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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.

Suit Settlement Clears Way for Second Dublin High School

A \$38.3 million settlement with a property owner clears the way for Dublin Unified School District to start building a new high school in the east side of the district.

The district condemned the land in October 2018. However, there was a dispute over how much to compensate the developer who owns the land.

A court date was set for January 2020, but the settlement came at the board's Dec. 17 meeting, in a

5-0 vote.

The 23.46-acre site is located between Central Parkway and Chancery Lane, near Dublin Boulevard. The district expects to break ground next summer, and have the first phase ready in time for the opening of the school year in fall of 2022.

The land was owned by Grafton Station LLC. The Dublin City Council in 2015 rejected the company's plan to build homes on the land after neighbors objected to density and

potential traffic impacts.

The school district kept neighbors' concerns about the site in mind. Residents living within 600 feet of the development were notified, which is twice the normal notification distance.

Superintendent Dave Marken said in a news release that during negotiations with the developer, the district held many stakeholder meetings, showed design options, and approved the final site plan concept

and educational program in June.

The first phase of the new high school, which doesn't yet have a name, will be a three-story classroom tower to accommodate 1,300 students. There also will be an administration building, student union, kitchen, library, gym, visual and performing arts classrooms, all-weather track and synthetic field, four overhead field lights, eight tennis courts and approximately 500 parking spaces.

(See HIGH SCHOOL, page 9)

Dublin Considers Ban on Natural Gas in New Developments

By Ron McNicoll

Natural gas heaters, ranges, water heaters, fireplaces and other appliances may no longer be allowed in new homes and commercial buildings in Dublin. The city is considering requiring all new construction to rely only on "carbon-free" electricity and 100% renewable power sources, such as solar and wind.

The proposal is part of the city's effort to reduce greenhouse gas production. The goal is to get Dublin's greenhouse gas emissions to "net zero" by 2045. Net zero means that whatever emissions remain in the city can be offset by such environmental tools as carbon sequestration, where carbon dioxide is buried underground, or through planting more trees.

The city first approved its climate action plan in 2010. The City Council received an update at its Dec. 17 meeting. Since the city adopted its plan, the state has mandated tighter goals in an effort to severely reduce the state's carbon footprint by 2045 to help reduce global warming.

City staff will be preparing more details on steps the council can take, and assessing their impacts. The council could decide on those by March.

The new rules will bring lifestyle changes for many people and businesses. For instance, the restaurant business would be affected, because chefs prefer to use gas, which is more flexible in changing food temperature quickly.

Mayor David Haubert said that since the restaurant business is an important segment of the local economy, their opinions about potential impact should be considered when the staff reports back later this winter.

Local transportation makes the single biggest portion — 60% — of Dublin's greenhouse gas emissions, according to the climate action plan. And that doesn't include pollution coming from vehicles driving the two freeways that pass through Dublin. The city's update sets goals of having 12% of city motorists driving alternative fuel cars by 2025, and 33% by 2030.

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Children celebrated the reopening of May Nissen Playground in Livermore on Dec. 18. Located at 685 Rincon Ave., May Nissen was the last of four playground renovations LARPD approved in 2018. See more photos on page 8. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

May Nissen Playground Reopens

By Bruce Gach

Even before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, children were running, spinning, jumping and screaming with joy at the new May Nissen playground. The theme of storytelling and fairy tales was accented by towering, brightly colored flower-shaped shade structures and winding paths. The playground has everything a kid could want: areas for climbing, sliding,

swinging and making music.

A group of local officials joined children and parents to open officially the playground on Dec. 18. The park, at 685 Rincon Ave. is located next to Rincon Library.

Mathew Fuzie, general manager of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), celebrated the playground as the latest addition to more than 50 parks and many trails built and

maintained by the district. Voters created the special tax district in 1947.

Fuzie cut the ribbon along with California Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who soon joined LARPD Board member Beth Wilson to try out one of the new teeter-totters.

Meanwhile, a small splash pond with in-ground sprays fascinated one group of children, while

(See REOPENING, page 8)

State Anti-Tobacco Grant Puts Another Resource Officer in LVJUSD Schools

By Larry Altman

Livermore's police department has announced it will use state grant money to hire an additional officer to work in the city's schools to crack down on tobacco and vaping use among students.

The action is the latest in the community to strike back at vaping, which has been linked to lung injuries and deaths around the country. Last week, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School Dis-

trict joined other districts in suing the nation's largest e-cigarette maker, alleging it deceptively targets minors in its marketing campaigns.

The money, \$510,888 from the California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program, will also fund enforcement operations to prevent the illegal sale and marketing of tobacco products to minors, police said. Although e-cigarettes do not utilize typical tobacco as in

regular cigarettes, they are a delivery system for nicotine to the body.

"We want to get hold of it and get it under control," said Joanna Johnson, a Livermore police public information officer. "We don't know where the kids are getting it. We clearly want to know if they are getting it from these establishments that shouldn't be selling to under 21."

State law prohibits sales of to-
(See ANTI-TOBACCO page 9)

Second Big Bike Giveaway Just In Time for the Holiday Season

By Bruce Gach

Fifty smiling, cheering, and sometimes tearful students from Jackson Avenue Elementary and the Shepherd's Gate homeless shelter received new bicycles on Dec. 18.

"These kids work so hard to succeed in school," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose office has held a yearly food and toy giveaway since 2000. "The bikes will make riding part of their lives, give them a way to reach activities otherwise beyond reach, and, they're good for the

environment."

The giveaways started last year when the supervisor's office received a new bicycle from a member of the community with instructions to donate it to someone in need. Haggerty called Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Board President Craig Bueno and asked him to give it to a deserving student.

Bueno thought "why just one," and made a few calls looking for more bikes to give to students. The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefight-

(See BIKE GIVEAWAY, page 10)



Fifty lucky kids took home new bicycles at Big Bike Giveaway 2019. See more photos on page 10. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Settlement Agreement Filed in Court

The health care settlement agreement between Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory retirees and the University of California was filed in Alameda County Superior Court last Friday, signaling a transition from litigation to administration.

The settlement, valued at \$84.5 million, included a trust fund that will be used to lower the cost of medical care for the retirees for

(See SETTLEMENT, page 9)

PET OF THE WEEK ELF



Put this Elf on your shelf! This three-month-old small breed mix puppy would love to be home for the holidays. He'll bring joy and cheer; you provide the chew toys! Meet Elf at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm (closed Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day). Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

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TIMELINE

MARCH 2016: Council approves an engineering and design contract with Dougherty + Dougherty Architects for \$458,000. Dougherty + Dougherty later merged with Perkins Eastman Architects, DPC. The contract included architectural construction administration services during the anticipated 12 months of construction.

DECEMBER 2017: DL Falk Construction, Inc. awarded a \$7.4 million construction bid. The project construction period was originally projected to take one year. Ground broke in January 2018.

MARCH 2019: The City Council approved extending Perkins Eastman's contract for an additional five months, due to changes to the original plan and the complexity of the project. The completion date was pushed to May 2019.

PROJECT COSTS: Early cost estimates in 2015 were about \$6 million, not including work on the emergency operations center. Total costs, not including any subsequent amendments or change orders, is about \$8.1 million.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

AWARD: \$7.4 million (Dec. '17)
CHANGE ORDER: + \$313,000 (Dec. '18)

ARCHITECT

AWARD: \$458k (March '16)
AMENDMENT 1: + \$16,000 (March '17)
AMENDMENT 2: + \$68,000 (Aug. '17)
AMENDMENT 3: + \$15 (March '18)
AMENDMENT 4: + No additional cost (Jul. '18) company merger
AMENDMENT 5: + \$65,000 (March '19)
AMENDMENT 6: + \$75,000 (Sept. '19)
AMENDMENT 7: up to \$100,000

GROUNDWORK

+ \$894,000 sidewalk repair contract with FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc. approved by City Council. (March '19)

and implementation.

Falk said the contractor's efforts were sometimes frustrated by last minute changes. For example, after a motion detection security system for the building was installed according to plan, the contractor was told it does not meet the city's requirements for the building, and that a broken glass detection system is now needed instead. There were also problems caused by audio visual and data system equipment, not part of the

contract, which caused the building's electrical system to overheat and equipment to short out.

"A magnitude of unrelated changes are hindering its completion," Falk stated. If his company gets all the information it needs from the city, Falk said, the building could open as early as next month.

The Livermore City Council in November authorized Roberts to remove the contractor, if necessary, and call on the bonding company

to have the project completed. It also authorized Roberts to amend the city's construction administration contract with Perkins Eastman for up to an additional \$100,000.

In the meantime, the council authorized the city attorney to spend up to \$100,000 to prepare litigation against Perkins Eastman. Calls to Perkins Eastman's San Francisco office were not returned before press time.



City Council Chambers, part of Livermore's new Civic Center Meeting Hall and Emergency Operations Center (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Depot Rehabilitation Project Receives Historic Preservation Award

The State of California will honor the Livermore Railroad Depot Relocation and Rehabilitation project, a unique endeavor that restored the dilapidated building to its historic context as a transit ticketing office and waiting area at the Livermore Transit Center (2500 Railroad Avenue, Livermore).

The Depot project will be presented with the 2019 Governor's Historic Preservation Award at a special ceremony on January 22nd in Sacramento. As one of five award recipients this year, the Depot project is recognized as a significant achievement in preserving the heritage of California, worthy of the only official preservation award presented by the State.

The Depot was constructed by Southern Pacific in 1892 and was the City's depot into the early 1960s. In 1976, Southern Pacific abandoned the rail line and removed the tracks. Over the years, redevelopment occurred around the Depot while it was home to several uses, including a restaurant, real estate office, and dance studio. When the City purchased the Depot in 2007, the Livermore Railroad Depot Relocation and Rehabilitation project began, ultimately culminating in a half-mile move of the building within a 4-hour window on July 16, 2017.

The Depot has been rehabilitated according to "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation Projects." Every

effort was made to locate as much historic documentation as possible to understand the changes to the Depot over time and ensure historically accurate rehabilitation work. Today, the Depot has been meticulously restored and exhibits many of its original exterior features, including redwood exterior siding, wood framed windows and doors, and the original "Livermore" sign. The interior also retains many original features, including portions of the beadboard walls, the original telegraph, and a historic clock that was donated back to the Depot from a private collection.

The Depot project was possible due to the successful collaboration between the City of Livermore, the

Livermore Heritage Guild, the Livermore Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA), and many other dedicated participants. Funding for the project came from a variety of sources, including \$2.5 million in federal grant funds.

Mayor John Marchand of the City of Livermore commented: "The timing of this award is particularly significant as 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Livermore. It is no coincidence that 2019 is also the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. The railroad and our train station were the reasons that Livermore thrived and neighboring communities faded away. Our beloved train depot was the key to the success of Livermore. This is why it was so important for our community to restore the depot as well as the depot's historical context by returning it to the railroad tracks; ensuring that it would once again serve Livermore as a train station. As the Mayor, I am grateful to Governor Newsom for recognizing this important piece of Livermore's history with the coveted Governor's Historic Preservation Award."

The purpose of the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards is to recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation throughout the state.

The awards were started in 1986 by Governor George Deukmejian and since then, more than two hundred organizations, individuals, and agencies have been recognized for their outstanding work throughout the state

on behalf of preservation. Further information about the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards and details about other award recipients for 2019 may be found at ohp.parks.ca.gov/governorsawards.



The Livermore Depot was moved in July 2017 to its current location at the Livermore Transit Center. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

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NATURAL GAS

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The city can assist the change by passing an ordinance to require all commercial and multifamily units to set aside 25% of their parking spaces for charging electrical vehicles. And the city wants to see 68 new publicly-available charging stations, owned either by the city or a third party, by 2025; and 184 by 2030.

Another way to cut road emissions is to develop a parking plan designed to shrink single-occupancy vehicle use, according to the report, which does not mention how that would be done.

Promoting other modes of transportation, such as transit and LAVTA's shared autonomous vehicles, can help reduce single-occupant

car travel.

Methane gas emissions from decomposing landfill waste also contributes to greenhouse gas. The state set new goals to reduce organic material in landfills. By 2022, the target is to see a 50% reduction from 2014 levels; and, by 2025, have 75 percent less than 2014. Projected cost of doing that is \$17 annually per individual and \$662 for a business, according to the report.

Berkeley in July 2019 became the first city in the United States to ban gas in new businesses and homes. Although some protested, it was supported by PG&E, East Bay Community Energy, environmental groups and many residents.

A web site for a national chain of heating stores lists advantages of electric heat in a mild climate as cheaper to install, easier to maintain, and with a longer mechanical life than gas furnaces, which need regular maintenance for safety. Otherwise, there could be a danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. However, electric heaters are slower to heat than gas, and consumers usually pay more for electricity than for natural gas.



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The **Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead** is an upscale, three-story hotel intended to fill a niche long missing from downtown Livermore. It will provide a comfortable and inviting place to stay for out-of-town guests visiting our wineries, restaurants, shops and theaters.

The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead will bring to life a vision shared by a broad cross-section of Livermore residents for more than 20 years. It also is consistent with the Stockmen's Park Plan adopted by the City Council that was **overwhelmingly supported** by voters in the last election.

The hotel is the **right size** and in the **right place**, adjacent to the Bankhead Theater, a short walk from nearby restaurants and shops, and just across the street from Stockmen's Park. It will be an attractive complement to what already exists downtown.

The hotel will feature 130-135 comfortably appointed rooms and a **scenic rooftop lounge** that is sure to become a fun gathering spot after a show or before or after dinner.

What the hotel will **NOT include** is acres of meeting rooms for traffic-congesting conferences or a stuffy restaurant to compete with our family-owned eateries already in the downtown area. A massive, sprawling conference center hotel is not what residents want, nor what visitors need downtown.

WINE COUNTRY HOTEL AT THE BANKHEAD

The Bankhead Hotel – in conjunction with local wineries and restaurants – also will allow our city to become a Wine Country destination, a prestigious designation on par with other wine regions.



Artist Concept

"I love the idea of building this beautiful hotel right next to the Bankhead. It's a wonderful location and will be a welcome addition for local residents and visitors alike. Join me in voting YES on P!"

Lori Souza
LLNL, Retired



Let's Keep a Great Hotel Plan Moving Forward Without Further Delay

Our City Council has already signed a development agreement with the respected Presidio Hotel Group, which operates beautiful properties in six states in partnership with some of the nation's leading hotel companies.

Unfortunately, a handful of opponents have been spreading misinformation about the Wine Country Hotel in an effort to bully the Council into building a wasteful parking garage next to the Bankhead at taxpayer expense.

Don't be fooled by lies and half-truths. Not a single developer has stepped forward to build a hotel at any other downtown location since the request went out in 2015. A "no" vote means the four year process starts over, the divisive debate rages on and local family businesses suffer.

On March 3, vote "yes" on Measure P for the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead

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EDITORIAL

Two weeks ago, the final link was dedicated in a 44-mile regional trail that runs from Livermore to Fremont. The trail links five parks covering 25,000 acres. It is gentle and easy to navigate in some places, including for the disabled, with a rugged area suited only for the well-conditioned.

The trail's completion is a tribute to the foresight and planning of many people who had the best future interests of this increasingly urbanized region in mind.

Regional Trail Now Complete

Its final link was the 135-foot Edward R. Campbell bridge, a single-span structure in Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park.

Spearheading completion of the bridge was the Tri-Valley Conservancy. Many agencies and organizations have contributed to the larger trail, from the Sierra Club to Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, East Bay Regional Park District, private companies like Dean Witter and Chevron, Zone 7 – the list goes

on. They all deserve our thanks.

More than 150 years ago, in an Atlantic magazine essay, Thoreau wrote that "in wildness is the preservation of the world." A more modest, but still inspirational, version of that message is engraved on a granite slab by the new bridge. It reads in part, "May this foot bridge inspire all of us to take the steps to build bridges, connect paths and preserve the beauty in the Tri-Valley." Indeed.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. The Independent will not publish anonymous letters. All letters are required to have the names of the persons submitting them and city of residence. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be limited to 600 words or less and should be sent by email to editmail@compuserve.com. To be considered for the January 2 publication, letters must be received by 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 29.)

Own Your Complaint

John Lawrence, Livermore

A recent writer vented his frustrations about malfunctioning streetlights with a heavy dose of sarcasm. I can't speak to the specific lights he referenced, but my observation of the lighting along our streets is very positive and especially so in comparison to other cities I have lived in. From my experience working in municipal governments, street lighting complaints run the gamut from "there's not enough for my kids to play street hockey" to "it's keeping me awake at night".

There are a variety of reasons for lights not being installed or not working. These include some unusual but common ones, like theft of the copper wiring and being shot out (maybe by sleep deprived vigilantes or a high slap shot). My suggestion for this writer and others is to "own" your complaint. If you don't get results or a satisfactory response, then make contact again or ask to speak to a supervisor or manager. And most importantly, provide the city with your contact information so they can get back to you with information or questions. A comment to a city worker can sometimes be effective (as mentioned by the writer), but it doesn't take the place of direct contact by letter, email, phone or in person.

Oh, and by the way, given the size, complexity and diversity of our city and its services, the salary of our City Manager is a bargain for us residents.

What to Expect

Johnna Thompson, Livermore

If you vote to approve the city council's development agreement with the Presidio Hotel Group on March 3, you should expect:

1) a possible lengthy walk from the new L-Street parking garage if you want to go to a movie at Livermore Cinemas or attend a Bankhead performance because the proposed hotel will have no parking facility, so hotel guests AND employees will be using the parking garage on Railroad Avenue, as well as the pro-

posed I Street garage. Even with the I Street extension, demand for parking spaces will likely exceed the supply.

2) 130 stacked, 3-4 story condos right in the center of downtown, taking up half the space of what could, instead, be a park from L Street to South Livermore Avenue.

3) your vote later in November in favor of the Central Park Plan will have been rendered meaningless, because if the hotel development agreement is approved, there can be no Central Park Plan.

If, however, you vote no on the development agreement referendum in March, that is, NO on Measure P, then:

1) a hotelier already interested in developing a larger hotel at Railroad and L Streets can step forward to present its proposal, which it cannot do as long as the city has signed an exclusive development agreement with Presidio for a smaller hotel at South Livermore and Railroad. Indeed, Presidio could also present a proposal to develop a hotel at the Railroad and L Street site, if it so chose.

2) there can be a new parking structure at Livermore and Railroad where it's most needed - near the theaters - and a park instead of densely packed condos in the center of town.

The council entered into the development agreement with Presidio in order to circumvent the Central Park Initiative and the council wants you to believe that rejecting its development agreement will delay downtown development by years, but another hotelier is already standing by, unable to be identified as long as the Presidio development agreement is in force. If the council had heeded the results of the citizens' outreach process that they spent \$500,000 of taxpayer money on several years ago, they would have sited the hotel at Railroad and L Street, and we wouldn't be here having to referend their bad decisions. Vote NO on Measure P!

Impeachment Can't Wait

Susan Miller, Pleasanton

It's time for members of the GOP to find their voice, break ranks with Trump, and demand his impeachment and removal. History will remember how Republicans acted in this moment -- whether they upheld the rule of law or fearfully supported the criminal in the White House.

For three years, we have watched Trump threaten our elections, obstruct justice, and make a mockery of our Constitution. The latest news of Trump's solicitation of foreign election interference in the 2020 election is a serious escalation of his cor-

ruption and abuse of power.

Thanks to multiple whistleblowers and witness testimony from at least half a dozen witnesses in the House's impeachment inquiry, we know that Trump pressured the President of Ukraine to dig up dirt on the Bidens. He then threatened to withhold military aid to force Ukraine to comply.

Poll after poll demonstrates that the American people are sick and tired of Trump's assault on our democracy -- and we're urging Republicans to support the only viable way to hold him accountable for his actions: impeachment and removal.

Failing to check Trump's abuse of power would send a signal to this lawless president that he's free to break the law with impunity. It's time for GOP representatives to stand on the right side of history -- because pushing foreign governments to interfere in an American election is unacceptable.

A Simple No

Jeff Kaskey, Livermore

I'll keep this simple -- to welcome the downtown hotel vision preferred by the majority of planning outreach participants (about 2,000 folks), vote NO on the Development Agreement Referendum in March.

Consider that your NO vote was made possible by over 6,000 signatures from Livermore residents. The recent opposition full-page ads were paid for by Presidio, the very wealthy hotel developer trying to buy your vote for their development (who hopes you didn't notice the company's name at the bottom). Whose side are you on? Vote NO!

To Those Who Are Concerned About Climate Change

Ron Sadler, Livermore

We know that global warming, the long-term trend of a rising average global temperature, and climate change, the changes in global climate that result from increasing average global temperature, are real.

We know that global warming is primarily caused by the accumulation of carbon dioxide (CO2) gasses in the atmosphere that are released from burning fossil fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas. CO2 acts as a blanket, inhibiting the natural release of atmospheric heat from the sun back into space, similar to glass on a greenhouse.

We know that these human-caused CO2 emissions have been happening since the dawn of the industrial revolution and have dramatically increased as world population and the use of fossil fuels have increased.

Worldwide we have witnessed numerous examples of global warming and climate change in the form of record high temperatures, melting ice caps, and the increased prevalence of extreme storms, droughts, and heat waves. Now mankind has a choice to make: we can continue to burn fossil fuels as we have, and continue the warming of the planet, or we can dramatically reduce our use of fossil fuels, reducing our carbon emissions.

So, what can we as individuals do? We can take steps at home, on the road,

and at work to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Turning lights and appliances off when not in use, replacing incandescent light bulbs with LEDs, and installing smart thermostats are easy, low-cost solutions to reduce your carbon footprint. Using public transit, driving electric or fuel-efficient vehicles, better insulating our homes and installing solar are other cost-effective ways to reduce our carbon emissions.

We can also educate others and help them understand the importance of this issue. We can contact our elected representatives by letter, email, phone, and in person to let them know that this is the issue that we want them to take action on.

But what can we as a nation do to encourage energy conservation and the use of non-polluting sources of energy while discouraging the use of carbon-emitting fossil fuels? One solution that is rapidly gaining support is called the Carbon Fee and Dividend. This market-based approach would place a fee on each ton of CO2 equivalent emissions from fossil fuels and return 100% of the net proceeds to all American households in the form of a monthly dividend payment.

The fee, imposed at the mine, well, or port of entry would help account for the true cost of carbon emissions by raising the cost of fossil fuels. The fee would be divided up and given back to all households every month on an equal per-person basis.

This dividend would help U.S. residents pay the increased costs associated with the carbon fee while our nation transitions to a clean energy economy. Because not everyone uses the same amount of carbon, the majority of Americans are estimated to earn back as much or more than they pay in increased costs.

The dividend would inject billions of dollars into the economy, free households to make independent choices about their energy usage, spur innovation and build aggregate demand for low-carbon products.

We are the species that caused this problem, and we are the ones that need to fix it. The effects of Global Warming and Climate Change are happening now; however, we can stop them from getting a lot worse. But it will take all of us to do so, and there really is no time to lose. Please, for the sake of our children, grandchildren, and all future generations take action, and take action now.

Who Is Misleading Whom? #1

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

As the Livermore Mayor wrote in his malicious letter (The Independent, Dec. 19), the development agreement (DA) for Presidio's eastside hotel "is and has always been solely to support the construction of a hotel." However, he knows neither the DA, nor the referendum against it, has to have the word, "park" in it to have an effect on the park.

Putting the Presidio hotel on the Eastside of Livermore Avenue next to the Bankhead would make a hotel on the westside impos-

sible, thus making the Central Park Initiative (with its westside hotel, a park from the Bankhead to L Street and minimal housing) moot.

The Mayor contends that the signers of the referendum against the hotel should not have been told it has a connection to the park since it does not have the word, "park," in it. However, a referendum against a DA does not introduce language that does not already appear in the DA itself. The referendum's effect was properly advertised.

The Mayor is trying to have voters think that Measure P is just about a hotel, when passing it makes the Central Park Initiative go away. If voters want the Central Park and minimal housing, they have to vote NO on P on March 3.

In his letter, the Mayor insinuates that 80% of participants in the Public Outreach wanted an east side hotel by writing that 80% supported an "iconic presence on South Livermore Avenue." A proposed westside hotel also had a presence on South Livermore at the time. So his wording was clever, but misleading. (BTW this "iconic presence" idea came from hotel experts misinformed two years ago that the eastside hotel was already a done deal.)

Most participants in the Public Outreach wanted the hotel on the westside of Livermore Avenue, a Central Park from the Bankhead to L and as little housing as possible. The Mayor's unreasonably tenacious devotion to an eastside hotel does not seem to come from some payoff as some have suggested. Rather, it seems to come from a defense of his threatened authority such that he cannot admit to the mistake even for the good of the city. Vote NO on P March 3.

(To be continued next week...)

Concerns About Lack of Parking

Janice Keller, Livermore

I've been a resident of Livermore for over 50 years, and looking forward to the redevelopment of downtown. However, I have great concerns about the lack of parking on Livermore Avenue and increased traffic that will result if the proposed hotel is placed next to the Bankhead Theater. If the current plan goes through, I'll be avoiding downtown instead of enjoying it. I'll be voting NO on P.

May the Forces Be with Us

Gary Estee, Livermore

Back in them misty veils of the past, my high school science teacher (Mr. Nicholas Giacona) briefed the class on the four fundamental forces. He told us that they are sometimes called the Universal force (yes, he emphasized the capital "U"). They are the strong nuclear force, the electromagnetic force, the weak nuclear force, and the gravitational force. The strong nuclear is the strongest force and gravity is the weakest. The electromagnetic force, obviously, is the one that all modern technology is based. Of course, like my fellow students, I basically was asleep in class and forgot most of his lecture.

One of the oldest research areas in mankind's history (aside from eternal life, perpetual motion, and flying cars), scientists have tried to combine all the forces into one single force. James Maxwell was able to combine the electrical and the magnetic forces into the electromagnetic force. Also, there has been some success in combining the electromagnetic and the weak force into the electroweak force. However, nobody has discovered a way to combine any of the other forces yet.

Many theoretical physicists believe these fundamental forces are related and can be unified into a single force at very high energies on a minuscule scale (the Planck scale). However, particle accelerators cannot produce the enormous energies required to experimentally probe this theory. Devising a common theoretical framework that would explain the relation between the forces in a single theory is perhaps the greatest goal of today's theoretical physicists.

Scientists recently studied a pulsar binary system to propose the existence of a hypothetical fifth fundamental force of nature. There are some effects in the universe that cannot be explained by the original four forces alone. For example, a 2016 experiment in Hungary showed unexpected behavior in the decay of nuclei in the isotope beryllium-8.

One possible source of this phenomena involves the existence of a "fifth force" of nature, which governs the behavior of elementary particles alongside the other four forces. Some scientists suggest this force could work on dark matter, the unseen substance that makes up most of the universe's mass. We can see dark matter's effects on ordinary matter, but direct detection has eluded scientists and what it's made of remains unknown.

"If there is a fifth force that acts between dark matter and standard matter, it would not be universal," says Lijing Shao (Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy, Germany). "It would therefore produce an apparent difference for the neutron star and the white dwarf in their free fall towards dark matter. Thus, the orbit of the neutron star would be different than what is predicted by the general relativity."

Using 20 years of radio observations of this system, the researchers concluded that if a fifth force does exist, it must have less than 1% of gravity's strength. (And gravity is already the weakest of the four known forces.) The researchers also discovered that the limits on the density of dark matter at this pulsar system were similar to other tests closer to Earth. In other words, no new data.

Research into the fifth force continues and it can be assumed that its first successful demonstration will garner the discoverer an automatic Nobel Prize. Granted, that its practical application will lag behind the initial discovery, it still is a greatly anticipated event.

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SPORTS NOTES



At left: #21 of the Dublin Gaels attempts to take the ball from Amador Valley. Right: Amador Valley's Josh Wilner works through the Dublin defense. Amador Valley won 2 to 1. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



At left: Granada's Kayla Lewis controls the ball against Foothill's Sophia Minnite. Right: Foothill's Hayden Jolley drives the ball forward. Foothill won 2 to 0. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore Fusion Soccer Club Players Travel to Paraguay as Soccer Ambassadors



Livermore Fusion's Megan G. with some of the girls of Coronel Bogado

On Thanksgiving Day 2019, while most of us helped ourselves to a turkey feast here in the land of plenty, two Livermore Fusion Soccer Club players visited a rural South American village, helping others who have very little. Fusion 2002 (U18) Girls NPL players Megan G and Sophia B serve as Ambassadors for Girls Soccer Worldwide (GSW), a Livermore-based nonprofit. Founded in 2016, GSW's mission is to "empower girls to rise out of poverty through sports and education."

During the Thanksgiving break, Megan and Sophia joined 12 other Ambassadors on GSW's fourth annual mission to Coronel Bogado, an impoverished rural village in southern Paraguay. All of the Ambassadors, ranging in age from 15-18, play for Tri-Valley youth soccer teams. Reflecting GSW's "girls empowering girls" mantra, they are all female.

Coronel Bogado's entrenched machismo culture has greatly limited the athletic and academic opportunities available to girls. "In Coronel Bogado, girls are often shamed for playing sports, and at times are removed from school to work or stay home and take care of their younger siblings," said GSW Co-Founder/President Pamela Jacobsen. "We are committed to equalizing the playing field for girls, both in

soccer and education."

During their week-long visit, the Ambassadors immersed themselves in the lives of the local girls, teaching them soccer, visiting their homes, going to their schools and imparting life skills that can help the girls uplift themselves. "Our days started at 7 AM," Megan said. "We'd set out to school, usually on foot, to teach English, set up a computer lab or interact with the kids. We'd return to our hotel around noon, then hit the soccer field at 2:30 to play an exhibition game with a local team or teach clinics."

At night, the Ambassadors met for discussion sessions with the Trailblazers, a cohort of female former student-athletes in their 20's who joined the trip as volunteer chaperones. The Trailblazers served as "strong, athletic female role models," Megan noted, and the discussions helped the Ambassadors "focus on how we can be better people and surround ourselves with positive influences. Gift giving is an integral part of each GSW trip. GSW raises money to fund the purchase of school supplies, sneakers and a gym outfit for pre-selected girls and boys in Coronel Bogado.

On the recent trip, the Ambassadors delivered 90 backpacks stuffed with goodies, one for each child at a local K-6 school. "My favorite

GSW memory was giving a backpack to a girl named Jazmin," Megan said. "Her eyes lit up and a huge smile grew on her face. I teared up because of how happy she became just with the basic supplies we were providing. Jazmin wants to be a teacher when she grows up, and dreams about going to the US and seeing the Statue of Liberty. It's my dream to help Jazmin accomplish her dream." GSW has also supported Coronel Bogado schools by supplying laptops and an internet tower. Software company SAP gifted the laptops and donations to GSW funded the tower.

The connection between GSW and Coronel Bogado dates back to 1991, when Argentinian native Walter Pratte, then a semi-pro soccer player, visited the town to play a match. "I was deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of this community that had so little and gave so much," Walter said. Upon leaving, he vowed to "come back to give back." 25 years later he fulfilled that vow by co-founding GSW with his wife, Ms. Jacobsen. Mr. Pratte and Ms. Jacobsen are especially proud to have established the first ever girls' soccer team in Coronel Bogado, Las Pioneras (The Pioneers). The team consists of 25 girls ages 7-18, with most of the girls 12-15. The girls train regularly under a professional coach and the team is building connections to other teams in surrounding communities.

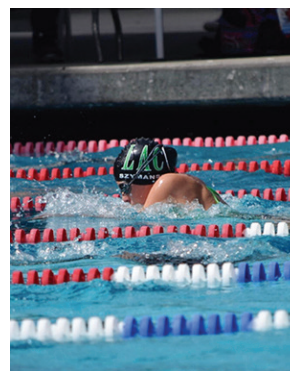
"Until very recently, starting a girls' soccer team in Coronel Bogado would have been unthinkable," Ms. Jacobsen said. "Creating Las Pioneras is a tremendous milestone. The girls are proud to be female soccer players instead of carrying the shame once reinforced by social stigmas," she added. Las Pioneras team members are eligible for financial assistance from GSW to help pay for books, uniforms, tuition and tutoring. In return, the girls must perform community service work and maintain good grades and attendance.

In addition to improving the lives of the girls of Coronel Bogado, GSW has

profoundly impacted the perspectives of the Ambassadors. "Seeing what actual poverty looks like has changed me tremendously," Megan said. "Many of the homes I visited in Paraguay were beaten down, with dirt floors and outhouses. Yet, the families proudly gave us tours of their homes, even though they know they do not live in luxury. This made me realize that we in America often focus too much on materialistic things and not enough on our relationships, which are far more important." This was Megan's second GSW trip to Coronel Bogado, and she looks forward to participating in future trips.

GSW faces significant hurdles to convince the girls of Coronel Bogado to embrace their potential, and overcome the resistance of men who cling to old prejudices about a woman's place in society. But after four

years, the organization has made significant headway. "History tells us the most impactful way to create change and break the cycle of poverty within any community is to empower and educate women and girls," Ms. Jacobsen noted. "This is what we have set out to do, one community, one girl at a time."



Micaella Szymanski of the Livermore Aqua Cowboys swims in th Aquapool

Livermore Aqua Cowboys

Micaella Szymanski was one of many swimmers that represented the Livermore Aqua Cowboys in the recent SRVA Polar Plunge swim meet held on Dec. 14th & 15th at the San Ramon Olympic Pool and Aquatic Center in San Ramon. Congratulations to all of the swimmers that braved the cool weather in order to compete at a high level.

World Association Of Kickboxing Organization

Two Granada High School students, Alexis Aying (10th grade) and Mayalanni Erediano (9th grade) competed at the World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO) Caribbean and Central American Kickboxing Championships on December 14-15, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Aying and Erediano are students at Kokua Martial Arts Fitness Academy in Pleasonton, and are members of the WAKO USA National Karate and Kickboxing Team. Both girls secured their spots on the USA National Team when they won their divisions at the WAKO National Qualifiers in Kansas City, MO in February, 2019.

Aying won a gold medal in the 13-15 year old female 55kg point fighting division. Erediano won a gold medal in the 14-16 year old 47kg point fighting division. Aying and Erediano also fought in the USA vs. Puerto Rico female 13-16 year old tag team fight, beating Puerto Rico 11-8. Aying and Erediano will travel to Kansas City, MO in February for the 2020 WAKO National Karate and Kickboxing Team qualifiers for the opportunity to compete on the US at the 2020 WAKO Junior World Kickboxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. Aying is a two-time bronze medalist, having competed and winning bronze in the 2016 WAKO Junior World Championships in Dublin, Ireland and the 2018 WAKO Junior World Championships in Venice, Italy.

Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Team

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) competed at the 2019 Toyota US Open Swimming Championships held at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia on December 4-7. Most of the top swimmers in the USA, including Olympians, competed in this championship meet. Sydney Lu, Allen Dempster, and Lleyton Plattel represented PLS, providing exciting races and improving their overall performances at this early-season meet.

Sydney raced in three events: 200m IM with 2:20.80 (0.89s time improvement), 100m Fly with 1:01.33 (0.11s time improvement), and 200m Fly with 2:22.32. Allen raced in two events: 100m Backstroke with 57.44 for a 4th Place in the D-Final, and 200m Backstroke with 2:08.91. Lleyton raced in four events: 200m Free with 1:51.02 (3.41s time improvement) for the 2nd Place in the D-Final, 400m Free with 3:54.92 (1.57s time improvement), 800 Free with 8:06.64 (0.64s time improvement) for a 21st Place overall, and 1500m Free with 15:44.39 for a 23rd Place overall.



Mayalanni Erediano and Alexis Aying after competing in the Caribbean and Central American kickboxing championship



2019 Pleasanton Seahawks U.S. Open Swimming Champs

Tri-Valley Women's March Celebrates One Hundred Years of Right to Vote



Students for Social Change led last year's Tri-Valley march. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

On January 18, a women's expo, rally, and march will commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

The second annual Tri-Valley Women's March will be held on Saturday, January 18 from 12:00

pm–4:00 pm at the Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. The expo begins at noon. The speakers will begin at 1:30 pm and the march will start at 2:15 pm.

During the event, visitors will have an opportunity to meet local community advocates and learn

more about local non-profit organizations and their support services. An area for kids will include face painting and crafts. The speakers at the event include Rebecca Bauer-Kahan from the 16th State Assembly District, Aisha Wahab from the Hayward City Council and Mary

Puthoff from the Livermore American Indian Center. Make your voices heard as you march 1.5 miles through downtown Pleasanton. Please leave pets at home.

For more information, and to register for this event go to bit.ly/tvwm2020.

Visit Tri-Valley Names Tracy Farhad New CEO

Tracy Farhad, who for the last 14 years served as Executive Director at the Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau, has been named the new CEO of Visit Tri-Valley. Farhad takes over the position from Barbara Steinfeld, who announced her retirement in October, effective January 6.

"My family and I are very excited about making the Tri-Valley our new home and look forward to discovering all that the destination has to offer," said Farhad. "It is such an honor to be taking on the position of CEO of such a highly reputable team and dedicated board of directors."

Farhad has been marketing tourism in California for nearly 20 years. Prior to leading the team at the Solvang CVB, she was the Cultural Tourism and Membership Manager at Visit Santa Barbara. Her lifelong love of travel and promotion brought numerous destination successes including a national "Preserve America Community" designation, a year-long centennial celebration, four years as the Amgen Tour of California time trials, and significantly increased occupancy and bed tax revenues during her tenure. Farhad's marketing initiatives include international travel trade outreach from Denmark to China, as well as launching Restaurant Week, LGBTQ traveler education workshops and a Community Crisis Plan.



Tracy Farhad, named CEO of Visit Tri-Valley

Farhad has served on numerous boards including the Santa Barbara Performing Arts League, DMA West Association & Foundation, and President of the Central Coast Tourism Council. Her community spirit earned her the Chamber of Commerce "Ambassador of the Year" Award and engagements as a guest panelist and speaker.

Farhad will continue the responsibility of the destination marketing organization to create 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.

EBRPD Issues Annual Mushroom Warning



At left: Western Destroying Angel (*Amanita ocreata*) Right: Death Cap (*Amanita phalloides*) (Photos – Courtesy of EBRPD)

Each year, mushrooms come out after the first rains of the season, which began on November 26. Mushrooms are ecologically important and can look beautiful, but some of them contain dangerous toxins. The death cap (*Amanita phalloides*) and Western destroying angel (*Amanita ocreata*) are two of the world's most toxic mushrooms, and both can be found in parks in the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) during the rainy season.

The death cap and Western destroying angel mushrooms contain amatoxins, a group of molecules that inhibit cellular metabolism in many animals. In mammals, the liver and kidneys are typically the first organs affected after ingestion. Symptoms don't usually appear until up to 12 hours after consumption, beginning as severe gastrointestinal distress and progressing to the liver and renal failure if treatment is not sought immediately.

"Both of these toxic mushrooms can be lethal to humans and pets if consumed," said East Bay Regional Park District Naturalist Trent Pearce, who is based in Tilden Regional Park and documents the

fungi in East Bay Regional Parks. "They are mostly associated with oak trees and can be found growing anywhere oak roots are present."

The death cap is a medium-to-large mushroom that typically has a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem, and a large white sac at the base of the stem. Though the death cap is mainly associated with oak trees, it has been found growing with other hardwoods. It was accidentally introduced to North America on the roots of European cork oaks and is now slowly colonizing the West Coast. The death cap is not native to California.

The Western destroying angel is a medium-to-large mushroom that usually has a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that disappears with age, and a thin white sac at the base. It fruits from late

winter into spring. It is associated exclusively with oaks. Unlike the death cap, it is a native California mushroom.

"The Park District urges the public to be safe and knowledgeable about toxic mushrooms when encountering them in the parks," said East Bay Regional Park District Public Information Supervisor Dave Mason. "Collecting mushrooms in East Bay Regional Parks is not allowed."

The death cap and Western destroying angel can also be dangerous for pets.

"Dog owners should keep a close watch on their dogs during the winter months," said Mason. "Pet owners should contact a veterinarian immediately if they suspect their pet may have eaten a toxic mushroom."

While the death cap and western destroying angel mushrooms are responsible for most cases of mushroom poisonings in California,

deadly toxins can also be found in *Galerina* and *Lepiota* mushroom species, both of which are found in the Bay Area.

The public can learn more about the fungi of the East Bay Regional Parks at the annual Tilden Fungus Fair, Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26 at Tilden Nature Area's Environmental Education Center. For more information, see: www.ebparks.org/parks/safety/beware_toxic_mushrooms.htm.

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Wreaths Across Pleasanton Honors Veterans at Pleasanton Cemeteries

On Saturday, December 14 approximately 100 people placed Christmas wreaths on more than 600 veteran graves at the adjoining Pioneer and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries on Sunol Boulevard.

This project was organized and led by Venture Crew 937, a co-ed branch of Boy Scouts of America. Numerous local community organizations and businesses contributed to the effort including Veterans

of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237, The Lions Club, Trinity Lutheran Church, Home Depot and numerous Christmas tree sales locations in Pleasanton.

The effort to decorate the

graves of veterans began in 1992 when a business in Maine sent some extra wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to decorate a small portion of the cemetery. Today, the program takes place in all fifty states.



Top: Wreaths were placed at the Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton. Bottom: Volunteers attach bows to evergreen wreaths. (Photos - FJK Imaging)

Grant Expands Low-Risk Pest Control Practices in Winegrape Industry

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has awarded \$1 million for research on insect-caused vineyard pathogens through the Biologically Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS) grant program. The program is designed to reduce the use of chemical insecticides. The BIFS project will last for four years and received strong support from the winegrape industry.

The project, to be held in the Lodi and Central Coast winegrape regions, will establish two demonstration blocks of at least 1,000-acres each. Scientists will use pheromone disruption tools to control vine mealybug, the insect responsible for grape leafroll disease. Infected vines will also be systematically removed to prevent the spread of this economically devastating disease.

"BIFS practices have been found to reduce pesticide use, including chlorpyrifos and other organophos-

phate insecticides; improve soil fertility; decrease erosion and nitrogen leaching; and increase populations of beneficial insects, fishes, birds and game—all of which are very important in creating sustainable, climate-smart agricultural operations," CDFA Secretary Karen Ross said.

Grant program outreach efforts bring together scientists, farmers and consultants in a collaborative environment that enables farmers to learn and adapt new farming practices to local conditions.

The project could eventually benefit Tri-Valley winegrowers and surrounding communities. The Livermore Valley wine region is home to more than 50 wineries with more than 5,000 acres of vineyards, according to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. The 31 grape varieties planted in the county had a total assessed value of about \$18 million in 2017, according to Alameda County's Department of Agriculture.

Stubble Fire Permissive Burn Season Closes

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing that the permissible burn season for stubble fires within the Bay Area closes on Tuesday, December 31. Under Air District policy, permissive burn days will not be declared when a Spare the Air Alert is in effect.

Open burning is regulated because of its impact on air quality. Certain fires for agricultural purposes, flood control, fire training and the prevention of fire hazards, among other purposes, are allowed when weather conditions are favorable for smoke dispersion. Many

open burns are limited to specified periods throughout the year. Each day of the year is designated as either a 'burn' or a 'no burn' day. Permissible fires can only be set during their established burn season on a designated burn day.

Open burning requirements apply to the nine-county Bay Area region, including Alameda County. The Air District's open burning regulation (Regulation 5) is available at: www.baaqmd.gov/rules. Open burn information is also available through the district's toll-free number at 1-800-HELP-AIR (435-7247).

REOPENING

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another group played in a huge sandbox nearby.

"This is right here in our neighborhood and I know my kids will remember this special day," said Sarah Spencer, a Livermore resident. Her daughter Emma was brief and to the point: "This is awesome!"

May Nissen is the last of

four playground renovations that LARPD approved in August 2018. Other parks updated and renovated were Pleasure Island, with a railroad and agriculture theme; Jane Addams Preschool, with a nature and community play theme; and Big Trees with the theme of big trees, of course.



Top left: Children make music together on one of the playground's innovative instruments. Bottom: At left, Beth Wilson, LARPD Director, joins California Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, center, testing out the new equipment. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen).

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OBITUARIES

Violet Stratman

September 15, 1928 – December 13, 2019

Violet was born in Freeman, SD, September 15, 1928. She was the youngest of five children, three girls and two boys. Her mother died when Violet was only five years old and she went to live with her grandparents on a farm near Huron, SD, where she had her own pony to herd the cattle and sheep. She graduated from Huron High School and became a country school teacher for one year.

Violet married Gerald Stratman in June 1948. They relocated to California in 1953 and raised two sons, Martin who lives in Livermore and Michael who lives



near Grass Valley. Violet worked as an income tax inspector for an accountant in Alameda, and later owned

her own tax business in Livermore until 1988. Violet also worked at St. Michael church for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Violet passed on Friday, December 13th. She is survived by her husband of over 71 beautiful years, Gerry, her sons Martin and Michael, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday, December 30 at St. Michael Catholic Church beginning at 10:00 am. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery. For additional information, please call St. Michael Cemetery and Funeral Services at (925) 455-9696.

Ila Suzanne (Sue) Coats

January 2, 1943 – December 9, 2019

Sue was born January 2, 1943 in Palo Alto to Everett and Mary Louise Bartlett, both deceased. She grew up in San Carlos moving her senior year to Cupertino, graduating from Fremont High. Sue is survived by her loving husband of 58-years, Edwin F. (Ed) Coats Jr., two children Anne Louise (Lisa) Schall (Tom), Edwin F. (Eddie) Coats III (Cindi), grandchildren Kelsey (Scott), Sara, Ethan, Riley, siblings Paul (Nodia), Laura (Jay), Debra (Steve), many nieces and nephews, and a very special childhood friend Sandy Rick (Ernie) of San Carlos. She was wonderfully close to her grandchildren who were special and loved.

Sue and Ed met at San



Jose State University in Music Appreciation class. They lived in San Jose, Mountain View, Livermore, and finally Discovery Bay for 38 years. They had an auto service business in Livermore for 30 years, retiring in 2005. Sue's hobbies included sudoku, crosswords, camping, boating, sewing, and tole painting.

ing. Sue was active with Ed in both the Golden Anchor Boat Club and the Livermore Rotary Club for 40 years, where she was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Sue passed peacefully at home in Discovery Bay surrounded by immediate family while in the care of Vitas Hospice, who were wonderful. From diagnosis to passing was about seven weeks. Sue wore many hats in life and will be missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Check Callaghan Mortuary's website for details on a Celebration of Life. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Coats family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Gustavo Carrillo

November 17, 1951 – December 5, 2019

Gustavo Carrillo died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, December 5 under Hope Hospice care. He died seconds after he received the anointing of the sick. We praise the Lord for the time he gifted us with his presence, and we continue to pray for his soul.

Gustavo, or "Gus" as he was called, was born in Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico to his parents José Trinidad Carrillo and María Jiménez. He came to Livermore in 1976 and worked for over 25 years at Concannon Vineyard. He suffered a stroke on January 2, 2003 that left him quadriplegic for almost 17 years. He was cared at home by his



God-sent wife, Martina, and was able to enjoy the love of family and friends. Despite losing his physical abilities, his witty sense of humor continued until minutes before his passing. He is remem-

bered as a devout Catholic man who transmitted the love of Jesus Christ with a simple smile. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, 6 adult children, 8 grandchildren, 11 siblings, and multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His funeral services will take place at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore: Vigil will be held on December 26th from 4pm-8pm. Funeral Mass will be held on December 27th at 11 a.m. Burial following at St. Michael Cemetery.

Any questions may be directed to St. Michael Cemetery & Funeral Center by phone at 925 455-9696.

Edith Frida Perry

February 15, 1930 - December 14, 2019

Edith and her immediate family escaped the horrors of the Holocaust in Germany and immigrated to the U.S. While living with her parents and sister in NYC she met her future Husband, Myron Perry at a fraternity dance. About a year later they married and had two girls, Barbara and Phyllis. They lived in Hartford, Connecticut for a year and then moved to Livermore. Edith was a loving person who loved to cook and



keep a spotless home. She loved being with her children and grandchild.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 6, 2:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery located at 5810 Midway Road in Dixon, California. Callaghan Mortuary Is Honored to be serving the Perry Family. If you would like to sign the on-line book of condolences, please log onto callaghanmortuary.com.

ANTI-TOBACCO

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bacco and nicotine products to people under 21 years old, unless they are in the military, Johnson said.

Livermore police were among 76 California police agencies, including the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, to apply for a share of the \$30.5 million in funding. Police said a recent school district survey found "one in four Livermore High School students indicated they had used tobacco in the last 30 days, and one in five vaped four or more times."

Although their parents might have smoked cigarettes when they were teens to look "cool," students today are "vaping" for the same reason, Johnson said.

"It's a really big problem on campus," Johnson said.

Livermore police currently have an officer assigned to Livermore and Granada high schools. The grant money will fund a new officer who will take the lead on tobacco and vaping issues throughout the district's schools, in addition to assisting the other officers with other problems, Johnson said.

"We have a very active school district here," Johnson said. "They are very much involved in the community with what's going on."

Police will partner with the district to conduct an education campaign focusing on the risks associated with tobacco use and vaping. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said

that, as of Dec. 17, it has received reports of 2,506 cases of people hospitalized with lung injuries from e-cigarette use from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Fifty-four deaths have resulted in 27 states and D.C., the CDC said.

In addition, officers will use funds to conduct operations at businesses where minors working with police will try to buy tobacco and vaping products. The operations will be similar to those that target establishments that sell alcohol to minors, Johnson said. Violators will be cited; their actions will be reported to the state Alcoholic Beverage Control, which licenses them.

In a lawsuit filed Dec. 16 in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, attorneys for the Livermore school district alleged e-cigarette maker Juul Labs, Inc., targeted minors through social media, paid influencers and viral hashtag advertising to persuade teenagers to believe that "Juuling" was cool and safe. The lawsuit alleges Juul makes products students can easily conceal and charges that Juul uses a process in creating their products that increases the potency of nicotine, making them highly addictive.

Vaping products come in a variety of flavors, including candy that is popular with youth.

Juul also is being sued by the San Francisco Unified

School District; the Cabrillo Unified School District, San Mateo-Foster City School District and Jefferson Union High School District in San Mateo County; the San Mateo County Office of Education and Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee. There are numerous other lawsuits around the country.

On Jan. 1, a law enacted in July by the Livermore City Council, will require every retailer in the city to obtain a tobacco license. The ordinance, which Juul had initially challenged, also requires sellers to be 1,000-feet from schools and other places youth gather, and prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products, e-cigarettes and e-cigarette liquids.

During the summer, proponents of the ordinance rallied in support of its passage. Granada High School Principal Matthew Hart displayed a box of vaping products confiscated at schools last year. Brett Christopher, Livermore High School's vice principal, talked about eating lunch in the boys' bathroom each day to keep students from vaping.

In October, The Alameda County Sheriff's Office also was notified it would receive nearly \$177,000. The agency "intends to continue providing training and education, while increasing enforcement efforts in and around tobacco retailer establishments," the Attorney General's Office said.

SETTLEMENT

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the next 20 years, \$20 million to cover past damages and benefits. It also involves \$12 million in attorneys' fees to be paid by the University and not deducted from benefits to the retirees.

The settlement grew out of a lawsuit filed by the retirees in 2010. That was nearly three years after the retirees lost access to UC health

care benefits to which they believed they were legally entitled.

The suit became a class action in 2014. A settlement was announced two weeks ago.

Next steps in administering the agreement include an effort to communicate with all 9,000 of the retirees, or, if deceased, their estates. The

communication is expected to include a description of the settlement and opportunity to comment or opt out.

Depending on the outcome of the communication effort, as well as future court actions, the first reimbursement payments to retirees for past costs might come as early as mid-2020, observers believe.

HIGH SCHOOL

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The first phase will cost \$166.6 million. Of that amount, \$158.8 million will be funded by Measure H, which was approved by voters in June 2016. The remaining \$8.2 million will come from impact fees paid by developers.

The second phase will accommodate another 1,237 students in a second three-story classroom tower. Other

additions include a theater, bleachers, visual and performing arts classrooms, basement, concessions, press box, and a maintenance building. The schedule for this phase has not been set, but it is expected to cost about \$92 million. Funding relies on voters approving a \$292 million bond measure in the March 3, 2020, primary election.

"The delivery of a second comprehensive high school will address one of the greatest challenges our district and community has faced in recent times," said Dan Cherrier, DUSD's new board president. "With the purchase of the property now worked out, we are one step closer to turning the dream of a second comprehensive high school into a reality."

Technology Firm Acquisition Sets 2019 Tri-Valley Record

In early December, Livermore Software Technology Corporation (LSTC) was acquired by ANSYS, Inc. in a \$784 million deal, making it the largest Tri-Valley acquisition of 2019.

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Livermore, LSTC is a provider of simulation technology that is used to accurately predict complex, real-world problems, such as how vehicles and other objects behave in a collision. The technology is used in the automotive, aerospace, civil engineering, defense, manufacturing, and biomedical industries.

The acquisition enables

ANSYS to deliver solutions to autonomous and electric vehicle manufacturers and suppliers. Customers of ANSYS will now have access to a wider range of advanced simulation technology in structures, fluids, electromagnetics, optics, safety, and machine learning.

A former physicist at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, John O. Hallquist, founded LSTC and served as its CEO. The acquired company will remain at its location in the Tri-Valley, and maintain its employees and research and development work there.

"This historic deal dem-

onstrates the professional talent available in the Tri-Valley and the cutting-edge innovation that thrives here," said Lynn Naylor, CEO of Innovation Tri-Valley.

The law firm of Hoge Fenton, with offices in Pleasanton, was the legal advisor for the LSTC acquisition. The firm worked with the company's shareholders and management throughout the negotiation and documentation of the transaction.

Morgan Stanley Wealth Management's Vaculin Lu Group, based in Pleasanton, was also involved in the deal.

PUSD Receives Upgraded Credit Rating

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) received an updated credit rating from Standard and Poors, moving from an 'A+' to 'AA-', with a stable outlook, as it closes out another successful calendar year.

The Standard and Poors rating report reads "... supporting the upgrade is the District's strong and stable budgetary performance ... Our view of the district's financial management practices and policies have improved." The upgraded rating follows years of bal-

anced budgets for PUSD built on conservative assumptions and planning for economic uncertainties.

The report continues to note that "based on unaudited fiscal 2019 results, the district anticipates realizing a 1.7% operating surplus. Management notes the surplus was driven by conservative budget assumptions and salary savings."

At the end of the updated credit rating report, Standard and Poors shares information related to actions needed to further raise

PUSD's credit. The report finishes with "We could also raise the rating if the district is able to obtain more revenue diversity outside of state-aid revenues, such as a parcel tax and foundation or basic aid status, decreasing its exposure to potential state funding volatility."

The District received an upgraded credit rating from Moody's, AA with a positive outlook, earlier in the year, as well as a clean annual audit for Measure II expenditures.

"We're proud that the District's strong fiscal stewardship is translating to credit rating increases which will support our ability to get lower interest rates that represent savings to the Pleasanton taxpayers," said Superintendent David Haglund. "We continue to appreciate the overwhelming support from our community and will continue to keep their best interests at heart as we serve as fiscal stewards for our students and future generations."

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BIKE GIVEAWAY

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ers, Livermore Police Officers Assn. and local businesses came through and contributed more bicycles. The result was the first Big Bike Giveaway in 2018, when 22 Junction Avenue K-8 students were given a new bicycle, helmet and bike lock during a special school presentation.

At last year's event, Bueno challenged everyone to double the number of bikes donated. That number was met and exceeded in Big Bike Giveaway 2019, since 50 lucky kids were able to

take home bicycles.

"This was perfect timing," said Marce Seuter, Development Officer for Shepherd's Gate. "Bikes are always on the list for homeless children. This is their dream come true."

Twenty of the new bicycles given away this year were assembled by students from Del Valle High in an after-school program in bicycle repair and mechanics. The program was initiated six years ago by Paul Grasseschi, Del Valle Campus Supervisor. Grasseschi

has trained over 125 students on his own time, resulting in over 1,000 bicycles being repaired or assembled, and donated to the community. Grasseschi explained that students benefit by working with their hands, cultivating critical thinking and problem solving skills, and reflecting on "how to put other people before themselves."

"What a great way for the community to come together and help needy children," said Leslie Lemieux, Livermore resident and LVJUSD employee.



Upper right: Dr. Kelly Bowers, LVJUSD Superintendent, assists with a helmet. Middle right: Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty gives high fives to new riders. Bottom: Sponsors and recipients line up to show off the new bikes. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

Prepping to Sell Your Home in 2020

By Cher Wollard

The real estate market tends to slow way down in December. That makes this the perfect time to plan ahead if you want to sell your home or investment property next year.

Here are few tips for getting your house in order so you'll be ahead of the game:

1. Gather your documentation

Mortgage documents, lease agreements, receipts for landscaping and home improvement, HOA documents.

If the property is in a trust, you will need a copy of the trust documents. If you are successor trustee, ask the attorney for an affidavit indicating you have the right to sell the property. If the home is in probate, you will need permission from the probate court to sell.

If you are married, even if your spouse is not on title, you likely will need his or her written acknowledgement of the sale.

If there are loans, liens or leases on the property, those will have to be cleared before closing on a transaction.

Some solar leases, for example, must be paid off; others can be transferred to a qualified buyer. IRS liens usually take precedence over everything except the mortgage.

Usually liens will be paid off with your proceeds from the sale. Having your paperwork in order prevents unnecessary delays.

2. Create a timetable

While many homes sell quickly these days, most homeowners spend weeks preparing their property before it ever

goes on the market. You may also need to get inspections, consult with your tax adviser, or get title on the property cleared.

If you are hoping to move in the spring, you'll need to be on the market early in the year. If you don't want to move until later in the year, you probably have a bit more time to get things in order. Either way, it's smart to give yourself extra time.

Homes have gone into contract quickly the last few years, but we don't know what's in store for 2020. Your home could take weeks to attract the right buyer.

Once in contract, timing will vary according to the finances of the buyer. Cash buyers may be able to close a transaction in 7-10 days, most buyers need time to complete appraisals and secure a mortgage. That means 25-45 days from acceptance of an offer to closing the transaction.

If the buyer's offer is contingent on the sale of another property, or if unexpected setbacks arise, it could take a lot longer.

And if you are purchasing a replacement home, should you sell first or buy first? That depends on a lot of factors. Your Realtor can help map out a strategy that makes sense for your circumstances. Which brings us to our next tip.

3. Find the right Realtor

Maybe you already have an agent you know and trust. If not, friends, family members and neighbors who have recently sold or purchased homes can be a great source of referrals. Ask about their experiences and if they would recommend their agent.

Professionals in related fields, such as mortgage specialists, attorneys and contractors, often know most of the local agents.

Interview before you hire. Agents have individual styles and varying levels of experience, and may offer more or fewer services. It's not all about commission.

You'll want an agent who tells you honestly what you need to hear about pricing and changes you may need to make to the property.

The agent who proposes an unrealistic asking price in order to win your business is probably not the best agent for you.

You can check out an agent's history through the California Bureau of Real Estate's website, www.dre.ca.gov/licenses.

4. Show the property to its best advantage

Hiring stagers used to be reserved for high-end properties. Now, most buyers expect the homes they look at to have been professionally staged. Unless your property is a true fixer upper, hiring a good stager is probably an investment worth making. Some Realtors include staging as part of their service. Most have stagers they refer clients to. Whether you work with a stager or go-it alone, start by decluttering the property. Potential buyers should be able to imagine their photographs on the walls, their trophies and collectibles on the shelves, their hobbies filling the rooms. But they can't if yours are everywhere. Do the extra stuff: Wash windows inside and out. Buff cabinets and wood trim with a good wood-care product. Clear out the junk that's piled up in the side yard.

Deep clean carpets and rugs. Weed the garden. Replace burned-out light bulbs.

Make all those repairs you intended to get to "someday": tighten loose faucets, replace ripped screens, repair broken sprinkler heads. You may even want to order inspections and have necessary repairs completed before putting the home on the market. Bring in a professional cleaning service, if you really want to make the home shine.

Lock up valuables such as jewelry, cash, collectible coins and stamps, and firearms. Hide medications or keep them with you when you leave the house.

You don't need to totally upgrade the property before putting it on the market – in fact that rarely pays off, but cleaning, staging and a fresh coat of paint can do wonders.

5. Figure Out Your Finances

Your agent will likely prepare a "Seller's Net Sheet" outlining costs and how much you can expect from the sale, based on an estimated sales price. He or she can refine this once you have a purchase offer. But you may also want to consult your tax advisor, especially if you have a lot of equity or have only lived in the home a short time. If you plan to finance the purchase of a replacement property, consult with a mortgage specialist. He or she can get you pre-approved for the loan you'll need. If you don't have a trusted loan officer, ask your Realtor to refer you to someone.

If you are thinking about selling property in 2020, contact your local Realtor today.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties in Livermore.

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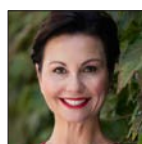
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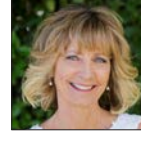
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Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival To Show for First Time in Livermore

The largest environmental film festival in North America will soon be on display to the Tri-Valley for the first time. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour and Eco-Fair, organized by Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education, will take place at the Bankhead Theater on January 24, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

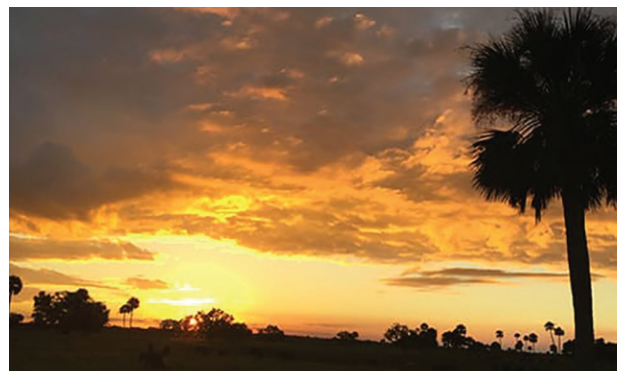
The selected short films in the custom program portray beautiful, vital, and fragile environments, and introduce the courageous people working to protect and preserve them for future generations. The festival not only provides unique perspectives, it offers doable solutions on urgent global and local environmental issues.

Come early for the Eco-Fair, featuring over 20 sponsor and partner information tables; Livermore Valley Wine tasting, beer, and Local Bites; Speaker Spotlight; and Planetary Poetry. The featured speakers, including Roger Aines, Mark Zelinka, and Dan Linehan, are expert climate scientists and innovators who will share their groundbreaking research

and Climate Change Solutions in the Founders' Room with a brief Q & A. All are invited to visit the free "Parks to People" Mobile Visitor Center, presented by the East Bay Regional Park District, in the parking lot adjacent to the Bankhead Theater.

The film program opens at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome, film introductions, and the showing of eight short films. The intermission will feature a dessert buffet, raffle drawing, inspired conversation, and the Eco-Fair. Roger Aines will introduce seven more amazing films. For more information on the selected films, Eco-Fair exhibitors, speaker bios, spotlight schedule, participating wineries, breweries, and food purveyors, and to purchase tickets visit www.trivalleycce.org.

Tickets may also be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, Tue.-Sat., 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., or by calling 925-373-6800. Learn more about the Wild & Scenic Film Festival at www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org and Citizens' Climate Education at www.citizensclimate.org.



Films to be presented, from top left clockwise: *Visions of the Lost Sierra*, *Girls and Glaciers*, *Moonline*, *A Letter to Congress*, *Conservation Generation*, *Cowboys and Scientists*.

Shakespeare's Richard II to Debut Live Theater Broadcasts at the Bankhead



Simon Russell Beale and Joseph Mydell in William Shakespeare's Tragedy of King Richard the Second, broadcast live from the stage of the Almeida Theatre in London (Photo - Marc Brenner).



Helen Mirren playing Queen Elizabeth II in Peter Morgan's "The Audience" (Photo - Johann Persson)

Building on the success of nearly two years of Classic Film Musicals at the Bankhead Theater, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will continue them into 2020 and will also add 12 National Theatre Live Encore Screenings. Earlier this year, a new large projection screen was installed at the Bankhead which extends the height and width of the stage and offers an enhanced movie-going experience.

Over the past 10 years, National Theatre Live has brought the best of British theater from more than 20 live stages in the UK to more than 3,500 cinema screens around the world. NTL uses state-of-the-art filming techniques, specifically tailored for each play, to provide audiences with a viewpoint as if they were sitting in the best seats in the house. From close-ups that capture every flicker of

emotion, to sweeping wide shots of the stage, their goal is to provide audiences with an experience that is the next best thing to actually being there. For this 10th Anniversary Season, National Theatre Live offered a wide range of productions both Live and Encore.

Twelve National Theatre Live Encore Films are scheduled at the Bankhead during 2020. Among them are the legendary Helen Mirren in "The Audience," Gillian Anderson in "All About Eve," Sally Field with Bill Pullman in "All My Sons," and Benedict Cumberbatch in the lead role of "Hamlet." All NTL films will be offered on Thursday evenings at 7 pm with \$20 tickets for adults and \$10 for students up to age 21. A 20 percent discount is offered for a full series subscription. The first Encore Screening will be "The Tragedy of King Richard the Second" by William

Shakespeare on January 2, an acclaimed production from Almeida Theatre.

The Classic Film Musical series, which debuted in 2018, will continue through the spring with four more well-known musicals. The award-winning 1961 version of Leonard Bernstein's masterpiece "West Side Story" starring Natalie Wood will be shown in February and the beloved tribute to Jewish tradition, "Fiddler on the Roof," in March. They will be followed in April by the comic song and dance antics of Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra as WWII sailors on leave in "Anchors Aweigh." Sinatra is joined by Marlon Brando as Sky Masterson in the 1955 "Guys and Dolls" to be shown in May. Classic Film Musicals are shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm with all tickets just \$5. Popcorn, movie treats and beverages are available in concessions for all films.

National Theatre Live Encore Screenings

- JAN 2 The Tragedy of King Richard the Second by William Shakespeare
- JAN 30 I'm Not Running by David Hare
- FEB 27 All About Eve by Joseph L Mankiewicz, Adapted by Ivo van Hove
- MAR 26 The Audience by Peter Morgan
- APR 30 Small Island adapted by Helen Edmundson, based on the novel by Andrea Levy
- MAY 21 All My Sons by Arthur Miller
- JUN 25 Hamlet by William Shakespeare
- JUL 23 The Lehman Trilogy by Stefano Massini, adapted by Ben Power
- AUG 20 Fleabag written and performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge
- SEP 17 One Man, Two Guvnors by Richard Bean
- OCT 14 A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
- NOV 19 Present Laughter by Noël Coward

Classic Film Musicals

- FEB 19 West Side Story (1961)
- MAR 18 Fiddler on the Roof (1971)
- APR 15 Anchors Aweigh (1945)
- MAY 13 Guys and Dolls (1955)

Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore
 Tickets: Call the box office at 925.373.6800 or go to lvpac.org

City of Dublin Announces Winners of Holiday Decorating Contests

The City of Dublin invited residents to participate in its 2nd Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest, "Deck the Homes." Winners were announced in six categories including Best Use of Lights, Best Holiday Theme, Best Apartment/Condo, and Best Neighborhood. Other categories included Best Lawn Display and Best Overall curb

appeal. Judging took place between December 9 and 12, and winners were notified on December 17. Each winning home will be awarded a lawn sign announcing their victory.

The City of Dublin and Dublin Chamber of Commerce joined forces to sponsor Decorate Dublin, a friendly competition among Dublin businesses to bring

festive decor to Dublin's retail centers during the busy holiday shopping season. Twenty businesses participated in the contest this year. The contest was open to all Dublin businesses. A panel of judges selected the winners. The Chamber of Commerce will present prizes to the winning businesses at the January 14, Dublin City Council meeting.

Deck the Homes Winners

Best Neighborhood: Champagne Pl.
Best Use of Lights: 7574 Sutton Way
Best Overall: 7287 Bedford Way
Best Lawn Display and Best Holiday Theme: 2848 E. Coghill Terrace
Best Apartment / Condo: 3654 Aviano Way

Decorate Dublin Business Winners

People's Choice Award: Mission Hope Day Program, 6300 Village Pkwy., Ste. 110
Best Use of Lights: Ufferts Center, 4288 Dublin Blvd.
Best Interior: Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 6750 Regional St.
Most Festive/Creative: Select Imaging, 6398 Dougherty Rd., #27



A home on Champagne Place, winner of Best Neighborhood



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Community Education Series Hosts Film Screening and Discussion

The City of Pleasanton's Community Education Series is presenting a screening of "Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER" at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton on Thursday, January 2, at 7 p.m. This film examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what we can do to help our children build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression. A panel discussion will follow the screening. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend with their children, age 11 and up.

The event is FREE and registration is recommended. Go to www.pleasantonfun.com and enter course code #18654. For more information on the Community Education Series, contact Andrea McGovern at 925-931-5359, email amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or follow at Instagram @pleasantonlibandrec and Facebook facebook.com/PleasantonLibraryandRecreation.

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Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show Starring Will Durst and Friends At Firehouse Arts Center



Will Durst and his merry band of pranksters will make a stop at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton on Fri., Dec. 27.

For the 27th consecutive year, Will Durst and his merry band of pranksters hit the road with their end-of-the-year comedy extravaganza, including a stop at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in downtown Pleasanton on Fri., Dec. 27, at 8 p.m. The 2019 BFYEKO Comedy Show features a riotous collection of skits, songs, sketches, and stand-up. Durst says they promise "to lampoon, satirize, mock, scoff, scorn, taunt, tease, rib and ridicule the people and events of the past year and do it with a modicum of taste and decorum. And sometimes

not." (please note: PG-13).

The Six Comics are Will Durst (willdurst.com), Johnny Steele (johnnystele.com), Debi Durst, Michael Bossier, Mari Magaloni, and Arthur Gaus. "It's Saturday Night Live meets The Daily Show on steroids," notes one reviewer.

Some calendar years "are less conducive as objects of humourosity," notes Durst, but this one gave us "a veritable surfeit of Donald Trump, Brexit, wildfires, floods and for all we know an actual Sharknado. It was a cornucopia of delights."

The New York Times

calls Will Durst "quite possibly the best political comedian working in the country today." Dubbed "the Thinking Man's Comic" by the Oregonian, Durst is acknowledged by peers and press alike as one of the premier political satirists. He has patched together an incomparable comedy quilt of a career, weaving together columns, books, radio and television commentaries, acting, voice-overs and stand-up into a patchwork of outraged and outrageous common sense. Durst has told jokes in 14 countries, racked up 800+ television appearances, re-

leased 5 CDs, authored 3 books, and despite blistering reproach, continues to squeeze ketchup on his hot dog.

Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00, \$25, \$30.00. Advance purchase at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance if not sold out. Free parking available in the center lot, entrance on Spring Street.



All are welcome to participate in the annual New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, 7 - 9 p.m., 2020 Fifth St. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Manage Stress with Livermore Library's Free Gentle Yoga

Learn easy yoga postures and mindfulness techniques that can help manage stress. Adults and teens can attend gentle yoga classes at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on 1188 South Livermore Ave. Taught by local yoga instructor Madhavi Nadendla, gentle yoga classes are on the second and third Tuesdays of every month, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

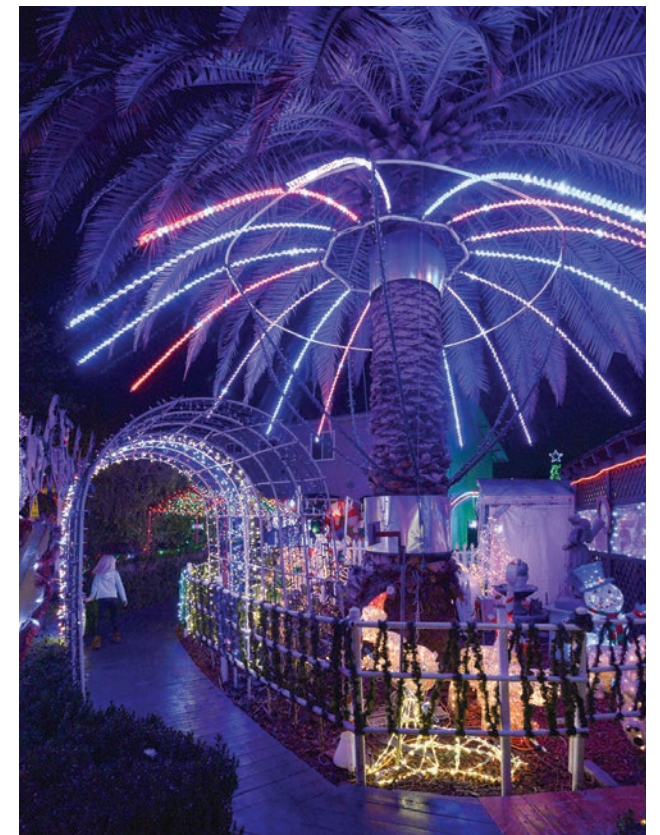
All sessions are free and take place in the Storytime Room. Sessions comprise of yoga asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing techniques) and meditation.

The gentle yoga sessions are open to adults and teens only.

All participants must fill out a waiver. Teens under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian. Waivers are available on the library's website, www.livermorelibrary.net, or at the Civic Center Library Youth Room information desk.

To get the most out of the yoga practice, participants are encouraged to come with an empty or a light stomach. Participants should wear loose-fitting clothing and bring their own yoga mat. The library can provide a mat to those who do not have one.

For questions or more information, call Paul Sevilla at 925-373-5573, or visit www.livermorelibrary.net.



"Widmer World", located at 3671 Chelsea Ct. in Pleasanton, continues to display a Christmas fantasy light show through December 31, 6-9 p.m. The magical dancing lights are free to the public, but donations are welcome. Bob Widmer and family create this yearly display to give back to the local community over the holidays. For more information, see www.widmer-world.com. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

Introduction to DNA Testing Offered

This presentation is designed to be an introduction to DNA as an exciting new tool for genealogists. It is intended for individuals who either are new to DNA or looking to improve their ability to use it in their research. The objective of the class is to provide a basic understanding of all DNA tests and concepts. It will examine the available tools and strategies to more effectively manage DNA matches. It will also create a solid foundation for those interested in taking classes in more advanced skills.

Originally from the Philadelphia area, Mark McLaren graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a B.S. degree in Business. McLaren recently retired from a 37-year career in the medical supply distribution business, where he held several executive level positions.

McLaren is currently a member of the Genealogical Society, California Genealogical Society (CGS), and the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (SRVGS). He is a board member and



Mark McLaren

treasurer of SRVGS. McLaren is a Fellow in the Society of Scottish Antiquities, and a member of several Scottish Clan societies: Clan MacLaren Society of North America, Clan Douglas Society of North America, and Clan Ross America. In Clan MacLaren, he served as Treasurer for 14 years and is currently President. The presentation takes place on Monday, January 13, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. There is no charge and visitors are welcome. For additional information, contact Tom Mathews, Program Chairperson, at program@L-AGS.org.

Las Positas College Foundation Supports Activities and Events in 2019

The Las Positas College Foundation (LPCF) was founded in January, 2003 by a dedicated group of Tri-Valley community leaders. Their mission is to promote Las Positas College to the Tri-Valley community; to encourage residents to invest in the future of their great asset, Las Positas College; and to provide funds for scholarships and student programs for which there is no other funding source. The Foundation has seen significant growth in their efforts due to the generous bequests of the David and Barbara Mertes estate.

In January, LPCF funded the LPC "Talk Hawks" forensic team to participate in the April National Championship Speech and Debate Tournament, where they took home multiple awards. Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, awarded LPCF a \$3,500 grant for STEM biotechnology projects.

In February, LPCF raised \$5,600 in support of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) department programs; participated in LPC's Black History Month; planned and provided a grant to sponsor Brian Copeland's perfor-

mance of "Not a Genuine Black Man"; sponsored the Literary Anthology, "Havik"; worked with the Veterans First Center on the C4V Donor Reception; and was the recipient of an award from the Student Veterans Organization.

In March, LPCF awarded the annual Kaye Innovation Grant to the Spring Literary Festival project, and provided a grant for a free one-hour adaptation of "Comedy of Errors" performed by San Francisco Shakespeare Company.

In April, LPCF planned and executed the 2019 Best of the Best gala which raised \$80,000 for student scholarships and campus programs. It was hosted in the newest campus building and featured a street celebration theme. The Eduardo and Blanca Posada scholarship was established. Seventeen students were awarded Mertes Scholarships totaling \$358,000. LPCF sponsored the student magazine, "Naked," which earned the highest award of General Excellence at the state Journalism Conference for Community Colleges, along with 15 other awards. The Foundation granted funds for the "Augmented Reality Sand-

box" which is being used by geoscience, horticulture and physics programs.

In May, LPCF provided funds to the LPC counseling department for ACLU "Know Your Rights" information cards in multiple languages, and hosted the annual Scholarship Awards event in partnership with the LPC Financial Aid department. Chair Marti Sutton, spoke at the commencement ceremony and distributed bumper stickers for the new LPC alumni organization, "Hawks4Life."

In June and July, LPCF sponsored the LPC's Theater Arts Master Class weekend featuring Bay Area professionals for students in both acting and theater technology programs, and provided a grant for outreach materials for the LPC athletics department Tri-Valley Basketball Camp.

In August and September, LPCF staffed the "welcome tables" for students starting or returning to LPC; hosted a reception for six new LPC faculty members; and established two new scholarships, the Nissen-Hansen P.E.O. and the XL Construction Scholarships. XL Construction pledged \$20,000 in support of the

LPCF as a Community Partner. LPCF sponsored Steve Budd's one-man play "What They Said About Love" so students could attend without cost.

In October, LPCF sponsored the opening event for the new LPC Film Studies Program, a master class with producer, writer, actor, and alumnus Shawn Ryan; sponsored a portion of Fall "Flex Day" refreshments; participated in LatinX Heritage Month; helped to plan and distributed "dulces" (candies) at a Food of the Americas event; and funded the San Francisco Symphony String Quartet to work with LPC student composers and then perform the students' original works.

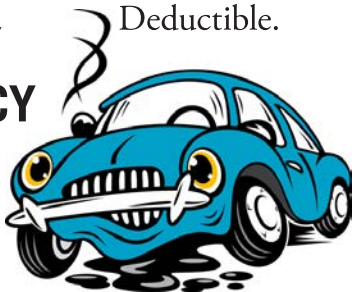
In November and December, LPCF supported the Veteran's Center 2.2K Walk and 5K Run event to raise awareness of veteran suicide rates and to raise funds for mental health support; established Valerie Ball Memorial Scholarship Fund; and hosted the 5-year anniversary celebration for the Engineering Technology Program, a partnership between Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and LPC.

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Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat at Lynnewood United Methodist Church

Lynnewood United Methodist Church will host the next Interfaith Interconnect Religion Chat on January 8, from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m., at 4444 Black Ave. The facilities will be open from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. so that attendees can have a chance to make new friends and visit. This event is free of charge and open to all. The discussion topic will be: "Most Faiths Tell Us to Be Kind to the Stranger; How Does Your Faith Respond to 'the Other'?" Speakers include Rev. Henry Kim of Lynnewood United Methodist. Additional parking is available behind the church by entering the driveway to the right of the main building. Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's nineteen participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton. The group's mission is to "enrich, educate, and inform ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our Valley."

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club to Feature Eco-Floral Designers

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) is pleased to announce ROSEANDTHORN DESIGN, noted floral designers, who will present "Bloomed This Way! Beauty and Sustainability Together as One" at the club's Thursday evening meeting, Jan. 9. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. at Alisal School in Pleasanton, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Guests are welcome.

ROSEANDTHORN DESIGN is an eco-floral design house, CA Green Business Certified, based out of San Francisco. They have been creating beautiful floral works of art throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

The design firm provides eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives for the creation of floral compositions. Some of their achievements include prizes in both state and national competitions and exhibitions held at the De Young Museum, Saks Fifth Avenue and the Annual Oakland Tulip Exhibition. Their work has been featured in the San Francisco Chronicle, Nob Hill Gazette and the Fine Arts of Museum Magazine.

Armando De Loera, Eco-floral designer, will present several topics: Household Hunt – repurposing household items as a decorative design element; Garden

Scents - Blossoming fragrance expression in your floral arrangement; and Pop of Color – evoking emotions using colorful CA grown flowers. Six floral designs will be created during the program.

LAVGC offers members the opportunity to participate in many ongoing community service garden projects. The club also supports a variety of special interest programs, educating members in garden related skills. Regular meetings run from September through May on the second Thursday night of each month. For complete information see: www.lavgc.org.

Library Kicks Off Black History Month With Local Author Tina Jones Williams



An Afternoon with Author
Tina Jones Williams

Kick off Black History Month at the Livermore Public Library with award-winning author Tina Jones Williams. Williams, now a Livermore resident, was born and raised in South Berkeley. She has written seven books highlighting the rich traditions and history of South Berkeley's African-American community. Williams will share stories and read excerpts from her latest novel series, *Bridge to Freedom*. This free event will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2:00 p.m. at the

Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

Tina Jones Williams grew up in South Berkeley during the late '60s. She was a member of the first desegregated class at Garfield Junior High prior to attending Berkeley High School. Williams is a past president of the San Jose chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and is a proud and active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest African-American sorority with an international membership of 260,000

college-educated women committed to a lifetime of service to all. She is a docent at the Berkeley Historical Society, a member of the National League of American Pen Women, and a literacy and career coach.

This author talk is part of the library's Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net or call (925) 373-5500.

Dublin Accepting Nominations To Recognize Volunteers

The nomination period for the City of Dublin's 2019 Citizen, Young Citizen, and Organization of the Year Awards ends Friday, January 17, at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms may be completed on the City's website.

The awards recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin in 2019. The Young Citizen of the Year recognizes the volunteer service of a Dublin youth in the 1st – 12th grade.

Nominations for the

awards are based on five established criteria: Dublin Integrity in Action's ten characteristics (responsibility, respectfulness, caring, giving, positive attitude, trustworthiness, cooperation, doing one's best, honesty, and self-discipline); originality and uniqueness of the activity or project; overall relevance and importance to the Dublin community; time and effort spent; and challenges in accomplishing the activity or project.

All nominees will be recognized at the Volunteer

Recognition Event to be held at the Shannon Community Center on Wednesday, February 19, where the winners will be announced. The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize. Dublin's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year will each be granted \$300 to donate to their favorite non-profit.

Nominations can be completed online at the City's website, www.dublin.ca.gov/vre, or by calling the City Manager's Office at (925) 833-6650.



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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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Livermore Art Association

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing

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



LumiNight Lantern Festival, through Feb. 2, Alameda County Fairgrounds

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.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info: 925.373.9638 or microangelo@earthlink.net.

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



Hagemann Ranch Open House and Tours, open the last Sunday of each month

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

New Year's Eve with Crawdad Republic, Tue., Dec. 31, 8 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925.373.6800.

The Heart of Rock & Roll: A Tribute To Huey Lewis and the News, The Heart of Rock & Roll has established itself as one of the most accurate and entertaining tribute acts around. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. January 10–11, 8 p.m. \$25–\$35, firehousearts.org.

The Special Consensus: Bluegrass with Attitude! Friday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. "Special C" proudly celebrates 4 decades of Bluegrass in classic vein, with modern edge, spotless vocals, and boundless energy. The Firehouse welcomes back the four-man acoustic bluegrass

band. Reserved Seating Tickets \$15–25; available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free parking.

International Guitar Night's (IGN), February 21 at 8 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater. A cast of guitar luminaries from around the world will highlight the diversity of the acoustic guitar.

IGN celebrates its 20th year of US tours with guest host Mike Dawes (England) and his incredible two-hand contemporary style. Tickets start at \$20.

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at Old Mexico Bar & Grill in Livermore on Por-



A Charlie Brown Christmas, Dec. 29, Bankhead Theater

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tola Avenue — the 2nd Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

ON THE STAGE

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Live on Stage, Sun., Dec. 29, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925.373.6800.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

presents **Mamma Mia!** ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1 at 8:00 p.m.; Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 1, 2 at 2:00 p.m. Rated PG. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets, visit the Bankhead Theater box office, call 925-373-6800, Tuesday thru Saturday, noon to 6pm, or visit online: www.lvpac.org. For more information, visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925.931-4848.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Chanukah Under The Stars

Outside The Bankhead Theater, Sat. Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m. Latkes and doughnuts, Chanukah treats and raffles, glow-in-the-dark Chanukah fun. Live musical entertainment and performances. Join dignitaries and the community for the lighting of Livermore's menorah at 8 p.m.

International Cheese & Wine Pairing, December 28 at Las Positas Vineyards. Different types and styles of artisan cheeses from all over the world with Reserve Flights. Tasting Room hours are open 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more info.,

www.trivalleybeertrail.com.

LumiNight Lantern Festival

Nov. 29, 2019 to Feb. 2, 2020. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday hours are 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and holiday hours are 5 to 11 p.m. LumiNight takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2100 Valley Ave., Gate 12, Pleasanton. Visit www.LumiNightLanterns.com.

Race to the Flagpole

Sat., Jan. 25. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

A Writers Meetup for Adults

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



Race to the Flagpole, Jan. 25

COMEDY

Big Fat Year End Kiss Off! 2019

Stand-up, improvisation and loosely written sketches guaranteed to mock, scoff and taunt with taste. PG-13. Fri., Dec. 27, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center,

contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com.

Spread Cheer with Beer, the Tri-Valley Beer Trail's annual charitable campaign, through Jan. 31. Pick up a passport at any stop on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail or download a passport at

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

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

The Pedrozzi Foundation will begin accepting scholarship applications on January 1st, 2020. All applications will be due by March 2 at 5:00 p.m. Scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate, community college, and technical/vocational studies. High school seniors from Del Valle High School, Granada High School, Livermore High School, and Vineyard High School are eligible to apply. Graduates of all ages are encouraged to apply. For more about the Pedrozzi foundation, visit <https://bit.ly/2PHczkM>.

Roaring 20s Singles Party on Saturday, January 4, 8pm at Faz "Speakeasy" in Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Attendees are encouraged to get into the spirit of the night's theme by dressing up in Prohibition Era style. Gangsters, Flappers, and Great Gatsby's are welcome, with prizes for the most innovative attire. The event raises funds for the Seva Foundation. www.seva.org. Every \$50 raised finances a cataract surgery for one blind person in one of the world's poor countries. The party is co-sponsored by Society of Single Professionals. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information, visit www.ThePartyHotline.com.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern California meetings: Jan. 12, 1 p.m. General Meeting/Birthday Luncheon at the Brass Door Restaurant, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., RSVP to Marsha by Jan. 9, (925) 830-8483; Jan. 19, 1 p.m. Lunch at Andy & Yu's in Pleasanton, 348 St. Mary's St., RSVP to Athene by Jan. 16, (925) 846-0111; Jan. 26, 1 p.m. Lunch at Outback Steakhouse in Dublin, 6505 Regional St., RSVP to Marge by Jan. 23 (925) 828-5124.

Rotary Club of Livermore presents its 65th annual Crab Feed on Friday, January 31, 6:00 p.m., at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$60 or \$55 for groups of 8-10. To order tickets, call Debbie Peck at (925) 447-4300. Rotary Club will use proceeds from the event for Livermore community service projects, scholarships, grants for schools and local groups.

Lion's Club Crab Feed Fund-raiser. A Crab Feed Fundraiser for the Livermore Lions Club will be held on

Saturday, February 15, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Doors open at 5:00. All you can eat crab will be accompanied by pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, dessert, wine and beer, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$55 each, \$400 for a table of 8, or \$500 for a table of 10. The night will include a silent auction, raffle prizes, and live music. For tickets, call (805) 405-8742.

Grief Support Group for Teens.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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.

Livermore Lions Club meets for dinner every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Emil Villa's Res-

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restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. Lions are the world's largest service organization. Livermore Lions support the needs within the community and state, the nation and the world. Funds provided to support the homeless, the fire victims, and the hurricane and earthquakes victims. Charities include: Canine Companions, Blind Centers, and the Ear of the Lion. Check out our website (livermorelionsclub) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome.

Master Gardeners Talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 -11 am on the second Saturday of the month Mar-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 or contact Kendall @ 925.872.0170.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

or 925.931.3405.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golden Circle Seniors, meetings

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

Pleasanton Lions Club, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Inklings Coffee Shop, 530 Main Street, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. Pleasanton Lions Club is a non-profit organization that seeks to identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Square Dance Lessons in Livermore, 7 p.m. at Del Valle High School, 2253 5th Street. All ages welcome. Dancing Thursdays weekly from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. No partner or special attire needed. For more informa-

tion call Margaret 925.447.6980 or mmiller1435@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine

tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysir.org and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

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

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

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

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, email operationsam@comcast.net.

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

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Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550. Phone: 925.371.1531, fax: 925.373.5034, e-mail: abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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

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

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

Pleasanton Military Families is a 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 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.

RELIGION

St. Michael Catholic Church Holy Day of Obligation, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass: December 31, 6:00 p.m. in English, 7:30 p.m. in Spanish; January 1, 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in English and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish. 458 Maple St., Livermore. (925) 447-1585. For more information, go to www.stmichael-livermore.com.

St. Michael Catholic Church Alpha dinners provide a free meal, an opportunity to meet new friends, and great conversation. Mondays at 6:30 p.m. starting February 10, St. Michael Parish Hall, 326 Maple St., Livermore. Register at www.stmichaellivermore.com/alpha. For more information, call (925) 447-1585

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10 a.m. Children's and youth groups 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 or call 925.447.1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

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

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925.447.8747.

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information: 925.931.1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 925.485.1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

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

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

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.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. All are welcome.

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925.447.1848.

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

or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or pateraugustine@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center Ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school

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

Lynwood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Their winter schedule has begun, with Sunday services held at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. Lynwood is located in Pleasanton at 4444 Black Ave. Visit www.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 Valley Branch (Spanish) first meeting 11:40, Sacramento meeting 12:40; 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 12:30.

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

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

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

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

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

Christ Church (a nondenominational evangelical church formerly

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

GraceWay Church worships at 10 a.m. Sundays at 1183 Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. Services include band-led worship music, Bible-based messages and Sunday School for pre-schoolers and elementary through high school students. Infant care is provided. www.gracewaylife.org or 925.846.4436.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. 925.667.1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday Music, 9:45 am; Sunday Worship, 11 am. Relevant and refreshing Bible teaching. Pastor: Jeff Barger.

Discovery Church of the Nazarene, 5862 Las Positas Road, Livermore. Pastor Curtis Lillie, 925.449.5256. Community Breakfast (free) served every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.. Worship Service, Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Knights of Columbus Deliver Gifts to Families



Deputy Grand Knight Walter MacInnes watches over the gifts.

Members of the Livermore Knights of Columbus capped a year of charitable giving by delivering Christmas Gift Baskets to families around Livermore on Saturday, December 14. In addition, the Knights distributed 100 winter jackets to children as part of the

Cheryl Ruth Coats for Kids program.

Knights and their families help sort and wrap gifts during the preceding week. Those who delivered the gifts enjoyed and were moved by the experience of bringing Christmas joy to members of the community

who are in need.

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

Dementia Family Caregiver Classes

On January 11, Hope Hospice will offer a free presentation for family caregivers, "Living With Dementia: Dementia Basics." Registration is required.

Since dementia dramatically changes the ways that individuals think, perceive, and use language, caring for a loved one with dementia presents a unique set of challenges. This class will provide basic information about the nature and progression of dementia and the various diseases and conditions that can produce its symptoms. An introduction to dementia-related behaviors and communication strategies will provide a foundation for three additional Living with

Dementia classes coming up later this year.

Presenters include Jill Smith, R.N., Certified PAC Independent Trainer and Consultant, CARES Dementia Specialist, as well as Debbie Emerson, M.S., Community Health Educator, CARES Dementia Specialist.

This class will take place at the Hope Hospice office located at 6377 Clark Avenue, 2nd floor, in Dublin 94568. Free parking on site. Coffee and light refreshments are served at 9:45 a.m. and the class is in session from 10 a.m. to noon. An optional caregiver support group convenes after class from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Bring your own bag lunch if desired.

Classes in Hope's Family Caregiver Education Series are offered to the community for free, though donations to Hope Hospice are gratefully accepted and help offset costs of running the program.

Seating is limited, so please register in advance if you will be attending. View the complete Series schedule and registration details at www.hopehospice.com/family or call (925) 829-8770.

The complete schedule for 2020 is now posted and can be downloaded in PDF format at www.hopehospice.com/family.

Bill Geyer Memorial Scholarship Established

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore has established a scholarship fund through the Pedrozzi Foundation to honor community-minded and beloved Livermore resident Bill Geyer.

Born in Pennsylvania into a military family, Geyer spent his youth traveling the world. He met his wife, Dianna, while his father was stationed in Japan. In 1997, the couple opened Livermore Trophies & Tees, serving sports leagues and businesses, and expanded to a web business with the growth of online commerce. Geyer was very active with local sports, coaching his sons', Jim's, Jerry's, and Michael's, youth baseball and basketball teams, umpiring youth baseball, playing softball and soccer, and rooting avidly for the Sharks, Raiders and A's. Geyer also served the community as a volunteer member of Alameda County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit and longtime member of the Rotary Club of Livermore, serving one year as club president.

His professional memberships included Leadfinders and the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

In 1987, the Rotary Club of Livermore established the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley joined the effort a few years later. The RFL provides funds to create opportunities for young people, promote community service, and improve the quality of life in the Livermore Valley – actions which Bill Geyer embodied.

Through the RFL, Geyer spearheaded the funding and acquisition of a Mobile Health Unit, operated by ValleyCare. The MHU provided easily accessible medical services to many under-served people in the local community. Services included immunizations, physical exams, tuberculosis and blood pressure screenings, cholesterol and diabetes testing, and treatment for those with bronchitis, flu, asthma, ear infections, allergies and sinus infections.

The MHU provided drop-in care for non-emergency medical conditions, follow-up care, and was utilized in educational settings and for community outreach. After many years of service in the local community, the MHU was returned to the RFL, subsequently sold and is now utilized in a similar fashion in the Caribbean Islands, expanding Bill Geyer's reach internationally.

Geyer passed away in 2013 following a short battle with cancer, but his positive legacy continues. In his honor, a \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a qualified Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District graduate, of any age, pursuing a career in the medical field. Priority will be given to applicants that played baseball, softball or some other sport. Administered by the Pedrozzi Foundation, the first application cycle opens January 1 and closes March 2. Visit Pedrozzi.org to apply.

Others inspired by Bill Geyer's contributions to the community, may donate to the scholarship fund at the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore either online at www.rotarianfoundation-livermore.org/donate or by mailing donations to: Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, 2117 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Bill Geyer Memorial Scholarship is one of many scholarships established at the Pedrozzi Foundation by community members in honor of family, colleagues, and inspirational leaders. Contact the Pedrozzi Foundation at info@Pedrozzi.org or 925-456-3700 for more information on establishing or endowing a scholarship fund for Livermore graduates.



Rotarian Foundation of Livermore honors Bill Geyer.