citizens than with bad poll numbers."

Santer's fourth lesson is that "America First is a singularly poor survival strategy in the middle of a global pandemic... (in which) a microscopic agent... can hitch a ride on any plane, ship, train or car."

International alliances

and cooperation are "far better way(s) of surviving a global health crisis than 'going it alone,'" just as international sharing of research data has helped advance our understanding of the climate.

Santer is internationally known for pioneering methods of identifying the fingerprints of human contributions to climate change and distinguishing them from natural contributions.

He has won a number of prestigious awards for his work, from a MacArthur Fellowship, often called a Genius Grant, to an E.O. Lawrence Award to, most recently, the William Proctor Prize from the Sigma Xi scientific society.

For years, he has been committed personally to communicating the results of his research to a wide range of audiences, from public meetings here in the Tri Valley to interested professional groups around the U.S.

He has published several opinion pieces in the online Scientific American. His latest column can be read at <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/how-covid-19-is-like-climate-change/>.

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SPORTS NOTES



On March 12, the Amador Dons hosted the Dublin Gales in volleyball. Amador won 3 matches to 0. Above, Amador's Sawyer Brookhart goes up to spike the ball with Dublin's Shashank Thapa defending. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



At the Amador Valley vs Dublin volleyball game on March 12, the Gaels Kevin Zhu tries to get the ball past Don's Justin Hanson and Ethan Gray. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



2010 Rumble soccer team players listed left to right: Zayden Ishak, Daen Hansen, Connor Shenave, Dino Shang, Rafael Zamora, Cruz Legorreta, Tyler Plunkett, Chase Wilson, Nathan Bone, Isiah Rodriguez.



2009 Explosions with Coach Curt Cox. Broady Thompson, Julian McCall, Thomas Roetto, Matteo Mendoza, Cater West, Brian Oliveira, Brice Perry, Brandon Gobe, Bottom Row: Cameron Cordero, Jude Malson, Santiago Cervantes, Daen Hansen, Rafael Zamora, and Gianni Brewster.



Ava Coverdale and Payton Hoover (9) celebrate Krossfire's game winning goal against Ajax United 06G Green.



Fusion's 2008 (U12) Girls Maroon compiled a 2-1-1 record in Fusion's Adidas Spring Invitational Tournament.



West Coast Soccer Club's 05 WildKatz's Miette Sessoms heads the ball past Sacramento United's goal keeper.

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

On Saturday, March 7, Livermore Fusion SC hosted the Adidas Spring Invitational at Robertson Park, and Fusion's 2008 (U12) Girls Maroon entertained the home team fans with a strong performance. The 08's compiled a 2-1-1 record, with both victories featuring dramatic come-from-behind finishes. Fusion opened the tournament by defeating Piedmont SC 3-2. After Piedmont scored first, the teams traded goals until Kailay G scored in the final minute - her second goal of the match - to give Fusion a 3-2 win. Ella A also scored for Fusion following a tough loss to Elk Grove, Fusion took on Turlock. After Sporting Turlock a 0-2 lead, Fusion stormed back with 4 consecutive goals to win 4-2. Fusion closed the tournament by playing NorthBay FC to a 1-1 draw. Savannah H scored Fusion's goal on a free kick. The tournament featured a beautiful instance of coaching collaboration, as Fusion coaches Aulani, Lauren and Mary combined to guide the team through the four matches.

Granada High School Lacrosse

The Varsity Lacrosse Granada HS Matadors took on Newark Memorial which was a great match. The Matadors started off a little slow as only one goal was scored in the 1st period by Nick Coltrin (26). The pace picked up in the 2nd as N. Coltrin, Josh Bailey (8), and Hunter Barbero (17) each scored goals. The momentum continued in the 3rd as Nick Hall (0) and Skyler Steele (21) joined the fun with goals. The game wrapped up with a flurry of goals by Damian Stiles (7), N. Hall, and N. Coltrin who finished with 5 goals. In addition to the goals, N. Hall, Zach Sousa, J. Bailey, S. Steele, and N. Coltrin all chipped in with assists. As the clock hit 0:00 the Mat's walked off the field with an 11-7 victory.

The novel Coronavirus held off its approach to the east bay just long enough for the JV Lacrosse Granada HS Matadors to square off against Foothill. As the whistle sounded, the Matadors were ready to go, as they wanted to avenge the previous week's game. Aiden Lagenour (8) got things started with a goal in the 1st period, which was matched

by Foothill. Another assault took place in the 2nd as Luke Leary (11) scored with assist by Brandon Von (33). After the half, Granada was held scoreless in the 3rd, but broke loose in the 4th with goals from Kael Disu (7) and B. Von. In all, the Matadors had 12 shots on goal for a 33% conversion rate and controlled 30 loose balls. While a valiant effort was given by the Matadors, they fell just shy of victory as Foothill scored a late goal for victory 5-4.

West Coast Soccer Club

This past weekend March 7-8, West Coast Soccer boys teams 2009 Explosion lead by coach Curt Cox, and 2010 Rumble coached by Rob Hansen competed in the Copa Surf Soccer Tournament in Sunnyvale. This tournament is a qualifier for the prestigious Surf tournament in Southern California. 2009 Explosions made to the Final Championship game and took 2nd place against a well rounded San Jose Surf home team. Team 2010 Rumble coached by Rob Hansen was 1 point away from a playoff Opportunity with a Record of 1-1-1. Coach Rob

Said that the boys really raised their level against some of the toughest competition in Northern California, and that this is the perfect experience to start the spring soccer season.

This past weekend March 7-8, West Coast Soccer's U14 Girls team, Krossfire '06 NPL, traveled to San Francisco to compete in the 2020 Juventus Northern California Spring College Showcase. Saturday afternoon matched Krossfire up against the always tough San Francisco Elite Academy 2006 Girls Blue. Krossfire was looking to avenge their previous loss to Elite in NPL Fall season. Both teams battled to create scoring chances. In the 18th minute, Payton Hoover snapped a Macy Kreighbaum pass past the keeper. Krossfire would hold on to the 1-0 lead into halftime. The second half saw Elite come out fighting, knocking in the equalizer 2 minutes in to the half. Krossfire would answer back as Kayla Robinson would launch a shot over the keeper's stretched out arms to take back the lead 2-1. Elite would answer back, though, resulting in a 2-2 draw. Krossfire lined up for

the nightcap match against Davis Legacy 06 White. While Krossfire managed to generate many scoring opportunities, they were just not able to put them away. Davis would sneak one in and hand Krossfire the 0-1 loss. Sunday afternoon saw Krossfire sitting in 5th place with a match against a very physical Ajax United 06G Green team. Both teams battled back and forth throughout the entire game. In the final minutes of the match, Hoover made a run down the right side of the field and sent in a beautiful cross to Ava Coverdale who perfectly netted the game winner, giving Krossfire the 1-0 victory and jumping them up in the standings to 3rd place. Next up for Krossfire is a trip to Rancho Cordova for a big NPL Spring Season match against San Juan Spirits 06 ECNL, who are currently ranked 1st in Northern California and 4th nationally.

After a three-month break for the high school season West Coast Soccer Club's 05 girls team, WildKatz, continued NorCal NPL Champions League play with a match against Sacramento United on Saturday, March 7.

As the match began, WildKatz Started their to dominate play and managed to take several shots on United's goal. Miette Sessoms found the back of the net to put WildKatz on the board 1-0. Zuzette Zamora put in a great cross that would find Giovanna Garcia in front of United's goal and Garcia fired a shot past the keeper. The half would end with a WildKatz 2-0 lead. Minutes into the second half, Zamora would score a goal of her own on an assist from Alexia Berlin. Nadia Sherman sailed the ball over United's keeper to make the score 4-0. United managed to get a goal of their own, but WildKatz defense and keeper shut them down for the rest of the match. Makena Ross dribbled the ball past many United defenders and sent the ball to the back of the net to put WildKatz up 5-1. Zamora and Sessoms would each add one more goal to WildKatz lead and the match would end with a 7-1 victory. Next up for WildKatz is the Players College Showcase in Las Vegas, Nevada March 20th-22nd. WildKatz will resume NorCal NPL and State Cup play in April.

CALTRANS

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For months, the Pleasanton Pedalers cycling club has drawn what they call a potential deathtrap in Livermore to the attention of local and state traffic engineers. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

The stretch of Highway 84 is part of a major Caltrans widening project designed to increase capacity and improve traffic circulation on the highway. The project is intended to bring the road up to expressway standards, which allows the speed limit to increase to 55 mph.

According to a 2017 Caltrans traffic study of the intersection, the most recent year available, roughly 3,600 cars cross the intersection during peak hours.

McGinnis, a retired lawyer, has long advocated for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements through his work with the cycling club and his service on Pleasanton's Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee.

But it wasn't until the June 2016 traffic-related death of Gail Turner, 72, a friend and Pedalers club member, that he saw community support around bicycle safety start to galvanize. Turner was riding her bike south on Valley Avenue when she was struck and killed by a car heading east on Stanley Boulevard.

The police report states Turner crossed on a red light. McGinnis, who described Turner as a cautious cyclist, believes she entered the intersection before the light turned red, but was unable to clear seven lanes of traffic before the cross-traffic light turned green.

Within a year, Pleasanton made significant safety improvements to the site, and became the first city in the Tri-Valley to install what is known as a protected intersection: a Dutch-style bike friendly crossing that separates bicycle and pedestrian crossings from car traffic. The intersection features specially-marked bike lanes that are protected from traffic by a planter on Stanley Boulevard and wide striping on Bernal Avenue.

McGinnis is now asking Caltrans to consider safety improvements for the Highway 84 (Isabel Avenue) crossing in Livermore.

The cycling club rides through Livermore's extensive network of bicycle lanes and paths several times a month, starting at the Pleasanton Senior Center then over to Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore, making stops for refreshments at Peet's Coffee downtown and the Daily Grind at the Library. The group's usual route on the return trip crosses the tricky Highway 84 intersection.

McGinnis shared with The Independent an email he sent in November to Livermore and Pleasanton transportation officials concerning the intersection. The email was forwarded to a Caltrans official in early December.

"Please be advised that the light at this location does not detect bicycles and hold the light until cyclists can safely cross," he wrote. "Because of the speed of vehicles southbound on Isabel, a life-threatening condition is created by the short light, and shorter yellow light, for pedestrians and people on bicycles. There is no cross-walk or light delay button for the westbound direction, although there is an opening that invites pedestrians and cyclists to cross at the corner."

On Feb. 18, a Caltrans engineer acknowledged a bike loop detector at the intersection was not working and said it would be fixed within a month.

The engineer also acknowledged the timing of the green light at the intersection was short, and would be increased to 9.8 seconds, which is called for by the standards Caltrans follows. But the yellow light for westbound traffic on Vineyard was proper,

and would not be changed, according to the email.

The changes only made the intersection more dangerous, McGinnis said.

A few days after McGinnis and the Pedalers got word of the timing changes, a group of seven of its cyclists, including McGinnis, rolled up to the stop line on westbound Vineyard Avenue at Highway 84. When the light turned green, only three of the cyclists were able to make it across before it turned red.

The other four were stuck in the middle of the two southbound lanes of the expressway.

"If a vehicle had been timing the lights at the usual speed of the southbound lanes, someone would have died," he wrote in the email. McGinnis asked for a supervisor to meet him on site — with a bicycle — to cross through traffic.

"The view, and the speed, is quite different when you aren't crossing the street with 300 horsepower surrounded by a ton of steel," he wrote.

McGinnis said the engineer's supervisor obliged. According to McGinnis, after three attempts, the supervisor was unable to clear the intersection on a bike during the 9.8 second green light cycle.

The Independent asked the Caltrans Spokesman in an email on March 9 to confirm McGinnis' description of the encounter. As of press time, Caltrans did not respond.

McGinnis, who called the intersection a "Dangerous Design Flaw" in his email to Caltrans, said he believes the engineers are following the prescribed formula for the intersection.

"The department of transportation was trying to do the right thing," he said. "I think they're working hard to fix the problem."

MAILBOX

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the farmers market for fruits and vegetables. Would you close the grocery store?

The outdoor environment of the farmers market is much safer than the supermarket. I'd rather be shopping with my own cart and bags in the open air, where I can keep my distance from others, than be sandwiched in the supermarket checkout line between panicky people hoarding toilet paper.

Please allow the Pleasanton farmers market to reopen. Certified farmers markets are considered essential businesses and thus are exempt from the order to shelter in place.

Thank You, Livermore

Over the last several years, Livermore has been experiencing one of its most heated political conversations in decades — a conversation to decide the best path forward for Livermore's downtown. The question was, do residents prefer the city's approved downtown plan, or do Livermore citizens want a different path forward.

The conversation came to head March 3, when residents were asked to vote to approve a Wine Country Hotel next to the Bankhead Theater. Livermore residents came out strongly to support the city's downtown plan. We all had a sneaking suspicion, but now we have a vote to back it up. With a 2-to-1 margin, Livermore voted a resounding "yes" on Measure P to move forward with the approved plan.

This was a resounding endorsement of the city's plan. As of this writing, more than 27,000 votes had been cast, roughly 50% of the eligible voters, with 18,047 voting "yes" on Measure P.

Thank you to all our campaign volunteers, who passed out 1,500 yard signs and participated in 66 events. Thank you to everyone who donated time and money to our campaign. This was a grassroots campaign and we could not have done it without you.

I want to end this by saying thank you to everyone who voted, for and against. By making your voice heard, our community is stronger. We can now start the task of coming together around an issue that we can all agree on: ensuring that Livermore continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families. Thank you everyone!

CommUNITY Gratitude

Tania Panarello Livermore
To cite the Altamont Beer Works' easy-going IPA, "How We Feeling?" The world may be a big bag of crazy right now, but I'd like to say a few words of encouragement and gratitude (and about the Great Pumpkin, if time and space allow).

First, my apologies to the angry man walking his dog through Robertson Park on Sunday. Sorry if we woke up your kids, or any other neighbors, but we felt it was important to cheer on our fellow Livermore Valley Half Marathoners. We wanted to

be a source of encouragement and positivity in our commUNITY, despite all that is going on around us. Remember, we may not be able to always control the things that happen to us in life, but we can control our reactions.

Second, I'd like to give a huge shout-out to everyone involved in keeping the Livermore Valley Half Marathon alive, especially Phil and Kimber Pierpont and the rest of the Sunrise Mountain Sports crew, our ragtag group of Sunrise Resilient Runners, and all the other determined racers. Thanks also to Altamont Beer Works and the special Runner's HI.P.A.; Darcie Kent Vineyards; Brazen Racing; Livermore Valley Half Marathon organizers, sponsors, and supporters; anyone who was out running, just doing their thing; anyone who cheered us on. I love our commUNITY!

Also, my deeply heartfelt thanks go to all the retail, emergency, and service providers out there who are keeping it together and risking their own health every day by going to work so we can get the products and services we want and need. Thank you for doing that, anyway — pandemic or not. You are all incredibly awesome, and I want you to know that you are truly appreciated.

Last, but definitely not least, my husband Rick just celebrated his 50th birthday. He is the absolute best husband, dad, and friend anyone could ask for. I love him so much and wish I could give him the celebration he truly deserves. He took this week

off to recover from running his first half marathon, and to have fun celebrating with family and friends. He didn't get all the fanfare of the usual race finish line, though he created his own, and Phil Pierpont got a couple photos. He didn't get his free beer and bananas, though friends and family did give him BevMo and Shadow Puppet gift cards.

Rick also didn't get down (well, dancing, yes, but not depressed). He didn't let COVID-19 steal his joy, his life, or his freedom. My husband is my inspiration, the love of my life, and my best friend. There is no one I'd rather be out running trails with. Thank you, Rick, and I love you always. I am so proud of you for accomplishing your goals!

To everyone else: Please be patient, kind, grateful, compassionate, humble, and forgiving. Stay healthy, safe, and sane. As a commUNITY — both local and global — we will get through this. God bless you all, and please do your part to stay healthy and keep the peace.

Stay Informed, Stay healthy

Jan Brovont, Livermore

We have a doctor in the family and also an employee at Merck Pharmaceuticals. Both recommend the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu>) as a source of information. Johns Hopkins University is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. Stay informed, stay healthy.

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Women Veterans Honored at Luncheon in Livermore

By Bruce Gach

Women veteran honorees described their experiences in the service and returning to life in the real world at the 8th Annual Honoring Women Veterans luncheon at Las Positas College on March 11. Scholarships were also awarded to women veterans who excelled in their college studies.

After student veteran Alejandra Quezada Sermeño sang the national anthem, Dr. Doral Gonzales, a U.S. Army veteran, welcomed the 60 attendees with a na-

tive American Warrior blessing and prayer for healing.

Todd Steffan, Veterans First Coordinator at Las Positas College, described the program, which last semester taught skills to 420 veteran students. He noted that 21% of those students were women veterans, 40% of whom were Latino. Minority veterans comprise approximately 43% of the 1.6 million veterans in California.

Keynote Speaker Lt. Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan U.S. Army Reserve stated, "Women veterans served to

create change throughout history. They fought in the Civil War beside men, and many acted as spies. These women were, in the past and present, and will in the future, continue to be willing to put the needs of our country above their own."

A panel of women veterans was introduced by Dr. Miatta Snetter, a psychologist who provides treatment for diagnoses experienced by both female and male veterans. "Veterans generally find it easy to serve and give, but they struggle with being

served and given to," she said. Snetter asked the panel members the most significant thing which happened to them as a female while in the service.

Panelist Treasure Edward, who served in the Navy, summed up what the other panel members expressed stating, "We all found out that by working hard we proved as women that we belonged in the service."

Snetter next asked the panelists why women didn't seem to take advantage of the many programs available to veterans and especially psychological services when they leave the service.

Marine Corps veteran Adriana Santos, speaking for the group said, "As veterans and as women, we don't want to let others think we need help. We think we can do it all. We now have learned it's okay to use the resources available to veterans rather than leave them untouched."

Snetter's last question concerned the most significant differences or challenges that were encountered for a woman in a male dominated organization.

Army veteran Riena Rocha Diaz and Santos both explained how they had to breach the gap between stereotype and inequality by using order and structure, mixed with compassion, so at the end of the day, everyone served together.

Student scholarships were awarded by the Local Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Valley Veterans Foundation and Blue Star Moms of Danville. In addition, a \$40,000 donation from the Safeway Foundation was presented to the Las Positas Veteran's First Program.



Women veteran honorees described their experiences in the service and returning to life in the real world at the 8th Annual Honoring Women Veterans luncheon at Las Positas College on March 11, with Keynote Speaker Lt. Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan U.S. Army Reserve. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Realtors Adapt Open-House Strategies

Real estate agents are being forced to adapt their open house strategies to address the current COVID-19 crisis and quickly changing government restrictions on what is allowed.

"The first responsibility of a Realtor is to protect our clients' interests," said Tina Hand, president of the East Bay Association of Realtors. "This now includes protecting them from the current global pandemic. We'll do this by adapting our business practices to new social and market realities and use our knowledge, experience, skills and technology to safely and ethically help home buyers and home sellers."

According to a new survey from the National Association of Realtors, nearly one in four home sellers nationwide is changing how their home is viewed while the home remains on the market.

The "new normal" includes more attention to hygiene and precautionary measures, as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during open houses. For example, Hand said some real estate agents are extending open-house hours to encourage "social distancing" and avoid too many people in a home at one time.

Other real estate agents are using technology, such as video chat and other apps on their cell phones, to host "virtual showings," so potential buyers can experience an open house without being there in person. And some agents are working with sellers who prefer not to hold open houses at this time.

"Whether it's changes requiring potential buyers to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer, or following mandates to shelter-in-place, Realtors will work within

the guidelines stipulated by local or state governments and implement the measures necessary to get the job done," Hand said. "It's critical that our members work together to ensure their safety and their clients' safety."

She said real estate agents are also checking daily with their local and state associations because of the ever-changing government regulations impacting their day-to-day operations. And they have begun screening buyers and sellers to determine if any members of a household are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, especially a fever, or if anyone has potentially been exposed to someone who may be infected.

The Bay East Association of Realtors represents more than 6,000 residential and commercial real estate professionals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

COSTCO

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with this project — but am fully confident that the City of Pleasanton will fulfill any requirements necessary for this project to proceed."

The lawsuit hinges around opponents' claim of the city's failure to respond adequately to comments on the draft EIR. They argue that the project violates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which requires public agencies to analyze the environmental impacts of a project, while mitigating any of those

adverse impacts, such as additional traffic and more air pollution.

Costco hopes to build a warehouse store on roughly 40 acres at Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle. The area is zoned mixed-use with light industrial, office and retail, currently housing 224,688 square feet of occupied building space. The project would increase the building space up to 535,490 square feet of building space.

The Costco project be-

gan in 2015 when the city released a supplemental EIR (SEIR) before seeking voter approval in 2016. Voters said yes. That was followed by council approval of the final SEIR. The first petition followed shortly thereafter, filed through the Alameda County Superior Court on Dec. 1, 2017, challenging the city's actions under CEQA.

To view the December 2019 Planning Commission report, visit <https://bit.ly/3d4WEGI>.

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen (Kay) Sarah McGee Thomas

June 24, 1928 – Jan. 15, 2020

Kathleen (Kay) Sarah McGee Thomas, 91, died peacefully in her sleep at Tiffany Gardens in Livermore, California, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020. A native of Oakland, California, Kay was born on June 24, 1928, to Irish immigrants Hugh and Sophie McGee. She was always proud of her Irish heritage.

Kay graduated from Presentation High School in Berkeley, California, in 1946. She met her husband Raymond Thomas in 1953, at her sister Marjorie's wedding. She was maid of honor and Ray was best man. Kay and Ray were married in 1955.

Kay was a 51-year resident of Livermore. She was a woman of strong faith in Jesus and believed in the power of prayer. She enjoyed her membership in the



Livermore-Pleasanton Elks and Sons in Retirement organizations. She and Ray also loved traveling and were always interested in meeting new people and experiencing new places. Kay had the biggest heart and was known for her warm smile, friendly conversations, and for making everyone she met feel special. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ray Thomas; her children, Gerald Thomas, Janet Thomas, Colleen (Kurt) Hornbacher, Greg (Joanie) Thomas; and seven grandchildren, Kathleen, Taryn, Meghan, Lauren, Grant, Connor, and Riley. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Tom Thomas, and her sister-in-law, Jean Thomas, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. Kay was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Hugh and Jack McGee; and her sister, Marjorie Daly.

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, a mass and reception will be held at a later date. Donations in Kay's memory can be made to the piano fund for the residents at Tiffany Gardens.

George C. Mayo

The memorial service celebrating the life of George C. Mayo scheduled for Saturday, March 21, has been postponed because of the "shelter in place order" issued by the Alameda County Health Department. The service will be rescheduled after the order is lifted. Mayo died Feb. 20 at the age of 88.

Barbara Lorraine (Bowers) Bawden

July 12, 1924 - March 12, 2020

Barbara Bawden, 95, died March 12, 2020, in Livermore. She was born to Floyd and Zetta Bowers in Los Angeles on July 12, 1924.

Her mother died when Barbara was 5 years old, and her father remarried when Barbara was 10. The family moved to a house 12 miles outside of Lincoln, California, where a young city girl learned to live without electricity, telephone, and indoor plumbing. Her stepmother, Grace, taught Barbara to be a strong and independent person who loved to learn. In 1940, at age 16, Barbara graduated from Lincoln High School. She and her stepmother then moved to Berkeley, California, so she could attend the University of California.

In Berkeley, she met Richard Bawden, Jr. They were married before Richard reported for basic infantry training and was sent to North Africa during World War II. To support the war effort, Barbara took nurses training while also attending college. She graduated from UC-Berkeley in 1944.

After the war, Barbara followed Richard to UCLA,



Richmond, Pacific Grove, Coalinga and San Leandro, California, as he advanced his career in education. During that time, Barbara gave birth to two children, Richard Bawden III and Sally Bawden Madrid. She also earned a teacher's credential at San Jose State University and began teaching kindergarten in Centerville, California (now Fremont). She later moved to Castro Valley, California, where she taught first grade at Stanton School and eighth grade history and English at Earl Warren Junior High and Canyon Middle School. She lived in Castro Valley for 57 years.

In retirement, Barbara took up golf, volunteered at her church, and spent time with her grandchildren. She also cared for her husband,

Richard, until his death in 2002, following a lengthy illness. In 2016, Barbara moved from Castro Valley to Watermark at Rosewood Gardens in Livermore, where she received wonderful care and assistance until her death due to a brain hemorrhage.

Barbara is survived by her son, Richard (Mary) Bawden; daughter, Sally Madrid; grandchildren, Elizabeth Bawden, Alexis (John) Madrid, John (Tara) Bawden, Peter (Tina) Madrid, and David Bawden; and six great grandchildren, Julianne, Marcus, Leyla, Amelia, Clara, and Kayvon. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard, and her sister, Betty.

Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore is handling arrangements. A memorial service will be scheduled later. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

The family thanks Dawn, Stephanie, Cindy and the entire staff at Rosewood Gardens for their care; David Green of LivHOME for his friendship and professional advice; and the staff at Hope Hospice.

Tyrone Jan Sojka

Former Livermore Resident

Tyrone Sojka passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Grand Junction, Colorado, on March 14, 2020, the morning after his 76th birthday. He grew up in Los Alamos, New Mexico, before moving to Livermore, California, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Ellen, who became his wife of more than 55 years. Their love was the family's foundation.

Tyrone worked for the Hexcel Corp. for 35 years, rising to vice president of international sales and marketing. He later worked at Cultured Marble Products in San Leandro, California, for five years before retir-



ing in 2004 to Grand Junction, where he loved the scenery and continued his passion for camping and fly fishing.

An avid outdoorsman, musician, and cook, Tyrone was always the life of the party. He loved to entertain family and friends by sing-

ing, playing guitar, throwing homemade pizza dough in the air, and making people laugh. He always looked forward to playing pinochle with his close friends. He had a deep love for the Lord and attended Monument Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ellen; his children, Curtis (Allison) Sojka, Jeffrey (Kate) Sojka, Rhiannon (Conor) Keaough, and Linamarie Sojka; seven grandchildren; and his cousins, Don and Pat Stickers. Out of concern for the health of our community, there will be no services.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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perior Court supports the shelter in place order and has determined that it cannot adequately comply with COVID-related guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, County Health, and other authorities and still remain open to the public," the Alameda court said in a statement.

Late last week, court officials had issued an 8-page order with specifics on which operations would remain open, including ongoing trials, but Monday's shelter in place order changed that. The county required the chief justice's approval because courts must meet constitutional requirements for speedy trials. Under the emergency order, the closure period will change court business days to "court holidays."

During the closure, all evictions set to occur through April 8 will be postponed.

The county Sheriff's Department, meanwhile, announced that no in-person visitations will be allowed in the system's jails, but video visitations using tablets will continue. Inmates also have access to telephones to call loved ones and attorneys.

The Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, which houses about 2,600 inmates, has not found anyone testing positive for the virus through Monday, sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

All employees and arrestees entering the jail must be screened. Anyone showing symptoms will be denied entry and sent to medical care, Kelly said. Visitors will be asked basic questions, including whether they've been around any sick people.

"We have no coronavirus cases as of yet," Kelly said Monday. "We hope not to get any."

The jail, the largest in the Bay Area, and employs about 500 staff members. The concern is the virus coming from the outside.

"Jail is unique in that it does give you a better ability to do shelter in place,

than maybe other places," he said.

Some inmates, including homeless, drug addicted and mentally ill, will benefit from remaining in custody during the outbreak because they receive 24-hour medical care they do not receive on the street, Kelly said.

Kelly said arrests across the county appear to be down. Sheriff's Department officials reached out to fellow police agencies that send inmates to the county jails and asked them to "avoid arrests where we can" to minimize the effect on the jail.

At stations, including Dublin, deputies have the necessary equipment they need to stay safe, including gloves, dispensable masks, and sanitation wipes and sprays, Kelly said.

"We feel pretty comfortable in that area," Kelly added.

In the field, deputies are functioning differently than normal, concerned about public safety, but not conducting special operations that could lead to numerous arrests, including citation campaigns to stop distracted driving. Traffic stops where deputies must approach motorists at their driver's window also might be reduced to decrease interactions.

"We're in a different time as far as policing goes," Kelly said. "It's not business as usual."

Sheriff's Department station lobbies will stay open, but deputies are eliminating some non-essential tasks, like handing out police reports. Visitors will speak on the telephone to deputies before anyone comes out. Deputies will maintain the 6-foot social distancing recommended by health officials.

Custody handovers will continue in the parking lot.

"It's keeping our people safe, so we can do our job, so we can keep the public safe," Kelly said. "We are up for the challenges."

In Pleasanton, the Police Department was operating normally, including keep-

ing its front lobby open to the public. Many of the city's public buildings were closed, so the police station was acting as the one open spot for the public to come in and ask questions.

"We have a glass window and the people can talk through the openings," police Lt. Penelope Tamm said. "It does provide a barrier between the public and our staff."

Tamm said the department encourages people to use online systems to file reports, but will still take them in the lobby. Custody exchanges can still occur in the station's front lot.

During the shelter in place, the department has cancelled its Citizens Academy classes and won't be conducting ride-alongs or special campaigns. Officers are making sure people see them, including driving through neighborhoods and grocery store parking lots, so people feel comfortable.

"Our guys are still out and they are visible," Tamm said.

Officers currently are stocked with masks, protective suits, gloves and sanitizing wipes and lotions to protect themselves.

In a statement on Facebook, Livermore police said the public might see temporary changes in service, but otherwise officers will respond normally.

"You can expect officers to be utilizing their assigned personal protective equipment like gloves, glasses and masks," the statement said. "It is our duty to keep you safe as much as we possibly can. In order for us to do that, we need a healthy work force."

Officers might ask people who call or visit the station to meet outside, or officers might take non-emergency reports over the phone.

"Public safety is a top priority for us and we wanted to ensure you we are doing our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19," the statement noted. "The Livermore Police Department will continue to serve

the public with honor, protection, and purpose. As an essential service working to keep you and your loved ones safe, we want you to know, we are still here."

Alameda County firefighters, meanwhile, who handle calls in Dublin and unincorporated areas near Livermore, said firefighters are "taking all precautions" to protect their own health while responding to calls, department spokesman Brian Centoni said. Firefighters carry masks for themselves, but also for the residents seeking their help.

Many people are calling with flu-like symptoms, concerned they have the virus. Firefighters ask them if they wish to be taken to a hospital or remain at home and go on their own.

Centoni said he worked a 24-hour shift Sunday where eight of the 12 calls were for flu-like symptoms. Firefighters wear masks during the calls, try to maintain "social distancing," and clean their gear and take showers between calls.

Firefighters cancelled a pancake breakfast. An Academy class has been delayed for two weeks, but otherwise, fire stations are fully operational.

Food, however, and long lines at supermarkets has created an issue. Firefighters, who are known for their station cooking and are often seen at local markets, didn't have time between calls for lengthy visits to stores. Instead, their local union, the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 55, requested on its Facebook page a list of restaurants they can support during the shutdown.

Firefighters "will look to forego (when possible) our routine of cooking shift dinners in order to support our local restaurants that may be facing economic hardships during this time."

The post asked for names of restaurants throughout the county that offer "takeout" service.

"We hope that our friends and neighbors will see this

list, share it, and collectively help our local businesses and community members

during this difficult time, the post concluded.

SBA Offering COVID-19 Disaster Assistance Loans

The Small Business Association is accepting applications for disaster assistance loans up to \$2 million to help businesses overcome a temporary loss of income because of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Nearly all California small businesses are eligible for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, according to a spokesman for the SBA. Loans can run up to 30 years, with current interest rates of 3.75% for for-profit small businesses and 2.75% for nonprofits.

SBA disaster loans are available for operating expenses, debt payments, payroll, inventory and business costs. The SBA said business owners seeking insurance claims or other compensation should also apply for disaster loans at the same time.

The process of getting a disaster loan is similar to that of a conventional loan, and borrowers will need to be able to provide federal income tax records, ownership records and schedules of current debt, income and expenses.

To download applications forms, go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Businesses may also call the SBA Service Center at (800) 659-2955, or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, for more information. Businesses will have until Dec. 16 to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan.

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Spring Won't Be the Same Without the Usual Tri-Valley Events



Among the usual spring events that have been cancelled due to fear of spreading COVID-19 are (clockwise from top left) the Valley Spokesman Cinderella Bike Ride, Bankhead Theater events, Dublin Easter Eggstravaganza, Livermore Half Marathon, Pleasanton Run for Education, and the Alameda County Good Guys Car Show. Photos are from events in previous years. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 568597
The following person(s) doing business as: Dave Busky Training, 2153 Vintage Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Buscovich, 1295 Dorothy Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. 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: February 1, 2017. Signature of Registrant/s/: David Buscovich, Owner. This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Alameda on February 14, 2020. Expires February 14, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4713. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 568363
The following person(s) doing business as: The Crafty Owl Studio Co., 4407 Carol Ave, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Angeleigh Brieno, 4407 Carol Ave, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Angeleigh Brieno, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on February 6, 2020. Expires February 6, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4714. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 568751
The following person(s) doing business as: 1. EZ 4 U Computers, 2. EZ 4 U Technology, 4706 Bel Roma Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Teresa Donat, 4706 Bel Roma Rd. Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 1, 1983. Signature of Registrant/s/: Teresa Donat, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February

20, 2020. Expires February 20, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4715. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: PG Organix, 2150 Portola Ave, Suite D298, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): PG Empire, LLC, 2150 Portola Ave, Suite D298, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 26, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jeremy Laine, CEO. This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2020. Expires February 26, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4716. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 569016
The following person(s) doing business as: Element Duct Services, 16228 Rancho Viejo Ct., Tracy, CA 95304, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steven Azevedo, 16228 Rancho Viejo Ct., Tracy, CA 95304. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Steven Azevedo, CEO. This statement was filed with the County



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568561

The following person(s) doing business as: SP Machining, 2133 Research Dr, Unit A, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kenneth Stauffer, 1245 Dolores LN., Tracy, CA 95376. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Kenneth Stauffer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 13, 2020. Expires February 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4718. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568906

The following person(s) doing business as: Rapid Output, 1220 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Donald Ball, III, 1220 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 1990. Signature of Registrant/s: John Donald Ball, III, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2020. Expires February 25, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4719. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568478

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Landscape Service, 5781 Preston Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Plants Direct, Inc., 2174 Lawson Circle, 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: August, 9, 1996. Signature of Registrant/s: Darrell Lee Amaral, President/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 11, 2020. Expires February 11, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4720. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568413

The following person(s) doing business as: Maila Wheeler

Hair, 2219 First St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maila Wheeler, 648 N. M Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Maila Wheeler, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 10, 2020. Expires February 10, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4721. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568692

The following person(s) doing business as: Salazar Trucking LLC, 9782 South Flynn Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): alazar Trucking LLC, 9782 South Flynn Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Victor Salazar Pena, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2020. Expires February 19, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4722. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569241

The following person(s) doing business as: TK Solution, 5020 Haven PL., # 114, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ted Kim, 5020 Haven PL., # 114, Dublin, CA 94568. 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: March 3, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Ted Kim, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2020. Expires March 3, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4723. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569005

The following person(s) doing business as: Perfecting Papers, 5567 Susan Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Celeste Brennecke, 5567 Susan Lane, 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: February 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Celeste Brennecke, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2020. Expires February 26, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4724. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569446

The following person(s) doing business as: Royal Construction, 874 Caliente Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sam Daniel Yamasaki, 874 Caliente 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: March 9, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Sam Daniel Yamasaki, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2020. Expires March 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4725. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569129

The following person(s) doing business as: Lavender Valley Ranch, 4462 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Dean Harris, 4462 Mines Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: August 28, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael Dean Harris, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2020. Expires March 2, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4726. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569322

The following person(s) doing business as: Raising the Barre, 4047 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): La Jaz Danz, 4046 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: December 18, 2014. Signature of Registrant/s: Joyce Hansen, Sect. Treasurer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 4, 2020. Expires March 4, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4727. Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 569424
The following person(s) doing business as: Stara Learning, 1137 Mills CT., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yane Ken Yang, 1137 Mills CT., Pleasanton, CA 94566 and Ching Yi Wu, 4950 Canto Dr. San Jose, CA 95124. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 6, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Yane Ken Yang, Vice Presidents-General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 6, 2020. Expires March 6, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4728. Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 568702
The following person(s) doing business as: Kristen Kay Photography, 1090 Madison Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristen Kubiak, 1090 Madison Avenue, 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: January 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Kristen Kubiak, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2020. Expires February 19, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4729. Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020.

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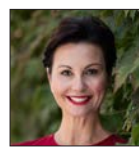
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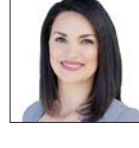
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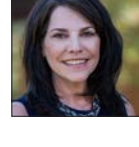
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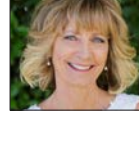
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Labs staffs working from home

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory: LLNL is following a protocol called Minimum Safe Operations. This means keeping enough qualified people on-site to ensure safety and security, with most others working from home. "All employees who can effectively telecommute should plan to do so beginning Tuesday, March 17," said director Bill Goldstein in a memorandum early this week. He also urged employees to "adhere to the county shelter-in-place orders" and follow basic health, hygiene and social distancing standards.

Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore: Sandia is also working with as few on-site people as possible consistent with safety, security and essential ("mission-critical") work requirements. Director James Peery, based at the main Laboratories site in Albuquerque, has instructed all employees who can do so to work from home. Sandia has expanded paid leave normally based on family illness to include leave required because of school or daycare closures. A statement late last week called Sandia's "top priority... to keep employees, and by extension its communities, safe and healthy."

Public Transportation Keeps Running

While public transportation is expected to remain open for people performing essential roles, such as those pertaining to law enforcement or health care, health officials remind people to adhere to social distancing requirements as much as possible.



Visitors to Pleasanton Public Library were surprised to find it closed on Saturday morning. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Tri-Valley Wheels: The Public Health Officer's order defines public transportation as part of the "Essential Infrastructure." Accordingly, Wheels announced it will continue to operate its regular fixed route services and Dial-a-Ride paratransit. Supplemental school services have already been suspended until school resumes. To reach Dial-a-Ride call (925) 455-7510.

Pleasanton Paratransit: Pleasanton Paratransit will remain operating during the shelter-in-place, according to a press release from the city. However, service will be limited to medical appointments and grocery stores. To schedule a ride, call (925) 931-5376.

BART: BART is running regular service for essential workers during the shelter in place order. Cars have been added to trains to allow for social distancing. There was no crowding during the Tuesday morning commute, according to the transit agency. Ridership for March 16 was 118,572 representing a 70% drop compared to an average

Monday last month.

ACE Rail Altamont Commuter Express: As of press time, all four weekday Monday through Friday round-trips will remain in operation, according to ACE.

Due to the evolving nature of the public health emergency, ACE suspended the Saturday Service Pilot Program, following several weeks of reduced ridership, ACE announced.

Amtrak Capitol Corridor: The Capitol Corridor is considered an "essential service" for many travelers who are exempt from the shelter in place order, and is expected to maintain its regular train and connecting bus service through Friday, March 20. It has been running longer trains to allow passengers to follow social distancing requirements.

Outdoor activities are still allowed

The order in Alameda County specifically includes outdoor activity as a permitted activity that is essential to health.

While many public parks and recreation programs like

swim centers and classes have been cancelled out of concerns for public safety, places like Sycamore Grove Park remain open to the public to get fresh air and enjoy nature.

To avoid spreading the virus, public health officials urge people who visit parks to remain at least six feet away from people who are not part of their household.

LARPD: Effective March 13, Livermore Area and Recreation Park District closed the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center, The Robert Livermore Community Center, and Recreation Building, and cancelled all recreation programs, events, classes and rentals.

The park district will provide refunds to customers for programs and services impacted by this cancellation. Call (925) 373-5700 or visit www.larpd.org for more information.

Phone-in and online registration for summer activities and camps opens March 18. Staff from the park district will answer phones between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. To

register, call (925) 373-5700 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/larpd>.

East Bay Regional Parks: Out of an abundance of caution, all visitor centers, rental facilities, swim facilities, and campgrounds are closed, East Bay Parks announced Monday.

In the Tri-Valley, this means the closure of the Sunol visitor center, and the campgrounds at Del Valle, and Sunol, and swimming at the Shadow Cliffs beach in Pleasanton.

East Bay Parks also cancelled all school, recreational, and naturalist-directed programs until April 12.

Regional parks and trails remain open to the public. East Bay Parks urges visitors to be prepared by bringing their own water and hand sanitizer.

"We understand that nature is a great place to get exercise and rejuvenate your mind, body and soul - especially in time of crisis," East Bay Parks wrote in a statement on the COVID-19 response. "A walk on a trail, around your neighborhood or private backyard will allow you to breathe fresh air and help to reduce stress and anxiety."

Libraries to close for weeks

Livermore: The Livermore Public Library closed its public service areas March 17 and is exploring options for providing cardholders access to library books and other physical materials.

In the meantime, the Library's Digital Library, which offers free access to downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, such as The New York Times, and thousands of streaming movies, is available around the clock at: www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib.

For the full language of the shelter-in-place order and for FAQs, see the Alameda County Department of Public Health's website at: www.acphd.org.

Pleasanton: Pleasanton's library is also closed to the public, although phone calls and emails will be answered during regular business hours, according to the library's website.

Checked out library materials can be returned to the outside book drop next to the library entrance, kept longer by calling the library to extend the due date, or returned through the library's online ZenDesk service. Outstanding materials checked out through the Link+ library consortium can be returned or kept until the library reopens. The library will waive any late fees.

The library's digital offerings of e-books, magazines, newspapers and streaming content remain available at: www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/lib.

Alameda County Public Library, Dublin: Alameda County Library closed its Dublin branch and nine other locations on March 15 and has tentative plans to reopen April 8.

"We will be assessing continually. It is a heart-breaking thing to close a public space, particularly in an emergency, but we cannot keep the libraries open and maintain the State/County social distancing recommendations of 6 (feet) of space per person," Alameda County Library's wrote in a statement announcing the closures.

Reporters Aly Brown, Larry Altman and Jeff Garberson contributed to this story.



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Local Artists Interpret New American Backyard with Adirondack Chairs



The City of Dublin is proud to present its newest public art installation: "A Chair to Remember." The community is invited to view these 20 Adirondack chairs, beautifully painted by local artists, at Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza), March 12-15. Beginning Monday, March 16, the chairs will be displayed individually and in pairs throughout Dublin at select businesses and city facilities. An online auction will be launched during the display period, and those interested in owning a chair will have the opportunity to place a bid. The chairs will be collected and displayed one last time at Splatter on Saturday, September 12, at Emerald Glen Park. For an online view of the brightly colored chairs, inspired by the theme "New American Backyard," and for their locations, go to <https://adobe.ly/33faCBe>. See more photos on page 7. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Banners to Honor Local Service Members

The City of Dublin is accepting applications to sponsor a banner honoring a local service member or veteran. The banners will be displayed along Dougherty Road from Memorial Day to Veterans Day 2020. The deadline to become a sponsor is March 25.

Tutors Sought for Adult Literacy Program

The Pleasanton Library is seeking volunteer tutors for its adult literacy program, Pleasanton Reads.

Tutors will help those learning English gain fundamental reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers lead a variety of activities, including one-on-one lessons with students, small group conversation practice, citizenship test preparation, and book clubs.

Volunteers must be at least 18, attend a training session, and be able to devote 1-2 hours a week for at least six months.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to register with the Pleasanton Reads Team at literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call (925) 931-3405. No advance preparation is needed, and no prior teaching experience is required. Pleasanton Reads provides all books and materials, as well as training and ongoing support.

Pleasanton Reads volunteers provide English as a Second Language and literacy services to more than 200 adult students throughout the Tri-Valley communities. However, there is still a waiting list of more than 100 students who would like to work with a tutor.



With kids unexpectedly out of school and most activities cancelled, it might be a good time to pick up some reading material at your local book store. One recommendation from Julie Wheeler, owner of the Town Center Books in Livermore, is “One-Third Nerd,” by Newbery-award winning children’s author Gennifer Choldenko, about a fifth-grade student living in the Bay Area with his mom, two sisters, and a troublesome German shepherd. Town Center Books also offers free delivery. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Five Nonprofits to Benefit From 2020 Livermore Valley Wine Auction

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation has announced five nonprofit organizations that will benefit from its 26th annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction on Sept. 26.

Benefitting from this year’s auction will be:

- Quest Science Center. The nonprofit has been providing pop-up exhibits since last year for hands-on learning in local classrooms and at events throughout the Tri-Valley, and has plans to build a center in Stockmen’s Park in Livermore in the coming years.

- CALICO. Based in San Leandro, the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing and Coordination Center works with law enforcement at the courts in Alameda County to provide a safe environment and trained professionals when children are interviewed in child-abuse and criminal investigations.

- Exceptional Needs Network. In conjunction with the Taylor Family Foundation, the Exceptional Needs Network, based in Livermore, provides overnight camping experiences at Camp Arroyo for children with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other developmental disabilities. The program is also designed to provide a respite for parents and other caregivers from the demands of caring for special-needs children.

- Reigns in Motion. Reigns in Motion Foundation is a therapeutic riding program in Livermore that connects children with special needs as young as 2 ½ with horses to promote healing and growth in their daily lives. The nonprofit also offers Reigns for Heroes, a program for local veteran.

- Livermore Shakespeare Foundation Education Program. The foundation’s “So Wise So Young” program offers interactive educational performances for second graders throughout the Tri-Valley. It also provides half-day high school workshops, 7th grade programs, and a 2-week summer camp at the Bothwell Arts Center.

Last year, the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation and the Wente Foundation for Arts Education raised nearly \$500,000 at the annual wine auction. The two host foundations recently presented checks to 2019 beneficiaries, Agape Villages, which provides services for foster children; the Boys and Girls Club of Tracy for its summer program; Camp Phoenix, which combines academics and social-emotional learning with outdoor adventures for low-income East Bay middle school students; Livermore Shakespeare’s “So Wise So Young” program; and the Livermore Science and Society Center, now known as Quest.

This auction has raised more than \$5 million over 25 years.

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Dublin High School Seniors Urged to Apply for Don Biddle Scholarship

Dublin High School seniors are encouraged to apply for the \$1,000 Don Biddle Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must plan on attending a college or vocational school in Fall 2020.

The scholarship was established to honor Don Biddle, who served the Dublin community in various capacities, including serving on the Dublin City Council from 2008 until his death in 2018.

The scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who demonstrates scholarship and civic leadership through volunteerism or public service work, and who is interested in pursuing a career in public service.

Applicants must submit three short essays and two letters of recommendation by email to John.Stefanski@dublin.ca.gov, or dropped off at the Dublin city manager's office, no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday. For an application, go to <https://bit.ly/33g9T2V>

Arts Commission Seeks Leadership Awards Nominations

The Alameda County Arts Commission is asking residents to submit nominations for the county's 2020 Arts Leadership Awards. Nominations are due May 15, and must be submitted online at www.acgov.org/arts/awards.

The annual program recognizes five individuals, one from each of the five Board of Supervisor districts, for

outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and the residents of Alameda County.

To be eligible, nominees must be residents of Alameda County and affiliated with a county arts organization as an artist, staff person, board member, teacher, volunteer, donor, supporter, or advocate. For complete

details, please review the online nomination instructions here.

The Alameda County Arts Commission will recognize the award winners in October, during the county's celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, go to www.acgov.org/arts/awards.

Apprentices Graduate ABC NorCal Workforce Training

More than 100 apprentices graduated from Associated Builders and Contractors of Northern California workforce training program in Livermore earlier this month.

"Training the workforce is one of ABC NorCal's priorities to ensure safe working conditions and better communities," stated Sagit Woodbury, appren-

ticeship director for ABC NorCal, said the new apprentices, some fresh out of high school and others seeking a new career, leave the workforce training program with good-paying jobs, health benefits, and the skills and training the state urgently needs.

ABC NorCal was founded in 1976 in Concord, California. In moved to its

current 26,000 square-foot facility in Livermore in 2008.

Among those present to honor the 111 graduates on March 6 were Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley.

Eric Elson of Livermore, was one of three graduates to receive Outstanding Performance awards.

"They are armed with the tools to build California and with the certified knowledge in their trade on how to get a job done safely," said Michele Daugherty, president and CEO of ABC NorCal. "I'm sincerely heartened to see the pride in these trades professionals as they complete our rigorous, state and federally approved apprenticeship programs."



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A local man is thwarted when arriving at the Pleasanton public library only to find it closed due to Coronavirus prevention measures.

Scott Haggerty: Do You Know What a County Supervisor Does?

Alameda County District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty will leave office this year at the end of a 24-year, six-term career. From an app on his phone, he will quickly cite the days, hours, and minutes remaining on his term and jokes, “But who’s counting?” But then he is also quick to note that he intends to make the most of every one of these remaining minutes.

There’s an urgency to his

from the audience to ask just that question. At the second debate a few weeks later, he was asked to give a 5-minute response. First and foremost, he began, “The most important thing for a county supervisor to do is to represent the very people who elect us; one should never forget that.”

He outlined the most basic services a county provides, running through a half dozen or so of the 21

In his closing minute he said, “I’m proud to say I brought Tesla to Fremont,” which created more than 10,000 jobs. He also helped to bring Gillig, the second-largest transit bus manufacturer in North America, to Livermore. Working with the cities, he helped negotiate deals with these companies at a time when many manufacturers were moving out of the state or even out of the country.

Overall, his brief 5-minute job description was an understatement of his work. He referenced only a few of the regional bodies he participates in regularly, but modestly failed to mention that he chairs the powerful, 9-county Metropolitan Transportation Commission – the only person to ever serve as chairman twice. He was also responsible for the creation of East Bay Community Energy, Alameda County’s local electricity provider, taking the idea from inception to its current state of profitability.

He mentioned his role on the Altamont Corridor Express Board of Directors, but he did not identify his role as a founder. He initiated a legislative proposal that resulted in the formation of the Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Rail Authority, which helped advance the Valley Link Rail Project, and has chaired the board of directors since the start. In addition, he is a member and served terms as chair of the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum Authority, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Livermore

Amador Valley Transit Authority, and the Tri-Valley Transportation Council. He is currently vice-chair of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority. And this is only a partial list.

“He always steps up,” says his long-time colleague, Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley. “In the more than 20 years I have known him, he has not missed an opportunity to serve, not just his district, but the entire Bay Area region.”

“He understands how issues facing his district intersect,” Miley added, “and takes a regional approach to solving them. His participation allows him to seize the opportunity to do this.”

His efforts have, in fact, resulted in an estimated \$2 billion in transportation infrastructure improvements in Alameda County District 1, for roads, highways and public transit.

“I’m not embarrassed to admit that the gold shovels in my office are some of my most prized possessions,” Haggerty said in recent remarks to a gathering of Innovation Tri-Valley business leaders. There are shovels commemorating many of the transportation projects he has overseen, as well as other county improvement projects.

“I believe his spirit of collaboration is perhaps the cornerstone of his leadership and effectiveness,” said Dale Kaye, who founded the Innovation Tri-Valley leadership group. “He leads with compassion and governs with empathy. He has

the vision to think boldly and embrace big new ideas that will enrich this region, but at the same time meet the needs of those who are struggling.”

Last year, he oversaw the opening of the Marissa Hunt 4-H Agricultural Education Center at the Alameda County Fairgrounds to promote the county’s rich agricultural heritage and share it with the youth who Haggerty hopes will carry it into the future.

“No one has worked harder or shown more commitment to the Livermore Valley Wine Country than Supervisor Haggerty,” said David Kent, chairman of the Tri-Valley Conservancy. “He is a visionary on how vineyards can be both economic drivers of our agri-

cultural industry and natural greenbelts protecting urban growth boundaries.”

Haggerty’s legacy will also include his contribution to the arts as a key founder of the Bankhead Theater, securing the funding to make it a reality. It will no doubt continue to profoundly impact the cultural life of the Tri-Valley for many years.

At the conclusion of his remarks at the debate, Haggerty turned to the four candidates vying for his position and said, “For those of you who think that you want this job, think long and hard. It will definitely take its toll on you.”

But he added, “It has been a pleasure to represent you. It’s been like a dream job.”



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work, as evidenced by his tightly packed schedule, but then again, it closely reflects a pace he has kept throughout most of his career. A typical day may be 12 to 14 hours long, and events and meetings more often than not spill into the weekend. You’ll often find him in Sacramento or Washington, D.C., advocating for district interests.

So, what does a county supervisor do? At the first of three scheduled public debates between the candidates seeking his position, Haggerty surprisingly spoke

different county agencies and departments providing health care, social services, public protection, and general government programs for Alameda County. The county also develops ordinances, he said, a lot of ordinances.

He mentioned the county’s \$3.54 billion budget, but did not elaborate on the arduous and sometimes difficult budget-hearing process. Alameda is one of only two counties in the state with a triple-A bond rating, which the county has maintained since 2018.



Haggerty poses with Gavin Newsom.

Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

Bill Graham Presents: Part III

To promote his shows at the newly christened Fillmore West, Bill Graham plastered posters around Berkeley, California, at 3 a.m., because he couldn't get owners to display them in their shops. Soon, though, young people began taking the posters down and hanging them on their walls at home.

Collecting posters, as many of us may remember, became popular in the '60s as a meaningful, but also a cheap way, to decorate our walls. It became so popular that Berkeley shop owners ended up asking Graham to provide them with as many posters as possible.

And so, the flying fickle finger of fate – remember that phrase from the popular '60s' show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" – helped spread the word about the Fillmore West and boosted Graham's fledgling business.

There was never any doubt that Graham considered the Fillmore East and West, and the Winterland as money-generating enterprises. In the beginning, the counterculture resented this and denigrated him for only being interested in money and not "in the music and in the message, man."

But in time the bands that Graham had origi-

nally promoted and paid a few thousand dollars per performance began to ask for larger and larger sums of money. They were performing in increasingly larger venues, such as baseball stadiums, that could pack in tens of thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands of fans. The performers reasoned, rightly, that larger crowds generated more revenue from larger ticket sales, and they wanted their share. This trend wasn't due only to what Gordon Gekko, the fictional character in the 1987 film "Wall Street," would describe as the "greed is good" principle. Musicians had come to realize that if they could make more money per performance, they could tour less and spend more time with their families.

Added to this was the fact that big business had begun managing the musicians and their venues. What did all this mean for Graham? He found it difficult to compete, even though he did stay in the game for a while by promoting the tours of many musical groups, including the Rolling Stones, as well as promoting extravaganzas to raise money for social causes, such as the American component of "Live Aid" at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia

(simultaneous with the "Live Aid" concert at Wembley Stadium in London) on July 13, 1985; "A Conspiracy of Hope" in 1986; and the 1988 "Human Rights Now!" tours for Amnesty International.

Reconfiguring his business model enabled Graham to continue to make money. However, by the '80s he had become disillusioned with the music industry that he had helped to fashion. He was worn out from having to deal with the super-charged egos and outlandish demands of the musicians and their managers. He was exhausted from maintaining a hellacious schedule that bounced him all over the globe. Also, about this time, the Rolling Stones, a group he had collaborated with for years in arranging their world tours, changed their working relationship with him by basically cutting him out of his managerial role and stuffing him into a smaller, limited "consultancy" box. None of this sat well with Graham, and it prompted the beginning of his spiral downward into a deep depression, something so uncharacteristic of the high-energy, can-do-anything fireball that had once been Bill Graham. He hung on for a while, until a series of events occurred that

tipped him over the edge.

Graham had been in Europe consulting with Irish singer-songwriter, author, and political activist Bob Geldof concerning the first "Live Aid" concert when he learned that a fire had gutted the Fillmore West, resulting in its closure. As in such disasters, people usually give thanks that no one was hurt, and Graham was thankful for that. But he had spent years filling his office at the Fillmore with memorabilia for music fans to see, building, in essence, a shrine, or, depending on your perspective, a sort of museum of the music business he had developed.

There were irreplaceable items, some grand, some small. One-of-a-kind photos of Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan. Gold records awarded to Graham. A pillow from the closing of the Winterland that said, "Thanks for the Memories." A letter from a fan who had snuck into the Fillmore one New Year's Eve without paying, along with five \$1 bills and a 50-cent piece in a little baggie as repayment. The only picture Graham had of his parents.

Graham described the loss this way: "What was up on the walls in that office was my life on a day-to-day basis up to

that point. The life I had found for myself when I was 35. I never put the things I loved in some big vault or a safe. They were up there on the wall for everyone to see. What was in that office was all the art I owned."

And that was now gone.

The cause of the fire? Speculation was that some disgruntled people from communities near Berkeley started the blaze in retaliation for Graham running a personal newspaper ad criticizing then-President Ronald Reagan for visiting a military cemetery in Bitberg, West Germany, and laying a wreath near where some Nazi troops were buried. Graham felt, as he said in his plea, that the visit implied "the Holocaust horrors are part of the past, and should be forgiven and forgotten."

Despite those devastating blows, Graham continued to promote other music groups and fundraisers until his death in 1991. At the end of October that year, he attended a concert at the Concord Pavilion, in Concord, California, in an effort to get Huey Lewis and the News to participate in a possible benefit concert for victims of a firestorm that had raged through the Oakland hills from Oct.

18-20. Five days later, on Oct. 25, the helicopter Graham took to leave the concert ran into foul weather and crashed.

How will people remember Bill Graham? There is no doubt he will be remembered for building the music scene in the '60s, starting with the Fillmores and Winterland, and continuing to build it into the '70s and '80s with the tours of music groups and fundraising extravaganzas, all under the marquee of "Bill Graham Presents."

On a personal level, there are differing opinions. Graham considered himself to be a creative person. Where the musicians he managed used their creativity to write and arrange songs, Graham said he used his creativity to promote entertainers, to handle negotiations and last-minute decisions and crises that required some of the same flexibility of mind. Ahmet Ertegun, co-founder and president of Atlantic Records, described Graham in the biography "Bill Graham Presents" as, "An immigrant who came to America with a lot of ideas and hopes and who found an incredible niche. He built a place for himself."

Both, indeed, were Bill Graham.

Adirondack Chair Art Exhibition

(Continued from first page)



Dublin's "A Chair to Remember" temporary art exhibit will be held March 14 through September 12 at the Dublin Civic Center and at selected businesses and city facilities. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit

are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite

at their own pace with the medium of their choice in a relaxed and supportive environment with other artists. The class is facilitated by Lorraine Wells and meets Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, now through March 17, at 1401 Almond Ave., in Livermore. For more information, call (925) 606-4722, or go to www.livermoreschools.org/domain/1060.

Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school, and adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Contact Peggy at 925.443.8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists.

thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com.

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Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the

Vita Voci, an eight-person vocal ensemble, will perform a free concert accompanied by fiddler Anne Bingham Goess and clarinetist David Yaffe. Vita Voci will perform music from 13th century England and Ireland, and early 20th century Appalachia. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave, Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. For information, go to www.livermorelibrary.net or call (925) 373-5500.

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band

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

ON THE STAGE

The Tap Pack will deliver cool classics with a fresh twist at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore on Friday, March 27. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$20-\$75 for adults, \$20 for military and students under 21. Call (925) 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org.

CANCELLED

"Cinderella - Gone to the Dogs!" will be presented at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 22, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre in Hayward; 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 29, at the Del Valle Theatre in Walnut Creek; and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 5, at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center in Pleasanton. Theatergoers who come in costume will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken on stage with the cast after the performances. Tickets are \$12-22, available at www.ebctOnline.org.

COMEDY

"Laughing for All the Wrong Reasons"

will be performed by the Second City group at the Bankhead Theater on March 20. Second City's legendary comic style combines sketches, songs and improvisation. The group will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 8 p.m., Friday, March 20. Tickets are \$20-\$65 for adults, \$20 for military and students under 21. To purchase tickets, call (925) 373-6800, or go to www.lvpac.org.

CANCELLED

Stand-up comic Jackie Kashian

will perform at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore at 8 p.m., on Saturday, March 21. Tickets are \$35 and are available by going to www.lvpac.org or calling 925-373-6800.

CANCELLED

MISCELLANEOUS

Mummenschanz brings its newest show to Livermore on March 19. "You & Me" brings to life the large-scale masks for which Mummenschanz is known, as well as revives a historic tradition of acrobatics and some classic sketches that have stood the test of time. The family-friendly performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20-\$75 for adults; \$20 for military and students under 21. For tickets, call (925) 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org.

CANCELLED

Celebration of Uyghur Culture

at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Events will include: Uygur Nowruz Family Day on March 21. A discussion with Uygur scholar Erkin Sidick on April 25. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.museumonmain.org.

POSTPONED

"Frida: Viva la Vida" will be shown on March 24 as part of the Great Art on Screen series at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets for Classic Film Musicals and Family Films are \$5. Tickets for National Theater Live and Great Art on Screen are \$20, with \$10 tickets for students up to age 21.

CANCELLED

The Goodguys 38th All American Get-Together

a two-day hot-rodding festival at the Alameda County Fairgrounds featuring more than 3,000 hot rods and custom cars on March 28-29. The festival will include vendors, auto parts swap meet, live music and stage shows, competitions, how-to seminars, and the American AutoCross Shootout. Advance general admission tickets can be purchased for \$20 at www.good-guys.com.

CANCELLED

Livermore Valley Uncorked.

The 11th annual Livermore Valley Uncorked on Thursday, April 16, will offer winetasting, hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to meet local winemakers and growers, all while helping the Tri-Valley Conservancy save more land. Casa Real at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton. General admission tickets are \$75, with proceeds benefitting the Tri-Valley Conservancy's land programs. To purchase tickets, or for more information, go to TriValleyConservancy.org or call (925) 449-8706.

A Writers Meetup for Adults

meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Learn more at Livermorelibrary.net or call 925.373.5500.

Hagemann Ranch Open House,

Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

PLEASE NOTE: Many Tri-Valley events are being canceled or rescheduled in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Independent has tried to indicate those of which we are aware, but for the most up-to-date information, please contact the venue directly.

183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at 510.877.8154.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Sign Up for Art Workshops

Sign-ups are still available for the Livermore Adult Education's Art Workshop, a non-instructional class where artists work

Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info: 925.373.9638 or microangel@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art Classes, Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at 925.216.7231 or

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Jessica Fichot will perform on Friday, March 27 at the Bothwell Arts Center. The performance at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, will begin at 8 p.m., with tickets priced at \$20 each. For tickets, call (925) 373-6800, or go to www.lvpac.org.

CANCELLED

Closures and Cancellations



Dublin

The Alameda County Library system has cancelled all programs, events, classes, meeting room bookings, and outreach programs through March. This includes all programs the Dublin Library. While the library itself will remain open, all high-touch items, such as headphones, VR headsets, board games, pillows, plush animals, and toys will be removed.

March 21 – Rep. Eric Swalwell's (D-CA) office has cancelled the emergency preparedness training scheduled for Dublin.

March 23 – The scheduled DSRSD-EBMUD Recycled Water Authority board meeting has been cancelled.

March 25 – The city has cancelled its Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

March 28-29 – The Friends of the Dublin Library book sale has been cancelled.

April 1 – The city and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce have postponed the State of the City Luncheon until June 28.

April 2 – The city has cancelled the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting.

Livermore

City of Livermore

All Livermore City Council and advisory committee meetings have been cancelled through April 17. "Non-essential" city-sponsored events with an expected attendance greater than 25, indoor or outdoor, have been cancelled through May 30. City facilities will remain open during regular hours, but the city is urging residents to use the website www.cityoflivermore.net whenever possible.

Livermore Joint Unified School District

Livermore schools will be closed through Monday, April 13, including the scheduled spring break. Classes are expected to resume Tuesday, April 14. The school district will continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under, with pick-up service at East Avenue Middle School, Junction Avenue K-8 School, and Marilyn Avenue Elementary School. Meals will be available from the drop-off loops at the schools from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Open Heart Kitchen

The Open Heart Kitchen's Good Thyme Café lunch program at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore will offer to-go meals only. There will be no sit-down dining service. More information is available at www.openheartkitchen.org/senior-meals.

Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has cancelled all performances at the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center through March 31. Shows are being rescheduled if possible. Ticket holders should contact the box office regarding exchanges or refunds, or to donate the ticket value. The box office and administrative offices will be operating with reduced staff.

Affected performances include:

March 12 – Rae Dorough Speaker Series: John Arquilla

March 13 – Life in the Fast Lane: A Tribute to the Eagles

March 14/15 – Livermore Valley Opera: A Florentine Tragedy and Gianni Schicchi

March 18 – Classic Films: "Fiddler on the Roof"

March 19 – Mummenschanz

March 20 – Second City: Laughing for all the Wrong Reasons

March 21 – Art Reception with The East Bay Jazz Combo

March 21 – Del Valle Fine Arts: Mark Anderson

March 22 – Pacific Chamber Orchestra: "The Passionate"

March 22 – East Bay Jazz Concert (Bothwell Arts Center)

March 24 – Great Art on Screen: Frida Viva la Vida

March 26 – NT Live Film: The Audience

March 27 – The Tap Pack

March 27 – Jessica Fichot (Bothwell Arts Center)

March 28 – Supergroup SF: Harmony & Healing Benefit

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

All Livermore Area Recreation and Park District programs and events have been cancelled and LARPD buildings closed through March 31.

Other closures and cancellations in Livermore:

March 18 – The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has cancelled its Business After Hours.

March 21-22 – The Livermore Wine Country Barrel Tasting Weekend has been cancelled.

March 28 – McGrail Vineyards has cancelled its Winemaker Blending Camp.

April 4-5 – The Livermore Art Association Spring Art Show has been postponed. The association is now targeting a date in November.

April 25 – Assistance League of Amador Valley has cancelled the Mad Hatter's Tea.

Pleasanton

City of Pleasanton

The city has cancelled all city meetings and closed all non-essential city facilities through April 17. However, paratransit services will remain in operation for medical appointments and trips to grocery stores. The Open Heart Kitchen senior lunch program will be open for pick-up meals; and Spectrum Community Services Meals on Wheels will remain in operation. City offices that provide essential services such as utility billing, planning and building permitting, business licensing, and housing services, as well as payments through the finance department, will also remain open. The Pleasanton Public Library will be closed and the Friends of Pleasanton Library Book Sale scheduled for March 27-29 has been cancelled.

Pleasanton Unified School District

Pleasanton Unified School District schools are closed this week. Teachers will receive professional development related to remote instruction, and remote learning will begin for Pleasanton students on March 23. Remote learning will continue following the scheduled spring break, April 6-10, until further notice. The district will continue to provide student meals on a pick-up only basis. Families will be able to go to the district website to review the menu and pre-order their meals. Breakfast will be available at Pleasanton Middle, Valley View, Lydiksen and Alisal schools from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be available from Pleasanton Middle and Valley View schools from 11 a.m. – noon. Lunch will be available at Lydiksen and Alisal schools from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Museum on Main

The Museum on Main in Pleasanton has cancelled the opening reception this week for "The Pleasanton Ones," but the exhibit will still be open. The museum has also postponed indefinitely the Community Family Day scheduled for March 21, and has cancelled the March 24 Ed Kinney Series, "An Afternoon and Evening with Lady Bird Johnson." Those with tickets may request a refund or a ticket to an Ed Kinney series event next season, or consider the ticket price a donation to the museum. The museum's April 2 informational meeting for its AMA Waterways cruise on the Rhone River in 2021 will be moved to June.

Goodguys All American Get-Together

The Goodguys All American Get-Together scheduled for March 28-29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton has been cancelled. Those who have already purchased tickets, registered a vehicle for the event, or purchased a vendor

or swap meet space will be contacted with the option of applying their payment to a future Goodguys event or receiving a full refund. The Good Guys Summer Get-Together remains scheduled for the Alameda County Fairgrounds May 30-31.

Stoneridge Creek

Stoneridge Creek in Pleasanton has cancelled all events and activities at the retirement community until further notice.

Other closures and cancellations in Pleasanton:

March 23 – The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its Community Services Awards at the Firehouse Arts Center for Monday, May 4.

March 26 – The Hope Hospice 40th Anniversary Celebration at Castlewood Country Club has been postponed to Oct. 15.

April 8 – The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has cancelled its Networking Mixer.

April 18 – The Italian Catholic Federation has cancelled the dinner scheduled for St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton.

April 18 – Tri-Valley SOCKs has postponed its Bras for the Cause breast cancer 5-mile walk in Pleasanton until the fall.

East Bay Regional Park District

All East Bay Regional Park District facilities have been closed until April 12. This includes all visitor centers, rental facilities, campgrounds, and swimming areas. All programs have been cancelled, whether paid or free. This includes all school programs, recreational programs, and naturalist-directed programs. Although parks and trails remain open, visitors are urged to bring their own water and hand sanitizer.

Hively

Hively will be open to its clients by appointment only through March 31. All training and workshops during that period have been cancelled and the Hively Community Closet will be closed for shopping and donations. Clients may continue to reach family-support specialists, and request diapers from the Hively Diaper Pantry, by email.



Events to be cancelled or postponed include the Livermore Wine Country Barrel Tasting Weekend (top left) and the Pleasanton "Bras for the Cause" Breast Cancer Walk (above).

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PLEASE NOTE: Many Tri-Valley events are being canceled or rescheduled in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Independent has tried to indicate those of which we are aware, but for the most up-to-date information, please contact the venue directly.

(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.)

The Livermore Knights of Columbus will host Fish Taco Fridays in the Parish Hall at St. Michael Catholic Church, from 5-7 p.m., on March 20 and 27. Cost for Fish Taco Friday is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Proceeds will go to St. Michael and religious vocations.

Tri-Valley PFLAG. The Tri-Valley Chapter of PFLAG, serving Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, meets from 7-8:30 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month in the Amador Valley High School library. PFLAG provides support for people who identify as LGBTQ and their families. The next meeting will be April 8.

Help with Grief - Anyone struggling with the death of a loved one is invited to begin their healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LifeRing is a secular recovery group, an alternative to the 12-step program that accepts all people with drug and alcohol issues. We meet in a friendly, down-to-earth atmosphere to create a sobriety program that works for YOU. Meetings are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Contact is Steve Bowman, 925.207.2430.

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

Livermore Valley Coin Club. Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you

enjoy collecting coins or other numismata this is the place for you. The meetings incorporate shared numismatic knowledge, various club raffles, a Coin of the Month and a club coin auction. For information contact: Gary Antone 925.373.6758.

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

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

Master Gardeners Talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 -11 am on the second Saturday of the month. Mar 14: Sheet Mulching; Apr 11: Native Plants and Bees; May 9: Succulents; Jun 13: Compost Basics; July 11: Weeds 1PM; Aug 8: Low Allergy Gardening; Sept 12: Soil Biology; Oct 10: Evolution of a Garden; Nov 9: Beekeeping tips.

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

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in

communities throughout the world during the past three years. For more information, please visit josemaria.californiadar.org/ or contact Debbie Janes at jmadar.regent@gmail.com.

DAR Jose Maria Amador, Pleasanton Chapter. The local Jose Maria Amador chapter meets on the second Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program.

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

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group, those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center on the second Saturday of every month from 10am - noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact mary.behrendt@comcast.net or 925.462.5081 for more information. No cost.

Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237 located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has chan. We guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net.

Alcoholics Anonymous If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, we can help. Call AA: 925.829.0666.

Native Daughters of the Golden West, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925.698.4345, NDGW.org.

Scottish Country Dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at 925.449.5932 or Sheena MacQueen at 925.784.3662 for more information.

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

The City of Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program is searching for patient,

carving 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, or 925.931.3405.

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480.585.8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925.443.4444.

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

Docents for the Livermore History-Mobile. Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925.443.3076 or email n.mulligan@comcast.net.

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

Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group), a free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the St. Michael Convent building, first floor (375 Maple Street, Livermore). For further information contact Rachel at 510.501.1411.

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks. Text Melody Evenson at 925.209.1214 for more information.

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

Pleasanton Lions Club, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at

6:30 p.m at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530 Main Street, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. 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.

Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. www.AlanonTriValley.org, 925.277.7661, help@AlanonTriValley.org.

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

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

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed to deliver fresh meals to home-bound 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 Jill Duerig at 510.378.7243 or jillduerig@hotmail.com.

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session (first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel 925.447.8020 or george.pavel@gmail.com.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F 8-2:30 p.m. Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

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

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group (CL) is a non profit,peer based, all volunteer, self help in-person support group for

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people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings at Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton, every Monday 7-8:30 p.m. (except postal holidays). See clutterless.org (national) ClutterlessEastBay.org.

Questers is an international organization of lovers of antiques, collectibles, and history who encourage preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. Members learn about antiques, share and view members' collections, visit historic sites, museums and antiques shops and help non-profit organizations with restoration and preservation work. Chapter meets the 4th Tuesday monthly from September to May. If interested call President Rickie at 925.292.8123 or e-mail rffgonig@comcast.net.

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

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

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

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to www.calegion.org/ 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.

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. CRIL has offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550. Phone: 925.371.1531, fax: 925.373.5034, e-mail: abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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

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

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

Pleasanton Military Families is a Tri-Valley support group for those who have loved ones in the military. PMF members are available to meet with military families or friends whenever support or comfort is needed. The group also sends care packages to deployed troops. For more information, contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com.

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

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Moms Who Meditate, a new meditation group, will meet in the Fireside Room at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore. Sessions will run for six weeks as an introduction to Christian Meditation. All mothers are welcome. To sign up, send an email to jackieb@asburylive.org or call (925) 447-1950.

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

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10 a.m. Children's and youth groups meet during worship services and Sunday evening Middle and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group meets the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Room. Men's Bible Study meets Thursdays mornings at 7:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information about other 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." All are welcome.

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

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 925.449.4403 or www.TriValleyBibleChurch.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: 925.931.1055. 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-ValleyCulturalJews.org, 925.485.1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday

Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information at 925.447.8840.

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvarylivermore.org or 925.447.4357.

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

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

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org 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 Scala at 925.447.9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or pateraugustine@gmail.com

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

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org or 925.862.2580.

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org 925.322.1222.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship

at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call 950.371.6200.

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925.227.1301. www.thecrossing.org.

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, meets at 10:00 am Sunday at 6751 Southfront Road, Suite 6749, Livermore. Phone 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 925.447.2351.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also accepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4481 E. Avenue, Livermore.

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

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org or 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 a.m.. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Milestones

Livermore's Zoey Bost Wins Rotary Area 4 Speech Contest

Zoey Bost, a senior at Livermore High School, was awarded top honors at the Rotary Area 4 Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest in Pleasanton on March 6.

In his five-minute presentations, Bost spoke of personal and social obstacles overcome with help from Rotary programs and the many ways "Rotary Connects the World," the theme for this year's competition. The contest was held at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Bost received a cash award of \$200, will move on to regional-level competition later this month for an opportunity to become one of four finalists to compete for district honors against students representing clubs from throughout Alameda, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, and a \$1,000 prize, at Rotary District 5170's Training Assembly in April.

Other local competitors included Miraya Choudhury from Granada High School in Livermore, Hannah

Hart from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, Shrey Raj from Dublin High School, and Julia Zwaan from Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

The speech contest is designed to help emerging student leaders recognize the importance of effective public speaking. It is named for Richard D. King, a past governor of District 5170 and past president of the 1.2 million-member Rotary International.



Zoey Bost (right), a senior at Livermore High School, won the Rotary's Area 4 Level Richard D. King Annual Youth Contest March 6. At left, Brooke Nunes, a junior at Hayward's Moreau Catholic High School placed second. They are shown with Sara Ennor, secretary of the Tri-Valley Evening Rotary, which sponsored the event with Pleasanton North Rotary on behalf of Rotary International District 5170.

Livermore Cousins Earn Scouting's Highest Rank

Cousins Kyle Moore and Eric Lessard, both from Livermore, have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Both are members of Troop 924, sponsored by American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton.

The Eagle Courts of Honors for the two Scouts are scheduled for April 18. Moore is the son of Ken and Anna Marie Moore; Lessard is the son of Scott and Mary Lessard. Their mothers are sisters.

Moore is a senior at Granada High School. His Eagle Scout project entailed designing and constructing two 12-foot Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant planter boxes at the high school. He raised \$1,200 to fund the project and led a team of 20 boys in building the elevated planters. Money was also donated to the high school for future garden projects.

In addition to Scouting, he is on the swim team at Granada High School, and has been an altar server at St. Michael Catholic Church since the fifth grade. His

interests also include photography, snow skiing, and computers, and he plans to seek a college degree in cyber security.

Lessard is a senior at Livermore High School. His Eagle Scout project entailed designing and constructing a multipurpose toy box and magnetic wall for St. Michael School in Livermore, which he attended. This project was designed to strengthen the STEAM program at St. Michael School, which gives students hands-on experience using science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. He led a team of 15 boys to build and install the wall.

Lessard's outside interests include snow skiing, hiking, and beach volleyball. He is involved in the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program and intends to pursue a college degree in health care and a career as a physician's assistant.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouts must be active in their troop, demonstrate leadership, earn 21 merit badges, including citizenship, camping, communications, cooking and lifesaving



Eric Lessard



Kyle Moore

or emergency preparedness, and live by the principles of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They must also plan, develop and provide leadership in a service project benefiting a religious institution, school or community group.

Students Make the Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University

Several area residents were named to Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University, after achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for fall 2019 semester.

They included, from Livermore, Emilie Allum, allied health major; Allie Clark, liberal studies; Jillian Davis, marketing; Vincent DeSantis, cinematic arts; Emily Hawkins, nursing; Casey Kim, communica-

tions; and Jensen Kirkendall, English.

Also from Livermore were Christopher Nannini, business management; Adriana Ramirez, games and interactive media; Tessie Scavone, communications; Sarah Swanson, business management; Mariana VandenHeuvel, communications; and Justin Watson, computer science.

Named to the Dean's

List from Pleasanton were Brooke Thielen, commercial music; Sophia Bartolomucci, business management; and Christina Nakao, nursing. Named to the Dean's List from Dublin were Clarissa Elkana, nursing, and Kayla Grisham, kinesiology.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical, Christian university with seven campuses in Southern California.