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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.

## Scale-back on High Speed Rail May Leave More Grants for Valley Link

By Ron McNicoll

Gov. Gavin Newsom's State of the State speech on February 12 in the Assembly Chamber paralleled the budget message he gave in January, but contained two big surprises that may have implications for Valley institutions.

One new disclosure brought out that Newsom wants to scale back the High Speed Rail (HSR) project for which his predecessor, Jerry

Brown, advocated. This could put the Valley Link rail project, now in the early planning stage, in line for access to more state and local grants.

There are two reasons for optimism, said Valley Link Executive Director Michael Tree.

A revised HSR project of 165 miles of track, instead of the original 800-mile project linking San Diego to the Bay Area, would not be competing for as much money

as originally projected. That would leave more money in the funding pot for Valley Link to access, said Tree.

Work on HSR in the Central Valley has been going on for several years, and is running over budget and behind schedule. Newsom said that he is committed to building it out from Merced south to Bakersfield. If that happens, Valley Link could become relatively more important; it would

bring residents in the more affordable Central Valley to jobs in the Bay Area. If Valley Link could fill that critical role, Tree said that it might command more attention for funding from Sacramento.

### NEWSOM WANTS TO DROP ONE TUNNEL

Surprising legislators a second time, Newsom announced his decision not to support the twin

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## Project Would Offer Skilled Employment Opportunities

The Livermore City Council will discuss a proposed 372,500 square foot warehouse/distribution building, with ancillary assembly and 29,000 square feet of office uses. It would be constructed on a 19.1-acre site at the southwest corner of Isabel Avenue and Jack London Boulevard.

The item is listed on the February 25 agenda. The council meeting begins at 7 p.m.

According to a staff report, "The proposal will contribute skilled employment opportunities to the city's job supply."

The project provides 295 parking spaces, as well as parking for 49 trailers and loading docks for 50 tractor-trailers.

LLC, representing Prologis, Inc., intends to lease the building to RK Logistics Group, Inc., a third-party company providing logistics services exclusively to Lam Research Corporation.

The project will include public art in the form of a metal sculpture at the corner of Isabel Avenue and Jack London Boulevard. Landscaping and low-profile curvilinear walls will frame the public art.

The walls of the facility reach a maximum height of 49 feet, and include height variations of up to 4.5 feet. The proposed wall heights exceed the 40-foot maximum permitted building height for buildings

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Almond blossoms offer a hint of the upcoming spring (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Grant to Help Underperforming PUSD Students

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) has received a \$456,000 grant from the state to identify and give extra help to underperforming students who are not covered by other state-funded programs. The added specialists will spend their time working closely with the students.

District staff explained the program to the PUSD school board at its Feb. 12 meeting.

The grant, one-time money from the State Department of Education, must be spent between March 2019 and November 2021.

Students to be served come from grades 3 to 8, and grade 11. Staff estimates that more than 400 students will benefit from the funding.

Superintendent David Haglund said that the district wants to "fortify existing programs, and make them more robust," not add something that is entirely new.

Specialists to be hired may include those working in reading and English Language support.

On another item, the board approved reappointing five members of the Citizens Bond Oversight

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## Bill Focuses On Separating Abusers from Their Guns

Congressman Eric Swalwell, who represents the Valley's 15th District, has reintroduced his earlier bill to help protect domestic violence victims from being murdered with guns.

The bill, HR 1287, the "No Guns for Abusers Act" would require the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to report to Congress on the best practices that jurisdictions should use to require anyone charged with or convicted of a domestic violence crime, or subject to a domestic violence protective order, to relinquish all their firearms.

The NIJ is the research, development and evaluation agency of the federal Department of Justice.

The bill's original 22 cosponsors are all Democrats. They include Congressman Jerry McNerney, a former Pleasanton resident, whose district once included Pleasanton and Dublin; South Bay Congressman Ro Khanna of Fremont; and Congressman Joe Kennedy III of Massachusetts.

"With a woman killed every day, on average, by an abuser's gun, it's common sense that we do more to make sure domestic abusers don't have firearms," Swalwell asserted in a news release.

"Developing best practices to seize guns from abusers means better enforcement of the laws we already have, and that leads to saving lives," continued Swalwell.

One study found that a woman's risk of femicide (the killing of women) increases by a factor of

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## Dublin 'A', Pleasanton 'C' and Livermore 'D' for Tobacco Control

Valley cities have kept the same grades they received last year in an American Lung Association (ALA) report card that evaluates city ordinances that limit tobacco use.

The ALA annually publishes municipal tobacco control mea-

sures. At another time during the year, it issues listings of the outdoor air pollution for the worst and best cities and counties, pollution caused by motor vehicles and industry.

This year's report on tobacco control was released Jan. 31 based

on data collected in 2018.

Livermore, with its overall grade of D, and Pleasanton, with a C, showed no improvement in tobacco control over the past year. The lack of a grade change indicated that neither city instituted new controls on tobacco sales and

smoke in public areas.

Dublin kept its A grade, which it has maintained for several consecutive years, because it has taken more steps than other cities to bring in tighter controls than the standards set by state laws.

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Scenic vista of the hills overlooking Del Valle Park after heavy rains (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Open Space Committee Working on Priority List

The Altamont Landfill Open Space Advisory Committee began a process to create lists that would be used as a tool for the committee to work with in granting funds.

Money for the acquisition of open space lands in eastern Alameda County is available as a result

of a legal settlement in connection with expansion of the Altamont Landfill.

The topic discussed at the special meeting on February 8 was titled, "Prioritizing Land Conservation in Eastern Alameda County."

The priority lists and fund allocations would be consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The session was conducted by consultants Van Butsic and Diana Moanga, U.C. Berkeley.

"It is very much a work in progress," said Dick Schneider, who

represents the Sierra Club.

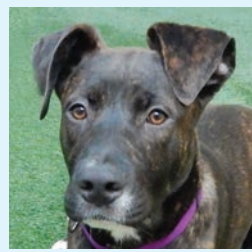
Currently, there is \$15 million available to purchase land on the eastern side of the Tri-Valley, and just over \$1 million for land on the western side.

According to the Settlement

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### PET OF THE WEEK

### BALDWIN



Strike the right chord with a playful puppy! Baldwin is a 7-month-old brindle female large breed mix – she loves playing with other dogs, chasing her toys and a round of tug-o-war! Already weighing over 40 pounds and still a pup, Baldwin is a baby grand. Just as the Baldwin piano is America's Favorite, this delightful girl will be your favorite! Baldwin is spayed, microchipped and vaccinated. Visit Baldwin 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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# Report Suggests Ways to Provide Affordable Housing

More than 100 housing rights activists, allies, and public officials met Feb. 14 at The California Endowment to discuss the statement, "Can't Build Our Way Out: Community-Based Solutions to the Bay Area Housing Crisis. The East Bay Community Law Center and Urban Habitat formally released their joint report called, "Rooted in Home", that includes proposed actions. Among those interviewed for the report was Jeff Levin, Policy Director for East Bay Housing Organizations.

Among the members are the City of Pleasanton Housing Division, as well as Abode Services and Eden Housing, which provide services in the Tri-Valley.

In a moderated discussion, community experts from across the region shared actionable solutions to what is referred to as the affordability crisis. Cynthia Fong (Housing Rights Committee, San Francisco), Needa Bee (The Village, Oakland), and Jocelin Hernandez (Serve the People, San Jose), presented strategies grounded in permanent affordability and dignity, including the formation of community land trusts, effective use of public land, and building the power of tenants and homeless people to create solutions and construct livable shelters for themselves.

The Rooted in Home report described the San Francisco Bay Area as one of the wealthiest metropolitan regions in the world, stating that it should be able to provide stable, decent, affordable housing for all of its residents. The report states, "Instead, the region is in the grips of an acute housing affordability crisis."

The report introduces examples of alternative solutions and responses to the housing crisis that people are actively working on in the Bay Area and beyond.

They include the following:

- Informal settlements to respond to the failure of the market. They are part of a spectrum of non-market responses organized by people who have been pushed out of, or were never able to fully enter, the housing market. Using a harm reduction approach, cities should sanction encampments and provide sanitation and social services, thereby allowing people to survive through the housing crisis.

- Community land trusts and cooperatives to create permanently affordable housing that is replicable and scalable across the Bay Area. Community land trusts limit increases in land and housing prices over time and can provide stability for communities most at risk of displacement and economic hardship from speculative land development. Permanent real estate cooperatives, an emerging cooperative model, have the potential to raise community-sourced capital from a broad membership base, in order to develop affordable and community-controlled housing.

- Public land can host pilot programs. Municipalities and other public entities have an opportunity to mitigate the cost of land in hot markets, build deeply affordable housing, and make a key political intervention into the increasing privatization of public property and services.

The report estimates that currently, the capacity for 35,000 units of affordable housing on public land exists near transit across the Bay Area.

- Cities can enact a first-right-of-refusal policy to help level the playing field for low- and moderate-income tenants, community land trusts, and cooperatives trying to purchase property in the Bay Area. Cities can also create funding programs to subsidize the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing affordable buildings in which tenants are at risk of displacement, thereby protecting long-term tenants against

eviction and preserving properties as permanently affordable.

- Cities and other governments should promote a scaled-up social housing system in which housing is not owned and operated to make a profit and provides security of tenure for residents. Cities can support progressive taxation, tenant protection policies, and the use of public land to promote social housing types, such as public housing, resident-controlled limited-equity cooperatives, and deed-restricted affordable housing held by community land trusts and non-profits.

The report states that more data is needed about the existence and availability of public land. It states, "The State of California, the Bay Area, and regional cities and counties must create and maintain full inventories of their public land. These inventories should include the zoning for and status of different sites. Local jurisdictions must pass ordinances that affirm their commitment to developing permanent, deeply affordable housing on public land and clarify their disposition processes. Local jurisdictions should include public lands in their Housing Elements to encourage compliance with inventory requirements."

In addition, the report recommends that regional transportation dollars be tied to community planning processes, developing affordable housing on public land, and other demonstrations of how a jurisdiction is utilizing public land for public benefit.

The report concludes, "We must radically rethink our relation to land and shelter in this country, moving towards a model where housing is seen as a decommodified public good that is available to everyone."

The full report is available at [https://ebcl.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Final-PDF\\_Rooted-In-Home-Report.pdf](https://ebcl.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Final-PDF_Rooted-In-Home-Report.pdf)

# Antarctic Kayak Adventure Continues

A Livermore father-daughter pair continued its Antarctic kayaking adventure last week, paddling and sailing south along the long Antarctic Peninsula that juts toward South America from the Antarctic mainland.

The two are Kim and Allison Grandfield. Kim, now retired, is the cofounder and former owner of Sunrise Mountain sports in Livermore. Allison, his daughter, grew up in Livermore and now works in Emeryville.

They are part of a small group of adventurers who crossed Drake Passage from South America by sailboat and are now kayaking in and around large and small islands that harbor wildlife, offer natural shelter and in some cases have human occupants.

Currently, they are exploring around latitude 65 south, roughly the equivalent in the Northern Hemisphere of Fairbanks, Alaska.

While kayaking, they have seen "penguins & whales everywhere," Kim Grandfield wrote. "Also, lots of icebergs big and small." Crabeater seals, the world's most abundant seal species, are plentiful.

It is mid-summer in the Southern Hemisphere. Temperatures have commonly ranged from 25 to 35 degrees, with relatively little temperature drop at night, Kim wrote.

Watching the natural sights themselves, the kayakers have been objects of curiosity for a couple of small passing cruise ships, Kim said. "Our small group

seems to be almost another site to see for them. Everyone is very curious."

Whether they kayak or sail in their host ship, the Spirit of Sydney, depends both on the day's weather and the distance to be covered.

One day last week, when 35-mile winds roiled the sea and made paddling dangerous, the kayakers took a break and visited Port Lockroy, a natural harbor on Goudier Island that is a popular stopping point for cruise boats.

The Port has been a whaling station, a naval outpost and a research center. It has a museum honoring Britain's historical presence and the world's southernmost post office.

# Las Positas College Fire Academy Receives Additional Accreditation and Recognition

Las Positas College's Fire Academy was recently recommended by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Office of the State Fire Marshall, State Fire Training Division (OSFM-SFT) as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system. The program, accredited for an initial period of three years, will provide certificates from SFT and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and is intended to provide an educated recruit base for fire departments in the state of California.

The new accreditation will allow LPC to offer a Basic Firefighter -1 academy,

which will allow graduates to obtain work as firefighters through instruction that will provide an academic, behavioral, physical and manipulative skills base. Students will additionally receive certificates from OFSM-ST and NWCF in Incident Command Systems and Wildland Firefighting, and graduates will be prepared to enter into select firefighter positions within Alameda County and Contra Costa County fire departments.

"Receiving this accreditation could not have been done without the hard work and vision of Faculty Emeritus Ron Johansen in the

Fire Science Technology program and Deans Neal Ely, Lisa Everett, Nan Ho and Don Carlson," LPC's Interim President Roanna Bennie. "We have the expectation and hope that all LPC Fire Academy graduates will obtain employment in fire departments throughout Alameda County or become firefighters elsewhere within the state or country."

LPC's first ARTP Fire Academy began on January 15 with 30 students prepared to begin their training under the tutelage of Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) firefighters and officers appointed to teach through LPC.

# EMPLOYMENT

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located within 5,000 feet of the Livermore Municipal Airport (established in LDC §4.02.040.C). However, the building height is well below the maximum permitted height established in Part 77 of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR)2.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Livermore Airport staff reviewed the initial project proposal, a 43-foot tall building, and confirmed the building height did not present a hazard to air navigation.

The applicant increased the proposed building height at the corners to screen rooftop mechanical equipment and to provide more architectural detailing. The design changes brought the building height up to 49 feet, including the corner tower elements. The applicant requested a new FAA review in December 2018, but has not received a response due to FAA staffing limitations during the partial federal government shutdown. Livermore Airport staff reviewed the revised proposal and indicated that

the increased height remains below the maximum permitted and will not impact air navigation.

The Planning Commission reviewed the project at a public hearing on January 15, 2019, and voted unanimously to recommend approval, subject to the staff recommendations. Public testimony included comments from five speakers.

The speakers included three individuals who supported the project, a resident on Yellowstone Way with concern over potential noise impacts, and a legal

representative for labor organizations who requested the Planning Commission continue the hearing.

A letter from the labor representative asserts that the City prematurely scheduled the hearing and that the item should be continued past the date of the public comment period on the environmental document. The staff report states, "The public notice, environmental document, and environmental review period for this project meet all applicable requirements."

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tunnels. They have been planned to bypass the Delta, as part of the California Water Fix.

However, Newsom said he wanted to keep one of the tunnels as a compromise. Abandoning the second tunnel would be a money-saver.

Backers of two tunnels have said having both are important, in case one requires maintenance or is damaged in an earthquake. Zone 7 Water Agency General Manager Valerie Pryor said, "We are glad (Newsom) still supports it, and wants to build on the work being done. At Zone 7, we plan to work with him. All of the State Water Contractors are saying that."

Zone 7, the Valley's water wholesaler, voted 5-2 in 2017 to back the Water Fix, the first State Water Contractor to do so. Zone 7 held a seat at the table for years in Sacramento helping to plan the project.

Even if Zone 7 were able to start other projects to add to its water portfolio — all of them more costly to ratepayers than the Water Fix — the agency would still need to obtain water from Lake Oroville, which is north of the Delta, and now supplies 80% of Zone 7 water. Broadening the Zone 7 water supply portfolio would not bring the Zone 7 need for Lake Oroville any lower than 50%, directors have said. According to supporters of the Water Fix's Delta bypass, the tunnels will help Zone 7 and other state Water Contractors take water when they need it, without violating terms of a court settlement protecting Delta fish and plants at their critical habitat times.

On the other side of the twin tunnels controversy, opponent Restore the Delta (RTD) saw Newsom's announcement, despite his backing for one tunnel, as

something of a victory for its 12 years of work trying to get what its members said would better treat the Delta and the farmers and residents there who depend on it.

After hearing Newsom's speech, RTD Executive Director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla said in a message to members and the news media, "Let's breathe and be grateful."

Looking ahead, RTD still has much to examine about the future plan. Barrigan-Parrilla said that a single-tunnel plan has not been analyzed by the State Water Resources Control Board, so the twin tunnels plan already submitted may have to be withdrawn, or greatly amended. It may even be that the Department of Water Resources will have to start over on the EIR, said Barrigan-Parrilla.

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## 29th Annual Day in the Park To be Hosted by the Taylor Family Foundation

The Taylor Family Foundation (TTF) will celebrate its annual Day in the Park fundraiser Sunday, August 25th at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Proceeds support The Taylor Family Foundation's mission to preserve the wellness and enhance the quality of life for children in Northern California

the community who are in critical need. TTF supports these families in medical crisis through grants that provide children with clothing, pay for funeral expenses, and pay for medical devices. Sophie's Place, TTF's mobile music therapy program in partnership with Wells Fargo and the Forever Young



living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental disabilities and youth at-risk through unique therapeutic experiences and support.

The event will include noted celebrities, including local news personalities ABC7/KGO TV's Cheryl Jennings and Mike Nicco. Doug McConnell will be on hand along with radio personalities Jim Hampton from KKIQ/KKDV, Sue Hall of 96.5 KOIT and the San Francisco Bonneville Radio Stations and KCBS Food & Wine Editor, Narsai David.

TTF continues its commitment to providing financial and emotional support for children and families in

Foundation, brings music therapy to camp and those who are homebound or patients in Northern California hospitals.

This year's auction fundraiser features gourmet food, wine, and beer from some of Northern California's top restaurants, wineries and breweries. Priceless and rare live auction items include private chef dinners and sports packages, red carpet events, luxurious vacations and other glamorous packages. Individual tickets are \$250 and tables of 10 are \$3,000 for General and \$3,500 for Preferred.

For tickets/tables for Day in the Park, please visit [www.ttf.org](http://www.ttf.org) or call (925) 455-5118.

## Dublin Police Services' 2019 Citizens Academy Open For Registration

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Dublin Police Services will begin hosting its 2019 Citizens Academy for adults who reside or work in Dublin. The Academy's ten-week program will be held on consecutive Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., culminating in a graduation ceremony on May 29, 2019.

The goal of the Citizens Academy is to teach the public about law enforcement operations, foster a partnership between the community and law enforcement, and promote community policing by supporting and encouraging citizen involvement. The Academy will offer instruction by experienced law enforcement staff. Participants will have an opportunity to tour the Alameda County Crime Lab, Coroner's Office, Juvenile Hall, Santa Rita Jail (the fifth largest jail in the nation), as well as get a taste of officer training at the Emergency

Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

Sessions are limited to 25 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Potential participants must be at least 18 years old, and must successfully complete a background investigations check, sign waiver forms, and be approved by the Chief of Police. Felony convictions or serious criminal arrests are cause for dismissing an applicant.

Applications are available online at [www.dublin.ca.gov/citizensacademy](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/citizensacademy), by e-mail, fax, or in person at the Dublin Police Services (100 Civic Plaza, Dublin). To request that an application be sent to you by e-mail or fax, please contact Officer Christina Blaylock at (925) 833-6690 or via e-mail at [christina.blaylock@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:christina.blaylock@dublin.ca.gov). The application deadline is Sunday, March 3, 2019, at 11:59 p.m.

## ABUSERS

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five if the abuser has access to a firearm. The study was conducted in 11 cities in 2003, and published in the American Journal of Public Health at [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/10683686\\_Risk\\_Factors\\_for\\_Femicide\\_in\\_Abusive\\_Relationships\\_Results\\_From\\_a\\_Multisite\\_Case\\_Control\\_Study](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/10683686_Risk_Factors_for_Femicide_in_Abusive_Relationships_Results_From_a_Multisite_Case_Control_Study).

Information carried on The Trace website, a non-profit dedicated to reporting on gun violence, brought out that 95% of police officers who were killed while responding to domestic disputes were killed with firearms.

According to The Trace, if federal law bars convicted domestic abusers from gun ownership, but state laws do not provide matching legislation, local authorities often have no effective way of disarming those found or alleged to have harmed a partner. Only a small number of states have adopted such laws.

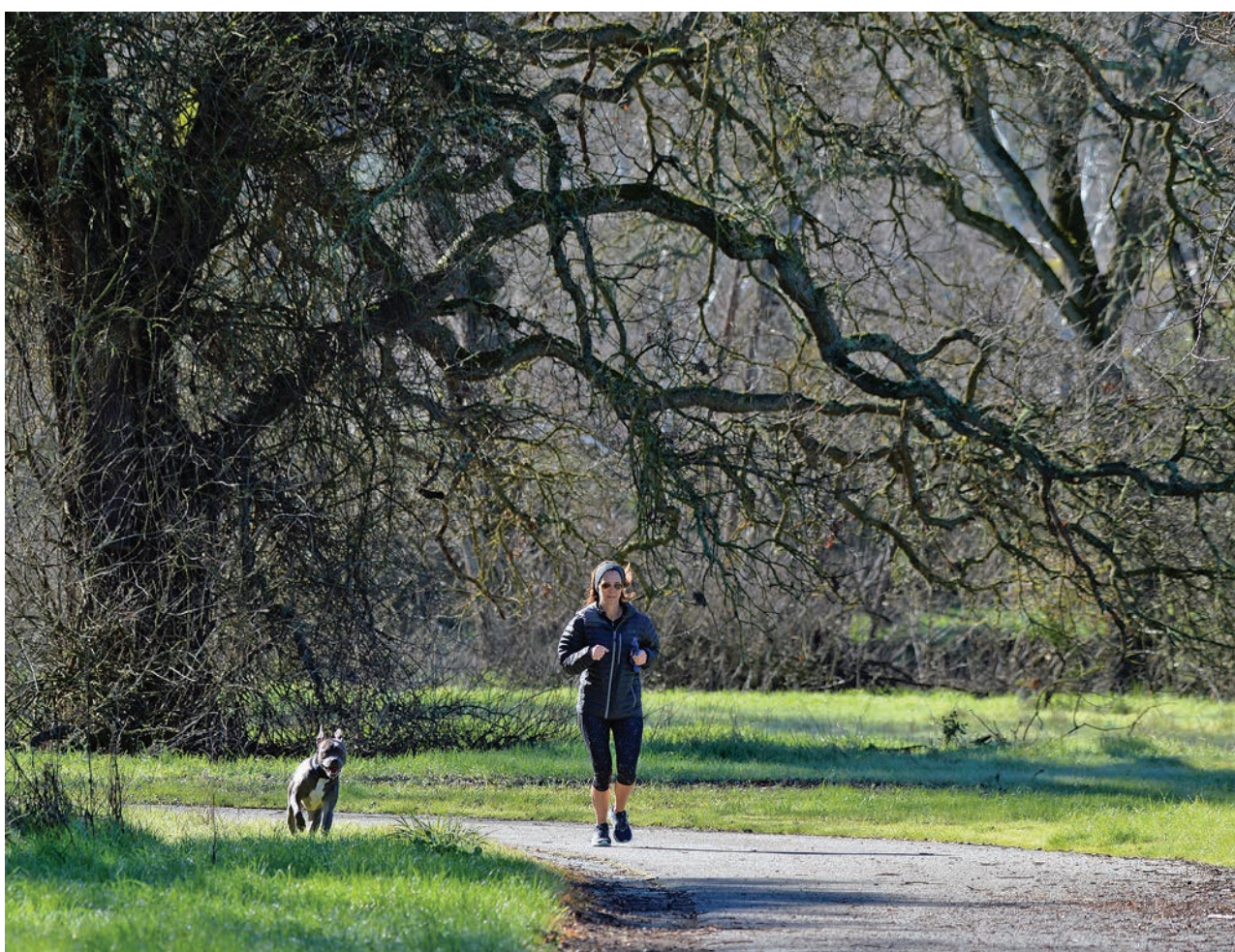
Although many people think that the term "mass shooting" is applied only

to the massacre of civilians in big numbers — 17 at Parkland Fla., 20 students and six staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and 58 killed and 400 wounded at an outdoor concert at a Las Vegas hotel, the killing of a woman and her children by an abuser is also a mass shooting, reports The Trace.

The site quotes the story of a woman who told friends on Facebook that she was finally leaving her abusive husband. Afterwards, he shot her dead, along with her three children, then killed himself with a handgun, the weapon of choice for most abusers who kill their romantic partners or spouses.

In other instances, abusers kill spouses, but also in-laws, parents and innocent bystanders who happen to be at the murder scene.

A study of deaths over a six year period found that in 57% of shootings that resulted in the death of at least four people by gunfire, the attacker killed a family member or a romantic partner.



A runner and her dog enjoy the beautiful weather on Marilyn Murphy Kane trail in Pleasanton (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## ALA

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The overall tobacco grade is a composite of scores in several categories that make up a complicated formula. The categories include smoke-free outdoor air, smoke-free housing, and reduction of sales of tobacco products. A community can earn bonus points in the separate category of emerging issues in tobacco control.

In the subcategories, Livermore's best effort showed up in smoke-free outdoor air, with points for regulations that include dining, entryways, and recreation areas. However, the city received almost no points for smoke-free apartment housing, except a non-smoking common area requirement. It scored no points in tobacco retailer licensing, and only one bonus point for language connected to smoke-free areas.

State law controls retail-

er licensing, in an attempt to punish dealers who sell to anyone under age 21. However, local communities can pass ordinances that take a more active stance in regard to enforcement.

Livermore has not passed tighter rules in regard to retailer licensing, nor has Pleasanton. However, Dublin picked up points for its retailer licensing requirements.

Pleasanton scored better than Livermore, because it ranked slightly better than Livermore in smoke-free outdoor air regulations. Pleasanton also scored points for smoke-free apartments and non-smoking common areas, which helped it attain the C overall grade again this year.

All three communities earned a bonus point for going further than state law by

including electronic cigarettes or other new, emerging tobacco products, in the second-hand smoke laws.

Dublin earned two additional bonus points for restricting where electronic cigarettes and other emerging tobacco products can be sold.

California has no state law that prevents tobacco retailers from selling their products within a certain district of a school or park. Putting more distance between the retailers and facilities used by youths is important to discourage them from buying tobacco products.

Dublin was included among 39 California cities and unincorporated areas of counties that earned an A grade. In 2013, that group counted only 18 members. The 39 jurisdictions represent 6% of the state's

population.

Pleasanton and other cities that were given a C rating make up 31% of the state's population. In the grade D group, which includes Livermore, 15% of the California population were counted.

Communities that have earned a B represent 14%, and 35% of the state fell into the F ranking.

## PUSD GRANT

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Committee. The reappointed members are Patricia Kohlen, Samantha Webb Kading, Keith Lam, Yi Huang, and Steve Zevanove. Another member, Jill Buck, who has represented the business community, did not seek reappointment.

Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services Micaela Ochoa thanked Buck for her service, and said the district will recruit her replacement, and also an additional appointee.

By law, a bond oversight committee is required to meet only once a year, but PUSD's committee has met seven times. "We had great feedback and dialogue with them," said Ochoa.

In a related matter, the district announced in a news release Feb. 12 that the II bond measure was audited for the first time. The "no finding" evaluation means

that the public can rely on the information in the financial books for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018.

The auditors, from the firm of Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez and Leavitt, rendered an unmodified opinion for both the bond audit and the district books, the highest opinion possible.

The board also established a budget subcommittee of the board to review and provide policy direction about financial planning for the district. The board unanimously chose trustees Mark Miller and Joan Laursen as members, and board Vice-president Steve Maher as alternate.

After the board and subcommittee discuss bylaws, the subcommittee will meet in April and May to examine the budget that the board will adopt in June for the next fiscal year.



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## EDITORIAL

### Health Care Gap Filled

A long-time goal of providing dental services in the Tri-Valley for low-income residents has become a reality.

Axis Community Health surveys found that over one-third of its patients referred for dental care were unable to get care because of the distance patients

would have to travel, and long waits for appointments.

Axis took on the challenge to fill the gap in local health care. After three years of searching to find a location that was affordable to Axis, as well as the right size and easily accessible, Axis announced success. It opened the new dental clinic on February 5.

The facility, located in Dublin, housed a former dental practice.

Services include preventive care and treatment for basic dental needs, such as fillings, extractions and uncomplicated root canals. As many as 2,000 patients are expected to be served in the first year, with an emphasis on dental care for children.

All three valley communities contributed money toward the clinic. They are funds well spent.

## OPEN SPACE

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Agreement, the first priority for acquisition involves properties having significant value for preservation of native biological diversity and/or wildlife habitat. Second priority is given to properties providing significant value for visual character and/or non-motorized recreation.

The Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee, composed of representatives from Alameda County, the City of Livermore, the City of Pleasanton, and the Sierra Club, recommends to the cities which properties should receive funding.

Schneider said at the meeting a start was made in evaluating conservation values of property.

The fifteen attendees took part in two exercises. In the first, they were asked to evaluate each property in terms of the four categories listed as priorities in the settlement. Properties could

have more than one attribute, creating layers.

The second exercise awarded points to determine what would be the most important consideration in determining the importance of a property. Schneider noted that land that provided connectivity received the most points. Land with special status species ranked second.

The consultants will now refine the data provided at the special session. According to Shawn Wilson, Chief of Staff for Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a meeting on March 15 will be held to present the results to the Committee. Eventually, maps will show actual parcels, Schneider said.

Schneider pointed out that in the 18 years since the settlement, only 18 grants have been awarded. "It would be good to acquire and protect lands sooner than later."

## MAILBOX

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### Tri-Valley Homeless

Glenn Stewart, Livermore

I read with interest Greg Scott's The Homeless Games, Parts I, II, III, and IV, in Mailbox letters on Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, and Feb. 7.

In Bloomberg Businessweek, Nov. 20, 2018, the headline read: The Homeless Crisis Is Getting Worse in America's Richest Cities.

The article stated, "A toxic combination of slow wage growth and skyrocketing rents has put housing out of reach for a greater number of people."

And to Greg Scott's point in the Bloomberg article, "Doing nothing isn't doing nothing," says Sara Rankin, professor at Seattle's School of Law and the director of the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project. "Doing nothing costs more money."

Then there's the moral argument for action. "It's outrageous to me that in a country with so much wealth – and certainly enough for everybody – that there are people who lack even the basics for survival," says Maria Foscarinis, founder and director of the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty.

I wondered if any city in the USA has successfully addressed homelessness, and happened to read about a homeless shelter in Boulder, Colo. – Boulder Shelter for the Homeless ([bouldershelter.org](http://bouldershelter.org)) Food – Shelter – Hope. Check it out.

Could this be a model for the Tri-Valley homeless, where Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Alameda County come together to build a similar shelter in the Tri-Valley, and various groups, volunteers and private citizens contribute?

Maybe Livermore can take the lead and host the next homeless summit soon.

### Resolution for a Green New Deal

Alan Marling, Livermore

I grew up in Livermore surrounded by windmills, not quite understanding the significance of alternative energy. Its importance and the seriousness of climate change became all too clear last year as I choked for weeks in the smoke of the Camp fires. Now I am scared for my future. Will the fires grow worse and worse?

I have only seen one plan that treats climate change as the crisis it is. The Green New Deal will stop climate change and create millions

of good jobs, making advanced windmills and other kinds of renewable energy. I wish to thank Representative Eric Swalwell for supporting the resolution for the Green New Deal and standing with future generations.

### New York Abortion Law

Patrick Martin, Livermore

Where are the moral guardrails for the Democratic Party?

Last month, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) into law. The law grants practically unrestricted access to abortion thus allowing the killing of an unborn child right up to the moment of delivery. Governor Cuomo's action was followed, oddly enough, by a standing ovation from lawmakers present in the senate chamber.

RHA's myopic thrust to secure a near absolute right to abortion violates all manner of morality and decency. Why should advancing a particular right result in the violent ending of another life? Where is the compassionate concern for the minority of the unborn?

The callous disregard of unborn life is in sharp contrast to the celebration and standing ovation by New York state senators following the bill's passage.

Just what on earth are these people celebrating?

### Thank You

Fatima Donato, Tri-Valley Haven Volunteer Coordinator

On February 13th at a local church, Tri-Valley Haven held their annual Homeless Outreach and gave away coats, blankets, clothing, hats, scarves, sleeping bags and other warm items, assisting over 57 people in need. This help came just in time for many homeless residents in Livermore, some of whom were flooded out of their encampment that morning and lost all their belongings.

Tri-Valley Haven thanks the many generous community members who donated these needed items for our local homeless people. We serve the Tri-Valley with: two shelters - one for survivors of domestic violence and the other for homeless families; a food pantry, which is open five days per week; community counseling; sexual assault survivor services; a restraining order legal clinic; and a thrift store. If you would like to know more about Tri-Valley Haven and our work, see our website [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org), or call (925) 449-5845.

### "Gotta Know When to Hold, When to Fold.."

Daryl R. Carlson, Livermore

So Livermore's answer to the Koch Brothers, the Friends of Livermore, got caught in the cookie jar and owe \$6,000 because they failed to follow election regulations. These are the people who are trying to tell us how know to develop the downtown. Their offspring,

Vibrant Livermore (sounds like a gym for millennials), spouts the same stale propaganda in weekly ads.

Yes, Vibey, over 5,000 people signed your petition for a ballot initiative, but that does not mean all who signed support your position. It is ironic that FOL fought so hard against a ballot initiative that a pernicious developer placed up for a vote by misleading the public into attempting to undo the North Livermore development ban, only to mirror those very tactics. Their ad persists in whining about a three-block walk from parking to events, ignoring that fact that there is in place a 3-story structure directly across from the Bankhead. How on Earth can this group claim that the hotel is in the wrong location when none of their plans has had any sort of professional review?

Of course, elected officials did not listen to them; they are full of baloney.

### Support Green New Deal

Carole Gersich, Pleasanton

As a sophomore in high school, I am surrounded every day by ambitious, intelligent, kindhearted students that sacrifice their time, energy and mental health for the future: attending college, securing a job, working to support themselves. In the past few months, I have seen spirits deflate as these same students watch the looming threat of catastrophic climate change devour their chance at a bright tomorrow.

Climate change threatens human civilization as we know it, and the latest UN IPCC report gives us a timeline of less than 12 years to effect radical change and limit warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. Last year's California wildfires were an important wake-up call - we truly have no more time to lose.

I urge citizens of the Tri-Valley to pressure local leaders to support the Green New Deal resolution, introduced in Congress by Sen. Edward Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. A Green New Deal is common sense, and quite frankly, it is the only solution yet proposed by a member of either major political party that scales to the climate crisis.

One day, I would like to be able to look into my children's eyes and say in good conscience that I fought for their right to a planet that supports human life. It is time to choose people over profit and push for a Green New Deal.

### The Homeless Games, Part VI – Anthem Call

Greg Scott, Livermore

Drink the elixir Livermore! Drink the elixir that the "Homeless Strategies Framework" will solve homelessness in Livermore!

I am referring to the memorandum, from Paul Spence, Community Development Director of the City of Livermore, with the subject: "Accept the City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness work plan to establish a Homeless Strategies Framework," dated February 11, 2019. My prediction is that the Livermore City Council will approve this "Framework" unanimously in their meeting on Monday, 25 February 2019.

What was the collabo-

ration with the homeless on the "Framework"? One meeting with one survey? One ride-a-long visit? One day of a point-in-time homeless count that neglects the 'invisible' homeless? This is the inclusion of the homeless?

Here is a fundamental 'strategic' question on the "Framework": Where do we expect the homeless to go? Without a 'commons' we really have very little toward an overall solution on homelessness other than considerable financial and time expenditures. This 'commons' needs to be on public land.

First and foremost, as a solution in the "Framework" is the proposal of "Safe-Parking" as a "Short-Term" strategy. This is to be where the homeless with automobiles are to have safe parking on the property of churches with access to bathrooms, showers and laundry. Why not on public land? \$17 million for Vineyard 2.0, which now is to provide "low income housing" (See "The Independent," 2/7/2019) and not strictly housing for Livermore homeless, and no commons for the homeless on public land? Does not even a modest risk assessment reveal the long-term problems with "Safe-Parking" being on private land? Does not the logistics of liability insurance manifest this?

In the "Medium-Term Strategies" and "Long-Term Strategies" housing is pushed as "Solutions." Livermore: We are never going to solve the overall homeless problem by regular housing. We will never realistically have enough resources for this. Consider that the point-in-time homeless count in Livermore for 2017 was 243. Now if you could build a housing unit for \$200,000 – no doubt an underestimate – we would need nearly \$50 million to house the 243 homeless of the point-in-time count! Get real! Just because California Assembly Bill 2176 (CA AB 2176) does not have a "defined funding source" (Mayor Marchand) the City of Livermore has to dis-count the bill's framework – which includes "bridge housing" – and whip up its own "Framework" from scratch?

Another fundamental problem here is that the homeless have little to no voice. The homeless are all but the 'untouchables' like that of the Brahmin caste system in India. Why is it that the homeless and homeless veterans, who are citizens, cannot vote? Why is it that a homeless individual cannot run for a position on the Livermore City Council? Why is it that there is not a fair-market wage for a Livermore City Council position? How democratic is it for homeless citizens not to have political representation?

I contend that the "Framework" would be much different with a Livermore City Council member who is not 'financially independent.' Such a personal vantage may not even produce a unanimous vote on next Monday's – the moon's day – City Council vote. Such a person may even produce a new anthem call to solving overall homelessness. "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." (Anatole France)

## Bill to Provide Relief To Renters Unveiled

California renters who have been drowning in unaffordable housing costs would see much-needed relief under a bill unveiled Wednesday by State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa), Assembly members Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Orange County) and 28 co-authors.

The legislation, SB 248, would increase California's renter's credit for the first time in 40 years and would represent significant help to single parents in particular. "Housing costs are going through the roof in California and families are struggling to pay the rent," Glazer said. "Forty years have passed since the last time the renter's credit was increased, so it's about time we provide this needed financial relief to renters."

Assemblywoman Gonzalez, a principal co-author, said: "Nearly half the state's residents are renters, but they have been largely ignored in our tax policies." "While California homeowners receive more than \$4 billion in tax relief through mortgage deductions, renters' relief has been barely a blip on the radar. This can serve as one tool to make renting more affordable and provide relief for working families."

Those eligible for the new renter's credit would be single filers making \$41,641 or less and joint filers making \$83,282 or less. Eligible households with children would receive a \$434 refundable credit; households without children would receive \$220. Currently, eligible renters have their tax liabilities offset by \$60 for single filers or \$120 for joint filers.

"It is no secret that our state is facing a homelessness epidemic, and a housing shortage," said Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva (D-Orange County), a principal co-author. "Hard working families are ending up on our streets because they cannot afford to pay the exorbitant cost of rent in our state. Students in Orange County, in particular, are commuting more than an hour, because their rent is too high. We must do more, and this bill is the solution."

The renter's credit has not seen an increase since 1979. The proposed increase accounts for inflation since then.

In 2017-18, the Legislature passed a package aimed at increasing the state's housing supply, including putting a bond measure on

the ballot and another to make it easier for developers to build affordable housing.

But, while these measures might help slow the growth of housing prices, this bill can do more to provide direct help to renters – those who typically struggle the most to find affordable housing.

Vignesh Iyer, Student Basic Needs Officer for the University of California Student Association, said that students are among the many Californians facing high housing costs today, "one of many obstacles they face in affording and attaining their degrees. This legislation will be an important step in addressing our costs of living and will contribute to all students' overall educational success."

The Renter's Tax Credit is a common-sense idea that offers urgently needed relief to California's millions of rent-burdened families, said Brian Hanlon, President of California Yes In My Back Yard (YIMBY).

"But it's also a matter of fairness," Hanlon said. "For decades, housing policy has unfairly favored homeowners by offering them a tax credit for the interest on their mortgages, but renters haven't been granted similar benefits. California YIMBY is proud to support this important piece of legislation and make our housing policy more fair and equitable."

SB 248 would make the tax credit fully refundable so that renters who have no tax obligation could receive the maximum refund. This bill would index the credit in perpetuity to account for inflation as calculated by the Franchise Tax Board. Under the legislation, the Governor could suspend the increase during an economic emergency.

Assemblymember Tyler Diep, R-Westminster, said "the expensive housing market has pushed people to become renters. As some Californian's spend over 60% of their income on rent, the Legislature should provide some relief to renters. This bill is a step in the right direction to offer relief to low income renters."

The renter's credit was established in 1972. Since its only increase in 1979, rents in California have nearly tripled. Median state rent exceeds \$1,800 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, and rentals in cities like San Francisco average more than \$3,000 a month.

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## Teen Job and Career Fair Set

The City of Pleasanton is partnering with the cities of San Ramon and Dublin, and the Danville and Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club to present the annual Teen Job and Career Fair on Saturday, March 2, 2019. This free event will take place from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard, Dublin.

Teenagers 14 through 19 years old will have the opportunity to meet with local employers, pick up applications, and apply for jobs. The event will also feature mock interviews, career workshops scheduled throughout the day, and a career panel of professionals.

Admission is free to all teen job seekers and lunch will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume and dress in professional attire.

Interested businesses who are hiring teens currently or for the summer can contact Joelle Glushenko or Nicole Thomas at 925-931-3432 or [pytsupervisor@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:pytsupervisor@cityofpleasantonca.gov) for more information or apply at [bit.ly/teenjobfair2019](http://bit.ly/teenjobfair2019).

Participants who would like additional information about the 2019 Teen Job and Career Fair, should call 925-556-4500 or email [parkandcommunityservices@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:parkandcommunityservices@dublin.ca.gov).



A flooded Arroyo del Valle forced Sycamore Grove Park to close (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Relay for Life Kickoff Honors Cancer Survivors



Participants in the 2018 Relay for Life event

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Tri-Valley kickoff event will be held on Monday, February 25th at the Livermore Elks Club at 6:30 pm, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. This event will honor cancer

survivors. All survivors and their families are invited to attend. A potluck dinner will be served. The Relay for Life event will be held in June at Granada High School.

The Relay for Life com-

mittee consists of many individuals and their families who have either had cancer or have had family members affected by this disease and want to do all they can to help eradicate cancer. Cancer survivors and their

families will be honored at this and all Relay for Life events.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have been touched by cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. Symbolizing the battle waged around the clock by those facing cancer, the event last up to 24 hours and empowers communities to take a stand against cancer. This is the 2nd year that has combined the relays for Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville. Last year's event held at Dublin High School raised \$130,000 to fight cancer.

Teams are now being

formed to fight cancer. On the day of the event, teams camp overnight and team members relay by walking around the track for 24 hours, signifying that the fight against cancer never sleeps. Companies, Schools, Service Clubs, Churches and other groups are encouraged to form a team. Fundraising activities include Luminaria bags to honor cancer survivors and victims. Those who have relayed in the past are encouraged to participate again.

In addition to the support of the community, Relay For Life of Tri-Valley is also supported by many local businesses and organizations. Last year's sponsors include: Chevron, Fremont Bank, Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, UNCLE Credit Union, ATI Architects and



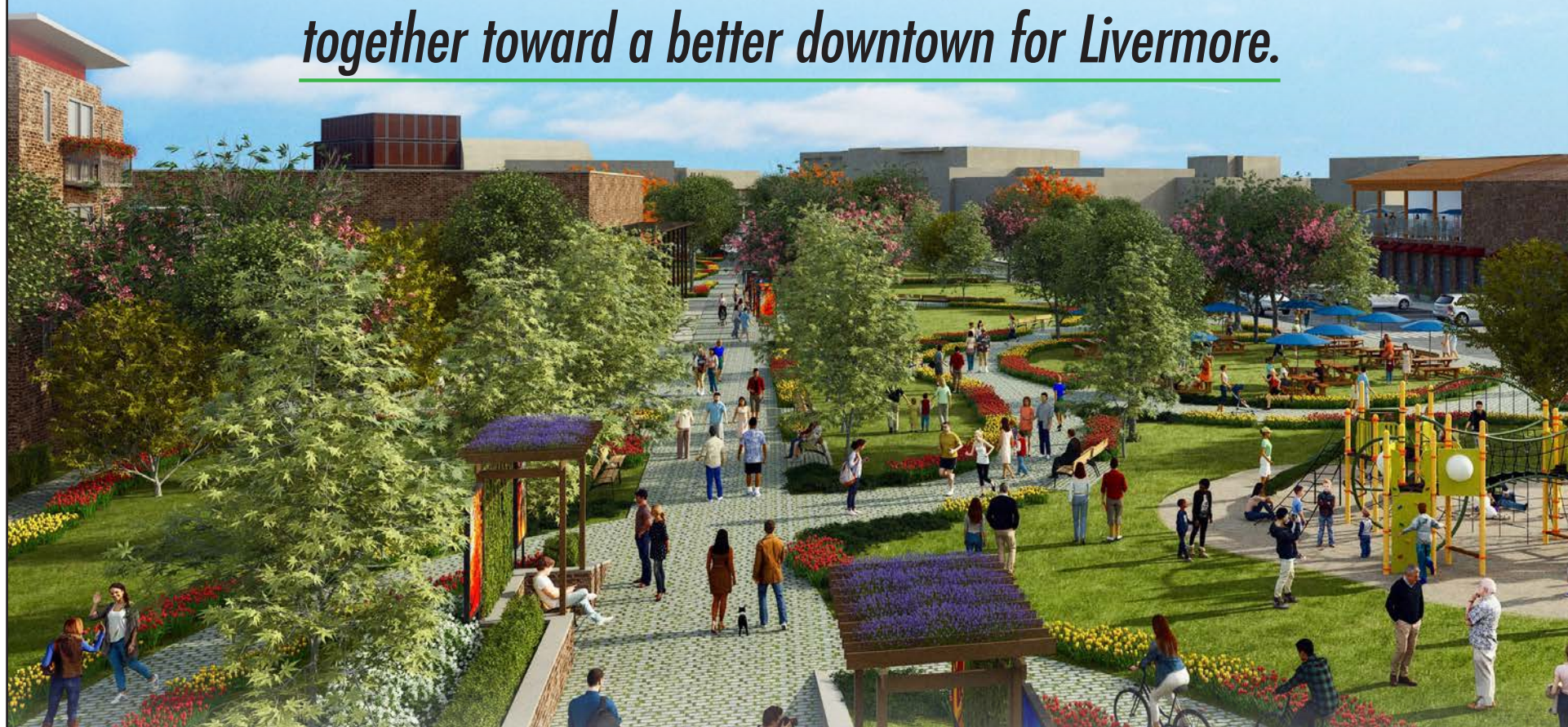
Engineers, Kaiser Permanente, State Fund Insurance, and 96.5 KOIT.

Visit [www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA](http://www.RelayForLife.org/TriValleyCA) for information. Co-Chairmen of this year's event are Donna Foster, Larry Coy and Natalia Custodio.

Cancer survivors, those who have lost a loved one to cancer, are currently fighting the battle, or been touched by cancer in anyway, join in the fight against cancer by joining or forming a team to battle cancer, contact Anh Nguyen, (408) 646-9293, or email: [anh.nguyen@cancer.org](mailto:anh.nguyen@cancer.org).

# MORE PARK. AND MORE CONVENIENT PARKING.

*Just two of the many benefits for Livermore if we all work together toward a better downtown for Livermore.*



### The Grand Central Park Livermore Deserves

A Grand Central Park in Livermore is possible. The Council's plan gives us much less open space than citizens want. It includes as open space sidewalks and walkways between apartment buildings, as well as the land where the Black Box Theater will be located. They can do better. The rendering above shows an exciting alternative: a beautiful Central Park with wandering paths, a gathering place with tables and benches under trees, a children's play area, art and history panels, water features and more.

### The Convenient Parking We Should Have

We need parking in our entertainment center for Blacksmith Square, Bankhead Theater, Livermore Cinema and surrounding restaurants and bars. But the Council's damaging plan provides 383 fewer parking spots near Livermore Ave than are needed, forcing people to walk up to 3 blocks more than necessary.<sup>1</sup> Livermore deserves a better plan that will keep parking where it is needed most.

**Tell us your ideas for a better plan. Send them to [vibrantlivermore.com](http://vibrantlivermore.com).**

1. The city map showing current interim parking east of K Street on the Lucky site plus existing spaces next to the Bankhead provide 347 spaces. (284 between K and Livermore Avenue, 63 next to the Bankhead). When the development of the Hotel and Stockmen's Park are completed in 2022 and 2024, they and other new uses between Livermore Avenue and K Street will take over these 347 current parking spaces. The city plan will have added additional parking totaling 243 stalls (20 north of the Ale House, 14 on Veterans Way, 8 east of the Bankhead, 57 on the I Street surface lot, 24 on surface street around hotel and 120 under the hotel). However, new parking needs at buildout require 279 spaces (77 for Retail/Cultural, 146 for 133 room hotel, 40 for hotel meeting rooms, 16 hotel bar). The net deficit will be 383 fewer spaces than today (-347+243-279= -383) NOTE: City has a contingency of adding 77 more spaces with the construction of a new garage on N I Street if needed. Sources: Summer/Fall 2018 City Newsletter; staff report on parking page 37 in City Council agenda 1-29-18; FAQ's currently on City Web site about Downtown Parking.

# Livermore Valley Uncorked: TVC 2019 Call for Entries

By Laura Ness

**Ok, wineries of the Livermore Valley, it's time to decide which wines to submit to this year's TVC Uncorked Competition. Time is flying faster than ever. Deadline for submission is noon on March 6, 2019. All wines must be dropped off at the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) offices on First Street in Livermore by that time.**

Only wines made from grapes grown in the Livermore Valley American Viticultural Area are eligible for this competition. They must have the Livermore Valley Appellation on the wine label. At least 85% of the grapes must come from this appellation. Wine labels must be the actual final printed label: no laboratory, temporary, photocopied or altered labels are allowed. Necks must also be free of wax. Any bottles with wax on them will be immediately disqualified.

Wines submitted to the competition must be available for sale to the public, through tasting room, internet, retail, etc.: no barrel samples, please.

Thanks to local winemakers, this year is going to be the best Livermore Valley Uncorked yet, with many improvements made, based on direct feedback.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Entry Deadline:** March 6, 2019, 12:00 pm
- **Entrance Fee:** NONE  
The cost of judging each submission has been paid for by Tri-Valley Conservancy as part of its mission to promote locally grown agricultural products.
- **Preliminary Screening:** March 11 & 12, 2019, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Tri-Valley Conservancy Office
- **Medal Round Judging:** March 19, 2019, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Tri-Valley Conservancy Office
- **Celebration:** April 4, 2019, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm / Early access for VIP ticket holders at 5:00 pm, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton
- Medal round winners will receive ONE (1) complimentary ticket to the Celebration. To reserve a ticket, please contact Georgie Saucedo at [gsaucedo@trivalleyconservancy.org](mailto:gsaucedo@trivalleyconservancy.org).
- Additional tickets may be purchased at: <https://trivalleyconservancy.ejoinme.org/Uncorked2019>

Each winery is invited to submit a maximum of six (6) entries in the following twelve categories:

- Rosé
- Sauvignon Blanc (includes blends) No less than 50% SB
- Dry White, including Chardonnay (excludes SB) 20% BF; RS less than TA
- Barrel-Fermented Chardonnay (50% or more BF)
- Cabernet Sauvignon (\$40.00 or less)
- Cabernet Sauvignon (above \$40.00)
- Cabernet Franc
- Merlot, Malbec, or Petit Verdot
- Red Blends
- Petite Sirah
- Other Red Varieties (at least 75%)
- Zinfandel

Note: BF refers to Barrel Fermented; RS Residual Sugar and TA Total Acidity

Two 750ml bottles must be submitted for each entry. Wineries with sub-brands, such as Woodbridge by Mondavi, wherein more than one brand name appears on the label, will be treated as a single brand and restricted to six (6) submissions total.

This year, as last, all entries will be pre-screened by panels of Livermore Valley winemakers to determine the top six entries in each category submitted. Only these wines will go on to the final Medal Round of judging.

If a wine is one of the top six in a category, the winery will be asked to submit an additional six (6) bottles for the Medal Round, two (2) for the judging and four (4) for the public event on April 4. Medals awarded will be bronze, silver, gold and double gold. Best in Class and Best of Show winners will be selected at the conclusion of the Medal Round judging on March 19, 2019.

This year, in a departure from last year's process, none of the winemakers who are involved in the pre-screening will be judging in the final Medal Round. This is felt to be far more fair, as in the past, winemakers become familiar with the wines, and try to guess whose is what. That's only natural, and can lead to potential bias. So, no winemakers will judge the final round. Only wine writers, wine educators and certified sommeliers with a great deal of judging experience will be evaluating the wines and awarding medals accordingly in the final Medal Round. None of them will have any prior knowledge of the identities of the wines. All wines will be tasted blind.

After working at this for 10 years now, the organizers believe this to be a very fair and unbiased way to carry out the judging.

It's like the Pony Express – fresh palates to carry the precious mailbags to their final destination are wanted.

Once the final round of judging is completed, medal winners will be contacted and asked to showcase their wines at the Livermore Valley Uncorked Celebration on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

## MEDALS TO BE AWARDED

- **Best in Show/Judges' Choice**  
A trophy will be awarded for "Best in Show/Judges' Choice".  
The trophy rotates and is held by the winner until the following year's recipient is announced. The trophy must be returned to the competition organizers in time for it to be awarded to the next season's champion.

- **Best in Class**  
Medals will be awarded for the Best in each Class: Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, Other Dry White (including stainless-fermented Chardonnay), Barrel-Fermented Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon under \$40, Cabernet Sauvignon \$40+, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, or Petite Verdot, Red Blends, Petite Sirah, Other Red Varieties (at least 75%), and Zinfandel.

- **Medals: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Double Gold (GG)**  
Medals will be awarded to the top six (6) wines in each category, based on merit. Unanimous, or near unanimous Gold medal selection by all judges will result in a Double Gold medal being awarded

Best of Class winners must agree to DONATE OR SELL

two 12-bottle cases of that specific wine to TVC to be used for the Uncorked auction, the public event on April 4th, and for educational and promotional purposes at TVC's sole discretion. If a winery chooses to donate rather than sell the cases to TVC, it will be at a cost of no more than \$300 per case. TVC will contact the winery to arrange pick up/delivery of the TWO cases.

Please note: Best in Class/Show wines will be showcased at Tri-Valley Conservancy's 25th Anniversary Jeans & Jewels Celebration on November 8, 2019

Wineries can enter their submissions by downloading a pdf, filling it out and emailing it to Georgie at the TVC: <http://trivalleyconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/EntryForm2019.pdf>

Wineries may also bring the completed hard copy forms to the TVC along with their wine submissions. The address to drop off or ship wines is: Tri-Valley Conservancy, 1457 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550

If you have any questions, please contact Georgie Saucedo: (925) 449-8706 or [GSaucedo@trivalleyconservancy.org](mailto:GSaucedo@trivalleyconservancy.org)



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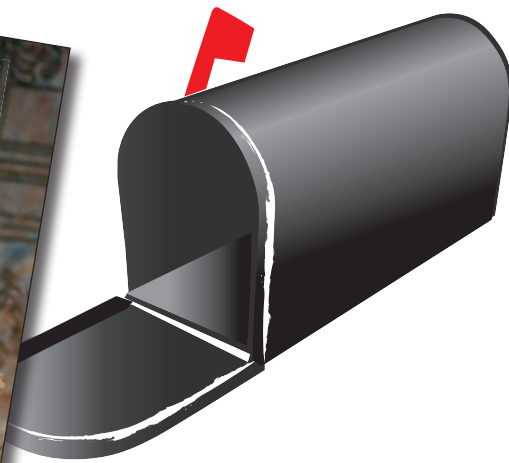
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# SPORTS NOTES



Granada's 34 Ashleigh Ward heads the ball against Amador Dons.

Granada's Girls soccer defeated Amador Dons in the NCS Division 1 first round playoffs 2 to 1. Granada advanced to the quarter finals, but was eliminated by Monta Vista 1 to 0.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



The Cowboys Alivia Krummen-Ganz dribbles the ball down field.

In NCS Girls Division 2 Quarterfinals, Livermore High Girls soccer defeated Las Lomas 2-0 to advance to the semifinals of the NCS playoffs for the 4th consecutive year. The Cowboys hosted Tamalpais Wednesday, February 20, in the semifinals.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Pleasanton Seahawks Swim in Moraga

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team had a great showing at the '2019 Pacific Swimming, C/B/BB+, short course yards' meet. The meet was held on February 9-10, 2019 in Moraga, CA and was sponsored by 'Hills Hurricanes swim team from Oakland.

Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Taylor Bennett age 8 with 5 new best times; Laila Dwidar (8) 6BT; Angammai Vijay Arumugam (8) 5 BT; Jasper Ding (8) 2 BT; Dylan Kim (8) 3BT; Justin Lin (8) 2 BT; Jacob Loftus (8) 2BT; Ryan Mak (7); Kyle Tang (8) 3BT; Salma Dwidar (10) 3 BT; Janet Feng (9) 1BT; Francesca Rong Lin (9) 1 BT; Olivia Liu (9) 1 BT; Adwaita Mohanty (9) 2BT; Nicholas Altan (9) 4 BT; Joshua Dai (10) 2BT; Donald Do (10) 2BT; Eugene Jai (10) 2 BT; Casey Nguyen 910) 2BT; Dylan Tambuwun (9) 6 BT; Kohl Tang (9) 3BT; Kealan Tupper (9) 2 BT; Christopher Wang (9) 2BT; Ethan Wang (10) 2 BT; Ryan Wang (9) 3BT; Lawrence Wong (9) 1 BT; Songpu Wu (10) 3BT; Songrui Wu (10) 1 BT; Ziyue Yang (10) 2BT; Andrew Zhou (10) 1BT; Brooke Bennett (11) 2BT; Lillyana Caples (11) 4BT; Sydney Goldstein 911) 1BT; Emmy Loftus (11) 6BT; Natalie Mak (11) 5BT; Alexis Mesina (11) 2BT; Shreyanshi Porecha (11) 4BT; Janaki Rakesh (11) 4BT; Jessica Tsai (11); Annie Wang (12) 5BT; Emma Wang (12) 3BT; Anna Zhang (12) 2BT; Ashwin Anugraham (12) 4BT; Aryaa Bhatia (11) 5BT; Hunter Bian (11) 5BT; Han Burnes (11) 3BT; Jared Burnes (11) 5BT; Devyn Caples (12) 2BT; Connor Chen (12) 5BT; Arya Cherukuri (11) 5BT; Travis Kim (11) 4BT; Phil Lin (11) 6BT; Benjamin Ohrr (12) 3BT; Janav Rakesh (11) 5BT; Kenzi Tang (11) 3BT; Jeremy Ting (11) 3BT; Ethan Tong (11) 3BT; Raghav Vats (12); Dominick Wonosaputra (12) 5BT; Jason Us (12) 6BT; Aria Harris (14) 2BT; Breuklynn Harris (14); Francesca Hawkins (14); Kaitlin Lee (13); Cynthia Li (13); Florence Rui Lin (13); Jaimie Nguyen (13) Erin Pan (13) 1BT; Christina Tsai (14); Dahlia Versteeg (13) 1BT; Chloe Xu (13) 1BT; Richard Bai (13) 4BT; Sujay Champati (14) 2BT; Jai Channon (14) 2BT; Yassin Dwidar (13) 3BT; Joey Huang (14) 3BT; Jason Jiang 913) 5BT; Ethan Kim (13) 2BT; Marvin Lin (13) 1BT; Brycen Martin 914) 2BT; Hayden Tupper (13) 1BT; Samuel Wang (13) 5BT; Andrew Xiao (13); Lauren Jhong (15) 2BT; Josh Atre (16); Hayden Chen (16); William Cheng (15) 1BT; Ernest Wang (15) 1BT and Elisabeth Balicanta, age 17.

## Pleasanton Seahawks Attend Super League in Davis

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team attended the Super League meet, sponsored by DART (The Davis Aquadarts of the Sierra Nevada LSC) Swim team. The meet was held at UC Davis in Davis, CA on February 9-10, 2019. Representing the Pleasanton Seahawks: Faith Carroll age 13; Daniella Hawkins (17); Miranda Heckman (17); Olivia Kim (15) 1 New Best Time; Mackenzie Lee (16); Claire Suen (17); Gwyneth Wong (16); Calvin Chui (18); Paige daCosta (17); Calvin David (17) 2 BT; Lleyton Plattel (16); Alex Ren (16); Nick Skinner (18); Andrew Wang (16) 1BT and Ethan Wang age 14.

The weather in Davis was cold, wet and windy yet the Seahawks had a great showing at this difficult meet.

## West Coast Soccer Wolfpack Headed to State Cup Finals

The West Coast Wolfpack 08 Girls waltzed into State Cup weekend playing some of the best team soccer they've played all year. In the quarter final match up, West Coast faced a very strong Ceres Earthquakes team. Wolfpack got on the board early with a nice cross and finish goal, igniting the parent sideline into a frenzy. Later in the half, Ceres managed to equalize. At halftime, the girls had that look of determination in their eyes and wanted to get back on the field as soon as possible. With some back and forth action, the Earthquakes managed to pull in front to take the lead. Not soon after, West Coast made it even with a beautiful goal. Still making a push and not much time remaining, West Coast made the most of a free kick from 25 yards out, and put it in the back of the net for a 3-2 lead. Coach Sara Girotto strategically changed the formation the last five minutes of the game to shut down any offensive push for the win.

The Semifinals, West Coast faced another formidable team, Elk Grove Almeida. With their eyes on the prize, Wolfpack seized their moment and got up 2-1 by half with accurate passing, quick footwork, communication, and sheer determination. With the strong winds coming at them, West Coast Wolfpack shut down Elk Grove in the second half for the 2-1 victory. Intelligent defense was displayed by Sofia Paz and Addie McNeil while Taylen Dayak shut down their top forward. Some serious midfield wizardry by Karly Martins, Haley Gama, and Aubrey Westbrook kept the Wolfpack running and the strikeforce of Kendall Coates, Saniyah Lee, and Jazlyn Gonzalez supplied the attack. Phenomenal goalkeeping by Alexis Zamora and Ashley Browning secured the victory. West Coast Wolfpack will face Piedmont Highlanders Purple in the State Cup Premier 5 Finals on February 24.



West Coast Wolfpack celebrate after state cup goal.

## Pleasanton Rage Scores a Win

The Pleasanton Rage 05 team played their Tri-Valley rivals, West Coast Wild Katz 05, on Saturday in Livermore. The first half was a back and forth battle with great defense on both sides of the field. With the rain coming down in the second half, Rage found their offensive groove. Emma Fuller found Lauren Kenney on a beautiful cross to a header to take the lead 1-0. Rage's defense withstood the heavy offensive attack in the later minutes and secured the win.



Pleasanton Rage 05 Team  
(Photo - Jen Franks)

The Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL team hosted the Japanese Football Association Girls Academy Sakai Team for a friendly on Sunday. The game was played with three 25 minute periods. Sakai showed incredible movement and spacing, but Rage held them to a 0-0 in the first two. In the third, Rage took a gamble and shifted their lineup trying to go on the offensive. Sakai took advantage and scored two quick goals that inevitably cost Rage the match 2-0.

Rage Coach, Jarreth Chan, said "The team played hard against a very talented, organized, and athletic Japanese team. It was a great experience for the girls and I'm very proud of them for their performance. The Japanese Football Association Sakai Team is a top notch academy and the girls competed with them. The effort for our Rage 05 ECNL team was outstanding."



Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL Team  
(Photo - Don Franks)



Elijah Alonso of Dublin goes for a lay-up

The Gaels defeated Dougherty Valley in the NCS Mens' Division 1 quarterfinals 78 to 50. Dublin advanced to the semifinals, and hosted James Logan Wednesday, February 20.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Foothill's 9 Armando Ramirez defends against Dublin's 2 Owen Svantner

The Dublin Gaels men's soccer team defeated the Foothill Falcons in NCS Division 1 round 1 action 3 to 0. Dublin was eliminated by Berkeley High in the quarterfinals 2 to 1. Amador Valley High men's advanced to the semifinals by defeating Clayton Valley Charter 3 to 0. The Dons faced Berkeley High Wednesday, February 20, at Berkeley

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Livermore Resident Running For Cancer Research

On April 15, Livermore resident Erika Conner is running to conquer cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 123rd Boston Marathon.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, she will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise \$6 million for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) team's 30th annual running in the Boston Marathon. 100% of the money raised by DFMC goes to Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research that supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised nearly \$93 million to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs, plus volunteer opportunities for non-runners. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

Invitational runners, runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber, have a fundraising commitment of \$5,000.

Own entry runners, runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry, have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

A cornerstone of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge is its Partner Program. Each year, approximately 50 current and former pediatric cancer patients of Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic are paired with DFMC runners as "Patient Partners." For the young patients, their partnerships with the runners provide a unique and friendly focus outside their illnesses. Another two dozen Partner Program families are paired with runners through the "In-Memory Program" in remembrance of their children's brave struggle with the disease.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/marathon-challenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

## Local Business Inspired by Heroic Act of Pleasanton Assistant Principal



Pleasanton Middle School assistant principal, Michael O'Brien, with Landon Comerford.

Service Champions, a Pleasanton-based heating and air conditioning company, has turned a near-tragedy into a valuable teaching moment, starting with the heroic act of an assistant principal saving a choking child.

Recently, around 100 employees of Service Champions participated in a class that taught CPR and abdominal-thrust, life-saving training. The three-hour seminar was held by Service Champions at the urging of founder/owner Kevin Comerford.

Comerford's youngest son, Landon, was choking at school when a Pleasanton Middle School assistant principal, Michael O'Brien, rushed to save him. Quick-thinking classmates also assisted to make this emergency into a feel-good story.

11-year-old Landon Comerford was having lunch at school when the cap on his water bottle lodged in his throat. One of his classmates rushed to the office to alert the school nurse and O'Brien, the latter of whom dislodged the cap using the abdominal-thrust method.

Comerford wanted to share this feel-good story to especially cast light on O'Brien's heroics, while also hoping other companies

follow Service Champions' lead in offering emergency training skills to employees.

"I took that experience with my son, and made the decision to offer training to everybody in my company," Comerford said. "It's a life-shaking experience to see someone choking and not be able to help them."

"If you're choking, don't look to hide -- look for help," Comerford said. "And hope someone knows the advanced-thrust technique."

"Things happen where somebody will start choking and walk away from the table because they're embarrassed, and the next thing you know they've collapsed and are found dead around the corner."

Following that incident, Comerford was inspired to offer CPR and abdominal-thrust training to his Service Champions employees and their families. Comerford wanted to do this because in addition to the abdominal-thrust technique saving his son's life, he himself had seen the abdominal-thrust method save lives in other choking incidents. He wanted to make sure others are prepared and aware of its techniques and benefits.

## New Logo for Livermore Area Recreation & Park District to Be Introduced

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors endorsed a new logo to use in identifying and marketing the district.

Stacey Kenison, Marketing & Operations Supervisor, noted that the logo has changed over the years. "The goal is to adopt a consistent representation of who we are," she stated. "It is important to distinguish us from the city and East Bay Regional Park District. The logo says who we are and all the positive things we do in the community."

The new logo consists of

a large "L" within a circle. The L shape incorporates hills, the sun and tree. The name of the district takes the shape of the circle.

A survey was conducted to determine which logo people preferred. According to Kenison, those who preferred the chosen logo said, "It's easier to read." "It looks better." "It makes me feel happy."

Kenison told the board that there are plans to include a tag line as part of the logo. The district will hold a contest asking people to submit short statements. There will be prizes.

## Fundraiser at Page Mill for Detlev Hanschke; Other Local Wineries Schedule Events

By Laura Ness

As part of their Twilight Tasting series of benefits for worthy causes, Page Mill Winery has agreed to host a fundraiser for Livermore mechanic, Detlev Hanschke, who is battling a rare form of cancer. The fundraiser will be held on Thursday, February 28, from 4:30 to 8pm, at the Winery. All tasting fees that evening will be donated to Detlev's fundraising efforts, along with 10% of all wine sales. Additionally, vendors including Love Me Apparel Boutique, Pampered Chef and India Hicks will be offering to donate a portion of their sales.

Please gather your friends and come on out to enjoy some great wine, meet Detlev (he plans to come with some of his family) and the vendors.

Hanschke's shop, International Auto Service, is widely known throughout the throngs of foreign car owners in the region, especially those who love Volkswagens. But he's rescued many a BMW, Volvo and Mercedes owner, too.

ery will be open for tasting, February 22, 12 - 5pm.

**Fun Fridays at Wood Family**  
Jack Quigley Souled Out Music will be featured this Friday, from 4 - 7pm, at Wood Family Vineyards: 2407 Research Drive, Livermore. Free.

**Enoteca Five Open for Weekend Tasting**  
Wwinemaker, Michael Chalkley, of Enoteca Five, will host a weekend of great wine tasting at his tasting room on Research Drive. Check out his newly released 2017 Wanderlust Chardonnay and his 2017 Tassarita Rosé of Zin and Merlot, along with classics like Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and the very popular, "Attitude Adjustment." You need to hear the story behind this wine. Open every weekend, 12:30 - 4:30pm, at 2111 Research Drive, Suite 6, Livermore.

**Safari Brunch at Retzlaff**  
Attend a unique brunch on February 23, 2019 (10am - 1pm), at Retzlaff Vineyards

- Do-si-dos paired with LPV 2016 Estate Reserve Chardonnay
- Thin Mints paired with LPV 2017 Estate Rosé
- Trefoils paired with LPV 2015 Estate Cab Franc
- S'mores paired with LPV 2014 Estae Barbera
- Tagalongs paired with LPV NV Casimira

**Omega Road Winery Open for Tasting**  
Visit Omega Road on February 23 & 24, 2019, 12 - 4pm, for wine tasting at 2127 Vasco Road, Suite C, Livermore.

**el Sol Winery Open Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 5**  
Barrel tasting and a flight of wines, \$10, plus pastoral views. Try Future Wine out of the barrel, which will be bottled in less than 2 months. Want a Bonus Pour? Try one of the wines on the Special Sale List. 8626 Lupin Way, Livermore, CA 94550.

**Wedding Showcase At Garré**  
On Feb. 24, 2019, 12 - 3pm Garré Vineyard & Winery will present a wedding showcase. There will be the opportunity to meet with preferred vendors, tour the venues, watch a runway show, and sample delicious hors d'oeuvres and sparkling wine. Cost is \$15.

**Music in the Vines at McGrail Vineyards**  
On February 24, cozy up on the heated panoramic patio for live music by Loren Olk from 1—4PM. Sausages, meatballs, and flatbreadswill be available for purchase. McGrail wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle.

**Live Music on Sundays At Retzlaff**  
Groove to some of the area's finest jazz with Matt Finders and Friends, on

February 24, 12—4:30pm, at Retzlaff Vineyards and Estate Winery. Bring a picnic, buy some wine and unwind to the finest jazz in the East Bay. 6-Pack Wine Special on Retzlaff's fine estate reds.

**Live music at The Wente Estate Tasting Room**  
On Sunday, February 24, 2019 (1 - 4pm), there will be music by Mike Osborn. His is a unique blend of many different musical styles, from the bluegrass and country music of his youth, to blues and rock from the 50s to the present. Taste 5 generations of wine making or enjoy a bottle on the patio. Food available for purchase.

**Wente Estate Tour & Tasting**  
On February 24, 2019 at 11:30 to 1pm and then again at 2:30 to 4pm, learn all about Wente family history on the Estate Tour with experienced wine educators. In addition, check out behind the scenes of the small lot production and working barrel room. The tour, at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, concludes with a tasting of Wente's premier wines. For availability or questions call (925) 456-2305. Cost: \$35.

**Winery Tasting Room Sales and Service Program to Begin March 2**  
The first in a series of classes

aimed at teaching the basics of tasting room management, etiquette and operations will be held at Rodrigue Molyneux winery on Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30—11:30AM.

Nancy Rodrigue, board member of Friends of Open Space & Vineyards (FOV) and co-owner of Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, worked with Las Positas College to establish the series, called Winery Tasting Room Sales and Service, as part of the Community Education program. Its goal is to provide a baseline of instruction for wine tasting room staff in the Livermore Valley.

"This program is also relevant for tasting room staff already employed with a winery but who want more knowledge about wine, and would like to improve their tasting room skills. The purpose is to enhance the Livermore wine Country experience for visitors to the Livermore Valley," explains Rodrigue.

She worked with David Everett, Program Coordinator/Faculty for Viticulture, Enology and Winery Technology and Horticulture at Las Positas College, along with Don Milanese, Vice President Emeritus (and also a founding administrator) of Las Positas College and Treasurer of FOV, to create the training program which begins March 2, 2019. Although part of the LPC Community Education program, it is funded entirely by FOV.

The second class will be held on March 9th at Cedar Mountain, also from 8:30-11:30AM. The third class is scheduled for March 16, and will be held at Ruby Hill. The fourth class is set for March 23 at Darcie Kent. All classes are three hours, and run from 8:30-11:30AM.

David Everett, who runs the Enology and Winery Technology programs at Las Positas, says, "This series is a collaborative effort between Friends of Open Space & Vineyards, and Las Positas College. This is a wonderful introduction to the College's Wine Hospitality program. Las Positas College offers Degrees, Certificates and transfer in Viticulture, Enology, and Wine Hospitality."

To register, go to: <http://laspositascollege.edu/community/index.php>.



Detlev Hanschke, left, with his son and grandchildren.

Now he needs help to fight a disease for which all his mechanical training in Germany is no match.

Bonnie Bartlett of Charles R takes her Mercedes to Detlev's shop, and swears she wouldn't go anywhere else. Charles R held a fundraiser for him this past Presidents Day weekend, in concert with their wine club release. They are planning to coordinate another fundraiser in April, along with 3 Steves and Rodrigue Molyneux, April 13 & 14.

Detlev's son, Kevin, is the GM of the Porsche dealership in Livermore. He will be at the February 28th event at Page Mill. If you can't make it, consider donating to Detlev's Gofundme page: [www.gofundme.com/donate4detlev](http://www.gofundme.com/donate4detlev).

To read the original story on Detlev published in this paper, go to: [http://www.independentnews.com/community/family-of-beloved-livermore-auto-mechanic-appeals-for-community-s/article\\_783f015e-2a5b-11e9-89fe-9fc7b-c67ee8e.html](http://www.independentnews.com/community/family-of-beloved-livermore-auto-mechanic-appeals-for-community-s/article_783f015e-2a5b-11e9-89fe-9fc7b-c67ee8e.html)

**BoaVentura Friday Tastings**  
BoaVentura de Caires Win-

and Estate Winery, with Albert Jumbe of Discover TZ Travel with Salome' and Asante Africa, regarding the Nov 2019 African Safari and Winelands Tour.

**Live Music at the Wente Estate Tasting Room**  
Local favorite, Greg Lamboy, will perform on Saturday, February 23, 1 - 4pm, at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room. Complimentary wine by the glass or the bottle on the patio. The Wood Fired Kitchen will be open, so please no outside food.

**Girl Scout Cookies & Wine at Las Positas Vineyards**

Come have some fun and taste a wine flight paired specifically with everyone's favorites: Girl Scout cookies. A local troop will be on site to sell their yummy cookies. "Everyone wins there!" says Tasting Room Manager, Curt Pipes, who put together what he calls "a unique flight" with winemaker, Brent Amos. Curious as to what they cooked up? Come on out this weekend, Feb 23 & 24, and taste for yourself:

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# Real Estate Professionals Receive Highest Honors

Several local real estate professionals have been selected to receive the Bay East Association of Realtors® (Bay East) highest honors for their achievements during 2018.

This year's recipients were recognized at the 2019 Bay East Inaugural Gala at Casa Real in Pleasanton on Feb. 16. The winners demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement and a high level of service to the real estate profession.

**Realtor® of the Year:** Leslie Faught received the Realtor® of the Year award for demonstrating the highest level of integrity and commitment to Bay East and the real estate profession. Following a 20-year career in other areas of the real estate industry, Faught became a Realtor® in 2008. She has earned several professional designations from the National Association of Realtors® and serves on the Bay East Board of Directors and Local Government Relations Committee. Faught has also served on the Board of Directors for the Pleasanton Rose Show for the last 13 years.

**Rookie of the Year:** Elisa Chao with Legacy Real Estate in Fremont received the Rookie of the Year Award. Chao was the 2018 Chair of the Bay East Young Professionals Network Committee and constantly looks for ways to expand her real estate education to serve her clients better. She actively rescues and fosters dogs from shelters along the West

Coast.

**Affiliate of the Year:** Annette Khaliq with First American Home Warranty & JCP-LGS Disclosures received the Bay East 2018 Affiliate of the Year Award. Bay East Affiliate members contribute time, money and resources to support the real estate profession. Khaliq serves on the Bay East Affiliate Committee, is involved with the Women's Council of Realtors® and supports each of the weekly marketing groups in the Bay East jurisdiction.

**Outstanding Leader Award:** Mike Fracisco received the Outstanding Leader Award. This award is given to a past president of the association who continues to pursue the vision of excellence in the name of Bay East. Fracisco joined Bay East in 2003 and was recognized as the 2004 Rookie of the Year for his contributions to the Livermore and Valley marketing groups and the Housing for All Committee helping raise funds for the Livermore Habitat for Humanity project. He was elected to the Bay East Board of Directors in 2007 and served as President of the Board in 2015. Fracisco has chaired the Bay East Property Management Advisory and Leadership Evaluating and Selection Committees in addition to serving on the Investment Advisory Committee. He is a member of the California Association of Realtors® (C.A.R.) Board of Directors serving as the 2018 Region 6 Regional Chair and was an active member of several

C.A.R. committees.

**Good Neighbor Award:** Gina Piper of Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty in Pleasanton received the 2018 Good Neighbor Award. Ms. Piper is the Chair of the Board of the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton and has helped hundreds of animals in need. During her annual fundraiser in 2018 she hosted at her home, she raised nearly \$42,000, all of which went directly to the Valley Humane Society.

**John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award:** Bill Espinola received the John A. Deadrich Distinguished Service Award. Named in honor of the association's first president and founding father, this award is given to a Bay East member who exemplifies the self-sacrifice, vision and accomplishments of the greatest leaders who have shaped the real estate profession. Espinola has been a Bay East member since 2001. In 2008, he stepped up his involvement in the Realtor® community by joining the Bay East Local Government Relations committee and later served on Professional Standards, Multiple Listing Service and Strategic Planning committees. In 2018, he was elected to the Bay East Board of Directors and served as Chair of both the Local Government Relations and the Local Candidate Recommendation committees. Espinola has attended and testified at many city council meetings on behalf of RealtorS® and home owners.



Wetmore Road on a rainy day (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

# School Spirit Competition Connects Community at Christensen Middle School

In the front office of Christensen Middle School (CMS), posted on the wall, is a small sign declaring an allegiance to House Hufflepuff, one of the four houses of Hogwarts castle in the Harry Potter book series. It seems quirky – an office inside joke, perhaps – and one would not think twice about it until discovering colorful clues that the entire campus was engaged in a spirited competition to

This is a program in which students and staff earn points for participating in and contributing to overall school spirit.

“With activities like canned food drives or door decorating contests, even spirit days, we are seeing the excitement on campus driven by our staff,” said Shayna Danielsen, Leadership teacher at Christensen. “Parents are also getting into the spirit, cheering on their

dents and staff representing various grades and classes were distributed into the four houses for which they could earn points by participating in spirit days, school activities, special events, clubs, and positive behavior. Student and staff IDs are scanned to the system to track points, which has the added bonus of incentivizing adherence to the policy of wearing one's ID throughout the day.



The four houses of the Hogwarts castle from the Harry Potter book series (Photo courtesy of LVJUSD)



Leadership class at Christensen Middle School (Photo courtesy of LVJUSD)

collect points for one of the four houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin. Christensen has not suddenly begun offering electives in Potions or Quidditch, but has been engaging its entire school community through the 5-Star program.

students' houses and asking about who is in first. It has been a great thing for our CMS community!”

The 5-Star program was installed throughout the campus this year. It gained the buy-in of its students, teachers, and families. Stu-

Involvement of Christensen's leadership group has sparked some creative applications for the points; Leadership students can gain volunteer hours and points to host “cash-in” events, where students are able to exchange points for

school gear, dances, and other events or items that continue to promote participation and inclusion in school activities. By engaging with the school, participating in school community events, and keeping the atmosphere positive, students and staff collect enough points to amplify that behavior.

“This program has been positively reinforcing connections between people all over our school,” said CMS Principal Pat Avilla. “Students are getting excited, so parents get excited, too. Teachers are really involved in making sure their houses are doing well and being represented.”

Although the school is symbolically divided into four houses, the 5-Star program is about bringing the school together. Everyone has an opportunity to express pride in the campus, and coworkers. Earning more points is as

easy as joining one's peers for a game or a dance, or simply reaching out to another student. Through this intentional engagement, Christensen can foster deeper connections, instill character values, and enhance pride in its community.

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Nancie Allen of MasterKey Real Estate Advantage in Fremont has been installed as the 2019 President of the Bay East Association of Realtors® (Bay East). An inaugural gala for Ms. Allen and other Bay East leaders was held at the Casa Real Winery in Pleasanton on Feb. 16. As the chief elected officer, Allen's focus for 2019 will be promoting the Bay East core values: Communication, Integri-

ty, Vision, Innovation and Leadership.

She has served on the Bay East Executive, Strategic Planning and Professional Standards committees. She is an active member of the Newark Rotary Club. She also serves on the California Association of Realtors® Board of Directors.

The new Board of Directors brings many years of experience in real estate and its members are exception-

ally well equipped to lead the Realtor® community throughout the year.

The new Board of Directors, who will represent more than 5,500 Realtors® and Affiliates from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, are:

Officers: President Nancie Allen, MasterKey Real Estate Advantage, Fremont; President-Elect Tina Hand, Intero Real Estate, Castro Valley; Treasurer Sheila

Cunha, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Pleasanton; Past President Tim Ambrose, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Castro Valley; Chief Executive Officer, Tricia Thomas.

The 2019 Board of Directors, by District are: North County: Anne McKereghan, Alain Pinel RealtorS®, Alameda; Central County: Bill Espinola, Parkview Realty, Hayward; Sinath Thi, Coldwell Banker, Castro Valley;

Tri-City: June Burckhardt, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Fremont; Allison Hull, Realty Experts, Fremont; Steve Medeiros, Realty Experts, Fremont; Jackie Pena, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Fremont; Tri-Valley: Barbara Clemons, Coldwell Banker, Pleasanton; Tracey Esling, J. Rockcliff RealtorS®, Pleasanton; Leslie Faught, Alain Pinel RealtorS®, Pleasanton; Ed Gomes, Pride Prop-

erties, Livermore; At-Large: Joe Annunziato III, Annunziato and Associates, San Leandro; Viviana Cherman, Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty, Pleasanton; Sandi Gomes, Pride Properties, Livermore; Angela McIntyre, Alain Pinel RealtorS®, Alameda; Affiliate Director: Bob Henry, Bob Henry Photography, Pleasanton.

## OBITUARIES

### Lois A. Carpenter Oct 26, 1924 - Feb 16, 2019 Recent Resident of Livermore from Hayward

On February 16th, 2019 our family lost an amazing soul, Lois Carpenter of 94 years young. Lois was one of the smartest, funniest, loving, caring, thoughtful woman you could have ever met. She had a wealth of knowledge and was fascinating to sit with and talk to. She lived through the Prohibition era, the Depression, the Dust Bowl, World War II, and so much more. During World War II she was a "Rosie the Riveter". She lived in the Bay Area since 1949. She saw herself as a California Okie from Oklahoma. She is survived by her son, Bruce Carpenter, and her Daughter Paula Foulk. She had four Grandchildren and eight Great Grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Carpenter family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com)

### Jack Greene Sept 26, 1933 - Feb 7, 2019

Jack Greene passed from this life in the early morning on Feb 7, 2019 surrounded by family after a lengthy illness. The youngest of 3 boys, he was born September 26, 1933 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He grew up in Sandusky, Ohio and graduated from Bowling Green University in Ohio. After serving 3 years in the Air Force, Jack began his career of 30 plus years in the food industry working for Campbell's Soup, Pepperidge Farms and later Del Monte as a manager industrial engineering department. He married Marvel Downing on Oct 14, 1961

and enjoyed a loving marriage until his death. He is survived by his wife, Marv and their three children: Kim Koos (Dan) of El Dorado Hills, Chris Greene (Stacy) of Soquel, CA, and Pamela Franklin (Steve) of Sammamish, Washington as well as 8 grandchildren: Katie, Carly, Abby, Nate, Davis, Taylor, Carson and Kambelle.



Jack loved a great round of golf and the monthly poker group he started with friends. For nearly 20 years Jack enjoyed singing in the Broadway chorus in Pleasanton as well as serving on the board for The Lodge at Lake Tahoe where he and Marv owned a timeshare, often inviting family and friends to come for a visit. Jack was involved in the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He also served on the parish council and other numerous ministries during the 46 years the family lived in Pleasanton.

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the Knights of Columbus. He served on the parish council and other numerous ministries. He also enjoyed his membership with the Livermore- Pleasanton Elks and Sons In Retirement (SIRS).

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Valley Care Stanford hospital for the care they provided over the years as well as the loving staff at Creekview Skilled Nursing who kept him comfortable during his last hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory may be made to the St. Elizabeth Seton building fund for the John Paul II center at <https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/pledge-now.html>. Friends and family are invited to a visitation on February 27th at 11:30a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 12pm. at:

St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA

### Rose Marie Boyle

Rose Marie Boyle passed away Feb 15, 2019 at age 93. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert Boyle.



Born, raised and married in Philadelphia, Rose lived in Maryland, Illinois, Arizona and California. She raised three daughters: Maureen O'Boyle (Nelson Chiu), Rosemary Boyle-Forsythe (Larry) and Susan Daum (Robert). Her grandchildren are Bella, Larry Jr, Robert

and Shannon. She is survived by her sister, Catherine Walsh and brother Leo "Buddy" Weston. Siblings Margaret "Peggy" Flynn and John "Jackie" Weston preceded her in death.

Rose Marie filled the hearts of all who knew and cared for her through her smile and powerful faith in prayer. She will be missed dearly but our memories will keep her forever near.

Rosary Tue Feb 19 at 6 pm Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, Mass Wed Feb 20 at 10 am St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple St, Livermore, Burial will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

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

### In Loving Memory LaVergne House Jun 19, 1924 - Feb 11, 2019

LaVergne passed away at the age of 94 on February 11, 2019. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband of 31 years, William LaVergne was a loving mother to Geoffrey (Sveta) Austin of Walnut creek, Gretchen (Tom) Arthur of Sointula, BC, Canada, Anita Bleakmore of San Jose, stepsons William House and Richard House of Milpitas, and loving grandmother to Matt, Theresa (Juan), Josh, Diana, Ken, Paul, Nathan, Summer, Josh and step granddaughter Ashley.

LaVergne was born on June 19, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois. She married Gregory Austin in 1948 and they moved to California. She loved living on the west coast, growing flowers and citrus fruits in the garden. She enjoyed the wildlife too, especially deer and

hummingbirds. She worked as a medical assistant and then administrative assistant at Ford Aerospace. She and Bill enjoyed local Bay Area sightseeing as well as trips in the USA and to Germany and Canada.



LaVergne was a woman of strong faith in Jesus and a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all of the very kind caregivers at Tiffany gardens, Silver Oaks and Mocho Park for the many years of love and compassion they showed not only to LaVergne but also to her husband Bill and all of our family.

Friends and family are invited to attend a viewing, celebration of life and burial on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 11am at Callahan Mortuary.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the House family.

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

### Francisca "Pinky" Kelsey

Jul 22, 1960 - Feb 18, 2019

In loving memory of Francisca "Pinky" Kelsey July 22, 1960 - February 18, 2019. Born in Manila, Philippines, Pinky moved to San Francisco, CA in 1977. She is survived by her spouse, Fred Kelsey III, her children, James and Erika, and their

spouses, Jeska and Kevin. After a 5+ yearlong battle with stage IV colon cancer, Pinky was called home to God on Monday morning, February 18th.

Pinky moved to the United States in pursuit of the American dream. She graduated from USF with a Bachelor's of Science in Information Systems, while working full time at Pacific Bell (AT&T). She met the love of her life, Fred, at a house party in Union City, CA. They proudly called Livermore, CA their home for 31 years, where they raised James and Erika. Pinky was an active member of the Livermore Filipino-American organization where she served as President and Vice President.



Pinky took pleasure in shopping, Bay Area sports (Niners, Warriors, Giants), and reading romance novels. Together with her husband and family, she enjoyed traveling the world. With her faith in mind, many of these trips included visiting holy sites. Pinky was a devout Catholic, always holding Our Blessed Virgin Mary close to her heart.

Pinky brought love and laughter into the lives of anyone she met, and she will be greatly missed. We love you, mom.

There will be a prayer and mass held in honor of Pinky. For more information regarding date and time, please contact St. Michael's Church.

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### SUMMONS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONNER

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

IAN JAY REUTER AKA IAN J. REUTER; SARA DIANE REUTER; STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as, 237 Silver Creek Rd., Clark Fork, Idaho 83811, and legally described as: THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO,

Case No. CV09-18-1415

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

TO: DEFENDANTS SARA DIANE REUTER and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as 237 SILVER CREEK RD., CLARK

### FORK, IDAHO 83811:

You have been sued by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Bonner, Idaho, Case No. CV09-18-1415. The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as 237 SILVER CREEK RD., CLARK FORK, IDAHO 83811 and legally described as

THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 56 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, BOISE MERIDIAN, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 215 South 1st Avenue, Sandpoint, ID 83864. (208) 265-1432, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 13125 W. Persimmon Lane, Ste. 150, Boise, ID 83713.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: 12/22/2018  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: Augustine (DEPUTY)  
The Independent Legal No. 4465. Published January 31 February 7, 14, 21, 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554412

The following person(s) doing business as: Happy Hippo Pet Sitting, 823 Delaware Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ashley L. Teixeira, 823 Delaware Way, 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: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Ashley L. Teixeira, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 24 2019. Expires January 24, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4466 Published January 31 & February 7, 14, 21 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554579

The following person(s) doing business as: Total Investigations, 5556 Oakmont Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samir Haddad, 5556 Oakmont Circle, 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: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Samir Haddad, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29 2019. Expires January 29, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4467 Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554467

The following person(s) doing business as: Shwe Maynmar, 1106 E Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Maung Law, 1867 Slate Court, Union City, CA 94587. This business is conducted by a married couple. 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/: Kevin Maung Law, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25 2019. Expires January 25, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4468 Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555149

The following person(s) doing business as: The Lash Lounge, 3016 W. Jack London Blvd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Camelia Theaceae Corporation, 177 Park Avenue, Ste 200, San Jose, CA 95113. This business is conducted by a corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Corinne Tran, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 11, 2019. Expires February 11, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4481 Published February 14,

21, 28, March 7, 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554455

The following person(s) doing business as: Four Wellness Co. 6253 Dougherty Rd, #6204, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Four Wellness Co. 6253 Dougherty Rd, #6204, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Melissa Stephenson, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 25 2019. Expires January 25, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553965

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Fog, 811 Brennan Way, Livermore CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Morand, 811 Brennan Way, 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/: Christopher, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11 2019. Expires January 11, 2024.

The Independent Legal No. 4475 Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554532

The following person(s) doing business as: Keough Consulting, 809 Hopkins Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tracy Keough Whelan, 809 Hopkins Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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/: Tracy Keough, Founding Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 28 2019. Expires January 28, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553848

The following person(s) doing business as: CJR Property Management, 5424 Sunol Blvd #10-255, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): C. James Realty Group Inc. 5424 Sunol Blvd #10-255, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: 12/05/2018  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jessica K. Chappell, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 09 2019. Expires January 09, 2024.



The Independent Legal No. 4473 Published February 7, 14, 21, 28 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 553849

The following person(s) doing business as: C. James Properties, 5424 Sunol Blvd #10-255, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): C. James Realty Group Inc. 5424 Sunol Blvd #10-255, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jessica K. Chappell, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 09 2019. Expires January 09, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554625

The following person(s) doing business as: CaliSign, 497 Bernal Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael James Twomey, 497 Bernal 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: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Michael James Twomey, Owner. This statement was

filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30 2019. Expires January 30, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 554844

The following person(s) doing business as: Driven EV, LLC, 2472 Armstrong St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shane Sansen, 545 Belmont Ct., Brentwood, CA 94513. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. 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/: Shane Sansen, Owner Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 4, 2019. Expires February 4, 2024.

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

Case No. RP18918209  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROGELIO S. BELENA a.k.a. ROGER S. BELENA and as ROGELIO BUGAY BELENA. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUANITA L. BELENA

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in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: **JUANITA L. BELENA** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. ( X ) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 03/26/2019 TIME: 9:30 AM Dept 201. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse / Probate Division If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

(X) Attorney for Petitioner: THOMAS W. GAIN, 1700 N. BROADWAY, SUITE 403, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596, (925)-937-4070.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 5546389**  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Willow & Wolf Ranch 2) Whiskey Rye Ranch, 6033 Dagnino Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Whiskey Rye, LLC 6033 Dagnino Rd, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. 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/: Demetrios N. Shaffer, Owner Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 30, 2019. Expires January 30, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4478 Published February 14, 21, 28 March 7, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 554588**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Oppedisano Wood Fire Pizza, 596 Caliente Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joe Nichols, 596 Caliente Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Joe Nichols, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 29, 2019. Expires January 29, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4482 Published February 14, 21, 28 March 7, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 555117**  
The following person(s) doing business as: American Fenestration Testing Agency, 5289 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CMA Consulting, 289 Rickenbacker Circle, 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: 2/11/2019.

Signature of Registrants: /s/: Omar Hindiyyeh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 11, 2019. Expires February 11, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4483 Published February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 554996**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert Wesley Taylor, 1356 S Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Robert W. Taylor, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2019. Expires February 6, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4484 Published February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 554329**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Golden Gate Restaurant Inspections, 1807 Santa Rita Rd D-271, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Gate Restaurant Inspections, 1807 Santa Rita Rd D-271, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 7/2/15.  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Victor Casaus, Owner-Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2019. Expires January 23, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4485 Published February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 2019.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

**FILE NO. 555251**  
The following person(s) doing business as: Young Fit Humans, 5224 Diane Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby

registered by the following owner(s): Jon Schwartz, 5224 Diane Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, Kelly Schwartz, 5224 Diane Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2/8/2019  
Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jon Schwartz, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 13, 2019. Expires February 13, 2024.  
The Independent Legal No. 4486 Published February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 2019.

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# Word Wizards Cast a Spell At LVJUSD Spelling Bee



4-6 grade winner, Luke Bailey, with Assistant Superintendent Mike Biondi (left) and Superintendent Kelly Bowers (right)



Roya Rashidchi (left) and Austin Antony (right) - 1st and 2nd place winners, respectively, in 7-8 grade competition (Photos courtesy of Livermore Granada Boosters)

From “zero” to “zucchini” in only a few short rounds, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Spelling Bee was a nail-biter from start to finish. Every competitor, representing the top spellers at each of their respective school sites, spelled their way through an impressive array of words while the audience held its breath. The poise and sportsmanship of each student contributed to a respectful atmosphere for both

competitions. The event for students in grades 4-6 took place on February 6, 2019, and on February 13, 2019 for grades 7-8. As LVJUSD Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. said, “This is your time to shine in front of your families, your principals, and your peers,” and the spellers certainly delivered.

For the first time in recent memory, all 33 spellers from the grades 4-6 group went through the first two rounds without any eliminations; but even as

some began to be eliminated from the competition, spirits stayed high. After misspelling a word and returning to her family in the audience, Lily Feng of Arroyo Seco planted herself in a seat. “I want to stay and see who wins!” she declared, enthusiastically supporting her peers to the dramatic end.

Those in the audience were forced to stifle their excitement and trepidation as the spellers worked out their words, some of which they had never heard or seen before but managed to work out with phenomenal skill. The students’ abilities to determine how unfamiliar words should be constructed was a brilliant demonstration from diligent readers and writers who have a sophisticated understanding of complex words, displaying this skill even in their misspellings, and each proving their mettle.

In the end, after fourteen hard-fought rounds in the 4-6 grade contest, Luke Bailey from Joe Mitchell K-8 and Ashley Lane from Smith Elementary dued over the word “memorabilia,” which Bailey spelled successfully. He sealed his victory with the word “deciduous.” In the 7-8 grade event, Roya Rashidchi of Christensen Middle School delivered a one-two punch with “connoisseur” and “claustrophobia” – the latter narrowly missed by Mendenhall Middle School’s Austin Antony in the final round – and won on the word “lieutenant.”

The first and second place winners from both groups will advance to the 2019 Alameda County Spelling Bee Championship on Saturday, March 16 in San Leandro Arts Education Center. The elementary student competition begins at 9 a.m. and the junior high competition at 12:30 p.m.

# Driving Out Cancer, A Personal Mission

Rick Avila, a racecar driver from Pleasanton, is on a personal mission to Drive Out Cancer. The 55-year-old first noticed abdominal symptoms of a Neuroendocrine Tumor (a rare tumor that arises from a person’s neuroendocrine cells; also known as NET) when he was 42. Rick tolerated and ignored the pain for 11 years. Three days after he finally reported the symptoms to his doctor, he was in surgery to remove tumors in his small intestine. He still has many Stage IV NETs in his liver which are not surgically removable.

“I don’t consider myself someone who’s dying of a fatal disease,” says Avila. “Instead I see myself as a survivor of a noncurable cancer.” As a racecar driver in the North State Modified Series (NSMS), Rick

ties in Northern and Central California, dedicated their season to cancer awareness with their Driving Out Cancer campaign and, in partnership with their fans and drivers, raised money for cancer services at Stanford Health Care – ValleyCare (SHC – VC).

“I chose to donate to this cause because of personal involvement with cancer,” said NSMS Tech Official Paul Clark. “We had a little ‘scare’ here in the Clark camp in June 2014, when my wife, Carol, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She’s a survivor, and we’re getting close to that magical five-year mark at this time. When it was mentioned at the drivers’ meeting for our first race of the season that 2018 was going to be the Driving Out Cancer Tour, a couple of race teams stated

State Modified Series presented a check to ValleyCare Charitable Foundation for more than \$5,500 to support SHC – VC’s cancer services. “It takes a special person to turn a tragic experience into a healing one. Rick is that special person,” says Shaké Sulikyan, Executive Director of ValleyCare Charitable Foundation. “He bravely shared his personal experience during the season to educate others and inspire their fans and the drivers in the series to talk about cancer. His courage has inspired many and has helped people in their cancer journey. We are honored to be the recipient of the funds raised through this effort and know that they will play a critical role in helping cancer patients who trust our Hospital and physicians with their care.”



Rick Avila with his #420 modified (Photo courtesy of Rick Avila)

is making every effort to help as many other cancer patients – present and future – as possible. He’s spreading the word to everyone who will listen to pay attention to their body and get symptoms checked early.

In 2018, the NSMS, a traveling modified racing series that competes at facili-

ties would donate 10% of their winnings to the cause throughout the year. Standing next to Nadine at the meeting, I quietly said, ‘Oh, yeah. Well, I’m donating 25% of my official’s pay this season to this fight.’ It was that important to me.”

In January, during their awards banquet, the North

“We had many drivers and crew members who donated to this cause,” said NSMS co-promoter Nadine Strauss. “We gave a report at each race of our progress. One driver, Dustin DeRosier of Cloverdale, donated \$360 throughout the season. They were just happy to do it.”

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### Comedic Opera:

## 'The Barber of Seville' Set at the Bankhead Theater

One of the most recognizable comedic operas of all time, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, opens at the Bankhead Theater March 9. This Livermore Valley Opera production, is directed by Rob Herriot. The Tri-Valley's professional opera company will present two weekends of performances, fully-staged with orchestra at the Bankhead Theater.

Performances are March 9th, 2019, 7:30pm Opening Night, March 10th, 2019, 2pm,

March 16th, 2019, 7:30 pm, and March 17th, 2019, 2pm.

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

"This production brings together such experienced opera talent, including singers from the New York Metropolitan Opera and other great stages," says Erie Mills, LVO's Artistic Director. And she should know, being an alumna of the Met herself.

"Thomas Glenn, who will sing the role of Almaviva, holds a Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording. Peter Strummer as Bartolo, (LVO's *Don Pasquale*), returns to the Bankhead as well as Shirin Eskandani as Rosina, (LVO's *Cinderella*), and Alex DeSocio (LVO's *Don Pasquale*), as Figaro."

One of the greatest Italian opera buffa ever written, *Barber* is based on Beaumarchais' classic French comedy that tells of the clever barber Figaro and how he assists the noble Count Almaviva in winning the hand of his beloved Rosina by outwitting her lecherous guardian, Doctor Bartolo. Riotous comedy, memorable arias and spectacular ensembles abound. Beethoven was even quoted saying to Rossini, "I congratulate you. It will be played as long as Italian opera exists".

"It's an audience favorite for opera veterans and newcomers alike," says Mills. "It is an opera full of drama and misunderstanding, and yet, the right people wind up together and nobody dies! And with the projection of English supertitles, the audience won't miss a single laughable line."

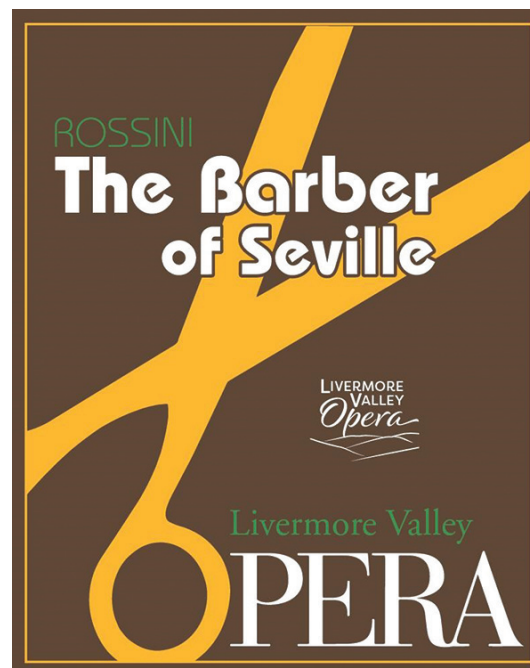
The opening night gala includes dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, followed by a dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater. The welcome reception with wine and appetizers begins at 4:00pm and dinner seating at 4:30 pm at Uncle Yu's, conveniently located one-half block from the

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Alex DeSocio and Peter Strummer in 'Don Pasquale'

Photo by Barbara Mallon



### Selections of the Opera

Livermore Valley Opera will present selections from *The Barber of Seville*.

The program takes place on February 24 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

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Of *Barber*, Beethoven told Rossini: "I congratulate you. It will be played as long as Italian opera exists".

This free performance, open to all will be held in the large meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

# International A Cappella Champs in Concert at Firehouse



Six Appeal to perform.

The world-class professional a cappella group Six Appeal comes to the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton for one concert only, on Saturday, March 2, at 8:00 p.m. Despite their cheeky group name, the six male vocalists all have some very serious musical skills: in 2018 the group beat out 181 top-tier a cappella groups to win the International A Cappella Championship in Moscow. Also known for their impeccable comedic timing, Six Appeal wraps everything up with the energy and vitality of a rock band.

With not an instrument in sight, except of course their six sets of vocal chords, the band navigates multiple genres of music, rolling through decades of hits from classic oldies to current chart toppers, plus a few original tunes. The members are formally trained in singing, pedagogy, composition, and have over 100 combined years of musical education and experience, bringing a diverse repertoire of styles, musical and otherwise, to the stage.

In addition to their 2018 International title, SA is featured on numerous “Best of” A Cappella albums, sang the National Anthem at the 2013 Sugar Bowl, and has garnered awards for Best Original Song and Best Original Arrangement among many other accolades. When not head-lining, Six Appeal performs with Andy Grammer, Louie Anderson, Jay Leno, Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, and Thundercat.

Show time is Saturday, March 2, at 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$27 - \$37. Tickets online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to performances if not sold out.

# Master Fiddlers Celebrate Canadian Music in Performance

Master fiddlers Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy will return to the Bankhead Theater for a lively celebration of the music of their Canadian roots, “Visions of Cape Breton and Beyond.” Filled with fiddling, dancing and singing, the award-winning couple will share their passion for the musical heritage of their hometowns of Lakefield, Ontario and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy will bring “Visions of Cape Breton and Beyond” to the Bankhead for one performance only on February 27, 2019.

Before joining forces, MacMaster and Leahy had already established successful musical careers in their own right and still continue to tour independently. The two were both born into their musical careers. MacMaster comes from a family of fiddlers. Her

mother once said that in her household, a fiddle never had to be taken out of its case, there was always one sitting on the piano or the table. She received her first fiddle at the age of nine, released her first recording at the age of 16, and has never looked back. Winner of numerous awards and beloved by audiences for her energetic stage presence and flamboyant playing style, MacMaster has fans around the world and has shared the stage with such artists as Paul Simon, Carlos Santana, and Faith Hill.

Leahy is renowned among Cape Breton fiddlers for his dazzling fingering and agile bow movements. He has spent his entire life with a fiddle in his hand, surrounded by a fiddle-playing father from Ontario, a step-dancing mother from Cape Breton, and a talented group of siblings who have performed

with him as front-man in the band Leahy for over 15 years. His high-energy exhilarating style makes for an instantly-recognizable musical signature.

When the two married in 2002, the world discovered that they are as dynamic on stage together as playing apart. Although they have performed with each other for years, they only released their first duo album in 2015. “One” includes original material, as well as traditional and contemporary tunes. The foot-tapping dance tunes of the Cape Breton style emerged from the Celtic- and Gaelic-influenced music of Scotland that arrived in Nova Scotia with immigrants of the 18th century. This traditional style is thought to be particularly well preserved in Nova Scotia, as immigrants were largely isolated from musical developments in their homeland. MacMaster

and Leahy have effortlessly blended the traditions of their heritage with a personal interest in bluegrass, Cajun and country sounds,

creating a unique style of their own.

Tickets are available at the Bankhead Theater box

office, 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore, online at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by calling 373-6800.



Master fiddlers Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy - Photo Rebekah Littlejohn

# Acoustic Guitar Concert Raising Funds for Music Scholarships

Fretted Friend's Productions presents a benefit concert for the Livermore Rotary's Music Scholarship Fund.

This evening of solo acoustic guitar features recording artists Teja Gerken and Doug Young.

It will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore.

Michael Ferrucci says "Teja Gerken and Doug Young are both extraordinary solo guitarists and this event should be considered a 'must see' for any and all guitar lovers, beginner or professional players here in the Tri-Valley". Seating is very limited and advance ticket purchase is recommended. Checks for tickets should be written to "The Rotary @Foundation of Livermore".

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 7:30 p.m. in the "West" performance room. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Advance tickets \$30.00 (recommended) are available at following locations and at the door: The Travel Bug, 2269 Third Street, Livermore; Mozart Einstein & Me 2156 First Street.

For reservations and Information contact Michael Ferrucci at [frettedfriend@gmail.com](mailto:frettedfriend@gmail.com)

All net proceeds will be presented to the Livermore Rotary's Music Scholarship Fund. Donations to the Music Scholarship Fund can be made to the "Rotary Foundation of Livermore"

have performed together for more than a decade. Drawing from their individual catalogs of original compositions, Celtic

tunes, arrangements of jazz standards, and the occasional classical piece, Teja and Doug are having fun presenting a varied reper-

toire. Often using a variety of guitars that may include baritone, metal-bodied resonator, and 12-strings in addition to more standard

instruments, the duo takes advantage of a wide tonal palette.

Besides performing and recording together, Teja and Doug are also both leading authorities on the acoustic guitar and its players. Both have written extensively for magazines such as Acoustic Guitar, Guitar Player, Fretboard Journal, Fingerstyle Guitar, and Premier Guitar, and have individually writ-

ten several books about guitars and guitar instruction. Both Teja and Doug have also produced and are featured in hundreds of instrument demonstration videos on YouTube, Peghead Nation, and Acoustic Guitar. A video of Teja and Doug performing "Autumn Roads," Live at the Winters Guitarfest 2018 can be found at: <https://youtu.be/8auDgsi43WM>



Teja Gerken and Doug Young Duo

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Teen Open Mic Night will take place 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 8. This free event gives teens the opportunity to showcase their talents in music, spoken word, poetry, or comedy.

Inklings Coffee & Tea is located at 530 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton.

For more information or to sign up, contact Joelle Glushenko, Recreation Supervisor at (925) 931-3432.

## Solo and Ensemble Festival Features Student Musicians

The annual Tri-Valley Solo & Ensemble Festival will be held on Saturday, 2/23/19, at Las Positas College. This is the 57th year the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Music Staff has hosted the event. The festival runs from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, followed by a formal, "Command Performance" at 7:00 pm in the Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts.

The purpose of the Festival is to foster a love for "Art" music. Performance literature will consist of "classical" repertoire. Students may perform as a soloist or as part of an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.).

More than 200 students participate annually. Participants must be music

students in their district music program. The festival is divided into three events, Band Instruments, String Instruments, and Vocal/Piano.

Entrants have five minutes to perform their selection in front of a clinician. Clinicians are public school educators known for their expertise as musicians and teachers. After each performance the soloist/ensemble receives comments and a rating, which rates their performance against a standard for their age group. Ratings range from "needs improvement" to "superior".

In addition, performers who have demonstrated superior musicality may receive a Command Screen-

ing. A command screening is a second opportunity to perform, this time in front of a "screening judge". Of these screenings, 12-15 performers will be selected for a formal evening performance at the Barbara Mertes Center of the Arts.

The Command Performance represents a cross-section of the district's music program and will feature performers on a variety of instruments, as well as various age levels, from the district music program.

All events and performances, including the evening command performance are open to the public. Admission is free.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

## International Film Festival Opens with Thriller 'Riphagen'

The International Film Series arrives at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 PM with the thriller Riphagen. Based on a true story, this Dutch drama follows a young policeman as he tracks down a con man who robs unsuspecting families hiding from the Nazis during WWII.

"Riphagen captures your attention from the very first scene," says Bob Block,

a member of the planning committee. "By the end of the film, you'll feel like you have actually met the characters."

The series also includes the French drama A Bag of Marbles and the Israeli comedy Stockholm. Both will screen on Sunday, March 3. "Stockholm is a more mature version of Week-end at Bernie's, with several long-time friends

trying their best to keep the Nobel Prize Committee in the dark about the death of a world famous economist," Block notes, adding, "Series-goers will enjoy a world tour without leaving the comfort of their movie seats."

For a complete write-up and to purchase tickets, go to [eastbayjewishfilm.org](http://eastbayjewishfilm.org). Brochures will be available at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street in Livermore.

## Africa's Cultures to Celebrate the Anniversary of Catalyst Press Founding

A celebration of Africa's cultures and the one-year anniversary of Catalyst Press will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 28 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Catalyst Press ([www.catalystpress.com](http://www.catalystpress.com)) is celebrating its one-year anniversary and the release of a new book by its founder. Catalyst Press, founded by author Jessica Powers, publishes books about Africa and by African writers.

The celebration will feature a special performance of African dance by the Cheza Nami Foundation, and a book-signing, reading, and talk by Powers on the South

African issues she explores in her new book, *Under Water*, and their parallels to issues currently faced by the U.S.

Coming out this month, *Under Water*, published by Cinco Puntos Press ([www.cincopuntos.com](http://www.cincopuntos.com)), is a sequel to the award-winning *This Thing Called the Future*. Both novels follow a young Zulu woman, Khosi, who practices as a traditional healer in a township of South Africa. In *Under Water*, 17-year-old Khosi is left to care for herself and her little sister after the death of their grandmother. Her struggle becomes worse as she ends up in the center of xenophobia towards immigrants and turf wars taking

over her town. Powers' previous books have been named a Skipping Stone Honor Book, ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults, and a TIL Best YA Book winner, among many other recognitions.

Powers founded Catalyst Press with the mission to explore the world from different perspectives, and publish literature that pursues justice and peace. Catalyst's current books range from a graphic novel about African king Shaka to a collection of short stories that span the years before and during Somalia's civil war.

All are invited to attend the celebration.



Cast finishes rehearsal.

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## 'Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon' to Be Performed at Livermore High

Livermore High School will present "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" as its winter show. Performances are February 22, 23 and February 28, March 1, 2 – at 8 pm in the LHS Performing Arts Theater.

In the Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon, by Don Zolidis, the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads – as 26 performers attempt to combine all 209 stories--from classics like "Snow White", "Hansel & Gretel" and "The Frog Prince" to the more bizarre ones like "The Devil's Grandmother" and "Fisher Girl & The Talking Fish"--into one big, super mega-story. Find out what happens: when you make a deal with the Devil, the Enchantress and Rumpelstiltskin—all at the same time; whether Prince 1 or Prince 2 or Prince 3 gets the girl; all about the witch which watched Walt's wish; Little Red is guilt-tripped into bringing Grandma her sweets; and, finally, the answer to the question: How many actors does it take to act out the story of "Cinderella"?

Tickets are \$10 reserved, \$5 balcony. They can be purchased online at the LHS Cowboy webstore or at the door.

The cast features Leah Anonuevo, Elias Barauskas, Ashley Jensen, Athena McPeake, Melia Nichols, Fiona Smith, Aidan Taylor as The Narrators; Elias Barauskas, Blake Burrell, Emerson Carr, JD Cerruti, Nalini D'Souza, Maly Ghannam, Gianna Gutierrez, Mikayla Henry, Toni Jackson, Ashley Jensen, Bridget Mayhew, Athena McPeake, Vy Nguyen, Tyler Olcese, Dylan Sanchez, Evangelina Sanchez, Fiona Smith, Hakili Smith as The Fairy Tale Characters; and Benjamin Nelson as The Actor.

The play is directed by Carol Hovey.

# Speaker at Las Positas College to Lead a Talk on Athlete Resistance

Las Positas College's Psychology Department and Psychology Club welcomes sociologist and civil rights activist Dr. Harry Edwards. He will lead a talk on athlete resistance on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Mertes Center for the Arts Main Theater (Building 4000) at LPC, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The lecture, "Taking a Knee: Understanding a Tradition of Athlete Resistance," will reflect on Edwards' history of activism focused on developments at the interface of sport, race and society. As an athlete in the 1960s when race relations were at the front and



**Harry Edwards**

center of society, Edwards called for a Black athlete boycott of the United States 1968 Olympic team. Years later, Edwards served as a

diversity consultant for Major League Baseball (1987), worked with the Golden State Warriors (1987-1995) in player personnel recruitment and counseling, and served in a similar role with the San Francisco 49ers. The programs and methods he developed for handling player personnel issues and Minority Coaches' Internship Program, developed in conjunction with 49ers Head Coach Bill Walsh to increase opportunities for minority coaches, were adopted by the National Football League in 1992.

Throughout his career, Edwards has compelled the sports world to confront and address issues pertaining to diversity and equal opportunity. He has been a consultant with producers of sports related programs over the past 40 years and is considered the leading authority in race, sport and society.

Edwards was a pioneering scholar in the founding

## Open Mic Scheduled

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Swirl on the Square, 21 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

Planned is an evening of food, wine, and writing. Cynthia Patton, Livermore's Poet Laureate and the event's host, says, "Don't be shy! Support local writers in a fun and welcoming environment."

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

of the sociology of sport as an academic discipline and is the author of four books: *The Struggle that Must Be*, *Sociology of Sports*, *Black Students and The Revolt of the Black Athlete*. He has

a bachelor's degree with honors from San Jose State University and a master's and Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University.

The Mertes Center for the Arts is at 3000 Campus

Hill Drive in Livermore. Tickets, \$10, are available online at [drharryedwards.brownpapertickets.com](http://drharryedwards.brownpapertickets.com) or at the door (cash only) on the night of the event.



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"Vintage Toys and Collections" is the theme for the Sundays at Hagemann event on Sunday, February 24. Nearly a dozen collectors will display their collections of tools, bells, toys, coins, and stamps. Livermore Lithophiles will bring rocks. There will be some rock painting. Featured will be a display of artifacts from the Panama Pacific Expo in 1915 including some novagems. Old tools welded into art objects will be part of the The Metal Wrench Art display. In the big backyard the kids will find vintage toys and games to play. As always, there will be tours of the ranch, blacksmith and art demonstrations and light refreshments. Hagemann Ranch is at 455 Olivina Ave, in Livermore.

# Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

## LAVA LAMPS

I'm amazed that some sixties fads are still around today, even though they may no longer rise to the level of being called a fad. Take the lava lamp. Today you may unexpectedly run across one or two here and there, and I'm always surprised when I do, but back then, when you visited someone's "pad," you expected to see one because they were an indelible part of the experimentation of that decade. Together with the aid of psychedelics, they enhanced the counterculture's quest for mind-blowing experiences of the infinite. Watching the blending and ever-changing shapes of the globules floating around in the lamp not only provided a sort of mesmerizing calmness, but it could also produce a profound, even spiritual experience, symbolizing, as many thought back then, depending on how much they had imbibed, the ever-changing energy of the universe, the very nature of life itself, or some such groovy notion.

Despite this spiritual application, the original idea for the lava lamp was anything but spiritual. Like so many inventions, it came about in a most unexpected, and unassuming, way. In 1963, Edward Craven Walker, a British accountant, was sitting in a pub, according to smithsonian-mag.com, "passing the time ... when he noticed a home-made egg timer crafted from a cocktail shaker filled with alien-looking liquids bubbling on a stove top" (I'm still trying to wrap my mind around that vision). Smithsonian-mag.com doesn't indicate just how many drinks Walker may have had by that point, but whatever the number, the alien-looking liquids gave him an idea, which led him to try to replicate the basic physics of what he had observed using a bottle of Orange Squash and a light bulb as a heat source.

Shortly after that, Walker hired, according to wikipedia.com, a British inventor named David George Smith, who actually developed the device and the chemical formula required to put Walker's idea into practice. According to smithsonian.com, the resulting lamp "paired two mutually insoluble liquids: one water-based, the other wax-based. The exact recipe is a proprietary secret, but a key ingredient is the solvent carbon tetrachloride, which adds weight to the otherwise buoyant wax. The heat source at the bottom of the lamp liquefies the waxy blob. As it expands, its density decreases and it rises to the top—where it cools, congeals and begins to sink back down."

What began as a flight of fancy, ended up becoming a lucrative enterprise. Walker, whose other claim to fame, again according to smithsonianmag.com, was making underwater nudist films, created his own company, Crestworth Ltd., in order to sell the lamps. During the sixties, Crestworth manufactured millions of these whimsical, oddball inventions each year. In addition, at a German trade show in 1965, the lamp attracted the attention of two men, Adolph Wertheimer and Hy Spector, who subsequently bought the U.S. manufacturing rights and began selling what they called the Lava Lite Lamp. In the 1970s, the U.S. rights were again sold, this time to a man named Larry Haggerty, who created Lava World International, which became a subsidiary of Haggerty Enterprises. While

Walker retained the international rights to the product, LVI went on to produce lava lamps in America for over 30 years.

The lava lamp is almost a misnomer; it's hardly a "lamp" in the traditional sense because it doesn't really give off much light. But, then, it became popular within the sixties counterculture not because of the outer light it radiated, but because of the inner enlightenment it produced.

For me, the lamp represented a myriad of images, all of them less-than lofty or cosmic. The globules, mesmerizing as they were, illuminated by beautiful lights in the liquid-filled container, nevertheless reminded me of fatty tissue badly in need of liposuction. Not exactly Walker's original vision of alien-looking liquids, my vision probably had more to do with my preoccupation at the time with unwanted cellulite that no amount of jogging could seem to sweat away. I did have my literary and cinematic references, though; I could also imagine the globules as alien life forms whose intelligence mere homo sapiens couldn't even come close to matching.

By the late seventies, with social and cultural changes taking place, the lava lamp's glow had dimmed. In 1989, Walker took on two business partners, Cressida Granger and David Mulley, who eventually took over Crestworth and changed its name to Mathmos. Despite this, the lamp's glow might have gone out altogether if not for another unlikely and unexpected turn of events: the Austin Powers-fueled nostalgia of the 1990s, which turned up enough heat to rekindle the flickering fad. By 2000, production was again on, with Mathmos selling some 800,000 lamps.

Today, the U.S.-based Lava Lite company supplies millions of lamps a year through a number of retail outlets that might make the counterculture revolutionaries of the sixties cringe. If you haven't already noticed, take a walk through the lamp or novelty or home decorations sections in stores like Target, Walmart, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. There you're likely to find the little 'ole lava lamp, resembling a soda-pop bottle resting on something shaped like a bartender's jigger, standing on a shelf next to its more industrial-looking cousins, illuminated in jewel tones of aquamarine, amber, sapphire, topaz, and lavender, dutifully waiting to be purchased, taken home, and loved. Or you can let your fingers click their way through cyberspace, where you're likely to find this advertisement: "Are you looking for a super hip lamp that knows where it's at?" Or this ad for a lava lamp with a modern twist (swirling glitter instead of globules): "Host the grooviest hangs with this lava lamp." I'm still trying to figure that one out.

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In next month's column, I'll talk about a current fad, the smiley face, which actually had a reverse trajectory from the lava lamp. Although the modern version was created in the sixties, back then it never became the fad that it is today.

## TEDx Session Planned in Dublin

TEDxEmeraldGlenPark 2019 will take place March 9 at the Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin.

TEDxEmeraldGlenPark will explore all the "IF's" around the impact of human connection, health, technology, education, sustainability and anything in between.

TEDxEmeraldGlenPark serves the Tri-Valley area—Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon. It brings Tri-Valley leaders together and provides a forum for the Tri-Valley community to share ideas, embrace differences, get educated, and understand many views.

At TEDx events, a screening of TEDTalks videos — or a combination of live presenters and TEDTalks videos — spark deep conversation and connections.

The opening reception, registration and innovation alley will take place 1 to 1:30. Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. with the closing reception, innovation alley and listen to TED's video at 4 p.m.

For information, go to [www.tedxemeraldglennpark.com/2019-2/speakers-exhibitors/](http://www.tedxemeraldglennpark.com/2019-2/speakers-exhibitors/)

Scheduled speakers are the following:

Vanessa Thomas, a South African-born Freelance Journalist with a scientific and research background, is now living in California. She views herself as a catalyst for connecting people and is co-founder of the non-profit Dublin Arts Collective.

Jeff Parrett had a 30+ year career in technology as a software engineer. He saw the industry go from punch cards to the cloud. After retiring in 2013 he is supporting social entrepreneurs in addressing the challenges we're facing as a society.

Ali O'Grady, a mushroom marketer, turned zero waste cardpreneur. Ali founded quirky card start-up Thoughtful Human in October 2017, which works to take the "greetings" out and put the human back into cards and how we communicate — specifically in dynamic relationships and challenging life circumstances (think cancer, grief, addiction...).

Nora Toure is an Additive Manufacturing expert since 2010, distinguished by her peers and awarded several times for her work in the 3D printing industry.

Dr. Mazzola is a licensed clinical psychologist with more than 15 years of experience. She began in community mental health services and foster care before entering into a medical system with more resources and programs.

Megan Rose, a 22-year-old country singer-songwriter, first gained national attention on Season 13 of NBC's *The Voice*. The San Ramon, CA native used the platform to showcase her powerful voice while also bringing awareness to Multiple Sclerosis, a disease that has taken her fathers ability to play music away from him.

TEDxEmeraldGlenPark 2019 Exhibitors: Sudhi Nema, Mixed Media Artist, Peace, clay artwork by Sudhi Nema, Linda Ryan, Artist specializing in Acrylic Pour Paintings, Jen Huber, Artist, Acrylic, Watercolor and Mixed Media Painter, Summer Ellis, Encaustic Artist, Sea Glass artwork by Summer Ellis, Sawsan Wolski, Artist, Owner of The Frame Company, and others.

## 'Raising Emotionally Healthy Kids' Event Hosted by Axis

A free event entitled "Raising Emotionally Healthy Kids" is designed to help parents gain practical solutions for approaching stress with their child. Hosted by Axis Community Health, guest speaker Graham Wiseman will address social media and cell phone strategies; the rise in anxiety, depression, and suicide among teens; and signs to watch for in your child.

"Teens are faced with stress from so many aspects of modern life that it can seem overwhelming. But, with the right tools and information, parents can help," says Emma Gil, one of Axis Community Health's Primary Prevention Educators. Heather Mackey, also a Primary Prevention Health Educator

with Axis, agrees. "Teaching teens to be resilient in how they handle stress can do a lot to prevent them from feeling overwhelmed and lead to healthier lives both emotionally and physically." Gil and Mackey currently work with several schools in the Tri-Valley providing health and wellness education to tweens and teens.

Graham Wiseman, a speaker, advocate, and parent coach focused on a variety of issues facing today's youth, will lead the parent education event. Following the tragic loss of his son to suicide, Wiseman gave up his corporate career to devote his time to help parents guide their children toward happier, more inde-

pendent lives.

"Raising Emotionally Healthy Kids" is being presented on three separate evenings in February and March throughout the Tri-Valley. The events will be on Thursday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore; Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 p.m. at Rosewood Commons Auditorium, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588; and Wednesday, March

20, 6:00 p.m. at Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. Registration is requested; RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for "Raising Emotionally Healthy Kids."

## Livermore Teens Invited to Submit Artwork

The Livermore Public Library is offering an opportunity for teens to share their artistic talent with local artists and the Livermore community by sponsoring the 2019 Teen Art Exposition and Competition. The library invites Livermore middle school and high school students to submit artwork on this year's theme: In Our Nature.

Livermore residents in sixth through twelfth grades are encouraged to submit an original piece of art. Works eligible for the exhibit are limited to 2D visual media in the following categories: (1) painting: watercolor or acrylics; (2) drawing: pencil, pen, ink, or pastels; (3) photography: digital or traditional film; and (4) mixed

media: any combination of techniques. Entries will be accepted from 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2019 through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Civic Center Library.

Artwork will be judged in each category at two levels, Level 1: 6th-8th grade, and Level 2: 9th-12th grade. Ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show and first, second, and third place for each category. Students may enter one art piece either as an individual or as part of a team. All artists are limited to one submission only; participants may not enter as part of a team and as an individual. All artwork must be framed and/or matted with an acceptable hanging system. For com-

plete submission guidelines and examples of acceptable hanging systems, please see the library's website.

Teen artwork will be on display during the library's regular hours from 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 1, 2019 through 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the Civic Center Library Art Gallery. Artwork will be shown as space allows. The community is invited to attend the Artist's Reception that will take place Thursday evening on April 18, 2019 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Community Rooms of the Civic Center Library.

For more information and to access entry forms, please visit the TEEN SPACE <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib/teens/default.htm>

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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Imagination Expressed 2019**, Pleasanton Art League show at the Museum on Main. Show runs January 8 to February 24 during regular museum hours. 603 Main Street Pleasanton.

**A Winter's Tale: Art Exhibit** at the Bankhead Theater Gallery, Jan., 10-March 5, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpcac.org or 373-6800.

**"Smaller than Life" a fine art exhibition featuring artist Barbara Stanton** February 1st- March 17th at the Arata Fine Art Gallery. The show will feature a combination of Barbara Stanton's miniature oil paintings and life drawing figurative work. Artist Reception on Friday February 1st 5-7 PM. Live demonstration of oil painting in Miniature on February 16th. Arata Art Gallery, 637 1st Street, Benicia; 510-432-5167 <https://aratafineartgallery.com/>

**Solo photography exhibit "Kerry Joy McGehee: Photography"** through April 11th, represented by SLATE Contemporary Gallery (Oakland). There will be 19 photographs on display at the San Ramon Valley Conference Center. Sixteen are N. California landscape images, including many taken in Livermore. 1 The San Ramon Valley Conference Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 3301 Crow Canyon Rd., San Ramon.

**Alviso Adobe Show**, Pleasanton Art League. March 1, 2, 3. 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton, 10 am to 4 p.m. Reception and awards March 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com)

**Alamo Danville Artists' Society Blackhawk Gallery's new Exhibit 'Artistry'** on view seven days a week from 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](mailto:swain.kerima@gmail.com)

**Fragments, Edges, & Ambiguities.** March 1 through April 6 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 5 Bay Area Artists: Taryn Curiel (watercolor), Dan Lythcott-Haims (photography), Jane Peterman (ceramic sculpture), Yucali Seki (mixed media), and Cindy Stokes (photography). RECEPTION: Free opening reception Thursday, February 28, 7-9 p.m. The public is welcome to come preview the entire exhibit, chat with the artists, light refreshments. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

**Celebrate Women! 2019-Awards &**

Reception Sunday, March 3rd from 2 - 4 Conference Room A, Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

**Wearable Art**, reception March 23, 1:30-3 p.m. Wearable Art! Bankhead Theater Gallery Exhibit March 5 through April 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Entries are being accepted for the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) annual art show** and sale at the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton. This is an open show, in which all categories of hung artwork and photographs will be judged together. Show runs March 1, 2, 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration deadline is Feb. 23, 2019. Refer to the Prospectus and Registration form at the PAL website: [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com)

**New Art Classes at Way Up Art and Frame.** Beginning Colored Pencil classes starting Thurs., Feb. 28th, 9:30-Noon for five weeks. Adult. Location Way Up Art and Frame, 1912 Second St., Livermore. Instructor, Maryann Kot. Classes are for beginners who will learn the properties of the colored pencil, color theory, and how to create realistic drawings. Each student will create their own project by the end of this session. For more information or to sign up email [maryannkot@gmail.com](mailto:maryannkot@gmail.com)

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2018 - 2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school. She also works with adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Home schoolers and high school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been an art instructor in the Livermore Valley for many years. Contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

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

## WINERIES

**Fun Friday's at Wood Family Vineyards.** 4 to 7 p.m. 2407 Research Dr., Livermore: 2/22 - Jack Quigley Souled Out Music; 3/1 - Meshach Jackson. Presidents Weekend Barrel Tasting - Saturday, February 16th & Sunday, February 17th runs from noon - 4:30 p.m. Tasting GSM & Grenache directly

from the barrels and futures will be available for purchase. Complementarity to our Club Members plus their club specific amount of guests. General tickets are \$15 per person and are non-refundable. Music will be on hand.

**Garré Vineyard and Winery Wedding Showcase!** February 24, 2019 meet with vendors, tour venues, watch a runway show, and sample hors d'oeuvres and sparkling wine. Tickets are \$15/ each. 12pm-3pm. To buy ticket: [bit.ly/garreweddingsshowcase](http://bit.ly/garreweddingsshowcase)

**Barrel Tasting Weekend** - March 23 and 24, noon to 4:30 p.m. sample wines still in development right out of the barrel. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Ticket and event information at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org) Trio 180, violin, cello, piano, March 23, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## 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.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**, 8 p.m. Feb. 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Jazz on Inklings Coffee & Tea stage**, 7 p.m. Feb. 22. Good Vibes featuring young vibraphonist James Hall with Leon Joyce - Percussion, John R. Burr - Keyboard and Matt Finders - Bass. Free admission. Doors open at 6:15 pm Sponsored By: PJS, Inklings and Zelda Kohn, REALTOR® 530 Main St., Pleasanton; Seat reservations EventBrite

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

**Banda Magda!** In concert at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, Pleasanton. Sunday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. Jazzy latin-afro rhythms, cinematic arrangements, plus the best of mid-century pop, wrapped up in high-profile, high-energy 5-person band. Lead by Greek-born composer, orchestrator, singer, and accordionist Magda Giannikou, Banda Magda glides from samba to French chansons, from Greek folk tunes to Colombian cumbia and Afro-Peruvian lingo with consummate pizzazz. Reserved seating tickets \$27 - \$37. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton.

**Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy**, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**International Guitar Night** Thurs., February 28, 7:30 pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**PCAC presents Royal Jelly Jive**, 8 p.m. March 1. Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council benefit concert for Art in the Schools. Royal Jelly Jive combines high energy swing, soul, rock & hip-hop featuring a sultry voiced lead singer, swingin' horns, gritty keys and a bumpin' rhythm section. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Six Appeal**. 2018 International professional a cappella champions! In concert at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater, Pleasanton. Saturday, March 2, 8:00 p.m. With impeccable comedic timing and rock-band energy, the six-man vocal band navigates multiple genres of music, rolling through decades of hits from classic oldies to current chart toppers, plus a few original tunes thrown in. Reserved seating tickets \$27 - \$37. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, in downtown Pleasanton.

**Marc Cohn**, 7:30 p.m. March 11. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org) or call 925-373-6800

**California Feetwarmers**, A Swingin' Good Time. Veterans Memorial Building, Pleasanton, 8 p.m. March 16. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Don Felder**, March 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Jazz Ensemble & Orchestra**. Las Positas College Main Stage, March 21. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**Bumper Jacksons**, March 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, Schubert: The Sublime, Sunday, March 24, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Will Ackerman: The Gathering 4 Guiltars**, 7:30 p.m. March 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**The Clairvoyants**, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Sunol Repertory Theatre**, Caught in The Act written by Pat Cook and directed by Sandi Bohner & Ray Spooner. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m. March 8-30. [facebook.com/SunolRepertoryTheatre](http://facebook.com/SunolRepertoryTheatre) and [sunol.net/srt](mailto:sunol.net/srt) [sunolrep@gmail.com](mailto:sunolrep@gmail.com)



**Tri-Valley Haven is bringing back Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues by popular demand to the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 8 pm and Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2 pm and 8 pm. Local talent Eleisa Cambra is directing a whole new show with several fresh monologues. Proceeds will benefit Tri-Valley Haven's domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Tickets are available online at [www.lvpcac.org](http://www.lvpcac.org).**

**The Drowsy Chaperone**, Las Positas College Main Stage, Mar. 8-17. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts/index.php>

**DLux Puppets: Alice In Wonderland**, March 9, 11 a.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**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](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Junie B. Jones The Musical JR**, March 22-31, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Asbury Players Community Theater** presents "Bloody Murder," by Ed Sala, a diabolically different and delightfully warped mystery/comedy! March 23 - 31, 2019. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. \$10 general admission. Tickets available online at [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org), at the door, or call (925) 447-1950.

## 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.

**Parent Social & Comedy Night** to benefit Harvest Park Middle School PTSA at Tommy T's, March 5, 5104 Hopyard Rd. Featuring Regina Stoops, Tramane Webb, and Stacey Gustafson.

Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. Tickets \$20 or 8 for \$120. Two item min.

## MOVIES

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

## OPERA

**Livermore Valley Opera** presents Rossini's Barber of Seville Opera; Bankhead Theater 2400 First Street, Livermore; March 9 and 16 at 7:30 pm; March 10 and 17 at 2:00 pm; tickets at [lvpcac.org](http://lvpcac.org); information; (925) 321-1027 [info@livermorevalleyopera.com](mailto:info@livermorevalleyopera.com)

## CHORAL

**Valley Concert Choral**, Joyful Treasures: Joyful Songs that Dance! March 9, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; March 10, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org)

## AUDITIONS

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.** Lyrics by Tim Rice Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Children's Audition (age 12 and under): Monday March 11, 2019 at 7:00pm Children will be taught a short dance routine and music from the show. Children must arrive dressed to dance. Please have children bring a completed audition form with all rehearsal conflicts listed. Please also supply a current picture or headshot for your child. Teen and Adult Audition (ages 13 +): Saturday March 9, 2019 11:00am OR Sunday March 10th 6:00pm. No appointments necessary. Auditions are First come, First seen. Auditions will be held at the Tri-Valley Repertory rehearsal space: 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 in Pleasanton. [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org)

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Hagemann Ranch Open House.** Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

**A Writers Meetup for adults** 18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library,

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1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. To learn more about this program check the library's website at [livermorelibrary.net](http://livermorelibrary.net) or call the library at 925-373-5500.

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

#### Bubbles & Bacon in downtown

**Pleasanton**, Feb. 23, 4 to 7 p.m. . Event guests will enjoy bubbles and bacon at 15 downtown locations. All food pairings will be bacon inspired and highlighted by a sparkling adult beverage. Tickets Starting at \$40. Pleasanton Downtown Association [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**Tails at Twilight**, Friday, March 1, 2019 - Parisian-themed evening in support of Valley Humane Society. All-white dress is encouraged for this Diner en

Blanc soiree. 6-11 pm, Palm Center, Pleasanton. <https://valleyhumane.org>

**Livermore Half Marathon**, Sunday, March 3, race starts 7:30 a.m. Post-race wine and music festival. Registration and information at [www.LivermoreHalfMarathon.com](http://www.LivermoreHalfMarathon.com)

**Museum on Main**, An Afternoon or Evening with... Eleanor Roosevelt: Tuesday, March 5th, 2 pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or (925) 462-2766.

**Janet Beard, The Atomic City Girls**, 7:30 p.m. March 14. Rae Dorrough Speaker Series. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

**Fur, Scales & Tails Animal Show**, March 15, 6:30 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. \$8 per person [www.larpd.org](http://www.larpd.org)

**Cirque Eloize "Saloon"** March 21, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org), 373-6800.

#### Livermore Reads Together programs scheduled are:

- Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. -- Poetry Reading by MK Chavez. Award-winning poet and Latinx writer

MK Chavez will give a poetry reading.

- Saturday, February 23, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. -- Livermore Reads Art Reception. Celebrate Mexican art and culture with artist Daniel Camacho and the Hispanic Heritage Center.

- Sunday, February 24, 2:00 p.m. -- Los Panaderos Concert. Enjoy traditional Mexican folk music and dance featuring the Bay Area group, Los Panaderos.
- Tuesday, February 26, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. -- Maker Program for Kids. Make a BrushBot at Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Drive in Livermore.

- Thursday, February 28, 6:30 p.m. -- Books & Brews at Eight Bridges Brewery. Join library staff to discuss Spare Parts and raise a glass to another eventful Livermore Reads Together at Eight Bridges Brewery located at 332 Earhart Way in Livermore.

In addition throughout the month of February, the Civic Center Library Art Gallery will feature a special exhibit by artist Daniel Camacho and the Las Positas College Art Club.

Livermore Reads Together 2019 is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library and include programs for all ages. For more information about this and other library programs, call (925) 373-5505.

## OPERA

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theater. The three-course dinner will be paired with wines donated by Fenestra Winery. Stage Director Rob Heriot and LVO's Music Director Alexander Katsman will be available to meet with guests and provide opera insights. Desert, wine and coffee bar at the Bankhead lobby begins at 6:30.

Gala Tickets are \$95, and are available through Bankhead Theater box office or online at [LVOpera.com](http://LVOpera.com). Opera performance tickets are a separate ticket purchase.

The red carpet is rolled out for all opera attendees with a photo op against a "step and repeat" backdrop featuring Livermore Valley Opera's newly designed logo.

Included in the ticket price are engaging Lecture before each performance at 6:30pm and 1:00pm, one hour prior to curtain time. LVO's traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

LVO, like other similar companies, is making a major effort to attract younger people who may have had little or no experience with the magical world of opera, with new pricing for all except tier 1 (row F and G center) seating sections. Those attending may be asked for ID. Regular adult pricing is \$42-\$90; age 40 and under: \$40; age 20 and under: \$20.

Tickets can be purchased through the Bankhead box

office at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore or LVO website at [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or by calling 373-6800. Gala tickets are \$95 per person, separate purchase.

Livermore Valley Opera was founded in 1992, and presents fully-staged operas at Livermore's Bankhead Theater in the spring and fall. This gem of a theater features excellent lines of sight and acoustics, helping the opera to attract talented singers and stage directors for their performances.

LVO is a professional opera company and a 501(c) 3 non-profit charitable arts organization. For more information, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).



## Open Board of Trustee Seat Seeking Applications!

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is soliciting applications from community members in **Trustee Area 5 (Dublin/Pleasanton/Sunol) who are interested in serving as an appointed member of the Board** until the next regularly scheduled general election for governing board members in November 2020.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

The Board seeks a candidate who has the ability and time to fulfill the responsibilities of a Trustee. Sample responsibilities are listed below:

- Participate fully in the work of the Board; attend all meetings and some college events;
- Study issues and agenda items and participate in Trustee education programs;
- Be knowledgeable about the communities served by the colleges and be willing to act on behalf of those communities;
- Be committed to Chabot College and Las Positas College and their missions; understand educational, social, and economic policy issues;
- Engage in balancing the needs of many diverse groups; be able to contribute to and build consensus;
- Participate as one Trustee and support the authority of the Board as a whole.

*The Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that some meetings may start as early as 4 p.m., and workshops and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.*

**Application materials are available on the District website at [www.clpccd.org](http://www.clpccd.org)**

**Application deadline is Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

#### For additional information, please contact:

Debra Nascimento, Executive Assistant/Board Coordinator, Chancellor's Office at (925) 485-5207 or [dnascimento@clpccd.org](mailto:dnascimento@clpccd.org)

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District  
7600 Dublin Blvd., 3rd Floor, Dublin, CA 94568

[www.clpccd.org](http://www.clpccd.org)  
(925) 485-5208

## Knights of Columbus Schedule Crab Feed

The Livermore Knights of Columbus will hold the 46th Annual Crab Feed and Charity Auction on March 16th, 2019. The combination fundraiser and celebration will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center. There will be a lot to celebrate since the council won 2018 California Council of the Year in recognition of their rich agenda of charitable activities. The fundraiser will also be a re-dedication to continuing the work that has benefitted Livermore and the Tri-Valley area with a regular cadence of events that support youth, homeless, families, veterans and many others.

Event chair and Deputy Grand Knight Anthony Contarciego explained, "This year's event will feature a live band (Mixed Nuts), local wines and craft beers, and, of course, delicious high-quality crab and pasta." Leaders of several of the organizations supported by the Knights over the past year will be in attendance. "This year's attendees will have the chance to talk with them and hear first-hand how the Livermore Knights are impacting our community in a positive way" Contarciego said. The fund-raising portion of the event which will include raffles, a cake auction, live and silent auctions with an exciting array of prizes and more.

According to Grand Knight Wesley Arnold, "This will be a great night where we celebrate success, have fun, eat well and hear stories that will compel guests to support an organization that is making our community a better place to live".

Seating is limited to about 400 people. Visit [www.livermoreknights.org](http://www.livermoreknights.org) for details or call Dennis Lundbom (775)-772-6369 or Mark & Claire Duguid (925)-443-5873 for tickets.

The Livermore Knights are also gearing up for their 2019 Ribs, Chili, Cars, Brews and Blues event on May 11th, which will be significantly expanded after the tremendous turnout for the 2018 event.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity. They raise funds through various community events and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes, mostly in Livermore and the Tri Valley region. To learn more, visit [www.livermoreknights.org](http://www.livermoreknights.org).

## Library's Snapology STEM Class Taking Registration

The Livermore Public Library will host Snapology hands-on STEM class on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. There will be two sessions: 1:00-2:30pm and 2:45-4:15pm.

Children will build ziplines while learning basic engineering skills. This free event is designed for ages 6 and up and registration is required. Call 925-373-5504 starting March 4, 2019 to register. Space is limited.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For further information, check [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net) or call 925-373-5504.

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(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.)

**Heritage Estates Health Fair** - 5th Annual Fundraiser on Wednesday, February 27th 2019 at 3:15 p.m. at Heritage Estates, 900 East Stanley Boulevard, Livermore. OneEighty Foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations that make positive changes in the lives of children and families in the community. Donation is \$10. Silent auction, gifts and prizes.

**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.

**A night of music and dancing to Cajun and Blues music** by Tom Rigney and Flambeau, March 9 at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner and dancing beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25 prepaid or \$30 at the door. Louisiana Cuisine will be available for purchase: Gumbo \$12 and red beans and rice \$8. The Elks Lodge is located at 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. For tickets and information, call the Lodge office at 455-8829 or email [secretary2117@comcast.net](mailto:secretary2117@comcast.net).

**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: February 21, March 21, April 18, and 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.

**Roy Lozano, drug and substance prevention specialist** and youth speaker will present a talk at 7 p.m. on March 14. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 will host the presentation at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. For information, call 455-8829.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.** Feb. 24, 1 p.m. lunch in Sunol. RSVP by Feb. 21 to Ruby, 462-9636.

**Registration for the Sunday, May 5, 2019 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour** is now open. Thirty five bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 60% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra

Costa counties. Shop during the Winter Native Plant Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 23, as well as on Saturday, April 20, or over the course of the week-end of May 4 and 5 during the Tour's usual Native Plant Extravaganza. A portion of the proceeds from these plant sales will go to support the Tour. A \$15 per person donation is requested to help cover the cost of putting on the Tour. [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net)

**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.

**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 March 30, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, 325 Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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

**25th Annual Livermore High School Stampede Softball Tournament** Celebrating the 25th year of their Annual Softball Tournament. Games will be held Thurs., April 4 - Sat. April 6. Last year approximately 47 girls had signed with colleges prior to the tournament. Opening Ceremonies are on Thursday, April 4th at 9:00am. Games will begin after the ceremonies with three full days of Softball. Approximate game hours on Thursday & Friday are from 9:00am - 9:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am - 10:30pm. Toff Garcia and Jeremy Luke are leading the committee and they are

seeking assistance with the tournament itself (scoring, field prep, snack shack) but also donations to support raffles, silent auctions, etc. For additional information go to: [www.lhs-stampede.com](http://www.lhs-stampede.com) & email: [gocowboysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:gocowboysoftball@gmail.com).

**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/>

**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.

**Doucets for the Livermore HistoryMo-**

**bile.** 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 (AI 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.

**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

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

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

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

**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 rjfgiono@comcast.net.

**Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club**. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 p.m.. For more info visit us @ <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 Churilo, 925-967-8177.

**American Legion Post 47** in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The American

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

**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 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).

**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 922-9820.

**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/WINGS](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.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925-447-2078.

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 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. [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.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**, 3350 Hayward 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. 925-462-4802.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

**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 a.m., 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.jewishtri-valley.com](http://www.jewishtri-valley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Lynnwood 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@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org) or visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.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. A Reconciling Church, all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, and childcare in the nursery. Livermore Homeless Refuge needs volunteers when nights are cold or rainy at Asbury and three other churches. If you would like to consider volunteering, additional information and an application form are located at [www.livermorehomelessrefuge.org](http://www.livermorehomelessrefuge.org). For more information about other opportunities visit [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950.

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

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 [stfranciscanlivermore.org](http://stfranciscanlivermore.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 Abahab Messianic Congregation**, worship every Saturday, 11 a.m. at 193 Contractors Ave., Livermore. Congregation and Jews and Gentiles. Liturgy presented in both Hebrew and English. Families are welcome. Blessing of bread and wine (or grape juice) follows each service and all are invited to Oneg, a fellowship meal.

**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. Open to people in the community as well. Pastor Kathy. [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925-447-1950.

# Milestones

## Florence Gordon Celebrates 99th Birthday

Florence Gordon recently celebrated her 99th birthday with friends and family at Rosewood Gardens. She and her family moved to Livermore in 1952. She has lived here ever since. She is well known for her work at the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District office. As a volunteer greeter at the Livermore Kaiser Gift Store for many years, she is still inspiring everyone with her twinkle and smile.

Her daughters, Linette Gordon Smith and Marsha Gordon Haines joined their mother in celebration of her long and productive life. Her husband, Frank Gordon, was a physicist at the Lab. He passed in 2012.

## Lions Club Speech Contest Winner

The Livermore Lions Club held its annual Student Speakers Contest at the Livermore Library on February 3. This event is open to all high school students in Livermore and the surrounding area. For this year's contest the speech topic was "Freedom of the Press What Does It Mean?"

The Student Speakers Contest provides scholarships for higher education. Using the same speech, the winner may advance five more levels and end up with a grand total of \$21,500 in college scholarships. The state level contest will be in June. The Lions Clubs of California have been funding this event for 82 consecutive years.

The winner this year of the Livermore Lions Club Student Speakers Contest is Chris Gonzalez, who is a senior at Granada High School and an Eagle Scout. Chris plans to use his scholarship money at the University of Pennsylvania, where he will attend the Wharton School of Business. The contest finalists were John Molitoris, another senior at Granada and an Eagle Scout, and Regina Molitoris, a freshman at Granada.

Judges who decided the winner were Shana Peete, Jo Ann Acero, Debra Coray, and Janet Hartwig. Three of these



Pictured is the winner Chris Gonzalez and Ann Lopez, the chair.

ladies are members of the Livermore Elks Lodge. Also attending were Lions from other clubs: Lion Ray Oliver of the Alameda Breakfast Lions Club and Lions Gopa Kumar and James Varghese of the Hayward Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club. Lion Kumar is the chairman of the Student Speakers Contest for Zone 8. Chris will be competing at that zone level in San Lorenzo in March.

At last year's contest there were high school student speakers from Brentwood, Dublin, San Ramon, as well

as Granada. This year the all the speakers were from Granada High School. Last fall Ann Lopez, the contest chairperson, visited the Career/Activities Director at Livermore High School and at Granada High School to discuss and distribute information about how students may participate. She will go see them again in the fall about the 2020 contest. For more information about the Student Speakers Contest visit the Livermore Lions Club website.



Pictured are Bill Nebo, Gino Barbalinardo, Ashley Porter, Cade Murphy, Rick King and Bruce Shore.

## Rotary Club of Livermore Hosts Speech Contest

By Bill Nebo

The Rotary club of Livermore held its annual Richard D. King speech contest on Wednesday, February 6 at the GHMG hotel with three contestants from Livermore High School. Senior Ashley Porter won the first place prize of \$300. Junior Gino Barbalinardo took the second place prize of \$200 followed closely by senior Cade Murphy who won the hundred dollar third-place prize.

Each contestant had between four and five minutes to address the theme "be the

inspiration" which was the 2018 - 2019 theme for Rotary international. Ashley based her speech on how her late grandmother brought to her life the commitment to emphasize her inspiring traits, and Gino gave credit to us in his speech for a similar inspiration from his older sister. Cade spoke about his realization that what is inspiring is the helpful and generous things one does without seeking praise or notice from others.

The founder of the contest

Richard D. King, and attorney member of the Niles Rotary club and past president of Rotary International, was on hand Wednesday to hear the speeches and remarked that in all of his experience the three student speakers from Livermore high school matched any he had heard previously.

Ashley Porter will go on to compete in the area speech contest to be held at Castlewood Country Club during the Rotary club meeting on February 28 at 5:30 PM.

## Dogtopia Opens in Dublin

Dogtopia has opened a new location in Dublin. Situated at 8000 Amador Valley Blvd., this location marks the second Dogtopia in the Bay Area.

The new location will be owned by local entrepreneur, Joe Castorena. He decided bringing the dog daycare to Dublin would be the perfect opportunity to do something he loves while being his own boss. Joe also plans on opening a second Dogtopia in the area in 2019.

Dogtopia sets the industry standard among dog daycares with its three key benefits: education, exercise and socialization. Pet parents are walked through a detailed facility tour while their furry children are evaluated for Dogtopia's open-play environment. Dogtopia employs webcam technology in each playroom that allows pet parents to check on their pups from anywhere.

In addition, Dogtopia launched the Dogtopia Foundation with the goal to enable dogs to positively change our world. The Foundation funds programs focused around three causes: Services Dogs for Veterans, Youth Literacy Programs and Employment Initiatives for Adults with Autism. One hundred percent of funds raised are donated directly to supported organizations. To learn more, visit [www.dogtopiafoundation.org](http://www.dogtopiafoundation.org).

Dogtopia of Dublin is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on Dogtopia of Dublin, call 925-587-4048 or visit [www.dogtopia.com/dublin-ca/](http://www.dogtopia.com/dublin-ca/).