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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.

Governor Vetoes Tesla Bill AB 1086, Upsetting Open Space Conservationists

Gov. Gavin Newsom last week vetoed a bill intended to create a path for protecting the 3,100-acre Tesla site, some 15 miles east of Livermore, by allowing it to be sold for conservation purposes instead of being turned into an off-road vehicle park.

The Governor's action stunned and dismayed groups that have been working to protect Tesla. Tesla is located at the eastern boundary of Alameda County, adjacent to an

existing off-road vehicle site called Carnegie which lies just across the San Joaquin County line.

Conservationists note that Carnegie's deeply scarred surface, visible from Google Earth and other aerial photography, represents the future for Tesla that they are determined to prevent.

Both the Carnegie and Tesla sites are owned by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, which has long planned to

expand off-road opportunities into Tesla.

While the Governor's veto upset conservationists, it pleased off-road enthusiasts such as members of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association and the American Motorcycle Association, who have fought for more places to ride off-highway.

The vetoed bill, AB 1086, was authored by Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and co-authored by Senator Steve Glazer,

who wrote an earlier version of the bill that was introduced in the Senate.

In response to the veto, Bauer-Kahan described herself as "extremely disappointed," particularly because there seems to be no need for more off-road recreation area.

"We have seen a huge decline in use of the current (Carnegie) off-highway vehicle park, and after 20 years of litigation and non-use of

(See TESLA BILL, page 3)

Alameda County Mostly Escaped PG&E Shutdown

By Lloyd Alaban

It looks like Alameda County is coming out mostly unscathed following the panic of last week's PG&E safety power shutoff.

Both State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) praised local first responders and emergency personnel for their coordination of relief efforts during the power outage.

However, that burden, said Bauer-Kahan, should have been on the shoulders of the power giant.

Instead, AC Alert, Alameda County's official text and call alert system, handled the majority of the live updates to people in the area, as PG&E's website suffered numerous crashes due to heavy traffic from users looking for the latest on the power shutoffs.

"What PG&E didn't do was keep the information flowing," Bauer-Kahan said. "And failed in updating the community."

There's a lesson to be learned from an emergency in Moraga, where an accidental brush fire sent the city's fire department scrambling in an area without electricity or cell service. Without the "real coordination" of the Moraga Fire Department and other city officials, said Bauer-Kahan, putting out the fire — or even a larger fire — could have proved much more difficult, especially with limited phone service.

Meanwhile, Livermore, Dublin
(See PG&E, page 4)

Development Agreement for Hotel on March 2020 Ballot

By David Chircop

Voters will decide early next year whether to approve or reject an agreement between the city and a private developer to build a hotel next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue.

The City Council last Monday certified a citizen referendum that had been signed by enough voter signatures to either force the council to rescind a hotel agreement it reached with a developer this summer or to put the agreement before the public for a vote. The council voted unanimously to place the

(See REFERENDUM, page 10)



On Oct. 12, visitors to the Harvest Fair at the Dublin Heritage Park & Museums enjoyed old-fashioned fun on a glorious fall day. Festivities included tractor-pull rides around the historic grounds, located at 6600 Donlon Way. See more photos on page 7. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Computers, AI Improve Life As the World Enters New Era

By Jeff Garberson

We are moving toward a computer-augmented world with clean energy from the sun, self-driving cars, major breakthroughs in medicine and few, if any, famines. That's the view of Robert Reichenthal, an optimistic futurist who spoke to a Livermore audience last week.

We will enter that world after a "Fourth Industrial Revolution" that is just getting underway with the advent of AI — artificial intelligence — and the ability of computers to undertake tasks far better and faster than humans, Reichenthal said.

There are still some dangers, largely because we still have the
(See REICHENTHAL, page 8)

Air Quality Sensors Help Dublin Schools Protect Their Students From Smoky Air

By Ron McNicoll

Outdoor-mounted detectors sensitive enough to read the density of smoke from northern California wildfires have been installed in three Dublin Unified School District locations.

One is placed at Dublin High School in the west, the second is more centrally located at James Dougherty Elementary School, and the third can be found at Amador Elementary School in the east.

The sensors will enable the district to help implement the smoky-air policy that the Dublin Unified

School District (DUSD) board approved at its Sept. 10 meeting.

DUSD will continue to use the EPA monitor in Livermore, which operates at a more precise technical level. The district wanted readings closer to its schools, but the cost of an EPA installation is steep, and requires expensive installation, DUSD spokesman Chip Dehnert said.

The district paid \$250, including tax, for each of its three devices. They were hooked up to a wireless network by district IT staff. Building and maintenance

staff installed the devices.

The sensor readings can be accessed online by going to purpleair.com, and typing in a ZIP code. Dublin's code is 94568. For instance, a check of the Air Quality Index readings at about 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 were 63 at Dublin High School (moderate); and 44 at Dougherty Elementary School and 40 at Amador Elementary School (both good.)

DUSD became one of the first districts in the state to adopt a policy addressing what it will do for

(See AIR SENSORS, page 2)

First Pride Day For Livermore This Saturday

By Bruce Gach

Livermore joins the increasing number of cities around the world with its own Pride event this weekend.

The event, set for Oct. 19 at the Bankhead Theater Plaza, was the brainchild of Livermore residents Tracy Kronzak and Amy Law Pannu. Holding it in October just made good sense, because Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day and October is National LGBTQ+ History Month, they said.

"We wanted an event that was
(See PRIDE, page 7)

Canine Comfort Teams Help To Ease Students' Stresses

By Ron McNicoll

The kind of friendship that only dogs can bring to people has helped Pleasanton Unified School District students find it easier to learn their lessons.

Canine Comfort Teams help take the stress out of finals week in the high schools, build confidence inside special education students, and provide a non-judgmental companion to listen to the efforts of students who are learning to read.

The teams, comprised of a dog and its handler, earned Valley Humane Society (VHS) a Purveyor of Hope Award at the school board's Sept. 24 meeting.

When the board posed for an honors-award picture with four of the program's comfort teams, the dogs' quiet attention made board members smile the way kids do when they receive the canine visits.

Melanie Sadek, executive director of VHS, said that one of the programs, Paws to Read, shows how the dynamics of the visits work.

In Paws to Read, a joint production with the Pleasanton City Library, students might be "filled with anxiety, in learning how to read in a public setting," Sadek said.

"Our handlers don't correct the child; they are just making sure

(See COMFORT CANINES, page 8)



Toby is one member of the Canine Comfort Team that visits Amador Valley High School to help ease teenagers' anxiety. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

State Test Scores Are Close for Pleasanton, Dublin

Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) edged out Dublin in the annual CAASPP test results, which were announced Oct. 9.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress test is given to students in public schools and public charter schools. Tests administered in late April

and early May measured academic performance in 2018-19, compared to the previous school year.

In Pleasanton, 78.9% met or exceeded the standard for English Language Arts (ELA) and 75% for math.

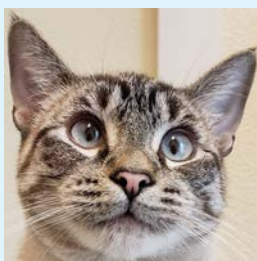
"The 2018-2019 CAASPP scores are one of a number of

measures that help inform our collective work in supporting the success and providing needed supports for every student," Superintendent David Haglund said.

"While we are pleased with our continued high levels of achievement, we continue to have im-

(See TEST SCORES, page 7)

PET OF THE WEEK CHIT



Our friend Chit has a lot to say. In fact, he's usually called Chit Chat and he's okay with that! Chit is a 1 year old male shorthair mix. He has partial if not total hearing loss but that doesn't hold him back from starting the conversation! Come have a chat with Chit at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

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Hertz Hall Planned for Campus Collaborations at Livermore Lab

By Jeff Garberson

The University of California is making plans to renovate the Hertz Hall complex on the east side of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for future campus-Laboratory collaborations.

The complex consists of three UC-owned buildings on land owned by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

It housed the old UC Davis Department of Applied Science, founded in 1963 at the instigation of two eminent physicists: Edward Teller, who helped found LLNL and later became director, and Hans Mark.

"Teller Tech," as the campus was known, awarded more than 400 PhD and Mas-

ters degrees in applied science before closing in 2011 due to financial pressures.

The Hertz name is attached to the campus because of the bond that formed between Teller and John Hertz, the Austrian immigrant who invented the car rental business, founded Yellow Cab, and created a company that became Checker Motors.

Hertz donated funds to build the UC Davis classrooms at LLNL and later started a foundation that still bears his name for supporting graduate students.

In its 48 years of operation, the Teller Tech campus reflected a close partnership between LLNL and UC Davis. It helped the Laboratory develop its workforce while carrying out research collaborations. It also offered

teaching and educational opportunities for staff.

Early planning for the site's renovation began in 2018 with a feasibility study. Last month, UC Regents approved \$1 million in funding for a more detailed project design.

The older buildings are run down and "will require very significant renovations," according to a proposal submitted to the Regents.

Details are not yet available on an eventual operating budget or how many people might be housed there, according to Andrew Gordon, a university spokesman. The proposal to the Regents suggested renovation could cost about \$5-6 million.

Costs would be funded using the University share of fee income earned from oper-

ating the Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy. The University anticipates a proposal for full approval of the renovation effort to be ready by the middle of next year.

Gordon wrote in an email that the project is intended "to facilitate expanded campus and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory partnerships in innovation, research, and education."

If approved, it will "broadly engage faculty and students from all UC campuses with national Lab scientists and engineers and others to address the most pressing scientific and technological challenges of the 21st century."

Complimentary Shuttle Service for Sandia Lab Employees Discontinued

by Mari Chew

For several years the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Livermore facility of Sandia National Laboratories have been sharing the costs of providing shuttle services for its employees.

The shuttle service is operated by LLNL Fleet Management, and provides incidental use of on-site taxis between the Vasco ACE (Altamont Corridor Express) train parking lot and LLNL. Each shuttle has a transport capacity of between 18 and

24 passengers. Two LLNL shuttles are used in the morning for pick-ups at the Vasco ACE station, and two shuttles are used in the evening to transport employees back to the station for their trips home.

Due to recent contract and budget constraints, Sandia will no longer be able to participate in this complimentary service for its employees and contractors, including incidental service for residents who commute from San Joaquin County via the ACE train.

Paul Rhien, Corporate

Communication Specialist for Sandia Labs, concedes that commuting is a challenge in the Bay Area, but that Sandia is very supportive of its employees and is "actively exploring other transportation and commuter assistance resources for our workforce." Sandia is "committed to supporting alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle commuting, including mass transit, carpooling and bicycling," he added.

The ACE train, which is owned and operated by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR), pro-

vides passenger rail services from the Central Valley to the Silicon Valley. The ACE train operates weekdays, with stations in San Joaquin, Alameda, and Santa Clara Counties. Between the Vasco and Livermore stations, the monthly average for San Joaquin passengers commuting to Livermore is approximately 12,250.

The SJRR has no contractual or fiscal involvement in the discontinuance of services, and it is unknown how many of Sandia's approximately 1,000 employees will be affected.

Two Earthquakes Strike Northern California

A pair of back-to-back earthquakes rocked Northern California on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon.

The first, a 4.5-magnitude earthquake that struck on Oct. 14 at 10:33 p.m., was centered near Walnut Creek — around 23 miles north of the Tri-Valley. It was strong enough to be felt as far away as San Jose, though no injuries or serious damage was reported.

The second, a 4.7-magnitude earthquake that struck on Oct. 15 at 12:42 p.m., was centered near Hollister — around 70 miles south of the Tri-Valley. In nearby San Ramon, a chair reportedly could be felt moving back and forth.

Earthquake scientists said that the East Bay and Hollister quakes were not related and are not part of the same fault system.

No Power Shutoff Damage at Labs

Neither Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory nor the Livermore campus of Sandia National Laboratories suffered power outages last week, the two labs reported.

The local laboratories were queried about the possibility following reports that PG&E's regional power shutoff had damaged experiments at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the University of California at Berkeley.

An E&E News article re-published in both Scientific American and Nature, a prominent science journal, said that some experiments on the Berkeley campus and at the Berkeley Laboratory were lost when refrigeration shut off.

Nothing of the sort occurred at the two Livermore facilities, which had continuous power throughout the shutdown, laboratory representatives said.

AIR SENSORS

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students if the air becomes unhealthy, Dehnert said. The district consulted with the Alameda County health department and reviewed state government information, including some from the California Air Resources Board, before coming up with the policy.

DUSD provides a chart of its policy, and the decision points for actions it will consider, posted on its website at <https://www.dublin.k12.ca.us/>. Look for the "District Headlines" heading on the

main page.

Index Limits Activities In the 0-50 AQI range, which is labeled "good," there will be no restrictions.

In the 51 to 100 range, which is considered "moderate," staff will make sure that any sensitive individuals are managing their conditions for recess, lunch, PE, athletic practice or athletic events.

On the AQI, 101 to 150 is described by state and regional air quality officials as "unhealthy for sensitive groups." DUSD "strongly

recommends" indoor lunch and recess for those with asthma or heart disease. Vigorous exercise in PE classes should be pursued for no more than 30 minutes.

In the 151-200 range, which is "unhealthy," all activities such as lunch and recess should be indoors, and exercise such as PE and sports should be limited.

In the 201 to 300 "very unhealthy" range, the district may close schools, depending on how long the air quality is predicted to be bad. If

in session, all activity must be indoors.

In the 300-500 range, "hazardous range," there will be no school. Essential personnel may be called in to work.

In a special word about the N-95 masks that were used by some people in the fire season in 2017 and 2018, the school district says they are not approved for children in California. They also are not recommended for people with heart or air passage problems.

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Courts Must Safeguard LLNL's Whistleblower Rights

On Oct. 12, Attorney Tony Bothwell told the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California that "the government must be required to protect whistleblowers [who] have the courage to disclose practices that harm workers, the public, and the nation." Defending a nuclear weapons lab engineer against the Department of Energy, Bothwell added, "It is the proper role of the court to overturn decisions of the

Executive Branch that otherwise obscure the truth, chill the workforce, and disserve the law."

The San Francisco attorney represents Anthony Rivera, who was fired by Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC in 2013 after he disclosed "serious safety violations" in the lab's High Explosives Test Facility and the Mechanical Engineering Division. A Department of Energy administrative judge in 2017

decided that the lab intentionally retaliated against Rivera for having blown the whistle on safety concerns. But the DOE judge also decided that the lab would have fired Rivera anyway because he told coworkers about being harassed by management following his safety complaints.

Bothwell, in a motion for summary judgment filed with the federal court in Oakland, said the Constitution protects a Livermore lab

employee's right to tell coworkers how he was treated by management. The First Amendment applies, he said, because the nuclear weapons lab performs "government functions" and is managed by a joint venture in which the University of California is the "founding partner." Thus Rivera's employer was a "state actor."

Bothwell was the public affairs director of the Livermore lab in the 1980s when he stopped the Phys-

ics Department from firing Hugh DeWitt, a physicist who often spoke publicly against U.S. nuclear weapons policy. Bothwell later resigned from the lab. As a lawyer for more than 20 years he has represented Livermore scientists, engineers, and security officers who have blown the whistle on unsafe practices.

Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Convening

When: October 24, 7:30-10 a.m.
Where: Hub 925, 5341 Owens Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588
What: A morning dedicated to discussing the importance and lack of affordable housing within the Tri-Valley. Keynote speakers include David Garcia, Policy Director at UC Berkeley's Terner Center for Housing Innovation, and Gloria Bruce, Executive Director of East Bay Housing Organizations. Registration through Eventbrite page required to attend (use link or QR code to register).
Registration Link: [tvpact1024.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tri-valley-affordable-housing-convening-tickets-55491912816)
Schedule:
 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Arrival and Breakfast
 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Presentations
 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Question and Answer
 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Networking

Rail Authority Approves Valley Link Feasibility Report

At their Oct. 9 meeting, the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority Board approved the Project Feasibility Report for Valley Link, a rail service envisioned to conveniently connect San Joaquin Valley communities and Livermore with the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station, including connections with the ACE rail system.

The enabling legislation that created the Rail Authority required that a project feasibility report be made available for public input on or before July 1, 2019. On June 12, the Rail Authority Board received the report and opened the public comment period, which concluded on July 31.

Alameda County Supervisor and Regional Rail Authority Chair Scott Haggerty said, "The fact that we received 144 public comments on the feasibility report shows the level of

public interest in this vital project. All of the comments received were thoughtfully considered and resulted in a number of modifications from the initial plan to the Final Feasibility Report that the Board adopted today."

Among the changes included in the final Valley Link Project Feasibility Report are: 1. Adjusting the project schedule due to updated information on timing of funding sources; 2. Updating the funding plan to include additional contingencies; and 3. Updating ridership estimates.

"The Rail Authority's adoption of this Feasibility Report is yet another important milestone towards implementation of the Valley Link project," said Veronica Vargas, Vice Chair of the Regional Rail Authority. "The commute over the Altamont is one of the worst in the United States and this rail line will give another

alternative to the 87,000 commuters who make that trip daily."

The first Valley Link trains could be placed in service as early as 2027.

Phase 1 of the proposed Valley Link rail service would cover 41 miles connecting the existing Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station to the proposed ACE North Lathrop Station using hybrid train technology. A second phase would extend service from the North Lathrop Station to the ACE and Amtrak Stockton Station. Other proposed station locations in Phase 1 include: Isabel Station; Greenville ACE Intermodal Station; Mountain House Station; Downtown Tracy Station; and River Islands Station.

Initial service is proposed to operate from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., with service every 12 minutes between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station and Greenville Road during

peak hours, and every 24 minutes beyond Greenville to the North Lathrop Station. Trains would be scheduled to allow for convenient transfers to BART.

The final feasibility report can be seen at valley-linkrail.com.

TESLA BILL

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the (Tesla) expansion area, there proves to be no need to see this land decimated," she said.

She also pointed out that AB 1086 would have enabled, but not forced, the sale of Tesla for conservation purposes.

Criticism of Newsom came from Friends of Tesla Park, an umbrella organization that encompasses a wide range of environmental and conservation groups, and includes local and regional civic organizations that support protection for Tesla.

Newsom's veto "betrays the environmental protection principals he ran on," said a spokesperson for Friends of Tesla Park, adding that GoogleEarth photos of the Carnegie off-road vehicle park show what a "devastating fate" awaits Tesla.

Harsh contrast

Those photos are of a moonscape, bare and desolate, in harsh contrast to Tesla, which is covered by the brush, trees and vegetation that serve as wildlife habitat in the rugged terrain at the county line.

Following the veto, Friends of Tesla Park sent a message to its members regretting the Governor's action and vowing to continue efforts "to permanently preserve Tesla with no OHV recreation use." OHV stands for off-highway vehicle.

On a legal front, opponents of off-road expansion into Tesla have sued, challenging the adequacy of the Parks and Recreation Department's environmental impact reviews.

They have complained that the state commission that reviewed and approved

the proposed expansion was populated by off-roaders, not by impartial civil servants who saw their primary duty as protecting the interests of all California residents.

In explaining his veto, Newsom issued a statement that conservationists found bitterly ironic. The statement said that Tesla "was purchased for the benefit of all Californians and should remain a state park."

Turning Tesla into an off-road vehicle park would do just the opposite of benefiting all Californians, the conservationists charged.

Only off-roaders enjoy an off-road vehicle park, they said. Hikers, bikers, horseback riders and families out to enjoy nature stay far away from an area dominated by noise, fast-moving vehicles and dust clouds raised by spinning tires.

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EDITORIAL

Gavin Newsom's Great Mistake on Tesla

We are deeply disappointed by Governor Newsom's veto of AB 1086, a bill that would have created a path to preserve the 3,100-acre Tesla site against the ravages of the off-road vehicles that have decimated the contiguous Carnegie off-road vehicle park for decades.

In explaining his veto, the Governor claimed that he was protecting Tesla "for the benefit of all Californians." That is exactly the opposite of what he has done. Hikers, bikers and equestrians will never visit Tesla if it becomes an off-road vehicle park. The same goes for parents hoping to introduce their children to the beauty of nature. Spinning tires and loud, revving engines are intimidating to all except the off-roaders themselves.

The Governor talked a good environmental game when he was running for office, but his veto of AB 1086 tells a different story. We trust the vigorous conservation efforts being carried out by Friends of Tesla Park will continue. We support their lobbying in Sacramento and their use of the court system as needed. We expect Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Senator Steve Glazer to continue their good fight in legislative chambers.

Tesla is worth saving... "for the benefit of all Californians."

MAILBOX

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B-17 Crash Article Kevin Ryan, Pleasanton

Thank you for publishing the well-written article on the recent crash of the B-17 ("909") World War II vintage bomber.

The article accurately explains the devastating loss of this airplane to its owners, the Collings Foundation, all involved, and the warbird community. For the past 27 years, Collings has visited the Livermore Airport as part of its Wings of Freedom Tour.

We hope that the tour will continue, including available flight experiences.

At this time, until the National Transportation Safety Board completes its investigation, no changes have been proposed.

Scott Kenison: Please Stay

Monica Kulander, Livermore

Scott, my family and many friends are going to miss you, and all your talents are going to be missed more than you can know. We have many, many fine memories of evenings where you introduced us to performers and performances that were far beyond our expectations.

You have continually found exceptionally enjoyable and entertaining acts for the audiences at the Bankhead. Our city is far richer for you having been here.

We wish you and David all the very best wherever you go. Your friendly smile will surely be long remembered around our town and especially within our theater. But if there is any chance at all, please, please stay here and we can rock together again like we did to the Family Stone.

Sandia Stops ACE Shuttle Martin Roeben, Valley Springs

In mid-September, employees at Sandia National Laboratory who use the ACE (Altamont Corridor Express) train to commute from the San Joaquin area to Livermore, were informed that Sandia would no longer sup-

port the LLNL ACE shuttle.

Sandia and LLNL share the cost of this service, which provides two shuttles in the morning and two in the evening. LLNL started providing this service when the ACE trains started running. Sandia I believe has supported it for more than four years.

Sandia management said it was because of DOE requirements. I hesitate to believe this because LLNL is under the same DOE requirements, yet LLNL will continue this service for their employees who commute from the San Joaquin Valley.

This also happened about two years ago when the new contractor took over Sandia. After three or four weeks, the service was resumed. This time, it appears that the commuters are on their own.

Sandia's decision not to help fund the shuttle service will undoubtedly add to the traffic problem on the Altamont and the pollution issues, now that these employees will need to drive their vehicles in to work.

Open Letter to Donald Trump Suzanne Meierding, Livermore

Dear Mr. Trump...I will not honor you with the title of President.

Your actions during your term of office have shamed this wonderful country. The lies, the cover ups, the immoral behavior, the ignorance shown by your not addressing climate change, your weakling stance against gun control...and now allowing our best ally against our enemies to be mercilessly slaughtered!

What is the next step in your heinous plan? Too late to change your decision making it feasible for the Turkish military to remove and kill the Kurds, to undo what you have allowed to happen. As I write this babies, children like your son, mothers like your wife, and grandparents like me are dying — never to be brought back from the hell you have unleashed.

Hang your head in shame, and the same for all those who have supported you or are too cowardly to abandon you.

You bring me to tears as I am made aware of each new day's efforts by you to cause unprecedented, unprincipled, unrelenting damage to me, my loved ones, my country and the world. Will members of your family be #1, #2, to be called to duty when we need to once again use the draft to have enough American warriors to fight off the many enemies you have created around the world? Or, will you offer up your best friend Putin's (and your other cronies') children instead of your own? Will all your relatives have the same cowardly foot issues that kept you

safe at home and out of the military?

Shame on you. Your presidency will go down in history as one of our country's blackest periods.

Interesting, but not surprising, when I attempted to call the White House switchboard and then the White House Comment line for the first time in my 72 years, not only was the switchboard closed, you also made it impossible for a citizen in this once-democracy to leave a comment. Is it that you are unwilling to hear the intense sadness in American citizens' voices — simple, patriotic, ethical folks like me who honestly pay taxes annually, whether we support your actions or not, to pay for your misdeeds and lifestyle?

My parents, both officers in World War II, now buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, are most likely weeping in their graves, joining me and many others weeping for the Kurds, for the immigrants, for the environment, for parents of children killed with assault rifles, for the loss of decency, and the debasement of our Constitution and country.

No, I am not allowed to leave a verbal comment on your switchboard. I can only communicate with you by...who-knows-how? You cannot see my face or other faces, nor listen to these comments, nor hear my cries, nor wipe away my tears. Shame, shame!

Access Parking For Bankhead

Jean King, Livermore

I want to thank Sally Brown for her Oct. 10 Mailbox letter about the many free programs that are presented in the Bankhead Theater lobby and plaza. Sally wrote that there was not enough room to list them all, but I would like to mention the ones for this weekend, October 19 and 20: Saturday, noon to 4 p.m., Livermore Pride Celebration with entertainment, art and games in the Bankhead Plaza; Saturday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Art & Wine Intertwined presented by LVPAC, with music, art and wine (for a small charge) in the Bankhead Lobby; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Diwali "Festival of Lights," presented by LVPAC and Livermore Hindu Cultural Community Center, with entertainment, activities, art and sales.

Sally wanted to know if the plans for the downtown "would NOT negatively impact the ability of the volunteers to park close enough to transport the necessary paraphernalia from their vehicles to their assigned plaza and lobby spots."

Because of the need for more parking in the area around Livermore Ave., in addition to retail, the Central Park Plan provides a garage in the area immediately west of the Bankhead. In the access to the area, there will be two 100-foot long parking spaces that will accommodate parallel parking for five or six vehicles in each lane for a total of 12 vehicles in both lanes. This will accommodate the participants to easily transport their items to the Bankhead lobby and plaza.

PG&E

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and Pleasanton reported no problems during the power shutdown, which seemed to affect only a few outlying areas.

Pleasanton, like many other communities in the county, prepared an emergency center for residents to gather. At the Pleasanton Public Library, there were charging stations, water, snacks and emergency generators for residents in need.

According to Pleasanton Public Information Officer Cindy Chin, the city was well prepared for any anomalies that could have popped up, especially considering the closest PG&E-run

resource center was miles away in Oakland.

"We had an emergency operation center and a disaster preparation plan already in place," she said. "Our city employees are also emergency trained to deal with situations like these."

With fears that the strong winds would reach the valley floor — they didn't — and with PG&E's website down, the city also took it upon itself to provide online maps for residents indicating where the power would go out.

And just like the rest of the county, AC Alert — along with Facebook and

Nextdoor — were instrumental in picking up where PG&E dropped the ball.

"We didn't get any distressing response on our hotlines," Chin said. "We hope that's the result of our frequent communications with residents."

Still, officials, including Bauer-Kahan, are searching for answers that would prevent future wide-spread power shutoffs. Bauer-Kahan said she is exploring possible legislation. "PG&E has put profits over constituents," she said, "when we all should be considering safety."

The Single (Big) Whammy Greg Scott, Livermore

I read, "We think of Hitler as history's greatest villain, but he has long since been surpassed by all of us in our greedy appropriation of a lifestyle that increases carbon dioxide in the atmosphere," in Tom O'Neill's Mailbox letter ("Beware the Triple Whammy," The Independent, Oct. 10).

I respond in accordance to Gary Estee's waxing technoptimistic letter on technology and the Internet on the same page ("Finding the Answers," The Independent, Oct. 10) by searching Google for "Am I Hitler?"

One Google response choice is "No but bananas turn brown when they rot that means they are rotting so I must eat them." (ProProfs.com).

Not that I care to have a personal pique with Mr. O'Neill (again), however I think the comparison of people and our responsibility in the "triple whammy" of human-generated carbon dioxide emissions, the cutting down and the burning of the world's rainforests to Hitler and World War II, is off base at best.

Does Mr. O'Neill or any of us realize how much the carbon dioxide emissions were and how much ecological devastation, along with devastation of humans, occurred to defeat Nazi Germany? By metaphor — the comparison of our lifestyle responsibility in carbon dioxide emissions, chopping down and burning of rain forests to Hitler — Mr. O'Neill writes, "The world response, however, was even more extensive — and you might say it took only about seven years of tightly disciplined activity to shut him down." (?) The estimated loss of 26 million Soviet citizens and 11 million Soviet military to Nazi armies was a "tightly disciplined activity"? The loss, on average, of 12 American soldiers to the loss of every 10 Third Reich soldiers was a "tightly disciplined activity"? The nearly possible total annihilation of British forces at Dunkirk was a "tightly disciplined activity"? Please think again on this one.

Honestly, Hitler and WWII comparisons aside, I think Mr. O'Neill means well with his letter. His reported "triple whammy" of human-generated carbon dioxide emissions, chopping down and burning of the world's rainforests is a dire existential problem for humanity and an even stronger case for this argument could be made than Mr. O'Neill makes. Humans are emitting in the neighborhood of 37 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide and nearly another 7 billion metric tons of other greenhouse gases (e.g. methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), et al.) into the atmosphere per year.

Witness Denver, Colorado, Oct. 9, 2019: At 4 p.m. (Mountain Time), 83 degrees Fahrenheit, a record high. In four hours a 40 Fahrenheit degree drop. Before midnight a record low. In eight hours from 83 degrees it was snowing. In 18 hours from 83 degrees it was 19 degrees Fahrenheit, a 64 degree drop!

Unprecedented! We have explanations of the human-

caused climate disruption now through quantum mechanics, brought to us by the physicists of the 1920s. It has to do with the changing jet stream and quasi-resonant amplification (QRA). We are changing 'atmospheric waves' through our greenhouse gas emissions, such as Rossby Waves. (The Weather Amplifier, Michael F. Mann, "Scientific American," March 2019).

I can relate to the sentiment of the famous 1962 Pogo cartoon caption: "We have met the enemy and the enemy is us!" I cannot relate to the hyperbole that we are Hitlers and the comparison of us and our lifestyles to the mindset(s) of WWII.

In all of this the single, big "whammy" we face is that we are destroying the capability of food web production for humans. The solution is choosing, as my humanities instructor in college said, between being 'renaissance or dopes.'

Mr. O'Neill concludes his letter: "Today, all of us together are bringing ourselves and most other lifeforms into the greatest jeopardy in history, and it seems nothing can keep us from continuing in this agenda." A quote from the brilliant, late cosmologist Stephen Hawking: "I have noticed even people who claim everything is predetermined, and that we can do nothing to change it, look before they cross the road."

Inmates Choose Midnight Release

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

Controversy over the late night release of inmates from the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin surfaced with the death of one at the Dublin BART station a few hours after such a release last year.

Information about releases at a jail in Orange County (Opinion, East Bay Times, 9/18/2019), indicated that inmates there had no choice. It implied that late night releases were so that the jail could be paid for the inmate's bed at the start of the day even if occupied for only five minutes.

Senate Bill 42, the Getting Home Safe Act, vetoed Oct. 12, attempted to give inmates choice and addressed unintended consequences of late-night releases with additional services. (Google "SB42") However, it would not have necessarily put an end to late night releases.

Speaking in Livermore recently, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern explained that if inmates have "a release date of October 11, on October 10 we ask them what time they wish to be released." At Santa Rita, inmates already have a choice and additional services offered.

Understandably many inmates wish to leave prison ASAP when the release day begins at midnight and by law the jail cannot keep them longer. If they wish to hang around until daylight when buses and BART start running, they may do so. Most get picked up by people they know.

It seems to this writer that if the public wants to put an end to late night releases, it would have to change the law so that a release date specifies a time and not just a date, such as "October 11

after 6 a.m." But that would prevent inmates from having the choice to leave just after midnight and may have other unintended consequences.

Honoring Veterans Owen Brovont, Livermore

Tomorrow my wife, Jan, and I are headed to South Carolina to attend a reunion of an old WWII Army Air Force B-29 Superfortress bomber group. As WWII bombers go, the B-29 was the king of the heap; it was powered by four Duplex-Cyclone radial engines each developing 2,200 horsepower and, unlike its predecessors, it had pressurized compartments to fight the fatigue and chill at the 25,000'-30,000' altitudes these gleaming behemoths were designed to fly. Pressurization eliminated the need for donning those head-to-foot lambskin flight suits and oxygen masks that we see in old war movies featuring B-17s, B-24s, and B-25s.

The 504th Group flew out of Tinian in the Marianna Islands about 3,700 miles due west of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands and about 1,450 miles due south of Japan, as the crow flies — though it's not known how many crows embark on that particular journey. We will enjoy the presence of four "veterans" of the 504th BG who made those hazardous 14-15 hour round-trip flights in 1945.

We come together once a year in a city selected by the membership, predominantly second and third generation, to remember the several hundred young American boys, and most were boys, fighting hard to reach their 20th or 21st birthday celebrations. We remember many of those who did not achieve either of those goals. We have held our memorial celebrations in many appropriate venues such as the famous Chapel of the Air Force Academy; it is a solemn occasion during which we announce the name of each of the valiant young men whose life was violently and abruptly terminated.

The value of such sacrifices cannot be reckoned by any calculus with which we are familiar. Our recollection of their full service to America deserves to be acknowledged — Jan and I will do so with grateful acknowledgement of the profound gratitude we owe them for the precious gift of our continued freedom they bequeathed us at the cost of their lives.

A Spiritual Observation Rich Buckley, Livermore

Modern science is entering a new but ancient threshold — a spiritual awakening. Over the past two centuries science has institutionally, officially resisted the recognition of spiritual impulse to the advancement of scientific insights. This resistance appears to be drawing to a close in a concerted effort to conquer Luciferian Deep State global corruption.

Conferences discussing important scientific breakthroughs are more and more being concluded with brief heart-centered guided meditations and prayers, guided in meditation and prayer by leading young scientists.

Livermore is a science-oriented community with mostly government em-

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ployed or retired government scientists composing a large segment of our community. It is within the non-government dependent realms of scientific investigation that this spiritual shift is first occurring.

The Shift: The main meditative thrust seems to be to vest energy conferences and science conference attendees' hearts and minds with a positive loving energy attuned to universal perception of the good and positive. A new generation of scientists are recasting our social practices of acceptable behavior while avoiding dogmas of every sort, even setting aside environmental dogmas seeking truth and transparency and a new openness.

A Response to the Great Spiritual War: We are in a great spiritual war. Luciferian powers of darkness are in their death throes. Decades of endless wars all started with CIA-staged false flags, murdered and attempted murder of Presidents who dare to confront the Deep State, returning veterans suffering from all types of traumas, physical and emotional, all managed through a corrupted media-industrial-congressional complex geared to maintaining the status quo are ending. These Luciferian powers grew strong during the past materialistic era of the last two centuries peaking with the emergence of nuclear arsenals.

We did not know and could not understand until now, the concept of alternate dimensions. Star Trek science fiction gave us our first childhood insights to higher truths and right thinking, and unleashed scientists to publicly analyze anti-gravitics,

multiple engines types for superluminal travel, zero-point energy, and quantum computing marvels. We seem to be entering an entirely new era of the end of scarcity, a time of abundance, prosperity and personal liberty and even a time for full disclosure.

We Are Not Alone: The messages seem to be for each of us to take the good of our religion and leave the rest behind as unneeded baggage. Do not judge so harshly. Seek to enable forgiveness in all its complex forms. Humbly help were you can to assist others, and know that we each have a guardian in an alternate dimension, that can be accessed for inspiration.

Better ACT, Now! Bruce Daggy, Pleasanton

Last Monday my wife and I were driving east on I-580 at Pleasanton after 9 a.m. West-bound traffic was stationary. An hour later, it was still barely moving. This is not unusual, and it meant that cars and diesel trucks were idling for at least an hour between Dublin and Pleasanton. Anyone standing on the BART platform, doing their part for clean air by using mass transit, was being gassed.

Our air quality is unacceptable. Diesel trucks are big contributors, especially when you consider traffic congestion; mpg ratings have little meaning when traffic stands still. The sooner we set a standard that recognizes the seriousness of this problem, the sooner we all get to breathe easier.

To this end, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has been preparing the Advanced Clean Truck

(ACT) Rule to stimulate the rollout of electric trucks. We must do better than the current proposal, which would result in only a few percent of electric trucks on the road by 2030.

As CARB notes, there are more than 70 different models of zero-emission vans, trucks and buses that are commercially available today; that number will rise sharply in the next few years. Please contact CARB and urge them to set standards that will accelerate this necessary transition. More information about ACT and how to contact CARB can be found at ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/fact-sheets/advanced-clean-trucks-act-fact-sheet; or the Clean Truck Campaign at addup.sierraclub.org/campaigns/help-pass-a-strong-clean-trucks-rule.

Livermore Wants Parking Maryann Brent, Livermore

Livermore wants more parking! That has been crystal clear since the City's outreach project during the summer of 2017. An enhanced parking structure next to the centrally located Bankhead Theater would greatly help to accommodate the service, retail, entertainment and restaurant businesses on First Street.

Additional Notes on Electoral College Gary Estee, Livermore

Previously, I submitted a letter concerning the woes and consequences of the American Electoral College system. (Thanks to The Independent for publishing same.) Soon afterwards, the fact that two states used a

process for tallying their electoral votes that was different from the normal one was pointed out to me. (Thanks to Hage Glenn of Pleasanton for bringing this information to my attention.) This letter is intended to supplement my earlier piece.

In all but two states, electoral votes are based on a winner-take-all methodology. In other words, the candidate winning the popular vote automatically receives all of that state's votes. Maine and Nebraska are the two states that have adopted a different approach. Using the Congressional District Method, these states allocate two electoral votes to the state popular vote winner, and then one electoral vote to the popular vote winner in each Congressional district (two in Maine, three in Nebraska). This results in multiple popular vote contests in these states. As a result, it could lead to a split electoral vote.

Maine adopted this rule before the 1972 presidential election, while Nebraska enacted it before the 1992 election. A split vote situation occurred once in each of these states. In 2008, Barack Obama won Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District (Omaha and its suburbs), gaining a Democratic electoral vote in that state for the first time since 1964. In 2016, Donald Trump won Maine's 2nd Congressional District, which covers most of the state apart from Portland, Augusta and nearby coastal areas. It is a fact that Maine last voted Republican in 1988.

This method is known as the Congressional District Method.

It is apparent that the Congressional District Method can more easily be implemented than other alternatives to the winner-takes-all method, in view of major party resistance to relatively enabling third parties under the proportional method. State legislation is all that is required to use this method. Advocates of the Congressional District Method believe the system encourages higher voter turnout and would motivate presidential candidates to broaden their campaigns in non-competitive states. Winner-takes-all systems ignore thousands of popular votes. Because candidates have a reason to campaign in competitive districts, with a district plan, candidates are more likely to campaign in over thirty states versus only

in the seven "swing" states.

If you agree that this method would be preferable to the existing winner-takes-all system, I suggest you write your congress person to support it today.

PG&E Power Shutoff Ruth A. Porth, Livermore

Just a few questions/concerns regarding the PG&E power shutoff: Could boxes on telephone/PG&E poles be put in fireproof boxes? Why don't they make all PG&E underground?

I want to comment, for instance, on Olivina Ave.: there are tree branches lying on the old telephone/PG&E poles. At least PG&E needs to trim these branches off these poles. There are many branches lying on poles throughout Livermore. Just a concern.

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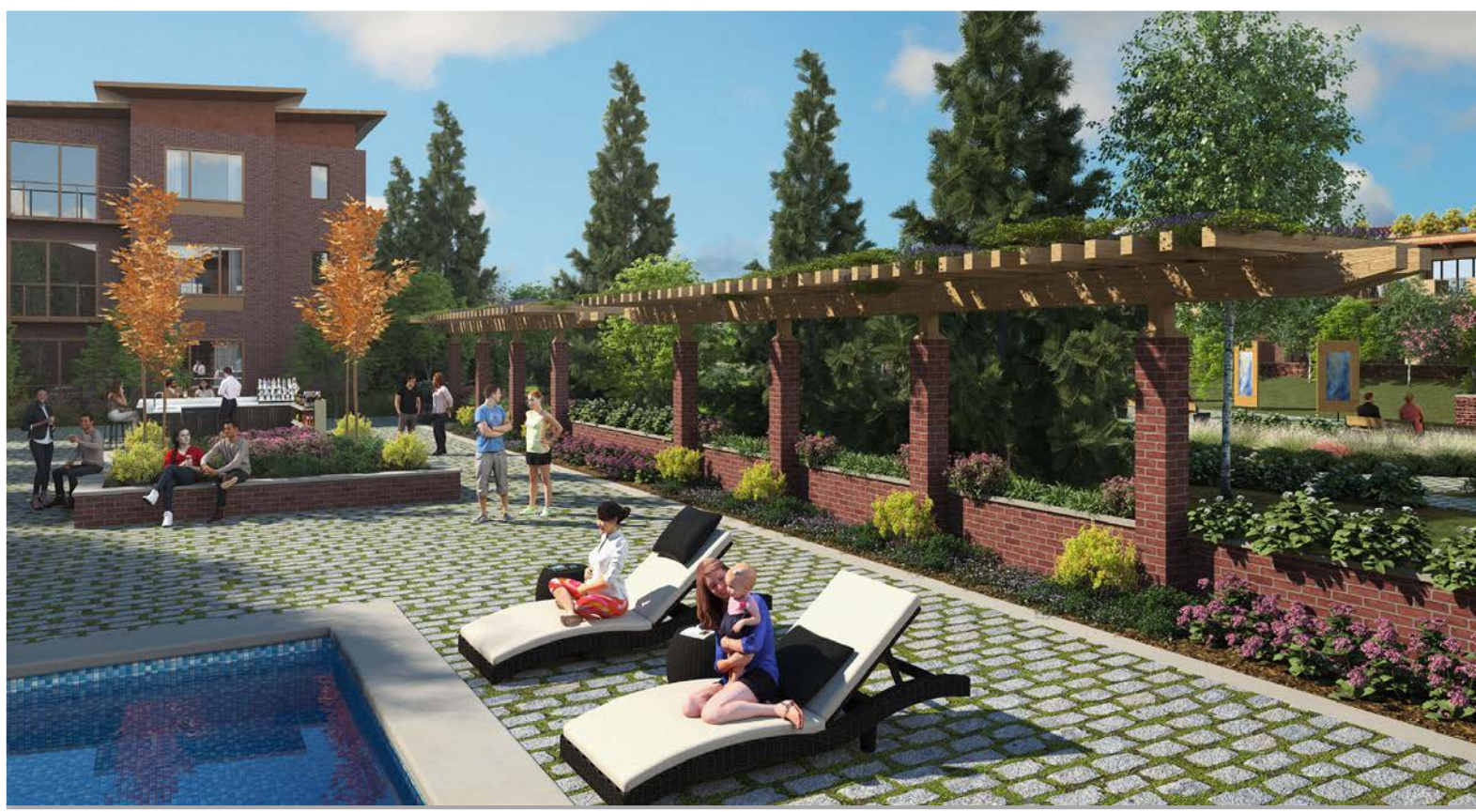
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SPORTS NOTES



Fusion SC's 2007 (U13) Boys Select Bronze played well in the Sunnyvale Alliance Medina Fall Classic.



Fusion's 2011 (U9) Girls Select finished second in the San Ramon Fall Shootout.



On Oct. 11, the Livermore High Cowboys won their homecoming game against the Dublin High Gaels, 16 to 8. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL took on Palo Alto 05/06 NPL.



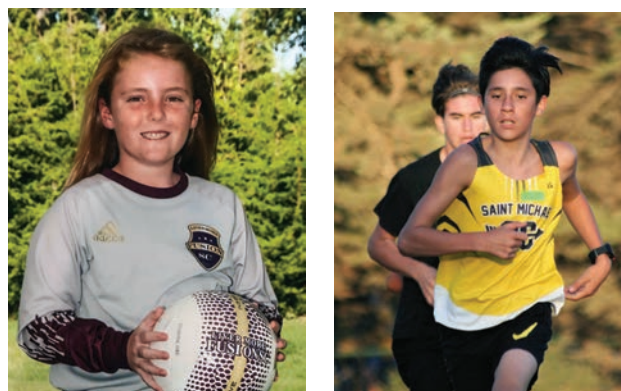
Players of the Week are Josie and Chase.



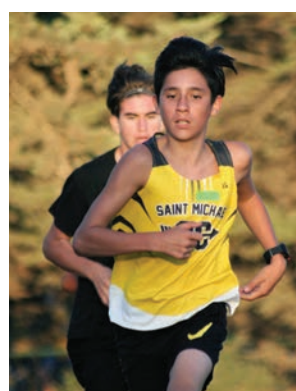
Foothill High School water polo player Jesse Goodman is shown passing the ball on offense. (Photo - Luree Jones)



West Coast Soccer U15 NPL Wildkatz girls are on a roll.



Kylee M. has excelled for Fusion's 2010 & 2009 (U10 & U11) Girls Maroon.



Adrian Gomez raced to second place at Crown Beach.



Amador Valley's Lady Dons varsity water polo team.

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

During the September 29 weekend, while competing in the Sunnyvale Alliance Medina Fall Classic, Fusion SC's 2007 (U13) Boys Select Bronze learned a valuable lesson about never giving up until the final whistle. After dropping two tough matches on Saturday, Coach Mike Graber's team faced Liverpool FC on Sunday with a chance to finish the tournament strongly. Liverpool scored the game's first goal on a second half corner kick to take a 1-0 lead. Fusion equalized when Jaden V set up Tanner M in the top of the box for a shot that sailed high into the corner of the net - in the game's final second! Aiden M, Kyle S and Dylan W played outstanding defense for Fusion. Hayden M led the attack, and GK's Tanner M and Connor M inspired the team with multiple saves. The boys mixed in some basketball between matches and capped off the weekend with a team dinner at Beeb's.

Fusion SC's 2010 (U10) Girls Maroon have been so stingy about allowing goals that, with the holiday season approaching, their nickname might as well be the Fusion Scrooges. Through 15 games this season, Coach Marc Beard's team has conceded only four goals. GK Kylee M has spearheaded the 2010's superb defensive play, keeping a clean sheet for 12 of the 15 matches. Kylee also tends the net for Coach Marc's 2009 (U11) Girls Maroon, which has started league play 3-0 while allowing only three goals. Kylee approaches the craft of goalkeeping with enthusiasm and love," says Coach Marc. Her dedication and willingness to learn have transformed her into an excellent goalkeeper. And, she is also a fantastic kid and teammate.

Fusion's Girls Select 2011 (U9) took second place at the San Ramon Fall Shootout during the September 28 weekend. The team opened the tournament with two decisive Saturday wins. First, Fusion dispatched AYSO United East Bay 2012, 5-1, with Bailey R and Bryssa R each scoring twice and Kathryn H scoring once. GK Addison B played solidly and defender Leilani K made numerous stops. In the day's second match, Bryssa R's haul (4 goals!) and Bailey R's hat trick propelled Fusion to an 8-3 win over San Ramon FC. Kathryn H also scored for Fusion. On Sunday, the girls dropped a 1-3 decision to AYSO United East Bay 2011. Bryssa R scored Fusion's lone goal while Addison B kept the game close with great goalkeeping. Despite the loss, Fusion advanced to the final - for a rematch against the same AYSO United East Bay 2011 that they had just played. Fusion dropped a tough 2-4 decision. Bailey R scored both Fusion goals (giving her 7 goals for the tournament), Addison B continued her strong GK play, and Leah I, Isabella T, Brooklyn B, Sydney B and Leilani K valiantly defended against AYSO's relentless midfield attack. The girls earned Silver Medals at the tournament and look to build on their success.

Fusion Soccer Club's Players of the Week are Josie and Chase. They earned this honor by being Fusion's Rec & Select players who best exemplify the Club's Word of the Week: Fun. Josie plays for the U8 Mustangs Mamas and Chase for the U9 Raptors.

the ball past Wildkatz defense and keeper to take the lead early in the match. Wildkatz quickly answered with a goal of their own as Niella Seesoms sent a pass to Zusetta Zamora and Zamora sent the ball over the Rage keeper and into the net to even the score 1-1. Wildkatz defense shut down Rage attacks limiting them to only two shots on goal. Wildkatz offense continued to dominate play and created ten shots on goal, but could not find the net and the match would end in a 1-1 draw. On Oct. 13, Wildkatz would meet Pleasanton Rage's 05 Premier team for their next NorCal State Cup 'Group Stage' match. Wildkatz dominated play from the first whistle and would be the first to score on a laser kick from Jayden King with an assist from Zusetta Zamora. After an unlucky bounce past Wildkatz keeper, Rage would equalize the score at 1-1. Kamryn Grimes gave Wildkatz the lead as she sent the ball over the head of Rage's keeper on a beautiful shot. The half would end with a 2-1 Wildkatz lead. Minutes into the second half, Zamora dribbled the ball past a swarm of Rage defenders and then placed the ball past Rage's keeper to make the soccer 3-1 Wildkatz. Jasmine Staples just coming back from a long time out due to injury solidified Wildkatz win as she wove the ball past Rage's defenders and then slipped the ball into the corner of the net.

"I'm very excited how we played against two good opponents. We are getting players healthy who have been out for some time now and our team is looking very strong," said coach Dayak. Next up for Wildkatz is the continuation of NPL play with a match in Clovis against Cal Odyssey Oct. 19, and then their final match in the Group State of NorCal State Cup play as they meet Marin FC in Livermore on Oct. 20. West Coast Soccer Kamaria Hughes played outstanding ly, sprinting past Rage defenders on several occasions.

On Oct. 12, the West Coast Wolfpack 09 Girls played against the Mavericks 09G black at Christiansen Park in Livermore. Wolfpack had a 5-0 shutout win. The back line was dominated by defenders Janaya Reser, Alaina Briones, and Taylor Caoili. Peyton Stark and Yasmin Karcher commanded the midfield breaking up the opponent's attacks. Front line strikers Kendall Coates and Megan Silva made several attempts on goal. Makenna Loder started things off scoring early in the first half. Driving the ball from the back of the field, Taylor Caoili was unstoppable and scored twice. Alaina Briones converted a penalty to another goal. Sophia Daniels went on the attack with a beautiful shot into the back of the net. Wolfpack had exceptionally good goalkeeping by Ashley Browning and Makenna Loder with six saves total, and Maya Boosahda helped reinforce the team 5-0 victory.

On Oct. 13, the West Coast Wolfpack 09 Girls played against the 09G EBU East Bay Oaks Gold at Alameda Point Soccer Field Alameda. Wolfpack won 4-1. Starting things off, Kendall Coates scored a goal from her attacking position. Peyton Stark and Yasmin Karcher dominated the middle of the field controlling the tempo of the game. Sophia Daniels and Makenna Loder played forward positions and were creating many shots. Bay Oaks Gold started the second half with a

goal but Ashley Browning answered quickly, scoring one for Wolfpack, and WCS was able to make another goal during a corner kick. Wolfpack's defense Alaina Briones, Janaya Reser and Taylor Caoili controlled much of the game while Kendall Coates finished the game scoring again. Wolfpacks had amazing goalkeeping from Ashley Browning and Megan Silva. For more information about the West Coast Wolfpack 09 Girls visit www.westcoastsoccerclub.com.

West Coast Wicked 04 Girls continued with state cup play this past weekend hosting a familiar opponent in Mavericks SC. West Coast boasts a 2-0 record in past meetings between the two teams. The Wicked showed great ball movement throughout, the team completely controlling the tempo and possession of play. Adrianna Martins received a pass, took a great first touch and launched a 35-yard shot that ricocheted in the upper left corner of the goal. West Coast went into halftime with the 1-0 lead. The second half showed continued confidence on the ball as Indiana Stoneberger, Allyson Thompson, Andrea Castillo, MaryJane Anzo and Sabrina Rogers connected passes to midfielders Miranda Velle, Makeila Yancey, Alexi Ochoa and Madison Herrera. Offensive attackers Aryana Jones, Ella Ferrick and Zousetta Zamora for West Coast began to wear down the Mavericks defense as forward Kaya Scott injected fresh energy into the game, and the Wicked began to exploit the Mavericks back line. Scott assisted with two Gualco scores in the 2nd half to give the girls a 3-0 lead. Gualco has been on a scoring rampage, notching 8 goals in the last three games. Veteran player Mikaela Yancey controlled the tempo of the second half and defender Sabrina Rogers led the back line in keeping the Mavericks forwards off the board to give West Coast Soccer a 3-0 victory.

"The girls did well controlling this game. Our opponent has seen us a couple times recently so they really packed it in trying to keep it close; we knew that we would eventually wear them down and we did," said Coach Dayak. Next up, West Coast Wicked plays their final State Cup first round group play game versus San Ramon FC.

St. Michael CYO Cross Country Team

The St. Michael CYO cross country team began their season with a great performance at the Sept. 20 meet at Crown Beach in Alameda. Against all of the teams from the Oakland Diocese, St. Michael was led by the 1-2 finish of Alek Schade and Adrian Gomez to a first place team finish. Seth Warren (11th) scored, while Danny Enrique (14th), Callan Mak (22nd), Shane Patterson (36th), Zachary Munk, Max Munk, David Wu, Nathanael Resong, and Gus LaFortune also ran well. The grade 6-8 girls also took top honors paced by Jana Barron (2nd), Evelyn Ruckmann-Barnes (4th), Kerrigan Sauder (9th), Mian Lnenicka (12th), and Nora Blair (18th). The grade 3-5 boys were fourth, led by Noah Lloyd (6th), Dylan Walker (17th), and Aaron Aguilera. The team has four meets remaining, culminating in the Diocese Championship on Oct. 18. For more information on St. Michael cross country and track, visit www.smistrack.org

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Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL

Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL took on Palo Alto 05/06 NPL on Oct. 12 in the NPL game of the week. With Rage still trailing MVLA in the point standings, points were up for grabs with the NPL College Showcase only a month away. Emma Fuller started the game with a perfect finish from a cross from Lauren Grgurina. Palo Alto quickly knotted the game from a corner, ending the first half 1-1. Rage settled in the second half with another goal by Emma Fuller with an assist by Lauren Kenny. Then Stena Queirolo sealed the game with a cross from Emma Fuller. The Rage 05 ECNL girls are back in action this Saturday facing Santa Rosa 05 ECNL at 11 a.m. at A Place to Play fields in Santa Rosa.

West Coast Soccer Club

West Coast Soccer Club's 05 girls team Wildkatz went undefeated against Rage's top two U15 girls teams. Wildkatz continued with NorCal NPL Champions League play with a match against Pleasanton Rage 05 ECNL on Oct. 6. Rage came out fast and slipped

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SPORTS

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the top runner for the grades 3-5 girls, and Levi Walker (9th) was top for the grades K-2 boys. Sophia Enrique (5th) and Samantha Itts (8th) were the top runners for the grades K-2 girls. The team has three meets remaining culminating in the Diocese Championship on Oct. 18. For more information on St. Michael cross country and track, see the website at www.smisctrack.com.

Foothill High School Water Polo

The Foothill Falcons had another busy week away from home. The Falcons matched up against Monte Vista Thursday, 10/10 for their 4th league game of the season. Monte Vista, a heavy favorite, went on to win the game 15-3. Scoring for the Falcons were Sanjay Menon with 2 goals and Ian Jones with a goal of his own. Moises Ambriz in the cage had 10 saves and 5 steals. Sanjay, Daniel Kim, Ian, and Eugene all had steals contributing to the Falcon defense. The Falcons went on ahead to take second place at the Aptos Tournament. In the first game against James Logan, Foothill came out on top 9-6. Sanjay, Jesse Goodman, Daniel, and Eugene all had two goals each. Darragh Kennedy also scored a goal on a power play. In the second game against Harbor, the falcons were dominant on offense winning the game 13-8. Sanjay and Daniel led the offense with 5 goals

each. Ian added to the Falcons lead with a goal of his own. Eugene Kruger played a great defensive game with 4 steals and 3 forced turnovers. The final game of the weekend was a stressful one. The Falcons played Willow Glen for 1st place and came up just short in overtime sudden death. Eugene led the team into overtime with 4 goals. Daniel put 2 goals of his own on the board along with Darragh's goal off of a timeout play. Although it was a tough way to end the weekend, the Falcons came out playing a great weekend of Water Polo. This week they match up with Cal High.

Foothill faced a tough 3-8 loss this week against Cal High in San Ramon. Scoring for the Falcons were Eugene Kruger with 2 goals and Jackson Koempel with one of his own. Ian Jones did his part in winning two of the sprints to give the Falcons an early possession. On defense Daniel Kim was able to put the pressure on Cal with 4 steals and two blocks. In the cage Moises Ambriz did his part with 9 blocks and 6 steals. The Falcons play De La Salle next Thursday, Oct. 17 at home.

The Lady Dons varsity water polo team recently took 2nd place in the Inaugural Pleasanton Invitational Tournament held on Oct. 11 and 12. The 16 team tournament was held at Amador Valley High School and The Wave in Dublin after the Foothill

pool was temporarily closed. The Dons were lead by a strong offensive play by senior Lindsey Maddalon and sophomore Lauren Reilly, combined with the defense by senior Megan Reilly and goalies Whitney Dishman and Sophia Shibliq. Amador Valley took an early lead against a determined College Park team. Unfortunately they couldn't hold on and ended up falling to the Falcons by a score of 12-9.

"I really like the direction of our team and the chemistry we are developing," said Coach Tim Reilly. The Foothill Falcons led by coach Fran Usedom finished in 7th place. Seniors Addie Sciammas and Monica Ureno spurred on the offense while Zoe Reid helped the defense. The tournament, which was sponsored by FINIS, was a combination of North Coast, Central Coast and Central Stations Sections. The farthest team (Regghetti High School) came all the way from Santa Maria.

Granada High School JV Football

The Mats took on the Amador Valley Dons for their last home game of the year and they were determined to finish strong. Josh Henninger (8) picked off the Dons pass and ran it back 21 yards to the 49 yd line. Leif Jensen (22) had a good run of 17, followed by a 4 yd TD. XP good. The Mats defense

led by Stephen Geyer (6), Logan Tucker (74), and Mathieu Rocheleau (26) had some nice stops to give the ball back to the offense. (6) ran for 8 yards, followed by more runs by (22) and a nice catch by Eric Hall (5). The drive stalled out, but Diego Iniguez (18) kicked a nice 20 yd field goal with nice hold by Jake Fields (12), allowing Mats to go into the half with a 10-0 lead. FG protection provided by Christian Silva (61), Anthony Pedretti (28), and Kobe Jerusalem (33). The Mats kicked off to start 3rd Qtr with good coverage by 28 and Daniel Waxman (30). The Mats defense (6), Tanner Parker (58) and (74) had some good tackles to stop the Dons. But the Dons #2 took off on 40+ yd run, until Mats Leif Jensen (22) caught him and popped the ball loose, recovered by (6) at the GHS 30 yd line. (33) got into the run game with runs of 9 and 11 yds. Then (6) took off for a 43 yd TD run. XP no good. Diego Iniguez (18) then kicked off and had good coverage, led by Antonio Sotka (7), Lukas Stifter (20), Derrick Martinez (15), and Brian Perez (10). As the game came to a close, (22) had a big run on 4th down to keep possession and work the clock. Brandon Shah (1) also scrambled for 30 yds on a broken play to Dons 20. The Mats closed out the game in victory formation to solidify a 16-0 victory and back to back shutouts.

TEST SCORES

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portant work ahead of us — especially as it relates to closing achievement and opportunity gaps for specific student subgroups," Haglund acknowledged.

In Dublin, 78.4% met or exceeded the standard for ELA, and 73.4% did the same in math.

This year's CAASPP results are a testament to the value Dublin teachers bring to our community," Superintendent Dave Marken said. "They have a gift for

inspiring their students to dig deeper. Exceptional teachers, involved parents, and motivated students help maintain our academic excellence and make Dublin a great place to learn."

In Livermore, 62.9% met or exceeded ELA standards, and 50.1% did so in math.

"Overall, our students continue to outperform the state and the (countywide average) in both math and ELA," district spokeswoman Philomena Rambo noted.

"Over the past five years, our ELA scores have improved by five points with a 0.67 point increase from the 2017-18 school year. Our math scores, while gaining 6.2 points over the past five years saw a decrease of 0.88 points from the 2017-18 school year."

"We still have room to grow. Our district has developed, and is implementing, a district-wide mathematics plan that is focused on improving math achievement"

in all grades, Rambo said.

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) reported that 116,000 students in 18 school districts in the county took the test. Cumulatively, their scores averaged out to 56.6% in ELA, and 49% in math. The county continued to outperform state averages.

Statewide, the averages yielded 50.8% in ELA, and 39.7% in math. A more detailed statistical analysis will be released in December.



Every October, Dublin hosts its free Harvest Fair amid the rustic barns, historic buildings and pioneer cemetery at the Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. Pictured is a romp through a haystack and panning for gold. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

PRIDE

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uniquely Livermore, but still for the entire Tri-Valley," Law Pannu added.

The couple first started organizing the event in April, hoping that a few people would come forward to help. "When we posted fliers downtown asking for anyone who wanted a Livermore Pride event to join us in a conversation, we had no idea what would happen," Kronzak said.

The response was more than they ever expected. "A core group of allies and volunteers appeared out of the woodwork to help bring this joyful event together," Kronzak said.

Throughout the year, various Pride activities are held across the U.S., from marches to daylong festivals. "We wanted a Pride

event that was uniquely Livermore, rooted in connection, community and bridge building, which fit the fabric of the residents of the Tri-Valley," Law Pannu said.

"We are overjoyed that the Livermore City Council voted to fly the Rainbow flag at City Hall for Pride Day," Law Pannu said. The flag will be flown from Oct. 18 to Oct. 25.

Pride Day is free and family-friendly. Entertainment includes live music, cheerleading performances by Cheer San Francisco, the Oakland Gay Men's choir, a comedian, and a children's activity area where storytelling, and face and rock painting, will be available. The first 1,000 attendees will receive a goodie bag with

Livermore Pride Passports to discounts at Livermore businesses and wineries.

"50 years ago, the Stonewall riots were the beginnings of the present LGBTQ+ movement. Every year, it seems as if representation in our society grows stronger, more diverse, and, paradoxically, more divisive," Kronzak said. "It doesn't have to be this way."

Pride Day can help heal those divisions. Kronzak and Law Pannu hope it will become a yearly event and eventually lead to creation of a Livermore LGBTQ+ community center. Contact Livermorepride@gmail.com for more information and support.

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COMFORT CANINES

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Canine Comfort Dog Zoey (above) visits students, offering a calming reprieve from academic criticism and stress. Above right, Toby basks in appreciation from students. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



they give the attention the children need," she said. "The kids see it as positive. 'No one criticized me or corrected me,' they realize."

Paws to Read also gives students bookmarks with the dog's picture on it. They can write the dog's name on it and look at the picture while they are working on reading at home, to recreate some of that supportive feeling, Sadek said.

Canine Comfort also provided grief counseling to Hart Middle School after one of its faculty died in May.

Pleasanton is not the only school district helped by VHS. Other clients involve districts in Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, and Castro Valley.

With 20 Canine Companion teams available, VHS is able to reach out to a variety

of other clients, including the VA Medical Facility in south Livermore, and Hope Hospice in Dublin.

The teams also sit with young witnesses in court in Alameda County, sometimes spending days throughout the length of a trial.

District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has been very supportive of the Canine Companion program, Sadek said.

VHS is also a rescue animal shelter for dogs and cats. It is not affiliated with the National Humane Society or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, so there is no subsidy from either of those organizations.

Sadek said VHS needs \$1.2 million annually to cover all its work. That includes animal rescue and rehabilitation, humane education, meals for animals,

and pet therapy. Some 500 volunteers help support the work. Its big fundraiser, Tails at Twilight, will be held in March at Casa Real Winery in Pleasanton.

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REICHTHAL

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power to make "really bad choices," he said, but if we plan right, the problems should amount to mere "bumps along a positive trajectory."

Reichenthal is an author, teacher and podcast host with nearly 30 years of experience advising governments and companies about emerging technologies and trends. His talk was part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series, held at Livermore's Bankhead theater.

He also served as chief information officer for Palo Alto, one of the top digital cities in the U.S. He has won a variety of awards and honors for his technology forecasting.

Profound changes

Historically, Reichenthal believes, each of the three industrial revolutions to date has brought profound changes to our economies, culture, demographics and health.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is now emerging from the Third. It will bring largely positive changes, although the timing is uncertain and some change may be beyond our power to imagine.

Reichenthal traces the first Industrial Revolution to the advent of steam power for industry and transportation in the 1700s. Steam-powered factories attracted people to industrial centers, while trains allowed people to move between cities and eventually cross great landmasses, such as America and Russia.

The Second Industrial Revolution got underway in the following century, after electricity was harnessed, enabling long-term changes in communication, lighting, lifestyle and many other activities that still influence us today.

"It's because of steam, electricity, and the movement of humans that we started to move into cities, to work in factories," he said.

"In America, just in 200 years, we went from one or two percent who live in cities to 98 percent who live in cities, as a consequence of industrialization."

Reichenthal believes the Third Industrial Revolution was driven by Sputnik, the world's first successfully orbited satellite. Americans could not tolerate the idea that another nation — particularly our strategic adversary, the USSR — could beat us to space.

"We didn't like the Russians having the first space-ship up in the sky looking down at us, and there was nothing we could do. We panicked and said, 'We have to do that, and do it better.'"

Our reaction, he told the Bankhead audience, was technological. We developed the transistor, which led to integrated circuits, which in turn led to faster computers, iPhones and many other electronic devices that became the platform for the Third Industrial Revolution.

Just beginning

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is emerging from the Third and is "just beginning. The big transformation is ahead of us, not behind us."

He expects change in the coming revolution to happen with extraordinarily speed, as trends that once took years to develop now happen in days or hours. As an example, he cited is how quickly it takes selected industries to reach 50 million customers, as the world of commerce and electronic communication evolves.

It took 64 years for the airline industry to develop 50 million customers, he said. It took 12 years for the mobile phone industry to reach 50 million; one year for the Chinese messaging app WeChat; and 19 days for the augmented reality game Pokemon Go.

Change will be global in scope and impact, with software written in Silicon Valley affecting billions around the world, for better or for worse.

Change will also involve the convergence of multiple factors. "Don't just think 'artificial intelligence,' think about 'artificial intelligence plus.' Artificial intelligence plus healthcare, for example."

Take Uber, for instance. Why didn't Uber exist 10 or 12 years ago? "It didn't exist because all the parts required to make it work weren't available."

Just as the rise of GPS

service, online payment systems, big data, social computing and smart phones made Uber possible, the rise of future advances augmented by artificial intelligence — sometimes described as the ability of computers to learn to solve problems — will pave the way for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Beating humans

Reichenthal said that computers have shown in many contexts that they can be far superior to humans in certain applications. Computers programmed with the rules of complex board games, like Go and chess, made use of artificial intelligence techniques to outperform human masters.

Far more impressively, Reichenthal said, a Google team challenged its Alpha Zero computer program to learn the rules of Go and then to decide how to play the game. It then beat a human.

"It did it in blazing speed. It figured out how to play the game; it figured out how to win."

"That's the world we are moving into. That's why this is a whole new day. Because once it can beat the humans, the computer will never go back. The very next day, it's going to be better, and the day after that, better again."

As fast as computers have become, their rapid growth in power probably can't continue through classical methods, he said. He expects that an innovative approach known as quantum computing may get around that limitation and create a way to speed up computing by a factor of a million.

He believes solar energy is the wave of the future, with prices declining as the technology improves and becomes more widespread.

"The sun gives us energy every single day. We just have to tap into it. It is largely free," he said.

He also anticipates the end of the combustion engine within the foreseeable future.

"In some countries we have dates for these things. In Scandinavia, 2035 is pretty much the cut-off point" after which combustion-driven cars will not be sold. "That's not long. We are closer to 2035 than we are to 2000."

"(The cut-off date) is 2045 in India. They won't sell a combustion engine car after that. Pretty ambitious, pretty remarkable. So we are moving to a world of electric cars."

He believes self-driving cars are becoming a reality and should be in widespread use within 30 years. Because future cars will be "connected" — that is, they will communicate with each other through wireless transmissions — it will no longer be necessary to have traffic signals or traffic lanes.

"Cars driving themselves don't care about lanes; they just care about getting you there safely. The lanes are for us."

"We won't need the grid system... We can completely redesign our cities...over decades as we begin to think of the needs of the city differently."

"It's my view and the view of several others that the emergence of autonomous vehicles may be one of the most game-changing technologies of the first 50 years of the 20th century."

On the cautionary side, he said that revolutionary changes to demographics, economics and technology will happen "in the context of a changing climate, and this matters."

He showed time-lapse animation of the globe depicting two centuries of warming, with some regions getting significantly hotter in recent years than the global average, which is about one degree Celsius.

"After two degrees, the Earth becomes very unstable," he said. "This (time-lapse animation) is data from 2015. I just read the other day that the last five years are the hottest years ever recorded."

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OBITUARIES

Frank Bonde

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Frank Bonde passed away peacefully at the age of 90 with his daughters at his side. Frank was born and raised in Pleasanton, Calif., by Hans and Nina Bonde, alongside his brother, Hannie. As part of a farming family, he learned the importance of hard work and instilled these values in all who knew him. He served in the Army during WWII. Later, his interest in farming and construction equipment led him to have a long career with Peterson Tractor Company, where he held positions of increasing responsibility from tractor mechanic to service manager. Afterwards, he worked for Kaiser Sand and Gravel, where he retired in 1992. He was a member of Operating Engineers Union local #3.



Upon retirement, his adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors led him to Montana, where he purchased a home in Condon, near Holland Lake. Frank became well-loved in the community, as he plowed snow for neighbors and fixed mechanical equipment. He was task-oriented and loved projects. He was a skilled tractor mechanic and enjoyed restoring his vintage Caterpillar bulldozers. After several trips packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, he volunteered at the Owl Creek Packer Camp, where he managed the horses and mules for the outfitters.

He is survived by his daughters Linda Cardoza (Bud), Janet McElley (Mark) and Susan Sherwood (Robin); grandchildren Heather Walsborn (Rich), Raeann Cardoza, Haleigh Grant and Shane McElley (Kayla); great-granddaughters Reagan Walsborn and Brinley McElley; as well as many dear friends and extended family.

The family would like to thank friends and family who demonstrated their love for him through their kindness and caring.

Celebrations of Life will be held in California and Montana at a future date to remember this one-of-a-kind, unforgettable character that left us with so many fond memories.

Oscar Castillo Fermin

Apr. 1, 1956 – Oct. 7, 2019



On Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, Oscar Castillo Fermin, a long-time resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 63. Diagnosed in 2016, Oscar fought a long and brave battle with cancer during the last four years of his life.

Oscar was born on April 1, 1956, to Benjamin and Magdalena Fermin in the Philippines. He immigrated to America with the rest of the Fermin family in 1973

when he was 17 years old. After moving to Livermore, he enrolled at Granada High School and joined their basketball team. He continued to show his love for basketball throughout his life as an avid Warriors fan.

In 1974, he graduated from Granada High School and joined the U.S. Army. Stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, he served as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic for two years. He enjoyed spending any free time he had there playing volleyball. Oscar always spoke of his time in the Army with pride, encouraging others to serve their country as well.

After returning to Livermore from San Antonio, Oscar began his career as an Assembly Technician at Xerox, eventually becoming an ATM Technician at Bank of America and later holding the same position at Diebold. He was a dedicated and hardworking lead technician, working plenty of on-call hours while travelling all over the San Francisco Bay Area.

Oscar will always be remembered for his loving, generous and easygoing nature. He was loyally devoted to those he loved most, especially his family. Even while battling cancer, he rarely missed the chance to attend a family gathering or a Warriors game. After coming home from work, he loved meeting up with friends to go bowling and play pool. Oscar was an excellent bowler. From 1981 to 1982, he held the title of Mixed League Champion from the American Bowling Congress. He continued to bring home trophies from participating in several bowling tournaments.

Oscar also had a love of good stand-up comedy and talented blues musicians. He happily introduced one of his nieces to Richard Pryor and musical artists like Stevie Ray Vaughan. On Saturdays, he enjoyed going to the Farmers Market in Stockton, Calif. A talented cook, he was particularly adept at creating tasty dishes with Filipino and/or Mexican influences. He could regularly be found in his kitchen, patiently simmering his special (and secret) recipe of menudo for hours before sharing a big pot of it with his family.

Oscar was predeceased by his father, Benjamin Fermin. He is survived by his mother, Magdalena Fermin, his five brothers (Nestor, Daniel, Jaime, Rommel and Alex Fermin), and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Oscar will be buried with military honors at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, Calif., on Oct. 28, 2019. His Memorial and Celebration of Life will follow the day after, on Oct. 29, 2019, starting at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore at 1 p.m. For more information, please visit www.rememberingoscar.com.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Fermin family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

James Ronald Brown

Oct. 12, 1930 - Sept. 29, 2019
Resident of Livermore

James (Jim) Brown passed away peacefully on Sept. 29, 2019, at the age of 88. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 67 years Dorothy, and son James N. Brown.



He is survived by his daughter Charlotte Brown Velazquez (August), son Gary Brown (Cathy), granddaughter Jennifer Calestini (Chris), and great-granddaughters Georgianna and Angelina Calestini.

Jim enjoyed traveling with his family, playing golf, square dancing, and his favorite activity fishing. He loved watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune every night; he seemed to know most of the answers on Jeopardy.

Jim was a resident of Livermore for 52 years. He moved his family north in 1967 to work for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the Material Fabrication Division, retiring in 1990. Jim spent many weeks at the Nevada Test Site assembling experiments before the test shots.

He was a member of the Masons and active for many years with the Shriners.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Callahan's Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, Calif.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Brown family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Joe Malia

Jan. 20, 1926 – Aug. 19, 2019

Joe Malia, age 93, died Thursday morning, Aug. 19, 2019, at his residence, on his wife Edith's birthday. Married for 71 years, the loving couple are now reunited in Heaven celebrating her 92nd birthday.



Joe, the son of John F. and Isabella Doran Malia, was born in Butte, Mont., on Jan. 20, 1926. He was one of seven children and grew up during the rough and tumble days of Butte. Joe won multi-Montana State boxing championships as well as regional golden gloves titles in Spokane, Twin Falls and Seattle. He was recognized for his boxing accomplishments and was offered a scholarship to Gonzaga University, along with his best friends, Joe Antonietti and Eli Thomas.



Later in life, Joe Malia was inducted into the Butte Hall of Fame. Joe attended St. Ann's Elementary, Butte High School and Butte Central Catholic High School. He left high school at age 17 to enlist in the United States Navy, where he honorably served his country during World War II on the USS Marcus Island in the Pacific Theater, and participated in all major battles of the Pacific.

After the war, Joe returned to education and received a teaching degree from Western Montana College in Dillon, where he met and married his life's partner, Edith Gibson, on Jan. 3, 1948. Together, they raised three children while devoting their lives to education. Joe received an MS in School Administration from San Francisco State University. He began his teaching career in Browning and also taught in Conrad before moving to Idaho, where he continued his career in education as a teacher and later served as a principal in Kellogg, Idaho.

In 1957, the family moved to California to pursue more educational opportunities. Joe taught for two years in Hilmar, Calif. Moving to Livermore, Calif., Joe taught and was school administrator in Livermore at East Avenue, Emma C. Smith, Joe Mitchell, Portola Elementary School

and Adult Education. Joe was an educator for nearly 40 years before he retired from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District in 1985.

He had many interests, including college and professional sports, long distance running, golfing, collecting art and traveling abroad with Edith.

Joe is survived by one daughter, Cheryl Malia-McCall, of Billings; two sons, Rich Malia and wife Patricia of Billings, and Donny Malia of Billings; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Rose (Bob) Chouinard of Billings; sister-in-law Norma Malia Daly of Butte; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Edith; his parents; two infant sons Michael and Patrick; three sisters, Jean (Chester) Stodden, Mary (Ned) Laird, and Lou Ann (Ed) Mengon; and two brothers, John "Jack" Malia and Dan "Unk" Malia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Billings YMCA, Youth and Children programs. A special thank you to the Dr. James Girolami, Dr. Larry Severa, the staff at Tender Nest and Stillwater Hospice for their caring and kindness towards our mother and father.

A celebration of Life Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. Bernard's Parish, 226 Wicks Lane, Billings, Mont. Following the service, fellowship and lunch will take place at Lake Hills Golf Course. Graveside services with full military honors will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, at 10 a.m., at Holy Cross Cemetery, in Butte, Mont. Condolences may be made at www.michelottisawyers.com.

Reverend Father Stanislaus Poon

Apr. 14, 1927 – Oct. 9, 2019
Resident of Livermore



In loving memory and faithful hope in the resurrection, all are invited to pray for Rev. Father Stanislaus Poon.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15 – 5 p.m. Rosary at St. Michael Catholic Church; 6:30 p.m. Memorial Mass, reception to follow in the Church Courtyard.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16 – 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church; Celebrant: Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland.

In lieu of flowers, Fr. Poon has requested donations be made payable to St. Michael School to the Fr. Poon Endowment Fund in support of Catholic Education: St. Michael School, 345 Church St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Poon family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Maria "Mitzi" Josephine Kuhn

Jan. 8, 1919 - Oct. 7, 2019
Resident of Livermore



Mitzi was born at home in Morgan, P., and at age 100, died at home in Livermore, Calif. She had a vivacious personality and a wonderful sense of humor; everyone who knew Mitzi can probably remember laughing with her.

Mitzi loved to travel, and took her first trip overseas after high school in 1938. She and her mother were visiting family and friends in Hungary when the U.S. Consulate contacted them, urging all Americans to return home. Mitzi recalled traveling to Bremerhaven, to get ship's passage back to the States, and seeing Nazi flags and soldiers all through Germany.



After this trip, Mitzi worked in New York City until she enlisted in the WAVES (the newly created women's branch of the Navy). After training, she was sent to San Francisco, where she worked in the Fleet Post Office. In 1945 she was asked to be part of the Army-Navy Coordinating Committee that helped with the international conference founding the United Nations.

In 1946 Mitzi got the travel bug again and headed back to Europe. She got a job with the U.S. Army European Command Intelligence Center, writing reports based on interviews with German POWs returning from the Soviet Union.

When the Korean War started, her mother begged her to come home, fearing another worldwide conflict. Mitzi returned to San Francisco and worked at the Federal Reserve Bank until she met and married Robert "Bob" Kuhn. Bob was a Navy Lieutenant stationed on Alameda, but after their wedding he got a transfer to Honolulu. They loved living in Hawaii and enthusiastically took part in Civic Light Opera productions.

After Bob's release from active duty, they moved back to San Francisco, and he found a job at the fledgling Livermore Radiation Laboratory. Mitzi was dismayed to move from San Francisco out to the sleepy little town of Livermore, but she eventually found activities to enjoy besides homemaking and child rearing. She and Bob were charter members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where they sang in the choir, and Mitzi also sang with a group of women (first called "The Mother Singers" and later "Choralaires"), and the early Livermore Choral Society. She volunteered for many years at the VA Hospital, and took classes in public speaking and debate at Las Positas College.

Mitzi finally got a chance to travel again when she and Bob went to Greece to visit daughter Josette, who was stationed at an Air Force base on Crete, then a couple years later they visited Josette in Italy, and the three of them then flew to Hungary to meet Mitzi's relatives.

After Bob's death in 1982, Mitzi traveled with friends to many countries, including Norway, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Australia and China. After she slowed down in her 90s, she was cared for at home by her son, Dan.

Mitzi is survived by her son, Dan Roy, of Livermore; daughter and son-in-law, Josette and Peter Walian of

Fremont; beloved grandchildren, Connie, Alex, and Libby Walian of Fremont; and three great-nieces, a great-nephew and their families in Pennsylvania.

She was predeceased by her brother, Frank Ivancza, and her husband, Robert Kuhn. No services are planned.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Kuhn family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Raymond Darrill "Buck" Young, DVM

Oct. 3, 1924 to Oct. 5, 2019
Resident of Pleasanton

Dr. Raymond "Buck" Young, an innovative veterinarian at the Oakland Zoo who later served Pleasanton pets and their owners for 20 years in private practice, died October 5, 2019, at the age of 95. He was married 72 years to the love of his life, Willa.



Ray had an incredible life. Second Lieutenant Ray Young served in the Army Air Forces during World War II as a flight engineer and navigator from 1942 to 1945, flying in B-29 Superfortress airplanes mapping the Japanese coastline.

After his discharge, he attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, and married Willa Lurleen Lutzer on May 29, 1947. He graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at OSU in 1952.

Ray did large- and small-animal veterinary work in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, before moving out to California in 1960 to become the zoo director and veterinarian of the Oakland Zoo, located in Knowland Park. As director, Ray oversaw the building of the first exhibits at the zoo that included exotic animals from Africa and Asia. As part of his job as zoo veterinarian, he had to develop ways to treat exotic animals such as lions and tigers without getting hurt or hurting them in the process. Ray's "squeeze cage" design for handling big exotic cats without endangering them or their handlers was one of the first of its kind. It was adopted by several other zoos nationwide.

At heart Raymond was always more comfortable owning his own business, so he left the zoo in 1969 and opened two veterinary hospitals in Pleasanton where he practiced for over 20 years: Town and Country Veterinary Hospital, and Young's Veterinary Hospital. Over the course of his life Ray built and worked in more than eight veterinary hospitals in four states.

Ever the innovator, Ray developed a course of treatment for Canine Parvovirus, a highly contagious disease with a 90% mortality rate when it was first discovered in 1978, long before a vaccine was developed. Using aloe vera gel from plants grown in his backyard and other natural

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ingredients, Ray was able to save the lives of many dogs that would have died without his intervention.

Ray was always busy, whether it was working, exercising or fishing. Ray was an avid fisherman, taking his family on numerous trips to Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, Oregon and New Zealand to catch fish. His favorite was trout, but he'd take whatever was biting. The general rule for fishing with Raymond was to never let him eat more than a candy bar for lunch, or you'd never make it home for dinner if the fish were still biting.

Raymond was a devoted husband and father. He leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Willa Lutner Young of Pleasanton, Calif.; his daughter Patricia Young Toombs (Larry Toombs) of Gilroy, Calif.; granddaughter Erin Melissa Toombs of Atlanta, Ga.; and his sister Mildred Hicks of Montrose, Colo.

A celebration of life service will be held at a future time. The family prefers contributions in his memory to be made to GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Norman Andrew Bonner Aug. 3, 1920 – Mar. 27, 2019

Norman Andrew Bonner passed away after a very short illness following a stroke on March 27, 2019, at the age of 98 at Sunshine Villa in Santa Cruz.

He was born in San Francisco on August 3, 1920, the only child of Alfred William Bonner from Belfast, Ireland, and Nathalia Marie Lundstrom from Oakville. He grew up in the upper Mission Dis-

trict, on the corner of Cumberland and Sanchez Streets. His father came from Ireland aboard the SS Labrador as a child and was a member of the original Teamsters Union, owning and driving a horse-drawn laundry wagon in the City with his father, until the '06 earthquake. Later on, he became a mechanic for People's Bakery and eventually bought his own shop on Eddy St. Norman's mother was one of the first female bookkeepers in the Bay Area, working for an Oakland shipping company, even before women were allowed to vote.



Norman graduated from Lick-Wilmerding High School in 1937, received his BS in Chemistry in 1942 from UC Berkeley (where he met his beloved wife of 63 years, Adela Hurni from Hughson, Calif.). He received his BS and PhD in Chemistry from Princeton in 1944-45. He was then hired to work for the secret Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, where Adela joined him. World War II ended shortly after. They were married in Santa Fe on September 8, 1945. Following their time in New Mexico, Norman taught chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis where their daughter was born, and at Cornell Uni-

versity in Ithaca, New York. In 1953, they returned home to California, and Norman spent the rest of his career as a research scientist at Lawrence Livermore (Radiation) Laboratory.

He and Adela both went back to school and earned their licenses as marriage and family counselors and they also had their own counseling practice.

Norman started hiking with his family in Yosemite when he was five, and his deep love for the Sierras stayed with him for the rest of his life. A dedicated member of the local Hill Hikers group, he enjoyed all of the challenging hiking trails in the area, and as he got a bit slower, one of his favorite places to hike was on the trails of Del Valle where his daughter rode as a child.

Norman and Adela travelled the world, including many trips to Europe, Tahiti and the Hawaiian Islands. In his lifetime Norman travelled from the top of the world to the bottom – from the Arctic Circle near Svalbard, Norway, to Patagonia at the southern tip of Chile. In 1984 he hiked the Annapurna Sanctuary trek in the Himalayas with his daughter Eleanor and son-in-law Richard Anderson.

Following Adela's devastating death from complications of dementia, Norman and longtime friend, Shirley Miramontes Brown, reconnected on a hiking trip in Tuolumne Meadows, and went on to spend the remaining 11 years of Norman's life happily together. Norman and Shirley travelled through the Panama Canal, and to both the Arctic and the Sea of Cortez

to see the whales, and it was with Shirley and a group of their friends that Norman celebrated his 89th birthday hiking in the Swiss Alps. Every summer they continued to return to Yosemite and Tuolumne Meadows together.

Norman and Shirley moved to Santa Cruz in 2017 to be closer to their families.

The words most often used to describe Norman by all who knew him were "brilliant, kind, gentle, funny and fair."

Norman is survived by his daughter Eleanor and son-in-law Richard Anderson; his partner, best friend and loving companion Shirley Miramontes Brown; his "adopted" daughter Rachel Fatoohi; "borrowed" daughters Deidre Gaudiger and Robin Pepper (Shirley's daughters), and Maureen Volponi and Jacky Poulsen; nieces Susan Hurni Nelson, Jane Hurni Besch and Charlotte Hurni Erickson; cousin Margee McCafferty, and numerous Lundstrom and Bonner cousins; and all of Shirley's extended, loving family. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Adela Hurni Bonner.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the family home in Livermore. (RSVP: ihatefog@yahoo.com) Arrangements were under the care of Benito & Azzaro Pacific Gardens Chapel. To express your condolences or share a memory with Norman's family, please visit www.pacificgardenchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers, light a candle in his honor wherever you may be. Or contributions can be made to: The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife

Fund, Regional Parks Foundation, Guide Dogs for the Blind, or any group close to your heart.

Hildi Kang

July 3, 1934 – Oct. 9, 2019

Hildegard Kang was an adventurer, scholar, musician and teacher. Born in Oakland, Calif., she was raised by her grandmother after her parents passed away in her youth. A graduate of Oakland Tech, Hildi attended Cal-Berkeley, majoring in English. While in college, Hildi attended First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, singing in the choir. Also at Cal-Berkeley she met her future husband, Sang-Wook Kang, and was married in 1958.



They moved to Troy, N.Y., for her husband's graduate school, and later to Clarence Center, N.Y. Hildi fell deeply in love with rural New York. Their three children were born in New York and the young family happily grew.

After 17 years in New York, the family moved back to California in the mid-1970s. In Livermore, Hildi went back to school and earned an MA in Special Education. She worked for two decades in the Livermore school district, working with learning disabled students.

She backpacked the Sierras, and rode bicycles across Montana and Southern France. She was endlessly curious and open to new experiences. She stayed overnight at a Buddhist temple in Korea long before it was popular. In 1999, almost as soon as it was possible to go, Hildi and Sang-Wook spent four weeks on the Silk Road, traveling from Beijing, through Urumqi, Kashgar, eventually ending up in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Music was also a central part of her life. As a young child, Hildi played piano and directed the children's choir. In New York, she practiced guitar and sang in the choir at Randall Memorial Baptist Church. At age 72, Hildi began cello lessons, eventually becoming competent enough to play with the Livermore-Amador Symphony Orchestra for years, retiring in 2019.

As an award-winning author she published over 11 books: children's books, scholarly books, and books about her family. Her most successful book was "Under the Black Umbrella: Voices from Colonial Korea: 1910-1945," Cornell University Press.

Hildi passed away peacefully on Oct. 9, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Sang-Wook Kang; their children Laura, David and Steven; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., at Cedar Grove Community Church in Livermore, Calif. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Hildi's name to the charity of your choice.

Livermore K9 Foundation Donation Allows Livermore to Welcome Drax

On July 22, the Livermore K9 Foundation donated to the Livermore Police Department a check for \$10,248 for the purchase of their newest K9: Drax, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois who is partnered with Officer Rob Leiva. Drax and Officer Leiva recently completed K9 training and are now working on the streets of Livermore. Drax is

trained in apprehension, narcotics and firearms recovery.

Since its 2017 start, the Livermore K9 Foundation's mission has been to promote training, safety and the health of Livermore law enforcement K9's throughout their career and retirement. Through local fundraisers and monetary donations, the foundation continues to support K9's by paying

for replacement dogs, community education, protective gear and equipment, and specialized schools along with medical expenses for retired K9's.

"K9's are not only a valuable tool for crime fighting, they are also great assets while building relationships within the community," said Livermore K9 Foundation President Mary Hoblitzell.

"The Livermore Police K9 Foundation is happy to be a part of such an important community endeavor, as the Livermore Police Department strives to build stronger community partnerships. We thank the community in advance, because without their support we would not be able to achieve such success."

Visit livermorek9.org.



Livermore K9 Foundation presented a check to the Livermore Police Department to fund a new, hardworking member of the force: Drax, a Belgian Malinois, pictured with partner, Officer Rob Leiva.

REFERENDUM

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agreement on the March 3, 2020 ballot. As a result, the development agreement is suspended, pending the vote.

The referendum effort was launched after the Livermore City Council signed off on a development agreement on July 29 with 2205 Railroad Avenue LLC, an offshoot of the Davis-based developer Presidio Companies.

Under the 30-year agree-

ment with the city, Presidio would design, build and operate a three-story, 125-to 135-room hotel with a rooftop deck and conference space on what is now a city-owned parking lot on the southeast corner of Railroad and S. Livermore avenues. Construction of the project is projected to begin no later than May 2021, with an opening no later than November 2022.

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

The group does not want the development agreement to interfere with the Central Park Plan initiative set for the November 2020 ballot, giving voters a west side alternative to the city's east side hotel. They say there is room on the west side to build a resort hotel that's larger, full-service, and offers an upscale restaurant; this would attract leisure and business travelers to the

wineries and downtown.

To qualify for the ballot, supporters of the referendum were required to collect and submit to the city clerk at least 5,269 signatures, representing 10% of the 52,692 registered voters in Livermore, within 30 days of the city's approval of the development plan.

Referendum supporters submitted 10,203 signatures before the deadline. The

city clerk then forwarded the petition, along with 67 written requests by voters to withdraw their signatures, to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. A random sample of 500 signatures on the petition were examined and compared with voter signatures on file. Based on a state-approved formula, 7,244 were found to be valid, more than enough signatures to qualify.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563130

The following person(s) doing business as: Sew Femme, 220 Wood Street Unit 602, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Madeline Burchard, 220 Wood Street Unit 602, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Madeline Burchard, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4640. Published September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563126

The following person(s) doing business as: BizWorks Partners, 461 S. I Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Viegas, 461 S. I Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 1, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Linda Viegas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4641. Published September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563019

The following person(s) doing business as: Black Cat Boutique, 5845 Rainflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Y. Cavallero, 5845 Rainflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Nicole Y. Cavallero, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 5, 2019. Expires September 5, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4643. Published September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563779-61

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Kanimar

Imports, 2. Kanimar, 3. Kola-mandala, 5423 Evelyn Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Curtis John Degler, 5423 Evelyn Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Curtis John Degler, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 24, 2019. Expires September 24, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4644. Published October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563631

The following person(s) doing business as: Semicore Equipment, Inc., 470 Commerce Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Semicore Equipment, Inc., 470 Commerce Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: November 23, 1998. Signature of Registrant/s: Matthew M. Hughes, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 19, 2019. Expires September 19, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4645. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563582

The following person(s) doing business as: Kirkpatrick Handyman Service, 1452 N. Vasco Rd #182, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Kirkpatrick, 1452 N. Vasco Rd #182, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 18, 2019. Signature of Registrant/s: Michael Kirkpatrick. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 18, 2019. Expires September 18, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4646. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 564021

The following person(s) doing business as: Happy Tails, 1396 Juliet CT, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Andrea Coelho and Lisa Lord, 1396 Juliet CT, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Andrea Coelho, Co-Owner, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 1, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4647. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563706-707

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Visionary Digital Solutions, 2. Sophia Consulting, 2260 Jeffrey Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sophia enterprises, LLC., 2260 Jeffrey Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Linda Ellis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 23, 2019. Expires September 23, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4648. Published October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 564197

The following person(s) doing business as: Rutter and Company, 25200 Carlos Bee Blvd #37, Hayward, CA 94542, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James A Rutter, 25200 Carlos Bee Blvd #37, Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: James A. Rutter, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 7, 2019. Expires October 7, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4649. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 563974

The following person(s) doing business as: Madison Vineyards, 3150 Reed Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Madison Vineyards, 3150 Reed Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Tony Delumen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 30, 2019. Expires September 30, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4650. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 564312

The following person(s) doing business as: Cali Window Cleaning, 595 Adelle Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Seibel, 595 Adelle Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Thomas Seibel, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 10, 2019. Expires October 10, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4651. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 564325

The following person(s) doing business as: Fracisco Realty & Investments, 2207 Third Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick Joseph Fracisco, 2604 Lylewood Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Patrick Joseph Fracisco, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 11, 2019. Expires October 11, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4652. Published October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019.

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English Fluency Celebrated by LVJUSD Community

The Livermore High School Premier Quartet greeted guests with classical music as they entered the gymnasium at Granada High School for the annual Reclassification

Ceremony held on October 8. Families, principals and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) leaders celebrated 141 students who have achieved fluency in

English, their second language. These students represent the many native languages, including Arabic, French, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Marathi, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Tamil.

English Learners demonstrate fluency - and are eligible for reclassification - when they are able to perform successfully in core academic subjects without the support of English Language Development (ELD) instruction. Younger students show readiness by meeting grade-level standards using English. Older students show readiness through a combination of earning a B or better in their English course, passing the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC), and

meeting or exceeding standards on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) state test in English Language Arts.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Biondi congratulated the students in both English and Spanish. "Our reclassified students are an inspiration! It is especially impressive that they achieved reaching grade level academic standards while developing full proficiency in English," he said. "This is an outstanding accomplishment, and we congratulate them."

Lawrence Elementary School Principal Kristie Starkovich attended the event to celebrate Leo, who came to her school as a kindergartner speaking French. He achieved reclassification in just one year and is now

helping his parents learn English.

"This event helps everyone realize the importance and meaning of the reclassification achievement," she stated. "To see all of these students learning and thriving with a new language, and being recognized for the significant effort that takes, was wonderful to witness. What helps give this event meaning is how the community comes together to celebrate this huge accomplishment."

Attaining fluency in English is a first step in these students' ability to earn the California Seal of Bilingualism upon graduation from high school.

Superintendent Kelly Bowers said, "All 141 of these students we celebrate tonight are now bilingual, a valuable asset in our global society. I am grateful to the team of dedicated educators and families who support our students in achieving this milestone."



Students say the Pledge of Allegiance at the Reclassification Ceremony held at Granada High School in Livermore on Oct. 8.

Go Green Initiative's Internship Program Trains Leaders

Since its inception in 2017, the Go Green Initiative's Summer Internship program continues to train high school and college level students in marketable career skills while learning the importance of sustainability.

During the summer of 2019, the Go Green Initiative hired 33 high school and college level interns — the biggest class yet — to benchmark the energy use of all 15 Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) campuses and 24 City-owned facilities. The interns worked extensively to analyze electric and natural gas bills through the EPA's Energy Star Portfolio Manager. By analyzing data, the interns developed findings and made recommendations to PUSD and the Pleasanton city council in the form of reports and live presentations.

Through the program, the interns worked a total of nine weeks. Each intern was exposed to energy policy and climate change research, the challenges of enacting change at a local level, advocacy on behalf of their community, and the

experience of completing a university-level project.

"Learning how to present accurate and well-researched information quickly and thoroughly was definitely one of the largest takeaways this internship has provided me," said an intern attending UC Irvine. "While I was familiar with finding reliable sources and creating basic slide presentations, I never had to put one together in the short time frames that we did during the presentations. The internship also exposed me to different resources I can use in the future in a professional, workplace environment."

Interns used public transportation to take field trips to Oracle's Pleasanton campus and the Dublin San Ramon Water Services District water treatment facility. At Oracle, the interns saw solar panels and fuel cells in use, and got inside information on how Oracle uses technology to manage all the functions of the buildings, including energy. At the water treatment facility, interns learned how wastewater byproducts can be directed

to an anaerobic digester to create electricity.

In addition to the energy benchmarking project, the interns were asked by the City of Pleasanton to interview community members to further understand residents' knowledge and opinions on recycling, composting and waste management in Pleasanton. Information was collected through focus group discussions among various stakeholders found within the community. By doing this, interns had the chance to facilitate a discussion and perform the various roles needed to hold a focus group discussion.

"I've learned significantly more about environmental issues and the efforts to combat climate change. The news pelts us with all of these doomsday reports, so it often feels like there is nothing being done," said an intern attending UC Davis. "I was surprised to see how many projects the City of Pleasanton had dedicated to sustainability. Despite the Climate Action Plan, which was an impressive road map, the city had several

water management plans. I didn't give enough credit to state and local government. Another major thing I've learned is how local government works. I was aware that we had a mayor, city council, and staff, but never understood their perspective. Having Councilman Penton and the City Manager present was valuable because it gave me a greater appreciation for local government."

Started in 2002, the Go Green Initiative is a Pleasanton-based organization helping schools at every grade level (from pre-school through university) develop tailor-made "Go Green" plans that help them set goals to conserve resources, and the tools to measure their success. Schools have a profound impact on communities — both by saving precious resources today, and by teaching kids how to be environmental stewards for a lifetime. The program has always been free and accessible to any school, anywhere.

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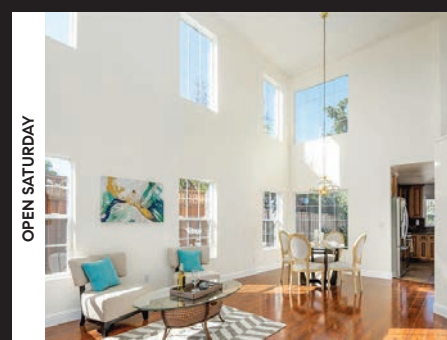
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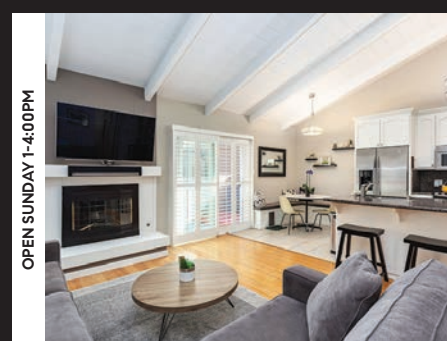
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Floating Pumpkin Patches Pop Up in the Valley

Three splash hit “Floating Pumpkin Patches” are returning to the Tri-Valley this fall.

Livermore

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Pool Pumpkin Patch takes place on Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Robert Livermore Aquatics Center, 4444 East Ave.

Participants choose a pumpkin floating in the pool patch, then design and carve it. The participation fee is \$10 for

residents or \$15 for nonresidents, and participants must register online. There is no charge for parents or guardians not participating. All ages are welcome.

Visit larpd.org.

Pleasanton

Pleasanton’s Floating Pumpkin Patch makes its fifth return to the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event invites participants to swim into the “pumpkin patch” and pick out their own

pumpkins.

Parents should be ready to get in with children who are not comfortable swimmers in three feet of water. Participants enjoy games, pumpkin decorating and recreational swim. Costumes are highly encouraged for all ages.

To ensure there are enough pumpkins, registration is required at www.pleasantonfun.com. Participants are \$12, and spectators are \$3.50. The aquatics center is located at 4455 Black Ave.

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Pumpkins ready to become part of the Floating Pumpkin Patch at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton

Celebrating Ten Years of Lineage

By Laura Ness

It was a sold out, semi-formal party that filled the barrel room of The Palm Event center with fans, friends and family in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Lineage, the flagship wine brand first released in 2009 by fifth generation vintner, Steven Mirassou.

Dressed in formal and semi-formal attire, guests enjoyed 2013 La Rochelle Blanc de Noir and passed hors d'oeuvres by Beets Catering, as they posed for photos and exchanged anecdotes of how they came to be part of this important chapter in the history of winemaking in the Livermore Valley. Some remembered joining the Steven Kent Winery club when the Mirassous were still sharing a table with the late Ivan Tamas, back in the late 1990s. Most joined as the flagship cabernets from SKW brought new attention to the potential of the AVA in the early 2000s.

wines in the world, that set a new standard for Livermore winemaking with its first vintage in 2007.

No single winemaking effort has sparked so much buzz, both inside and outside the region, inspiring other winemakers in the valley to step up their game, thereby raising forever the quality benchmark.

The evening really kicked into high gear when the entire Lineage team, including Steven Mirassou, brand manager Nancy Castro, Steven's father Steve and his step-mother Lynn, his son Aidan, and assistant winemaker Beth Refsnider greeted guests in a receiving line. At each place setting awaited five vintages of Lineage, selected by Mirassou.

Attention turned to a video chronicling the inspiration behind the wine.

"It's a quest," Aidan said. "My first harvest was 2014. It is daunting to take the mantle from my Dad. It's a feeling that's hard to describe."

percentages of any given component made such a huge impact on the outcome. Perfection is elusive.

"I have more vintages behind me than in front of me," Mirassou said. "It doesn't make sense to make wines that are 'just ok.' We have an opportunity to create something great. Something life-changing, something worthy of age, attention and love."

With that guests toasted him and each other, as they dug into four courses, beginning with the 2011 Lineage paired with a salmon and spinach salad, the 2007 paired with a wild mushroom risotto topped with crispy prosciutto, and the 2013 alongside the main course of braised short ribs atop buttermilk mashed Yukons, ginger-glazed carrots and a demi-glace made with the 2016 Lineage, which also made an appearance. The cheese course, which included Lineage-infused figs, dark chocolate fudge

2007 and risotto won by a landslide.

"Overall, Beets did an amazing job with the pairings. We could not be happier with how the evening turned out," she said.

But it was the remarks by Steven's father, Steve Mirassou, who Steven jokingly gave 30 seconds to speak, that provided the underpinnings to the story.

"I'm supposed to tie myself into the Lineage story," he said. "But it's really Steven's baby. How do I fit in?"

In 1966, he approached his father and an uncle about getting into the consumer side of the wine business. Up until then, the Mirassous had been growers in Monterey, where they had planted vineyards in the early 20th century. They produced only bulk wine. Steve Mirassou wanted something more.

He and his cousins decided to make 25 cases of wine, the minimum to enter the nascent Monterey Wine Competition. They'd need a tasting room: they'd also need to do marketing. Realizing they didn't know anything about this part of the business, they hired Robert Mondavi to consult with them.

"Bob didn't think much of our wines, so he brought a bunch of bottles of 1959 first growth Bordeaux's to dinner one night for us to try," Steve said. "This was way beyond my budget. I had never tasted anything like it. My life was forever changed."

He recalled how Steven, after living on the East coast for 10 years for college, came back to California looking for a job in 1992. He had no interest in wine.

"Somehow, he got involved in the wine business, and never left," Steve said.

They started Steven Kent Winery in 1996, and the rest is history in the making.

FLOATING PUMPKINS

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Dublin

Dublin is hosting its Floating Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Wave, 4201 Central Parkway (Emerald Glen Park).

Participants aged 3 and older will float in to find the perfect pumpkin, followed

by pumpkin decorating and swimming. For ages 3 years and older. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Oct. 23, to receive a pumpkin. Fees are \$12 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents, and \$6 for entrance only.

Visit www.thedublin-wave.com.

The Fantasticks Opens at the Firehouse on November 2



The Fantasticks is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, and their two fathers who try to keep them apart. The narrator, El Gallo, asks audiences to use their imaginations to follow him into a world of moonlight and magic. The boy and girl fall in love, grow apart, and finally find their way back to each other after realizing the truth in El Gallo's words: "Without a hurt, the heart is hollow."

The Tri-Valley Repertory's production of The Fantasticks opens on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. Additional performances take place on Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Shows, rated PG, take place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

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

The crew includes Director Lexie Lazear, Musical Director Sierra Dee-Rankin, Choreographer Erin Carrino, and Producer Kathleen Breedveld.

The cast features Joshua Gonzales as El Gallo, Brenna Sammon as Luisa, Matt Skinner as Matt, Jim Rupp as Hucklebee, G. Scott Phillips as Bellomy, John Blytt as Henry, M. Javi Harnly as Mortimer, and Kate Henderson as the Mute.

Tickets, \$25-\$41, are available at www.firehousearts.org, 925.931.4848, or at the Firehouse box office.

Visit www.trivalleyrep.org.



Left to right: Melody O'Shea, Marsha Rubis, Tracy Campisi, Cindy Johnson, Angela Libby, Jennifer Fazio, Remily El-Sayed

But it was Steven Mirassou's creation of Lineage, the iconic Bordeaux-style blend that he intended to be on par with the greatest

Blending starts in February and ends in July. Refsnider described it as humbling and inspiring, marveling at how tweaking tiny

and bittersweet truffle, did the 2014 Lineage proud.

When VP of Operations for SKW/Lineage, Jennifer Fazio, asked the crowd for their favorite pairing, the



Towne Center Books opened in Livermore last weekend, although the Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Lions Attend Leadership Forum

The 43rd USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum took place September 19-21 in Spokane, Wash. Ben Barrientos, the President of the Livermore Lions Club, along with his wife Ann, attended the event. This forum is held annually in either the U.S. or Canada.

Available to all 1,600-plus Lions who came to the forum were four different seminars each day, with topics including Training Leader Dogs for the Blind, Creating Successful Youth Projects, Building a World without Blindness, Grant Writing for Vision Equipment, Synergy Through Action, and an update on the Diabetes Research at the City of Hope in Southern California.

Lions Leadership Forums are designed to offer leadership education and information. It provides an opportunity for Lions from

all 50 states and Canada to meet, share ideas, and grow as Lion leaders while having a fun time doing it.

Next year the Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Louisville, Ky., and the following year in Des Moines, Iowa. Ben and Ann have already signed up for Louisville, home to the Kentucky Derby, the mint julep, Louisville Slugger bats, the signature open-

faced sandwich called the Hot Brown, and of course Kentucky bourbon.

The Livermore Lions Club meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Emil Villa's Restaurant on Pacific Avenue. All are welcome to attend. The Club's next scheduled event is the Christmas Boutique, held on Saturday, November 2, at the Bothwell Arts Center on 8th St.

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The Foothill High School Marching Band and Color Guard will lead the way as 35 high school and middle school bands march down Pleasanton's Main Street at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, in the 45th annual Band Review. All are invited to an exciting and enjoyable day and evening of music and entertainment. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Moms Demand Action Meeting

With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Moms Demand Action is focusing on education and prevention around this issue at the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4466 Black Ave., Pleasanton, in Room C Youth Room (2nd driveway, building behind sanctuary).

They will be promoting common sense gun laws, responsible firearm storage, and survivor awareness. Attendees will learn ways to help reduce gun violence both locally and nationally, starting with simple actions. New members are always welcomed and valued.

Those interested are also invited to stop by the Moms Demand Action booth at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 to 11 a.m.

Frightmare Looks Forward to Scaring You

Are you ready to face your worst nightmares? Mr. Fright and his monsters are BACK for 2019, three nights only.

"In our 6th season, you will be forced to face all your worst fears to find your way out," said creator Steve Profumo.

Frightmare Home Haunt is a free haunted house (though donations are appreciated), located at

697 Sonoma Ave. in Livermore (across the street from Granada High School). It will be open on three nights: Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 to 11 p.m., and on Halloween, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Frightmare is recommended for ages 10 and up.

"If you can't handle all the scares, we do offer a special Lights On Tour, on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m.," Profumo said. "You will get to travel through the haunted house with the lights on, and sometimes we offer up some behind-the-scenes info as we guide you through. There will be NO scares during the Lights on Tour; all monsters will be resting. This event has gained popularity each year with the younger kids who can't quite handle all the scares."

Frightmare will be collecting canned foods for Tri-Valley Haven, but no donations are required to enter the haunt.

"We look forward to scaring you!" said Profumo. To learn more, visit FrightmareHomeHaunt on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.



Chilling scenes await visitors to the Frightmare Home Haunt in Livermore.

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Livermore's 5th annual DOGtoberfest was held on Oct. 13 at Robert Livermore Community Center Park. Highlights of the day included canine demonstrations, rescues for adoption, dog contests for best costume and ugliest dog, and a pet/owner lookalike competition. The event is hosted by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Rotary Hosts Halloween Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is hosting a Halloween Spirit Run on Sunday, Oct. 27, under the arch on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. The event features 5K and 10K courses, plus a Kids Challenge for youths aged 12 and younger. Tickets for the 5K and 10K are \$45 (price increases

after Oct. 25), and \$15 for Kids Challenge.

Proceeds support scholarships for Pleasanton students and community, and international projects of The Rotary Club of Pleasanton. For the past 25 years, the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's annual Spirit Run on Father's Day event has raised

over \$1 million for scholarships benefiting local high school graduates. The run has also funded community grants for dozens of local nonprofits, as well as wheelchairs for those in need.

Visit www.halloween-spiritrn.com.

Art & Wine Intertwined Celebrates Art, Music and Wine



“Dive” by Joel Salinas III at Art & Wine Intertwined.

Art & Wine Intertwined brings together art, live music and local wineries to the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Singer/songwriter James Bacon returns by popular demand for another entertaining afternoon filled

with songs, stories and wry observations on life. Local offerings from Big White House, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Wood Family Vineyards, and Nella Terra Vineyards will be available for tasting (\$2 each, or three for \$5).

Currently on exhibit

at the Bankhead Gallery is “Where Art & Nature Meet,” featuring more than 60 works of art — including 20 by featured artist Bettie Goosman on display in the Founder's Room. The exhibit reflects the wonders of the natural world with birds, animals, flora and landscapes portrayed in a wide range of medium including drawings, paintings, photographs and mixed media works. Goosman's watercolor paintings possess a rich quality of light, and highlight the beauty of landscapes from her native South Africa to the glorious canyons of the west, as well as local Livermore vineyards.

Art & Wine Intertwined marks the beginning of the final week to enjoy “Where Art & Nature Meet” before it closes at the end of the month to make way for a new exhibit. Many pieces are available for sale and can be purchased during the event. Entries can also be submitted for a drawing to win tickets for one of two holiday shows at the Bankhead.

Hosted by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Art & Wine Intertwined is free and open to the public. The Bankhead is located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore.

Fundraiser Supports Safe & Sober Grad Night

The annual meat and plant sale fundraiser, hosted by Livermore High School PTSA's Safe & Sober Grad Night, takes place on Oct. 19-20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Livermore High School's large gym.

Choice grade meat (beef, pork and chicken) and seafood will be available for purchase. Stock up for the holidays! A butcher will be onsite to cut meats.

Also available will be plants from Core Conservation Growers, Jeff Anhorn Nursery.

Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Class of 2020's Safe & Sober Grad Night, which takes place on graduation night and is an important event for the safety of graduates as well as the Livermore community at large. It keeps students off the roads as they celebrate their accomplishments, by enjoying activities, music, food, prizes and entertainment during the event. It will be held on June 5, 2020, from 10:30 p.m. to 4 a.m., on Livermore High's campus.

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Author Talk: At Amador Theater
**Nic Stone in Conversation
With Daniel Handler**

Friday, October 18-8PM

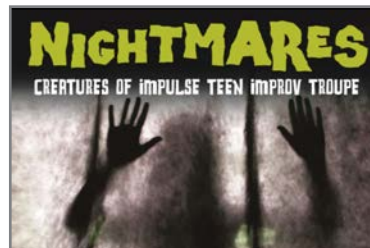
Cool, young author talks with
Lemony Snicket!



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ArtWalk, the Tri-Valley's premiere one-day art festival, took place on Oct. 12 in downtown Livermore. More than 200 artists displayed their works alongside boutiques, restaurants and wine tasting rooms. The festive atmosphere included live music and performances by community cultural groups.

(Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

SHORT NOTES

Cheesecake Cupcake & Wine Pairing

On the weekend of Oct. 18-20, Las Positas Vineyards' featured food pairing flight will be their new Cheesecake Cupcake & Wine Pairing. They will also offer their Reserve Flight. Tasting Room hours are open 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 18, all are invited to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of their first bottling with a free Evening in the Vineyards Concert featuring Evan Thomas & Blues Revue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., concert starts at 6 p.m.

Sunday Funday on Oct. 20 features the new elevated Tasting & Tour Experience with a guided tour by their Wine Ambassador that ends in the Winemaker Cottage with a private sit-down food & wine pairing experience. Noon and 2:30 p.m. More info at andrew@laspositasvineyards.com.

Halloween Candy and Wine Pairings

Halloween Candy and Wine Pairings are happening at Cedar Mountain Winery, 10843 Reuss Rd., Livermore, on Oct. 25, 26 and 27, from noon to 4 p.m. A flight of six wines and Halloween candies (including one Library Wine paired with a special Halloween treat) are \$15; candy only is \$5.

Try it if you dare! Visit www.cedarmountainwinery.com.

Holiday Boutique to Take Place November 2

An annual Holiday Boutique will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees can shop for stained glass ornaments, kitchen crafts, home décor, jewelry, Doterra Skin Care, and much more. A snack bar will be serving breakfast and lunch. Two handmade quilts will be raffled to help the school's 8th grade class go to Washington, DC.

The boutique is held at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries' gym, 1385 S. Livermore Ave.

Wine Wednesday at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery

Wine Wednesday at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery is happening on Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Relax with a glass of wine at a midweek happy hour at Rodrigue Molyneaux, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. Picnics welcome. Wine will be available to purchase by the glass and by the bottle. Visit www.rmwinery.com.

Golden Circle Seniors Annual Bazaar

Golden Circle Seniors meets on Mondays at 12:30 p.m., at the Senior Center in the Community building on East Ave. We do sewing, knitting and crocheting all year, saving our items for our annual bazaar in November, with 95% of the proceeds donated to local charities.

Golden Circle Seniors Annual Bazaar will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handmade items include scarves, hat, totes, lap robes, and baby, kitchen and holiday items - all at reasonable prices.

Whistlestop Writers Open Mic

Whistlestop Writers will host an open mic for writers of all genres and abilities on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Swirl on the Square, 21 S. Livermore Ave. in downtown Livermore.

"Even if you don't have something to read, come listen to talented local writers and poets," said event host and Livermore Poet Laureate Cynthia Patton. "Jumpstart your creativity."

The Whistlestop Writers Open Mic will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Email LivermorePoetLaureate@gmail.com, or like the group on Facebook.

Friends of the Pleasanton Library Sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library will have a special "pop-up" media sale — one day only — on Saturday, Oct. 19. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Friends will sell gently used CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and video games at crazy-cheap prices!

The sale will be held in front of the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Relationships with Adult Children/Siblings

Life Transitions for Aging Adults' "Relationships with Adult Children/Siblings" with Gregory Burns, LMFT, takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Borromeo Hall, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

All are welcome. To learn more, contact Molly Fisher at fisher.molly@comcast.net or 925.449.8849.

Classical Indian Dance at Livermore Library

The Livermore Public Library hosts a free dance lecture and demonstration when Nitya Narasimhan takes the stage with her solo performance "Essence of Indian Art." Narasimhan will introduce audience members to the ancient art form of Bharatanatyam, a traditional narrative dance form performed exclusively by women and considered the mother of many other Indian classical dance forms. This one-woman show will highlight the importance of this ancient art form in today's cultural context and will end with an open question and answer session.

The program takes place on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 3 p.m., at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

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

Mass of Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance will take place on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Attendees are asked to bring a small memento or picture of their loved one who has died.

Nightmares 2019: Creatures Of Impulse Teen Improv

Opening on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, the Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse (COI) kicks off its 10th season with "Nightmares." The troupe promises new twists on the ever-popular Halloween-inspired fall classic. Audience suggestions drive the characters and stories for this unscripted theatrical scare-fest.

"Come and see your very own 'dark and stormy night' come to life!" says Director Mark Duncanson, recreation supervisor with the City of Pleasanton. "Every show is

different, and we get lots of fans who come to two or more performances."

The COI team rehearses storytelling techniques, and studies how to create characters that the audience can identify with and care about. Audience input inspires the creation of characters and storylines. From this, the cast then develops a fully-improvised "play" each night.

Four shows take place on Oct. 24 and 25, at 7:30 p.m., and on Oct. 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are \$5, general admission is \$10. A special cash-only preview show (\$2 tickets at the door)

takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

"We hope to give audiences another perspective on improv with our long-form narrative performances, like Nightmares," said Duncanson. "Improv isn't just one-liners designed to go for laughs. We hope to create compelling stories and characters with audience suggestions, and then take the audience along for the journey."

Nightmares will be at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Visit www.firehousearts.org



The 4th annual celebration of Diwali takes place on Oct. 20 in the plaza at the Bankhead Theater. The Festival of Lights, a holiday celebrated in India and throughout Southeast Asia, will feature lively and colorful Indian dances, and a storyteller who captures the history and meaning of the holiday.

(Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Todd Snider and Ramblin' Jack Elliott to Perform on "Cash Cabin Sessions Vol. 3" Tour

Todd Snider, long recognized as one of his generation's most gifted and engaging songwriters, arrives

at the Bankhead on Friday night, Oct. 25, as part of his latest album tour.

Snider was described by

Premier Guitar magazine as "the closest thing we have to Johnny Cash these days," and Cash himself

was known to welcome his "good buddy" Ramblin' Jack Elliott up on stage. Now the Cash connections

line up as Snider and Elliott come together for a rollicking evening of good music and good times.

Over the past 30 years, Snider has journeyed through the musical genres – from his early folk and Americana roots, he took bluegrass and blues through the alt-rock era, leaving his own distinctive stamp on each. His most recent album, "Cash Cabin Sessions Vol. 3," recorded at Cash's own studio, brings him full circle showcasing his acoustic style, his roots as a folksinger, and the wry wit of his songwriting.

Considered one of the last true links to America's folk music tradition, Ramblin' Jack Elliott's guitar virtuosity and irresistible storytelling spans his wide-ranging repertoire. He became immersed in the folk music of his lifelong friend and mentor, Woodie Guthrie, and caught the blues from Leadbelly and other giants of the era. His own

creativity has made him an inspiration for a generation of musicians and he received the National Medal of the Arts in 1998.

Modern-day American troubadours with roots across the musical spectrum, Snider and Elliott will demonstrate their genuine love for sharing music on Oct. 25, at 8 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets, \$20-\$65, are available at www.lvpac.org or by calling 925.373.6800.



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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 449-9927.



Diwali Festival, Oct. 20

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

Trimingham at (510) 877-8154. **Art Reception: Where Art and Nature Meet**, Exhibit Dates: Sept. 11 through Oct. 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group,

925-373-9638 - 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 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 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First Street, Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Todd Snider, Friday, Oct. 25, at 8:00 p.m., as part of his latest album tour. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets, \$20-\$65, are available at www.lvpac.org or by calling 925.373.6800.

POPS Shoots for the Moon, on Friday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m., presented by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild, honoring the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The evening features selections from films *The Right Stuff* and *Apollo 13*,

an appearance by Element 116, a chance to conduct the symphony, a sing-along, wine, a raffle and silent auction, and awards for the best moon-themed costumes. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Visit livermoreamadorsymphony.org or call (925) 447-6454.

The Tri-Valley Repertory's The Fantasticks, Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. Additional performances take place on Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 3, 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Shows, rated PG, take place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets, \$25-\$41, are available at www.firehousearts.org, 925.931.4848, or at the Firehouse box office. Visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

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

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

COMEDY

Free Comedy Show every Thursday at Sanctuary from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Skylight Room at Sanctuary, 2369 First St. in Livermore.

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

ON THE STAGE

Doors Open, a new musical by San Jose playwright Mark Teagle about the lives of a small group of people, both LGBTQ and straight, who struggle with what it means to be involved in their church while loving the people in their lives. on



Floating Pumpkin Patch, Oct. 19

Sunday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Admission is free. Visit www.lynnewood.org, or call 925.846.0221.

Open Mic Events at the Bankhead, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced that StarsDay, the new free open-mic event, will be extended through October 2019. Designed to encourage local musicians, vocalists and spoken-word artists to share their talents with the community, StarsDay takes place the last Wednesday of each month in the outdoor courtyard of the Bankhead Theater. Any musician, artist or group can sign up to perform, and will be

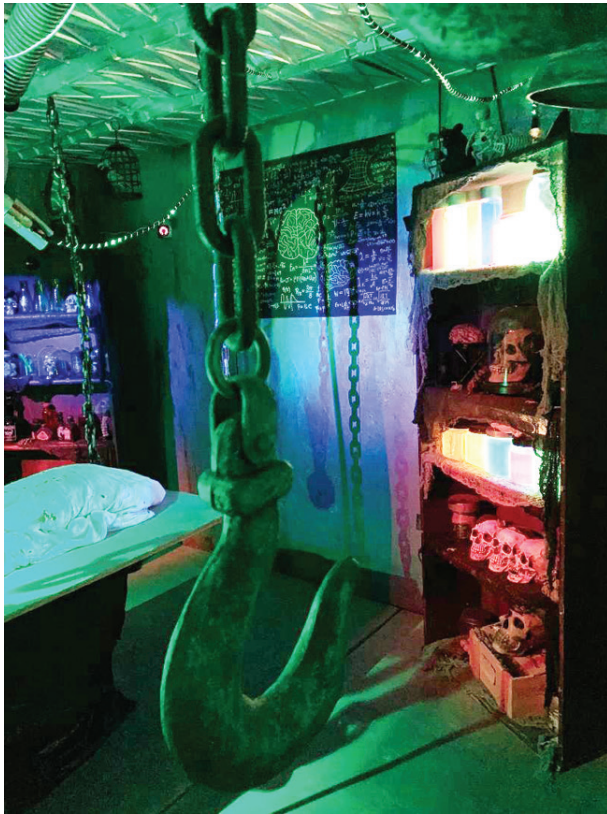
assigned a time slot based on space available. Two micro-phones will be available for use, but musicians are responsible for bringing their own instruments and any other equipment needed. The Bankhead House Band "Force of Magic" will also perform. Admission is free, and beverages and snacks will be available. Entry to the courtyard is through the gate to the right of the Bankhead Theater box office, located at 2400 First St. in downtown Livermore.

MOVIES

"Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety" hosted by Axis Community Health on three Wednesday nights in coming



Pleasanton Scavenger Hunt, Oct. 19



Frightmare Home Haunt, Oct. 25, 26 and 31

months. The screenings will be followed by an audience discussion with input from a panel of professionals. "Angst" tell the stories of kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impact on their lives and relationships, as well as how they've found solutions and hope. The film includes a special interview with Olympian and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. Screenings: October 23, at 6:30 p.m., at The Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street, Livermore; November 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. www.axishealth.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bent Creek Winery, October 16, Wine Wednesday as the last TGIT of the season. Featuring: Mojo Swingers. 5455 Greenville

Rd., Livermore, 925-455-6320
Museum on Main Annual Ghost Walk, a two-hour guided tour of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main Street in the downtown area. A volunteer team of ghost hosts lead groups, while actors play the roles of the various ghosts around town. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between the hours of 6 – 8 p.m. on: Friday, October 18; Saturday, October 19; Friday, October 25; and Saturday, October 26. Costumes are highly encouraged! Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, by phone at 925-462-2766, or in person at Museum on Main, located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Floating Pumpkin Patch,

Saturday, October 19 from 1-4 p.m., Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. Those interested must pre-register online at www.pleasantonfun.com and use the course code: 16051.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

takes place on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come in costume and pick up instructions from the starting location outside of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Children will solve clues in order to find the next downtown location where they will be given a small goodie or treat. Participation will be limited to the first 600 children to arrive. Sponsored by Main Street Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics and Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association. Free.

Diwali, Festival of Lights, with live music, dances, songs, crafts food and shopping takes place on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 11 to 2 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater Plaza in Livermore. More information at education@lvpac.org or 925-583-2312.

Frightmare Home Haunt free haunted house, located at 697 Sonoma Ave. in Livermore (across the street from Granada High School). Open Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7 to 11 p.m., and on Halloween, from 7 to 10 p.m. Visit FrightmareHomeHaunt on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

The Pleasanton Harvest

Festival returns to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on October 25-27, showcasing arts, crafts and gifts, delicious food, and nonstop live entertainment. Harvest Festival hours are: Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Alameda County Fairgrounds are located at 4501

Pleasanton Ave. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and military, \$4 for youths aged 13-17, and free for children 12 and under. Visit www.harvest-festival.com.

Kidz Town Halloween Hay Day

Livermore's Downtown hosts Halloween fun activities for families with children in the 5th grade and younger. Kids will enjoy the costume contest, Halloween themed activities, downtown business trick-or-treat and more! Saturday, Oct. 26, 11-4 pm. For more information call Livermore Downtown Inc. 925-373-1795

Halloween Brew Crawl, in Downtown Pleasanton on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5-8 p.m., Adults can have Halloween fun too! Sip on craft brews and cider all while enjoying tasty bites and live music along the way strolling through over 25 downtown locations! Visit pleasantondowntown.net.

The Pleasanton Rotary Halloween Spirit Run will take place in Pleasanton on Sunday, October 27th. A long standing Pleasanton tradition, the event features 5K and 10K courses plus a Kids Challenge. Proceeds support scholarships for Pleasanton students and community & international projects of The



Hagemann Ranch Open House, Oct. 27

Rotary Club of Pleasanton. Sign up at: www.halloweenspiritrun.com.

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

Hagemann Ranch Open House.

Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last

Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

A Writers Meetup for Adults

18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant Sydney Dent. Learn more at Livermorelibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.



Pleasanton Spirit Run, Oct. 27

BULLETIN BOARD

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

The Del Arroyo 4-H Club meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, at 6 p.m., at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. Our next meeting is on Oct. 23. 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.

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, 925.864.8798.

Rising Young Leaders, a local non-profit organization, will be hosting a Kickoff Night on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

San Ramon Women's Club Holiday Fantasy, November 3, Crow Canyon Country Club, El Capitan Dr, San Ramon, noon - 4:30 p.m. \$65 donation includes great dinner, wonderful prizes, holiday trees and wreaths, and optional casino. Details and reservations at dsrwomensclub.com.

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.

Grief Workshop will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 24, at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Pre-registration is required. Call Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

How to Write a Book in Six Weeks is a fast-track class that teaches writing secrets and techniques to turn prose into page-turners. It covers all prose genres: fiction, memoir and nonfiction. Classes take place on six Thursdays, Sept. 12 to Oct. 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. The course is \$110, and includes professional editing by instructor Barbara Flores, an award-winning four-time author. To register, call (925) 373-5700 or visit www.larpd.org.

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 Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave. in Livermore. Lions are the world's largest service organization. Livermore Lions support the needs within the community and state, the nation and the world. Funds provided to support the homeless, the fire victims, and the hurricane and earthquakes victims. Charities include: Canine Companions, Blind Centers, and the Ear of the Lion. Check out our website (livermorelionsclub.org) 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 <https://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: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237597100263100/>

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

Sing for Fun, Music Sing-a-Long, singing familiar tunes with other folks along with piano accompaniment. The words of the songs will be provided. No musical experience needed. Most Mondays, 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 weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. There is no charge. Anyone 18 or older is welcome; just drop in. Meetings every Sunday 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Arbor Vista library room, 1300 South Livermore Avenue.. Call Barbara, 916-335-8836 or Dave, 415-948-9462.

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

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

Rotary Club of Livermore Valley invites interested individuals to attend its morning meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 am in Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. For more information, go to www.livermorevalleyrotary.org or Jill Duerig / 1-510-378-7243 / jillduerig@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com 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.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, 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.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRIL has offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore, providing information and referrals, community education at senior centers, and affordable

housing complexes to residents of South-east 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. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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

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First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemporary 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. 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 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, 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. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship; 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. 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 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 follow-

ing the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net 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 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 322-1222.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Bible Study/Sunday School at 10:20 am. For more information, visit www.goodshepherd-livermore.org or call (950) 371-6200.

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

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

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

Chabod 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 (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-

1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynnwood 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. Lynnwood 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 Valle Branch (Spanish) first meeting 11:40, Sacramento meeting 12:40; 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin: Tri-Valley Young Single Adult Ward 12:30.

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

Center for Spiritual Living **Livermore Valley** - A Lighthouse to the world. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Meeting place Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com or visit us at <http://csslmlighthouse.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 workshops 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 (925) 846-4436.

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group will meet the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the church office at 925-447-1950. Visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

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

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

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

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

Tagalog Mass: 3rd Sunday of the month (remaining dates for the year: Oct. 20, Nov. 17); Time: 3:30 pm St. Michael Catholic Parish, 458 Maple St.; Potluck reception to follow in the parish hall. Check <https://stmichaellivermore.com/Filipino> for details

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews - Jewish Culture School The school-wide curriculum for the 2019-2020 (Jewish year 5780) will be "Jewish Ideas." It will cover topics like Jewish views of Justice, Learning, Family, Being a Mensch, Israel or Diaspora and the Jewish Community. Contact culturaljews@gmail.com, or call 510-384-8756 with any questions.

Milestones

Livermore's Morgan Laughlin is Crowned Miss Rodeo California 2020



Morgan Laughlin, Miss Rodeo California 2020

Morgan Laughlin, 20, of Livermore was crowned Miss Rodeo California 2020 on Oct. 6, after a five-day pageant. The pageant was held in conjunction with the California Circuit Finals Rodeo, and had a total of five contestants. The competition included the following categories: Horsemanship, Speech, Modeling, Personal & Horsemanship Interviews, Test, Raffle Ticket Sales, Photogenic, and Personality & Appearance.

Along with the title of Miss Rodeo California 2020, Morgan was the winner of the personality category. As the newly-crowned state rodeo queen, Laughlin received a \$2,500 educational scholarship, a buckle, saddle, the use of the HW Hunter Ram of the West pickup truck for a year, the use of the Golden West horse trailer for a year, perpetual chaps, perpetual crown, and other various awards.

Laughlin has also been awarded the opportunity to represent California in the

Miss Rodeo America 2021 Pageant. The Miss Rodeo America Pageant is held in December each year in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Miss Rodeo California continues to exemplify and promote the vast western culture that exists throughout our great state," said Pageant Director Brittney Phillips. "I wholeheartedly admire women of such class and poise. As I grew up, Miss Rodeo California was always an icon for not only class and poise, but independence, horsemanship and knowledge. Being Miss Rodeo California, you make the jump from representing one community to communities scattered in every nook of our state. The kind of experience gained through an opportunity of this magnitude is, in fact, unlike any other."

Laughlin is the daughter of Steve and Denise Laughlin. Her roots run deep in Livermore, home of the World's Fastest Rodeo. Coming from a six-generation rodeo family, the sport of rodeo has been a part of her life from a very young age. Morgan enjoys riding Reining Cow Horses, running barrels, and working cows with her family. She loves God, her country, and the sport of rodeo. She recently completed her certification as a Phlebotomy Technician. She will continue her education to earn her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing to become a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse.

Morgan proudly represents the Livermore Rodeo as their 2019 Queen, and

she said she feels blessed to have the opportunity to hold the title of Miss Rodeo California 2020.

"I'm so proud of all of the contestants. I'm constantly in awe of how they carry themselves and the hard work they all put in to compete at a state level pageant," said Miss Rodeo California National Director Markie Battaglia. "Every one of the young ladies have a passion for rodeo, are educated and show a level of professionalism that is very impressive. It's truly an honor to know them."

The ideal Miss Rodeo California is a young lady who strives to promote the State of California and the sport of professional rodeo. In doing so she endeavors to promote the western way of life with its strong morals and values. She enjoys travel and has a sincere interest in garnering educational experiences that will assist in laying a solid foundation for her future, and she is an excellent speaker.

"Our focus more than ever has been increased scholarships. This year and every year forward each of our contestants will walk away with an educational scholarship," said Phillips. "In addition, we recognize the need for resources to better educate and support our local California pageants. We fully intend on establishing guidelines to provide a lifeline for aspiring rodeo queen pageants, pageant directors and contestants. 2020 will be a year of not only a new decade, but broadening horizons. I look forward to working with Morgan and watching her year unfold."

First Round of Mini-Grants Awarded

At the Rotary Club of Livermore meeting on October 9, the Rotary Club of Livermore and Livermore Educational Foundation awarded \$12,800 in the first round of mini-grants to teachers and community groups.

Rotary funded 25 grants for a total of \$7,200. David Darlington represented the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, which contributed \$4,800 in matching grants for school-related projects. The School District funded eight of the submitted projects.

One of the school grants was to Granada High

School, for the Freshman In Transition (FIT) program, which supports students' adjustment to high school academically, socially and culturally, to purchase spirit wear for outstanding students in the program.

One community-group grant went to Asbury United Methodist Church for the Bus Ticket Drive for the Homeless, which provides bus tickets for the homeless and other community members struggling with poverty who have no way of getting to medical appointments or services, including hot meals, laundry and shower facilities, and shelter from

the cold and rain. This grant will be used exclusively for the purchase of bus tickets for service organizations that help the homeless, such as Livermore Homeless Refuge, Open Heart Kitchen, Axis Community Health, and Tri-Valley Haven.

Thanks to contributions and corporate sponsorships, the Rotary Club of Livermore and Livermore Educational Foundation plan to continue awarding these mini-grants in the future. mini-grant applications are due by the first Wednesday in December and March.

Visit livermore-rotary.org/forms.



Recipients accept mini-grants from the Rotary Club of Livermore.

Local Hispanic Men Attain Knighthood

The Livermore Knights of Columbus hosted the first-ever East Bay Spanish Language Knighthood Degree Ceremony on Oct. 5 at the St. Charles Borromeo Hall. A Spanish language degree team, led by Enrique Quinonez, travelled to Livermore from Sacramento for the occasion.

Four men from the East Bay's Hispanic Community proudly received the coveted Knighthood Degree: Juan Favela and Jose Solano from Livermore, Christian Mon-

toya from Oakland, and Isais Vasquez from Pittsburg. Spanish-speaking members of the Livermore Knights played key roles in the ceremony.

The Knights of Columbus are reaching out to the Hispanic Communities throughout North America and particularly in Livermore where the region's first Hispanic Round Table was formed in 2017 by then Grand Knight, CAPT Tom McCaffrey, USN (Ret). Currently 59 Hispanic members are part of the

Livermore Council and that number is growing rapidly due to the warm fraternal spirit and active programs of the local Round Table which is led by Irving Garcia and Ricardo Garcia.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization devoted to works of charity. They raise funds through various community events and donate the net proceeds to worthy causes, mostly in Livermore and the Tri-Valley region.