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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.

## Inmates End Hunger Strike and Work Stoppage at Santa Rita Jail

By David Chircop

A planned one-day hunger strike and work stoppage by inmates at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin stretched for an additional five days before coming to an end Tuesday afternoon.

An attorney who spoke on behalf of the inmates estimated as many as 500 to 700 inmates

participated in the actions. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office counted substantially fewer participants; about 100 inmates stopped eating jail food and about 50 inmates quit their jobs.

"I would not give this the recognition of hunger strikes that have occurred in history," said Alameda County Sheriff's spokes-

man Sgt. Ray Kelly. He noted inmates still ate food purchased through the jail commissary. "Nobody went hungry."

Organizers wrote that the action was staged to protest unsanitary conditions and mistreatment by jail staff, including alleged neglect of medical and mental health emergencies.

Inmates complained they are exposed to biohazards and forced to clean up after heroin addicts who involuntarily defecate and vomit on the floors, toilets, and showers of communal cells. So far, nine people have died in custody in Santa Rita this year, including the death of a man last month who apparently died from

(See SANTA RITA, page 2)

## Catherine Kuo Wins Dublin School Election

By Ron McNicoll

The Dublin Unified School District (DUSD) board of trustees will be back up to its full complement of five members, now that voters have chosen Catherine Kuo in Trustee Area 3.

Results won't be final until Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis certifies them before the end of November. But it was clear that Kuo, with 78% of the vote, was headed for victory over the other candidate in the contest, Malcolm Norrington.

Kuo emphasized her volunteer work in her children's schools, at both the elementary and middle school levels. Her professional experience includes human relations, recruiting, business analysis and planning management.

On her campaign website, Kuo promised to "work to alleviate the impact of growth on our high school students by ensuring the completion of the second comprehensive high

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The 23rd annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony took place on Nov. 3 in downtown Pleasanton. This year, the theme honored the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. Keicking off the event were airplanes making passes overhead. For more photos, see page 12. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Regulations and Fees Considered For Short-term Housing Rentals

By David Chircop

Livermore is exploring whether to regulate short term housing rentals offered up on sites like Home-Away, VRBO and Airbnb.

The city's Community Development Department is expected to present to the City Council early next year a report looking at a range of available options for regulating and collecting fees and taxes from short term rentals.

The study comes amid heightened scrutiny of home-sharing sites that critics say do not adequately police party house landlords and rowdy renters who connect on their platforms.

The Halloween shooting in Orinda that left five dead and several injured was advertised on social media as an "Air BNB Mansion Party." The owner of the house told the

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## Arguments Filed For Livermore's Hotel Referendum

Arguments for and against a referendum of the Development Agreement between the City of Livermore and a hotel developer to build in the city's downtown core have been filed with the city clerk's office.

Voters will decide on March 3, 2020 whether to approve or reject the agreement between the city and Presidio Companies to develop a hotel next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue.

Under the 30-year agreement with the city, Presidio would design, build and operate a three-story, 125- to 135-room hotel with a rooftop deck and conference space on what is now a city-owned parking lot on the southeast corner of Railroad and S. Livermore avenues. Construction of the project is projected to begin no later than

(See REFERENDUM, page 12)

## Four Announce Intention to Run for Supervisor Seat Replacing Haggerty

By Ron McNicoll

With 1st District Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty announcing his retirement in 2020 after 24 years' service, four hopefuls have announced they intend to run for the seat in the March 3, 2020 primary election.

If no candidate receives more than 50% of the total vote, the top two contenders would compete in the Nov. 3, 2020 general election. The filing period opens Nov. 11 and closes Dec. 6.

Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Vice-mayor Melissa Hernandez have both announced their candidacies, as have State Senator Bob Wieckowski, of Fremont and Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon. Hernandez, Wieckowski and Bacon are Democrats; Haubert is a Republican.

**Bacon**

Bacon has served in one of the

two at-large seats on the Fremont City Council since 2012.

Bacon has a degree in biology and graduate degrees in city planning and transportation engineering. He has been employed as an environmental engineer and a technical support manager at several companies.

He posted several position papers on his web site. On Valley Link, he voiced support for it, and noted the two worst bottlenecks are in eastern Alameda County — the Altamont on I-580 and the Sunol Grade on I-680.

In the long run, better land use planning is needed to remedy transportation problems, he notes. But the problem won't go away. It's important to ensure that southern Alameda County gets its fair share of funding for solving these transportation problems, Bacon said.

Bacon stated that he has never accepted campaign contributions from developers, publicly traded corporations, or special interests, and would continue to follow that policy, because "I want my constituents to know that without a doubt I have no conflicts of interest."

Bacon has no current endorsements listed on his web page. His endorsers for re-election in 2016 were Wieckowski, Assemblyman Bill Quirk, the Sierra Club, California League of Conservation Voters, Alameda County Building Trades Council, and Fremont Unified School District Teachers Association.

**Haubert**

Haubert said he is going all out to become supervisor, and will not run again for mayor, should he fail in the supervisor race. "It's time to pass the torch," he said. He joined

(See SUPES, page 8)

## New Interim Police Chief In Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton announces the appointment of Captain Craig Eicher as interim police chief effective Nov. 15, 2019, following the retirement of long-standing Police Chief Dave Spiller.

Captain Eicher began his career in law enforcement as a volunteer in 1989 as a Pleasanton Reserve Police Officer. In 1991, Eicher joined the department as a police officer and has served as a bicycle officer, field training officer, detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. He has been a Captain for eight years and currently oversees the operations division of the police department.

"With nearly three decades of law enforcement service to the City of Pleasanton, Captain Eicher brings a depth of experience and professionalism to the interim post," said City Manager

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## Livermore Gets Two More Baseball Fields

By Bruce Gach

Livermore will soon get two additional baseball fields at Robert Livermore Park. The unanimous vote by the LARPD Board of Directors on Oct. 30 will bring the park's number of Little League fields to four.

The \$600,000 project is expected to begin early next year and finish by October, 2020.

According to Mathew Fuzie, LARPD General Manager, the funding will come out of the District's general fund reserves

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## Author to Speak On Personal Experience with U.S. Immigration

By Jeff Garberson

An acclaimed author next week will offer insights into the hope-filled, but sometimes agonizing, personal experiences of those caught up in the U.S. immigration system.

Novelist Shanthi Sekaran will speak at Livermore's Bankhead Theater Thursday, Nov. 14. Her 7:30 p.m. talk is part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series.

Sekaran is the author of "Lucky Boy," a novel about the immigration system that won critical praise, and a place on multiple "best book" lists after publication two years ago.

In an email, she said she plans to tell the Bankhead audience "a bit about my book, about the writing of it and the personal journey it took me on, and also about the complexities and layers of the U.S. immigration system I discovered as I was writing it."

She added, "This won't be a policy talk -- I'm definitely not an expert on policy. It will be more of a discussion of how the creation of a story helped me gain powerful insight into the real-life story of U.S. immigration."

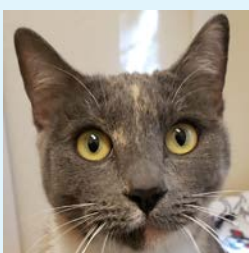
Sekaran became interested in the psychology of people caught

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In 1869, William Mendenhall paid homage to his late friend Robert Livermore by naming a city after him. Now, 150 years later, that city has in turn honored Mendenhall by dedicating the Emergency Operations Center's Community Room to the town founder. Dozens of residents, including Mendenhall descendants, attended a Nov. 2 dedication ceremony at the Civic Center Meeting Hall, which houses the Community Room, at 1016 S. Livermore Avenue. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

### PET OF THE WEEK JUNIPER



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# New Oakland Panthers Team Signs First Players

On Nov. 4, the Oakland Panthers, a new Indoor Football League (IFL) franchise, signed their first players at Robertson Park Fields in Livermore. Coach Kurt Bryan and Team President Scott McKibben welcomed the team's first signees, including running back Davonte Sapp-Lynch, brother of co-owner Marshawn Lynch. The Panthers will use the Robertson Park field as their practice facility.

"Oakland and the Bay Area embody activism, work ethic, passion and loyalty," said Co-founder Roy

Choi, already the owner of two IFL franchises. "Those qualities are represented by the Panther name and by my co-founder Marshawn Lynch. While I am obviously impressed by his on-field performance, it is his community work that is the most inspiring. There is no one better than Marshawn to lead such a community-oriented sports franchise."

The Oakland Panthers debut at a moment when long-time Oakland sports teams including the Raiders and Warriors are moving out of the East Bay. The fran-

chise will support its athletes in a unique manner; given the challenges of Bay Area housing prices, the Panthers will not only provide salaries for players, but also lodging and meals during the season.

"I was blessed with my time and journey making it to the league, but there are more ways of getting there than the route I took, so it's hella important to me to keep finding opportunities for players to pursue their dreams of getting to that next level," said Marshawn. "I know the Panthers and this league can help with that."



Oakland Panthers' wide receiver Josh Harper, with son Juelz, is joined by Team President Scott McKibben (L) and Coach Kurt Bryan. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## Pelosi Headlines Fundraiser for Eric Swalwell

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) headlined a fundraising reception on Sunday night for Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) at the Pleasanton home of businessman Joe Johal. More than 250 people attended the event.

Pelosi praised Swalwell's active roles on the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees, as well as his leadership as a co-chair of the Demo-

cratic Steering and Policy Committee. Swalwell, who has two young children, is helping to lead the fight to protect our democracy, our environment, and our economy for America's children, she said.

Swalwell thanked Pelosi for her strong, unerring and inspirational leadership in passing legislation to help working Americans. These include bills to end gun violence, eliminate discrimination, raise the minimum

wage, and clean up the dirty money and dirty maps choking our democracy. He also thanks her for holding the Trump administration accountable for its actions.

Swalwell, 38, is seeking a fifth term representing California's 15th Congressional District, which includes San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol, Hayward, Union City, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland and Fairview, as well as parts of

## SANTA RITA

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a drug overdose.

The detainees issued a statement and a list of 26 demands to improve conditions inside the jail. Among other things, they requested better and more nutritious food; lower markups for items in the jail commissary, phone calls, and video visitations; more frequent cleaning of clothes and holding cells; and better access to lawyers and access to a law library.

"Detainees are only provided cleaning supplies once a week ... [and] are contracting lice, bed bugs and flesh-eating staph infections from the MRSA virus," according to the statement.

Oakland civil rights attorney Yolanda Huang announced the action at a press conference last Wednesday in front of the sprawling 113-acre campus that holds up to 4,000 inmates. Huang said inmates contacted her seeking help.

Huang currently represents women inmates at Santa Rita Jail and Oakland's Glen Dyer Jail in a federal lawsuit against the Sheriff's Office. That complaint alleges deliberate unconstitutional policies at both facilities that cause women to suffer chronic sleep deprivation.

Kelly said the strike did not impact jail operations. Some overtime was required while the inmates were striking, but he attributed that to about 300 inmates from Sonoma County who were evacuated to Santa Rita because of raging wildfires in the North Bay.

Some inmates told deputies they felt intimidated by others to participate in both the hunger strike and work stoppage, Kelly said. He estimated about 50 inmates quit their jobs. To pick up the slack, other inmates who

wanted to work were hired, including some women inmates who helped keep the kitchen going, he said.

"We received an apology letter today from the inmates who quit asking for their jobs back," he said.

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## REGULATIONS

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San Francisco Chronical he rented his house to a woman who said she planned to host a family reunion for a dozen people. Instead, she threw a party attended by about 100 people.

In response to the shooting late Thursday, the San Francisco company's CEO took to Twitter on Saturday to announce Airbnb was banning "party houses" and cracking down on abusive host and guest conduct.

"It's the embodiment of our worst fears for something like that to happen," said a spokesperson for newly-formed Livermore Citizens for the Regulation of Short Term Rentals. He asked that his name not be published because he worries about internet retaliation for voicing his opinion. "It's just awful."

The group of neighbors from North Livermore voiced frustration to the City Council last week about disruptive parties, increased noise and traffic brought by a short term rental on their cul-de-sac. They urged the city's elected leaders to rein in similar rentals in residential neighborhoods throughout the city.

City Councilman Robert Carling said crafting rules on short term rentals is one thing, but if the city seeks to enforce the rules, it will need to get a handle on basic information, such as the number of short term rentals available in the city, who owns them and where they are located.

At the League of California Cities annual meeting in Long Beach last month, Carling attended a presenta-

tion called "The Secret to Effective Short-Term Rental Regulations."

He decided to attend the panel and report back what he had learned after hearing concerns from residents that short term rentals were harming the nature and quality of their neighborhoods. "My antennae were up," he said.

Cities in the Tri-Valley and throughout the state have adopted a patchwork of obligations placed on hosts, who rent all or part of their homes on a short term basis, and on the companies that run the platforms.

Dublin requires a business license for owners of residential rental property. San Ramon considers short term rental housing to be lodging, which requires a conditional use permit. Danville requires a 30-day minimum stay for "unhosted" rentals of entire homes. A call to Pleasanton was not returned by press

time.

The League filed a friend-of-the-court brief with 9th Circuit Court of Appeal in support of a Santa Monica law that was challenged by Airbnb and HomeAway. Santa Monica prohibits whole-home short-term rentals in properties where the host is not present.

In a ruling this year, the three-judge panel upheld Santa Monica's strict regulation of vacation rentals, and dismissed the companies' claim that the city ordinance violates a federal policy that protects internet publishers from liability for posting third-party content.

The League's brief said the companies "are more like pawnbrokers than journalists and bulletin boards." They were obligated to follow the law, whether they conduct business on the internet, or from behind a card table at a strip mall storefront.

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## POLICE CHIEF

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Nelson Fialho. “I have all the confidence in Craig to continue the first-rate police services our community is accustomed to.”

Eicher, a longtime Pleasanton resident, has an associate’s degree from Las Positas College, bachelor’s degree in administration and

justice from California State University Hayward, and a master’s degree in public sector leadership from Saint Mary’s College. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Executive Leadership Institute from the Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate

University.

Captain Eicher will serve in the role as interim chief during the recruitment process and selection of our next permanent Police Chief. The timeline for this process is anticipated to be three to four months.



Captain Craig Eicher

## BASEBALL

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held over from last year, and should cover all site improvements, including contingencies.

Matt Ford, representing the Little League teams, thanked the Directors. “This project is very important to us,” he said.

In other business, the board considered a pro-

posed Educational Special Services (ESS) building project, which was discussed at a previous meeting. Fuzie informed the directors that the Livermore Unified School District was proceeding with a lot of construction to update the Joe Mitchell school site where the ESS buildings

were currently located.

“The present buildings do not meet state compliance standards, putting the entire project at risk,” he warned. The Board decided to set aside \$1.5 million for new buildings that meet compliance and also will be able to handle a larger number of students.

Final business involved unanimous acceptance of a bid of \$871,524 for construction of the Sunset Park Playground. The contract covers grading, landscaping and play structures, such as swings, slides and climbers. The hope is to have the playground finished by mid-Spring, 2020.



Last week, a mechanical harvester gleaned late-harvest grapes from a vineyard on Reuss Road in Livermore. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

## DUSD

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school, ensuring our limited funds are more effectively distributed to benefit all of Dublin’s students, focusing on school safety procedures – consistent policies and training for all sites.”

Norrington serves as vice-principal at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, and previously was em-

ployed as a teacher at Valley Continuation High School in Dublin. He acts as a visiting committee member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which travels to schools to evaluate and make recommendations for accreditation.

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## Pleasanton Downtown Association Joins The Small Business Saturday Coalition

On Oct. 29, the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) announced it has joined the Small Business Saturday Coalition and that it will, together with American Express, support this year’s Small Business Saturday celebration, which takes place on Nov. 30. Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting the independent businesses that make their communities unique and provide invaluable contributions to the economy.

This year, the PDA has partnered with the City of Pleasanton to take full advantage of this day and support downtown businesses with the Downtown Open House and Small Business Saturday event. Over 20 downtown Pleasanton businesses will be participating in this all-day event and many are offering special discounts on shopping, dining and services. Balloons, stickers, shopping bags, pet bandanas, pens and more will be given to customers throughout the day (while supplies last) as a thank you for supporting local businesses. When consumers Shop Small, they support the small businesses that keep the community unique and vibrant. Free photos with Santa will also be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St.

Created by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday serves as the ceremonial kickoff to the holiday shopping season for small businesses across the United States. In 2018, U.S. shoppers reported spending an estimated \$17.8 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on the day, according to the 2018 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey. In addition, the Small Business Economic

Impact Study from American Express found that an average two-thirds of every dollar (\$0.67) spent at small businesses in the U.S. stays in the local community, meaning a consumer’s local impact during the holiday shopping season can be significant.

Small Business Saturday celebrates the diversity of small businesses across the U.S., and the Pleasanton Downtown Association recognizes the importance of supporting small businesses, the jobs they help create, and the culture they

foster in local communities. The Small Business Economic Impact Study also found that in addition to small businesses directly employing members of the community, spending by those small businesses and their employees in the area also supports local jobs – in fact, for every ten jobs at a small business another seven are supported in the local community.

Merchants and consumers can learn more about Small Business Saturday and how to get involved by visiting ShopSmall.com.

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# EDITORIAL The Time Has Come To End Mutton Busting

It may be true that in recent years mutton busting has become commonplace entertainment at rodeos and fairs, yet for the sheep involved, the entertainment value does little to ease the animals' fear and pain.

Sheep riding, or mutton busting, is an event where children jump on the backs of sheep and try to ride them as the panicked animals struggle to free themselves.

On Oct. 29, rodeo sheep caught a small but meaningful break as the Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to add mutton busting to the list of prohibited events in the county rodeo ordinance.

It should be noted that the ban affects rodeos only

in the unincorporated areas of the county, such as the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. The Livermore Rodeo, held within city limits, will not be affected, although organizers may want to consider following in the path of the Alameda County Fair administrators who, despite operating within Pleasanton city limits, have opted to abide by any rodeo-event ban in the County Ordinance, including the ban on mutton busting.

Kudos to Supervisors Richard Valle (president), Wilma Chan and Keith Carson for voting in favor of the ban, and for taking a step to end animal suffering for entertainment purposes. Voting against the ban were

Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, both of whom represent areas that host rodeos.

As Millennials and Gen Z young people come of age, they are heading an enormous movement that focuses on taking care of the environment – and the animals that inhabit it.

"The tide is turning against exploitation and abuse of animals for entertainment," said In Defense of Animals President Marilyn Kroplick, M.D. "The shocking mistreatment of sheep, calves and horses in rodeo is every bit as harmful and significant as the cruelty inflicted on orcas at SeaWorld and elephants in circuses."

## MAILBOX

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

### Mr. Gage's Letter Ann Weight, Livermore

If Mr. Gage had a point to make in his response (published 10/31/19) to Scott Kenison's letter, it was lost in his vitriolic rhetoric. Those of us who volunteer at the Bankhead do so because the atmosphere there is kind and respectful, a management and communication style employed by Mr. Kenison. Perhaps Mr. Gage might consider such an approach..

### Barren Wasteland Glenn Stewart, Livermore

PG&E has neglected power line maintenance for years. To read about this, Google: "PG&E Neglected Maintenance for Years Despite Known."

If a percentage of our wildfires are associated with power lines and trees, doesn't it make sense to remove trees that are in close proximity to power lines?

It's clear that PG&E and SC Edison need a tree maintenance program, but by the time PG&E would develop a program, California will look like a barren wasteland.

A suggestion is that the utility companies' contract with tree service companies throughout California and with loggers from Oregon and Washington to begin cutting down trees too close to power lines, since they don't have the resources to remove trees in timely fashion.

If tree cutting isn't started now, we'll continue to have raging fires, evacuations, power outages and smoke-filled air to breathe.

With the bankruptcy and wildfires going on, it'll be a long time before PG&E will focus on tree removal around power lines.

If enough people contact Gov. Newsom, maybe the state can lean on PG&E and SC Edison or maybe the state itself can contract with third parties for preventative maintenance with the power lines.

To send Gov. Newsom an email with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions, Google: "Contact Governor Newsom."

### POTUS Rant Gary Estee, Livermore

If you still (huh?) believe anything that Dumald Trump says, feel free to refrain from reading this article. I believe that this column provides everyone the opportunity to either offer advice to our society or to denigrate any clearly disingenuous non-sentient pile of falsehoods

and moronic speech.

When I retired from the U.S. Air Force, I changed my political party from Republican to Democrat for the simple reason that I was no longer being paid by the pro-military faction and hoped that some of the basic views of the liberals might someday be achieved. Of course, the speech and behavior of both parties since 2016 have caused me (and much of the U.S. population) to become disenchanted with the political process (and the old guard of Congress.) Which of the two groups are more cowardly is a question that a mere mortal cannot answer.

One fondly remembers even the presidency of Ronald Reagan over the layers of quicksand that have enveloped the Washington, D.C., environment. Actually, I would be happier if Bonzo the chimpanzee was the Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces instead of the incompetent organic blob with the bone spurs. (Note that I joined the military even when I suffered with 20/200 vision and flat feet.) The 'Perfect Storm' Election of 2016 must not ever be allowed to reoccur.

At the very least, there should be a basic and non-exemptive requirement that all presidential candidates be capable of saying the word 'origins' and not use the word 'perfect' too much. Yes, that was a joke. But speaking frankly, I do believe that two items should be required for all candidates. First, that their past tax records (these documents are the property of the U.S. Government anyway after they have been filed) and medical history. If someone wishes to run for POTUS then they should be ready to face the national spotlight. It goes without saying that any incidents of questionable nature from their past should be produced and publicized.

Everyone. We need to do a better job of picking a president.

### Employees Need Housing Daryl R. Carlson, Livermore

Using the smoke screen of a "park," the "Build an Ostentatious Luxury Hotel Group" wants to create a palace for unworthy wealthy strangers, costing hard-working Livermore families the opportunity for affordable housing that the City is mandated to build on that site. Their plan reduces the number of available units and cuts the size of these units to Dickensian uninhabitability. Teachers, first responders and other city employees who sacrifice higher pay jobs in other fields to service our community deserve better than this plan – the City has one already.

### Democrats as Cartoons Tony Favero, Livermore

Mueller, Mueller, Russia, Russia, Ukraine, Ukraine, etc., etc. and now impeachment while Joe and Hunter Biden's Ukraine and China 'innocuous' intrigues linger ever so undamagingly as major media minds report 'nothing to see here folks!'

Hmm? Seems democrats, in collaboration with media sycophants, are immeasurably indistinguishable from Wile E. Coyote of the Road Runner cartoon series. Democrats have again ordered another package from Acme Corp. The latest Acme package arrival labeled 'impeachment' is deemed another sure-fire attempt to thwart Donald Trump (The Road Runner). Will it, like the previous Acme orders, blow up in their collective faces? Recent history appears to suggest such; much like Harry Reid's deployment of an earlier Acme Corp. order stamped 'nuclear option' to approve judicial appointees. Beep, beep!

### Voters to Choose "Approved Plan" Linda Milanese, Livermore

Hang on! Don't for a minute think the Downtown Plan is a done deal. The posters around town call the city's proposal the "Approved Plan," but nothing is approved until we get to cast our ballots.

If you want 2X more open space than the city proposes, you'll be voting for the Central Park Plan. If you think "open space" should actually be space that is accessible to the public, you'll vote for the Central Park Plan.

The Central Park Plan includes all the essential elements of the city's plan but in a reconfigured way that preserves a remaining patch of open space for everyone to enjoy.

The voting process will finally reveal the "approved plan."

### City Supports the Arts Mayor John Marchand, Livermore

In a recent Mailbox letter it was a surprise to read that Scott Kenison, the Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) questioned the City's commitment to the arts and LVPAC. To keep the Bankhead Theater from closing its doors, the City of Livermore bought the Bankhead and became the theater's owner. At that time, LVPAC was two weeks away from bankruptcy when the City put up a bond to save the Bankhead. The City was successful, even though the President of the LVPAC Board was negotiating behind the scenes, insisting that the City absorb LVPAC's debts and the bank's losses.

As evidence of the lack of City support for the arts, Mr. Kenison referenced a concert three years ago and he stated that it was not attended by members of the City Council. The fact is that Vice Mayor Bob Carling and Councilmember Bob Coomber both attended the Judy Collins-Livermore-Amador Symphony season opening Gala. To support that fundraiser, Councilmember Bob Woerner and I both donated items for that Gala's auction, which totaled over \$1,000 in value.

Responding to another of Mr. Kenison's complaints, in the years before and since that concert three years ago, collectively, members of this Council and I have attended scores of events at the Bankhead, on the Shea Plaza and also at the Bothwell, as recently as two weeks ago. The City Council also awarded a tourism grant to LVPAC earlier this year.

I have no quarrel with Mr. Kenison and I have always believed that he has

done a remarkable job as executive director. I have never said anything to "disparage, discredit or discourage his hardworking team." Unfortunately, the President and the Chairperson of his employer, the LVPAC Board, have chosen to attack the City and the Council in pursuit of another theater in the downtown.

My statements about a second theater have been mis-characterized, so let me clarify. With the loss of redevelopment, the 2,000-seat theater promoted for years by LVPAC leadership will never be built. Contrary to Mr. Kenison's assertion, I made it very clear during my comments at the Oct. 3rd Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting that I was talking about the proposed performing arts theater which is included in the 30,000 square foot arts building specified in the initiative which is to be voted on in November 2020. The effect of a competing theater of this size could be extremely detrimental to the 34,000 square foot Bankhead Theater's continued success. Public information reveals that over 90% of the funding for that initiative came from members of the LVPAC Board.

There is much more to the arts in Livermore than just LVPAC. There are 27 other organizations that belong to the Livermore Cultural Arts Council including the City of Livermore. As part of our support for a wide range of public art, the City recently added four sculptures to our downtown and another at our Community Meeting Hall. The City and all of its Council members recognize that the Arts enrich our lives and the City of Livermore remains committed to the Arts

### FasTrak, Car Dealers Limit Valley Link Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

Remember when BART was supposed to come to Livermore, but county officials used the 580 median to build FasTrak (FT) express lanes instead? Now the proposed rail system (Valley Link) from the Central Valley to Dublin BART needs that space.

Valley Link is planned as a two-way train set to run on just a single track from Dublin BART to North Lathrop. Obviously there will be "passing sidings" but this limits the speed, frequency and length of trains and depends on flawless signaling!

An idea for two tracks from Greenville over the Altamont came up recently. But a single track between Dublin and Greenville remains a limitation especially in light of the volume increase by 2040. How does a double track BART train link up with a single track rail train anyway? Why have to mess with the freeway again in 2040?

Widening 580 enough now for a double track for Valley Link stalls on right-of-way issues. Car dealers have a special place in officials' hearts due to their significant county and state tax revenue. So the idea of widening that section of 580 enough is problematic.

Why not use the space taken up by FT? After all, the median was originally designed with BART in mind.

County officials do not want to eliminate the income from FT but they are willing to chip in some \$42 million in "surplus" FT dollars for Valley Link. Couldn't the remaining FT dollars, es-crowed for surface repair due to the speed in those lanes, be

used for Valley Link if it uses the median instead?

How would you deal with this conundrum? Valley Link board meets Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Martinelli Center on Greenville Rd., Livermore.

### Rethink Spending Paul Stone, Dublin

The Book of Proverbs in the Bible lists four things that are never satisfied: the grave, the barren womb, the earth that is not filled with water, and the fire that never says, "It is enough." I would suggest a fifth thing that is never satisfied: the Dublin Unified School District.

On the selfsame day last week that The Independent printed an article on the spending of \$5 million for a new arts center in Dublin, I received in my mailbox yet another scheme to pass a school bond measure in Dublin. Bond measure after bond measure, after bond measure. No one denies the importance of schools but most of us have to live within our means. DUSD needs to do the same. Why don't they use the \$5 million earmarked for the arts center, something that I wager a small percentage of Dublin residents care about, for the school district instead?

A few years ago, a North Dakota state legislator said words to the effect that no tax should have the power to force a person out of his home. With the constant multiplication of taxes everywhere we turn in California we are in danger of the very thing Prop 13 was meant to prevent: the forced expulsion of residents from their homes due to inability to pay property taxes.

If you agree, please write the Board of Trustees at the Dublin Unified School District office, 7471 Larkdale Ave., Dublin CA 94568.

### Voting is a Right Johnna Thompson, Livermore

This week being election week in many parts of the country, I am reminded that, thanks to the Central Park Plan Initiative, Livermore voters will have the opportunity to decide the fate of their downtown center, rather than have the decisions imposed from the top down.

Voters will have the opportunity to choose between lots of dense housing or a park, between a smaller hotel check-by-jowl against the Bankhead Theater or a larger, more expansive hotel west of North Livermore Avenue, allowing for more parking next to the Bankhead.

I am grateful that I will have the chance to say no to the council's plan to fill our downtown with hundreds of multi-family dwellings and their attendant extra traffic, and instead to say yes to a central park. I thank all who supported the Initiative for giving us the chance to exercise our fundamental democratic right to have a say in our civic life.

### The Homeless Games, Part XXIV – In Brevity Greg Scott, Livermore

"The trouble [with injustice] is that once you see it, you can't unsee it. And once you've seen it, keeping quiet, saying nothing, becomes as political an act as speaking out. There is no innocence. Either way you're accountable." (Arundhati Roy – Indian writer and activist).

"We, the American public, are spectators. An audience. Who will be seated

when the game of musical chairs stops?" (Chris Hedge's essay, "The Enemy Within").

You may not need or want to read this long diatribe of an essay-letter. You may not need or want to upset your comfort, jar your neurons, excite your synapses, stir your emotions, learn something new, stretch your span of attention, or make your "eyes bleed." ("Brevity Please," Paul Stone, Mailbox, The Independent, 10/31/2019).

It is a bit beyond me in the scheme of things to read the whimpering about the length of the letters in Mailbox. Kudos to The Independent for publishing the letters. Maybe there is some shred of "The Fourth Estate" left, though our democracy has been demolished by the corruption of greed and money. Maybe The Independent is testing to see if anyone reads anymore or has an attention span or can critically think.

There is a simple solution to the "full-blown essays" if you have a problem with their length: Don't read them! A man has been lying in a homeless encampment with bloated belly and infected legs. In the name of "brevity," and mercy, his suffering would be over if he died. That is not our call: the mortal circumstances are. Foibles and habitual judgements mostly got this man to where he is. Who among us is not blessed to have not suffered the full consequences of their mistakes?

Last Friday night a woman with severe grand mal epilepsy and who has been homeless living in a car for the last five years here in Livermore had a seizure and planted her face into the pavement. She fractured her jaw again. The blood poured from her countenance onto her clothes. I found her tooth on the asphalt, with her 'brevity wand' was nowhere around. There was no pillow in the vicinity either. The homeless woman was packed-off by private vehicle to the hospital, where the gravel bits were painfully removed from her wounds and she had stitches to her face and inside her mouth. Her companion caretaker epoxied her tooth in place, for that procedure was outside of the repertoire of the healthcare professionals. The hope is the tooth would "take." The previous 3 a.m. it was 36 degrees outside this woman's car. A little after 7 a.m. it was 34 degrees. In the name of "brevity" it was only four hours of shivering as a subset of her daily shivering.

There is new research out of Boston University enlightening our knowledge about cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) and what it does as far as removing toxins and other activities when we get good sleep. Maybe you all already know how the brain works. In the name of "brevity" here, maybe you still have a sense of wonder and the inspiration to learn about it. Shivering is not good sleep.

There are many stories of the over 200 unsheltered homeless here in Livermore. In the name of "brevity": Where is our humanity? Where is our empathy? If I seem angry: I am. I am angrier by the moment. Thanks to all who are doing something for the homeless. Often I hear, "We are doing the best we can."

This "best" is not very good. This is not the best we can do. This situation is evil. I witness the dying, I witness the suffering, I witness the blood, and in "brevity" – they are not.

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## Livermore Police Awarded Traffic Education and Enforcement Grant

The Livermore Police Department received a \$60,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a one-year enforcement and education program. The money will fund various activities intended to reduce deaths and injuries on California roads.

"This grant money helps us put more officers on the street for directed enforcement relating to traffic education and enforcement," said Livermore Police Traffic Sergeant Glen Robbins. "We're hopeful the extra police presence will be a good

reminder to motorists to obey the rules of the road."

The grant-related activities are for the 2020 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2020.

The OTS funding will be used for numerous programs, including: DUI/driver license checkpoints; patrols specifically looking for suspected alcohol and/or drug-impaired drivers; patrols targeting violations of California's hands-free cell phone law by drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians that put

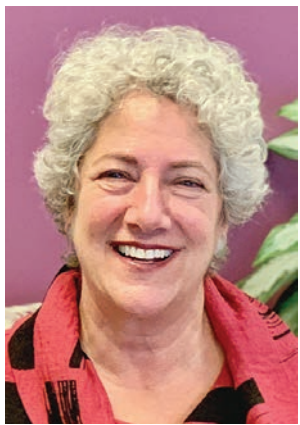
other roadway users at risk; patrols targeting the primary causes of crashes: speeding, improper turns, running stop signs or signals, right-of-way violations and driving on the wrong side of the road; patrols specifically looking for seat belt and child safety seat violations; traffic safety education presentations for youth and community members on distracted driving, impaired driving, bicycle safety and pedestrian safety; creating "Hot Sheets" identifying repeat DUI offenders; and officer training on how to

identify suspected impaired drivers and conduct sobriety tests.

"Getting in a vehicle remains one of the most dangerous things we do," said OTS Director Barbara Rooney. "We must continue to work with our partners in law enforcement to shift that realization and make traveling on our roads safer."

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Steinfeld to Retire from Visit Tri-Valley



Barbara Steinfeld

After nearly seven years at the helm of Visit Tri-Valley, President and CEO Barbara Steinfeld has announced her retirement as of January 2020.

"I feel like I am passing on a gift to the next CEO," Steinfeld said. "The staff, the board, the community support, the accomplish-

ments and change in direction of the organization are all positives that the next president can build on."

Visit Tri-Valley represents Pleasanton, Livermore, Danville and Dublin and is supported by a \$2.25 assessment on hotel rooms. Visit Tri-Valley has recently received awards and recognition within the tourism industry for its marketing programs, including the innovative website and the Tri-Valley Ice Cream Trail which unites Visit Tri-Valley's four cities.

The destination marketing organization is responsible for creating awareness of the Tri-Valley as a tourism destination and booking weekend sports events that generate hotel stays. With a strong focus on digital marketing and social media campaigns, Visit Tri-Valley also targets the Bay Area

for weekend getaways and works with representation in China and the UK to bring international visitors and media here.

In 2018, the four represented communities welcomed 1.53 million visitors, generating \$680 million in travel spending. That \$74 million tax contribution alleviates the tax burden on residents while visitor spending supports 6,300 local jobs.

Steinfeld came to the Tri-Valley from Portland, Ore., where she was the cultural tourism director and vice president of tourism for 16 years.

A search committee from the board has been formed and is looking for candidates.

To learn more, visit [visit-trivalley.com](http://visit-trivalley.com).

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### A DECEPTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

When 6,959 Livermore voters not happy with the City's downtown plan signed petitions to qualify the superior Central Park Plan for the ballot, our City Council should have put both plans on the ballot and let voters decide. Instead, they passed a deceptive Development Agreement with the intent to kill the Central Park Plan without voters knowing it.

### THAT'S REALLY A POISON PILL

The Development Agreement with the Presidio hotelier is really a "poison pill," which, if passed, could make the Central Park Plan impossible to implement. With the Development Agreement, the City intends to secure a hotel on the eastside of Livermore Avenue, harming the location of a westside hotel in the Central Park Plan. This could make the November vote on the Central Park Plan meaningless even if a majority of voters support it.

### DON'T SWALLOW IT

We have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to make our downtown truly special. We can have a better park, better parking, better hotel and a better Livermore.

It starts by making sure we don't swallow the deceptive poison pill.

**Don't Swallow The Poison Pill. Vote NO on the Presidio Hotel Development Agreement Referendum**

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# SPORTS NOTES



On their home turf, the Amador Dons beat the Livermore Cowboys 27 to 0 on Nov. 1. Livermore OB Shaun Smith gains yardage on quarterback keeper (left). Amador's Trevor Asberry #41 runs against Livermore (right). (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore High played crosstown rivals Granada High in both men's and women's water polo. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Fusion's 2008 (U12) Girls Gold are champions of the Kick or Treat tournament.



Fusion's 2009 Boys Select Bronze won the Brentwood Impact SC Boo Fest tournament.



Fusion Soccer Club's Players of the Week are Jonathan & Peyton.



Attired as Rosie the Riveter, Fusion's 2009 (U11) Girls Select Bronze took 2nd place in the San Ramon Boo Cup Tournament.



Coach Daniel Vazquez and Fusion's 2008 (U12) Boys Gold won the Fusion Ghouls & Goals tournament.



Foothill's Jackson Koempel shoots with Amador's Will Bosse on defense.

### Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

During the October 26 weekend, Fusion's 2008 (U12) Girls Gold traveled to Hopkins Junior High School in Fremont to compete in Fremont Youth SC's Kick or Treat Tournament. Led by rookie Coach Aulani Fernandez, the team opened tournament play with impressive wins on Saturday over Mavericks SC and Valley United SC. Fusion started quickly against Mavericks, with Rowan W scoring just 30 seconds in and Jenna L adding a second goal two minutes later. Savannah C and Keira W scored for Fusion in the second half to make the final score 4-0. Fusion continued its strong play against Valley United, as Keira W's hat trick led the maroon and gold to a 5-0 victory. Jenna L and Savannah C also scored for Fusion. On Sunday, Rowan W scored twice to lead Fusion to a 2-1 win over Rohnert Park SC and a berth in the championship round against Roar FC of San Francisco. In the finals, Rowan W scored the game's only goal as Fusion prevailed 1-0 to win the tournament. Fusion excelled on both offense and defense throughout the tournament. Bella K, Jenna T, Kaitlyn S and Olivia A starred for the offense, while Catherine DL, Harper P and Michaela L led a superlative defensive effort that conceded only one goal in four matches.

Fusion's 2009 (U11) Boys Select Bronze are Brentwood Impact SC Boo

Fest champions. The team opened the tournament by downing Marin FC 7-0, then tied San Pablo United 1-1 and beat Ross Valley Breakers FC to advance to the finals against Dublin United SL. Fusion shut out Dublin 2-0 to claim the championship. Luke C, Austin S, Brayden R and Shamus M led the defensive, while Max R led the team in scoring. The team has compiled a 14-1-2 record with three league games remaining.

### Fusion Soccer Club Players of the Week

Jonathan & Peyton. They earned this honor by being Fusion's Rec & Select players who best exemplify the Club's Word of the Week: Community. Jonathan plays for the U7 Lightnings and Peyton for the U6 Secret Agents.

### Foothill Boys Water Polo

The Foothill Falcons closed out their conference season with their own cross town rival Amador. It was a close game to start with Foothill taking the lead 2-0 and Amador quickly responding to tie the first half 3-3. The second half of the match, the Falcons turned on the heat as they went up to 7-4 going into the fourth quarter. Amador responded with another goal to end the game 8-5. Scoring for Foothill were Sanjay Menon (2), Daniel Kim (3), Jackson Koempel (1), and Eugene Kruger (2). Moses Ambriz led the team defensively in the goal with 12 saves and 3 steals.

The Foothill Falcons look to finish the season strong into the NCS playoffs next week.

### Granada High School JV Football

The Matadors took on the Dougherty Valley Wildcats to wrap up the season, and in the process the Mats wrapped up the game. Granada's muscle was flexed early and often, as the Mat's defense, led by Derrick Martinez (15), Josh Henninger (8), Christian Silva (61), Logan Tucker (74), Anthony Pedretti (28), Mathieu Rocheleau (26), Daniel Waxman (30), Kobe Jerusalem (33) and Leif Jensen (22) all tallied tackles. #22, #30, Kaleo Gomes (56), #33 and #61 also recorded some drive killing sacks. Isaac Chappell (3), Brandon Adams (32), Jason Fraser (64), and William Magann (67) all chipped in to keep the Wildcats out of the endzone. On the offensive side of the ball, it was a true team effort that had the Mats engine firing on all cylinders, as #22 had a 4yd and 11yd TD run; #33 had a 48 yd TD run; #28 ran it in from 29 yds for a score. Stephen Geyer (6) grabbed a 65 yd TD reception from Brandon Shah (1) and Eric Hall (5) also scored on short TD Pass from #1. Diego Iniguez (18) made all 6 XP kicks. The team play of Ryan Delong (11), Thomas Van Wouw (16), Frank Middleton (23), Travis Swartz (36) helped the Mat's maintain momentum throughout the

game and allowed Jake Fields (12) to connect with Nate Lee (24) on a nice pass. Brian Perez (10) also got into the run game with a couple 10 yd rushes. In the end, the Matadors closed out the season with another shutout victory 42-0.

### St. Michael CYO Cross Country Team

The St. Michael CYO cross country team finished their season with a dominating showing at the Diocese Championship Oct. 18 at Crown Beach in Alameda. The team took three of the four division championships. For the grades 6-8 boys, St. Michael was led by Alek Schade (1st), who capped an undefeated season with the win. Adrian Gomez (4th), Holden Hoffman (8th), and Seth Warren (12th) also placed well for the team. Gabriel Heule (1st), Noah Lloyd (7th), and Dylan Walker (15th) scored for the grades 3-5 boys team, which also took top honors. Finally, the grades 6-8 girls team won their event with Jenna Barron (2nd), Evelyn Ruckmann-Barnes (3rd), Kerrigan Sauder (6th), and Mia Lnenicka (7th) scoring well for the team. The St. Michael CYO cross country team will return next fall, but many runners will compete on the track this spring. For more information on the cross country and track teams, see their website at <http://www.smictrack.org>



St. Michael CYO Cross Country Team Gabriel Heule.

# Travel Bug Owner Debbie Peck Retires

By Mari Chew

After providing expert guidance and personalized travel service to the Livermore community for 40 years, Travel Bug Owner Debbie Peck has decided to retire.

everything from the ground up. This meant learning to manage operating expenses, conduct market research and set pricing, develop and maintain alliances with air and cruise lines. She also had to familiarize herself with the various requirements for

able to weather the storm by redirecting its focus and suggesting more destinations within the United States, such as New Orleans.

At one time Livermore was home to seven travel agencies. The Travel Bug is the last one standing. Peck at-

ful ride for me for 40 years... it's been wonderful for me and for my kids because we've all been able to do some traveling," she said.

Peck is looking forward to spending time with her family and eventually doing more traveling, and she has her eye on Iceland or Latin America as her next trip. In the meantime, she is exploring the possibility of doing volunteer work and taking Spanish classes.

She offered couple of parting travel tips: Travel information on the internet can be confusing and outdated, making it difficult to successfully plan your trip on your own. Travel agencies can make planning easier. They maintain close relationships with travel-related companies, which help keep costs down, and pass those savings on to clients.

And whenever you're traveling, send a private email to yourself with credit card, passport, and any other pertinent information, along with the phone numbers of people to contact in case of an emergency



Debbie Peck holds a photograph of the Travel Bug in earlier days.

When Peck took over the Travel Bug, at 2277 Third St., she was a young single mother who had relocated to Livermore from Arizona to be closer to her parents. She spent two years working for her father's swimming pool business, then her parents bought The Travel Bug to give her a potentially lucrative opportunity to provide for her children — and it satiated her parents' desire to travel the world.

Being new to the business, Peck had trepidations about taking on such a tremendous responsibility. Aside from knowing nothing about the travel industry, she was concerned about the time it would take away from her two very young daughters. But she also saw the Travel Bug as a promising opportunity.

After the business changed hands, one of the agents stayed on for a year to help acclimate Peck to her new role as travel agency owner. She had to learn

domestic and international travel. She took over the agency on Nov. 1, 1979.

Since then, Peck says, the travel industry has undergone a complete transformation. When she began her career, there were no computers, so airline tickets had to be hand-written. For finding flights, Agents had to rely solely on a hard copy version of the OAG, the Official Airline Guide, which was as thick as an old telephone directory. There were only three prices for airline flights - daytime, nighttime, and 21-day advance purchase flights, known as Apex fares.

The travel industry changed significantly in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. For example, cruise lines were compelled to change their destinations because travelers became more hesitant to venture outside of the United States.

Many travel agencies, unable to adapt, were forced to permanently close their doors. The Travel Bug was

tributes her success to knowledgeable staff, "good service, good prices, the agency's ability to change with the times." Having a wide range of clients has also been a key factor in keeping the Travel Bug on the map.

Peck finds that many of today's clients are well-traveled. They request more exotic destinations. Trips to Bangladesh, Tibet, Mt. Everest, Nepal and Iceland have become commonplace.

As a travel agent, she's enjoyed work trips to China, Fiji, Tahiti, many places in Europe, and multiple cruises in both the US and Canada. Peck's most memorable travel experience was her trip to Africa. It was "the most humbling and wonderful experience," she said, "because we have so much... we're spoiled and they're not, and they're happy." She says it was a real eye opener to see how other people live, and she marveled at the cycle of plant and animal life.

"This has been a wonder-

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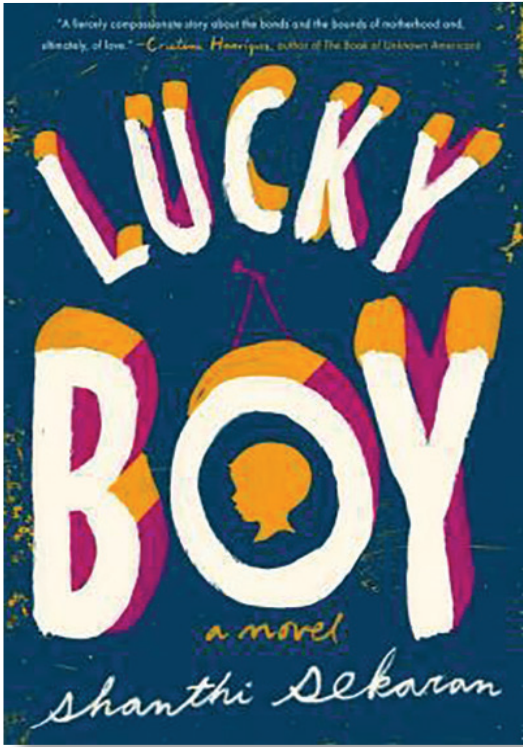
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up in the U.S. immigration process after learning about a Guatemalan woman whose baby was adopted by an American couple while she was being deported from the U.S.

As a novelist, and as a mother herself, Sekaran was deeply curious about the kinds of love, need and rationalization that might lead adoptive parents to “(take) a child away from its willing and able mother,” as she told an interviewer recently.

“Lucky Boy” explores such issues mainly from the perspectives of the two women most deeply involved. They are a naïve, undocumented and impoverished Mexican immigrant (Soli) who gives birth in

the U.S.; and an Indian-American woman (Kavya) who adopts the child.

Much of Lucky Boy’s action is set in Berkeley, where Sekaran lives.

The Berkeley environment is generally hospitable, but Soli experiences fear, isolation and even brutality as she tries to navigate the economic and social systems of a strange new country.

Kavya, herself the daughter of immigrants, is relatively well off and economically secure. As Sekaran points out in a published interview, “this book is not just about adoption and detention, but about privileged and unprivileged immigration, and about

**SUPES**

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the council in 2012, after 10 years on the Dublin Unified School District board. He served two years as a councilman, then won the mayor’s race in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

Haubert said he is not seeking reelection as mayor. Dublin has accomplished good things on his watch, he said. These include improving city parks, eliminating unfunded pension liabilities, balancing the budget and building strong reserves.

He’s been endorsed by former Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Danville Mayor Robert Storer, and San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson.

**HERNANDEZ**

Hernandez is the fifth of seven children born to migrant farm workers in Dixon. Her online biography says that “the helping hand of a compassionate neighbor lifted her family into the middle class.” From that moment on, Hernandez dedicated her life to public service, and giving back.

Her focus on bringing

more people into the middle class is reflected in the union endorsements she has received, Hernandez said. They include the Livermore police officers union, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department local of the firefighters union, and the Laborers Union Local 304.

She became involved in the community when she began raising her children in Dublin nearly 20 years ago. She volunteered at her children’s school, served on the Little League board, became a Rotarian, and chaired the Dublin Human Services Commission.

Since being elected to the City Council in 2018, Hernandez has been active in representing Dublin on the Valley Link board, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, County Solid Waste Management Board, and the East Bay Community energy board.

Hernandez is the only woman announced as a 1st District candidate. She has the endorsement of Supervisor Wilma Chan, who represents the 3rd District, which includes Alameda, part of

Oakland and San Leandro.

Chan is the only woman on the board, which has had few women serving in the past. “Alameda is a large and extremely diverse county,” Chan said in a statement. “Melissa not only brings an incredible perspective to the board with her background as the child of migrant farm workers, she brings proven results as a thoughtful policy maker and consensus builder.”

**WIECKOWSKI**

Wieckowski represents the 10th Senate District, which includes Fremont, Hayward, and portions of other cities. A Democrat, he defeated his Republican opponent by getting 75% of the general election vote.

He has chaired the Senate’s Environmental Quality Committee, where he worked on bills to deal with greenhouse gas reductions. Wieckowski says on his website that he has a 100% scorecard from the California Labor Federation and the League of Conservation Voters.

Wieckowski’s entry into the supervisor’s race comes

after a bit of musical chairs involving Rep. Eric Swalwell’s erstwhile presidential bid. Earlier this year Swalwell announced that he would not seek reelection if he were to drop out of the crowded field of Democrats seeking to become the party’s presidential candidate. Wieckowski announced he would run for Swalwell’s congressional seat.

But after Swalwell changed his mind on seeking reelection, Wieckowski switched to the supervisor race.

Nearly two dozen state senators have endorsed Wieckowski, including Scott Wiener of San Francisco, who has introduced a package of bills to build more housing in the state, which Wieckowski has supported. Wieckowski also wrote a bill that enables homeowners to construct a secondary dwelling unit in their back yards.

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# OBITUARIES

## Barbara Ann Carter

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, Barbara Ann Carter passed away at age 83. She will forever be remembered by Bill, her husband of 64 years, sons Rick and Randy, daughters-in-law Lana and Sherese, grandchildren Melissa, Michelle, Ben, Emelise and Isaac, great-granddaughter Taylor, and her incredible sisters, Carol, Janis and Sandi. Barbara will also be remembered by numerous dear friends.

Barbara enjoyed her 28-year career at Sandia National Laboratories, where she fostered lifelong friendships. She truly loved people and had the ability to bring a smile to everyone in her presence.



In lieu of sending flowers, please make a donation to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at [www.michaeljfox.org/donate](http://www.michaeljfox.org/donate).

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

## Connie Clark (aka Mermaid)



I have such gratitude for the full life I had for 78 years before succumbing to cancer of the pancreas on Oct. 31, 2019.

Preceding me in death, my best friend and loving husband of 32 years, Edward B. Clark.

I am survived by: my two fantastic children, Michelle Ferrario (husband, Dave) and Brian Ferrario (wife, Julie); two grandchildren, Taylor and Morgan Linn who know how special they were to me; my sister, Dixie James, who has been my lifetime playmate, and her husband, William – my rowing buddy.

My life has been blessed with loving, giving, creative and fun people – all to whom I shout out a huge thank you!

I loved my 24 years at Chabot College where I taught for 13 years, and was Dean of the Health Sciences

Department for 11 years.

Three major communities of people in my life were my family of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, my swimming buddies here in town and in San Francisco, and my writing group, Wild Vine.

I've been a lucky girl!

Per my request, a memorial service will not be held. I ask friends and family to celebrate my life in their own way.

Contributions may be made to a scholarship in my name for a reentry woman attending Chabot College. Checks may be made payable to: The Friends of Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Boulevard, Hayward, CA 94545. Federal Tax ID# 46-3708462.

Or help someone learn how to swim.

*Neptune Society of Livermore.*

## Frank Richard Shenave

Sept. 19, 1943 – Oct. 17, 2019

Frank Richard Shenave, age 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, at the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto. He was born Sept. 19, 1943, in Livermore, to Frank and Rose Shenave. A Pleasanton native, Frank married his high school sweetheart Jackie Nelson.

Frank proudly served his country in the Army as a paratrooper in 1965-1967. After the army he followed in his father-in-law's footsteps and became a roofer. He pursued his roofing career into the '90s. In 1979 he and his wife decided to start their own business venture with his in-laws Jay and Jeanne Nelson; they purchased Pastime Pool-hall, which closed its doors in 2014 after 35 years.

Frank truly lived life to the fullest. His love for his fam-

ily and friends was as deep as his ties to the Pleasanton community.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Rose Shenave, brother Will Mendonca, and sisters Donna Martin and Patti Correa.

He is survived by his wife Jackie Shenave, brother Norman (Patty) Mendonca, sister Sandy (Ray) Sevier, sons Frank (Chessa) Shenave Jr. and William Shenave, daughter Jennifer (Avery) Flores, grandsons Derek (Cassie), Josh, Kole, Kyler, Dylan and Connor, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family, friends and others whose lives Frank touched are invited to the Celebration of Life at Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton, on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m.

## Virgil L. Weatherford

Sept. 9, 1943 – Oct. 25, 2019  
Resident of Sacramento

Virgil L. Weatherford passed away Friday, Oct. 25, after a long struggle with diabetes and congestive heart failure. He leaves behind his wife Jean Weatherford, sister Esther Franks, son Darrel Weatherford, and two daughters Lori Hornback and Deanna Brown. Additionally, he was proud to consider as his family his wife's children James Gerow, Diane Colvin, Dana McLean, Dawn LaRosa, Michael Gerow and Michelle Gerow, and many nieces and nephews. There are 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, all of them so greatly loved and enjoyed by Virgil.

Virgil grew up in Woodland where he attended school and then worked at a service station, finally owning one of his own. He went on to work



for the State of California Department of Transportation, where, after 37-plus years, he retired. Fishing was his favorite pastime. He will be missed by many.

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Dr. Ron Freeman passed away peacefully on Oct. 25, 2019, with his wife, Lisa, and his four loving children at his side.

Ron was born in Castro Valley to parents Prentice Martin and Bethel Ray Freeman. From an early age, Ron embraced the blue-collar work ethic of his parents. The second born of their three sons, Ron was as gifted a student as he was a talented athlete. The Freemans moved to Livermore in 1961 and set their roots in the town Ron would call home for the rest of his life. Ron's early years were spent filled with family gatherings, camping trips and sports. Lifelong friendships with Brent Dixon and Dave Daley were formed during Ron's childhood. Cousins Cori and Don, along with brothers Rory and Bill, spent many weekends filled with laughter and fun.

Ron attended Joe Michell Elementary, Mendenhall Middle School, and Granada High School. While at Granada Ron won EBAL Championships in both football and wrestling. On the football field Ron was first team all EBAL on offense and defense. On the wrestling mat Ron competed for state championships in both 191's and heavyweights.

After high school, Ron attended Chabot College where he continued to earn accolades as a two-sport athlete and prepare scholastically for his post-athletic endeavors.

Ron opened his own business, Freeman Steam Carpet Cleaning, a venture that supported his education.

Ron first set eyes on his future bride, Lisa Lee Robertson, in the fall of 1978 at his younger brother's football game. A few weeks later Ron asked Lisa out on a date and the rest was history. Ron declined opportunities to pursue multiple wrestling scholarships, instead transferring to UC Davis to pursue a career in dentistry and his blossoming relationship with Lisa. Ron and Lisa married on Nov. 8, 1980. They spent their first years living in married-student housing at Davis. In 1981, Ron was accepted into the University of the Pacific Dental Program. Ron and Lisa moved to Pittsburgh, Calif., while Ron was attending dental school and continued his carpet business to pay the bills. Ron and Lisa welcomed their first son, Craig, in 1983.

In 1984 Ron graduated dental school with his sights already set on opening his own dental practice in his hometown of Livermore. In the fall of 1984, Springtown Dental Office opened its doors. Shortly thereafter his first daughter, Destany, was born. In the years following, Ron's practice doubled its footprint as did his family, welcoming twins Amber and Derrick in 1988. Ron was an active father and participated in all of his children's activities. Ron was a devoted coach and fan for his kids as they

played youth sports, rarely missing a game through their high school playing days. Ron volunteered with their schools, chaperoned field trips, and helped with homework. His home was a place for social gatherings, and had a revolving door of friends and family alike for all of life's major celebrations. Ron and Lisa chaperoned memorable Senior Trips with large groups of their children's friends to Cabo San Lucas.

Springtown Dental Office moved across town in 2003 changing its name to Freeman Family Dentistry. The updated practice allowed "Dr. Ron" to give his patients and staff all of the latest technology and advancements available. Ron valued his patients and considered it an honor to provide their dental care. Ron loved his "team" and considered them part of his family. He loved being a part of the community of Livermore. Ron remained active with the GHS Boosters supporting the event in honor of the Olympian Award, of which he was a prior recipient. Ron served many years with Livermore Community Dental Consortium offering care to underserved children within the Livermore School District. Ron was a proud member of the California Freemasons. Ron remained a devoted 49ers and Giants fan attending countless games with family and friends, hosting Super Bowl parties, and enjoyed the Giants' 3 World



Series runs.

Ron is preceded in death by his father Marty and brother Bill. He is survived by his mother Bethel, his brother Roark, his wife Lisa of 38 years, sons Craig and Derrick, daughters Destany (Cardwell) and Amber (Ottersen), sons-in-law Brandon Cardwell and Erik Ottersen, daughters-in-law Ashley Freeman and Sarah Freeman, as well as grandchildren Graden (11), Atley (9), Landon (8), Porter (5), Lexi (5), Logan (2) and Kaylee (9 mos.).

Services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m., at Crosswinds Church, 1660 Freisman Rd., Livermore. Casual attire or your favorite 49ers or Giants apparel are warmly welcomed.

A celebration of life will follow immediately after at the Freeman residence, 2020 Larrys Pl., Livermore. Additional parking is available on Lomitas Ave., and the celebration can be accessed via 1674 Lomitas Ave.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ron's name to St. Jude's Hospital or any charity close to your heart.

## Claude (Skip) Wilson Hinsley

July 10, 1946 – Nov. 1, 2019  
Resident of Oro Valley, Arizona



Skip passed peacefully into Heaven on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, at St. Joseph's Hospital, with family at his side. He was 73.

Skip was a brilliant man, loving father, generous human, devout Christian and active member of Alive Church in Oro Valley, Ariz. He is survived by his children Nicole M. Schmidt (Bradley), James C. Hinsley (Hazel), and Tyler W. Hinsley, and three grandchildren Quinn L. Kalabolas, Sean J. Tchorzewski, and Atlas D. Hinsley.

Skip was born William Frederick Kemp and was renamed Claude Wilson Hinsley after adoption by James (Percy) and Lillian Hinsley in Baltimore in 1946. Percy worked at Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point until his retirement in 1969. Lillian was a loving stay-at-home mother. Percy passed in 1998 in Sarasota, Fla., at 94, and Lillian in 2006 in Pleasanton, Calif., at 102.

Skip grew up in Baltimore near Cold Spring Lane and Loch Raven Blvd. He graduated high school from Baltimore Poly in 1963, and from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1967 with a degree in mathematics. Skip then moved to New England for four years where he received an MBA from Dartmouth College in 1971. After graduating, he moved to Boise, Idaho, for a position with Boise Cascade, traveling across the country. Shortly thereafter, Skip moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and completed a JD from UC Hastings. Skip spent 32 years in the restaurant/catering business, 23 of which was as a sole proprietor owner/operator. He planted roots in the city of Pleasanton and was a prominent member of the community through his involvement in Rotary, Tulancingo Sister City Association, Thursday Breakfast Club, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and his son's youth sports leagues.

Food, wine and conversation were his passion and languages of love and cre-

ated passionate followers of Scoozzi through Girasole and the Big Horn Grill Restaurants. He will be remembered for his wisdom, compassion, warm smile, generosity, humor, loving spirit and above all else his integrity.

Skip moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 2015 and would travel between his new home and the Bay Area to visit family and open his final venture, Sidetrack Bar & Grill, until his passing. While in Arizona he rekindled his faith in the Lord where he led a Bible study out of his home, served his church faithfully as an usher, and led the reconstruction of a community kitchen. He was a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of EPCL (Equipping People Changing Lives), where he planned to make a trip to Kenya in 2020 to visit the children his work impacted through schools being built and fed.

In 2016 Skip began to investigate his birth family and miraculously gained brothers and sisters. In December 2019, Skip was to be the special guest at the Witter "Once in a Decade" Christmas Dinner. Skip's legacy continues to live on through his kids, grandkids, and his newly found family: Stewart L. Witter (brother), Randolph (Randy) F. Witter (brother), Willis D. Witter III (brother), Katharine (Kitty) V. Witter (sister), John J. Witter (nephew), Sara K. Witter (niece), Lisa K. Witter (niece), Steven L. Witter (nephew), and Katherine E. Witter (niece).

Deceased's funeral arrangements: Skip's Church Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 6, 2019 at Alive Church in Oro Valley, Ariz. An informal Celebration of Life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, 2019, at Sidetrack Bar + Grill in Pleasanton, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, we would request a donation to Skip's passionate cause, EPCL, via [epcl.org](http://epcl.org)

## Roberta Croll Cantua

May 27, 1920 – Oct. 19, 2019  
Resident of Livermore



Roberta Irene Croll Cantua passed away peacefully at the age of 99 years on Oct. 19, 2019, in Livermore. Roberta was born in Oakland, Calif., on May 27, 1920, to William Arthur and Myrtle (McKenzie) Croll. Roberta joined two older brothers, Arthur William Croll and Owen Wilmott Croll, both deceased.

In June 1938, Roberta graduated from Fremont High School, Oakland. She then attended College of Marin, Kentfield, Calif., from which she earned an Associate of Arts degree. While at college Roberta met Carlos Dudley Cantua and they were married on Oct. 17, 1943. They were married for 63 years until Dudley's death in 2006.

Dudley and Roberta began their married life in San Anselmo but soon moved to Oakland. Roberta was a loving wife and devoted to her family. They welcomed the births of their two daughters, Roberta Karen and Shirley Ann. In Oakland, Roberta was an active member of Hillside Presbyterian Church, a past President of Parker School P.T.A., and a Girl Scout leader.

In October 1958, the family moved to Livermore. Roberta soon joined First Presbyterian Church Livermore and with her husband became involved and participated in various church organizations. Roberta was very proud of her work as a Deacon in the church. Roberta was a member and past President of the Women's Association. To this day Roberta still has

longtime friends in the Sarah circle. Roberta was a Valley-Care Auxiliary member for 30 years.

Roberta and Dudley moved to Heritage Estates, Livermore, in June 2004. Roberta continued to live at Heritage until her passing. Roberta is survived by her daughters, Karen Campbell and Shirley Cantua, both of San Jose. She is also survived by her grandsons, Chris Campbell, Felton, and Jeff Campbell, San Jose, and dear friend, Glenn Grigg, Sunnyvale. Also, the many nieces and nephews who called her Aunt Roberta.

A celebration of life will be held in the Chapel of First Presbyterian Church Livermore, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore, on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, at 1 p.m. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or to a charity of your choice.

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## Kimberly Ann McCole May 8, 1957 - Oct. 17, 2019

Kimberly Ann-Marrine McCole was born to (Cornelius) Michael and Kathleen McCole at Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland, Calif., on May 8, 1957.

Kimberly came home to Hayward to a big brother Michael, and later had 1, 2, 3 little sisters to follow: Robin, Kelly and Kathleen, who was later nicknamed Sam.

Kimmy attended St. Joachim's school until moving to Pleasanton in 1965, then attended various elementary schools, as new ones kept being built to fit all the families moving to Pleasanton.

She graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1975 along with her dear friend Cheryl Pateson, and they remained best friends through all the years.

Kimberly (or Kimmy/Kiki), truly was a caregiver from age 2! She constantly cared for us all, even sewing matching outfits for all of her siblings in Pleasanton 4-H.

Kimberly was at the forefront of the soccer craze coming to Pleasanton and continued to also coach her siblings' teams, as well w/ her Mom, Katie, by her side.

The list of attributes and the stories about the kindnesses that Kimberly bestowed on others would fill more pages than allowed.

Kimberly was with Longs Drug Stores as she attended Chabot College.

After leaving her job as a dispatch/coordinator as a 28-year-old young lady and caring for 2.5 years for her Grandma Marrine, Kimberly became a hair stylist and later also a massage therapist. She also was a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

Kimberly observed many take their last breaths in their homes and always allowed them to do so with dignity.

Among her activities through life: Kimmy enjoyed soccer, boating, waterskiing, snow-skiing, golfing, camping as a child at Pinecrest Lake, and many others activities. In 1977, Kimberly went to a childhood friend's wedding in Petersburg, Alaska; she ended up staying six months and had multiple marriage proposals, taught pre-school and shucked crab!

Aunt Kiki was loved by her four nephews: Max, Cole, Ben and Chad. They loved their Aunt Kiki and were always excited to see what creative gift Kiki had gotten them all for Christmas. Last year's gift sat atop a 12-pack each!



Kimberly previously had a longtime relationship with dear family friend Rob Christ, and even though years went by, as he spoke through the phone to Kiki in her final days, she reacted to his dear voice with a simple tear.

Kimberly is survived by her dear mom Kate McCole (her father Michael passed in 2010), her big brother Michael (Judy), younger sisters Robin (Greg), Kelly and Sam (Patrick), along with her amazing four adult nephews: Max and Ben Heinrich, and Cole and Chad Kraft.

Kimberly was consistent with: love, helping everybody and her love of faith, family and friends, as she signed each card. Kimmy lived previously for our dad's care and most recently to take care of our mom with the most grace and patience we've ever seen of anyone.

After a discovery of a tumor and subsequent surgery over Labor Day weekend, Kimmy just wasn't recovering well and new challenges arose as she came back to our family home to recover. After an unanticipated discovery of more issues, we were able to bring our daughter/sister/friend/cousin/godmother to many and the utmost example of a warrior and the epitome of unselfishness home again and allow her to be surrounded by family, old friends, far-away calls and dignity and love, as she gave so many. She went to the Lord in the late evening of Oct. 17, 2019, as her mom slept upstairs and she was surrounded by her four siblings, as we cheered to her and played music. Kimberly waited until life was in full balance and the angels came in and swept their newest angel away... she was an angel on this earth.

Family and friends will be celebrating Kimberly's life on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Crosswinds Church property: over the bridge to the barn. We will gather at noon and begin soon thereafter and after prayer, music and words, we will continue to hear and share stories of how Kimmy touched so many lives with some food, beverages and laughter!

## Joe M. DiGiallonardo Nov. 2, 1961 - Oct. 31, 2019

On Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, Joseph Michael DiGiallonardo passed away at the age of 57. Joe was born on Nov. 2, 1961, in Denver, Colo.

Joe graduated from Granada High School in 1979, as captain and star linebacker of the Matadors football team. He was an athlete who enjoyed soccer, wrestling and baseball, as well. Once he was featured in the local newspaper for playing catch for over 24 hours with his classmates, coming in just shy of Guinness Book of World Records fame.

He had an effortless green thumb, knew his way around the kitchen, and, regardless of their success, was a lifelong Oakland Raiders fan. While professionally Joe was a career electrician for over 25 years and a proud member of IBEW, in his personal life he was an all-around fix-it man. He was not only creative but skilled in several disciplines, from carpentry and furniture refurbishment to art. Joe had a love of learning and engaging in deep conversations. He also loved fishing and being in the great outdoors.

Joe had a magical way with animals. His pets were always impeccably well trained and even more loved by their owner. More than anything, Joe loved and believed in people, and was always helping others.

Joe was known best for his generous heart, genuine demeanor, and mischievous sense of humor. He is survived by his three children Joseph, Aloura, and Zack, and his one grandchild Damien, who were the light of his life and center of his world. He is also survived by his mother Elizabeth Escamilla and her husband Julian, his siblings Luann Spindler (Frank), Sam DiGiallonardo and Tom DiGiallonardo (Fabricia), and 12 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton church chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. A celebration of life will follow at noon at the ELKS Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. All are welcome to attend.

The family suggests making memorial contributions to Open Heart Kitchen at openheartkitchen.org.

Berniece Holt Via, loving mother and grandmother, passed away last week at Kaiser Hospital, Walnut Creek. Surviving are her sister, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, son, a granddaughter, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore, Calif., on Nov. 7, with viewing from 10 to 10:45 a.m., and funeral service at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at Sierra Hills Cemetery in Sacramento, Calif.

Berniece spent her first years in Burkburnett, Texas. In 1938, she moved with her family to California where they settled in the little town of Brawley. On May 5, 1941, an earthquake destroyed the town, demolishing the schools, library, town hall, hotels, grocery stores, and some homes. "There was no school until November," she recalled, "and then we had little huts for each grade."

In 1942, the family moved to the Sacramento area where Berniece attended Sutter Junior High School. Later the family was able to purchase a small farm in Yolo County. Berniece then attended and graduated from Clarksburg High School. She was always proud of the fact that she completed the four-year course of study in three years, graduating a year early.

Berniece's first job took place during World War II as part of the support-the-war effort, where she worked in the vegetable fields, mainly cutting onion heads. Her second job was as a part-time soda jerk for W.T. Grants (downtown Sacramento), after school and on Saturdays.

The family didn't have money to send Berniece to college, so her piano teacher lent her the tuition necessary

to attend Heald Business College. During the time she attended the college, she worked part-time as a parts clerk at Earl Smith Motors in downtown Sacramento. Upon graduating, the first thing she did was get a full-time job. The second thing was to pay back the loan. She never forgot the kindness of the piano teacher, and her having trusted that a 20-year-old would, indeed, pay back the money.

In 1950 Berniece became a bookkeeper for Bank of America, where she worked until 1957. It was also where she met her future husband, L. Richard Via, Jr. The two were married in 1952. Their son and only child was born on Thanksgiving day 1958.

In 1957 she moved to Crocker-Anglo National Bank. During her eight years at the bank, she worked her way up from bookkeeper to teller, and then to internal auditor.

In the 1960s, Berniece's husband took a position at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and commuted from Sacramento to Livermore daily. It didn't take long for them to realize the necessity of relocating closer to the lab. In 1965 the family moved to Livermore. It was then that Berniece went to work for the Livermore Unified School District as a clerk-typist. In 1968, she and Sylvia Moon started up the Data Processing Department for the school district. Berniece recalled that the computer took up an entire room from the data-entry point to the printout point. In time, Berniece returned to her accounting background, and retired in 1992 as the Accounting Technician for the school district.

Even though Berniece was not able to attend a four-year

college or university at the time she graduated from high school, she never flagged in her pursuit of learning. When she read a word she didn't know, even when the context suggested the meaning, she would look it up in the dictionary. When she ran across a reference to a historical event she knew nothing of, she would look it up in the set of encyclopedias that lived in the bookcase by "her" chair. She continued taking classes, asking questions, learning new things, pursuing new interests, until by the time Berniece retired, she had accomplished a number of educational milestones. She had: graduated from Sacramento City College and Heald Business College, graduated from the American Institute of Banking, obtained an AA degree from Chabot Junior College in Livermore with emphases in data processing, computer programming, history and real estate, attended DQ University, Davis, California - American Indian Studies, and attended Hayward State, where she took music classes (major instrument - organ).

Berniece was active in the Baptist Church from an early age. Riding the bus for transportation, she took her younger sisters to Sunday School, carrying the youngest, who was under three, and towing the other (under age six) along by the hand. She made sure they attended every Sunday, even in bad weather. When she was 14, she began teaching Sunday School at the First Baptist Church in Broderick, Calif. Every Saturday evening, she made sure all their Sunday clothes were freshly ironed or pressed, and their shoes freshly polished. And she diligently made certain the younger girls knew their memory verses and



behaved during church. She remained faithful to the teachings of Jesus throughout her lifetime, even when it became impossible for her to attend church services. At the time of her death, she had been a member of the Cedar Grove Community Church (previously Cedar Grove Baptist Church) for many years.

Berniece's hobbies and interests included: American history (a real history buff), Bible history, sewing, knitting and other handcrafts, gardening, reading, ceramics, playing the organ, and traveling.

Berniece was socially active in the community, and was a member of a number of organizations, such as: American Federation of Police Officers Wives, Las Damas, Danebod No. 16, Siretts #121, Starlighters, Menzaleh Temple No. 16, Daughters of the Nile, Palm Shrine No. 32, Order of The White Shrine of Jerusalem, Semper Fidelis Chapter No. 135, Order of Eastern Star, Past Matron 1993, Past Matron Association of the East Bay, Mary Meixner Association of the East Bay, and Rebekah #154 (now joined with Odd Fellows).

Floral tributes may be sent to Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, California 94550.

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## Joane Westermark

June 9, 1941 - Oct. 10, 2019

Joane Westermark passed away peacefully, after a courageous battle against cancer, on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

Joane was born and raised in San Francisco, to John and Marie Westermark. She graduated from Lowell High School and went on to attend San Francisco State University. While at San Francisco State, she met her first husband, Tom Davis. During college, Joane worked at Candlestick Park as one of the first women usherettes. She was recruited from her job to appear on the game show, "What's My Line?" hosted by John Daly.

Joane moved with her husband to the suburbs in 1961. They settled in Livermore, Calif., in 1964. Joane raised her children in Livermore and was a stay-at-home mom until 1979 when she began working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Joane enjoyed her work at the lab as a scientific technologist in the Environmental Science division and the Hazard's Control division. She entered retirement after 24 years at the lab.

Joane then moved to Modesto, Calif., and bought a motorhome. She enjoyed traveling around the country in her motorhome with friends. She also traveled abroad to Europe, Sweden, Hawaii and Mexico. She continued to work at LLNL during her retirement as a security escort, part time to help supplement her travel budget. Her favorite country by far was France, taking multiple trips to the country.

In 2004, Joane met her soulmate, Tom Donahue. Together they continued to travel and spend time at his home in Arnold, Calif. When not traveling, Joane enjoyed gar-



dening, reading, attending plays, and politics.

Joane was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was intelligent, kind, generous, loyal, loving and thoughtful. Joane will forever be missed, and her legacy will live on through her family.

Joane was preceded in death by her parents John and Marie Westermark, her brother Robert Westermark, her companion Tom Donahue, and her daughter-in-law Karen Harger Davis.

She is survived by her brothers Allan Westermark, George Westermark (Kimberly), and Gary Westermark (Elaine); her children Jim Davis (Patti), Karen Davis-Parker (Jon), and Jennifer Davis; grandchildren Jody Hooker-Silva (Jayme), Joshua Davis (Alex), Jillian Davis, Allysha Davis, Nick Rodgers, Allie Parker and Ben Parker; great-grandchildren Jude Hooker-Silva, Lily Hupp, and Wyatt Davis; nephews Kai Westermark (Lisa), nephew William and niece Katarina Westermark.

Services will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, at 1 p.m., at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 1000 El Camino Real, Colma, Calif., with a reception to follow.

Memorial donations can be mailed to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Please mail check with Restrict to Renal/bladder Cancer in memo of check, or call 1-800-227-2345.

## Elaine A. Kendro

Sept. 25, 1941 - Oct. 3, 2019

Elaine "Cookie" Audrey Rey Kendro, 78, died on Oct. 3, 2019.

Born in Canton, Ohio, to parents Angel "Jim" Rey and Olga Rey. (Preceding her in death) Elaine grew up with her older sister Virginia Borland. The girls were very close through Elaine's life. Elaine graduated from Timken Vocational High School in 1959.

Elaine married her childhood sweetheart Joseph Kendro who was and always will be the love of her life. The couple and their two beautiful boys moved to California in 1968 where they mostly lived between Huntington Beach and Paradise.

Elaine worked hard her entire life. She completed many college courses and classes to continue her education and better herself. Elaine worked mostly in the banking and clerical industry even after being diagnosed with MS in 1983.

Elaine was a passionate reader and very intelligent lady. She created beautiful needlepoint and macramé. She enjoyed bowling and was an incredible dancer. At one point in her life she was a "Rockette."

The family later settled in Livermore, Calif., in April 1996. In July 2002, Elaine faced her greatest loss when her Joe passed away. Elaine carried on, filling her day with volunteering for Kaiser Permanente in Livermore, and spending time with family and friends. Elaine started to slow down as the MS was getting worse and would later



move to Rancho Murieta for the last five years of her life. She was surrounded by great caregiving friends and family.

Elaine is survived by her oldest son Mark and his wife Donna, her youngest son Michael and his wife Sarah, her sister and best friend Virginia, and her beautiful grandchildren Andrea and her husband Sean Britzki, Kristopher, and Jessica. "Tough Cookie" - Yes, she was strong, determined and amazing in every way. She kept her independence all the way to the end.

We will be celebrating Cookie's life on Nov. 15, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., at 11 a.m. Following the celebration, close family and friends are invited to gather at Zephyr Grill in Livermore on First St. to share stories and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, family asks those interested to make donations in Elaine's name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 150 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94612.

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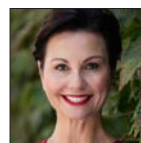
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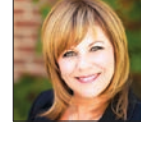
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Local Pearl Harbor survivor Mickey Ganitch (right) rides in the Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

**REFERENDUM**

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May 2021, with an opening no later than November 2022.

A citizens' organization called Protect the Central Park Vote seeks to reverse the Development Agreement because it could obligate the city to have a hotel built on the east side of S. Livermore Avenue, as specified in the city's downtown plan. The group's alternative downtown plan provides for a 160-room hotel on the west side of S. Livermore Avenue.

The group does not want the Development Agreement to interfere with the Central Park Plan initiative set for the November 2020 ballot, giving voters a west side alternative to the city's east side hotel. They say there is room on the west side to build a resort hotel that's larger, full-service, and offers an upscale restaurant. The group says that it would attract leisure and business travelers to the wineries and downtown, and the location enables parking on the east side of Livermore Avenue and a large park on the west side.

Rebuttals to the arguments are due Friday, Nov. 8. The argument supporting the city's agreement was signed by all five members of Livermore City Council. The argument against the agreement was signed by William Dunlop, chairman of Citizens for a Livermore Central Park; Jeffrey Kaskey, a businessman; Calvin Wood, a 55-year Livermore resident; Jean King, community activist; and Ben Barrientos, president of Livermore Lions Club.

**Argument Supporting Ordinance 2089**  
Your City Council unanimously urges a "Yes" vote on this measure to maintain the momentum on the downtown improvements currently underway.

The City Council entered into a Development Agreement for a long-desired, upscale wine-country hotel next to the Bankhead. Throughout the months of the outreach and public input process, there was one element that was agreed upon

by all. **The optimal location for a downtown hotel was South Livermore Avenue. This Development Agreement keeps it there and also protects Blacksmith Square**

**Don't be confused by a widely circulated drawing of a west side hotel on Railroad Avenue.** That drawing has unreasonable housing densities and ignores the complementary elements in the City plan. It actually harms First Street businesses by replacing their parking with housing. Their drawing hasn't been vetted or subject to feasibility analysis. **In contrast, the City Approved Downtown Plan** was based on input from thousands of Livermore residents and years of careful planning and analyses.

A "Yes" vote will prevent years of delay allowing us to continue improving the downtown now, and providing what you want: **More available parking throughout the downtown; More open space, including two large connecting parks, Veterans Park and Stockmen's Park; Less dense housing; Better traffic circulation; More retail; Fiscally responsible.**

The City Approved Downtown Plan is supported throughout the community. **Join with many organizations, representing thousands of residents, who support the plan: Livermore Stockmen's Association; Livermore Shakespeare Festival; Livermore Chamber of Commerce; Livermore Downtown Inc.; Unify Livermore; InterFaith Housing; Livermore Science and Society Center; Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; Innovation Tri-Valley.**

You've waited years for the downtown improvements that residents requested: more available parking, more open space, more retail, and more amenities. Don't be fooled by a drawing and false claims. The time has come to vote "Yes" to get things done!

**Argument Opposing Ordinance 2089**  
7,244 Livermore voters placed this referendum on

the ballot because Livermore deserves better. Please join us. Vote NO on the City's deeply flawed downtown plan.

By voting NO, you're rejecting the City's Development Agreement with Presidio for a hotel east of Livermore Avenue. Not only is this the wrong kind of hotel at the wrong location, but also it's a "poison pill" intended to prevent voters from adopting the better Central Park Plan with its westside hotel.

A few of many reasons to vote down the City Plan: It has no continuous central park. We celebrate our surrounding open space, rolling hills and beautiful wine country. We should have a large, continuous park from Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street, a regional draw. The City's so-called "public open space", encircled by private housing, doesn't deliver.

Far less parking where it's most wanted. We need parking right near Livermore Avenue where most people go. We'll be losing existing parking here. As of October, city plans showed at least 316 fewer spaces in this critical area than the Central Park Plan.

Too much housing in wrong location. The City Plan crowds 130 3-4 story affordable housing units right in the downtown center.

Mediocre hotel not fit for our Wine Country. The City's disappointing hotel is not full service, has no restaurant, no nearby parking and poor views. Not worthy of our Wine Country, nor our downtown.

Less Livermore tax revenue. A professional financial analysis shows that the City Plan, with only a 125-135 room hotel, lower room rates and less retail, will cost the city \$15.04 million in lost revenue over 30 years versus the Central Park Plan.

We get one chance to create something special downtown. Reject the badly flawed City Plan. Vote No on the referendum.

See [LivermoreDeservesBetter.com](http://LivermoreDeservesBetter.com)

**Liverbots Gearing Up For Tournament**

A team of 8th graders hailing from three different Livermore schools are preparing for the First Lego Robotics competition being held at Quarry Lane School in Dublin this weekend.

During the competition, the team, known as the Liverbots, will be judged on their robotics skills, on the professionalism of their teamwork and on a research project presentation. The theme for this year's competition, "City Shaper," has inspired the Liverbots to investigate the second phase of their hometown's plans for downtown redevelopment for their research project.

They have been hard at work over the past several weeks researching the history of the project, reading various planning documents, collecting data, interviewing many different stakeholders, including city officials, Central Park Plan supporters and various experts.

"It has been really amazing to learn about how much work goes into such a project. Everyone we spoke with was so helpful too," said William Arnold, who attends King's Classical Academy. They also carried out a random survey of Livermore citizens to test some of their findings. Ja-

cob Shin, who attends Our Savior Lutheran School, found it "very interesting to talk to the Livermore citizens about redevelopment - the changes are certain to have a big impact on our downtown."

A summary of their work will be presented to a panel of judges during the Nov. 10 tournament and details are available on the team's website, [www.liverbots.org](http://www.liverbots.org). Jay Krishnan and Haimish McKinnon, the other half of the Liverbots team, attend Valley Montessori School. If the Liverbots advance this weekend, they will compete in the January 2020 Championship Tournament in Mountain House.

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## The Fantasticks Delights Firehouse Audiences With a Funny Look at First Love

By Carol Graham



“The Fantasticks,” despite its rambunctious name, offers that rarest of theatrical treats: an intimate and heart-warming story about love.

“Try to remember the kind of September, when life was slow and oh, so mellow,” sings El Gallo. “Try to remember when life was so tender, that no one wept except the willow. Try to remember, and if you remember, then follow.”

With that, audience members are ushered back in time, to relive the innocence and optimism of first love.

Yet things are not always what they seem.

“The Fantasticks” opened on Nov. 2 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, with upcoming performances over the next two weekends.

After lulling audience members into romantic reveries, hilarious action whips them back out of it. Young Luisa (Brenna Sammon) and Matt (Matt Skinner) live next door to each other and speak of love over a garden wall built by their feuding fathers, Bellomy (G. Scott Phillips) and Hucklebee (Jim Rupp). But with the kids out of earshot, the fathers heartily congratulate themselves on accomplishing their actual goal of bringing their children together, as they sing “Never Say No”: “A dog’s got to bark, a mule’s got to bray. Soldiers must fight, and

preachers must pray. And children, I guess, must get their own way — the minute that you say ‘No.’”

Pleased with their clever manipulation, Hucklebee tells Bellomy of his plan to have Luisa kidnapped by a professional abductor so that Matt can rescue her and appear heroic. The two friends hire El Gallo (Joshua Gonzales) and, sparing no expense, choose a first-class abduction carried out by a lovable old actor, Henry (John Blytt), and his uproarious Cockney sidekick, Mortimer (M. Javi Harnly). Completing the

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### Livermore Community Blood Drive:

Friday, Nov. 15, noon to 6 p.m., at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave. The Red Cross critically needs donors of all blood types to give now to keep the blood supply stable during the holidays.

Blood donations traditionally decline from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use ASBURY925 as the Sponsor Code, or call Tony Gnecco at 925-895-7794 for more information.

Please donate blood and be the lifeline patients need. Your donation can give a patient in need something to be extra thankful for this year.

## Interfaith Interconnect's 7th Annual Thanksgiving Program "Expressions of Gratitude"

Interfaith Interconnect of the Tri-Valley hosts its annual interfaith Thanksgiving program on Sunday, Nov. 24., from 5:30–6:30 p.m., at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Afterwards, there will be a simple reception from 6:30 to 7 p.m., offering light refreshments and the opportunity for attendees and presenters to socialize.

All are welcome and RSVP's aren't necessary. There is no cost to attend, but an offering will be accepted to benefit Sunflower Hill ([Sunflowerhill.org](http://Sunflowerhill.org)), a local nonprofit that works to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs.

This year's event will feature a variety of ways

different faiths and cultures celebrate gratitude through music, song, dance, prayer, poetry, and scripture or other text.

Interfaith Interconnect includes over twenty Tri-Valley congregations. Its mission is "To enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley." In order to accomplish this mission, a number of events are held each year, including monthly Religion Chats, occasional education programs, and an annual picnic in recognition of International Day of Peace.

To learn more, visit [www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com](http://www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com), search Facebook, or email [interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com](mailto:interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com).



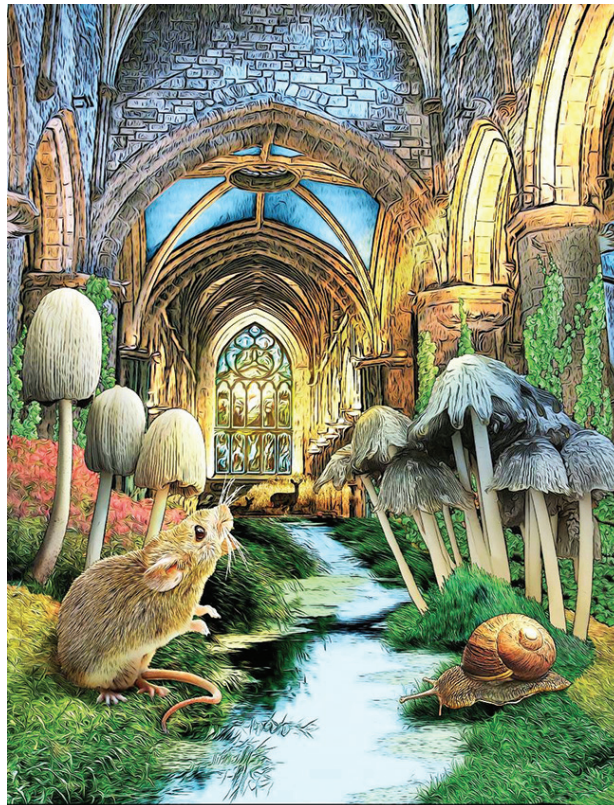
Previous Interfaith Interconnect Thanksgiving service at St. Bartholomew Episcopal

## Digital Art Program To Be Held Nov. 11

Christine McCall will be giving a program and demonstration on Digital Art on Monday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. McCall will talk about Photoshop compositing and illustration, and

using Photoshop to create and edit digital images. She is currently working on her two Fairy Tale Collections.

The program is sponsored by the Livermore Art Association and is free and open to the public.



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## FANTASTICKS

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seven-person cast is Kate Henderson who nimbly plays the enchanting Mute.

As Act I ends, the players are bathed in gleaming moonlight, caught up in the intoxicating magic of a happy ending.

Then Act II begins. A blazing sun has replaced the soft moonlight, and the characters, still in their earlier poses, appear exhausted and strained. El Gallo observes that what seems romantic by moonlight may lose its charm in the harsh light of day. From there, the truth of the feud and kidnapping is revealed, recriminations follow, and El Gallo orchestrates a series of escapades designed to reveal the characters' vain ambitions until the necessary point of disillusion is reached and the young lovers realize that all they truly ever wanted was each other.

Produced by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, "The Fantasticks" is fantastic — a charming, engaging excursion down memory lane, deepened with a mature understanding of what is truly valuable. The highly-talented cast strike the pitch-perfect balance between innocence and absurdity, and heart and sentimentality.

"The show's original off-Broadway production was one of the world's longest-running musicals," Director

Lexie Lazear says of the show's 42-year run, from 1960 until 2002. "Personally, I think that's due to the timeless nature of stories about first love. In a turbulent world, it's essential to remember how similar our basic goals in life are: to feel safe, to feel needed, and to have love."

In the Tri-Valley, as the warm days of summer slip into the chilly nights of winter, "The Fantasticks" wraps attendees in a happy glow that makes them feel young and protected from the cold.

"Deep in December, it's nice to remember, although you know the snow will follow," sings El Gallo. "Deep in December, it's nice to remember, without a hurt the heart is hollow. Deep in December, it's nice to remember, the fire of September that made us mellow."

Shows take place on Nov. 8-10 and 15-17, with Friday performances at 8 p.m., Saturday performances at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$41 for general admission, \$37 for seniors (62+), and \$25 for children. The Firehouse is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton.

To learn more, visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org) and [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), or call 925-931-4848.

## Summer Exchange Program for Teens

Applications are being accepted by the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association for teens wishing to participate in the summer exchange program. This program has been a valued experience by hundreds of teens during its 33-year history. Participants need to be high school students with the equivalent of 2 years of high school Spanish. It is a reciprocal program with students from Pleasanton

being hosted in Tulancingo homes for three weeks, then all students traveling together to be hosted in Pleasanton homes.

Informational sessions for parents and students are scheduled at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce conference room, 777 Peters Ave., on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and Wednesday, Nov. 13, both from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association is

a City of Pleasanton Chartered Organization with a mission statement to promote goodwill and friendship between the two communities. The exchange program offers students an opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture in a safe family home environment. Students and their parents have noted that upon returning they have increased self-esteem, self-confidence and maturity, as

well as having had the introduction to another culture, and a greater understanding and command of the Spanish language. Lifelong friendships formed during the exchange are valued above all. It is the only program of its kind, with the only cost being the roundtrip airfare to Mexico.

To learn more, visit [ptsca.org](http://ptsca.org), or contact Debbie Glenn at [glennk@comcast.net](mailto:glennk@comcast.net).

## Livermore Knights of Columbus Donate Ultrasound Machine to Pregnancy Clinic

Members of the Livermore Knights of Columbus went on a road trip to celebrate their latest charitable work: they visited the Support Circle Pregnancy Clinic in Oakland for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new ultrasound machine they donated.

Support Circle, founded in 1984, is a medical clinic dedicated to providing time, space and support to women in unintended pregnancies. It offers women a safe place to make an informed deci-

sion about their pregnancy. All services are offered at no cost to patients.

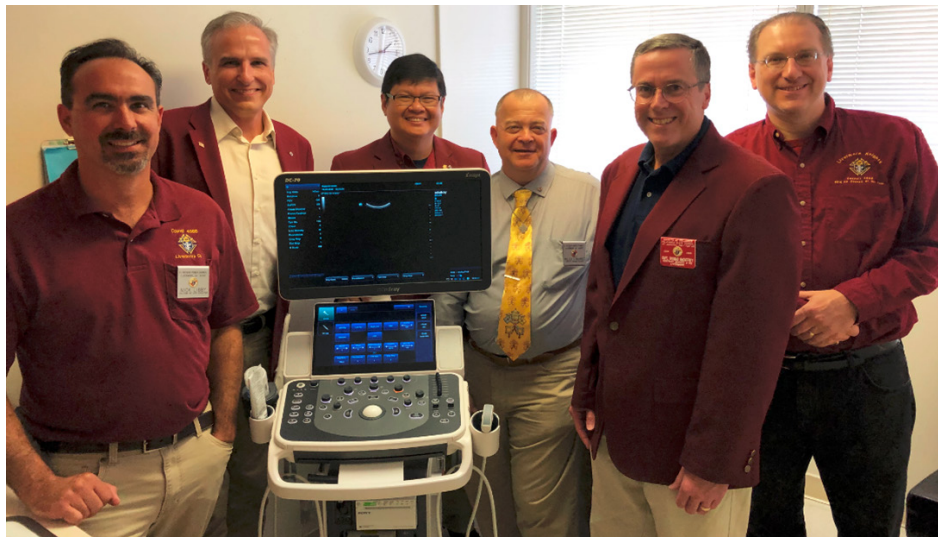
The donation is part of the Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Program which seeks to put an end to abortion and promote a culture of life. The goal is to save lives and help women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers.

Staff at Support Circle gave the Knights a tour

of the clinic and showed them the features of the new machine, along with some images that it had already taken.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, is 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.

Visit [www.livermoreknights.org](http://www.livermoreknights.org).



## Mony Nop Turkey Drop Benefiting Tri-Valley Haven

The 4th Annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop benefiting Tri-Valley Haven takes place on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of Livermore's City Hall Building, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue. You can drop off a frozen turkey, gift cards, or cash donations to assist a local family in need this holiday season. In years past, Tri-Valley Haven has run out of turkeys for local families in economic need. The idea of a "Turkey Drop" was formed to make sure that all families will eat at

Thanksgiving.

Nop, of the Mony Nop Real Estate Team said, "Four years ago, I heard that Tri-Valley Haven ran out of turkeys for families in need at Thanksgiving. Growing up in famine in a third-world country myself, I know how it feels to go to bed hungry. I wanted to help, so our team created the Mony Nop Turkey Drop. This event is a fun and simple way for members of our community to give back to those who are less fortunate during the holidays. With the support

of our great communities, we hope that no one will go to bed hungry during the holidays."

Tri-Valley Haven, in partnership with the Mony Nop Real Estate Team, will provide food and a turkey to over 1,500 local individuals and families in need this Thanksgiving season. To make a donation or to learn more about the Mony Nop Turkey Drop, visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org), or contact Christine at 925-667-2707 or [Christine@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:Christine@trivalleyhaven.org).

## Publisher Reveals "What You Should Know about Hybrid Publishing"



Speaker Brooke Warner

Publisher and Tedx speaker Brooke Warner will unravel the mysteries of publishing at this month's meeting of the Tri-Valley Writers on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The audience will learn how agents determine if a book will sell, and a writer's options when these gatekeepers don't think so. Warner will explain hybrid publishing, which falls in between commercial publishing and self-publishing. Writers will learn both the appeal and the challenges of this new model.

Warner's presentation is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, with check-in at 1:30 p.m. The talk is hosted by the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC).

The session is open to people who make advance reservations and pay a fee at the door. Cost for CWC members is \$14; for non-members, \$18. Student fees are \$6 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Anyone interested in the program or CWC may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations can be made by sending an email to [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org) no later than Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Brooke Warner is publisher of She Writes Press and SparkPress, president of Warner Coaching Inc., and author of Write On, Sisters!, Green-Light Your

Book, What's Your Book, and three books on memoir. Warner is a TEDx speaker, a weekly podcaster of Write-Minded with co-host Grant Faulkner, and the former Executive Editor of Seal Press. She is a board member for the Independent Book Publishers Association, the Bay Area Book Festival, and the National Association of Memoir Writers. She writes

a monthly column for Publishers Weekly.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and levels of experience to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. For more information about the CWC Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at [president@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:president@trivalleywriters.org) or visit [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).

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# SHORT NOTES

## CORRECTIONS:

The correct date for **Magician Vitaly Stars in "An Evening of Wonders"** is **Saturday, Nov. 9.**

The correct date for **Harmony Fusion Chorus Presents "Reflections of the Season"** is **Saturday, Nov. 16.**

## Autumn Harvest Party

Charles R Vineyards is hosting an Autumn Harvest Party on Saturday, Nov. 16, from noon to 4:30 p.m.

With harvest winding down, we finally have time to party! Join us for our Autumn Harvest Party featuring Matt Bolton, a modern day one-man-band using live-on-the-spot created loops and technology with a contemporary pop, classic rock, roots-rock vibe and feel. Bolton performs from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bring a picnic to enjoy with a glass or bottle of Charles R wine on the garden patio. Round up your friends for a game of corn hole, and we'll have fixings for S'mores to toast over the fire pit for \$2.

## Livermore Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Livermore Valley Gem & Mineral Society is holding its annual Gem & Mineral show at the Livermore Barn on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Barn is located at 3131 Pacific Ave., near the Livermore Civic Center.

The show includes displays of minerals, fossils, beading and jewelry. Also included are lapidary demonstrations, a gold panning demonstration, and activities for kids including a fossil dig and mineral panning. Dealers will be selling jewelry, rocks, minerals, fossils, and other items. Adult admission is \$5 for both days, and children under 12 are free with adult.

## Free Concert at the Firehouse

Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents a Holiday Music Concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m., in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

The program features holiday music from the movies: How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Polar Express, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Christmas on Broadway, and other holiday favorites and requested tunes to promote holiday spirit. The concert is free although donations are appreciated. Doors open at 1:40 p.m. Visit [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org) or call 925-846-5897.

## Grieving Over the Holidays

The holidays you have dreaded are approaching...At every turn, you are faced with your heartache and loss. Please join us Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

## Livermore Indivisible Meeting Features West Coast Speaker

Dennessa Atilas will be the featured speaker at the Livermore Indivisible general meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. She is Indivisible National's West Coast Senior Regional Organizer, supporting hundreds of Indivisible groups across California, Alaska and Hawaii that are organizing and advocating in their communities, and at state and federal levels.

Atilas will explain Indivisible's current work, reviewing how National Indivisible works with and supports local chapters.

Separately, Livermore Indivisible will discuss Reclaim Our Vote: Fighting Voter Suppression. For background information, watch "Suppressed: the Fight to Vote," a 35-minute film about voter suppression in Georgia.

The talk takes place at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. An optional \$5 donation is requested. Contact [maryqkontrary@yahoo.com](mailto:maryqkontrary@yahoo.com).

## The Italian Catholic Federation

Love all things Italian? Want to give some of your time to charity events, but also meet new people? The Italian Catholic Federation can be what you're looking for. Join us every third Friday of the month at 6 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. You don't need to be Italian to be a member. For information contact Judy Wellbeloved at 462-2487.

## Coffee with Assemblymember

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 5 to 6 p.m., Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan invites you to join your friends and neighbors for a casual conversation over coffee at Steam House Coffee & Kava Bar, 1935 2nd St., Livermore. Share your thoughts on community and legislative matters important to you. Staff will also be on hand to provide resources related to state agencies and help with casework. To RSVP or for more information, call 925-328-1515.

## Las Positas Vineyards

On the weekend of Nov. 8-10, Las Positas Vineyards will feature their Cheesecake Cupcake & Wine Pairing flight, and will also be offering a Reserve Flight. Tasting Room hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, email [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com).

Nov. 10 at Las Positas Vineyards is Sunday Funday! featuring the Tasting & Tour Experience, a tour guided by their Wine Ambassador, that finishes in the Winemaker Cottage with a private sit down food & wine pairing experience. The experience is offered at noon and 2:30 p.m. For more information, email [andrew@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:andrew@laspositasvineyards.com).

## Dublin Library Kids Events

Two free children's events are coming up at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, the Frog Feeder Toy Craft for Kids 8-12 takes place at 4:30 p.m. Frog feeder toys are fun to make, and even more fun to play with. Limited to the first 25 children in line.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m., join Mr. Quick and Mr. Mustache on a comical Circus of Smiles adventure. These jugglers are one part Charlie Chaplin, one part Looney Tunes, and 100% hilarious. Seating is open to the first 90 people in line. All members of a party must be in line to receive a ticket.

## - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUES -

### LIVERMORE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

**AUXILIARY** is hosting their annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 527 N. Livermore Ave. Shop for handmade treasures from vendors, take a chance on a raffle, have lunch, and purchase delicious baked goods. Proceeds go to local food banks and animal shelters. For more information, call Evy Barr at 925.980.7216.

### AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS

is hosting a Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton. Hand-crafted items from more than 30 vendors will be available. Visit [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org).

### CEDAR GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

hosts its Holiday Boutique on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 1 to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cedar Grove is located at 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Items available include baby items, aprons, "18" doll clothes, Christmas items, jewelry, towels, quilts, placemats, one of a kind items, woodwork projects, collectibles, and children's books.

### LIVERMORE LADIES

are hosting their annual crafts and gifts boutique on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 727 Polaris Way, Livermore. The boutique features lots of unique new designs and items from the past — all handmade. Great gifts, holiday decorations and fun items for children and babies. Contact Vicki Reiter at 925.294.9141.

## Wine Classes

Don't miss Pleasanton Adult and Career Education's Fall Wine Series of classes. All classes are from 6:30 TO 8:30 p.m. at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery in Livermore. \$49 per class; for more information or to register visit: [bit.ly/PACE-Classes](http://bit.ly/PACE-Classes).

Blend It to Win It, Nov. 13: In this class, you will learn part of the art that's required to make a great bottle of wine, and get a little friendly competition going, too. Learn how and why a winemaker blends rather than just bottling a 100% varietal wine; work in teams to create your own winning blend; create a marketing campaign for your wine, including a proprietary name and label; and have your wine judged by a professional winemaker and wine judge to see who gets crowned 'Best of Show.'

Sparkling Wine Blind Tasting Challenge, Dec. 11: Do you know the difference between sparkling wine and Champagne? Brut and Demi Sec? Cava and Prosecco? Want to find out while discovering some great values for your holiday parties? Test your blind tasting skills while learning about the most fun wine there is: sparkling!

## Livermore Chapter of the National Charity League Invites New Members

The National Charity League, Inc., Livermore Chapter welcomes prospective new members to apply to join for the 2020-2021 year. National Charity League, Inc., the oldest and largest mother-daughter volunteer organization in the nation, gives mothers and daughters unique opportunities to strengthen their bond while growing together, sharing of themselves and improving their communities. It is the only nonprofit national organization committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropic, leadership and cultural activities together

and with their peers.

To be eligible for membership in the new NCL Chapter, daughters must reside or go to school in Livermore and be entering 7th - 10th grades for the 2020-2021 school year.

Currently, the Livermore Chapter, established in 2015, has 202 members, which includes 95 mothers and 107 daughters who volunteer with over 30 philanthropic organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Open Heart Kitchen, Exceptional Needs Network, The Taylor Family Foundation and Sunflower

Hill.

"Belonging to NCL Livermore has been a great way for my daughter and me to connect with our community," said Julie Holm, chapter president. "Serving our local charities has allowed us to strengthen our relationship with each other, our members and our community, as we both explore what it means to lead and serve simultaneously. I welcome the opportunity to share this experience with more Livermore mothers and daughters."

To learn more, contact Kim Chandler at [membership@nclonline.org](mailto:membership@nclonline.org).

## LVJUSD Teens Learn How to Help One Another in Crisis

Sophomores at Livermore High School are learning how to help friends who may be facing a mental health challenge or crisis. In September, Livermore High was selected as one of only three sites in California to participate in a pilot study for Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA). Similar to CPR, tMHFA outlines a 5-step action plan that students follow to help their classmates get connected to a trusted adult and to needed services.

tMHFA is an evidence-based training program from Australia that was adapted by the National Council for

Behavioral Health and Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation to teach high school students to recognize and respond when their friends are experiencing symptoms of a mental health or substance use challenges.

Mental health topics are not altogether unfamiliar to 10th grade students. As freshmen, mental health is discussed in Freshman in Transition (FIT) classes, and is revisited when students take Health, a required course for graduation often taken during a student's freshman year.

"The exposure to mental health topics prior to 10th

grade provides a great foundation for tMHFA to build on," said Deborah Rogers, LHS Psychologist and tMHFA Instructor. "Students are able to take their understanding to a deeper level and feel empowered knowing they are learning skills to help their friends."

This initial training has resulted in immediate student impact with lasting results.

"Students have responded well to the trainings. I have been impressed by the amount of great questions students are asking," said tMHFA instructor and LHS counselor Zachary Radecke.

Each session concluded with the completion of an 'exit ticket,' providing students an opportunity to privately request follow-up with a mental health professional. In several situations, students indicated that they or a friend were currently facing a crisis, and intervention was provided.

"We were able to address the needs of these students in real time because of the trust built between the tMHFA instructors and students through this process," said LVJUSD's tMHFA Pro-

gram Coordinator Dr. Liisa Hanninen-Danner.

As part of the pilot, Livermore High School is participating in a research study being conducted by Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Research indicates that high school students trained in tMHFA increase their understanding of mental health, are more confident about helping their peers, and report less psychological distress, themselves.

"Now more than ever, mental health education is essential for our students' well-being and success," said Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Ed.D. "It's hard for students to learn when they are suffering in silence."

More than half of Livermore High School sophomores completed their Teen Youth Mental Health First Aid training on October 31. The remaining 10th graders will be trained in January 2020. By early next year, more than 460 students will have earned certification in Teen Mental Health First Aid.

Additionally, with the support of two Federal Men-



A student poster lists components of listening to teens in crisis.



Teens gain knowledge from Mental Health First Aid manuals.

tal Health Awareness Training grants, LVJUSD has been able to broaden its network of support for students through the training of staff and parents in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA), a program designed to teach adults to recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental

health disorder in youths 12-18 years of age, and how to go about ensuring that the adolescent receives help. YMHA classes are offered in both English and in Spanish.

For more information: [www.livermoreschools.org/mentalhealth](http://www.livermoreschools.org/mentalhealth).

## “Circle Mirror Transformation” Play at Bothwell Arts Center

The award-winning play *Circle Mirror Transformation* will be presented for eight performances in an intimate small-stage setting at the Bothwell Arts Center,



Ray Renati as James



John Girot as Shultz



Rhonda Taylor as Marty

opening on Friday, Nov. 15.

*Circle Mirror Transformation*, the second play to be fully-produced by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), continues the organization's commitment to live theater following last year's acclaimed staging of *Red*. Misty Megia returns to direct the play.

The 2010 Obie Award winner for Best New American Play, *Circle Mirror Transformation* by Annie Baker has been called “a quiet masterpiece,” a charming and beautifully-crafted work that explores what it means to be human and the transformative effect our actions have on one another.

Named after a common acting class exercise, the play takes place within a six-week acting class at a community theater in the fictional town of Shirley, Vermont. Taught by Marty, a free-spirited and supportive leader, the class is made up of Schultz, a recently divorced, emotionally vulnerable carpenter, Teresa, an earnest and vibrant former actress, James, Marty's quiet and genial husband, and Lauren, a reserved and self-conscious high-school student. As the group moves through a series of acting exercises ranging from the heartbreaking to the ridiculous, their emotional wounds are revealed and nursed, and healing slowly begins.

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claimed staging of *Red*.

Director Misty Megia said, in an intimate setting “you become a fly on the wall watching these lives unfold in front of you. The stolen glances, the touch of a hand, the pain someone is trying to hide, these are much more exposed, more raw and tangible when an audience is within breathing distance.”

In keeping with the acting-class setting, there are moments in the show that are completely unscripted and improvised, meaning every performance will be unique. But in this staging, depending on where you are seated and how you see the stage, “each person in the audience will also see each character's journey from a different vantage point, creating a distinct and powerful experience every time,” Megia added.

The multi-generational cast brings together acting talent from around the Bay Area. Along with Ray Renati as James, John Girot as Schultz, and Rhonda Taylor as Marty, the five-member cast includes Rebecca Davis as Theresa, and Emma Nelson as Lauren.

Both *Circle Mirror Transformation* and last season's *Red* were underwritten in part by LVPAC's Producers Circle fund. The Producers Circle was established to support specific projects or guest artists that expand and stretch the organization's artistic efforts. For information on contributing to the Producers Circle Fund contact Chris Carter at [development@lvpac.org](mailto:development@lvpac.org).

To learn more, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org) or call 925-373-6800.

## Lady Hustle 14U Castro Gives Back

During a weekend off of tournament play, Lady Hustle 14U Castro team took the opportunity to give back to the community. The girls spent the day at Quail Garden, an Assisted Living Home for seniors in downtown Livermore.

The team brought several baskets of goodies for the

residents to enjoy, and spent a few hours doing arts and crafts, playing games, working on crossword puzzles and coloring with the senior residents. They also gave roses to their new friends, and visited with those who could not join the fun in the main center.

“The seniors adored

seeing young faces, and it would be great if more people could donate their time to the residents at Quail Garden,” said Tiffany Castro of Lady Hustle Fastpitch. “They love visitors!”

To volunteer or learn more, contact Natalie Avery at 925-449-4411.



Team players play games with Quail Garden residents.

## Pleasanton VFW to Host Military History Author

On October 15, 1950, General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of UN troops in Korea, convinced President Harry Truman that the Communist forces of Kim Il-sung would be utterly defeated by Thanksgiving. The Chinese, he said with near certainty, would not intervene in the war.

As he was speaking, 300,000 Red Chinese soldiers secretly began crossing the Manchurian border.

At the same time, led by some 20,000 men of the First Marine Division, American forces moved deep into the snowy moun-

tains of North Korea, toward the trap Mao had set for the vainglorious MacArthur along the frozen shores of the Chosin Reservoir. What followed was one of the most heroic operations in American military history, and one of the classic battles of modern times. Faced with probable annihilation, and temperatures plunging to 20 degrees below zero, the surrounded and hugely outnumbered American forces fought enemy forces with ferocity, ingenuity and nearly unimaginable courage.

Well-known author Hampton Sides has written

the definitive history of this battle. On Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m., Sides will speak at the Pleasanton Memorial Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., about the battle and his book *On Desperate Ground*.

This event is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be available at a nominal charge.

The event is being co-sponsored by Towne Center Books in Pleasanton, where Sides is one of their most popular authors. Owner Judy Wheeler says that she will have an ample supply of Sides' book available for sale and signing by the author.

# Tri-Valley Turkey Burn Increases Funds and Appetites

The Tri-Valley Turkey Burn celebrates its 5th anniversary on the morning of Thanksgiving Day by giving hundreds of adults, teens and children an opportunity to give thanks with a 5K/10K family fun run/walk/stroll through Pleasanton's Ken Mercer Sports Park.

Organized by Pleasanton North Rotary (PNR), the Turkey Burn supports Tri-Valley Haven with cans of food and nonperishable food items donated by participants. Additionally, corporate sponsors help fund PNR's youth services programs.

The 5K and 10K courses will be laid out on sidewalks through the park at 5800 Parkside Dr., and along a portion of the nearby Ar-

royo Mocho Trail. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., and the run/walk/stroll starts at 9 a.m. Infants in strollers and dogs on leashes are welcomed.

The Turkey Burn has gained popularity for helping participants burn off the calories that they are sure to consume later that day, according to Ron Sutton, founder of World Walk to Wellness Challenges and the Turkey Burn's master of ceremonies.

"Our performance is measured by the joy we see," he said. "Everyone leaves feeling healthy, happy and ready for the holiday. It's a true community gathering."

Sutton's creative use of race bibs has been key to the Turkey Burn's popularity. Instead of showing num-



Thank you race bibs allow participants to think about and share gratitude. (Photo - Darcy DeCoite)



Participants in the 2018 Tri-Valley Turkey Burn show what they're thankful for. (Photo - Darcy DeCoite)

# Garden Club Talk On Native Plants

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club presents featured speaker Dr. Mark Brunell at their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Brunell will speak about "California Native Plants in the Home Garden," giving attendees the opportunity to learn about California native plants and providing knowledge to help assist with selecting varieties most suited to local garden conditions. The presentation will cover diversity, selection and cultural requirements of native plants for garden use.

Brunell is associate professor of biological sciences at the University of the Pacific. His formal training is in botany. He is past-president of the California Botanical Society and the Alameda County Master Gardeners advisory board. He lives in Livermore where he maintains a food garden, giving him firsthand knowledge of the challenges of local soils and climate.

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) meets in the multipurpose room of Alisal Ele-

mentary School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7 p.m.

Additionally, in Livermore on the fourth Monday of the month, the club hosts a luncheon meeting, featuring "how to" and "hands on" garden-related topics.

Meeting separately on a variety of days with varying times are special interest groups, such as Floral Design, Garden Tours, and Edible Gardening.

Club members are proud to support community-service projects, such as: Arbor Day, a partnership with Alden Lane Nursery providing Pleasanton second-grade students an informational program on the value of trees; Camp Arroyo Garden, supplying labor in the organic garden that serves children attending this environmental facility; and Seed Share, offering free seed packets to the public in the Pleasanton and Livermore libraries.

To learn more, visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org)



Dr. Mark Brunell speaks on Nov. 14.

bers, bibs are printed with the phrase "I am thankful for..." with a blank space where participants write messages describing what makes them thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

All participants receive commemorative Turkey Burn medals. Registration, now open, is \$10 for adults 18 and older, and \$5 for children aged 11 to 17. Kids 10 and under are free. Coffee, cocoa, fruit and energy bars will be served at the finish line.

Organizers recommend that participants pick up race bibs, pre-race packet, and commemorative swag (available for small donations) from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Inklings, 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

Visit [www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org](http://www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org).

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

### Livermore Art Association

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



**A Tuba to Cuba at the Bankhead Theater, Nov. 11**

**Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit** are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at 510.877.8154.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit [childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com](http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com).

**Art Classes**, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin\_d@hotmail.com for further info.

**Piano and Keyboard Lessons**, for children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin\_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**The Subdudes**, Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or 925.373.6800.

**"A Tuba to Cuba"** tour with Cuban singer/songwriter Yusa and special guests, Nov. 11, Bankhead Theater, Livermore. Remaining tickets for this popular event start at \$35. VIP packages offer access to the soundcheck and a Q&A session with the band. For more information and tickets visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org) or call 925.373.6800.

**Harmony Fusion Chorus**, women's a capella barber-shop chorus will present a pre-holiday musical show "Reflections of the Season" on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2:30 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore. Advance tickets may be ordered at 925.719.1250 or [kenitgolabi@yahoo.com](mailto:kenitgolabi@yahoo.com). Learn more at [www.isingharmony.com](http://www.isingharmony.com).

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band** presents a free Holiday Music Concert on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m., in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

**Retzlaff Estate Winery**, Live music every Sunday. 12:00 - 4:30. 1356 S. Livermore Ave. [retzlaffvineyards.com](http://retzlaffvineyards.com).

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

## COMEDY

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

## ON THE STAGE

**The Tri-Valley Repertory's The Fantasticks**, Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m., and Nov. 10 and 17 at 2:00 p.m. Shows, rated PG, take place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets, \$25-\$41, are available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925.931.4848, or at the Firehouse box office. Visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

**Evil Dead - The Musical**, Nov. 8-17, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. [www.laspositascollege.edu/theater/events.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/theater/events.php).

**An Evening of Wonders with Illusionist Vitaly**, Weds. Nov. 9, at the Bankhead Theater. Vitaly has been called one of the most innovative illusionists in the world. Tickets, from \$20 to \$65, may be purchased at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, 2400 First St., Livermore, or by visiting [www.eveningofwonders.com](http://www.eveningofwonders.com).



**Good Guys 30th Autumn Get-Together, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Nov. 9-10**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Las Positas College Honors Veterans Day**, Nov. 7. Event starts at 10:00 a.m. with a landing of a Huey Helicopter. Free lunch for Veterans. Keynote speaker at 1:00 p.m. in Room 801. See [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php) for more info.

**Tri-Valley Conservancy Jeans & Jewels**, Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Casa Real in Pleasanton. Join Tri-Valley Conservancy and MC, Congressman Eric Swalwell, in celebrating 25 years of preserving the Tri-Valley. For tickets and more information, visit <http://trivalleyconservancy.org/events/jeans-jewels/>.

**Goodguys 30th Autumn Get-Together**, Sat., Nov. 9, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 10, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Alameda County Fairgrounds,

Pleasanton. Explore over 2,500 American made or powered hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks of all years, makes, and models, and shop the mega Swap Meet for parts and memorabilia. For more information visit [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com).

**The Pleasanton Holiday Craft Show**, hosted by The Livermore Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, on Sat., Nov. 9, at 527 N. Livermore Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are invited to shop for handmade treasures, take a chance on a raffle, have lunch, and purchase delicious baked goods. Proceeds go to the local food bank and animal shelter. For more information, call Evy Barr at (925) 980-7216.

**Poets Laureate on Social Justice**, Thursday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., readings will be presented by Indigo



**Evil Dead-The Musical, Las Positas College, Nov. 8-17**

Moor, Debee Loyd, Cynthia Patton, Amy Glynn, and Lois Requist. The event will be hosted by Ron Riekki, co-editor of *Undocumented: Great Lakes Poets Laureate on Social Justice*. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

**“Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety”** Axis Community Health is hosting a free showing of “Angst” on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) by searching for “Angst.” Producers Scilla Andreen and Karin Gornick use the power of film to tell the stories of kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impact on their lives and relationships, and how they’ve found solutions and hope.

**The Tri-Valley Turkey Burn** celebrates its 5th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day morning, as hundreds of adults, teens and children run, walk and stroll through Ken Mercer Sports Park in Pleasanton at 9 a.m. on Nov. 28. Organized by Pleasanton North Rotary, the Turkey Burn benefits Tri-Valley Haven, by donating cans of food and non-perishable food items brought by participants to the event.

**A Writers Meetup for Adults,** 18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 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. Learn more at [livermorelibrary.net](http://livermorelibrary.net) or call the library at 925.373.5500.

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

## Adventure in Sound and Color: Del Valle Fine Arts presents the Akropolis Reed Quintet



**Akropolis Reed Quintet at the Bankhead, Nov. 16**

The Akropolis Reed Quintet — made up of clarinet, bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon and saxophone — has a unique sound, far different from that of the traditional woodwind quintet. Following the lead of Calefax, the Dutch reed quintet formed in 1985, the 10-year-old Akropolis substitutes the bass clarinet and saxophone for the traditional flute and horn.

“The sounds and colors that we were able to get as five reed instruments were unlike anything we had ever heard before,” said clarinetist Kari Landry.

Added saxophonist Matt Landry, “We are still exploring the colors we can create with different combos of instruments and their different ranges. It only takes two to make a weird color — and we have five! It’s always fun.”

The Akropolis Quintet concert takes place on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. It will showcase three recent works written for the reed quintet as well as Gershwin’s “An American in Paris,” which was arranged by Dutch saxophonist Raaf Hekkema of Calefax.

Akropolis will introduce

the audience to the sounds of this unique instrumentation with composer Marc Mellits’ “Splinter.” Probably the most popular work in the reed quintet’s repertoire, it is composed of short ‘miniatures’ named for six trees, each with its own personality.

The program also includes American Academy of Arts and Letters Music Award winner Stacy Garrop’s “Rites for the Afterlife,” a musical journey following the Egyptian concept of the soul’s passage into and through the afterlife.

The newest work on the program is Jeff Scott’s “Homage to Paradise Valley,” one of ten works that Akropolis commissioned in celebration of their 10th anniversary this year. Scott, a classically trained French horn player, utilized his diverse musical background as a jazz and studio musician in composing a work for this unique all reed ensemble. “Homage to Paradise Valley” celebrates the history of Detroit’s displaced Black Bottom/Paradise Valley neighborhood, which was known for the contributions of its African-American residents to American music, including Blues, Big

Band, and Jazz.

Hailed by *Fanfare Magazine* for their “imagination, infallible musicality, and huge vitality,” Akropolis has commissioned 30 works by composers from seven countries, recorded 17 original reed quintets, created a YouTube Web Premiere Series, designed and taught music business management courses, held many workshops for university musicians, visited thousands of K-12 students, and coordinated a yearly Detroit music festival, all while garnering seven national chamber music prizes including the Fischhoff Gold Medal and Fischhoff Educator Award.

Akropolis is committed to nurturing music appreciation among young audiences. With support from Del Valle Fine Arts and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, the quintet will visit music classes at Mendenhall Middle School and Granada High School in Livermore.

Free youth tickets and reduced college rush tickets are available for this concert. Regular ticket prices start at \$32. To purchase tickets, visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org) or call 925-373-6800.

## The Four Italian Tenors Honor Favorite Arias and Songs in “Viva Italia”

A new young ensemble of singers touring the U.S. for the first time, The Four Italian Tenors bring their salute to the best known Italian tenors of the past 100 years to the Bankhead on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m.

Honoring Enrico Caruso, Mario Lanza, Luciano Pavarotti and Andrew Bocelli, the four young talents deliver some of the world’s most beloved music written for the tenor voice. The program includes arias from the operas of Puccini, Donizetti, Verdi, and Rossini, as well as familiar songs such as “Granada,” “Funiculi, Funicula” and “O Sole Mio.”

Alessandro D’Acrista graduated with honors in opera singing from the Conservatory of Cosenza. He has performed many of the leading tenor roles in opera houses such as Rome’s Teatro dell’Opera, where he sang Ernesto in Donizetti’s “Don Pasquale,” and at acclaimed festivals throughout Italy.

Federico Serra began singing pop music and won his first competition at age 11. At 17 he enrolled in the

Liceo Musicale of Varese to specialize in opera. He performed his first major operatic role in Bergamo at the age of 27 and appeared with the Verona Philharmonic the following year.

Taormina native Federico Parisi won the “Youngest Tenor of Italy” award in 2011 and the “Citta di Taormina” prize in 2012. He sings both classical and pop music in concert, as well as hosts a popular television show “Insieme” on Antenna Sicilia.

Giovanni Maria Palmia, a graduate of the Conservatory of Parma, continued his studies at the Teatro Comunale of Bologna and in masterclasses with Renata Scotto. He began singing in choirs and has appeared in operatic roles at Teatro Comunale, as well as Festival Verdi, and Teatro Regio of Parma.

Tickets for the afternoon of Italian favorites sung by this up-and-coming generation of vocal talent are already selling fast. Remaining tickets start at just \$55.

Visit [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org), or call 925-373-6800.



**The Four Tenors at the Bankhead, Nov. 17**

# BULLETIN BOARD

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

**Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship** deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 11. Selections will be announced late-November. Guidelines and application are available online at [www.Communityof-Character.org](http://www.Communityof-Character.org) (click on "Scholarships" and download the application.)

**"2.2 for 22" Event at Las Positas College** in Livermore, Weds., Nov. 9 at 9 a.m., with the race starting outside of Building 1600. The goal of 2.2 for 22 is to educate the community about veteran suicide; funds raised will be applied toward supportive mental health resources for student veterans. 2.2 for 22 will have a Challenge Stations throughout Las Positas College as well as a traditional 5K run in the perimeter of the campus. The 2.2K walk will have challenge stations across the course; the 5K will be a traditional 5K run. Visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

**The holidays you have dreaded are approaching.** At every turn, you are faced with your headache and loss. Please join us Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

**Livermore Valley Gem & Mineral Society** is holding its annual Gem & Mineral show at the Livermore Barn on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Barn is located at 3131 Pacific Ave., near the Livermore Civic Center.

**The Del Arroyo 4-H Club** meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, at 6 p.m., at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. 4-H is a national program which encourages members to learn by doing, offering a variety of projects, events, and community service activities. For more information, contact Miranda Munro at [delarroyo-4hclub@gmail.com](mailto:delarroyo-4hclub@gmail.com).

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

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

**ClutterLess (CL) Self-Help Group** meets every Monday (excluding post office

holidays) at 7 p.m. at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, in Pleasanton.

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

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

**Livermore Valley Coin Club**, Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy collecting coins or other numismatics this is the place for you. The meetings incorporate shared numismatic knowledge, various club raffles, a Coin of the Month and a club coin auction. For information contact: Gary Antone 925.373.6758.

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

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

**Master Gardeners Talks**, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 - 11 am on the second Saturday of the month Mar-Nov.; Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Tri-Valley's Connections Support Group, meets every Wednesday, from 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group provides support and education for anyone experiencing a mental

illness. For further information, visit [www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org) or contact Kendall @ 925.872.0170.

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**, DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. For more information, please visit <https://josemaria.californiadar.org/> or contact Debbie Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:jmadar.regent@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

**Native Daughters of the Golden West**, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home; Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925.698.4345, [NDGW.org](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: [www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/](http://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/).

**The City of Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program** is searching for patient, caring volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with students, lead small group conversation practice, conduct citizenship test preparation, or lead book clubs. No advance preparation is needed. Find more information contact the Adult Literacy team [literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov), or 925.931.3405.

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

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

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

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

**Counter Point** (Addiction Family

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

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

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

**Pleasanton Lions Club**, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530 Main Street, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates [pleasantonlionsclub.org](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.

**Al-Anon and Alateen** offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.AlanonTriValley.org](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org), 925.277.7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto:help@AlanonTriValley.org).

**Recovery International (RI)** is a weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. There is no charge Anyone 18 or older is welcome; just drop in. Meetings every Sunday 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Arbor Vista library room, 1300 South Livermore Avenue.. Call Barbara, 916.335.8836 or Dave, 415.948.9462.

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

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver fresh meals to home-bound seniors in Livermore or Pleasanton one day per week, Monday-Friday between 10 am-12 p.m. For more information, please call 925.483.1989.

**Rotary Club of Livermore Valley** invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org), or Jill Duerig at 510.378.7243 or [jillduerig@hotmail.com](mailto:jillduerig@hotmail.com).

**Del Valle Folk Dancers**: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan, Israeli and other world dances, easy line and circle dances, no partners required, casual dress. \$3 per session

(first time free). Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center (West end), 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Information: George Pavel 925.447.8020 or [george.pavel@gmail.com](mailto:george.pavel@gmail.com).

**Square Dance Lessons** in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more information call Margaret 925.447.6980 or [mmiller1435@gmail.com](mailto:mmiller1435@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

# BULLETIN BOARD

**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.sirin.org](http://www.sirin.org). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

## American Legion Post 47 in

Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto:calegion.post47@gmail.com) or 925.443.2330 or Roy Warner at 925.449.6048.

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

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

**Pleasanton Newcomers Club**, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925.215.8405 or visit [www.PleasantonNewcomers.com](http://www.PleasantonNewcomers.com).

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices

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

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

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

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

**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. 925.449.4403 or [www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1893

North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org) or call 925.447.8747.

**Congregation Beth Emek**, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information: 925.931.1055. 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, 925.485.1049 or [EastBaySecularJews.org](http://EastBaySecularJews.org).

**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore**, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. 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 925.447.6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 925.447.8840.

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

**Calvary Tri-Valley**, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. [www.calvalrylivermore.org](http://www.calvalrylivermore.org) or 925.447.4357.

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

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. [www.livermoresda.org](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 925.846.8650.

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

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or [pateraugustine@gmail.com](mailto:pateraugustine@gmail.com)

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

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

**Little Brown Church**, United Church of Christ 141 Killkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) or 925.862.2580.

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

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit [www.goodshepherd-livermore.org](http://www.goodshepherd-livermore.org) or call 950.371.6200.

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

**Valley Bible Church**, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925.227.1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org).

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

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 925.447.2351.

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

**Well Community Outreach Center** Ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Francis of Assisi**, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 a.m. Communion - 9:30 a.m., 925.906.9561, [stfrancisanglican.church](http://stfrancisanglican.church).

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

**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.gracewaylive.org](http://www.gracewaylive.org) or 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 a.m. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

**Asbury United Methodist Church** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group will meet the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the church office at 925.447.1950. Visit our website at [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925.447.1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

**Gateway Church**, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://gatewaylivermore.org) or call Larry Trummel at 925.449.1444.

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

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

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

**Tagalog Mass**, 3rd Sunday of the month (remaining dates for the year: Nov. 17); Time: 3:30 p.m. St. Michael Catholic Parish, 458 Maple St.; Potluck reception to follow in the parish hall. Check <https://stmichaellivermore.com/Filipino> for details.

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

# Harlem 100 Celebrates the Harlem Renaissance at the Bankhead

Created in collaboration with the National Jazz Museum, Harlem 100 is a joyous celebration of song and dance that honors the centennial of the Harlem Renaissance and features Michael Mwenso, his band The Shakes and special guests.

when the famous Apollo Theater, Cotton Club and other celebrated venues were the heart and soul of a cultural arts explosion.

The Harlem Renaissance is considered by many to be an unrivaled period of brilliance in both profound intellectual expression and

once lived in the very same neighborhood as they do.

“With this show we want the audience to leave with a deeper connection to the identity of these people, to understand them and understand that they meant something to the world,” he added.

Born in Sierra Leone, Mwenso grew up in London honing his skills as a trombonist and singer by playing in jump bands, reggae and Afrobeat horn sections, and at hard-bop sessions. His talent caught the attention of Wynton Marsalis who brought Mwenso to New York City in 2012 to serve

as curator and programming associate for Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Mwenso began to collaborate with a group of Juilliard-trained musicians who became known as The Shakes. A global melting pot, the group hails from many corners of the world including Sierra Leone, London, South Africa, Greenwich Village, Madagascar, France, Jamaica and Hawaii. They gain inspiration from their unique backgrounds — merging entertainment and artistry with the jazz and blues found in African and Afro-American music. The group recently released their

debut album, “Emergence.”

Brianna Thomas, praised by The New York Times for her “strong voice and big range,” brings the unmistakable influences of Sarah Vaughn and Ella Fitzgerald to her performances around the world including the Montreaux, North Sea and Umbria Jazz Festivals. She was awarded “High School Jazz Vocalist of the Year” by Down Beat Magazine in 2001. Michela Lerman is a sought-after dancer, choreographer and educator who has performed around the world. In 2017, she conceived, choreographed and starred in “This Joint is

Jumping” in London’s West End. Vuyo Sotashe moved to New York with a Fulbright Scholarship to obtain a Master’s degree in music, and went on to win first prize at the Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival Vocal Competition. He is the first male vocalist to place in the finals of the Thelonious Monk Institute International Jazz Vocal competition.

The show takes place at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in downtown Livermore. General admission tickets are \$20-\$75, and for students and military, \$20.

Visit [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org).



Harlem 100 at the Bankhead, Nov. 23

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23, this engaging modern-day variety show captures a unique and historically important era when such legends as Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes and Billie Holiday made Harlem the cultural center of the country.

“Harlem 100 is a musical journey that celebrates one of the greatest movements in cultural history while connecting the past to the present,” says Mwenso.

He and The Shakes will be joined by singer Brianna Thomas, tap dance artist Michela Lerman and vocalist Vuyo Sotashe in paying homage to the intensely creative post-WWI period

preeminent entertainment. According to Mwenso, the period was the precursor to the civil rights movement.

“It was the first time Afro-Americans wanted to impart themselves in a certain way, intellectually, artistically, and socially,” Mwenso said.

The show has Mwenso and the Shakes encountering an unexpected journey when a power outage leads them to discover their connection to the historic figures and great American artists that inspire them today. The musicians bask in the merits and tidings of their ancestral forbearers such as Fats Waller, Bessie Smith and Duke Ellington, who

## Dublin Club Celebrates National 4-H Week

Nine-year-old Smayna Kasibhotla, junior member and reporter for Alameda County—Dublin 4-H Club, wrote, “October has been a very busy month for Dublin 4 H’ers, starting with National 4-H week, which was celebrated Oct. 6-12.

“For the 75th consecutive year, youths, parents,

volunteers and alumni of 4-H across the country celebrated National 4-H Week during the first full week of October. 4-H’ers showcased the incredible experiences that 4-H offers to young people. It highlights the community’s remarkable youth who work each day to make a positive impact on

those around them.

“This year Dublin 4-H members celebrated by leading the pledge of allegiance at the City Council meeting.

“Oct. 8 was the 4-H Spirit Day; 4-H’ers wore their uniforms to school to show their 4-H spirit. Nationwide, everyone was encouraged to wear their 4-H shirt, a

clover or green to show support for 4-H youth. 4-H alumni around the country are always the first to acknowledge the significant positive impact 4-H had on them how as young people. The opportunities and experiences that 4-H provides youth empowers them to become true leaders.”



Dublin 4-H members with Mayor David Haubert and City Councilmembers