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

## Book Recounts History of Livermore Oil Exploration

By Jeff Garberson

The powerful 1868 earthquake on the Hayward fault killed 30, damaged buildings from Santa Cruz to Santa Rosa and was felt as far away as Nevada.

The quake also caused part of a hillside to collapse four miles east of Livermore, releasing a flow of oily water and gas.

According to the State Mineralogist of California, the hillside collapse "displaced large masses of ... rocks being in some places

blackened as though large charges of blasting powder had been used."

The blackening came from a petroleum residue, and by the following year, a 10-foot-deep drill hole was producing tar-like oil at the rate of two-and-a-half gallons per hour.

Thus began a century and a half of oil exploration and production that continue today in the Livermore area.

This episode and many other

fascinating bits of local geologic and economic history are literally unearthed in a new book by Alan Burnham, a retired chemist, who spent much of his professional career in earth sciences research at Lawrence Livermore National laboratory.

Burnham decided to write the book after last year's Alameda County permit hearings on an application by E&B Natural Resources to keep operating small

oil wells east of Livermore's Greenville Road.

The County denied the permit. E&B has begun legal action in response.

Apart from the merits of the case, Burnham believed that many who spoke up at the hearings did not understand geology or geologic processes; he wanted to do what he could to remedy the problem.

"Regardless of whether you're

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## Livermore Scores High On National Citizen Survey

By Bruce Gach

Over 80% of Livermore residents rated quality of life and safety throughout the city excellent or good. The same percentage rated overall appearance and reputation, as well as city services leadership and governance as excellent or good.

The results come from the 2018 National Citizen Survey. The Livermore City Council at its April 8 meeting heard a report on the survey from Christine Martin, Deputy City Manager. The survey has been conducted every two years since 2004. The data is collected and used by council and staff to inform and guide policies in key priority areas. 3200 residents were surveyed; 740 residents responded, a response rate of 28%. Typical country-wide response rates range from 15-35%.

One question referred to the city's allocation of funds for ride share services, with 65% of residents strongly or somewhat supporting the allocation and 21% strongly opposed. As many as 73% believed that it was essential for the city to help fund organizations that provide services for the homeless. 65% felt it was very important for the city to help provide affordable housing. Another question related to having the city provide workforce housing for Livermore's teachers, first responders and retail service workers, with 10% strongly opposing and 8% somewhat opposing, leaving 82% supporting the city's role.

It was noted that Livermore's downtown ranks considerably higher than the national benchmark, and much higher than in

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A crowd of around 1,000 gathered Sunday afternoon to take part in a kickoff rally for Congressman Eric Swalwell's run for U.S. President. The event took place outdoors on the quad of Swalwell's alma mater, Dublin High School. Swalwell, whose father is a retired police officer, has made ending gun violence one of his top priorities. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Swalwell's Presidential Campaign Would Focus on Gun Violence

Congressman Eric Swalwell returned to Dublin last Sunday for a kickoff rally in his run for President of the United States. "It's about going big, being bold and doing good."

A crowd of around 1000 at-

tended the event held at Dublin High School, his alma mater. He quipped, "I see a few very surprised former teachers who did not expect to see me here."

Discussing his plan, he told the crowd, "It will be the first cam-

paigned to make ending gun violence a top priority". He noted that after every mass shooting, Congress does nothing.

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## Youth Expo Returns, Bigger in Size

By Ron McNicoll

Tri-Valley Youth Expo returns this year for its second anniversary, bigger than last year. It has been expanded to two days to accommodate all of the activities.

There will be a 12-hour computer hackathon from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25 in the Dublin High School Student Union. Although the event takes

place in Dublin, it is billed as a Tri-Valley event, welcoming youths from nearby cities, as well.

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Athletes of all stripes turned up Sunday morning to support Pleasanton schools. Since 2012, the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) has put on the Pleasanton Run for Education, the city's premier family-focused fitness fundraiser. Since 1987, PPIE has raised over \$5 million to support Pleasanton Unified schools, re-establishing district-wide programs threatened by state budget cuts. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Retirees Say UC Could Have Contributed to Health Care with Cash Received from LLNS

The University of California has pocketed millions of dollars in profits from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's corporate manager that could have been used to help LLNL retirees with healthcare costs, the retirees claim in a recent newsletter associated with their ongoing lawsuit.

The retirees reached that conclusion by analyzing the annual financial reports of UC and Lawrence Livermore National Security, or LLNS, the Laboratory's corporate manager, as well as the joint venture agreement by which LLNS operates.

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## 2019 Innovation and Economic Development Plan—What's Next?

By Bruce Gach

At the April 9 Livermore City Council meeting, the Economic Development Strategic Plan was discussed. The presentation focused on Livermore's long-term financial sustainability, an innovation driven economy and quality of life.

A vote to accept the report as presented was unanimous.

The last strategic plan for economic development dated back to

July 1996.

Adam Van de Water, Director of Innovation and Economic Development, told the council that staff will be going out to the community to talk to key stakeholders. Staff will return in the fall with a strategic plan that combines the economic data with some more qualitative material to develop a series of work plans for council

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**PET OF THE WEEK**



**BEN**

Ben is a happy-go-lucky pup looking to bound into his forever home. This playful guy is sure to entertain with his toy-chasing antics. He'd love to find an active family to call his own. Ben is estimated to be 2.5 months old; he's neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on age-appropriate vaccinations. Meet Ben 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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On Saturday, the 14th annual Bras for the Cause walk, "Quest for a Cure," took place in Pleasanton. Hosted by Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures), the event raises money for breast cancer research, treatment, and educational programs. Participants decked out in creative attire competed for prizes, such as Best Electric Light Show and Best Show Stopper. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## County Announces Winners Of Stone Soup Competition

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced the winners of the County's 2019 Stone Soup Food Drive and Design Competition, which placed County departments in friendly competition in raising food donations for the Alameda County Community Food Bank and in building inspired displays to capture public attention about hunger in the community.

The display calls on the community to imagine a future in which Alameda County realizes the key goals of its long-term Strategic Vision, called Vision 2026. One of those goals is eliminating poverty and hunger in the community.

The Best Recipe Award went to both the County Administrator's Office and the Public Works Agency for achieving the highest combined judges scores

for its display, "Let's Rise Up to End Hunger," and the Social Services Agency for its "Fab Five Food Superheroes" display. The award went to the entries with the highest scores for creativity and imaginative quality.

Three other awards were given to nine other County departments that participated in the Stone Soup competition. "Once again, our County employees stepped up to help their neighbors in a meaningful way," said County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, who launched the first Stone Soup Food Drive in 2012 to give added motivation and inspiration to its annual effort to support the Alameda County Community Food Bank. "The success of this year's Stone Soup Food Drive also reflects the priority Alameda County places on ending hunger in our communities."

The Stone Soup Food Drive is central to Alameda County's "10x" Goal of eliminating poverty and hunger in the community. The term 10x describes the approach of "moonshot" thinking that inspired some of the greatest technology innovations of the past several decades. Inspired by this game-changing approach, Alameda County set out six 10x Goals in Vision 2026, its long-term Strategic Vision for supporting local communities to thrive over the next decade.

While Stone Soup is a County-sponsored initiative, all food and cash contributions are made voluntarily by County employees and departmental leadership.

This was Alameda County's 6th annual Stone Soup Food Drive, but 2019 marks the first time the effort has taken place outside the end-of-the-year holiday season. The timing was changed because the Food Bank typically finds it especially difficult to provide food for hungry residents during the first months of the year, after receiving an annual surge of donations during the holidays.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank accepts donations year-round to help the community's less fortunate. To donate, go to [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org).

County employees made personal donations of more than eight tons of food and more than \$13,000 cash to the Food Bank in this year's Stone Soup Food Drive. That cash figure equates to nearly \$100,000 worth of food for residents struggling with food insecurity because the Food Bank can convert every \$1 donated into \$7 worth of nutritious food items.



"Imagine Vision 2026," winner of the Stone Soup Competition Leadership Award, calls on the community to imagine a future in which poverty and hunger are eliminated.

In addition, 16 employee teams constructed creative public displays focused on the themes of hunger and helping others with boxes, cans and sacks of non-perishable food items donated by County workers. Those entries were judged in the annual awards competition whose winners were revealed on April 9.

The Leadership Award went to the Board of Supervisors for its display, "Imagine Vision 2026," a construction made of soup and vegetable cans depicting an iconic portrait of John Lennon and the title of his famous song, "Imag-

ine." The award went to the entries with the highest combined judges' scores for creativity and food and cash donated. The County Administrator's Office display also focused on Vision 2026 and the six 10x Goals the County has established for supporting thriving communities well into the future. The Public Works Agency went with what it knows best, designing a Street Sweeper complete with rotating brooms, urging the community to sweep away the problem of hunger in Alameda County.

The Most Creative Award went to both the Auditor-

## Dublin Budget Shows Increase in Revenues And Expenditures

At its April 2nd meeting, the Dublin City Council was invited to provide direction to city staff on the preliminary budget supplement for 2019-2020. This is the second fiscal year of the city's biennial budget, originally adopted in May 2018. The final budget adoption is scheduled for May 21. Overall, revenues are projected to increase over the prior year by approximately \$2.3 million, while expenditures increase by \$944,946 in the General Fund. General Fund reserves are projected to total \$143.4 million, an increase of \$10.1 million over the prior year.

The major driver of the increased revenue, property tax, has been adjusted upwards to reflect an additional \$3 million due to higher than expected growth in assessed values. Sales tax revenue is projected to decrease by 3%, or \$664,318. Community

Benefit Payments for specific development activity have been reduced by 69%, or \$441,000.

Services and supplies costs are set to go up by \$340,765 due to the increased cost of liability insurance for police. The utilities cost will decrease by \$402,824, since the lease with Chevron for the city's solar system has been paid off. Contracted Services are to increase by \$1.3 million with the addition of two new police officers in January 2020, as well as annual salary and benefit increases for police and fire personnel.

Colleen Tribby, Director of Administrative Services, told the council that the staff report focuses on the General Fund because no major budgetary changes occurred in other funds. She said the proposed budget update basically maintains the city's level of services.

## SURVEY

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similarly sized West Coast communities.

Mayor John Marchand pointed out that police approval was rated at 86%, and fire at 96%. The approval of state police and fire services came in at 35%. According to Marchand, approval of Congress in December was only 18%. He said, "Last year Livermore Downtown was rated number one in the entire East Bay in the Valley Times. We rock! The survey tells us that we are doing what the people in this community want, that they feel they are being heard, and that they like the direction of the city."

Councilmember Trish Munro noted that Livermore is seeing some economic problems showing up around housing. In addition, there are areas in mental health that need addressing.

Councilmember Bob Woerner acknowledged the quality of work that staff does to make percentages so high.

## Registration Open for Teacher Research Summer Academy

Are you a teacher in need of professional development? Are you longing to learn how to bring the latest in science and technology into your classroom? If so, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) 2019 Teacher Research Academy (TRA) may be the answer.

The TRA offers middle and high school science teachers and community college faculty a professional development curriculum during the summer at the Edward Teller Education Center (ETEC) at LLNL. Teachers learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Laboratory and experience the application of real-world science in an environment they seldom experience.

The academy model allows teachers to progress through varying levels of instruction, with each level building on the knowledge and experience of the preceding level. Participants engage in a continuum of standards-based instruction in line with Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), enabling them to progress from novice to mastery in scientific disciplines such as 3D printing and design, bio-science, fusion/astrophysics, computational modeling and technical writing.

Participating teachers will experience the nature of science through direct involvement and use of science equipment, processes and practices found

in research labs. They will meet LLNL scientists, visit research laboratories, observe science performed in a lab and will learn technical writing skills to better communicate scientific information.

The TRAs will be held in June and July. Registration is now open. Course times are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. U.S. Citizenship

is required to participate in the TRA. There is a \$25 registration fee per workshop.

The TRAs are sponsored by LLNL's University Relations and Science Education Program. Visit the LLNL Science Education Program website at <https://st.llnl.gov/sci-ed> for a full schedule of TRA's and other educational outreach programs.

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On the afternoon of April 4th, MoveOn.org hosted a rally at the Livermore flagpole called "No One is Above the Law." Led by Jackie Tarin-Rankin and supported by Livermore Indivisible, participants called for the administration to release the full Mueller report. MoveOn's National Day of Action involved tens of thousands of Americans taking to the streets at similar events across the country. (Photo - Mary Perner)

## Robinson To Lead Climate Review?

Paul Robinson, former director of Sandia National Laboratory, is the likely choice of the Trump White House to lead a scientific panel that will review the connection between climate change and national security, according to published news reports.

The idea of creating the review panel was first reported two months ago.

It has drawn substantial criticism from the scientific community, which notes that serious research already undergoes constant, intensive and merit-based review as a matter of course.

Given the President's long-standing rejection of the reality of climate change, the scientific community fears that only skeptics and deniers will be chosen for the panel in order to confirm existing Administration doctrine.

As if to substantiate these concerns, current news reports suggest that Robinson has been recruiting mainly panelists who have previously expressed doubt that climate change is serious or human-caused.

These include Judith

Curry, formerly of Georgia Tech; Richard Lindzen, formerly of MIT; and John Christy of the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

Robinson himself is a physicist, who carried out and managed nuclear weapons research at both Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories, including serving as director of Sandia from 1995 to 2005.

He led U.S. negotiating teams in a number of arms controls talks under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

He has not taken a public advocacy position on the reality of climate change, according to news reports, but he appeared to signal his skepticism when he co-signed a September 2017 letter advising President Trump to pull out of the "Joint Comprehensive Powers" nuclear weapons agreement with Iran.

That letter doubted that "doom and gloom" would follow withdrawal from the Iran agreement, just as "the sky did not fall when you withdrew the United States from the Paris Climate Accord."

## Alameda County Fair Offers Seasonal Job Opportunities

Those looking for some work, some play, and a full summer of fun will find all that and more at the Summer Job Fair, happening Saturday, April 27 from 1-4pm at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Anyone seeking seasonal employment this summer can meet, apply, and interview onsite with representatives and vendors from the Alameda County Fair.

Most positions start Mid-June and run through the second week of July. Students, teachers, "first job" applicants, retirees and all others interested in short-term employment are encouraged to attend. Candidates must be age 16 or older to apply.

"The Alameda County Fair offers so many wonderful and unique jobs," said Angel Moore, Vice President of Business Development. "Whether it's

in ticketing, food service, or even assisting with our animals and exhibits, every position we have is essential to the overall success of the fair."

The event takes place at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., and parking is available on Pleasanton Ave. and in the ACE Train lot located across from the Yellow Gate. For more information, visit [alamedacounty-fair.com](http://alamedacounty-fair.com).



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## Swalwell Leads House Effort To Block Transit Security Cuts

Congressman Eric Swalwell is leading 96 House members in an effort to head off a proposed White House cut in funding for the Department of Homeland Security's Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP).

The annual funding is set aside for competing grant applications from regional transit agencies with programs to guard against terrorist actions.

The federal fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to the following Sept. 30. The current 2018-19 Fiscal Year program shows \$100 million, but the Trump Administration wants to cut it to \$36 million for the next budget year, Fiscal Year 2019-20. The Congressional members want the sum boosted to \$105 million.

Further, Trump proposes a 25% non-federal cost share requirement, which Swalwell said would make it more expensive for agencies to accept TSGP awards.

Passengers made 10 billion trips on mass transit in 2017, according to the most recent available annual figures. The huge total, and the ease with which anyone

can enter and exit transit systems in mostly urban areas, make the systems vulnerable to attacks.

### FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

BART has been a beneficiary of the grant program. Swalwell was instrumental in obtaining \$6.8 million for the current Fiscal Year, said BART Deputy Chief Communications Officer Jim Allison.

The money pays for three categories of aid. Some \$1.3 million funds an eight-member Critical Asset Patrol (CAP), which brings a daily visible presence to the most heavily used stretch of BART, from West Oakland Station through downtown San Francisco.

The team also patrols when special events are held, in coordination with other law enforcement.

Some \$3.6 million of the current grant goes to upgrading BART cameras at Powell St. Civic Center and 16th St. stations in San Francisco. BART has more than 4000 cameras on trains and in stations, and wants

to modernize the whole system.

The \$2 million third portion of the grant was used to upgrade the interactive radio system, in conjunction with other police agencies.

Since the funding is annual, the money must be sought every year; there is no automatic renewal or multi-year grant.

In the letter to the Democratic chairwoman and Republican ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Swalwell and the other signers refer to a General Accounting Office report that mentions high profile terrorist attacks on public transit in Madrid in 2004,

London in 2005, and Brussels in 2016. They note that tourist destinations and high readership areas made them "attractive targets for terrorists, because of the potential for mass casualties and economic damage."

Among Bay Area Congressional members who signed the letter were Mark DeSaulnier of Contra Costa County; Ro Khanna of Fremont; Jerry McNerney of Stockton, formerly of Pleasanton; and John Garamendi of Walnut Grove, whose district previously included Livermore.

Also signing were Congresswomen Jackie Speier of San Mateo and Anna Eshoo of Palo Alto.

## Tesla Park Sale Approved By State Senate Committee

SB767, a measure that would allow the state to sell the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area for conservation purposes, cleared its first hurdle last week.

The Natural Resources and Water Committee of the State Senate held a hearing on April 9. The committee passed the measure on a 6-2-1 vote. Aye: Stern, Allen, Caballero, Hertzberg, Jackson, Monning; Noes: Jones, Boregas; Abstain: Hueso.

Senator Steve Glazer introduced the measure.

It was co-authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Current state plans would add 3,100 acres in the Tesla area to the 1575-acre Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park. Both sites are owned by the State. The General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Carnegie SVRA were approved. Lawsuits have been filed challenging the authority of the Off-Road Vehicle Commission to certify an environmental impact report and approve a general plan, as well as the adequacy of the EIR.

## CONTRACT

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School Board President Amy Miller said, "Given the budget challenges in public education, we believe we have an agreement that both parties can be happy with. We want to thank DTA for their efforts in working through this process together. Both parties have taken great strides to bridge our gaps, and create a solution that works for Dublin."

### DUSD APPOINTS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

The district has announced the hiring of Interim Superintendent Dave Marken to replace Leslie Boozer, who resigned effective March 26. The board announced her resignation at the school board meeting that night. Boozer was not present.

The district later issued a statement wishing her well in her future endeavors. Boozer served for two years in Dublin, and previously as Superintendent in Fontana in Southern California.

Matt Campbell, who was hired in January from the Fremont Unified School District to become Dublin's Assistant Superintendent of

Educational Services, will continue to serve Dublin on Fridays in the temporary position of Acting Superintendent.

Marken will work Mondays through Thursdays as interim superintendent. He served the Dublin district for 13 years, as Assistant Principal and Principal at Dublin High School, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Human Resources. He became Superintendent at Newark Unified School District, where he retired after five years.

The district stated in a news release, "Dr. Marken has deep roots in Dublin, and his connection to our school community will help us begin the process of rebuilding, while continuing the commitment to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience. His work ethic, experience, energy, compassion, and integrity will guide us through this difficult time and set the stage for our future Superintendent to take the reins. The board is excited to welcome him back and confident that we are in great hands."

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# EDITORIAL

## Every Day

Earth Day officially takes place on April 22 each year.

It began in 1970, when millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development, including polluted air and water.

Now the occasion is used not only to educate

people about environmental issues and solutions, but also to partake in activities, such as creek clean-ups.

We appreciate the yearly reminder that the earth needs our help. However, we all should treat every day as earth day

## MAILBOX

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### Tri-Valley CAREs

Jo Ann Frisch, Pleasanton

I've been a member of Tri-Valley CAREs since 1988. I have spent countless hours parsing the complex issues concerning the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's design and development of nuclear weapons.

At first I had thought that when the Berlin wall came down in 1989 the Cold War was over. Finally our fear of nuclear annihilation could end, and I would be able turn my full attention to peaceful things. Needless to say, I was sorely mistaken.

Hundreds of billions of our tax dollars have been spent on developing new designs and modifications to nuclear weapons. We are even making them more "useable." Further, the waste streams from nuclear development have contaminated our land, our water and our air.

Employees from the Livermore Lab are suffering from cancers, respiratory diseases and other life-threatening ailments caused by handling deadly toxic chemicals and radioactive materials – now in the service of upgrading nuclear bombs with features that many scientists say aren't needed and may be counterproductive to national security.

Livermore Lab talks about peace. Yet more than a billion dollars this year will be spent making work for nuclear scientists who are in love with the bomb, not to mention the dollar.

I learned that it will likely take 80 years to clean up contamination at the Lab's Main Site and Site 300, and even then some of the toxic and radioactive pollutants will be left in place.

New contaminants from today's spills join the Lab's legacy pollutants. Our children's health and our communities are at risk. So, I struggle on to do my part to create a better future.

I am grateful that Tri-Valley CAREs educates the public about nuclear dangers, holds community meetings and continually works to redirect the Lab's mission toward peaceful, civilian science and clean up of the legacy of the Cold War.

Will you join me in this worthy endeavor? Learn more at [trivalleycares.org](http://trivalleycares.org).

### "Shatter Your Illusions Of Love..."

Daryl R Carlson, Livermore

In a recent letter to this fine newspaper, a "Christian" chose to ignore Christ's teaching on tolerance and deferring judgment of others to God, thus relying on the bigotry and superstition of the Old Testament to validate his homophobia.

Here is a partial list of banned items in Leviticus: eating fat (3:17), bringing unauthorized fire before God (2:13), tearing your clothes (10:1), eating an animal which doesn't both chew cud and have a divided hoof (cf: camel, rabbit, pig) (11:4-7), eating – or touching the carcass of – any seafood without fins or scales – NO shrimp! (11:10-12), trimming your beard (19:27), planting different seeds in the same field (19:19), sleeping with another man's slave (19:20), and Donald Trump's (sic) favorite, mistreating foreigners – "the foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born" (19:33-34.) Only a true believer would follow all of these strictures, right?

Jesus was completely silent on the matter of same sexuality; perhaps it would be a prudent path for this person as well.

### The Homeless Games, Part XIII – The Contrarian(s)

Greg Scott, Livermore

If we are to understand homelessness we need valid data. We have the annual Point-In-Time Count and even though it is a considerable undercount, it is something to go on. The count for Livermore is 243 for 2017. Likewise, we have data to understand human-induced climate change. We know that humans are emitting over 36 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide per year globally. We know that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas of relatively long persistence. We know that human-emitted carbon dioxide is increasing the thermal (heat) energy overall on the surface of the Earth. We know this is affecting wildfires by the data on the increased acreage burned overall, the increased intensity of the fires, and the increased damage in some of the warmest years on record. (Film: "Wilder Than Wild: Fire, Forests and the Future." Saturday, April 20, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Livermore Civic Center Library.)

We take data to make information. We take information to make informed decisions, and there seems no better way to do this than peer-reviewed science.

Thanks to Mr. O'Neill for his Mailbox letter "David LaPoint" (The Independent, 4/11/2019). At least someone is reading my letters! Unfortunately, Mr. O'Neill missed my point, which is that it is not a credible comparison to describe

what I write about peer-reviewed science and the "research" of David LaPoint. Peer-reviewed science is to be understood by the comparison to quackery? Nowhere have I written or inferred that Mr. O'Neill is a "disciple" of Mr. LaPoint, nor is that relevant to my argument. One does not have to be a disciple of Mr. LaPoint to show that there is valid support for what Mr. LaPoint proposes. One does not have to be a non-"disciple" of Mr. LaPoint to show that his conjecturing is less than critical thinking.

In one of LaPoint's videos is the statement that the "photon is concentration of energy, made up of many concentrations of energy, which are made of many concentrations of energy." Wow! This is deep! Is it out of the movie "Animal House"? It is almost as informative as the nursery school sing-a-long of "The hip bone is connected to the thigh bone, the thigh bone is connected to..." This lack of critical thinking can be compared in any way to peer-reviewed science? Perhaps "Twinkle, twinkle, little star" can be compared to Beethoven and/or Wagner also.

Mr. O'Neill makes the false assumption that I have to "convince" anyone of anything. Even though homelessness is in the top three priorities of the Livermore City Council, we are not on the pathway to solving the overall problem. We spend gobs of money on homelessness and construe this with overall results. If this community were really concerned about this, there would have been more than four of us in the audience at the last Human Services Commission meeting. We are not doing much of anything in regard to human-induced climate change either. At any given moment the global electrical power generation is 14,000 tera (trillion) watts. By 2030 that will increase by 3,000 tera watts. It will take over 7,000 coal-fired electrical generating power plants to meet part of that increase in demand! Oil demand by 2030 is going to increase by 13%. Judging by Interstate 580 we here are not too concerned, nor are we convinced.

I am blessed. When I went to the University of California, full tuition was heavily subsidized by the taxpayers of Livermore, the taxpayers of the rest of California and in some part the federal taxes paid by all the taxpayers of the country. The least I can do in return is inform people of the homeless problem from my vantage point and to inform and explain science, such as that of climate science, though agricultural science was my area of study. Climate change is pretty important to agriculture!

It isn't that science is absolute. It is not. And it has not been that there have not been contrarians who have pushed science forward. It is that valid contrarians are not only brilliant, they also have valid support, sound thinking and hard work behind what their contrarian view is. At some point they get peer-review validation. As Albert Einstein said, "Genius is 1% talent and 99% hard work." It is very hard work to be validated by peer-review. If there is valid support for David LaPoint's

'theories,' then I reserve the human right to be wrong. The question is: Where is this valid peer-reviewed support?

What I can do in perhaps a way of a "blunder" is to inform the community the best that I am able on homelessness, human-induced climate change and the resulting loss of dwellings that increases homelessness from human-induced climate change. The big problem is for voters to force the political will to do significant implementations about the overall size and scope of these issues. Perhaps some enormous disaster will bring this about; however, no sane person would want or need this. "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." (Frederick Douglass). What coalesces a community to wake up to this I do not know.

### Earth Day

Lex Manwill, Livermore

Earth Day is April 22, marking a half century of promoting environmental awareness and calling for protection of our planet. But are we making a difference? Can we do more than reduce, reuse and recycle? Sure! We can adopt a plant-based diet and stop consuming animals.

Why the focus on meat and dairy? An article in Nature argues that animal agriculture is a major driver of climate change, air and water pollution, and depletion of soil and freshwater resources. Oxford University's prestigious Food Climate Research Network reports that solving the global warming catastrophe requires a massive shift to plant-based eating.

Animal agriculture is responsible for carbon dioxide emissions, from burning forests to create animal pastures and the operation of machinery to raising and transporting animals. More damaging methane and nitrous oxide are released from digestive tracts of cattle and animal waste ponds, respectively. In fact, meat and dairy production dump more animal waste, fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants into our waterways than all other human activities combined, and it's the driving force behind wildlife extinction.

An environmentally sustainable world replaces meat and dairy products in our diet with vegetables, fruits and grains, just as fossil fuels are replaced by wind, solar and other pollution-free energy sources.

We can celebrate the observance of Earth Day at our supermarkets.

### How Does the Pleasanton Chamber Support our Local Community?

Herb Ritter, Chair of the Board 2019 Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce

Why do 800+ companies in the Tri-Valley REMAIN members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce? It is simply based on the mission and the "3 C's."

The Chamber is organized to benefit business by being: the Catalyst for business and economic growth, the Convener of leaders and influencers, and the Champion for a stronger and healthy community.

Over 60% of the rev-

## SWALWELL

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the courage and strength of children, hope was reborn. He declared, "We believe that every child has the right to learn without fear, that every parent has a right to hug their beautiful little babies when they come home from school".

He continued, "No one should be allowed to purchase a gun without going through a background check. People should no longer be able to own guns that only belong on the battle field. As President, I would institute a policy to buy back every single assault weapon."

Swalwell talked about his background, the fact that his parents worked hard to achieve the American dream. As a result of their efforts, he was the first in his family to go to college.

"The promise of America is not reaching all Americans. When people work hard, it has to add up to doing better. We need to be the country that values the simple dignity of hard work." He pointed out that while the economy is described as good because of the rise in the stock market and GDP, the economy is not the stock market; it is not the GDP. "The economy is you doing better, saving more, and dreaming bigger."

He said we are living in an economy only designed to help those in the executive suites, not on the factory floors. He would end corporate immunity from taxes for companies sending jobs overseas. He would give them a lower tax rate than the Republicans have done, if they would share their profits with employees – all of them, not just the top floor. He would raise the minimum wage.

Health care was another issue that he discussed, with an emphasis on bringing down costs. He wants a public health care option available for all, one that competes with private plans. In addition, he thinks Medicare should be available for those who want it. "If you are sick, you will be seen; if you are seen, you won't go broke."

Turning to education, he said that he would build modern schools in every community. "A child's destiny should not depend on his or her zip code."

The government should not make money off of students. He proposed zero interest on student loans for public university students.

He would create laws to protect unions.

Clean renewables would be a way to begin addressing climate change. The manufacture of renewables would open up opportunities to make money from solutions, more than can be made from the manufacture of products causing the problems.

Immigration issues could be handled through technology, not by building a wall.

He spoke of equal justice for all, independence, freedom of the press and the belief that all of us, including the president, are not above the law.

Swalwell would honor the work of members of the military, who toil every day on our behalf keeping guard in the most dangerous places in the world.

As a member of the intelligence committee, he said that he knows the threats in the world and the cost of not acknowledging them. Being president means believing the word of our intelligence community over the word of Putin, and standing up to home grown enemies by denouncing white nationalists.

Moving forward means working together. He said, "As president I would have a team of rivals, a blended cabinet of Republicans and Democrats." His goal – to create a country for all Americans.

Swalwell, 38, now serving his fourth term representing California's 15th Congressional District, announced his presidential candidacy April 8 on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Swalwell serves on the House Intelligence and Judiciary Committees; co-chairs the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee; and is founder and chairman emeritus of Future Forum – a group of young House Democrats focused on listening to and acting upon the concerns of millennial Americans. Read more about his background and platform at [EricSwalwell.com](http://EricSwalwell.com)

## ECONOMY

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consideration.

Van de Water said that over the last eight years, the population in Livermore has increased by approximately 1000 residents per year. 1.8 jobs have been generated for every resident living in Livermore. The unemployment rate sits at 2.4 percent from a high of 7.6 percent in 2010. The median household income has increased 16% from \$94,000 to \$109,000. Inflation accounts for 14% of the 16% increase. Median home prices have almost doubled between 2012 and 2018. City revenues have increased almost 50% since 2010.

Van de Water noted that economists have predicted a recession by the end of next year. The city has to be resilient to withstand the change. The first focus should be on long term financial sustainability. On the public side, that means that revenue sources need to be sufficient to provide core city services and to invest in the community with strong schools, public safety and infrastructure. On the private side, the aim would be to make sure that the mix of jobs and industries continue to remain within the local economy without over concentration in any one industry.

Looking at resiliency through diversification, 17 of the

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enue the City of Pleasanton receives is from the taxes received from the local business community. If you like the amazing "free" community benefits we receive from our police and fire departments, community parks, community events, and social services, please THANK the local BUSINESS community.

How does the Chamber deliver benefits in our community? Ask companies like Pleasanton Glass Company, Precision Auto Repair, Stoneridge Shopping Center, KKIQ, Club Sport/Bay Club, Four Points by Sheraton, DoubleTree by Hilton, Costello CPA, Marriott, Bay Valley Medical Group, Charles Huff Architect, Yorkshire Roofing, and JHS CPAs, LLP who all have been members between 30 to 53 years.

The Pleasanton Chamber focuses on three goals

promoting a "value proposition" supporting the community: building leaders to support businesses: Governance with a volunteer Board of Directors; Charitable 501(c)3 Foundation. Engaging Business Members: Membership Development, Partnerships and Friendships; Committees, Seminars, New business Ribbon Cuttings. Delivering Local Benefits: Special Events & Fundraising; New Woman's Luncheon 2019; Business Development Network Groups; Public Policy Vision; Skilled Workers, Housing, Transportation and Business Services. Thank you to our amazing Pleasanton residents who support our businesses and "Buy Local." Visit our website to learn more about the businesses that help support our community at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org). #JoinPleasantonChamber

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# LLNL's National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center Observes 40th Anniversary Responding to Emergencies



John Nasstrom, NARAC's chief scientist, works in the NARAC Operations Center. (Photo - Julie Russell/LLNL)

It's been 40 years since the first emergency phone call came in from the Department of Energy to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). An accident had occurred at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant on March 28, 1979 that led to a release of radioactivity into the atmosphere.

This is how the National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center (NARAC) was born. Over the next 10 days, Livermore scientists worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with teams from the Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Environmental Protection Agency, the state of Pennsylvania, and other agencies to predict the potential areas and levels of radioactive contamination, and to guide environmental monitoring teams.

NARAC was able to use three-dimensional weather and plume models to provide these agencies with hourly estimates, tracking the dispersion of the radioactive material over a 2,400-square-mile area.

The basis of NARAC's hallmark support to the federal interagency group began in the 1960s when LLNL conducted leading-edge research in atmospheric science, which led to major advances in computer modeling of regional and global weather and climate, and in atmospheric dispersion and fallout models.

This led to an operational predictive plume modeling capability in the 1970s. Since 1979, NARAC has provided support for numerous accidents, including the nuclear reactor failures and subsequent atmospheric releases of radioactive material from the Soviet Union's Chernobyl (1986) and Japan's Fukushima Daiichi (2011) nuclear plants, as well as other smaller accidents.

In late April 1986, NARAC responded to the worst nuclear plant accident in history when uncontrolled reactor conditions at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant resulted in an explosion, a subsequent fire and the release of radioactivity.

Millions of curies of iodine and cesium were released. Over the next 16 days, NARAC estimated the radioactivity released, modeled the transport and deposition of the material involved, and calculated the dose to people in Europe and around the globe.

After the Chernobyl accident, LLNL developed global geographical databases (terrain elevation, maps) to more quickly respond to accidents anywhere in the world.

NARAC was activated by DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) on March 11, 2011, following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that damaged the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, for what was to become the largest nuclear emergency response effort in DOE/NNSA's and NARAC's history.

Working closely with DOE/NNSA headquarters and laboratories, and with other government agencies, NARAC operated 24 hours per day, 7 days a week for almost four weeks and continued to provide support for the remainder of the 2 1/2-month DOE/NNSA response, providing hundreds of predictions.

Their predictions included: (1) daily weather forecasts and atmospheric transport predictions, (2) estimates of possible radiation doses in Japan to help the U.S. government make decisions on protecting U.S. citizens in Japan, and (3) estimation of radioactivity released using plume models and environmental measurements.

The center provides critical information on the potential impacts of hazardous airborne releases, as part of an integrated national preparedness and response strategy.

NARAC can respond to toxic industrial chemical spills, fires, biological and chemical agent releases, radiological dispersal device and improvised nuclear device scenarios, potential NASA spacecraft launch accidents, and nuclear power plant accidents.

NARAC is the DOE/NNSA modeling center for radiological/nuclear incident response. Since 2004, NARAC also has been the primary provider of radiological/nuclear modeling capabilities, through DOE/NNSA, for the Department of Homeland Security-led Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC), which coordinates federal plume modeling for major events.

John Nasstrom, the NARAC chief scientist who has worked at the center since 1984, said "over the years, NARAC has evolved dramatically, with advances in computer power, new software tools for users, more comprehensive and easily understood hazard area maps and reports, increased software automation, tighter integration with environmental measurement data and higher resolution computer models.

"Major improvements have included more detailed modeling of regional weather, the ability to simulate dispersion around buildings, higher resolution explosive dispersal modeling, the ability to predict indoor exposure and capabilities to estimate release characteristics using a combination of environmental measurements and modeling. NARAC is now able to provide more information to help emergency decision makers, in much less time," Nasstrom added.

A highly-trained team of operations scientists, engineers and technicians led by Brenda Pobanz maintains NARAC's ability to provide 24/7 analysis and predictions of the spread and health impacts of airborne material, through approximately 50 emergency exercises annually.

The robustness and efficiency of NARAC computer systems and software tools are ensured by a team of software developers and technicians led by John Fisher. Lee Glascoe, the program leader for NARAC, directs efforts to research, develop and transition best-in-class high fidelity numerical modeling methods into operational use.

Continuing work to advance NARAC capabilities includes higher fidelity modeling of nuclear and radiological

material dispersion from explosions, which utilizes new analyses of historical data, and the use of powerful machine learning algorithms for more detailed and efficient model predictions. NARAC also is modernizing its core operational system using new, advanced software technologies, to better meet the operational challenges of the future.

As it marks its 40th anniversary, Glascoe said, "NARAC has significantly grown and advanced. However, the mission of incident response, and the passion for that mission is the same, and continues to be evident

in the enthusiasm and dedication of NARAC's 35 staff members."

See [narac.llnl.gov](http://narac.llnl.gov) for more information on NARAC, and its history.

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# WATCH OUT FOR FAKE OPEN SPACE

*The Livermore Council's Downtown Plan portrays sidewalks and landscaping as public "open space." It even includes the site for the Black Box Theater.*

*Don't be fooled!*

■ **30% of the City Council's public "open space" is fake.** The Council says that there are 3.54 acres of open space in their Downtown Plan. But a close analysis shows that the number actually set aside for public parkland is only 2.47 acres!

■ **The City is misleading citizens.** It seems to be using a legalistic term for "open space", that is, just space that is not taken up with buildings.<sup>1</sup> This is quite different from a publicly accessible park. When the City uses open space in its newsletter, citizens assume that the City is using the common meaning of "open space" – land available as public parkland.

■ **The City Council counts sidewalks in their "open space" total.** These include the sidewalks running from the new east/west street called Veteran's Way in between buildings to First Street.<sup>2</sup>

■ **Landscaping for residential apartments is also added into the Council's "open space" numbers.** One of the chief flaws of the Council's Downtown Plan is that a 130-unit apartment complex dominates the center of the site. The City is saying that landscaping for these private apartments should count as public open space for the rest of us.<sup>3</sup>

■ **Most surprising, the Council includes the proposed Black Box Theater site in its "open space" figure.** The Council has entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Shakespeare Associates for the development of a Black Box Theater on the very site that the Council is also checking off as "open space."<sup>4</sup> They can't have it both ways!

## THERE IS TIME FOR A BETTER PLAN

The Community Group is committed to a plan with real open space and the grand Central Park that Livermore deserves. Let us know your ideas at [VibrantLivermore.com](http://VibrantLivermore.com)!

1. City definition of Open Space: Any parcel or area of land or water that is essentially unimproved. Open space may be privately or publicly owned, and may be used for recreation or may be restricted from public use. <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/civicax/filebank/documents/6104>; 2. In its February 1, 2018 newsletter, the City shows sidewalks from Veteran's Way to First Street as part of its "open space" calculation; 3. In its February 1, 2018 newsletter, the City shows residential landscaping as part of its "open space" calculation; 4. In its February 1, 2018 newsletter, the City states that the Black Box Theater site is counted in its "open space" number.

# SPORTS NOTES



The Foothill Falcons met the Dublin Gaels on the ice Friday in Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association, Pure High School League action. The Falcons won 12 to 5. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)



The Amador Valley Dons hosted the Livermore Cowboys in a dual swim meet on April 12. Pictured is the start of the women's varsity 200m medley relay. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)



The season opening game for Amador Dons hockey was against the Danville Wolves. In a back and forth tight game, Danville scored to win with 1.4 seconds left. It was Eugene Bordegarra's 2nd goal that won the game for the Danville Wolves, with a final of 7-6. Tyler Love scored 4 goals and Peyton Lynch had 1. Amador Dons' Michael Cassetti had a hat trick. Single goals were scored by Ryan Coultrip, JT Fulmer and Carter Leong.



The Granada High School boys varsity lacrosse team traveled to play De La Salle last week. Pictured is defender, RJ Mata with goalie, Ryan Patchen, in the background.



Fusion Soccer player Nikki Trucco was named East Bay Athletic League's Most Valuable Player and Prep2Prep North Coast Section girls Player of the Year.



Jaden Hall puts West Coast Wildfire on the scoreboard in the first few minutes of the game.



U16G West Coast Kaos had two big wins over the weekend. They beat out Livermore Fusion 4-2 in NPL league play. They knocked out IR Academy 4-1 to advance to Norcal State Cup Quarter-finals. Pictured in a wall to block a free kick are Alyssa Williams, Katie Zeck, Peyton Wooten, and Jordyn Silva.

### West Coast Soccer

It was a great weekend of soccer for the West Coast **Klash Girls 2010** team. Saturday they played Pleasanton Rage 2010 and while they started the 2nd half down 2-1 they quickly made a very strong comeback. Maya Boosahda led with 5 goals with assists from Isabella Humphries. Isabella also had her own goal while playing defense and doing a great job pressing forward. Scarlett Freitas, Viviana Martinez and Tatum Conover helped keep position of the ball with Klash for most of the game with Scarlett scoring a goal with an assist from Tatum. Kaylee Gilbert and Claudia Daniels held strong on defense allowing limited shots on goal and giving offense plenty of opportunities to score. Final score was 8-3 in a very impressive win.

Sunday they played Elite in a very close hard fought battle. The lead alternated between the two teams throughout the game and although in the end Klash lost 2-3 they played an amazing game with impressive passing and applied pressure throughout the game.

West Coast **Earthquakes 2010** boys team continued their winning streak for Spring League against the Danville Mustangs SC on Saturday. Back to back shutouts for the boys in blue. Aiden Lopez scored early in game with assist from Lucas Boosahda. Aiden then provided his own assist to Daen Hansen who scored a goal late in the game. Nate Bone pushed forward from defense for a goal to make the final score 3-0. Strong defense from JJ Medina, Adrian McCall, Nate Bone and Lucas Boosahda kept the other team to only a few shots on goal.

On the weekend of April 6-7, West Coast Soccer's Pre-NPL 06 Girls' team, **Krossfire**, kicked off the NorCal Spring Premier League. The first match of the weekend pitted them against Lamorinda's Pre-DA 06 girls team. The Krossfire offense came out firing, keeping the ball in the offensive zone and creating multiple scoring opportunities. Payton Hoover got the scoring started for Krossfire, netting a hat trick in the first half. In the second half, Krossfire came out giving Lamorinda a different look. It was too much of a change for them to overcome as the Krossfire defense stopped every attack they faced. Alana Albarran and Hoover each added a goal for Krossfire who went on to win 5-0.

Sunday saw more of the same from Krossfire as they took on Mustang 07 Elite. Payton Hoover knocked in 2 goals in the first half while Alana Albarran and Payten English each knocked one in. Krossfire went into half with the 4-0 lead. The second half was once again more of the offensive onslaught. Hoover knocked in her third goal off a Paige McLean pass. Sophia Simonds hit a great header for a goal off a corner kick from Hoover. Jasleen Gasca added the icing on the cake knocking in a pass from English giving Krossfire the 7-0 lead.

Both games saw strong defensive effort from Adriana Paneda, Brittany Hahn, Skyler Ingram, Madlyn Harrell, and Jasleen Gasca. Ava Coverdale held down the fort in goal, stopping all 7 shots faced. Alana helped out in goal as well getting a save on the only shot faced.

Next up for Krossfire is more spring league action this Sunday against a strong Burlingame Pre-NPL team.

West Coast **Kaos U16G** moved two steps closer to a league and state cup championships. Kaos beat out their cross-town rival, Livermore Fusion, 4-2 in NPL 1 league play. The following day they knocked out Elk Grove's IR Academy 4-1 to advance to the Norcal State Cup quarter-finals.

On Saturday at home, West Coast Kaos faced Livermore Fusion in a cross-town derby. Kaos scored first at the 28-minute mark with a corner kick from Daisy Samuelson to Maddie Del Prado who headed the ball in for a goal. Del Prado followed her first goal with a solo run navigating through the middle of Fusion's defense. The half ended with West Coast leading 2-0.

The second half started with Kaos coming out on the offense. Samuelson again from the corner connected with Jordyn Silva who headed the ball in for a goal. At the 48th minute, Fusion scored their first goal of the match making the score 3-1. At the 65th minute, Fusion was awarded a PK in the box and executed to tighten the goal gap, 3-2. Kaos responded at the 74th minute with Mariah Hinojosa connecting to Allison Rickman in the middle. Rickman turned on her defender and fired off a shot that sailed into the top right corner of the Fusion goal. Kaos closed out the match 4-2.

In state cup knockout competition on Sunday, Kaos faced a favored IR Academy from Elk Grove. Kaos scored first 8 minutes into the first half. Samuelson delivered another corner kick to Del Prado to find the back of the net. At the 20-minute mark, Samuelson connected again to Zuzette Zamora who delivered volley to give Kaos a 2-0 lead. With seconds on the clock in the first half, IR Academy's Forward found an open path through the Kaos defense and delivered a shot to make tighten the score to 2-1 at the half.

Determined not to let the chance to advance slip away, Kaos came out on fire at the start of the second half. Two minutes into the half, Samuelson connected again from a corner to Anaya Shelton. The score was now 3-1. IR Academy did not give up though, they went on the offensive and gave Kaos a real challenge. At the 67th minute, IR Academy was awarded a PK in the box. The kick went to the left where Kaos Goal Keeper, Maddie Mannina, dove to knock the shot wide of the goal. At the 75th minute, Midfielder Katie Zeck nailed a set piece that flew past the tips of the IR Academy Keeper to find the top right corner. The match end with a Kaos 4-1 victory and ticket to the Norcal State Cup quarter-finals.

On Sunday **Wildfire** met with California Odyssey in Turlock, Calif. where 16 teams competed in State Cup Qtr. finals. Wildfire started off with a blaze in the first few minutes of the game. Tati Elsea set up a perfect pass to find a streaking Jaden Hall who scored the first goal of the game. The lead would not last long with Odyssey answering back with a goal of their own to tie the game at one a piece. Both teams battled through the first half with Wildfire defense lead by Isa Saavedra, Dakota Hawkins, Tatiana Elsea, Reagan Mah, and Jayden Sanders. Cal Odyssey knocked a long ball up field and caught the defense by surprise, a WCS defenders was tangled up with the Odyssey forward and the referee issued a red card leaving the Wildfire to play a player down for the remainder of the game.

In the second half, Wildfire continued controlling the game with mid-fielders McKenna Diaz, Precious Martinez, Dani Vellejo, Megan Clifton who keep the ball moving. A free kick set up by Clifton would give Wildfire a chance to take the lead and they capitalized when Calie Crain placed a shot that deflected off the wall, forward Anaya Shelton beat everyone in the air and headed the ball off the side post and into the goal giving Wildfire a 2-1 lead. The intensity of the game escalated as did the physicality. An Odyssey player received two yellow cards resulting in a red card ejection and now both teams were playing with 10 players. West Coast put the game out of reach when Madison Delprado slipped a pass to Savannah Boone putting Wildfire up 3-1 for the win. Wildfire will face Ceres Earthquakes in the Elite 8 of State Cup at Davis Legacy fields on April 28th. "It was a great tactical match. Our players executed perfectly to get the win and move on," said West Coast Soccer Coach Troy Dayak.

On April 13, the West Coast **Koyotes** faced the 08 Montclair Clippers at Christenson Park. Peyton Stark, Sophia Rodriguez and Taylor Conover had attempts on goal. Yasmin Karcher and Natalie Miller kept the ball moving forward down the field. Cailey Sasaki dominated as defender. First half goal keepers Megan Silva and Parker Black had eight saves. With one-minute left Taylor Conover passed to Delaeni Grajeda who sent the ball deep in the net for a goal. The Koyotes were pumped up the second half, keeping the ball on the opponents' side of the field. Taylor Caoili had big throw-ins, sending the ball over the Clippers heads and up the sidelines. Makenna Loder moving the ball down the field and Isabella Hansen converted a free kick sending the ball over the goalie's head for a second goal. Parker Black had 1 save as second half goalie. Koyotes took the 2-0 win.

West Coast **Wicked 04 NPL** girls took down the mighty Blues 1-0 on Saturdays NPL action. Aryana Jones hit a shot that soared into the upper right-hand corner of the goal from the left flank for the game winner. Wicked faced off against Davis Legacy ECNL on Sunday afternoon and took an early lead with a lower left corner driven shot by Alexi Ochoa. West Coast continued to dominate the play but gave up a goal in the second half. WCS Wicked had several opportunities to score and move ahead but the shots did not find the net and the match ended in a tie 1-1. After a strong weekend of league play West Coast Soccer Wicked U15 girls travel to Texas for one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country, the Dallas International Girls Showcase.

### Fusion Player Wins Two Soccer Awards

A long-time Fusion player has capped off a stellar high school career by winning two of Northern California's top girls soccer honors for 2018-19. Nikki Trucco was named the East Bay Athletic League's Most Valuable Player and the Prep2Prep North Coast Section (NCS) girls Player of the Year.

Playing for San Ramon's California High School, Nikki scored 34 goals combined during her sophomore and junior years, then exploded for 33 goals as a senior, helping lead the Grizzlies to the NCS Division 1 playoffs.

Nikki joined Fusion in 2013 as a U12 player, transferring from another Tri-Valley Club to join her twin sister Lexi, who had moved to Fusion the prior year. Nikki will complete her seventh and final Fusion campaign this spring.

"I've really enjoyed playing for Fusion and love the coaching staff," Nikki says. "The coaches are super sweet and knowledgeable, with incredible experience as both players and coaches."

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# SPORTS NOTES



Lytning Hazen, 71 Pounds, Intermediate State Champ, competes for Tri-Valley Elite Wrestling in Greco Roman Wrestling.



On Sunday, #45 Thomas Keenan of Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple, outmaneuvers his Pleasanton opponent.



#87 Ethan Lam of U12 Black Phantoms Lacrosse scoops a ground ball, with teammates #3 Zack Neely and #65 Drew Wilkerson nearby, during Saturday's game against the Berkeley Bears U12 team.



Pleasanton Seahawks compete in the 2019 Pacific Swimming Far Western Championships.



West Coast Koyotes faced the Montclair Clippers at Christenson Park.

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Nikki especially appreciates getting the opportunity to play for NPL Technical Director Tracy Hamm and Girls Technical Director Mary Whisler. "Before Fusion, I had never played for women coaches. Tracy and Mary are extremely reliable for female players."

Nikki also appreciates Executive Director Ben Graham for entering Nikki's teams into top tournaments and showcases that provided extensive exposure to college coaches.

"I've learned so much during my time at Fusion, both about soccer and life in general, like the importance of respect, patience and time management. The Fusion environment makes it okay to try new things and make mistakes, which has helped me become less shy and more confident. I've grown tremendously as both a player and a person."

"Fusion has really helped Nikki develop," notes Nikki's mother Karen. "The Club, coaches and players have helped her become a well-rounded, self-assured player and person."

Nikki has excelled in the classroom as well as on the pitch, compiling a 4.3 cumulative GPA, finishing in the top 10% of her high school class, and earning spots on the Principal's List and in the National Honor Society. She also won a "Perfect 4.0 Award" by earning straight A's through middle and high school.

Colleges throughout California and numerous out-of-state schools courted Nikki with soccer scholarships. She chose Cal Poly, where she plans to study Early Childhood Development in preparation for a teaching career.

"Tracy, Mary and I emphasize to our players that if you work hard on your game and your grades, you'll achieve your goals," says Fusion Executive Director Ben Graham. "Nikki is a great example of a player who combined natural talent with tremendous dedication to land a scholarship from a top college program."

"Nikki is one of the best soccer players I have ever coached," Ben added. "She has an incredible drive and work ethic, and has earned absolutely everything she has achieved. I hope that her journey inspires other Fusion players. We can't wait to see what Nikki accomplishes at Cal Poly. The sky's the limit."

"Don't worry about other people and how you compare," Nikki advises other young players who aspire to athletic and academic excellence. "Work hard on yourself and focus on reaching what you want to do."

## Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse

The Phantoms U14 Black kick-started the weekend against the Fremont Spartans. From the first face off the Phantoms had this game in control as the offense and defense were firing on all cylinders. Multiple goals were scored by Anders Bostrom (#2), Ben Wojewski (#17), Nick Swartzendruber (#37), Luke Bauer (#53), Quin Wetzel (72), Aiden Andre (#84), and Josh Gnoval (#98). Single goals were scored by Luke Leary (#13) and Dom Gozzo (#56). With a great offense, Andrew Kramar (#8) was relieved of goalie duties by Ryan Gill (#73) in the 3rd and 4th periods, which allowed Andrew to score his first goal of the year. Jake Salhoff (#34) and Kalel

Disu (#7) each had assists. Phantoms cruised to 20-1 victory as they set their sights on their next opponent.

The Phantoms' game on Sunday was against the Pleasanton Thunder and was a rumbler from the start. The Phantoms' L. Leary scored the first goal of the game, but the Thunder responded and kept the Phantoms on their heels throughout the first half. Defensive players Justin Wallace (#82), A. Kramar, Sam Butler (#15), combined with defensive middle Alex Operin (#51) did their best to quiet the Thunder, but the attacks were frequent and relentless. The Phantoms came out a bit more aggressive in the 2nd half as they tried to come back. But in the end, the Thunder were too much for the Phantoms as they were handed their first loss of the season 13-7. Other goals were scored by A. Andre, J. Gnoval, and B. Wojewski.

Back from spring break, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple team faced the Walnut Creek Warrior U14 White team at Cayetano Park on Saturday. With competitive play from the start, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple took the lead by halftime with goals by Josh King, Wyatt Lam and Dominic Santiago. Tides turned in the second half of the game when the Walnut Creek Warrior U14 White team made a come back. Second half goals by Thomas Keenan, Josh King and Wyatt Lam were not enough to stay ahead of Walnut Creek. Dylan Gunderson, James Foulk and Josh King led the team in assists. The team lost with a final score of 6 to 11.

On Sunday, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple team played the Pleasanton Tornados U14 team in Pleasanton. Another competitive game throughout, Wyatt Lam led in scoring with three goals followed by Josh King, Kenny Ng, Ben Rohe and Dominic Santiago who contributed one goal each to the scoreboard. Wyatt Lam lead assists followed by Ben Rohe Dominic Santiago. The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple team went home with a win with a final score of 7 to 5.

Last Saturday, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team played on their home turf at Cayetano Park to face the Berkeley Bears U12.

Although the Berkeley Bears took a quick lead, it was not long before the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team rallied to put several goals on the scoreboard. Roman Zuanich led in scoring with six goals followed by Thoren Bostrom with four goals. Aiden Melton and George Esse both contributed two goals each. Jordan Phillips and Drew Wilkerson each scored one goal. Assists were led by Riley Doko and Charlie Hertz followed by Blake Downs, Eljay Schellenberg, Brahm Weintraub and Roman Zuanich. The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team won 16 to 6.

On Sunday, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team played

the Pleasanton Hurricanes in Pleasanton. With a tough start to the game, Jordan Phillips gave hope with the first score from an assist by Pierce Arizpe. Thoren Bostrom led scoring with two goals. Riley Doko and Roman Zuanich also contributed one goal to the scoreboard. Ethan Lam and Drew Wilkerson each had one assist in the game. The Pleasanton Hurricanes remained a tough opponent throughout the game and the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team lost 5 to 13.

Later in the day, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team faced the Walnut Creek Warriors in Walnut Creek. Despite multiple shots on goal, the team was not able to get past Walnut Creek's goalie. Special recognition for Phantom goalie Lucas Bickerton with several awesome saves who, along with Phantom defense, held Walnut Creek to five goals. Although the Phantoms gave it their best, the team lost 0 to 5.

## Tri-Valley Elite Wrestling

California USA Wrestling kids Greco and Cadet/Junior Freestyle State wrestling tournament had the full contingent of Tri-Valley Elite (TVE) wrestlers from Intermediate through the high school club. TVE as an integrated club scored 5th place out of 281 listed clubs on Trackwrestling, in the upper 2%. Kid Group Results: Lytning Hazen, Intermediate 71 pounds State Champ - special congratulations!

Thunder Hazen, Int 77 pounds, 3rd place, Jack Baker, Novice 74 pounds 4th place, Joaquin Lucente, Novice 78 lbs 5th place, Josh De Guzman, Schoolboy 77 lbs 5th Place, Jayson Victoria, 4th place, Schoolboy 97 lbs, Henry Baalman, 7th Place, Schoolboy 102 lbs, Atri Feizi, 5th Place, Schoolboy 119 lbs, Jhaile De Guzman, 7th Place, Cadet Girls Freestyle, Jalen Bets (Now Granada HS) special congratulations 5th Place Cadet Girls Freestyle 100 pounds.

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## The City of Livermore invites applications for appointment to the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission advises the City Council on the adoption and on-going review of the General Plan for the physical growth of the City. The Plan, in conjunction with the Development Code, guides the general location of future public facilities, private buildings and improvements.

The Commission has specific responsibilities in the administration of the Development Code, including decisions or recommendations on subdivision of land and other development projects. The Commission is also responsible for ensuring development projects meet the City's Design Standards and Guidelines.

In addition, the Commission promotes public interest in planning and encourages citizen participation in the formulation of land use policies. The commissioners also acquaint the public with problems and solutions relating to the local physical environment. Preference is for applicants to have demonstrated ability in the area of design by virtue of avocation, vocation, talent, and interest in design, architecture, landscape architecture, or a related field.

Applicants are required to have attended at least one meeting of the Planning Commission prior to submitting an application. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays each month at 7:30 pm, Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. On April 22, 2019, the City Council will consider changing the Planning Commission's meeting start time to 7:00 pm. If the meeting start time is changed to 7:00 pm, information will be posted online on April 23, 2019 at the following link: [www.cityoflivermore.net/PlanningCommission](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/PlanningCommission). The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2019, time to be determined, Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, on-line at [www.cityoflivermore.net/AB](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/AB) or by calling 960-4200 (TDD 960-4014). Applicants must reside within the Livermore city limits.

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office no later than Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Postmarks are not accepted.

Selected applicants will be interviewed by the City Council at a special meeting, date to be determined. Interviews are held in the evening.



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# SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Earthquakes 2010



TJ Newcomb (#29) and Aidan Andre (#84) help corral the Fremont Spartans, as Livermore Phantoms U14 Black log another victory.



Ethan Gilkison prepares to throw to first base, as Tyler Wright races down the baseline. Between them, in the photo, is Jaxson Tanner heading home from third in a Granada Little League AAA game between the "Reggie" A's and the "Rickey" A's.

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## Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) finished 4th overall in team standing after competing at the Pacific Swimming 2019 Far Western Championships April 4-7 held at the International Swim Center in Santa Clara. About 1456 swimmers and 138 teams from 10 states competed in 130 events. Santa Clara Swim Club hosted this championship meet featuring some of the fastest age-group swimmers in the country.

PLS swimmers earned 17 first place medals, 21 second place medals, and 11 third place medals in the 2019 Pacific Swimming Far Western Championships. Calvin David set a new Far Western meet record on the 1650 Freestyle with a time of 15:33.24. The old record time of 15:36.70 was previously set in 1997. Tyler Lu won High Point Award, 17-18 Male.

The Far Western Champions from PLS are Sydney Lu (1650 Free and 200 Fly), Ethan N. Wang (500/1000/1650 Free), Olivia Kim (1650 Free), Alex Ren (200 IM), Daniella Hawkins (1000/1650 Free), Miranda Heckman (500 Free and 400 IM), Paige Dacosta (400 IM), Calvin David (500/1000/1650 Free), and Tyler Lu (100/200 Free).

Adding to the medal count includes wins by Alexis Mesina (2nd Place 50/200 Breaststroke and 3rd Place 100 Breaststroke), Faith Carroll (3rd Place 1000 Free), Sydney Lu (2nd Place 100 Fly and 3rd Place 400 IM), Olivia Kim (3rd Place 1000 Free), Daniella Hawkins (2nd Place 500 Free), Miranda Heckman (2nd Place 200/1000 Free), Tim Wu (3rd Place 200 Free), Ethan N. Wang (2nd Place 200 Free and 2nd Place 400 IM), Alex Ren (3rd Place 500 Free), Andy Wang (2nd Place 1000/1650 Free), Paige Dacosta (3rd Place 1650 Free and 3rd Place 100 Backstroke), Calvin David (2nd Place 200 Free), Tyler Lu (2nd Place 500 Free and 2nd Place 100/200 Fly), and Nick Skinner (2nd Place 1000 Free).

Top PLS relay teams are 10&U Boys for 2nd Place 200 Free Relay (Tim Wu, Oryan Liu, Christopher Wang, and Lawrence Wong) and 2nd Place 200 Medley Relay (Oryan Liu, Braden Yang, Christopher Wang, and Tim Wu); 13-14 Boys for 3rd Place 800 Free Relay (Ethan N. Wang, Hayden Tupper, Devyn Caples, and Dominick Wonosaputra) and for 3rd Place 400 Medley Relay (Hayden Tupper, Yassin Dwidar, Dominick Wonosaputra, and Ethan N. Wang); and 13-14 Girls for 3rd Place 400 Free Relay (Faith Carroll, Cynthia Li, Breuklynn Harris, and Florence Lin).

Also contributing to team points with top 10 finishes are Salma Dwidar, Francesca Lin, Sahara Salemi, Olivia Lui, Janet Feng, Madison Wainwright, Lilyana Caples, Sydney Goldstein, Natalie Mak, Annie Wang, Emma Wang, Aria Harris, Francesca Hawkins, Hunter Bian, Ayan Goel, Connor Chen, Jeremy Ting, Mattias Blanco, Andy Eun, and Justin Tsai.

Other PLS swimmers in competition include Brooke Bennett, Emmy Loftus, Christina Tsai, Crystal Wang, Mackenzie Lee, Emily Tsai, Gwyneth Wong, Elisabeth Balicanta, Caroline Eckel, Kealan Tupper, Ziyue Yang, Andrew Zhou, Jai Channon, Joey Huang, Jason Jiang, Raymond Li, and Lleyton Plattel.

## Amador Hockey

Amador Dons hosted the De La Salle Spartans Saturday and came up ahead 5-2! These teams faced one another in the championship game a year ago where the Dons prevailed.

In this season's game, Dons' Derek Braaten had 2 goals, and Ryan Coultrip, Carter Leong and Joey Demeo each with one. Both of the Spartans' goals came in the 1st period, produced from Jack Jupina and Michael Takahashi.

With the 9 high school hockey teams into their season, the final games are approaching. The Pure High School hockey two semi-final games are May 5th 4:15 - 9:30. The championship game is scheduled for May 11th at 7:45 pm. All games are at the Dublin Ice Land rink.

On Sunday the Cal High Grizzlies hosted the Amador Dons and after 3 periods and 5 min of overtime it ended in a 2-2 tie!

Goals by Derek Braaten and Joey Demeo from the Dons came in the 1st and 3rd periods respectively. Spartan's Bryan Yudashkin scored in the 2nd period followed by Cade Llewellyn in the 3rd. This marks the first tie of the regular season.

# Fate Came Calling: A Dublin Man's Life Journey

By Carol Graham

Warren Vest knows that with hard work and desire, one can succeed.

Yet he also knows that his own life's journey didn't take shape because of hard work, but because fate stepped in, and he stepped up.

"It might have been called 'good luck' or 'being in the right place at the right time,' but I prefer to look back on it as fate," Vest says. "Although the words fate and destiny are often considered synonymous, they are quite different. Fate puts opportunities in front of us, but our destiny is determined by the decisions we make and the actions we take."

On Saturday, April 27, Vest will celebrate the launch of his book, "Fate Came Calling: a Young Man's Journey Became a Lifetime of Adventure." All are invited to attend the launch party at the Livermore Airport, from 2 to 6 p.m.

"I chose the title Fate Came Calling because fate has brought many positives throughout my life," Vest says. "As you read my story, you'll see where instances of fate guided my destiny in directions I had never anticipated. In 1954, had I not noticed a Lloyd's of London letter lying on my college advisor's desk or

had he not been called from his office for a few minutes, this journey would never have begun."

Born in 1935 in Louisville, Missouri, Vest was in his freshman year at the University of Missouri when his academic advisor called Vest to his office to ensure he was on course to earn his Animal Husbandry degree.

During the meeting, the advisor got a phone call. "Okay, I'll be right there," he said, then hung up. "Sorry about this, Warren, but I need to go downstairs. I'll return in about 10 minutes. Wait here for me, please."

After several minutes of boredom, the young man spotted a letter on his advisor's desk that aroused his interest.

"It was labeled Lloyd's of London in metallic gold lettering," Vest says. "I read the notice upside down from across the desk. Then I got so excited I picked up the stationary and read the letter much more closely. Lloyd's of London had contacted the School of Agriculture at the university in search of a student to manage a shipment of livestock from the United States to Australia."

"Now I was excited. Australia! What would that be like? I wrote down the contact information, and put the letter back on my advisor's desk. Flushed with excite-

ment, I sat back down."

For the rest of the meeting, Vest's thoughts remained on Australia. Although Lloyd's of London had wanted an upperclassman for the job, they were swayed by Vest's initiative and enthusiasm, and he was eventually hired to manage the shipment of 20 purebred Brahman cattle to Sydney, Australia.

It was the start of an around-the-world trip, partly on the Queen Mary, that stoked Vest's interest in world travel. In 1954, he joined the United States Air Force and became a pilot, which in 1960 led to Vest becoming a commercial pilot. For 45 years (40 with World Airways), Vest filled various roles, including captain, chief pilot, and senior executive positions.

"I can't overlook the fact that my job as a pilot flying international routes resulted in my meeting Ingrid Bakker in Germany," Vest says of the woman who would become his wife. "In our nearly six decades together, Ingrid and I have been blessed with a dear family. Tim (born in 1965) brought his wife, Caroline, into the family, and they have given us three wonderful grandchildren, Gentry, Garrett and Kinnon. Brian (born in 1972) and his wife, Drue, have added two little

wonders, Talia and Peyton. My hope is that fate will always be as kind to them as it has been to me."

A Dublin resident since 1966, Vest retired in 2005.

Fate Came Calling, written by author Kurt Bryan, chronicles Vest's lifetime of adventures, such as in 1976 when World Airways provided aircraft for the movie "Mayday at 40,000 Feet," with Vest performing the flying sequences and offering technical support for cockpit scenes; and in 1988 when Vest transported Amnesty International's Human Rights Now! tour performers – including Bruce Springsteen, Sting and Peter Gabriel – to destinations in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

"I can't sit with each reader to bring life to my varied experiences; in my stead, Kurt, with his writing skills, will provide you with an enjoyable description of my journey," Vest says. "You are about to meet people in every country I visited and have a chance to join in on adventures experienced around the world."

Fate Came Calling is available on Amazon in two versions: Kindle, \$3.99; and paperback, \$16.95. To learn more, visit [www.fatecamecalling.com](http://www.fatecamecalling.com).

## EXPO

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The hackathon's popularity is increasing. Last year, 80 teens signed up for the event, but registration already tops 100, said Rishi Pupp, one of the organizers. Contestants may register on the event's web site at <http://trivalleyyouth-expo.com/>, and clicking on the three small horizontal lines on the page's upper left corner.

The other major events will include a Battle of the Bands, and an art show, both occurring from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 26 in Emerald Glen Park, including some of the rooms at The Wave, the city's swimming facility.

The main purpose of the two-day celebration, besides having fun, is to put the spotlight on young partici-

pants who have talent, and want recognition, whether they are in a band that wants to expand its market for dances and concerts, or software designers, who would like to get their resumes into engineering companies, or be chosen for a mentoring opportunity, said Pupp.

Manas Taneja also works as a member of the student staff. As the "development lead," he works on the organizational and management side of Youth Expo. His job is to make sure the right resources are on hand; he lines up the meeting rooms, and makes sure the wi-fi works.

Like his two co-workers, Arjav Rawal is a junior at Dublin High. He said he was invited in by Mayor David Haubert to make sure "the ship is running

smoothly", by coordinating and delegating various tasks.

Rawal likes the event's value as a "platform for anyone in the Tri-Valley to showcase his or her talent, whether it is technical, or in the visual arts or music."

In order to defray costs, the students have sought corporate sponsorships. Fannie Mae, the mortgage company, has responded. The company has a history of public participation. The father of the founder of Tri-Valley Youth Expo, Nikolai Peram, works there.

Nikolai Peram attended high school in Canada, where he participated in a festival similar to Expo. It later sparked his enthusiasm for the event in Dublin. Now, it has become a legacy. Peram graduated from Dublin High School, and currently attends a Canadian college.

## LHSAA Golf Tournament To be Held on May 6

This year the Livermore High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) is holding its 9th Annual fundraising Golf Tournament on Monday, May 6, 2019. LHSAA focuses on raising funds to support LHS in their Mission of: "preparing every student for future education and productive citizenship". To date LHSAA has donated over \$150,000.00 to LHS. Funding Applications that have been granted include: perspective rulers for drawing, practice mats for cheer leading, uniforms for the "Shining Star" Program, transportation for underserved students to visit college campus', assisted in equipment purchase for Track and Field, T-shirts for Biology Camp, electronic embosser for the LHS Registrar and many other items, needs or programs. All of the good works could not be done without the support of the Livermore Community with their time, items and money. So many have donated items, services or money to our Silent /Live Auctions, Raffles and other fundraising activities. In turn hundreds have attended LHSAA events from the Annual Crab Feed (upcoming March 7, 2020), Fall Social and these Golf Tournaments.

While many Alumni attend these events, they are certainly open to the public who is encouraged to attend to support their local high school.

The Tournament is a shot-gun, scramble format and is open to the public being held at the amazing Wente Golf Course. The entry fee includes cart, range balls, dinner, silent and live auctions. For more information: Golf Registration go to: [www.mkt.com/lhsaa](http://www.mkt.com/lhsaa) or [www.livermorehighalumni.com](http://www.livermorehighalumni.com). For additional information see: [lhsalumniasoc@gmail.com](mailto:lhsalumniasoc@gmail.com). You may also contact Kristin Waters-Meyer (87) at 925.784.1367/skmeyer24@comcast.net or Jim Perry '63 925-548-8109 or [jperry2310@aol.com](mailto:jperry2310@aol.com).

Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. (LHSAA) would like to thank all of their attendees and supporters of their recent 5th Annual Crab Feed. With the community support the event was a huge success and raised more money than ever before. The object of our Fundraising this Academic Year is to purchase 300 Chromebook laptops for classroom use. Presently LHS has less than 50% of the needed computers for their classrooms.

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## ECONOMY

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city's 50 top sales tax generators come from the construction and retail industries. These will be the most adversely affected by a downturn in the economy.

An innovation driven community needs assets. Nearly three-quarters of commercial space in Livermore is occupied by the industrial sector, making Livermore's portion 68% of the industrial activities in the Tri-Valley. However, only 9% of area office space is found in the city. High class office space has been attracted to other cities. Livermore is home to 32% of retail in the Tri-Valley. Another asset is represented by the proximity to resources and capital. Venture capital in the Tri-Valley in the last decade has reached over \$4 billion.

Livermore needs to continue to provide quality of life, an important asset needed to attract a workforce. This means Livermore must offer a diversity of employment and housing options, wages commensurate with the cost of living and a rich environment for residents and visitors.

Van de Water asked what other data the council would like to have. Staff will be at farmer's markets and the downtown street fair in May to ask the public what they would like to see. The City quarterly newsletter will be asking two questions: "If you could have one thing from an economic development perspective what would it be and why?" "When you crow about Livermore to your friends and neighbors outside of town, what do you tell them you love?"

Councilmember Bob Woerner asked about the potential for office space. Van de Water noted that office space tends to go where transportation provides the most access to talent,

including the 680 corridor and BART stations. Valley Link could be the game changer by providing a transit connected stop at Isabel. Putting the office space at the Isabel area would be the most attractive from a leasing perspective and provide a wider access to a talent pool from the west and the east.

Woerner asked if the right stakeholders had been identified. He said that the arts groups should be included.

Van de Water answered that to attract a target audience, consideration should be given to tourism serving hotels versus the convenience hotels along 580. To market Livermore's wine country, it would be beneficial to have a hotel on the south side of town, as well as the one downtown.

Vice Mayor Robert Carling's wanted the jobs analysis to be broken out into job types. He also wondered how development of a strategic plan would change behavior, and if it didn't, what was the point of making a plan in the first place? Are there ways that developing action items will change what we are going to do as a community, as a council, and as a city staff to build what you want to do in terms of innovative and economic vitality of this community?

Van de Water replied that strategic planning provides information on the direction the city is headed in order to gain consensus and buy-in to the plan. This takes some time to develop.

Carling replied, "Don't be afraid to stop doing something that hasn't paid off."

Responding to Councilmember Trish Munro's question regarding housing and jobs, Van de Water acknowledged

that housing would continue to dominate conversation in the state and Bay Area for years to come. Livermore is unique in that it has a good housing and jobs balance. However, housing would need to be provided at different access points. If businesses can no longer hire locally because of the lack of affordable housing, they will look to relocate.

Munro wanted the next report to address environmental impacts and how to minimize those. She also wanted information about the unsheltered population and youth.

Councilmember Bob Coomber wondered what more could be done to promote the wine industry. Van de Water noted that in this area, visitors have a day experience in a convenience hotel versus a weekend experience with one of the top-rated Napa hotels in the Michelin guide.

Mayor John Marchand was struck by the similarities of the goals in 1996 with what was being discussed today. At that time, there were 15 wineries, and now there are over 50. Previously 31% felt there were good shopping opportunities and now the number is 72%.

Public comment included Greg Scott discussing how low wage earners were being pushed out into the Central Valley. According to Scott, each household is more in debt now than during the great recession.

Marchand noted that in Silicon Valley there are ten jobs for every home, creating an imbalance. However, there is this mindset that you can't be a real company unless you are in Silicon Valley. It is up to the companies to relocate here. The Tri-Valley is an economic engine.

## OBITUARIES

### Fred Lovell

July 21, 1926 - Apr. 7, 2019

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



Born in Hinsdale, Ill., on July 21, 1926, he moved to San Francisco with his first wife, Patricia Gebhardt, in 1954, before settling in Southern California, having a career as a bank manager and reinsurance marketing executive.

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

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

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

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

### Edward (Eddie) Lopes Resident of Livermore

June 30, 1961 - Mar. 12, 2019

Edward Lopes passed away on March 12, 2019, unexpectedly. He believed most people were good and enjoyed the many friendships he made. He will be missed by many.



Eddie was born in Fremont, Calif., and attended Washington High School. He worked in the corporate office for Safeway for 12 years where he made lasting friendships. But Eddie was a free spirit and when that job ended he didn't want to be cooped up in an office. He spent time working as a merchandiser for various organizations, a salesman for Boyd's coffee and as courier. He loved sports, playing softball for many years with friends he grew up with and from Safeway. He was also an avid sports fan, following his teams: the Raiders, the A's, Warriors, Sharks and Cal Bears!

Eddie is survived by his wife, Hazel, and twin sons Wayne Lopes of Chico and Daryl Lopes of Union City. He is also survived by his parents, George Lopes and Lorraine Herman, both of Fremont. He is also survived by his sister, Debbie Toivola and her husband Andy, nephew Troy of Minnesota and niece Julie Chaam of Cambodia. His brother Victor Lopes preceded him in death.

Friends and family are invited to attend a service on Tuesday, April 23, at 2 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue in Livermore.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Lopes family.

An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

### Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw

Nov. 17, 1927 - Mar. 27, 2019

Elizabeth Jane Bradshaw, a longtime Livermore resident, passed away on March 27, 2019, at the age of 91 in Auburn, Calif. She was born November 17, 1927, in Schenectady, N.Y., to Frederick and Elizabeth (Reilly) McDonald.

Beth left New York for California in 1948. She met



her first husband, Joe, at Hughes Aircraft in L.A., and they married in 1951. In 1955 with two boys in tow, the family moved to Albuquerque, N.M. Beth spent her time raising the boys, volunteering at church and Little League. She became interested in the many Southwest Native American tribes and their cultures. Her interest in the Native American culture and style lasted throughout her life.

In 1968, the family moved to Livermore. She worked for the U.S. Census Bureau in 1970, driving to rural addresses in eastern Alameda County to ensure everyone was accounted for. She was employed by Alameda County as a Senior Citizen Caregiver in Livermore for over 20 years. She became good friends with many of the people she served. Beth had a tremendous love of dogs and pampered every lucky dog she met.

Joe and Beth parted ways in 1977. She married Ken Beers in 1986 and they enjoyed touring the Southwest and taking frequent getaways to the many casinos in Northern California and Carson City, Nev.

Beth was predeceased by her son Michael (2001), and Joe (2004). She is survived by Ken; her son, Thomas (Linda); grandchildren Jessica, Joseph, and Kathryn; and great-grandchildren Daniel, Joseph, and Joshua.

In lieu of flowers, please support the East Bay SPCA.

### Ida Harrell (Hernandez)

Jan. 24, 1926 - Apr. 5, 2019

Ida Harrell (Hernandez), age 93, a Tampa, Fla., native residing in Livermore, Calif., passed away on Friday, April 5, in her home beside her loved ones.

She was born January 24, 1926 (and she reminded you of that often), in Ybor City, daughter of Ralph and Nieves, and sister to Carrie. Ida had three children, Hector, Ralph and Mercedes. She had five grandchildren, Carrie, Hope, Barbara, Vincent and Marco. She also had four great-grandchildren.



She spent most of her career as a nurse in Tampa, later owned the Peter Pan Motel, spent a number of years as a stage actress, and proudly worked as a demo girl at Sam's Club where she would frequently quote lines from *The Price is Right*. She was very outgoing, the one to get a party started, would start a conversation with anyone who would (or even wouldn't) listen, and genuinely loved people. Ida would never hesitate to help someone in need. She was a comedian, a movie buff, and a mentor with many years of wisdom and stories.

Ida loved to remind us of when she met and had coffee with Eleanor Roosevelt and Walter Cronkite at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, where Walter made a flirtatious pass at her. She was heavily involved with the Democratic Party and very passionate about politics.

She always loved Superman and luckily for all of us, she's in heaven now watching over and protecting us.

As she would always say, "Be good, and if you can't be good, be careful!" We will always love you.

There will be a celebration of life service on Friday, April 26, at 2 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, Calif., with a family and friends gathering to follow at her home. In addition, a visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 28, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Boza & Roel Funeral Home in Tampa, Fla., with a celebration of life service to follow. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., at Woodlawn Cemetery in Tampa.

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

### Janet Diane Forcier

Oct. 27, 1931 - Jan. 18, 2019

Our mom, Janet, passed very unexpectedly however peacefully. She is/was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and very loving and loyal friend. Her second husband, Royal Edward

Forcier, preceded her in death on February 28, 1970. He would have been 95 on January 18, 2019. She is survived by her daughter Kim Barnes and husband Chad of Livermore, Calif.; Kurt Joseph, wife Karen and son Kyle of Avondale, Ariz.; step-children Ron Forcier, wife Hope and their children Peter and Jane of Illinois; Terrie Forcier-Schmitt, her daughter Heather and husband Charlie and children, Samantha, Ethan, Truen; her son Brandon and his wife Linsey and their child Aylene of Washington; Jim Forcier and wife Sandra of Delaware; his son Michael and wife Devra children, James and Briggs; and children of his son Royal who passed away in 2015, Nora and Jack.



Janet was born on October 27, 1931, in Hayward, Calif. As a young child she lived on her great-grandfather's apricot ranch off D St. Her days were filled with playing in the creeks and orchards, gathering the chicken eggs and learning to love the beauty of nature. Her love of gardening resulted from watching and learning from her mother and grandmother's gardens growing up. Her grandmother grew irises in the orchards which would be visited by admirers from all over Hayward in the '30s, well into the '60s. Janet attended Fairview Elementary School, Bret Hart Junior High, and then went to Hayward Union High School, graduating in 1949. She attended Trinity Episcopal Church and became involved with the teen group, meeting and socializing with those who became lifelong friends. While in school she was involved in the glee club and school newspaper. After graduating from Hayward High School she remained on their reunion committee until 2011 finishing her run as a member. This year would have been her 70th reunion celebration. She went on to start her working career early in the 1950s. In her mid 30s she went back to college and graduated in 1973 from San Jose State University, with a B.S. degree in marketing and advertising after her interests changed from teaching to design and advertising. She continued to seek opportunities to expand her education/experience and pursued the cultural arts in the Bay Area. She excelled in Toastmistress which provided her strong speaking skills that assisted her growth in competing in the challenging job market of the 1970s in the field she had chosen. In her working career some of the companies she worked with were General Motors, Sunset Magazine, Ferry Morse Seed, Peterbilt, Heald College and ultimately acquiring a vice president position of advertising at San Francisco Federal Sav-

ings from which she retired. Her career exposed her to so many exciting events and meeting a multitude of dynamic people. She was a very successful gardener, avid nature lover and bird watcher, which gave her so much joy. She went on to explore other interests in her retirement. She loved spending time with her family and friends traveling, attending or planning family gatherings, and keeping up with her children's and friend's lives. She was an extremely kind, loving and giving person, who always gave her best to anything she did. Her interest and love of life never wavered. She orchestrated a consistent and loving connection with her family and friends, which gave her so much joy. The loss of her presence in our lives is heartbreaking. She will be carried with us, sharing each day through our hearts filled with love for her.

A Celebration of Life is being held on April 25, 2019, in her honor at Wente Vineyards, 5040 Arroyo Road, Livermore, from 11:30 - 3:30.

If you wish to make a donation in her name, please give to your preferred animal rescue organization.

### Grant Karl Bascom

Aug. 22, 1961 - Apr. 12, 2019

Grant passed away unexpectedly at the age of 57, on April 12, 2019.



He is survived by his mother, Barbara Bascom; his son Zachary Bascom (Jessica); his brother Hollis Bascom (Deanna); his sisters, Sabrina Bascom (Mike) and Allison Bascom Murphy (Pat); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Hollis Bascom Sr., in 2015.

Grant was loved by many and will be missed by his fam-

ily and friends. In memory of Grant and in lieu of flowers please donate to your local food bank or Feeding America at [feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org).

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

### Mary Avenicia Montano

Feb. 24, 1940 - Apr. 14, 2019

Mary Avenicia Montano, aged 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at her home in Modesto, Calif., surrounded by her family.

Mary was born on February 24, 1940, in New Mexico, to Anna and Jesus Herrera. She was one of 10



siblings.

In 1956 she married Cipriano Montano on November 17; they were married for 55 years. She became a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great great-grandmother. She had seven children - six daughters and a son. Her children blessed her with 24 grandkids, 52 great-grandkids, and 12 great great-grandkids. She had an amazing life and was loved greatly.

She was the heart of the family, the strongest woman, and truly everyone's best friend.

Mary is survived by her children Linda, Yvonne, Gina, Vicky, Rosalinda, Tina, and Cepi, and many, many more family and friends. She will forever be in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

Visitation will be held at Sorensen Chapel on April 23, at 11 a.m. Committal following at Holy Sepulchre.

### Jerold Schwartz, M.D.

Jerold Schwartz, M.D., aged 94, died April 10, 2019, at his home in Santa Barbara, Calif.



### MARY CAROLINE MUMPER

Celebration of Life/Open House  
Saturday, May 4, 2019 1:00-4:00  
RLCC Larkspur Room  
4444 East Avenue, Livermore

# HISTORY

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for or against this (permit), you ought to at least understand the basic science and geology," Burnham said in an interview last week.

The book, "History and Geology of Livermore Oil," has chapters on energy, on how oil is formed, on early petroleum exploration near Livermore, and on recent history from OPEC through to the present.

Burnham said that research and writing took about four months, a process aided by newspaper clippings, photographs and books available through the Livermore Heritage Guild.

He also interviewed residents, ranchers and a variety of experts on topics like coal production and railroad development.

There were two big surprises, he said. One was that the history of Livermore oil exploration is as long and rich as it is.

The 1868 discovery of oily water actually predates the founding of Livermore as a city, which took place a year later.

Another historical reference for Burnham is the opening of the transconti-

mental railroad, which also occurred in 1869 and made use of track through the Livermore Valley across Altamont pass.

His research identified a kind of living history, with geologic features from exploration days that still are visible. Hes well as occasional old pieces of oil well equipment lurking on ranches where early oil companies once explored.

The other surprise is that the original discovery seemed far too easy, a flow of oily water out of a disturbed hillside after an earthquake. It reminded him of the improbable plot of the 1960s sitcom, Beverly Hillsbillies, where impoverished mountaineers discover they are living on an oilfield.

Burnham recalls seeing the television show decades ago, scoffing, "That's not the way oil is found!" As he carried out research for the book, however, he realized that, "For a hundred years, that's the way it was found!"

Whatever the economics of drilling and selling petroleum products today, Burnham believes the Livermore oil field will not yield

much more oil. Over the past few decades, it has produced about 1.6 million barrels. He thinks it unlikely that there will be significant further finds.

Even a half-century ago, prospectors were aware of the field's limitations. Burnham notes in his book that a vice president of McCulloch Oil predicted in 1967 that "any oil not found (in the Livermore field) in the next 4-5 years would never be found."

History buffs will enjoy the book's references to well-known names and features: Max Baer and Randy Johnson, the Lincoln Highway, Tesla and Harrisville mines, Duarte Garage, early railroads and the large and small oil companies that explored and sometimes operated pumps in the Livermore area.

The book can be purchased through Livermore Heritage Guild or online at <http://www.lulu.com/shop/alan-burnham/history-and-geology-of-livermore-oil/paperback/product-23864376.html?ppn=1>.

# RETIREES

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According to their analysis, the University received approximately \$134 million in cash distributions from LLNS between 2008 and 2018.

"While LLNS has been fighting our lawsuit in court for nearly 10 years, the Regents have received substantial profits from LLNS," the retirees' newsletter said.

"Clearly, the (UC) Regents have funds available to resolve this case and provide the University-sponsored benefits that were promised."

Historically, the University operated the laboratory on a not-for-profit basis. It was reimbursed for management costs, including healthcare benefits, while transferring any excess revenues to LLNL research programs.

UC healthcare was available to LLNL retirees from 1961, when the University's Board of Regents authorized it for both active employees and retirees, until the for-profit consortium took over as manager near the end of 2007.

Responsibility for retiree health benefits was then

transferred to LLNS, which was contractually obligated to provide benefits that were "substantially equivalent" to those that had been offered by UC.

After a year, however, the Laboratory's federal sponsor, the U.S. Department of Energy, modified the contract so that LLNS only had to provide benefits comparable to those that were offered by private industry, a lower and less expensive standard.

At the same time, LLNS began making cash contributions to UC, with \$5.5 million transferred in the 2008-2009 year, and an average of more than \$13 million per year thereafter.

The total for the 10 years summarized in LLNS financial reports is \$134.2 million.

Whether and how this information might influence the lawsuit now underway is unclear, but it will be a particularly bitter pill for many retirees to swallow.

The change from non-profit to for-profit status was mandated by Congressional representatives and bureaucrats who promised that the

new arrangement would be much more efficient.

The opposite turned out to be true, however, as demonstrated by staff layoffs in 2008 forced by the shrinkage of an operating budget that was depleted by a sharply higher management fee and new taxes.

The retirees were not affected by the layoffs, but they had considered the loss of UC healthcare to be a violation of promises made during their careers at the Laboratory -- promises on which some of them based career decisions.

They formed an organization called UC Laboratory Retirees Group, or UCLRG, and raised funding to file a lawsuit in 2010. The suit became a class action four years later.

In recent weeks, the two sides have participated in settlement discussions under the supervision of a retired judge, Maria-Elena James, but no settlement has been reported.

A trial is scheduled for May 6 in Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland.

# Easter Services

**St Michael Catholic Parish**  
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 Livermore, CA 94550  
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 StMichaelLivermore.com

**Holy Thursday: April 18**  
 8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 6:00 pm Mass English,  
 8:00 pm Spanish

**Holy Saturday: April 20**  
 8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass  
 (multi-lingual)

**Good Friday: April 19**  
 8:30 am Morning Prayer  
 2 pm Service (English)  
 4 pm Passion Play (English)  
 5 pm Service (English)  
 6:30 pm Passion Play (Spanish)  
 8:00 pm Service (Spanish)

**Easter Sunday: April 21**  
*Mass in the Church:*  
 5:30 am, 6:45 am, 8:00 am,  
 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30  
 pm (Spanish) and 6:00 pm

*Mass in the Hall*  
 8:15 am (Spanish), 9:45 am  
 and 11:15 am

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday, April 18**  
 7:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Childcare available

**Good Friday, April 19**  
 7:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Childcare available

**Easter Sunday, April 21**  
 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Sanctuary  
 Children's Program, 9:00 am  
 Childcare (3 mo. - 5yr), 11:00 am

Join us for  
**EASTER SERVICES**  
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 April 19 at 7:30pm  
 Chancel Choir Cantata

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 April 21 at 9:00am & 10:30am  
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**FILE NO. 556368**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: World's Most Intelligent Man, 1152 Stealth St. Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Son Tien Dinh, 3014 San Juan Blvd, Belmont, CA 94002. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Son Tien Dinh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2019. Expires March 12, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4508. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 556559**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Quality Magic Cleaning Services 911 Lambaron Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alberto Ruiz, 911 Lambaron Ave, 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: 03/15/2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Alberto Ruiz Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2019. Expires March 15, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4509. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 556671**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Protein Research, 1852 Rutan Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Berkeley Nutritional MFG

Group, 1852 Rutan Drive Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 9, 2009. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Nina Betts, Vice President of Finance. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 19, 2019. Expires March 19, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4511. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 556769**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Roof Max, 7610 National Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yorkshire Roofing of Northern California, Inc, 7610 National Dr., 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: January 14, 2014. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Kenneth Falconi, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2019. Expires March 21, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4512. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 556936**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Metro Security, 5716 Preston Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sulaiman Omar Noory and Waseem Latifi, 609 S Tradition St, Tracy CA 95304. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Sulaiman Noory, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 25, 2019. Expires March 25, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4513. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 556831**  
 The following person(s) doing business as: Delta Solar, 260 Maple St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Caeton Roche, 260 Maple St, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Caeton Roche, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 21, 2019. Expires March 21, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4514. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**CARMEN E. CUNHA**  
 Aka **CARMEN CUNHA**  
 Case No. RP19012026

Attorney or Party Without Attorney: William Broderick-Villa SBN 277919 Curtis Legal Group, A Prof. Law Corp. P.O. Box 3030 /1300 K St., Suite B Modesto, CA 95353 Telephone NO.: 209-521-1800 Fax NO.209- 572-3501 E-Mail Address: WBroderick-villa@CurtisLegalGroup.com Attorney For: Alex Zamora SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, California 94704 Branch Name: Probate

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Carmen E. Cunha aka Carmen Cunha.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Alex Zamora in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that: Alex Zamora be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

(X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

**Date: 05/06/2019 TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 202. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Court-house / Probate Division.**

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

(X) Attorney for Petitioner: William Broderick-Villa P.O. Box 3030 / 1300 K Street, Suite B Modesto, CA 95354 209-521-1800

The Independent Legal No. 4515. Published April 4, 11, 18, 2019

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**Case No. RG19013354**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

**Petitioner:**  
 Jorge Manuel Figueira Fera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**Present Name:**  
 Jorge Manuel Figueira Fera  
**Proposed Name:**  
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# 10th Annual "Ride the Rails" to Benefit Relay for Life

By Laura Ness

The 10th Annual "Ride the Rails" Relay for Life cancer benefit will be held on Saturday April 27th, at the Sunol Depot of the Niles Canyon Railway. Everyone is invited to help the American Cancer Society free the world from cancer by participating in this fun event that features train rides and wine tasting. There will be lots of vendors, courtesy of Niles Canyon Artisans, at the railroad station in Sunol that day.

the depot in Sunol. They travel about 45 minutes, to the Niles station in Fremont, then return to the Sunol depot. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children (ages 2-12, with under 2 for free).

Says Andriotti, "Each train will have free wine tasting for those over 21 years of age. There is a snack bar aboard and food can be brought. We also have 'family friendly train robbers' that will be coming

Depot include ceramic artist Helene Marie Roylance, who creates hand painted ceramics with ornate designs. Her website is [www.lumpydoodles.com](http://www.lumpydoodles.com).

On hand will be Sunol couple Beverly and Stephen, both of whom are longtime railfans. Beverly Patterson designs and makes her own jewelry. Her husband Steve Barkkarie does watercolors and "palmogami," using palm fronds to make baskets and small animal figurines. Gene and Mary Bobik will exhibit hand thrown pottery, which employs beautiful earth colored glazes. Karen Lupo crafts purses, bags, and other hand sewn objects.

Ride the Rails ticket purchases include free wine tasting on the train.

Tickets are available at [ncry.org](http://ncry.org), and are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children. Children under 2 are free.

Departures are 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30pm. Sunol Depot is at 6 Kilkare Road, Sunol. For further info, [lyndarae@curecrusaders2019.fun](mailto:lyndarae@curecrusaders2019.fun). Also visit [www.curecrusaders2019.fun](http://www.curecrusaders2019.fun).



(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

According to Chair of the Relay for Life Ride the Rails event, Lynda Rae Andriotti, Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's most successful fundraiser and the organization's signature event. "The mission of Relay for Life is to raise funds to improve cancer survival, decrease the incidence of cancer, and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their caretakers. Ride the Rails is a regional fundraising event that encompasses the whole Bay Area in supporting the various Relay for Life groups and participants," says Andriotti.

The Cure Crusaders team and the Niles Canyon Railway Team are sponsoring the event this year. The Ride the Rails event was originally created by Robert Bradley, head of Commissary for Niles Canyon Railway.

There will be three trains on April 27, departing at 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30, from

around and anyone wishing to make donations will be appreciated. Again, all monies collected will be donated 100% to the American Cancer Society. Please come and join us for a day of fun and let's give back to our community as we stand United against Cancer."

The train and crew are entirely donated by Pacific Locomotive Association, operator of Niles Canyon Railway (NCRy). All proceeds from ticket sales go to the American Cancer Society. Andriotti says that in the past three years, they have raised nearly \$38,500, through Ride the Rails events.

One of the highlights of the event, which has grown in scope each year, are the tents containing all manner of treasures. Niles Canyon Artisans will have jewelry, watercolor paintings, hand painted ceramics, wood turning, pottery and fabric art. Talented artists who will be exhibiting at the Sunol

## Golden Spike Railfan Days, May 11 & 12

On May 11 and 12, many railroad lovers and history buffs will head to Promontory, Utah, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad. However, for Bay Area railfans, a trip to Utah is not necessary to commemorate this historic occasion. Instead, they will have a historic opportunity to celebrate the very important 150th Anniversary of the connection between the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad, which occurred in our back yard. On both days of the weekend, seasoned railroad buffs and newbies can ride on the tracks through Historic Niles Canyon, which represent the final link of the Transcontinental Railroad, opened in September of 1869.

The star of the show will be restored Mallet locomotives, a type of articulated steam railway locomotive

invented by the Swiss engineer Anatole Mallet. Train buffs will get to see "Skookum," the only locomotive of its kind in operating condition, now at the NCRy.

Offering ticket packages for hardcore train enthusiast and those in training, the NCRy Pro and Family Railfan events are a never-before offered opportunity for the novice railfan to ride behind two iconic standard gauge Mallet locomotives, the 2-6-6-2T Clover Valley Lumber Company #4 and the 2-4-4-2 Columbia River Belt Line Railway #7, better known as the Skookum, through Niles Canyon. On May 11, Skookum will be double-headed with the NCRy's Mallet, the 2-6-6-2 Clover Valley Lumber #4.

Says Henry Baum, President of NCRy, "When double-headed, Niles Canyon Railway will be the only place in the world where passengers can ride on a train being pulled by two standard gauge Mallet locomotives. And for us, it is the first time we will take passengers East of Sunol."

The Pro Railfan event starts at 10am, both Saturday and Sunday, while the Family Railfan event starts at 1:30pm both days. Included with the both Railfan fares is a lunch prepared by the Niles Canyon Commissary team in the Niles Station Garden, as well as some special souvenirs commemorating your visit. The Family Railfan lunch will be served at 12 noon prior to the 1:30pm departure time.

For serious railfans, or those who want more railroad exposure, a guided tour of Brightside Yard will be made available to the passengers on the Pro Railfan train ride. This tour will be limited to 30 people and will cost an additional \$30/per person. You will get an opportunity to see many additional pieces of NCRy's historic collection, including some that haven't been seen publicly for many years.

## Mother's Day Tea On the Rails

Tea on the Rails will take place the Sunday after Mother's Day, May 19. Tickets include an 80-minute excursion and the tea event, featuring tea, sandwiches, and dessert, served by volunteers. The event, which costs \$50 per person,

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# U.S. Energy Consumption Rises to Highest Level Ever

Americans used more energy in 2018 than in any other year, according to the most recent energy flow charts released by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Overall total energy consumption rose to 101.2 quadrillion BTU (or "quads"). The prior record, set in 2007, was 101.0 quads. Energy use went up by 3.6 percent from 2017, which also is the largest annual increase since 2010.

Each year, the Laboratory releases energy flow charts that illustrate the nation's consumption and use of energy. Americans used 3.5 quads (quadrillion BTU) more in 2018 than in 2017. A BTU, or British Thermal Unit, is a unit of measurement for energy; 3,400 BTUs is equivalent to about 1 kilowatt-hour.

The largest increases in energy supply came from natural gas, wind and solar energy. In 2018, wind use was up 0.18 quads (7.6 percent) and solar was up 0.18 quads (22 percent). Over the last decade (between 2008

and 2018), total renewable energy production has doubled, including a five-fold increase in wind power and a 48-fold increase in solar. Wind and solar combined now produce more electricity than hydroelectric power, which dominated renewable energy for decades.

Supply from natural gas increased by 3 quadrillion BTU, from 28 in 2017 to 31 in 2018, a 10.7 percent increase. "This reflects a significant increase to electricity generation, where gas continues to displace coal," Simon said. "2018 had a hotter summer than 2017, requiring more electricity for air conditioning, driving up gas consumption. It also had a colder winter, which increased gas demand in the residential sector."

Coal consumption continued to fall in 2018 by 0.7 quads or 5 percent, due mainly to increases in natural gas and renewable use.

Biomass use was up by about 0.2 quads or 5 percent from 2017 levels. Most of the increase in biomass use

was in the residential sector for heating. Biofuel use in transportation, which is dominated by ethanol use in gasoline, was essentially unchanged since 2017.

Petroleum use (oil) was up 0.7 quads or 2 percent, but barely budged in the dominant transportation sector. However, it rose substantially in the industrial sector. Although data are not yet available on specific uses within the sector, "it is likely the result of increased manufacturing, petrochemical production and refining of fuel for export," Simon said.

All energy use results in some losses, shown on the charts as rejected energy. This energy most often takes the form of waste heat, such as the warm exhaust from automobiles and furnaces. The efficiency of the nation's cars, lightbulbs and factories determines how much waste heat is produced, and how much fuel and electricity can be put to productive use.

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# Adventure Leads to the Top of Mt. Kilimanjaro

By Carol Graham

It was the adventure of a lifetime for two Livermore men who have lived lifetimes of adventure.

Both are grandfathers in their 60s, who have retired from careers at Sandia National Laboratories. Both had been Boy Scouts in their youth, who loved being outdoors. Both have a knack for building things, from houses and cars to airplanes. Both even share the same first name.

Then, last fall, on the morning of October 23, the two shared the view from the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain, and gazed over a sea of clouds while frigid winds coated their trekking poles with half an inch of solid ice.

"It felt incredible," said Doug Henson, 69.

"It was awesome, mainly because of the accomplishment of reaching the tallest mountain (19,341') on the African continent," said Doug Gehmlich, 62. "But visibility was not great the day we summited, and it was extremely cold and windy. As a result, we did not stay on top very long."

Yet they had made it. It was a journey that had begun a year earlier, some 10,000 miles away in the Bay Area.

"One of the key things I did when planning this trip was to be very selective about who I asked to participate," Henson said. "I wanted people with similar interests, in good physical condition and experienced in outdoor activities, and people who would enjoy the challenge."

The selected members called themselves "The Kili Five" — Henson, Gehmlich, Ming Lau (San Ramon), Carole Le Gall (former Livermore resident now living in Albuquerque), and Annick Le Gall (San Diego). The first four had worked together at Sandia, and all summited, while Annick, Carole's sister, had had to turn back due to altitude sickness.

"My favorite memories of the Mt. K climb are two-fold," Henson said. "First was the exhilaration of experiencing five different climate zones on the way to standing

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The summit photo showing the happy climbers coated in ice.

## Astronauts to Discuss Experiences in Space

Tammy Jernigan and Jeff Wisoff, two former NASA astronauts, now at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, share their spaceflight experiences: building the International Space Station, conducting spacewalks, and living in space.

The San Francisco Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America Tri-Valley District will host Destination: Space Station Beyond at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Wednesday, May 1 2019 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

This will be the 2019 fundraiser for the Tri-Valley District.

With video and photographs, they will take you through a mission from Shuttle launch to docking with the International Space Station to returning home again.

Before the show at 6 pm in the Lobby there will be interactive STEM exhibits featuring a wind tunnel, star gazing telescopes, and the recently crowned regional



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## The Drifters Coming to the Bankhead

One of the most iconic vocal groups of all time, The Drifters will bring their sleek smooth sound to the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Friday evening, May 3 at 8 p.m. Their songs include classic hits that have made up the soundtrack of past decades including "Up on the Roof," "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment," and "Save the Last Dance for Me." Their rendition of "Under the Boardwalk" has been recognized as the most played R&B song of all time.

The group came together in 1953 with lead vocalist Clyde McPhatter and were topping the R&B charts by late fall that year. Over the decades since The Drifters musical journey has included no fewer than five legendary lead singers, including Rock & Roll Hall of Famers McPhatter and Ben E. King. The Drifters marked many milestones over the years including being the first musical group to incorporate string instruments into R&B music and were the first musical group



**The Drifters**

to sell two million records. Along with fellow inductees the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, Bob Dylan and the Supremes, they were in the first class of Rock & Roll legends to be initiated into the Hall of Fame and the first African American group to be inducted.

Now on tour with Now on tour with a lineup of both veteran and new voices, they revisit favorite songs and melodies across the decades. Tickets are nearly sold out for their single performance on May 3. Remaining tickets start at just \$30. While all regular

priced \$20 tickets are sold, student and active military tickets are available at that price.

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

## Teens Invited to an Escape Room at the Library

The Livermore Public Library is hosting an escape room for teens on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 2:00 pm in the Community Rooms at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. This is no charge to attend this event.

Participants at this event will work together in teams to solve a series of themed puzzles and riddles left behind by an "art thief." The clues they uncover will eventually give them enough information to solve the mystery and find the missing artwork.

Students going into grades 6 through 12 are welcome to attend. Registration is not required for this free event. Teams will be no more than 10 people. There will be time for more than one team to play the game. Teams will play on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

## ASTRONAUTS

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champions Tri-Valley Robotics Team.

The presentation "Destination: Space Station Beyond" will begin at 7:00 pm.

All proceeds will go towards benefiting 2,000 young men and women in the Tri-Valley Scouting Community. The Scouting Program helps teach young people critical life skills such as personal integrity, participating citizenship, and group leadership skills so they grow up to be great community leaders like Tammy and Jeff. The Tri-Valley area hosts over 65 Scouting groups in the community ranging from 5 years of age to 18, boys and girls, High Adventure Crews and Career Exploration Posts. A Fund A Need campaign will also be conducted at the event.

Tickets are available at \$20. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 at the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street in Livermore. Tickets are available at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by calling 373-6800.

## Film on Wild Fire to Include Panel Discussion

The Livermore Public Library invites the public to a free screening of *Wilder than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future*. The film will be shown at the Civic Center Library located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers.

Four years in the making, *Wilder than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future*, released in 2018, is a one-hour documentary that reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed western forests to large, high-severity wildfires. Greenhouse gases released from these wild fires contribute to global warming. This vicious cycle jeopardizes forests and affects the population with extreme weather and more wildfires, some of which are now entering highly populated wildland-urban areas.

Highlighting these issues with personal experience, filmmaker Kevin White takes the audience on a journey from the Rim Fire of 2013 to the wine country wildfires of 2017. Learn how the proactive use of prescribed burns can reduce the need for fire suppression, see a California tribe renew their tradition of cultural fire, and meet stakeholder groups working with scientists and resource managers to build consensus on how to restore and manage the lands. "We need to rethink how we're living with wildfire," said White.

*Wilder than Wild* won the award for Best San Francisco Bay Area Environmental Feature film at the 2018 Green Film Festival. Following the documentary, filmmakers Kevin White and Stephen Most, and the City of Livermore Emergency Manager Herbert Cole will answer audience questions and provide helpful information.

Admission is free. No registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library as part of the library's Authors & Arts Series.

For more information about this and other events, visit the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) or call (925) 373-5500.

# Telegraph Quartet to Perform Three Pieces

Del Valle Fine Arts presents the final concert of its 2018-2019 season, featuring the Telegraph Quartet on Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 pm in the Bankhead Theater.

The Quartet was formed in 2013 with a passion for both the standard chamber music repertoire and 20th - 21st century music. Composed of Eric Chin and Joseph Maile, violins; Pei-Ling Lin, viola; and Jeremiah Shaw, cello, they have been the Faculty Quartet-in-Residence at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music since September 2017.

The Quartet won the 2016 Naumburg Chamber Music Competition. The San Francisco Chronicle noted they were “an incredibly valuable addition to the cultural landscape” and “powerfully adept . . . with a combination of brilliance and subtlety.” They have performed in Carnegie Hall, and in both San Francisco’s Herbst Hall and Conservatory of Music Chamber Masters Series, and in



**The Telegraph Quartet**

the Chautauqua Institute, Kneisel Hall, and Italy’s Emilia Romagna festivals. In 2016, the Quartet was one of the emerging quartets invited to the Biennale de quatuors à cordes at the Philharmonie de Paris. A past prize include the Grand

Prize at the 2014 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition.

The Telegraph Quartet will perform three substantial pieces, from the Classical, Modern and Romantic eras. Mozart’s Quartet in D Major is the first of a group of three so-called “Prussian” Quartets, composed in 1789, near the end of his short life. Although Mozart was then ill and in debt, none of that is reflected in this sublime and lyrical four-movement quartet, the Classical style at its most elegant and refined.

Mieczyslaw Weinberg (sometimes rendered as “Vainberg”), a Polish Jew transplanted to Russia, was an important Twentieth Century composer whose substantial musical oeuvre has only recently been receiving the attention it deserves. His quartets have much in common with

those of his friend Shostakovich: nervous energy, sudden shifts of mood, explosive pizzicatos, dark, keening passages, and odd, surprising interjections of humor. Given Russian musical politics at the time of his Sixth Quartet’s publication in 1946, the piece was never performed during Weinberg’s lifetime, and premiered in 2007. This complex, multi-faceted six-movement work is now considered to be one of his masterworks.

Antonin Dvorak’s tenth string quartet from 1879, nicknamed the “Slavonic”, has much in common with his popular Slavonic Dances, in that the spirit of Bohemian folk tunes and dances permeates the piece. Lyrical ballads and heartfelt sentiment share the musical stage with lively rustic tunes. Dvorak was a master musical craftsman

who could take seemingly simple folk material and transform it into sophisticated, yet accessible, art music. This quartet, one of his most frequently performed, is a superb example.

Tickets start at \$31, free youth tickets, and reduced-price college rush tickets at the box office, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at (925) 373-6800, or online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org).

## Whistlestop Writers Hosting Open Mic at Swirl

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres and abilities on Wednesday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

This will be an evening of food, great wine, and great writing. Livermore Poet Laureate Cynthia Patton, the event’s host, says, “Even if you don’t have something to read, come listen to talented local writers and poets. Jumpstart your creativity.”

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information contact [LivermorePoetLaureate@gmail.com](mailto:LivermorePoetLaureate@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

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## Foothill Junior to Hold Launch for Book of Short Stories

Arushi Avachat, a junior at Foothill High School in Pleasanton is planning a book launch.

Their book, a self-published short story collection titled "When Love Dies & Other Stories," will be introduced at the launch event at Inklings Coffee and Tea on April 27th from 3 to 5 p.m.

There will be readings and music.

Avachat says, "The book features eight unconnected short stories. Each story is a Young Adult fiction piece, exploring themes of heartache and loneliness and hope. The collection also contains artwork created by my older sister, Aashna Avachat, made specifically for each story."

Avachat is a 2018 National YoungArts Winner in Writing, as well as a three-time Scholastic Writing Awards National Medalist. Her writing has previously been published by The Apprentice Writer and Canvas Literary Journal.

She says, "I have been writing since I was in early elementary school. I've always been a huge bookworm—I used to read ten books a week during my elementary school summers. One day in third grade, I couldn't find anything new to read in my bookshelf, so I decided to write my own story. I've been writing ever since."

RSVP: [bit.ly/whenlovedieslaunch](http://bit.ly/whenlovedieslaunch)

Pre-order: [Paypal.avachat@hotmail.com](mailto:Paypal.avachat@hotmail.com) (\$12.99)

Inklings Coffee and Tea is located at 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

## Art and Wine Intertwined Includes Walk Of the Wearables Runway Show

The first "Art & Wine Intertwined" for 2019 will be held inside the Gallery at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2019, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Casual wine tasting will include offerings from McGrail, Retzlaff, and Charles R Vineyards, as well as Longevity Winery. Light appetizers will be served. Live music during the event will be provided by Andrew Mathers and Wombo Combo.

The event will coincide with the close of two current exhibits at the Gallery at the Bankhead Theater. "Wearable Art" features the work of more than 20 artists from Livermore and beyond and includes coats, jackets, shirts, and accessories, such as scarves, hats, purses, jewelry and more. All of the exhibit pieces will be modeled in a "Walk of the Wearables" runway show beginning at 3:30 p.m.

"Art & Wine Intertwined" is also the last day to view "Shangri-La," an exhibit of 15 jewel-toned Thangka, the work of artisans from the Tibetan Ganden Sumtseling Monastery in China. On display since early March, just four of the detailed Thangkas remain unsold.

Hosted by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, "Art & Wine Intertwined" events welcome the community to the Bankhead Theater and support LVPAC's goal to build awareness and share the visual and performing arts. The event is free and open to the public. Wine tastings are \$2 each or three for \$5.

Admission is free.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. For more information, go to [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org).



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## Garden Programs Part of Earth Day Weekend

Earth Day in Livermore: Open Gardens & Vineyards, Sat, April 20, 2019 are as follows:

Alameda County Master Gardeners at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, 9-10 a.m., am "Earth-friendly Plants for Tri-Valley Gardens" Presentation and Demonstration by Carol Vander Meulen

Alameda County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Martinelli Center, 3575 Greenville Road, Livermore 9:30 - 5:00 (Garden is open, but will not be hosted. There is a binder, and the plants speak for themselves) "Water Wise" plants as an alternative to the traditional home landscape. See the schedule of Garden talks, 2nd Saturdays, at <http://acmg.ucanr.edu/files/301772.pdf>

Alden Lane Nursery, 8:30 - 5:00 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free Seeds and planting info for all "Earth Day." Native and drought tolerant plants available for purchase.

Sunflower Hill Garden at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore 9:30 - 12:00. Organic food production

for all people and abilities. Tour available. Lynn Monica. Garden is also open on the last Sunday of the month, 1:00 - 4:00. [www.lhg.org](http://www.lhg.org)

Fertile GroundWorks, 4743 East Ave. Livermore - go to rear the rear of the Asbury church parking lot 9:30 - 12:00 Organic food production for all people. Tour available. Brenda Kusler. Children's seed planting activity will be offered.

Sycamore Grove Native Plant Garden, 1051 Wetmore Ave., Livermore Hosted 10:00 - 1:00. Garden is open for self guided tours the hours of the park. California Native Plants - for landscaping, wildlife habitat, water conservation, beauty. Hosted by volunteers: Diane Staedel and Holly Massey. Children's activity available

Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery, 12:30 to 4 p.m., 3035 Marina Ave, Livermore; Embodied Wines, 12 to 4 p.m., 2271 S. Vasco Rd; Retzlaff Organic Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave, Livermore 12:00 - 4:30, Tour at 1:00



# Vineyard Expands Science with an Emphasis on Exploration

During a field trip to the Oakland redwoods, students breathe in the fresh forest air while measuring the carbon dioxide levels with a digital tool to confirm what they can already feel: the redwood forest does a wonderful job of reducing carbon dioxide levels to clean the surrounding air. During this trip, students from Vineyard Alternative School – home to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's (LVJUSD) independent study programs – are in the natural world and discover the scientific applications they can relate to it. This is just one example of many educational excursions that Vineyard students are participating in this year that contribute richness and real-world context to their education.

Other field trips this school year have included environmental studies at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, bird watching in Sycamore Grove, and a rainbow trout release at Shadow Cliffs. This fall, Vineyard students were invited to join Liver-



Photos of rainbow trout release at Shadow Cliffs courtesy of LVJUSD

more High School teacher Renee Haugen's Field Biology students in a whale watching trip in Monterey Bay. Vineyard students will be visiting Half Moon Bay tide pools at the end of April and, in May, monitoring the water quality in Arroyo Mocho.

Vineyard science students attend weekly two-hour lab classes in small

groups of 10 to 20. They complete the rest of their week's studies independently, through teacher-created, online, or textbook-based assignments. The field trips offered at Vineyard round out the students' experiences in the sciences with relevant, locally-based learning opportunities, enhancing their regular studies.

The California Department of Education developed a blueprint in 2015 for environmental literacy in education that identified the value of meaningful learning experiences that leverage opportunities in one's community for exploration in nature, school grounds, local outdoor science programs, museums, aquariums, and science centers.

By frequently exploring the natural resources in their surrounding community, science students at Vineyard are able to connect their education with the world around them and expand their scientific inquiry outside of the classroom.

The science program at Vineyard has seen significant expansion, both inside and outside of the classroom, for the past several years. Three years ago, Vineyard offered its first college-preparatory lab science Biology course, followed by Conceptual Physics the next year. The 2018-19 school year has seen the addition of Field Biology, and more options will be available next year as Vineyard plans to add Chemistry and Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science courses.

In addition to the support from its parent and guardian community – who have been instrumental advocates for science funding – Vineyard can rely on its fellow LVJUSD partners to provide top-tier education to its students. Granada High School's William Rasor has already shared his extensive

Conceptual Physics curriculum with Vineyard. Regina Brinker, LVJUSD's STEM Coordinator, has supported Vineyard's science program with encouragement, inspiration, practical materials, professional development, and in-person visits to its science classes and field trips.

"I want to especially acknowledge the tremendous efforts from Vineyard's own Gretchen Reynolds," said Principal Carla Estrada-Hidalgo. "Her commitment to providing exciting, educational lessons ensure that all of her students have fruitful learning experiences that will last a lifetime."

The variety of classes, field trips that enhance each subject, and commitment of dedicated educators provide a valuable framework for environmental literacy to augment the school's science curriculum. As the Vineyard science program expands, so too does the appreciation of its students for the sciences as they absorb lessons that instill new insights into their world.

## Granada Native Garden Welcomes Visitors

On Earth Day weekend in Livermore (April 20-21), the Granada Native Garden will be welcoming visitors from about 10:00-2:00 each day. The Garden is always open to visitors, except between sunset and sunrise. Volunteers of the maintenance staff may be available to chat about the plants during these days.

The Granada Native Garden, once described as "Livermore's Best Kept Secret", consists of 1/3 acre devoted exclusively to a community of native California plants. A "community" of plants consists of different plants that are comfortable growing together in the same location, sharing similar needs of soil, water, temperature and exposure. "Native" California plants are plants that evolved in the California environment long before plants from Europe, Asia and Africa were introduced here by settlers 400-500 years ago.

Plants at the Granada Native Garden have adapted to the California environment and are able to thrive with a relative minimum of care. They have low irrigation requirements and are well suited to beautify local yards and parks. Many plants have markers that describe their importance to the environment or to the indigenous people.

The Granada Native Garden is located at 801 Murrieta Blvd. It is accessible by means of the Arroyo Mocho Trail, directly behind Granada High School. It is opposite the Nob Hill/RiteAid shopping center where parking is available. However, visitors who arrive by car need to cross Murrieta Blvd. at the pedestrian crossing at Fenton Street. Additional information about parking, the location and the history of the Garden can be found by accessing the Granada Native Garden Newsletter using a computer.

## East Bay Regional Parks Celebrate Earth Day

Every day is Earth Day in the East Bay Regional Park District, but it's always more special during the month of April when the Park District celebrates at multiple Earth Day events. Events are scheduled throughout the month of April.

According to the global nonprofit "Earth Day Network", the 2019 theme for Earth Day is to protect threatened and endangered species, a theme that is shared in the Park District's mission. Earth Day is both a celebration of the natural environment we enjoy in the Regional Parks, and a reminder of our responsibility to take care of it. The Park District encourages residents to enjoy outdoor activities on Earth Day at one or more of the East Bay Regional Park District events and activities below.

While most events are drop-in, registration is required for some activities. For more information about events, call 1-888-EBPARKS.



**Sophia Kim 3rd Place, Bronze Medal - Open Solo, Contemporary Composers**



**Calvin R. Shawler 2nd Place, Silver Medal - Treasury of Romantic Composers (Junior); 3rd Place, Bronze Medal - Open - Own Composition; 4th Place, Crystal Medal - Treasury of Russian Composers (Intermediate)**



**Misha Uberoy 3rd Place, Bronze Medal - Open Solo, Contemporary Composers; 3rd Place, Bronze Medal - Open Solo, Romantic Composers**



**Mina Uberoy - 3rd Place, Bronze Medal - Treasury of Russian Composers**



**Annelyse Combittis- 2nd Place, Silver Medal - Treasury of Russian Composers (Advance)**



**Evie Richardson - 4th Place, Crystal Medal - Treasury of Romantic Composers (Intermediate)**



**Ruman Das - 1st Place, Gold Medal - Treasury of Romantic Composers (Senior)**

## Local Piano Students Awarded Honors at the United States Music Open Competition

Seven local piano students competed recently in the 2019 United States Open Music Competition in Oakland. For many of the performers this was their first competition. Over 1500 musicians took part in this open music competition. All of these local students received high praise from the judges upon completing their performances. In addition, 7 of the young pianists received top honors as well as performance medals in the various categories in which they competed. The students all attend lessons currently at Galina's Music Studio in Livermore.

## ADVENTURE

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on top. Seeing the terrain, ecosystem and geology were of great interest to me. Second was watching how efficient our trekking company, Climb Kili, was at executing the task of getting us to the top. For our group of five, the staff of guides, porters, driver and cook totaled another 18 people. It was immediately clear to me that they knew what they were doing, and were key to our success. For instance, the middle three days of our trek were spent at approximately 13,000', which allowed us to acclimatize to the high altitude. Our lead guide was tracking our health the entire time. The food we were fed was a high-caloric, carbohydrate-loaded diet designed to provide us with the necessary intake to function in the strenuous high-elevation environment."

Both Henson and Gehmlich had been honing their hiking skills for almost their entire lives. Henson was raised in Kansas City, Mo., by parents who were avid watersport – boating, skiing, and fishing — enthusiasts.

"I was a Boy Scout, where I learned how to live in the wilderness and take care of myself when away from civilization," Henson said. "My family was blue-collar economically, so I learned early on that making things myself was the way to acquire what I couldn't afford to buy. My first car was a non-running clunker, which meant I had to learn in real time how to repair it before it was useful to me. Later in life, those skills drove me to the adventures of restoring a car, building the house we live in, and building the aircraft that my wife and I use

on vacations; we've flown it to the Bahamas, Baja, Canada, and everywhere in between."

Gehmlich was born and mainly raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. His parents hailed from a small farming community in Alberta, Canada, where Gehmlich spent many summers enjoying the cool weather and long daylight hours.

"Our family went camping every summer, and often combined camping with waterskiing trips," he said. "My other interests as a teen included woodworking and rebuilding old cars. I still own my very first car, a 1941 Ford Super Deluxe, which I purchased for \$25 from a wrecking yard when I was just 14. By the time I was old enough to drive, I had completely rebuilt every aspect of that car. I drove it for many years as my main transportation, even after moving to Livermore."

Gehmlich worked at Sandia for 36 years, before retiring a year and a half ago.

"I'm enjoying retirement very much," he said. "I've been married to my wife Deloris for over 40 years, and we have four children and 11 grandchildren. Immediately after retirement, my wife and I traveled with three other couples by RV to Alaska and back. We drove the entire Alaska-Canadian Highway over a 12-week period. The scenery all through the northern U.S., Canada and Alaska, as well as the fishing in Alaska, made that trip one of the most enjoyable vacations of our lives. We are currently planning another 11-week RV trip to Maine

this fall, where I plan to climb Mount Washington — weather permitting." (Rising 6,288', New Hampshire's Mount Washington is the highest peak in the northeastern United States and boasts some of the most severe weather on the planet.)

Henson, enthralled by the NASA headlines of his boyhood, went on to study aerospace engineering at the University of Kansas, followed by serving as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

At Sandia, "I had the good fortune to not only be a design engineer, but also in management. At retirement I was Director of Stockpile Systems," he said. "As a retiree, I tell people that I am in the hobby phase of my life. Hobbies include: grandchildren, travel, woodworking, adventures like Mt. K, shooting sports, and maintaining our home."

While both Henson and Gehmlich have extensive climbing histories, the Mt. Kilimanjaro endeavor offered an additional adventure.

"We followed the climb with a nine-day safari led by a company called Wayo Africa," Henson said. "We camped in several safari camps in three different national parks: Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti. During those days, we saw more intriguing and unique animals in the wild up-close-and-personal than anywhere else I've been."

"We actually got to go hiking amongst the animals," added Gehmlich. "That was the perfect icing on the cake for the Kilimanjaro trip."

# Hike for Hope to Raise Funds for Hope Hospice

Hope Hospice's ninth annual Hike for Hope and barbecue will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Participants can check-in and start their hike between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Upon completion, hikers are invited to a complimentary barbecue lunch sponsored by MCE Corporation. The event ends approximately at 1 p.m.

Hike for Hope is a memorial hike and fundraiser. All net proceeds enable Hope Hospice to continue nearly 40 years of providing comfort and compassion to patients and their families at the end of life, including the free Family Caregiver

Educational Series and bereavement services.

Two trail options are available for Hike for Hope participants. One is an easy 2.6-mile out-and-back route (which is easily shortened to one's comfort level) along the lake. The other route is a 4.4-mile hike (moderate incline) with spectacular views of the valley, lake, and surrounding hills.

Hikers can form teams for fun, to build camaraderie, or engage in a spirited competition with other organizations and businesses. Solo participants are also welcome.

The registration fee for the Hike for Hope is \$45.

Children 12 years and younger may hike for free, but must register. Hikers can register at [TheHikeForHope.com](http://TheHikeForHope.com) or by calling Hope Hospice at 925-829-8770 for a printed registration form.

"Hike for Hope provides much-needed funds to care for the 2,000-plus residents we serve in the Tri-Valley area each year," says Jennifer Hansen, CEO of Hope Hospice. "Several of our services, such as the Family Caregiver Education Series and bereavement counseling, are available to the community free of charge, and funds raised through Hike for Hope benefit these programs. The hike also provides an opportunity to celebrate the joy our loved ones brought us, and we encourage hikers to bring photos or mementos of their special person with them," she adds.

Sponsors who are supporting this event include Hitachi Vantara, Graham Hitch Mortuary, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Pleasanton Emergency Medical



Out on the trail.

Group, MCE Corporation, Bradley Tanks Inc., Sutter Health—Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and media sponsors KKIQ Radio and Diablo magazine.

The 2019 Hike for Hope committee chair is Brian Kehoe, Senior Vice President of Heritage Bank of

Commerce in Pleasanton. "I invite community members to join us as hikers or donors for this deeply rewarding event," Kehoe says. "Many businesses annually show their support and help to make Hike for Hope a success through their sponsorships." Kehoe adds that

it's not too late for more businesses to get involved as sponsors for this worthy event. Corporate sponsorship levels are Excellence, \$10,000; Compassion, \$5,000; Comfort, \$2,500; and Kindness, \$1,000.

Sign up today at [TheHikeforHope.com](http://TheHikeforHope.com) and learn more about the event.



Emma Smith Elementary, 5th Grader Natnael Leary is the recipient of one of the 5th Annual African American Student Achievement and Excellence Awards. He received the Cultural Leadership And Civic Involvement category. The African American Regional Educational Alliances Organization, which gives the awards, states, "This category recognizes the student who demonstrates an intangible quality which uplifts their community and is engaged in various leadership and/or civic activities in his/her school, church or community." Natnael is pictured with Joe Meunier, Principal of Emma Smith Elementary. The 5th Annual African American Student Achievement and Excellence Awards were announced at Chabot College on April 12, 2019.

## Tri-Valley Rep Opens with Mamma Mia!

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre has announced its 36th Season with two shows at the Bankhead Theater and one at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The season opens with Mamma Mia! Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 at 8:00pm and Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 1, 2 at 2:00pm. ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

Children of Eden will be performed July 18, 25, Aug. 1 at 8:00pm and July 19, 26, Aug. 1, 2 at 2:00pm. Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, comes a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith... not to mention centuries of unresolved family business.

Brochures and order forms with information about season tickets are posted [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org) or call the box office at 925-462-2121.

For tickets to shows at The Bankhead Theater in Livermore visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

At the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton The Fantasticks will be presented November 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8:00pm and November 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 at 2:00pm. "Try

To Remember" a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences around the world. The Fantasticks is the longest-running musical in the world and with good reason: at the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. The result is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time.

Damn Yankees is set for April/May 2020: April 25, May 1, 2, 8, 9 at 8:00pm.

April 26, May 2, 3, 9, 10 at 2:00pm.

Based on the novel, The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant by Douglass Wallop, Damn Yankees the Broadway mega-hit and winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, hits it out of the park! The winning score by Adler and Ross and a devilish book by George Abbot have made this sporty musical comedy a true American classic.

For tickets to shows at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton - visit the Firehouse Arts box office at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or call 925-931-4848, Wednesday-Friday, noon to 6pm, Saturday, 10-4pm or visit online [www.firehousearts.org/](http://www.firehousearts.org/)

For more information visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit 'Artistry'** on view seven days a week to Sunday, April 21, 2019. Guest artist Jean Cherie will be showing her Raku sculpture pieces. Members' artworks include paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, and wearable art. The Blackhawk Gallery is located at 3416 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville, Blackhawk Plaza. (925) 648-8023. For more information, please contact Blackhawk Gallery Director Kerima Swain at swain.kerima@gmail.com

**Wearable Art**, Bankhead Theater Gallery Exhibit March 5 through April 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org.

**Shangrila**, original artwork painted by Tibetan monks from Shangrila, China. Theater Founders Room March 6 - April 27. Closing reception, April 27 at 1:30 - 4:30. www.bothwell.lvpac.org/events

**Fresh Works XI**, April 27 to June 1, 2019. Opening Reception Saturday, April 27 at 1 to 3 p.m. Exhibition opportunity for emerging and established artists who reside or work in the greater Bay Area, with the focus of the exhibition being on new works. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, www.firehousearts.org

"Walk of the Wearables" Runway Show/

Art & Wine Intertwined, Saturday, April 27, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Gallery at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Free

**11th annual Figurative Art exhibition**, sponsored by the Livermore Art Association and the Bothwell Arts Center. May 3, 4, 5. Artists reception and award St., May 4, noon to 4 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 Eight St. in Livermore. Free admission.

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

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore.

Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

## WINERIES

**Fun Friday's at Wood Family Vineyards**. Live Music 4 - 7 pm - April 19th The Foam Riders; April 26th The Breedloves. 2407 Research Dr., Livermore.

**Earth Day at Rodrigue Molyneux Winery**, Sat., April 20, 12:30 pm. to 4 p.m. informational tour of the California native plant gardens that surround the tasting room. In honor of Earth Day, a portion of every tasting fee on Saturday, April 20 will be donated to the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation. Guests are invited to take home cuttings from the bay leaf tree. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com

**Las Positas Vineyards**, Saturday and Sunday, April 20th & 21st 2015 Estate Tempranillo Release Event and featured food pairing flight will be a International Cheese & Wine pairing flight offered all weekend long. Tasting Room will be open all weekend long and included in the Reserve Flight is the award winning Estate Tempranillo. More information, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

**Spring Vocal Concert**, Las Positas College Main Stage, April 18. Chamber Choir and Vocal East Jazz Ensemble spring concert. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php

**Ragtime to Jazz: The Music of James Reese Europe**, 7:30 p.m. April 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800

**Oshima Brothers**. In concert Friday, April 19, 8:00 p.m. at Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. Harmony rich blend of contemporary folk and acoustic pop. Dynamic vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, loops and percussion. Set list include tracks from their 2016 debut album, plus much more. Note: Only Northern California show on current national tour. Reserved Seat Tickets \$15 - \$25. Tickets available at www.fire-

housearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. Free parking.

**Jazz Combos Concert**, Las Positas College Main Stage, April 25. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php

**Quarteto Nuevo**, 8 p.m. April 26 Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Avenue, Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet Show**, 8 p.m. April 27. B West Coast Performing Arts Presents Celebrate the tropical paradise of the music of Jimmy Buffett as Garratt Wilkin and the Parrotheads recreate an actual Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer event. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**The Drifters**, May 3, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**Telegraph Quartet**, strings, May 4, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**San Francisco String Trio - The Sgt. Pepper Project**, May 12, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**Keb' Mo'** - Grammy Award Winning Blues Master, 7:30 p.m. May 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

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

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, Beethoven: The Heroic, Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org. 373-6800.

**G.I. Blues: The Elvis Presley Songbook**, May 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**Jim Anderson & The Rebels**, May 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**John Waite**, 8 p.m. May 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800

## ON THE STAGE

**High School Music Collaborative: Originality 2.0: Live, Local, and Original - Youth Music Festival 2019**, April 18, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

**The Mystery of Irma Vep** at Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville, April 12-28. Role Players Ensemble. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. www.villagetheatreshows.com

**High School Music Collaborative:**

## Las Positas Students to Perform Spring Vocal Concert

The Las Positas College (LPC) Department of Music presents its Spring Vocal Concert featuring guest artist M-PACT on Wednesday, April 24 at the Las Positas College Main Stage, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The show, beginning at 7 p.m., includes the Las Positas College Chamber Choir and vocal jazz student groups Vocal East and The Late Set. Vocal East has prepared five songs including arrangements by Darmon Meader I Can't Believe You're in Love with Me and Phil Mattson I'll Be Seeing You, while The Late Set will perform three selections including Stevie Wonder's Have A Talk With God, arranged by M-PACT's Matthew Selby.

The Chamber Choir will sing seven pieces including the Moses Hogan arrangement of The Battle

of Jericho, Sam Robson's arrangement of One Day I'll Fly Away, Johannes Brahms' Warum, the Honey Whiskey Trio-arranged Who's Gonna Be Your Man with the Chamber Choir's sopranos and altos, the David Wright-arranged Hello Mary Lou performed barbershop-style with the Chamber Choir's tenors and basses, Ludovico de Viadana's O Sacrum Convivium and Jonathan Rathbone's Sakkijarven Polkka.

"As artists, it is our ongoing goal to honor our selected music through the best performances of which we are capable," said LPC's Director of Choral and Vocal Studies Ian Brekke. "We hope to motivate, uplift and inspire our audiences. People choose to attend live performances for hundreds of reasons, and we aspire to offer at least something for everyone."

According to Brekke, students have been preparing for the show since January, putting in time beyond the groups' two rehearsals each week.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and diligence the students have put into these sets," he said. "Their overall growth as ensembles and musicians has been fantastic and will make for a wonderful evening of artistry. Our program is also very excited to host M-PACT, a highly renowned vocal group based in Los Angeles."

Hailed as "one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world" by the San Francisco Chronicle, M-PACT has performed domestically and internationally at concert halls, performing arts centers and festivals, and is currently working on their sixth album while maintaining a steady tour schedule



**M-PACT**

for their symphony show Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students, seniors and mili-

tary and \$15 at the door. They are available online at laspositascollege.edu/music.

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Parental Control; Parents just don't understand... how great it'll be - Youth Music Festival 2019, April 13, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848

**Smokey Joe's Cafe**, April 27-May 12, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Theater for Young Audiences**, Las Positas College Black Box, May 4-12.2 Live performance for children and their families.. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performance/index.php>

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

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

## COMEDY

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

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

**The Capitol Steps**, May 5, 5 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org), 373-6800.

**Best of San Francisco Comedy Competition**, 8 p.m. May 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org).

org or call 925-373-6800.

## DANCE

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

**Valley Dance Theatre** Spring REP 2019. May 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org), 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**A Star is Born** (1954 movie), 7 p.m. May 15. A yo2ung and struggling singer who has nearly given up on her dreams of success, Ally (Judy Garland) steps up at a critical moment. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org), 373-6800.

## CHORAL

**Broadway Treasures: From Then 'til Now** (Annual Benefit Concert), Saturday, May 4, 2019, 3:00 pm. benefit for the Valley Concert Chorale, includes tea, coffee and cakes in an informal setting while listening to the music from Broadway favorites including Paint Your Wagon, My Fair Lady, Beautiful - The Carole King Musical, and Disney's Aladdin, Lion King, and Frozen. Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore. <http://www.valleyconcert-chorale.org>

## AUDITIONS

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Announces Auditions: "The Fantasticks"** "Try To Remember" a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences around the world. The Fantasticks is the longest-running musical in the world. Director: Lexie Lazear, Choreographer: Erin Carrino, Musical Director: Sierra

Dee, Producer: Kathleen Breedveld Auditions at Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite #101, Pleasanton. By Appointment Only: Monday April 29th and Tuesday April 30th, 7:30pm to 9:00pm Contact the Producer at: [kbreedveld@trivalleyrep.org](mailto:kbreedveld@trivalleyrep.org) to make an appointment. 16-32 bars of a Broadway Standard or up-Beat tempo. Bring an audition form with all rehearsal conflicts and a current headshot and resume. Be prepared and dressed to move and have cold readings from the script. Rehearsals begin approx. Mid-September 2019. Performances begin November 2nd and run Fridays through Sunday's until November 17th, 2019. Competitive Stipends will be available. There may be one AEA Tier 1 Guest Artist contact available. Detailed role information and audition form at: <https://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/the-fantasticks>

**Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble** is seeking kids ages 7 to 15 to audition for their Performing Arts Youth Academy (PAYA) main-stage production of the Disney musical, FROZEN JR! Auditions will be held on April 23rd and April 25th from 4pm to 7pm, with callbacks on April 27th. Students must audition if interested in participating. Rehearsals will be incorporated into the 2-week summer PAYA program, which will be held in Brentwood on Monday - Friday mornings July 15th - 26th. The PAYA Program will culminate with two public performances of Frozen Jr., both on July 27th. The cost to participate is \$195 for the two-week session. For additional siblings who live in the same household, Ghostlight is offering a discounted price of \$175 per additional sibling. For full details and to sign-up for an audition appointment, visit: <http://ghostlighttheatre.org/main-stage-frozen-jr.html>. For further information, contact Helen Dixon at [helen@ghostlighttheatre.org](mailto:helen@ghostlighttheatre.org).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Spring Eggstravaganza**, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 20. egg hunt, Flopsy and Peter Rabbit for photos, participate in crafts and games. Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. Children must purchase a ticket in advance to participate. Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 833-6645.

**Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt**, 10 a.m. to noon April 20, Downtown Pleasanton, Children 10 years and younger are invited to participate. Children will receive a goody bag and adults will receive a list of clues and locations to lead them to goodies throughout downtown at over a dozen participating businesses. [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**Treasures of Japan**, May 4 and 5, Free, two-day event includes taiko drums; demonstrations in ikebana, kendo, bonsai, Japanese fashions and Japanese language. Also included Japanese tea ceremony, Japanese games, origami and music Japanese Arts and Culture Exhibits, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton [www.PleasantonArts.org](http://www.PleasantonArts.org)



**Annual Spring Rose Show sponsored by Mount Diablo Rose Society will be held Sat., April 27. Hundreds of beautiful blooms on display from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dublin Library 200 Civic Plaza. Admission is free. For information to go [www.mtdiablolorosesociety.org](http://www.mtdiablolorosesociety.org), or contact Lou Evans at (510) 331-6115.**

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

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

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

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

**28th Annual Livermore Downtown Street Fest**, May 18 - May 19, Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Along First Street from the Livermore Cinema down to N Street. The side Streets have unique experiences and activities. The best of the Livermore Valley's wineries and breweries will be

creating Pop Up Tasting Room experiences. Livermore Downtown Inc. [www.livermoredowntown.com/events](http://www.livermoredowntown.com/events)

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

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

## Bollywood Night Set at High School

Bollywood Night returns again this year, re-vamped: Livermore Laasya on April 20th from 7-10 p.m. at Livermore High School.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The night will begin with performances from dance groups around the Bay Area. After these performances are completed, the dance floor will open up to anyone. DJ Tanveer will be playing some of the latest hit Bollywood and American songs.

Henna, by Brow Designs, will be available at the event. Catering will be provided by Aroma House serving a variety of non-vegetarian or vegetarian meals, sweets, and drinks.

Tickets are available online at [tinyurl.com/livermorelaasya](http://tinyurl.com/livermorelaasya). Tickets are \$10 now through 4/19 and increase to \$15 on the day of the event. Kids 5 and under are admitted free. Ticket price does not include food or henna.

For more information or any questions, please, [lhbollywoodnight@gmail.com](mailto:lhbollywoodnight@gmail.com).

## Tenor Sax Master At Inklings

Oakland-based Howard Wiley (pictured) will guest on Inklings Stage on Friday, April 26th, supported by Sly Randolph (drums), James Hall (vibes and keyboard) and Matt Finders (bass).



Howard's laying, rooted in the Blues, encompasses the jazz language from Coleman Hawkins to Ornette Coleman.

Howard will play the compositions of great Jazz masters, including Monk, Horace Silver, Clifford Brown, Coltrane and Jobim. Playing are drummer Sly Randolph in a return visit, having backed trumpeter/singer Geechi Taylor and young vibes star James Hall in March.

Seats can be reserved on EventBrite for this sponsored free event at Inklings, 530 Main St. Pleasanton. Doors open at 6.15 pm and the music starts at 7 pm.

JAZZ ON

# INKLINGS

COFFEE & TEA  
STAGE

Friday, April 26th 7pm - 8:30pm

## HOWARD WILEY

TENOR SAX  
with...

James Hall Sly Randolph Matt Finders

Free admission • Doors open at 6:15pm

Seat reservations on EventBrite  
Inklings Event Room • 530 Main St, Pleasanton



# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Livermore Community Blood Drive:** Friday, April 19, 12-6:00 p.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue. Every single day, Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood to keep sick and injured patients alive. Please come donate, bring a friend or family member to the drive and give the gift of life to our friends and neighbors who need it. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use AS-BURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164 for more information.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA,** April 24, 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Fremont, RSVP by April 22 to Vickie at 510-656-1166. April 28, 1 p.m. Bosco's Bones & Brew in Sunol, RSVP by April 25 to Ruby at 462-9636.

**Moms Demand Action Livermore Valley** meeting Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM. Legislative update and talk about Safe Kids Month. Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton, Room C, Youth Room.

**Singles wine tasting party,** Single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who appreciate fine wine, Saturday, April 20, 2019, 4-6pm, at Pat Paulsen Vineyards, 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore. \$10 at the door includes 3 free tastes, accompanied by light food to cleanse the palate. This event is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; VinVillage; and many singles meetups. More singles parties at [www.thepartyhotline.com](http://www.thepartyhotline.com).

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

**Life Transitions for Aging Adults (LTAA)** St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave, Livermore. . The Science Behind Social Connections in Aging. Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 – 2:30, Borromeo Hall. Doors open at 12:30 for social time. .All are welcome to attend. For information: Molly Fisher 925-449-8849

**Dress a Girl Around the World,** an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is April 27, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, Corner of 3rd and Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors,

along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**Looking for folks interested** in organizing, running, and building a daylong LGBT + Pride event in early October. All ideas, inspirations, and positive contributions are welcome at this community kick-off meetup. Meet us at Panama Bay Coffeehouse on Tuesday, April 23, at 6pm.

**Registration for the Fifteenth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour,** on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 10:00 to 5:00, is now open. This award-winning, self-drive tour features thirty seven Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, water conserving, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. Four of these gardens are located in Livermore. Pre-registration for the Tour is required. \$10 to purchase the garden guide; donations requested. [www.BringingBacktheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBacktheNatives.net), (510) 236-9558

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

**The Masonic Lodge of Livermore** is having an Open House on April 27. Learn about the building on the corner of South Livermore Ave and First St. in Livermore. Questions about the Masons, come by for information. 119 South Livermore Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.

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

**Jewelry Donations Needed.** The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is holding its semi-annual jewelry event to be held April 26-28, 2019. The Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches. Take a moment to peek in your jewelry box and donate some of your unused vintage, designer, costume and precious jewelry. Help make a difference in the fight against cancer. Donations are accepted at the shop Mon.-Fri. 10-5; Sat. 10-4; Sun. 12-4. The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza at 1989 Santa Rita Road, Suite E, Pleasanton. Contact Kelley Meno at 925-462-7374 for more information.

**Writing Club for Young Adults** led by young adult author J.L. Powers will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month: May 16, 2019. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free. No registration is required. Aspiring writers may attend each meeting or as many or few

as wanted. Teen Space page on the library's website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net), or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

are welcome. More information located on Sunrise's Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/>

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

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

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

**Tri-Valley Haven** - Individual Counseling & Group Therapy Openings. For over forty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a non-profit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, and their children in the Tri-Valley. The Haven provides free, professional individual and group therapy for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and poverty. For more information on Tri-Valley Haven's Support Groups and Individual Counseling, please call: (925) 449-5845.

**Docents for the Livermore HistoryMobile.** Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail [n.mulligan@comcast.net](mailto:n.mulligan@comcast.net).

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

**Counter Point (Addiction Family Support Group),** Counter Point is a free faith based, Christ centered (Al Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. We meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship (348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore across from Costco) and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church

Street, Livermore). For further information contact Kent (925-243-0211) or Rachel (510-501-1411).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to homebound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 p.m.. For more information, please call (925)483-1989.

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

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

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

**Shepherd's Gate New Life Thrift Store,** open at 4014 East Ave. Hours will be 9-7

Monday through Friday, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday. Donations can be left at 4014 East Ave in the rear of the building. 9:30 AM to 5 PM M-F, 8-2:30pm Sat, closed Sundays & holidays.

**Italian Catholic Federation,** meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 462-2487.

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

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

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

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

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

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and support of veterans' causes. The American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

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

**Assistance League® of Amador Valley** invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, [www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org), e-mail [assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com), or call (925) 461-6401.

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

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

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

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

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth

heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

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

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

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

925-447-8747.

**Congregation Beth Emek**, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

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

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

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

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

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

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org) or 925-447-4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 447-3428.

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

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal Street. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:35 a.m., Nursery, Children's Church (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study will be taking a break, Senior Adult Ministry every other month. Call for date and time and other church programs at 846-8650.

**Trinity Church**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM [trinitylivermore.org](http://trinitylivermore.org) or 925-447-1848.

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

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

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday

School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church**, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://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](http://www.goodshepherd-livermore.org) or call (950) 371-6200.

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

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

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

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

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

**Lynwood United Methodist Church** at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Pastor Henry Kim at 846-0221, send an email to [office@lynwood.org](mailto:office@lynwood.org) or visit [www.lynwood.org](http://www.lynwood.org).

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** - Livermore Stake: Sunday services - 1501 Hillcrest Ave. Sycamore Grove Ward 9:00 am; Windmill Springs Ward 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.

**Asbury United Methodist Church 4743** East Avenue, Livermore. Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Asbury will host a joint worship service with Lynwood UMC and Grace UMC at Asbury. Worship will begin at 6:30pm. Childcare will be available for the portion of time that the service is in the Sanctuary. Good Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m. Tenebrae Worship includes a Reader's Theater Drama of the last days of Jesus's life. The Faith Choir will provide special choral music; there will be congregational singing; and a special viola solo. Easter Sunrise 6 a.m. outside at the fire pit in the Garden of Grace (weather permitting, if raining, in the Chapel). First Service of Easter 8 a.m. in the sanctuary led by the Asbury Band with Easter music, scriptures and hymns. Childcare in the Nursery for ages 5 and under. Second Service of Easter 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with the Faith Choir, special Easter music, scriptures and hymns. Childcare for children ages 5 and under in the nursery. Following Worship Services Children's Moment, Pre-K through 5th grade and Middle School & High School will have Sunday school. Labyrinth area Easter Egg hunt. For more information about other opportunities visit [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Dublin school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org) (925)828-1846.

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. .Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfranciscatholicchurch.org](mailto:stfranciscatholicchurch.org).

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

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

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

**GraceWay Church** worships at 10 a.m.

Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. [www.gracewaylife.org](http://www.gracewaylife.org) (925) 846-4436.

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

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

**Gateway Church**, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://gatewaylivermore.org) or call Larry Trummel at 449.1444.

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcome is starting a A Caregivers Support Group. Second Saturday of the month from 10:30 - Noon in the Fireside Room. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Kathy, some Stephen Leaders and others with experience in this area. This group is open to people in the community as well. For more information, please talk with Pastor Kathy. [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find our most updated information and worship sermons. All are welcome.

**Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley** - Join us on a journey of individual and collective spiritual awakening. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact [revharriet1@yahoo.com](mailto:revharriet1@yahoo.com) or visit us at <http://cslvlighthouse.org>.

# Milestones



Pictured, from left, are Katie Wiest; Nikita Jayaprakash; Alyssa Chen; and Amador Valley High School PLTW engineering teacher and coach, Tony Dennis. (Not pictured: Fellow Amador PLTW engineering teacher and coach Laurie James)

## Students Do Well in Design Challenge

On April 13, a team of three Amador Valley High School freshmen, Alyssa Chen, Nikita Jayaprakash, and Katie Wiest, placed second out of 15 teams from 14 high schools around the Bay Area at the 2019 Chevron Design Challenge East Bay Regionals Event. This all-day engineering design competition was sponsored by Chevron and Project Lead The Way. Amador Valley High School and the Pleasanton Unified School District served as the event host.

The team, which is coached by Amador PLTW Engineering teachers, Tony Dennis and Laurie James, will represent Amador at the Chevron Design Challenge State Finals in Bakersfield on May 4.

Each of the team members received a certificate and a \$100 Visa gift card. Chevron also provided the team with \$1300 towards expenses for their trip to the state finals event.

The Chevron Design Challenge is a one-day event where students gather to complete a rigorous engineering design challenge. Teams are composed of three students, all of whom have completed or are currently enrolled in a Project Lead The Way Introduction to Engineering Design or Introduction to Design class. None of the team members can have competed in the Chevron Design Challenge before. Teams have the entire day to work together and create an original design that

meets the design specifications given. At various times during the day, the teams will be required to submit sketches, assembly drawings, parts drawings, and an exploded view with parts list for judging. At the end of the day, they will give a short presentation of their design to a panel of industry judges.

## DAR Announces Top Teacher

The Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the DAR, presents The Outstanding Teacher award each year to a teacher who is currently teaching in the Livermore School District. He or she, must be nominated by a JHL member and be an outstanding teacher who goes above and beyond the normal duties of a teacher, giving his or her students positive experiences

that enrich their lives and who will be fondly remembered long after their students graduate. This award is unique to the local chapter as a way of recognizing teachers who have a positive impact on students.

The Outstanding Teacher award this year goes to Michael McCafferty, who teaches at Granada High School. He is the 19th teacher

to receive the award from the chapter. He teaches Freshmen in Transition, Social Science, U. S. History and the Freshmen Football Team. He extended the tradition to the Freshman football team to wear dress shirts, ties and slacks on game day. Those players walked taller representing their team because of McCafferty. He is a mentor to his students and to the faculty.

He said that he got into teaching because it allows him to serve his community and to make relationships and connections with young people that are both impactful and meaningful. Teaching is an incredible profession which allows him to use his ability as a communicator, as a speaker and as a person who cares for others and wishes to import character and human value into others necessary for the greater good. He loves the energy young people bring to school and is thankful and humbled by the opportunity to learn from them and establish connections that are lifelong and also in a mentor capacity.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in Sociology with an emphasis on Justice Studies from Montana State University in Bozeman and a masters degree from the University of Phoenix in education. He currently teaches U.S. history, honors geography and freshmen in transition, a support program for incoming ninth graders at Granada High School. He has been teaching for a total of 14 years.

Letters and notes of thanks to McCafferty mention: guidance and support, encouragement, positive attitude and energy he brings to class, life lessons, extra attention and help, student looking forward to his class, a parents said that their child was a better person because of him.

To learn more, visit [www.californiadar.org/chapters/jhlivermore/index.html](http://www.californiadar.org/chapters/jhlivermore/index.html).



Deborah McMenamin (Chapter Regent), Michael McCafferty (Outstanding Teacher) and Pat Baker, DAR.

Gail Bryan photographer

## Crab Feed A Success

The Knights of Columbus hosted a gala crab feed and charity auction for over 400 supporters at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Saturday, March 16. This 46th year of this annual fundraising event.

In addition to the abundant fare, which included crab and pasta plus a variety of fine local wines and craft beers, Knights supporters were treated to three sets by the popular local band "Mixed Nuts", the last of which led to a packed dance floor until the event ended.

Over 100 Knights worked diligently to prepare and host this event. At the end of the night, the result was a fun, and delicious, evening of charity that raised a significant amount of money for charity. The success of the event will enable the Livermore Knights to continue their great activities that support local community and charitable organizations.