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Dublin Lags in Affordable Housing; Finding Sites May Bump Commercial

By Ron McNicoll

State laws that went into effect last year impose new conditions on a city when one of its developers decides to build market-rate housing on a site that the city has already included in its inventory of affordable housing. If the developer's plans are to go forward, the city must find a new site, and zone it as a planned area where affordable housing could be built.

It is complicated, because cities and counties cannot zone for affordability — they can only zone for land use planning — but the idea is to have land with enough unit density per acre so that affordable housing would pencil out.

In Dublin, usually non-profit organizations have cobbled together grants and other financing, according to the city's planning staff at March 19 City Council meeting,

However, in hearing an annual review of the city's progress on meeting its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals for affordable housing, councilmembers learned some troubling news regarding what it may be forced to do.

The city has set aside designated parcels where the density is sufficient for affordable housing to be built. However, a developer can build market-rate housing on such a parcel, and the city cannot prevent it.

Now, because of SB 116, which was approved in 2017, and took effect Jan. 1, 2018, the city is obligated to replace that used-up "opportunity site," either with one already in the city's land inventory, or by rezoning another one. The city can't require any developer to locate one, but instead the city is responsible for finding it on its own, said

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Foothill Area Development Remains a Low Priority

The proposal to develop the Merritt property on Foothill Road will remain a lower priority on the Pleasanton City Council two-year work plan.

The council approved the plan at its March 19 meeting.

Jim Summers, president of the DeSilva Group, owners of the Merritt property asked the council to move the development up from a "C" level. He said, "I ask you to make it a higher priority so we can continue our outreach to the adjoining neighbors, begin the planning process, start the design of the much-needed improvements to Foothill Road, and ultimately construct those improvements soon rather than later."

At a workshop on March 12, Councilmembers Jerry Pentin and

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On Sunday, March 24, the Boy Scouts of the Twin Valley District invited children from kindergarten to fifth grade to take part in kite-flying fun at the annual Tiger Cub Kite Day at Ted Fairfield Park in Dublin. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)

Teachers Reject New Management Offer in Dublin

The Dublin Teachers Association (DTA) has voted overwhelmingly to authorize its leadership to conduct a districtwide strike, unless negotiations with management are concluded successfully.

Three days of membership voting among the 650 certificated personnel concluded last Friday with a 98% yes vote. This gives leadership a strike tool if negotiations break down.

The union leadership and management met with a mediator at district headquarters on March 19, a date that already had been chosen for the second mediation session. The first meeting took place on March 8.

If mediation fails, then the

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International Climate Scientists Seek Refined Understanding of Climate System

Climate scientists at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) announced Monday the release of new data sets that will provide fresh insights into past and future climate change.

Some of these data sets come from model simulations performed at LLNL, one of the more than 40 climate research centers and

consortia engaged in next-generation climate change experiments. These results have been produced as part of an international effort to determine the reliability of climate models and to enhance understanding of climate change and the underlying processes.

The new data sets, hosted at LLNL and other sites around the

world, provide open access to everyone and will enable a large international community of researchers to analyze and scrutinize the results.

Release of these new data sets represents a major milestone for the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP), which was established more than 20 years ago

by the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP). Its goal is to foster international cooperation among climate modeling centers and to define standard experiments that facilitate comparison of results and lead to new insights and a better understanding of the climate system. The project

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Approaching Issues in the Legislature

Local and Regional

At the March 25 Livermore City Council meeting, Christine Martin, Deputy City Manager, presented the 2019 legislative platform that provides a formalized proactive approach to monitoring legislation that goes through the system every. The platform is based on Livermore's core values and principles, as well as city council goals, providing direction and guidance for staff to move quickly in support of legislation, or in opposition to it, especially in time sensitive situations. New additions this year relate to job creation, science and technology and economic development.

A motion to support the platform and the new additions was

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County Wants to Add Wine Country B&Bs

Alameda County wants to modify its policy regarding South Livermore Valley Area Plan (SLVAP) bed and breakfast construction. The goal is to encourage the development of more B&B's.

The County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6 p.m. April 1 at 224 W. Winton Ave., Hayward. It will be the only hearing on the agenda.

If the Planning Commission agrees to modify the policy, the

panel would send it on to the Board of Supervisors, whose Transportation and Planning subcommittee would hold a hearing.

The policy is 25 years old. Things have changed in the intervening years, said Senior Planner Bruce Jensen.

The only B&B constructed during that time was the Purple Orchid Inn. No new applications have come in. There was a recent inquiry, said Jensen.

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Larry Sang of Larry Designs Sings prepares for the opening of a new downtown Pleasanton restaurant, Ramen 101. Tri-Valley residents may have sampled the menu at the restaurant's other location, on Fallon Road in Dublin. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)

'Tax What You Burn, Not What You Earn'

By Bruce Gach

At the March 20 Tri-Valley Citizens Climate Lobby (CCLS) meeting, the senior policy director for Ceres, also known as Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy (BICEP), spoke via video on climate change and how to be part of the solution. Ceres, a coalition of leading consumer-facing companies, advocates for meaningful climate and energy policy at the local, state and federal level.

Speaker Ann Kelly complimented citizen climate lobby groups for their huge contribution in discussions with people toward normalizing the notion of carbon pricing no matter what their political affiliation.

Despite the political struggle

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Zone 7 To Appoint Successor to Stevens

After 20 years' service on the board, Zone 7 Water Agency Director Bill Stevens has resigned.

Stevens was first elected in 1998, the only time he actively campaigned for office. In subsequent elections, he said he relied on his ballot designation as a geological engineer, shunning the voter pamphlet information box that some candidates use.

Stevens was known for his candor at board meeting, including points that were critical of other views.

Stevens resigned effective March 11. He did not attend the

board's March 20 meeting. Fellow directors unanimously passed a resolution honoring Stevens. They also offered remarks.

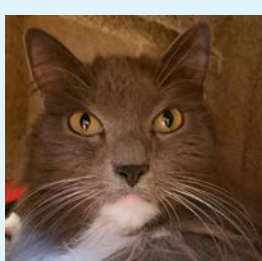
Sarah Palmer said, "Stevens was logical, highly intelligent, always willing to tell you what he thinks. Even if he comes at you (and your view is opposite), he was always willing to change his mind".

Sandy Figuers, who served several terms in the 1990s, said, "I've probably known Bill longer than anyone here. I truly appreciated his forthrightness."

Dennis Gambs, a retired Zone 7

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PET OF THE WEEK



MISTY

Garfield would be jealous of Misty's ability to relax and nap. With her long locks, Misty requires extra grooming and she's content to take on the job herself. She's satisfied with a cozy spot to lay but will happily purr if you come to visit her and give her some scratches. While not gregarious, she does love human company, especially at meal time. Will you be her next dinner date? Misty is a 12 pound 4-year-old domestic longhair female. Meet Misty 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.

Photo Credit: Valley Humane Society/E. Scholz

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Bicycle Safety Workshops in Pleasanton were offered to Tri-Valley residents last week through the City of Pleasanton and Bike East Bay, with more workshops available on April 13. For more information, visit www.bikeeastbay.org/education. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)

Livermore Housing Element Report – A Work in Progress

By Bruce Kach

At the Livermore City Council meeting March 26, the Housing Element Annual Progress Report was presented.

The purpose of the Housing Element is to help cities and local government plan for existing and projected housing. It addresses how to keep the city eligible for state funding for various housing programs.

After discussion, Woerner moved to accept the report. It was seconded by Munro, and passed unanimously.

According to Assistant Planner Tricia Ponteau, as of 2018, the state has added six additional necessary requirements to be reported in order to gain funding: total number of housing applications received, units approved and disapproved, units receiving a “form of readiness”, units qualifying for SB 35 streamlining, units constructed in conjunction with a commercial development bonus and sites rezoned to accommodate regional housing need allocation (RHNA).

The RHNA for Livermore required zoning for 2,729 units for the period 2015-2022. This number designated adequate land within the city to accommodate housing development, with numbers broken down into income levels. Staff will be issuing 300-400 residential permits annually over the next several years. However, the units will be more in the above-moderate income levels. To reach

lower income unit availability in 2018, the city issued 18 accessory dwelling permits, which qualified as moderate income based on the rental prices, issued 18 deed restricted units dedicated to low and moderate income households via the inclusionary ordinance, as well as 34 rental units dedicated to low and moderate income households.

After staff presentation of all planned projects, Councilmember Bob Coomber exclaimed, “There was no indication of an elevator to get to the second floor. How many single-story units are available?”

Paul Spence, Community Development Director, reported that the Legacy and Ageno Projects will have elevators to all floors. Coomber continued, “We are missing single family homes. Let the developers know that I am encouraging this.”

Audience member Andrew Barker remarked that the city was doing a little better on low and very low income housing, but still not doing well enough. The standard response is that the city needs more funding and state subsidies. He asked why the city is not using the city funds allocated for parking spaces that will cost about \$40,000 per space. He argued that the funding should go to human beings instead.

Councilmember Bob Woerner noted that if we look at extremely low, very low and low incomes, and

the rates we have achieved in the past, the number would have to increase by a factor of five to ten to meet the need today. What are the real barriers?

Spence replied that those units all require a public subsidy. The private marketplace is not providing units in those categories. The city works hard to leverage additional funds, but the amounts nowhere come close to what is needed. Cities throughout the state have the same problem.

City Manager Marc Roberts added that adequate sites are available. However, funding subsidies for moderate or low income are about \$100,000 per unit, and for the very low or extremely low income category, that number moves to over \$150,000 per unit. He noted that it takes three to five years to bring a project from inception to completion.

Councilmember Trish Munro observed that RHNA numbers are calculated from city to city based on incomes in the city. Therefore, the numbers vary. She recognized the frustration of the people in Livermore.

Vice-mayor Bob Carling asked about the number of applications for Chestnut Square. Eric Uranga, Assistant Community Development Director, reported that in the application period that just ended, the city received 653 applications for the 71 units available. The applicants would still have to meet all conditions. Livermore residents are

given priority.

Housing projects under construction or in planning stages in Livermore include the Chestnut Square Senior project, which provides 71 units for seniors above age 62 who qualify as low or extremely low income, and 5 units for homeless seniors. The family building section of the Chestnut Square project will contain 42 units for low, very low and extremely low income households, including 10 units for homeless people, as well as support services and community services for youth. The Ageno apartments create 171 rental units, with 34 for very low income and community amenities. Auburn Grove is planned to have 15 low and moderate income townhomes within the 100 total.

Legacy Livermore, which will begin construction this year, will contain 222 market rental units with 14,000 square feet of retail space along First street. Vineyard Housing and Services on North Livermore Avenue will have 24 units of permanent housing for the homeless, as well as a supportive services center, including an Open Heart Kitchen facility. In the Downtown Center project, there will be 130 workforce units at the corner of L Street and Railroad Avenue. The land swap with Stockmen’s Association allows for 140 low and extremely low income senior housing on Pacific Avenue.

Livermore Students To Perform at Oakland A’s Games

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District students will perform the Star-Spangled Banner at four Oakland A’s games.

The Livermore High School Show Choir will be featured on Sat., May 11 at a game with the Cleveland Indians. The National Anthem is scheduled for 1:07 p.m.

On Friday, June 14, Element 116 will perform at 6:37 p.m. prior to a game with the Seattle Mariners. This game will include a fireworks show.

The Livermore High School Advanced Trombones will take the field on Tues., July 16 for a 7:07

performance prior to a game with the Seattle Mariners. Parking will be free.

Morgan Rogge, LHS Class of 2020, will sing on Thurs., Aug. 22 at 6:37 p.m. prior to a game with the NY Yankees.

Seating is field level. Single game tickets can be purchased at www.groupmatics.events/group/LVJUSD or purchase a home run bundle to include all four games at www.groupmatics.events/event/livermoreHRbundle.

For information, contact Leslie Lemieux at 925-960-2919 or via email at llemieux@lvjUSD.org

DUBLIN TEACHERS

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mediator launches a fact-finding investigation, which DTA co-president Robbie Kreitz said could last into April.

Issues of concern for the union are salary increases, health care benefits, and outdated textbooks.

Management is offering a 2% ongoing pay increase retroactive to July 1, 2018, as well as a 3% one-time recompense.

The union is asking for 3% ongoing, effective July 1, 2018, and a 3.5% one-time payment.

The union also has been critical of what it regards as the slow pace the district has taken upgrading textbooks and software to keep up with the state’s classroom materials mandates.

The union members receive dental insurance coverage, but like many other districts, management does not pay for medical plans. Trustees have focused on boosting the salary scale, so that members can pay for their medical plans from that source.

When Pleasanton schools shifted to that approach more than a decade ago, the district explained that some teachers used their spouse’s medical coverage for the family, and preferred to make their own choices by getting dollars, instead of coverage.

Superintendent Leslie Boozer was unavailable for comment before The Independent’s deadline. However, she has been posting management updates on the district website on Fridays.

Boozer’s most recent message on March 15 commented on the strike authorization vote before it was tallied. The superintendent said that taking the strike authorization vote does not “change or speed up the timeline or steps that we’ve

shared in the past. It also doesn’t change our confidence in our ability to collaborate with DTA and reach an equitable solution that fairly compensates our dedicated teachers, while ensuring the ongoing ability of the school district to invest in other critical educational resources.”

Boozer acknowledged that “textbooks in all grades need to be updated, if we are to meet state-mandated educational content standards as a district.”

The district is scheduled to buy 6000 necessary social studies textbooks in grades 6-12 to meet state standards. It will cost DUSD \$1.3 million. More will have to be spent to train teachers to use books and software in the most effective ways, Boozer noted.

A single textbook can cost from \$160 to \$400, because of software licenses and other related instructional materials, Boozer explained.

She agreed that Dublin needs to keep up with the state textbook adoption cycle, but stated that the continued annual growth of 600 to 1000 students in the district adds to costs.

The union challenged that thought at a recent school board meeting by noting that new growth also brings in more state money for pupils, as shown in the district’s budget projections.

The Oakland school district recently ended a 7-day strike, which cost it nearly \$1 million a day in state revenue because of the loss of Average Daily Attendance money.

Teachers in San Ramon Valley Unified School District authorized a strike, but a walkout was averted when the two sides reached a tentative agreement earlier this month.

ZONE 7

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engineer who was elected to the board in 2018, declared, “Stevens was a straight shooter. He did not try to hide his feelings. He acquired a lot of knowledge over 20 years.”

Stevens told a reporter that he spent the first 10 years on the board learning 75% of the water business. “Now I know 95%. That’s what I expect from directors. You are young. It’s very complicated.”

Stevens said that he never made decisions with

the intention of having them wind up short-term. “I always thought ahead 50 years. That’s what we are there for.”

Stevens was in a business partnership until 2017, then decided to continue on his own. Putting energy into his new business led to his decision to leave Zone 7. He said he felt a responsibility to his employees to build the business as much as possible.

Stevens has two sons in college. His wife is also an

engineer.

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT SET

The board established an application and appointment process. Applicants must reside in the Zone 7 district, and submit an application and resume by the filing deadline on April 22 at 5 p.m.

The board will conduct interviews with the intention of selecting a new board member at its May 2nd meeting, which begins at

7:00 p.m. If a second meeting were needed, it would be held May 10.

Interested candidates can obtain applications at the Zone 7 offices, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, or online at www.zone7water.com.

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Open Space Committee Continues to Refine Priorities

Information on how a tool would be used in granting funds became clearer at last Friday's meeting of the Altamont Landfill Open Space Advisory Committee.

Money for the acquisition of open space lands in eastern Alameda County is available as a result of a legal settlement in connection with expansion of the Altamont Landfill.

An update on "Prioritizing Land Conservation in Eastern Alameda County," was presented by Van Butsic and Diana Moanga, U.C. Berkeley at the meeting.

The two worked with a set of maps and databases, including state and federal, to create a spread sheet listing different criteria of land characteristics.

The committee members will be asked to provide weight to the criteria to assess a property, such as habitat and interconnectivity. Once completed, the information and rankings will be translated into a map of parcels in East Alameda

County.

For example, wetlands would not be identified as present on Pleasanton Ridge on the map, but would appear as dark red in north Livermore.

The consultant will also provide documentation of the findings and a user's manual.

The final list will be consistent with the Settlement Agreement that shows the first priority properties having significant value for preservation of native biological diversity and/or wildlife habitat. Second priority is given to properties providing significant value for visual character and/or non-motorized recreation.

TESLA EXPANSION AREA

The committee agreed to send a letter in support of SB767, a measure that would allow the state to sell the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area for conservation purposes.

Senator Steve Glazer introduced the measure. It

was co-authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

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

Off-road vehicle supporters spoke at the committee meeting. They said they would be opposing the legislation. They stated that the land is needed for recreation for off-road vehicles. They said that area will be well protected as a state park.

The first hearing of the legislation will take place April 9 in front of the Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Grant in Aid Program Provides Funds to 31 Organizations

By Carol Graham

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center (HCCC) held its annual "Grant in Aid" ceremony on March 16. With more than 200 people in attendance, \$35,000 was granted to 31 organizations and non-profits.

"The atmosphere was warm and very touching as we heard from each of the recipients about their services to humanity," said Umashankar Meda, chairperson of the HCCC's Human Services Committee.

The 2019 recipients included the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Girl Scouts of Northern California, Good News Bears, Legal Assistance for Seniors, American Legion Post 47, Partners for Change, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Geeta Society, Sunflower Hill, and Tri-Valley Interfaith.

"The HCCC strongly preaches 'Serving God by Serving Humanity,' and practices it as its motto," Meda said. "Serving the community at large by making a difference in the lives of needy people is one of

the important functions of the HCCC. Activities range from assisting needy people and supporting student education activities to providing relief for victims of natural disasters. The Human Services Committee organizes such programs with the help of kind-hearted donors and dedicated volunteers, who are willing to donate their time and resources for such noble causes."

Attending the event were Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore Police Chief Michael Harris, and Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers and Board Member Emily Prusso.

The Grant in Aid ceremony took place at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple, located at 1232 Arrowhead Avenue in the Springtown area of Livermore.

"The HCCC was established in 1977 with the goal of offering religious services to the Hindu community," Meda said. "In the last 35 years, the HCCC has evolved into an established institution as a place of worship with needed services

for the community — locally and internationally. As part of human services, we offer a free medical clinic every week, programs for seniors in the community, and a free annual health fair."

Performing at the Grant in Aid ceremony were Ushanjali School of Dance students — Visalakshi, Leah and Nisha, and Amita Haravru performing classical Indian dance.

Helping to make the 2019 Grant in Aid program a success were: HCCC Chairman Anand Gundu, President Vamsi Pulapa, and Food Chair Sudhakar Mallampat, along with the Human Services core team: Padmaja Madhusudan, Katyayini Satya, Suman Jain, Vidhya Borade, Geetha Haravru, Rajgopal Kowligi, Dr. Kamala Shankar, Sandhya Singh, Mamta Meda, Madhusudan Bangalore, Bhaskar Swaminathan, G. S. Satya, Jyothi Gundu, Krishna Kanagaratnam, Geetha Rajagopal, Uthra Pangal, Priti Chawani, Gopala Krishna and Sudha Gopal Krishna.

To learn more, visit livermoretemple.org.



Shiva-Vishnu Temple in North Livermore

Interfaith Vigil Reinforces Solidarity and Condemns Hatred

On Sunday afternoon, March 17, more than 275 guests joined in Pleasanton to express grief and solidarity after the murder of 50 worshippers at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on March 15.

The Interfaith community vigil took place at the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Pleasanton.

The organizers sought to demonstrate through solidarity that area faith communities are stronger than the hatred shown in New Zealand on Friday, and that regardless of what faith community one belongs to, hatred, intolerance, and violence in all forms should be opposed.

Community members and elected officials shared prayers and reflections. Congressman Eric Swalwell, Dublin City Council member Shawn Kumagai, and Livermore City Council and Congregation Beth Emek member Trish Munro were joined by leaders from the Tri-Valley Sikh Community, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, MCC East Bay, In-

terfaith Peace Project, Council on American-Islamic Relations and the ACLU.

The Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Pleasanton is a regional mosque that serves as a worship center for about 500 families living in the East Bay. Since news broke of the New Zealand shooting, Pleasanton Police dispatched extra patrol and uniformed officers to MCC's Friday services. MCC did not observe a reduction in worship attendance, and held a blood drive on Friday.

A poem honoring the New Zealand victims, re-

cited on Sunday afternoon by MCC Congregation member Eman Tai Ahmad, implores, "...We must call out for what's right, and shun the wrong, so that in these darkest nights, through this crucible of pain and fright, we can find the strength to stay our path and reach for light."

To watch a video of the interfaith vigil, go to youtu.be/XaoE9L0aPMs. For more information on MCC's interfaith and outreach events, sign-up for the newsletter at www.mccastbay.org/community-supporters.

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SHORT NOTES

Swalwell Says Mueller Report Must Be Made Public

Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15), chair of the Intelligence Modernization and Readiness Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement Friday after Special Counsel Robert Mueller submitted his investigative report to Attorney General William Barr: "Congress and the American public must see every single word of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report. And we should see it at the same time as President Trump, a subject of the investigation, sees it. Nothing less than the rule of law in our country is on the line. Congress must also hear from Mueller himself to make sure that we have received the whole, unvarnished truth. No President is above the law."

Alameda County Fair Volunteers Can Earn Money for LHG

Starting April 2, supporters can sign-up to be a Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) volunteer at the Fair. It's a great opportunity to have fun and earn money for LHG at the same time.

County Fair volunteers are an important part of the fair's success, and as a volunteer you can earn money for your favorite non-profit organization, such as the Livermore Heritage Guild. Compensation is \$4 - \$6 per hour depending on the time/area. All volunteers are trained and receive free parking and admission to the fair for working days. Volunteers can attend the fair as a guest before or after their shift. As a bonus, volunteers receive two more admission tickets to use anytime.

Volunteer scheduling is done online. When you log-in you will have free choice of what is still available. They will do their best to make sure you get at least one

of your choices. The scheduling link will be available April 2nd at www.alamedaountyfair.com, click on "Fair Info," then "join," then "volunteer program."

Ace Mobile Ticketing App Available April 1

The new ACE app will be available for download for all ticket types on April 1. The Ace Rail app may be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play.

With the app, riders will no longer need to wait in line for tickets and may purchase them anywhere. Download the ACE app, create a rider profile (name, email, and payment info), enter your origin and destination station, and activate your ticket before your ride. If asked, show it to train staff.

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CLIMATE

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has grown substantially through five phases, from a single experiment in 1995 (CMIP1) to more than 200 experiments in the current phase (CMIP6). The volume of data produced also has ballooned—from megabytes to billions of megabytes—partly due to the expanded set of experiments, but also because model complexity and resolution have increased to address new science questions.

Scientists at LLNL have helped lead the CMIP activity from its inception: providing day-to-day coordination, helping to define the experiments and output requirements, and developing the software used to access the virtual cloud of CMIP6 results. In addition, LLNL scientists lead a consortium of Department of Energy laboratories that has developed a new climate model, the "E3SM," which completed some of the CMIP6 core experiments as one of its early milestones. LLNL scientists also have led an international consortium of computer experts, known as the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF), which has responsibility for the development of the software infrastructure supporting CMIP. Without this infrastructure, access to the new simulation results would not be streamlined so that few researchers would scrutinize them.

"The primary goals are to gauge the strengths and limitations of climate models and to use the spread in results from the collection of models to assess the robust-

ness of conclusions," said LLNL's Chris Golaz, who managed the Department of Energy E3SM model experiments, which will be part of the archive.

CMIP is coordinated by a panel appointed by the WCRP's Working Group on Coupled Modeling (WGCM), with governance and infrastructure provided by a number of core international centers. Participants are responsible for securing funds to support their activities, and by this means, CMIP thrives: modeling centers develop improved and more comprehensive climate models and perform the CMIP experiments; independent groups of scientists design targeted suites of experiments to address a diversity of scientific questions; and scientists and computer specialists develop the software "infrastructure" needed to deliver the results to researchers worldwide.

"The numerous phases of the CMIP multi-model archive have provided a wealth of coordinated information that has turbo-charged climate research over the last two decades," said LLNL climate scientist Paul Durack, a member of the WGCM Infrastructure Panel (WIP). "As one of the youngest members of the WIP, I am grateful to the work of the international modeling community that has led and contributed to the various CMIP phases. This considerable resource has hugely benefited my own research productivity, and I am glad to have per-

sonally contributed to the latest CMIP6 phase of the project."

At present, the CMIP6 archive includes results from DOE's new E3SM model along with results from nine other modeling groups. All the model output is available through an official CMIP6 portal located at LLNL (<https://esgf-node.llnl.gov/search/cmip6/>).

As more modeling groups complete their simulations, the archive will become an increasingly rich resource for climate researchers. As in past phases, CMIP-based science should prove invaluable to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as it prepares the Sixth Assessment Report, due for release in 2021.

"The IPCC is assessing the state of knowledge related to past, ongoing and future climate change, based on a critical analysis of the scientific literature," said Valérie Masson-Delmotte, co-chair, IPCC Working Group I. "The coordination of intercomparisons of climate models, within CMIP, their systematic comparison with paleoclimate evidence and observations, the analysis of the representation of climate processes, and the publication of the results is extremely important to support the assessment of the state of knowledge, the understanding of our changing climate, and inform the use of climate projections."

The project is funded by the DOE Office of Science.

LEGISLATURE

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passed unanimously.

The Tri-Valley cities of Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the town of Danville have joined together to advocate collectively on important regional issues, such as transportation and housing. A housing framework was incorporated this year. Staff is requesting that this be added into Livermore's platform. Each city will still be able to advocate for its own individual areas of concern as needed.

Vice-mayor Bob Carling noted that the entire state is challenged with housing issues. Councilmember Bob Woerner supported the recommendations. He stated that housing is a symptom and not the cause of our problems. The fundamental problem is the mismatch between housing and jobs. Rather than thinking about housing everywhere, he said, move the jobs, for example. Don't just focus on one symptom. Urge the people in the legislature to address the cause.

Councilmember Trish

Munro added that the city should not look at housing by itself. Keeping housing and jobs close together will reduce transportation times,

decrease air quality problems, increase the quality of life for people, their families and their communities.

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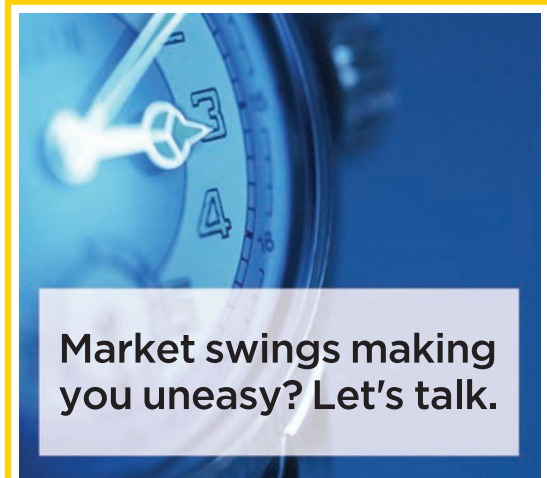


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EDITORIAL

Theater Educates

TheatreWorks visited Fairlands Elementary School in Pleasanton to show how frustrating it can be for students to go through a day with many expectations piled on them.

The troupe of actors used art to educate. They conveyed their message with stage props. Various characters kept piling objects into another character's small backpack until he fell to the ground, worn down by "the last straw". The play teaches the lesson that when students are feeling overwhelmed about their responsibilities, they need to speak up.

To prepare for the performance, TheatreWorks transmitted documents to the school ahead of time, so that teachers would know how to prepare their lesson plans. Last year, TheatreWorks visited Fairlands with another play that focused on bullying.

Not only can theater entertain, but also it can demonstrate slice-of-life situations so the audience can see how characters respond to them, and learn from the experience.

We applaud the program.

MAILBOX

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Eliminate Eating Them At All

John Cameron, Dublin

In a recent letter by Lex Manwill of Livermore about not eating animals for Lent, and some of the other reasons why, I'd like to tell of my experiences being an animal, and environmental activist who has been inside of factory farms assisting in investigations. Most people don't want to know, or think about what happens inside animal farms, and there's a reason for that. People who "love animals" and care for "companion animals" would never want to imagine an animal they love subjected to severe suffering, like farm animals. The truth of it is, these animals (an estimated 56 billion land, and two trillion aquatic animals per year) we call food, are not any different from the cats and dogs we adore, other than the bodies they are born in. Pigs, cows, bunnies, chickens, goats, lambs — all have distinct personalities, and are capable of close bonds with ourselves and each other. They feel joy, fear, excitement, love — everything we feel.

What I've seen personally is large numbers of innocent beings fighting for space, food, water and safety, while constantly living in a state of intense fear and misery, in abysmal conditions with no veterinary care for injuries (that would cut profits). They are considered things, like a chair, or a cup, or some commodity to merely make profit from. They are usually killed very young. The sick and injured are often left to die. Waste from these farms permeate the air, contaminate waterways, and contribute more to climate disruption than the entire transportation sector.

Many of us have grown up thinking meat is necessary for survival, but actually the opposite is true. By eliminating meat and dairy from our diet, we thrive. Science is proving this more every day. In fact, there are more cases all the time of people who are successfully fighting diseases like type 2 diabetes and cancer with unprocessed vegan diets.

If you truly love animals, care about the planet, and want to improve your health, then eliminating meat and dairy from your life makes sense, and is much easier than you think. The animal agriculture industry is humongous, and makes a huge amount of money. It's one of the strongest lobbies in Washington,

and tells one of the biggest lies the public has ever been told (much like the tobacco industry did for decades). The only excuses left for eating animals are taste and tradition. Both are trivial in comparison to the consequences.

The Solution to Gun Violence is Simple

Laurie Herbert, Pleasanton

Prior to Sandy Hook, I had no strong feelings about guns other than I didn't want one in my home. I respected the 2nd amendment and figured it was an important part of our Constitution. However, after 20 precious babies were slaughtered at Sandy Hook, I decided to do some research. Honestly, I figured that other countries had the same problems with mass shootings—after all, our country is the best in the world, right? But I was hopeful that perhaps one or two countries were figuring out some solutions. I did some simple Google searches and spent the next few hours with my jaw repeatedly hitting the floor. By searching "gun deaths by country," I found that our per capita (per 100,000) gun death rate is one of the highest in the world, only surpassed by a handful of Central and South American countries. I found out that the rest of the world HAS figured this out, and that children in those countries are significantly safer from gun violence than children in the USA.

Here are a few stats:

- U.S. per capita gun death rate: 12.21
- Canada: 2.05 - 1/6 of ours
- Mexico: 7.64 - 3/5 of ours
- Costa Rica: 6.3 - 1/2 of ours
- France: 2.83 - 1/6 of ours
- Australia: 1.04 - less than 1/10 of ours
- United Kingdom: 0.23 - less than 1/50
- Japan: 0.06 of our gun death rate

The correlation between strict gun laws and low gun death rates is universal. Individuals can still own a gun in ALL of those countries... they just have more hoops to jump through.

The solution is simple — we need more hoops. Any responsible, mentally stable prospective gun owner will be happy to jump through the hoops necessary to protect our children and our community. What is happening now is not acceptable. More children are killed by guns than are police officers and military personnel. I am now a proud, active, educated member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I strongly support and am actively engaged in bringing about new gun sense legislation, both at the state and the federal level. In the recent midterms I worked on two elections for winning gun sense candidates. When I joined Moms Demand Action, 93 Americans were being killed by guns per day. One year ago at the March

for our Lives, the count was 96 per day. Now we are close to 100 per day. We have a great deal of work to do and I intend to spend the rest of my days working to save lives. Join this crusade!

Caring for 'The Least of These'

Terry Hansen, Hales Corners, Wisconsin

Letter writer Phillip R. La Scola questions the threat posed by human-caused global warming.

I encourage La Scola to read Exxon's 1982 primer titled "CO2 Greenhouse Effect: A Technical Review." This internal company document is available online and reveals that Exxon accepted the scientific foundation for human-caused climate change over 35 years ago, along with many of the associated risks, such as sea level rise and decreased agricultural production.

Moreover, in a 1978 presentation to Exxon management, company science adviser J.F. Black warned that an increase in global temperature of two degrees Celsius would be likely to affect the distribution of the world's rainfall. According to Black, "Some countries would benefit, but others could have their agricultural output reduced or destroyed."

These are the types of climate impacts that world hunger organizations like Bread for the World and Christian Aid are observing today.

Consistent with these concerns, the 2019 Worldwide Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community states that climate hazards like heat waves, droughts and floods "are increasing water and food insecurity around the world," heightening the risk of social unrest and migration in places like the Middle East.

Our common values, like national security and caring for "the least of these," should unify Americans on this issue. Let's urge our members of Congress to work together and find a path to slow climate change.

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"Bloody Murder" For Fun, Not Reality

Barbara David, Livermore Director, Asbury Players Community Theater

A concerned citizen of Livermore recently shared his concern that the Asbury Players Community Theater production of Ed Sala's comedy "Bloody Murder" (March 23-31) was in bad taste, made light of violence and might even be criminal. Please let me assure you that we don't condone violence at all. In fact, I believe I can safely say that not one member of the cast or crew has ever killed anyone or would ever truly want to. Not only that, the entire point of the playwright's work is to show the folly of

using violence as a solution to anything.

Regarding displaying a noose, please rest assured that the California Penal Code forbids it only when used for the purpose of terrorizing someone, and while I agree that our actor looks extremely menacing in that photo, he is not even remotely terrifying in person. As for the claim of bad taste, well, that is always subject to personal opinion.

The good people at Asbury United Methodist Church are the kindest, most generous and welcoming people you will find anywhere. They allow the members and supporters of Asbury Players Community Theater and all of us the great privilege of thinking for ourselves. Their support of our amateur theatricals allow us to have fun, celebrate community and raise funds for all kinds of good causes. Why don't you come to one of our shows and see for yourself? We'd love to see you there!

Actual Climate Change

Russ Greenlaw, Livermore

Recent demonstrations by school children at the office of Senator Feinstein and elsewhere indicate a perceived concern over what they have apparently been told is severe climate change. But how much climate change has actually taken place?

Articles and op-eds in the past year disclosed two different, but small, increases in global temperature: 0.5 Celsius (0.9 Fahrenheit) for the 30 years ending in 1945 as related by Prof. Fred Singer, and 1.5 F over the past 150 years attributed to NOAA. Disregarding for the moment that these are modestly inconsistent numbers, disregarding also the accuracy and resolution of the historical record of temperatures, both of the reported figures are very small compared with total temperature, which begins at absolute zero.

One Fahrenheit degree calculates to less than one-fifth of one percent of total standard temperature — that is, more than five degrees F of temperature change would be needed to produce a one percent change in global temperature. While the tree ring record shows climate change trending warmer and wetter over several centuries — from the nadir of the little ice age (lasting from 1300 to 1700, more or less) — I haven't yet heard of anyone claiming a global temperature increase as large as 5 F. The European Union is reported to be trying to avoid this magnitude change within the next hundred years, that is a 3 degree C or 5 F, or one percent change, regardless of scale.

The flipside of a single percent increase in temperature is that it would produce a FOUR PERCENT increase in infrared radiation back into space.

The recent slight warming believed to have been measured also slightly increases oceanic evaporation which necessarily increases both rain and the clouds from which rain falls — clouds which also reflect incoming solar infrared.

These are the reasons that, despite periodic ice ages and the pleasant times between, plus asteroid strikes and volcanoes, the planet's climate has remained suitable for di-

B&B

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People have been asking for more B&Bs in South Livermore. Comments from representatives of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce have been supportive, said Jensen.

The proposed rules would allow new construction of a B&B; current rules allow only adoption of an existing house, said Jensen. The maximum number of rooms

allowed would be 14 in a new building, the same as for an existing structure.

A restaurant of up to 1000 square feet could also be allowed, on the condition that the applicant provides the proper water and wastewater treatment service. The whole building envelope could occupy 2 acres, with the remaining 18 acres in a planted crop, the same as required for wine ranchettes in the SLVAP.

verse life forms for many millions of years: warming increases both clouds and radiation outward, and cooling decreases same. It is a stable system, with at least two built-in feedback mechanisms.

The other perceived climate crisis, sea level rise, has prompted several cities on San Francisco Bay to file suit against oil companies, claiming those companies are responsible for a hypothetical 3-foot sea level rise that is, or will be, inundating those cities. Prof. Singer wrote that the average sea level change over 150 years is a constant 1.8 millimeters per year; do the math: 1.8 mm computes to more than 14 years per inch, nearly 170 years per foot, and a mere 508 years for the alleged three-foot rise.

It is quite probable that within 508 years we will be in another of the little ice ages that have been known to occur at roughly 1,000-year intervals, at least since the time of Caesar.

In the meantime, a temperature rise of less than three-tenths of one percent and a sea level rise that takes 170 years per foot do not comprise a climate change crisis. Perhaps school children should be informed of this.

The Homeless Games, Part X – Rational Basis

Greg Scott, Livermore

Currently there is not the political will nor the rationale to solve the greater part of the homeless problem; nor is there the political will or rationale to even begin to solve the human-induced-climate-disruption menace. Both problems are intertwined in part, as witnessed by the growing amount of homes destroyed by climate-disruption-enhanced-natural-extreme-events. The lack of rational basis to address these problems is manifested on this editorial page.

In response to my letter "Climate Homeless," Mr. Tom O'Neill writes ("Letters of 3/7/19," The Independent, 3/21/2019) that "One can compare the tone of the description here with the tone of Buckley's support for the work of LaPoint." Really? Mr. O'Neill is going to compare my description of peer-reviewed science to the "research" of David LaPoint?

Two questions arise here: 1) Who is David LaPoint? and 2) What peer-reviewed article(s) has David LaPoint published in reputable, peer-reviewed scientific journals? Perhaps Mr. O'Neill can inform me of this to bring logical premise(s) for his assertion. Please support the fact(s) that David LaPoint's "research" is other than Internet tripe.

Mr. O'Neill also writes, "Scott thinks, accurately it seems to me, that homelessness will increase with climate change. Presumably refugeeism will increase as a result." "Presumably"? "Will"?

The 2006-2010 Syrian drought accentuated by human-induced climate disruption precipitated one of the greatest human disasters in modern times, whereas of 2016 there were over five million refugees out of Syria as part of the largest refugee migration since World War II. "There is evidence that the 2007-2010 drought contributed to the conflict in Syria. It was the worst drought in the instrumental

record, causing widespread crop failure and a mass migration of farming families to urban centers. Century-long observed trends in precipitation, temperature, and sea-level pressure, supported by climate model results, strongly suggest that anthropogenic forcing has increased the probability of severe and persistent droughts in the region, and made the occurrence of a three-year drought as severe as that of 2007-2010 two to three times more likely than by natural variability alone." ("Climate change in the Fertile Crescent and implications of the recent Syrian drought," Colin P. Kelley, et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, March 17, 2015, <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1421533112>). It is great that we can be so removed from a "Private War." (Reference to the movie).

If we are to solve the homeless and human-induced-climate-disruption problems, it will be through sound, peer-reviewed science and rational, broad community input. An example would be the process review of the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change by 54,677 written-review comments by 1084 individual expert reviewers and 38 governments. Unfortunately, we do not have a process near anywhere this magnitude and as effectively communicated to any community for the plight of over 553,000 homeless in the United States, which includes around 130,000 in the state of California, as counted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

Does Swalwell Represent Our District?

Pierre Bierre, Pleasanton

When our region sent Eric Swalwell to Congress in 2012, there was hope that he would be able to cut through the partisan divide, work with centrists in both parties and get important things done on a bipartisan basis. That's our kind of district — innovative, pragmatic, and non-ideological. In his first term, Swalwell established himself as a young moderate leader, helping establish the United Solutions Caucus. By the end of his first term, he had gotten three bills through the House and two signed into law — more than any other freshman.

Midway through his second term, Nancy Pelosi offered him vice-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, which he accepted. He was advanced to full co-chair after being re-elected in 2016. This is a powerful party position, e.g., deciding committee assignments and divvying up DCCC lobbyist cash. Eric's conversion to a party apparatchik cost him his ability to work from the middle, and to defy the Dem leadership when they put party interests ahead of the national interest.

Other than getting the Rapid DNA Bill signed in his third term (a bipartisan law enforcement success), Swalwell has acted as a leading spokesperson for the conspiracy theories surrounding the imagined Trump-Russia collusion narrative.

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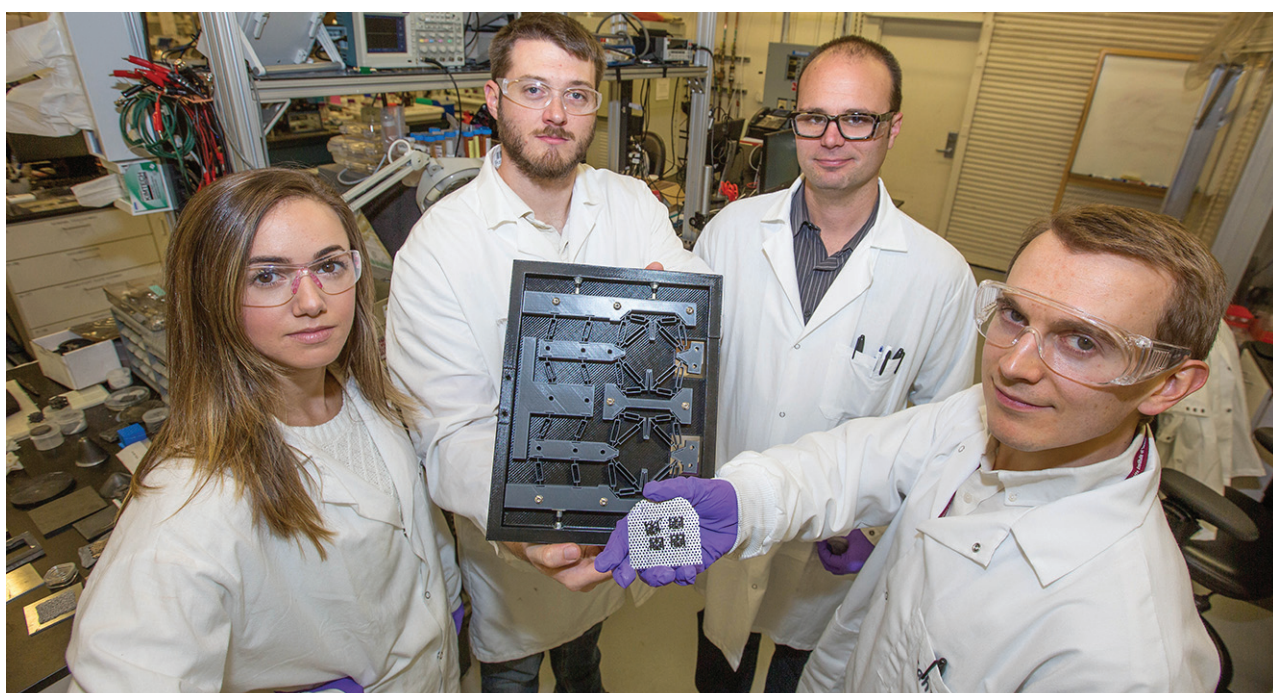
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Researchers Reach into Computing's Past to Build 'Sentient' Material



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists and engineers are combining mechanical computing with 3D printing as part of an effort to create "sentient" materials that can respond to changes in their surroundings, even in extreme environments. Pictured, from left, are LLNL researchers Julie Jackson Mancini, Logan Bekker, Andy Pascall and Robert Panas. (Photo by Julie Russell/LLNL)

Taking a page from the past, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists and engineers are combining mechanical computing with 3D printing as part of an effort to create "sentient" materials that can respond to changes in their surroundings, even in extreme environments that would destroy electronic components, such as high radiation, heat or pressure.

Original computers, like Charles Babbage's Difference Engine, were fully mechanical, filled with gears and levers that turned, moved and shifted to solve complex mathematical calculations. After World War II and the rise of vacuum tubes and electronic circuits, mechanical computers mostly went the way of the dodo. However, putting a new twist on the old technology, LLNL researchers and contributors from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) are 3D printing mechanical logic gates – the basic building blocks of computers capable of performing any kind of math calculations.

Like LEGOs, these 3D-printed logic gates could be used to build just about anything, researchers said, embedded into any type of architected material and programmed to react to its environment by physically changing shape without the need for electricity, useful in areas of high radiation, heat or pressure. The research was published online today by the journal *Nature Communications*.

"Certain electric applications are limited, whereas with this system, the material could completely reconfigure itself," said lead researcher Andy Pascall. If you embedded logic gates into material, that material could sense something about its environment. It's a way of having a responsive material; we like to call it a 'sentient' material — that could have complicated responses to temperature, pressure etc. The idea is it's beyond being smart. It's responding in a controlled, precise way."

Mechanical logic gates, while not as powerful as typical computers, could prove useful in rovers sent to hostile environments such as Venus, or in low-power computers intended to survive nuclear or electromagnetic pulse blasts that would destroy electronic devices, researchers said. In a Venusian rover, Pascall said scientists could implement a control system so if the rover got too hot, the material could open its pores to allow in more coolant, with no electricity needed.

The devices also could be used in robots sent to collect information on nuclear reactors (e.g. Fukushima) or, while appearing like any type of material, could be concealed inside just about any kind of imaginable structure.

"The nice thing about our design is it's not limited in scale," Pascall said. "We can go down to order of several microns up to as big as you need it to be, and it can be rapidly prototyped. This would be a difficult task without 3D printing."

LLNL research engineer Robert Panas, former LLNL postdoctoral researcher Jonathan Hopkins, who is now an assistant professor of mechanical aerospace and engineering at UCLA, and summer student Adam Song

designed the device's flexure gates that allow the system to bend and move.

Panas, the project's principal investigator, said the flexures behave like switches. The flexures are chained together and, when stimulated, trigger a cascade of configurations that can be used to perform mechanical logic calculations without external power. The gates themselves work due to displacement, taking in an external binary signal from a transducer, such as a pressure pulse or pulse of light from a fiber optic cable and performing a logical calculation. The result is translated to movement, creating a domino effect throughout all the gates

that physically changes the shape of the device.

"Many mechanical logic designs have substantial limitations and you run into fanciful designs that could not be fabricated," Panas said. "What we're doing is using these flexures, these flexible elements that are 3D printed, which changes how the logic structure can go together. We eventually realized we needed a displacement logic setup (to transfer information). Surprisingly, it actually worked."

The flexures' buckling action allows the structure to be preprogrammed or store information with no need for an auxiliary energy flow, Panas said, making them

well-suited for environments with high radiation, temperature or pressures. Panas said logic gates could be used to collect temperature readings in vaccines or foods and notify when certain thresholds have been reached, or inside bridges to collect data on structural loading, for example.

"We see this as simple logic being put into high-volume materials, potentially getting readings in places where you can't normally get data," Panas said.

At UCLA, Hopkins used a 3D printing process called two-photon stereolithography, where a laser scans within a photocurable liquid polymer that cures and hard-

ens where the laser shines, to print a set of gates at a sub-micron level.

"Once the structure was printed, we then deformed it in place using different lasers that act as optical tweezers," Hopkins explained. "We then actuated the switches using those optical tweezers as well. It's a revolutionary new approach for making these materials at the micro-scale."

The design was driven by computationally modeling the gates' buckling behavior, and although they were designed in two dimensions, Pascall said he would like to move to 3D. Pascall hopes the technology can be used to design secure, personal-

ized control systems, and said plans are to release the design as open source. The technology also could be a teaching tool for students, who could print their own logic gates using commercial 3D printers and learn about how computers work, he added.

The researchers have begun a new Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) project to explore scaling and examine transduction chemistry. Other contributors included Julie Jackson Mancini of LLNL, and Yuanping Song, Samira Chizari and Lucas Shaw of UCLA.

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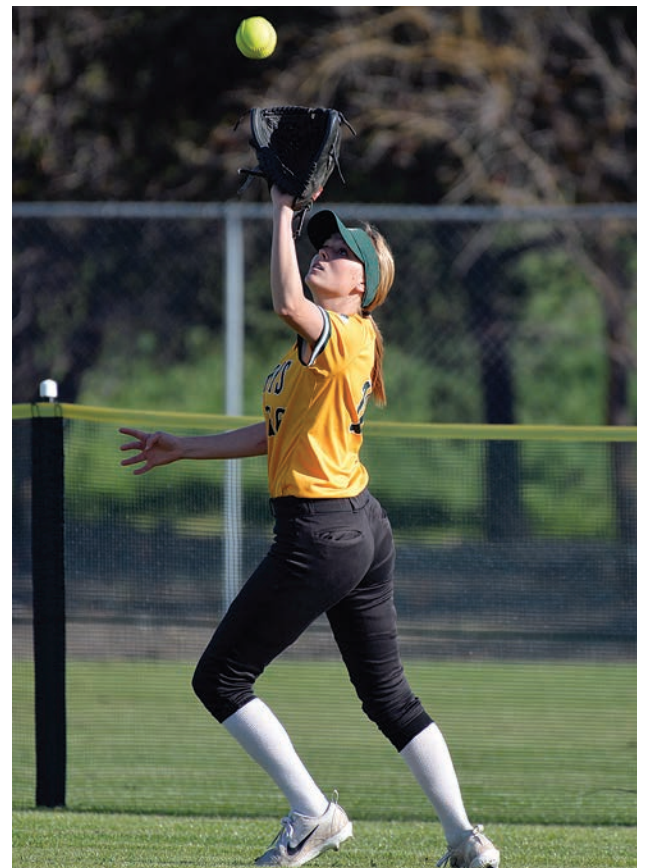
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SPORTS NOTES



On Sunday, Granada High faced Livermore High-Dougherty Valley in Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Associations' Pure High School league. Granada's Jeffery Patterson Carrill shoots the puck past Livermore's Arkin Katarey. Livermore won 6 to 5. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore High outfielder Brook Anderson catches a fly ball at the Thursday, March 21, game. Livermore won 1 to 0. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)



At an EBAL Varsity Livermore—Foothill Track and Field meet on March 20, held at Livermore High School, Livermore High School Sophomore Nina Fillari (pictured) took first place in the Girls Varsity 100 and 200 meter competitions, and second place in the Girls Varsity Long Jump.



The Granada High School varsity boys lacrosse team traveled to play the Dougherty Valley High School Wildcats on Friday night, March 15th. Pictured is #9, Matthew Larson, taking a shot with teammate #22, Ryan Lortie, standing ready to assist. They played on Friday, March 22 at the GHS field.

LGSA 8U Player of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Livermore Girls Softball Association (LGSA) Player of the Week, Lila Bishop, from the Lady Sharks. Saturday, March 9th was Lila's first game ever and in her first at bat she got a base hit. While on the field, she played some great defense. Lila always has a smile on her face and is determined to get better every day. Great job Lila!

Altamont Crew Headed to Cooperstown

The Altamont Crew, a 12U travel baseball team born out of Livermore, is ready to hit the ball out of the park! The "Crew" is a nonprofit, parent-run organization, with the goal to serve and positively represent its community. After three seasons strengthening their skills as individuals and as a team, The Crew is headed 2,500 miles east to their "Field of Dreams" at All Star Village in Cooperstown, New York, in June 2019.

Through years of hard work and dedication, the Crew players are eager to play in the same tournament as their role models and brothers before. Each summer, over 50 teams per week travel to Oneonta, New York, to compete in America's favorite pastime; baseball! The Crew looks forward to the opportunity to focus on baseball 24/7, meeting new friends from all over the United States, and creating lifelong memories. You can join their journey by streaming their games from www.cooperstownallstarvillage.com for the week of June 22-28, 2019.

With the constant support of the parent coaches, families, and fans, not only does the Crew train and practice multiple times per week, they have set fundraising and community service goals. They have collected their neighbors' recycling, sold holiday mistletoe downtown, hosted a garage sale, volunteered at the Fertile Groundworks Community Garden, and packed lunches for Open Heart Kitchen. Furthermore, they will be hosting over 140 participants on April 19th for their golf tournament at Poppy Ridge Golf Course. Please see www.altamontcrew.com for more details on how to sponsor or attend the event.

Rage 05 Girls Take Home Vegas Showcase Championship

The Pleasanton Rage 05 Premier team won the Girls' Under-14 Gold Coast division in the prestigious Las Vegas Players Showcase soccer tournament on March 15-17 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The team finished the weekend undefeated in five matches (4-0-1) facing stiff competition from Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and New Mexico.

Led by coach Luis Situ, the Rage girls – whose season record stands at 22-3-5 (W/L/D) – showed tremendous grit and determination all weekend. "I'm so proud of these girls. Every player contributed to the victory, but more importantly, everyone put the team above themselves. That has been the secret of our success all season."

Thanks to stellar defensive play from goalie Katelyn Guerra and the backline of Lauren Grgurina, Lily Keegan, Devyn Hasty, and Brooke Walker, Rage yielded just one goal in their five games. Mia Rabuco got the orange side off to a great start with a late first-half strike that proved to be the winning goal in the tournament opener vs. Nevada.

In their second match, Rage midfielder Zareena Mann dribbled past the center defender and scored with under a minute to play, giving Rage a thrilling 1-0 win and a spot in the playoffs. After drawing 1-1 in their match against Hawaii to start Day 2, Rage played New Mexico in the semifinals. Goals by Mann, Gracie Segundo, and Sydney Mutzl propelled the Rage to a 3-0 victory and a place in the championship game versus a highly-ranked team from Arizona.

In the final, after an intense and hard-fought 60 minutes, the two teams were scoreless and headed to penalty kicks, where a dramatic, diving save by Guerra and scores by Keegan, Grgurina, Mann, Chloe Yeagly, and Julia Lindstrom helped to crown Rage as Vegas Showcase Champions.

RAGE 05 Premier will now turn its attention to its upcoming State Cup Knockout Phase match against Ajax United 05 Green on March 30 in Modesto, California.

Pleasanton Rage Game of the Week

In the NPL action this weekend, Pleasanton Rage took on California Odyssey and West Coast in the 05-age group. With Rage leading in the standings by a small margin, the NPL game of the week was imperative to win to stay in the lead for the U14 Girls Champions League. Odyssey pressed the Rage defense for 90 minutes, but the defense held strong without their leading center back. Near the end of regulation play, Lauren Kenny lobbed a beautiful ball over the goalie's grasp and Rage went on to win a 1-0 battle. This win puts Rage in the top of the leaderboard by 5 points, with two more games left on the schedule.

Lauren Kenny struck again on Sunday against Rage's fierce rival, West Coast Wild Katz. Kenny received a fantastic cross from Destiny Froedge to come back from a 1-0 deficit late in the second half. With a late surge from the girls in orange, West Coast was able to withstand the storm resulting in a 1-1 draw.

Rage takes on MVLA on Saturday the 30th at 1:00 at Val Vista fields in Pleasanton before heading to Arizona the following weekend in the ECNL Showcase.

Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team played the Walnut Creek Warriors U12 at home last Saturday, both well-matched teams. Roman Zuanich led the scoreboard with four goals followed by Eljay Schellenberg with three goals. Mitchel McCormick and George Esse also contributed one goal each to the scoreboard. Roman Zuanich led in assists followed by George Esse, Eljay Schellenberg and Charlie Hertz. Both goalies Harrison Atkins and Rodger Mayhew had key saves throughout the game. Although the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team made great effort by taking two shots on goal in hopes of a tie score for overtime play in the last minute of the game, they ultimately lost 9 to 10.

On Sunday, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U12 Black team faced the Diablo Scorpion Stingers U12 in Danville. Both teams played competitively with the scoreboard back and forth throughout the game. Roman Zuanich led the scoreboard again with two goals, followed by George Esse and Brahn Weintraub. Jordan Phillips led in assists followed by Zach Neely and Roman Zuanich. The game went into sudden victory overtime where goalie Harrison Atkins had outstanding blocks. Despite several shots on goal, the game ended in a tie with four goals from each team. A rematch is scheduled in April.

The Livermore Phantoms U14 Black started like most games, with a quick score. Chase Parker (66). But, it didn't take long to realize that Town School from SF was to be their toughest opponent. With goals from Ben Wojewski (17), Nick Swartzendruber (37), Aidan Andre (84), and Josh Gnoval (98), Phantoms were able to go into the half with a 5-3 lead. Town School were aggressive and never gave up, pushing the Phantoms the farthest this season. As tension filled the air in the second half, as Town School threatened the lead, the Phantoms focused on ground balls and teamwork, resulting in goals by Anders Bostrom (2), Ben W., Quin Wetzel (72), A. Andre, Josh G. Assists by Nick S. (2), Quin W. (3), and Josh G. (1). The Phantoms held off Town School for an 11-6 victory and kept their undefeated season intact 8-0.

On Saturday, the Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple team faced the Diablo Scorpion Fire in Danville, who quickly took the lead with four goals. With fast and swift play, Josh King led scoring for Phantoms with three goals followed by Ben Rohe with two and Jack Schmehl with one. James Foulk, Wyatt Lam, Kenny Ng and Ben Rohe contributed to team efforts with assists. Ryan Doko displayed exemplary goalie skills throughout the game.

The Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple played a competitive game against Head-Royce at home on Sunday. Scoring was led by Wyatt Lam and Ben Rohe with two goals each, followed by Aiden Bartling, James Foulk, Thomas Keenan and Josh King who each contributed one



Livermore Phantoms U14 Black's Luke Leary (13) and Anders Bostrom (2) team-up to hold off SF Town School for victory.



Livermore Phantoms Lacrosse U14 Purple team goalie Ryan Doko displays defensive skills against his Diablo Scorpion Fire opponent.



Pleasanton Rage plays California Odyssey (Photo - Jennifer Franks)



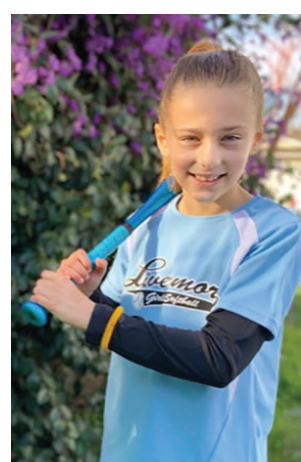
The Granada High School varsity boys lacrosse team won their game against the Washington High School Wildcats. Pictured is Matador attackman Alec Faith dodging an opponent.



West Coast Soccer's Callie Crain led the Wildfire to victory with a goal and assist in the second half.



Jalen Bets (right) and Ximena Pulido (left) competed for Team California in Oklahoma City, at the Girls Folkstyle National Wrestling Tournament.



Lila Bishop, Livermore Girls Softball Association's Player of the Week

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goal to the scoreboard. Leading assists was Hudson Huppert followed by Aiden Bartling, Thomas Keenan and Ben Rohe. With two sudden victory overtime periods, it was a fierce competition. The team ultimately lost with a score of 8 to 9.

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast **Krush 05** girls team traveled to the North Bay this past Sunday, kicking off the NorCal Spring League against Santa Rosa United 05G Gold, coming out on top with a 4-2 victory.

Krush scored its first goal minutes into the game when Ava Coverdale sent a clearing pass up the field, Kayla Robinson stole the ball away from a Santa Rosa defender and juiced around the defender sending a blistering shot into the goal.

Later in the half, Robinson attempted another goal, but her shot was blocked by Santa Rosa's goalie. The block created a second scoring opportunity for Krush and Lauren Stoneberger took advantage of it. Stoneberger intercepted the block, then placed a shot of her own just inside the goal. The half ended with Krush leading 2-1, after Santa Rosa capitalized on a penalty kick.

Krush kept the pressure up in the second half, scoring two more goals. The first came when Kimmie Keller crossed the ball to Paige McLean for a quick shot that ricocheted off the crossbar into the goal. Krush's final goal of the game came from Coverdale, who smoothly maneuvered around Santa Rosa's defenders before scoring. Another penalty kick gave Santa Rosa a second goal, just before time expired, but by that time it was too late. The final score was 4-2, and West Coast Krush earned their first victory of the Spring League.

The West Coast Soccer **U19 Wildfire** girls team earned a 4-3 victory over Diablo FC in their first home spring league game of the year.

On Sunday, Wildfire met with Diablo FC in their first NPL Champions

League home game. Diablo scored first with a chip shot into the left corner of the net putting them up 1-0. Wildfire would score just before the half with a pass from Callie Crain to Jaden Hall tying it up at one apiece. Second half Diablo came out firing, taking the lead 2-1 while controlling most of the passion. Some quick adjustments by Coach Dayak and Wildfire's midfielders McKenna Diaz, Daniela Vallejo, Isa Saavedra, and Fayth Hinajosa started to distribute the ball well and changed the momentum of the game. Jaden Hall hit a perfect cross and found Heather Tarabini and the game was tied again at 2-2. Wildfire's defense led by Tatiana Elsea, Isabela Saavedra, Katherine Auer, Meredith Hagler, Ari Moore, Savannah Seals and Reagan Mah was solid controlling Diablo's offense. Callie Crain rocketed a free kick to give West Coast the lead at 3-2. Both teams would continue to battle, Tatiana Elsea hit a beautiful header in the net off a corner kick from Callie Crain putting Wildfire up 4-2. Diablo's fiery offense scored one more, making it 4-3. With just minutes left, a great defensive play by Reagan Mah clearing the ball off the goal line kept Diablo from tying up the game and giving Wildfire a 4-3 win in Norcal Champion League. "It was a great club victory; everyone stepped up and did their job," said Troy Dayak, Head Coach and DOC of West Coast.

The West Coast **Kaos U16** girls opened their spring NPL season with a big 3-2 win over IR Vision Academy. In a late Sunday night match at home in Livermore, Kaos scored first with a free kick from midfielder, Katie Zeck. Zeck took the kick from 30 yards out and nailed the top left corner of the goal. Ten minutes later, Vision found a scoring opportunity and tied the match up 1-1. Late in first half, Vision was awarded a penalty kick in the box to move ahead 1-2. With minutes to go, Kaos responded with a cross from Maddie Del Prado to Anaya Shelton. The teams went into the half tied at 2-2.

The second half started with Kaos taking control of the match and dominating on offense. At the 70-minute mark, Shelton moved the ball

deep into the Vision defense where she managed to cross the ball to Del Prado. Del Prado easily connected and found the right corner of the Vision goal. Kaos moved ahead 3-2 and maintained the lead throughout match. "This group of young ladies always give 100 percent effort, they are still learning the game and having fun!" Kaos had a record year last year as a team and for the club winning US Club Regionals, US Club Nationals, Surf Cup and SilverLakes Showcase. "Everyone is out to beat us but that's ok we just keep playing our game our way, it makes us more competitive as players and helps prepare us for the next level, college and beyond," said West Coast Soccer Head Coach and Director Troy Dayak.

Livermore Girls High School Wrestling

Jalen Bets and Ximena Pulido competed this past weekend for Team California in Oklahoma City, at the prestigious 2019 USAW / USMC Girls Folkstyle National Wrestling Tournament. Jalen is a Freshman at Granada High and wrestled in the 94 lbs. cadet bracket. She went 4-2, with 4 pins and placed 4th. Ximena is a Sophomore at Livermore High and wrestled in the 132 lbs. cadet bracket. She went 3-3 and placed 8th. By finishing in the top 8 in the nation, both girls earned All-American Honors. Jalen is continuing her training at Tri-Valley Elite Wrestling Club. Ximena is continuing her training at Livermore Wrestling Club. They both will be competing in Fresno at the California Freestyle State Championships on April 12-14th.

Fusion Soccer Registration Open

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for fall Recreational and Select soccer. The Recreational program is open to boys and girls born 2001 through 2015. Select is open to boys and girls born 2001 through 2011. For details, visit www.fusionsoc.org.



Kayla Robinson of West Coast Krush charges down the field before attempting to score.



14 students from Tri-Valley Karate competed at Tibon's 34th Annual Karate Championships in Stockton and returned with 29 medals. Students and results listed from left to right: Back Row: Beatriz Medina – 1st Kata & 2nd Kumite, Zenil Koovejee – 1st Kata & 1st Kumite, Sanjana Kolar – 2nd Kata & 2nd Kumite, Varsha Harnoor – 1st Kata & 3rd Kumite, Sai Gautum Chippada – 1st Kata & 1st Kumite. Front Row: Sophie Tran – 3rd Kata & 3rd Place Kumite, Sarina Mandal – 1st Kumite, 2nd Monkey Tail Kumite, & 1st Obstacle Course, Anika Kumar – 2nd Kata & 1st Kumite, Kaylin Koovejee – 1st Kata, 2nd Kumite, 2nd Obstacle Course, Daisy Doshi – 1st Kata & 3rd Kumite, Neela Mandal – 1st Kumite, Vid Mirchandani - 1st Kata & 1st Kumite. Not Pictured: Roshni Balajee – 1st Kata & 1st Kumite, Ashwin Prakash – 1st Kata & 2nd Kumite.

Cricket for Cubs Hosts Inter-School Tournament



John Green Elementary Cricket Team, winner of the Cricket for Cubs Elementary School Division trophy.

Cricket for Cubs (CFC), a nonprofit organization that promotes the game of cricket in the East Bay successfully conducted its eighth Spring Inter-School Cricket Tournament in the Tri-Valley over the weekend of March 16-17.

Fourteen teams from the Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon school districts participated in the tournament, of which eight were from elementary school, four from Middle School and two from High School.

Over 200 players played 27 matches over two weekends. More than 20 girls were among the players in the tournament. The matches were played at five different locations in Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

John Green elementary School won the trophy for the Elementary School Division, beating Dougherty Elementary School in the finals. Dougherty Elementary was the runner up for the second time. The team's manager Ayush Ganerwal said that his team showed an excellent team spirit and worked very hard to reach the finals. He is really proud of his team.

Shuab Hasan Khwaja, team manager of the Alisal Elementary Cricket Club said, "Cricket for Cubs is giving kids an opportunity to experience cricket as well teaching them the meaning of team work. As first-timers in the tournament, I can see that kids are communicating with each other effectively to achieve their goal. With time, they will learn a life lesson of working together as a team."

Steve Berberich of Ellie Mae said, "What an exciting event this was in supporting the game of cricket. The Ellie Mae Cricket Club

supports youth cricket in the Tri Valley Area at such events. We were especially happy to see that the Alisal Elementary School Team is sponsored by Ellie Mae's Cricket Club."

A parent from Vintage Hills Elementary said, "It is second time Vintage Hills played the tournament and the boys have raised the bar. The tournament was organized perfectly and the parents' enthusiasm watching kids play was amazing. Many thanks to the organizers, coaches and looking forward to many such events to come."

Ramesh Immadi, president of CFC, announced that this event wouldn't have been possible without the support of the sponsors: Karewell MD, Panache Academy, Xoriant, Arkrit LLC, Cyber Inc, Love Organics, Panache Enfants, Ellie Mae and auto dealers Dublin Chevrolet, Dublin Buick, Dublin GMC, Dublin Cadillac, and Dublin Infiniti. ThinkPalm was the event sponsor.

The award ceremony, emceed by Ramaan Vijay Yedavilli and Anish Kolan, wrapped up the tournament. CFC board members Ajay Immadi, Anish Reddy Kolan, Shamith Pasula, Varun Yedavilli, Ramesh Immadi, Ramaan Yedavilli, Surya Pasula, Nadia Gruny, Sirhari Dasarathy, Suresh Kolan, Sridhar Verose, Sunny Singh, were also present.

During the ceremony, Dublin City Council member Jean Josey announced that she is extremely happy to see how this sport is

becoming popular in the community and that the City of Dublin is committed to supporting the sport. She announced that the city is planning on building five batting cages at Fallon Sports Park which will be completed in a couple of years.

City Mayor David Haubert closed the ceremony and thanked all the parents for supporting their kid's passion. He said, "In my eyes, you all sitting here are winners."

In addition to Dublin Mayor David Haubert and Council Member Jean Josey, the closing ceremony was attended by Susanna Ordway, Board of Trustee of SRVUSD, along with the sponsors.

Elementary School Division Winners:

Best Fielder - Anay Sharma, Best Wicket Keeper - Ranbir Panech, Best Batman - Varish Doma, Best Bowler - Zafir Kasim, MVP - Akhil Venkatesh

Middle School Division Winners:

Best Fielder - Shruvan Ramanand, Best Wicket Keeper - Aadi Jawargi, Best Batman - Shreyas Putanae, Best Bowler - Prabhav Doma, MVP - Nirav Rawal

High School Division Winners:

Best Fielder - Rohan Gulhar, Best Wicket Keeper - Jitra Shah, Best Batman - Skanda Rohit Sharma, Best Bowler - Srivatsan Srikanth, MVP - Rishab Jayaram

For more information about CFC, please visit www.cricketforcubs.org.

Tournament Celebrating 25 Years Of High School Girls Softball

The Livermore High School Girls Softball Team will be sponsoring their Annual Softball Tournament, the "Stampede," next weekend, April 4, 5, and 6. This inspiring event will be dedicated to the memory of one of the co-founders, Marilyn Foscalina. She, her husband Charlie and assistant coach, Teresa Stavert took an idea to raise monies for teams' basic equipment and supplies and developed it into an extremely successful annual tournament. Charlie and Marilyn coached LHS Softball for 18 years. As Charlie describes her, she was the conscience and motivator of the teams. She provided the girls with a role-model and consistently promoted not only their athletic abilities, but also their academic success. She was right there to help the girls both on and off the fields. For 18 years, they coached and participated in this local tournament together. They emphasized academics and during the last ten years of coaching saw their teams awarded NCS Team Academic Scholar Awards. With much sorrow, Marilyn passed away January 6, and her loss has touched the entire softball community. Unfortunately, she will never know all of the lives she touched, improved and gave hope too. Because of all that she gave to so many, we are dedicating this 25th Annual Tournament to Marilyn Foscalina. May you be coaching all those softball players who have gone before us.

For twenty-five years the tournament has been presenting high-powered competitive softball action. While Charlie retired from coaching in 2006, you will often see him in his usual spot behind home plate watching the next generation of players. Due to their efforts and the efforts of later coaches, players, parents, and other community volunteers this tournament has developed into one of the most prestigious softball tournaments in Northern California. In gratitude for what Charlie has done, the Most Valuable Player Trophy has been renamed to: The Charlie Foscalina MVP Trophy.

Once again, this tournament will be three days of hard-played ball by some of the most talented young women in the Northern California Softball World. Many of the athletes will have already signed with Division One Colleges as well as other levels. Last year, 47 players had been signed to play college softball prior to the tournament. If you love softball, this is one tournament you don't want to miss.

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Opening ceremonies will be held Thur. April 4th at 9:00am. Games will be on-going from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Games will also be held at the Junction Ave. Softball Fields at designated times. Don't miss out on the raffles and drawings. The Chuck Wagon Snack Shack will be stocked with everybody's favorite "Tri-Tip Sandwiches" along with plenty of other choices. Under the Directorship of Toff Garcia and Sponsorship Chairman, Jeremy Luke and their committee of volunteers, the organizers are hard at work to make the 2019 Stampede a memorable occasion. The committee would love to see as many previous players come out to support their LHS Cowgirl Team. For more information, go to: www.lhsstampede.com.

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Ozone Disinfection Among Upgrades at Treatment Plant

Zone 7 is constructing new facilities and modifying existing ones at the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant (PPWTP) to incorporate ozonation disinfection technology in its potable water treatment processes and to increase production capacity and finished water storage capacity. The plant is not expanding in overall size. Construction is commencing and is anticipated to be completed by mid-2022 – a period of approximately 36 months. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 10.

The PPWTP is the site of two of four water treatment facilities owned and operated by Zone 7 (the others being the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant and the Moch Groundwater Demineralization Plant). It is located at 8750 Patterson Pass Road east of Livermore.

Ozonation disinfection technology has been identified as one that would be most effective to improve taste, remove odor, and improve overall water quality for water consumers in the Zone 7 service area. In addition to improving taste and odor, ozone is more effective than other water treatment technologies (such as powdered activated

carbon, chlorine, and chloramines) in addressing algal byproducts and chemicals of emerging concern, including endocrine disruptors, as well as pharmaceutical and personal care product residues.

In addition to improving water quality, the project will replace and upgrade aging treatment facilities, increase treated water storage capacity, and increase the plant's production capacity from 12 million gallons of water a day to 24 million gallons a day (mgd). These improvements will modernize the plant, making crucial upgrades to electrical system and fire system, increasing cost savings and efficiency by bundling the two projects together as one. Once the project is completed, the plant will essentially be a brand new 24 mgd plant and will provide much needed redundancy in case of potential outages and emergencies at the Del Valle plant.

Operational flexibility in the event of emergencies such as earthquakes or equipment malfunction is a critical component of strategic planning for emergency preparedness. Furthermore, the addition of an ozonation facility at PPWTP will help protect public health by

addressing increasing concerns about the detection of cyanotoxins in parts of the State Water Project.

Approximately 3,000 project-related truck deliveries will occur over the course of the anticipated 36-month construction period, ranging from large pieces of equipment, concrete deliveries, to daily deliveries of parts and tools. Some days there may be little or none, and others may have a lot. The proposed route is from Interstate Highway 580 to Greenville Road to Patterson Pass Road to the PPWTP access road. Whenever possible, construction traffic trips to and from the project site will occur during non-commuter peak hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays. Zone 7 will do its best to minimize construction impacts as much as practical and in accordance with County ordinances. Zone 7 asks those using the roads to use caution. Construction noise from hauling trucks, excavators, bulldozers, and generators should be expected.

The Project is estimated to cost \$110 million and is funded by a combination of water rates, new connection fees, and bonds.

Photography Exhibit Honors And Celebrates Women

By Carol Graham

While hanging photographs for "Celebrate Women! Art that Honors Women" in the Livermore library, one volunteer was struck with an idea.

"This year, Jim Aikin asked if he could hang one of his mother's paintings. When I said yes, he was thrilled, and left immediately to return with the framed picture," says Curator Barbara Nichols Reynolds. "Celebrate Women! is a community event — a place where people are proud to display images of (or by) the women in their lives."

The 5th annual Celebrate Women! exhibit is currently on display at the Civic Center Library through the end of March, in honor of Women's History Month.

"The main purpose of Celebrate Women! is to provide art that honors women; all submissions must have one woman or many women as the subject of the image," Reynolds said. "Anyone may participate. I invite high school students, too."

Artists may submit up to four images in either of Celebrate Women's two tracks: Track One is a competition that is judged and awarded certificates and monetary prizes; Track Two is non-judged, and allows participants to enter photos, paintings or drawings of women they'd like to honor.

"Track Two, dear to my heart, often consists of historical photographs featuring mothers and grandmothers. It's a place where people are proud to display images of the women in their lives," Reynolds said. "However, I encourage everyone to submit to be judged; one year a woman won second place and she had never taken a photography class. Celebrate Women! is a place to find emerging artists."

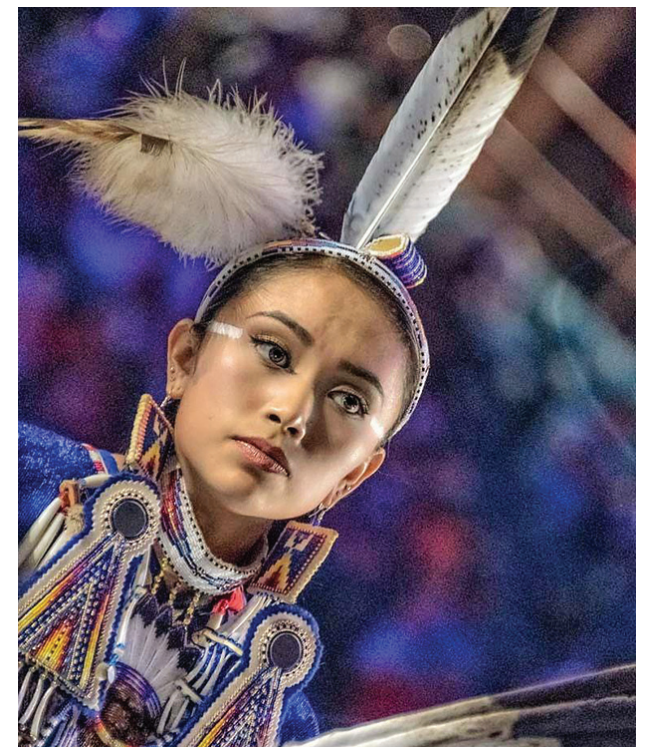
The 2019 winners are: Darrell Lew, Best of Show; Olga Sushchik, two Awards of Excellence and an Honorable Mention; and Honorable Mentions for Sherrie Theriault, Monique Rich-

ardson, Rudie Byrd, Craig Varden, and Kelly Mead.

This year's Track One submissions were judged by volunteer Kate Jordahl, a professor of photography at Foothill College and co-founder of a photography studio at the Hayward Center for Education & Careers.

in the hallway enjoying the art, meeting new friends and enjoying discussing art," Reynolds said. "My favorite memories are when I observe patrons' intent manner of viewing and how much they are enjoying it. That gives me a thrill!"

Sponsors for the exhibit



Darrell Lew's "Keeping With Traditions," Best of Show

Said Reynolds, "I was inspired to start Celebrate Women! five years ago when I was a photography student at Las Positas College and was offered my own art show. I've traveled to many countries, and taken many images of women. My idea for the show was to honor the simplest of women. Then I decided it would be more fun to include other artists in honoring women with their photographic images."

This is the second year for Celebrate Women! to be exhibited at the Civic Center Branch of the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The exhibit was previously displayed at Las Positas College.

"The reception took place on March 3, and was very well attended. People were

include: Jamie Schellenberg, Margaret Zhao, Stephen Rodriguez, Edify by Dez Photography, the Springtown Art Center, Pleasanton Art League, and Livermore Art Association. Refreshments for the reception were provided by Livermore's Grocery Outlet and Trader Joe's.

"My thanks also go to volunteers Jim Aikin, Karen Crosley, Bill Buchanan, Ron Dueltgen, James Payne, Sue Vincent and my husband, Tom Reynolds, for graphic design - and a lot of other support," said Reynolds. "The show would not exist without these selfless volunteers. If this show is to go on next year, I need volunteers! People can learn more by emailing me at barbara.nichols.reynolds@gmail.com."

HOUSING

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City Attorney John Bakker. If the city eventually runs out of sites, it could start eyeing commercial and industrial sites. Established sites would be important, because another new bill, AB 1397, says that opportunity sites should be adjacent to infrastructure.

City Manager Chris Foss gave a hypothetical example of rezoning commercial land, using a commercial strip across the street from the Civic Center as one possibility. Maybe no one would want to build housing there, but the parcel must show up on the city's land inventory map for RHNA, he said.

Another solution would be to convert pockets of industrial sites to residential uses, said Foss. He jokingly called the shifting need to find more sites "RHNA Whack-a-Mole," a reference to an arcade game where players knock randomly appearing "moles"

back in their holes. "If you hit it, and knock it down, it pops up somewhere else."

Councilmember Arun Goel commented that under SB 116, "The city gets the penalty; the developer gets the benefit."

Community Development Director Jeff Baker said, "It's not necessarily a penalty, but we can't require the developer to locate another site. However, we can go find it."

Mayor David Haubert said that putting the burden on the city to find new land "sounds like a loophole." Goel agreed.

Dublin is halfway through an eight-year window to meet the state-imposed goals over the period of 2014-2022. At the halfway point as of November 2018, developers constructed or took out building permits for 3408 units, 2790 units more than the 618 units sought by RHNA.

However, in the affordable housing categories, ABAG set a goal of 1667 units, but so far Dublin has built only 96 of them. The city has four more years to encourage construction of the remaining 1571 affordable units. Since the city simply has to follow the rules, and has no direct role in producing housing, there is no consequence for the city if it were not to meet the goal.

The city has played a relatively small role in helping to create affordable housing. It requires developers of market-rate housing to make 12% of their units affordable. However, the city generally has allowed the developers to "fee out" by contributing an in-lieu payment to the city's affordable housing fund, said Foss.

Those funds can become part of the financing that non-profits use to build affordable housing.

CARBON PRICING

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over climate change, at the state level, reforms have been made across the country. When lawmakers do the right thing concerning climate change, they need to hear appreciation in the form of letters to the editor in local papers, as well as correspondence at the state and federal levels. Kelly urged her listeners to make direct calls and visits thanking lawmakers for doing the right thing on climate action, for saying, "We have your backs."

Republicans stood up last July and filed a bill to tax carbon. According to Kelly, that was monumental and a game changer. Taxing what you burn and not what you earn was a powerful message. The current political entanglements, no matter how profound and painful they are now, have occurred before. She reminded the group of the problems President Roosevelt had with massive resistance to the New Deal. The green new deal has energized the movement to work on climate change. However, the needs of the most vulnerable populations and communities of color have not been taken into account. These communities have been most affected by environmental burdens front and center, but have not been included in the conversations. The most vulnerable countries are the most touched by what the

rich countries have placed on them.

Keep the message simple, repeat it often as a credible messenger to normalize the message, for example, "A carbon fee helps you and me". She stated, "We need to talk to both the Republicans and the Democrats and especially the younger generation who will ultimately be the most affected by climate change in the future."

"Reaching out to businesses in your districts is helpful. Businesses want to know that taking a position will not hurt their customer base. Larger businesses are making this decision politically, since engagement could become harmful for their bottom line. Trade associations, Chambers of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers all have strong lobbies on Capitol Hill when it comes to information concerning the negative effects on businesses if climate change initiatives are enacted."

She continued, "All economists believe that pricing carbon is the most efficient way to handle the problem and the dividend to the people is great. One problem involves getting the price right. Up to now, the cap that must be negotiated with polluting energy producers has been too high to reach an agreement. To make this work there has to be some amount of trade off. In addition, removing barriers and rewarding action on clean energy has to be recognized."

Tri-Valley CCL co-group leader Ann Brown recommended the book "Draw Down" by Paul Hawken, which discusses plans to reverse global warming. She also mentioned that Livermore Earth Day will be Saturday, April 20th with many events planned, including a Tri-Valley CCL table outside the library, open garden sites and a screening of "Wilder Than Wild-Fire, Forests and the Future".

DEVELOPMENT

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Kathy Narum supported moving the Merritt property to the "B" list; Karla Brown and Julie Testa were opposed. Mayor Jerry Thorne was absent.

At the March 19 meeting, Thorne said it should remain on the "C" list. He stated, "I was told people were on board with this project. That certainly is not the case." He related that he had received numerous emails in opposition. "Some had misinformation they shouldn't have had if you guys had done your job" he said, referring to the DeSilva Group.

Summers explained that he was given a list of questions by neighbors, which he had answered. "There is a misunderstanding of the process. We've tried."

The project calls for 90 homes for ages 55 and older to be built on 46 acres. During the public hearing at the workshop and at the council meeting, the Merritt property was the project receiving the most comment. Supporters wanted the Foothill Road improvements; opponents cited the increased traffic the development would generate.

Explaining why he supported leaving the project on the "C" list, Thorne noted, "A lot of folks I admire and respect support this project as I do. However, I favor leaving it on the C level. There is work to do."

Narum changed her vote, agreeing to retain the "C" ranking.

The Council did increase the ranking of the Pioneer Cemetery Phase III work to an "A" priority. Mayor Thorne asked for the higher rank, because he felt it had

taken too long to complete the work at the cemetery.

They also changed the wording on a study of single use plastics to include all single use disposables.

Those on the "A" list are projected to be completed or designed within a year; "B" list in two years; "C" projects would be addressed as staff resources allow.

In the work plan, nearly 90 proposed short- and long-term objectives, ranging from new initiatives to ongoing projects, were brought forward for consideration at the March 12 public workshop. A record number of nearly 250 residents attended the workshop to provide public comment.

The newly adopted two-year work plan priorities include restarting the planning of East Pleasanton, completion of the update of the Downtown Specific Plan, monitoring regional and State housing legislation, creating a framework to address redevelopment in the Stoneridge Mall area, as well as regional transportation projects, traffic, and bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. The plan also addresses water sustainability, updating of

the city's climate action strategy, working with the Pleasanton Unified School District to address facility needs, expanded and improved public safety initiatives, and development of a comprehensive strategy to curb homelessness in partnership with the Tri-Valley region.

For the past 15 years, the Pleasanton City Council has adopted a two-year work plan. "The public process in developing the work plan allows for the community to engage in open dialogue with the council and city staff in implementing a shared vision for Pleasanton" said Nelson Fialho, City Manager. "Now that the council has adopted its 2019-2020 Work Plan, there is a clear direction on what we will be working on to deliver these priorities. City staff will allocate resources to achieve these objectives through the city's two-year operating budget and four-year capital improvement plan. These documents will be presented to the city council for review and adoption in June, prior to the July 1 start of the fiscal year."

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MAILBOX

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Many of us cautioned him not to go out on a limb — one that could be sawed off. You would think that a former prosecutor would be more inclined to insist on concrete evidence. Now, his zealous claims of “Trump acting as an agent of the Russian government” are spooled up to run 24/7 in juxtaposition to Atty. Gen. Barr’s cool, objective assessment: The Russians made several attempts to cozy up to Trump, but he and his circle deflected them all.

Can we expect a mea culpa from Swalwell? A walking back of his unfounded treason-accusations? A pivot? Or, is he intractably committed as a Democrat infowarrior? That’s not what the moderate majority in the 15th District was looking for seven years ago. And, after the spectacularly unproductive past two years of Democratic musings “let’s see what Mueller comes up with,” I suspect the 15th now desperately wants a return to centrist rule, regular order and bipartisan productivity. Swalwell’s hyperventilations on Fox are now an embarrassment, and

it’s hoped the media scorn heaped on him won’t mention the cities he represents.

We’re looking for the old Swalwell to represent us in Washington. Does that guy even exist anymore?

If You Keep Saying It, Will They Actually Believe It? John Lawrence, Livermore

A letter in last week’s paper questioned what were the misleading statements in the Friends of Livermore’s (AKA Vibrant Livermore & Community Group) on-going and negative ads regarding Council’s actions on the Downtown Development Plan. Oh, where to begin. How about all their claims that the process and plan are flawed?

The City’s process wasn’t flawed. What was flawed was the manipulation of the public input by a special interest group who loaded up the input sessions with supporters and then claimed the results were the will of the people and what the public wants. Also flawed was the highly deceptive effort of hired signature gatherers for the Friends of Livermore’s referendum. And then, after Council modified the development plan to meet

the specific demands of the referendum, the special interest group is claiming that the Council didn’t listen. In what world is that not listening? The letter writer and hit ads also claim the hotel is not of the quality Livermore deserves, because of its planned location. Since when does location prevent any business from offering quality service? We get it, Friends of Livermore (FoL) want the location of the hotel changed to benefit their special interests, but that’s not necessarily in the best interests of hotel guests or the downtown businesses. The location of the hotel in the Council-approved plan provides the closest proximity to restaurants, shops and theaters. This will benefit hotel guests and our local businesses far more than moving the hotel further away as the FoL proposes.

The letter writer claims that a three-story hotel with no restaurant and expensive underground parking will be a mediocre hotel, but if located elsewhere could be upgraded and profitable. With all the quality restaurants within minutes of the hotel location, why would the hotel need a restaurant?

Will it also need its own performing arts theater? And how exactly does expensive parking detract from a quality hotel? Maybe the breakfast room and free parking at an Embassy Suites counts as quality for some, but I don’t think that is the type of quality we are looking at for our downtown area.

And finally, regarding the housing comments in the letter. The residents certainly did not “make it clear they wanted as little housing as possible on this particular site.” The FoL support people attending the public input sessions simply rated the importance of housing lower than some other planning aspects. It is very unfortunate that some FoL supporters apparently do not comprehend that public input (especially special interest input) is just that, input, not iron clad mandates to the City. Also, the main FoL financial and editorial supporters seem to be willing to keep plowing money into negative propaganda to further confuse and divide our community. We get enough of that at the national level... please Joan, make it stop!

Another Response to Philip R. La Scola Brad Marchand, Livermore

I would like to sincerely thank Philip R. La Scola for making my point about climate change for me while ostensibly attempting to disagree. In my original reply to his condescending response to a local teenager’s plea for sanity and action on climate change, I took on La Scola’s desire for equal time in schools to present the “opposing views” about the existence of human-created climate change by saying that not every issue deserves equal time. I argued that when we teach about slavery or Nazi Germany we do not give equal time to the proponents of these views because they are ignorant and debunked, just like the “opposing views” Mr. La Scola insists we study about climate change. In his latest letter to this newspaper, he says that both slavery and the actions of Nazi Germany “were immoral, unethical and all of society believes them to be heinous acts. There are no pros to debate on them.”

Exactly right. And yet there are mil-

lions more neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other racist groups in this country and around the world than there are climate scientists who disagree that humans have created our current climate change emergency. So, if “all of society” believes that these ignorant and debunked racial ideas are not worthy of equal time, surely Mr. La Scola must agree that the literal handful of climate scientists who question the existence of climate change do not deserve our attention either. There is much debate about what exactly the impacts of climate change will be, as well as the timeline involved, but its existence is settled science just as those heinous events are settled history.

Mr. La Scola, I’m not sure what’s behind your fear of tackling this problem and attempting to deflect and distract with nonsense and ignorance, but the views you hold on climate change are scientifically indefensible and potentially stand in the way of urgently needed action. I sincerely hope all who read your arguments choose to ignore them.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Louise (McBride) Martin

Apr. 19, 1939 – Feb. 10, 2019

Margaret Louise (McBride) Martin, born on April 19, 1939, in Antelope, Calif., to the late Wesley and Miriam McBride, passed away at age 79 on February 10, 2019, in Longview, Wash.



Margaret grew up in Sacramento, then moved to Livermore, where she raised her family and was employed by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and EE Gene Morgan Insurance. Margaret moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1985 where she worked as an accountant and office manager for a family logging company.

Margaret was the wife of the late George Martin. Margaret is survived by her brother Keith McBride (Kathy) of Sacramento; sons Rich Reinhardt (Curin) of Livermore, Gary Reinhardt (Cathy) of Livermore, and Tim Reinhardt (Beatrice) of Colorado Springs; grandchildren Christine (Hans), Danielle (Mike), Tyler (Megan), Marilyn, Chris, and Alexandra; and great-grandchildren Miles, Miriam, Andy and Sadie; and niece Evelyn (Chris) of Vacaville. Margaret also leaves behind her adored dog, Sophie. Margaret loved bingo, gardening and spending time with her many dogs.

Private Services will be held graveside in Roseville, Calif.

Annie Aflague Smith

July 25, 1928 – Mar. 18, 2019

Annie Aflague Smith was born in Agana, Guam, to Juan and Isabel Aflague. She passed away peacefully on March 18, 2019, at ValleyCare hospital in Pleasanton, Calif. She is survived by her siblings Mary Aflague Mitchell and Tony Aflague; her children Anthony, Michael, Becky and Paul, and her daughters-in-law Angela and Judy; grandchildren Danielle, Jeremy, Jennifer, Christine, Isabel and Harrison; great-grandson Jack; and many loving nieces and nephews.



Annie was a survivor of the Guam occupation during World War II. In 1946, after the Guam Liberation, her parents relocated her six siblings to Pleasanton. A year later, her family settled in Livermore. In her teen years, her father and siblings volunteered joyfully to provide hula dancing entertainment to lift patients spirits at the V.A. and local convalescent hospitals. Annie attended Livermore High School and graduated in 1949.

Also in 1949, Annie met her future husband, Leo Smith, and they were married in Livermore on December 6th. Soon after, they moved to Guam, where

they had their first son Anthony. In 1956, Leo and Annie moved back to Livermore where she had two more sons, Michael and Paul, and soon after, Becky.

Annie was a gifted beautician for over 40 years, and she used her gift serving others in nursing homes. She was a faithful Catholic, attended St. Michael’s in Livermore and was very active in the community. Annie was a compassionate and an extremely caring woman, and a longtime member of the Young Ladies Institute. As an active member and leader of the Chamorro Club, she regularly brought her grandchildren to Guam Liberation celebrations. Annie also volunteered for 20 years at the Livermore Veterans hospital where she filled many roles, including escorting patients to appointments and organizing activities for veterans.

Annie’s life was filled with joy, and she gave much delight to all she encountered. She served others with a loving heart, and loved her family deeply. Annie was a stranger to no one, and to be part of her life was an adventure filled with love, excitement and endless entertainment.

Viewing and visitation will be on Monday, April 1, between 4-8 p.m., with a rosary at 6 pm, at St. Michael Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore, Calif.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Church, followed by burial at St. Michael Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 2, from 1-4 p.m. in the Cresta Blanca Room at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please support the St. Michael Catholic Church Grief Support Group.

Bellaflor Gonzales Fontanilla

Jan. 25, 1947 – Mar. 10, 2019

Bellaflor Gonzales Fontanilla was born on January 25, 1947 in San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines. She passed on March 10, 2019. She was the second oldest out of nine siblings.

She graduated from St. Joseph School in 1965. She completed her business secretarial study at Underwood Vocational. She helped out at the family store. On July 1, 1973 she married Orlando Fontanilla. Shortly after, she moved to Guam and had her first child, Alan. In 1981 they moved to Livermore. She had her second child, Maybelle, in 1984.

She worked at the Veterans Hospital, starting in 1987, as a CNA for 10 years. She also worked at the Post Office as a clerk for a few years. She loved to cook and be with her grandchildren. If she wasn’t with her family, she could be found tending to her garden.

Bellaflor is survived by her two children, six grandchildren, and seven siblings. A viewing will be held at Sorenson Chapel from 4-8 pm on March 28th, 1140 B St., Hayward, CA.

Mass and burial will be at 10 am on March 29 at St. Michael’s Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

Ronald William Holloway

Ronald William Holloway went to Heaven on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 11:00 am at the Livermore/Pleasanton ELKS Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations to

The ELKS Major Project be made in Ronald Holloway’s name or The National Multiple Sclerosis Society at: https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/Donation2?df_id=56001&56001_donation=form1

Throughout the past years, Ron spent countless hours participating in the Elks, serving in multiple positions in the club, supporting our local veterans, and was a Mason and a Shriner’s Clown.

Preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Shirley Holloway, he leaves his wife of 15 years, Katherine Holloway; his daughters Cynthia Holloway, Denise Titus, and Linda Floyd; three grandchildren Justin Titus (33), Nicole Titus (32), and Makenzie Floyd (24); one great granddaughter Kielyn Titus (3); and numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends.

Correen Elizabeth O'Rourke

Born October 14, 1986

It is with our deepest regrets we announce the passing of our wonderful Correen Elizabeth O'Rourke. Born October 14, 1986, Correen was the light of all our lives. She had a heart that was bigger than one could imagine. Her love for life was seen through how she treated everything and everyone.



Correen attended Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, Junction Avenue Middle School, and Granada High School. She obtained her AA in General Ed at Las Positas College. Shortly after that she moved to Los Angeles for a few years where her best childhood friend, Lindsay Thomas, lived. She later moved back to the Bay Area to be closer to family and to continue her schooling. She began taking classes at CSU East Bay to become a teacher, and around the same time met Mikey Lepore. Together they had little Hailey Jane. Hailey instantly became Correen’s entire world...her reason to live...her everything. Mikey and Correen got engaged on Christmas 2017, Correen was never happier.

Correen loved people. Her kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Draggoo, remarked early on, “Social little one, isn’t she?” This trait followed her the rest of her life. Correen excelled in everything she did. She loved art, music and healthy cooking and trying new food experiences.

Correen was preceded in death by her father Robert Allen O'Rourke; Uncle Edward Bordanaro; Grandfather and Grandmother Bruno (Elizabeth) Ghinazzi; and Grandfather and Grandmother Thomas (Maryann) O'Rourke.

She is survived by her daughter Hailey Jane Lepore. Her mother, Judy Ellen O'Rourke/Burreasca. Her step father Joseph Burreasca and his son and daughter-in-law John (Sydney) Burreasca. Her beloved brother Bryan Thomas O'Rourke. Her uncle Jim Ghinazzi and his sons, Nick (Janie) Ghinazzi, and Mike (Stacy) Ghinazzi. Dan (Barbara) Ghinazzi and their sons and daughter, Tony (Brie) Ghinazzi, Adam Ghinazzi and Kimberly (Camillo) Murillo. Nancy (Ed-

ward) Bordanaro, Carol (John) Shaw, Mary Beth (Tim) Sepielli, Mark (Maureen) Ghinazzi and Elaine (Mike) Landro. Also survived by Michael Lepore Jr. (fiancee) and his mother and father Mike (Debby) Lepore and Mike’s brothers and their children. Correen has many cousins also on her father’s side living in St. Louis, Mo., and many second cousins with whom she also was very close. The multitude of friends, teachers, and coworkers is endless. There was no one who wasn’t impacted in a very special way when Correen touched their life.

Services were held at Callahan Mortuary and St. Michael Catholic Church. Donations to Hailey Lepore’s College Fund can be made out to: American Funds, and sent to Joe and Judy Burreasca, 709 Adams Avenue, Livermore, Calif., 94550.

Callahan Mortuary is honored to be serving the O'Rourke family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callahanimortuary.com.

Corinne Benitez-Herstory

Mar. 24, 1936 – Mar. 20, 2019

Corinne Benitez was born to Max and Bessie Garcia in Cuba, New Mexico, in March 1936. She is the middle child of their nine children: Julia, Max, Armida, Esther, Corinne, Bernice, Angie, Toby, and Danny. Her mother Bessie was a member of the Jemez Pueblo tribe of New Mexico. She moved to Oakland, Calif., from Albuquerque in 1944 when Max relocated to work in the shipyards. She attended Oakland elementary and junior high schools, along with Oakland Technical High School, and was always an excellent student.

She helped her parents at their grocery store, hotels, furniture store, and other business ventures. She married Alfred Espinoza at the age of 18; together they had three children: Reggie who passed in March of 1971, Julie, and Victor. She married John Benitez in March of 1966 and together they had two children: Penny and Danny. She moved to Martinez in 1968 where she resided for 51 years.



She attended Los Medanos College in 1971-1972, and received her Associate of Science degree in Licensed Vocational Nursing and was so proud to wear the nursing cap and white uniform. She worked as a nurse in hospitals, home health, and as a private-duty nurse for 25 years.

Corinne was an amazing cook and could take any ingredients and create the most delicious meals—the best beans and chili verde you have ever eaten. She enjoyed hanging out with her sisters Julia, Esther, Armida, Bernice and especially with her youngest sister Angie in Reno! What Corinne loved most of all was children! She not only raised her own children but cared for many others, including her grandchildren Tina, Amanda, Stephanie, and Dustin for many years. Her home was open to all. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends found a place to stay or a warm meal. Corinne was always grateful for her family

and home, and loved being with all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She influenced most of her children (3) and grandchildren (8) to stand on her shoulders to pursue careers in the health field.

She passed surrounded by her family on the first day of spring — rebirth — March 20. Her son Danny, an American Indian Spiritual Advisor, performed songs and ceremonial traditional rituals to guide her transition. Corinne is survived by her daughters Julie Espinoza Garcia (Andres) and Penny Benitez Exner (Rex), sons Victor Espinoza (Chris) and Danny Benitez (Rebecca), 16 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, along with other family and friends. She is always beside those she loved with her fierce spirit, her guidance, kindness, and warm embrace.

The family expresses their appreciation for the care she received from the medical staff and others at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek.

Dolores Juliet (Tootie) Stoneham

Resident of Livermore

May 21, 1931 – Mar. 17, 2019

Tootie passed away peacefully on Sunday surrounded by her loving family. She was born and raised in Berkeley by her parents Frank and Clara Poncino. In 1950 she married Richard Stoneham who passed away in 2011. Together they raised 11 children. Tootie was a devoted wife and mother, and loved raising her children. Family, friends, and helping others were her highest priorities.

Tootie’s ministry work at St. Michael’s church gave her great joy: teaching second graders in Faith Formation, acting as a Eucharistic Minister in her church and making home visits to those housebound, providing comfort to families through Grief Support, and working at her local Food Locker.

Tootie is survived by her beloved children: Laurie Stoneham and husband Michael Bergeisen, Ronald Stoneham and wife Kim, Robin Hanley and husband Mike (deceased), Teri Stoneham, Jamie O’Sullivan and husband Mike, Barrie Hoffman and husband Larry, Trevor Stoneham and wife Gianna, Ryan Stoneham and wife Tammy, Tracey Stoneham and his significant other Lyn, Corin Stoneham and wife Kacey, Dania Stoneham and husband Rick Cash. Beloved grandmother to 37 children and great-grandmother to 18 children. Loving sister to Ronald Poncino (deceased) and wife Shirley, and aunt to Debra Reckon, Ron Poncino, Donna Poncino, and David Poncino.

Tootie’s generous spirit, concern for others and joy for life touched all those with whom she came into contact. She was adored by family and friends and will be deeply missed.

The family has chosen to have a private, family service to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests any donations to be made to Hope Hospice.

June W. Smith

Resident of Livermore

July 15, 1926 – Mar. 25, 2019

June went home to be with the Lord on March 25, after battling ALS for the last 3 years. She stayed alert to the end, acknowledging family and friends with a “thumbs up” as she was unable to speak or smile. There was still a sparkle in her eye.

June was born in Oakland, CA. She was the third of nine children in the Edward and

Gertrude Hagman family. She married Alvin Hatch at St. Joseph’s Church in Alameda in 1946. They had three children: Deanna, Richard, and Jean. Alvin died unexpectedly in 1963. Finding herself a single mother, she entered the world of banking. She was very successful as a woman in a man’s world, progressing to manager of Wells Fargo Bank in Alameda. She seemed to know almost everyone in the then small town of Alameda.

June married Bob Lee Smith in 1969, gaining two step children, Susan and Gerald. She and Bob loved to travel in their camper, going up and down the west coast often. They soon added a ski boat to the camper and loved taking the family water skiing. Upon retirement, June and Bob moved to Petaluma, CA. They had downsized to a Volkswagen Vanagon camper, and still enjoyed traveling around the western United States. Bob passed in 1988, and June stayed in their home, creating a beautiful garden of roses and vegetables every year, rescuing dogs to be her companions, volunteering at Petaluma Valley Hospital, and cheering for her favorite team, the SF Giants.

About 3 years ago, she moved to Santa Rosa to be closer to her son, Richard. Unfortunately, Richard was taken by pancreatic cancer soon after. Her daughter Deanna was taken by cancer just 8 months later. Shortly after that June was diagnosed with Bulbar ALS, and eventually became unable to swallow or speak. She moved to Livermore to live with her youngest daughter, Jeanie, and her husband, David. She was able to stay in their home for about a year and a half, thanks to the help of Visiting Angels, then of Continuum Palliative Care. Linda, Monique, and Marivic became great support and friends to the whole family.

Her disease progressed rapidly towards the end, and it became necessary to move her to Creekside Health Center in Pleasanton for the care she needed. The caregivers there loved when she would give them a smile or thumbs up, communicating so much without speaking.

Family was everything to June, and she loved hosting family dinners for holidays, special occasions, or just because. She is survived by her loving daughter Jeanie (David) of Livermore; daughter-in-law Susan Hatch of Santa Rosa; son-in-law Charles Thompson of Arizona; grandchildren Laura Faro (Daniel) of Mission Viejo, CA, John Dierbeck (Jennifer) of Menifee, CA, Duncan Hatch of Santa Rosa, CA; and her dear sister Frances Such of San Jose. She is also survived by step-daughter Susan and her children Christopher and Gina, step-son Gerald, and many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren plus long-time and new friends. She is pre-deceased by husband Alvin, husband Bob, son Richard, daughter Deanna, and seven of her siblings.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Michael’s Church in Livermore. See Callaghan’s website for service times.

June will be interred at the SF Presidio, next to her husband Bob.

June was a generous woman, supporting many charities. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Catholic Charities, Hope Hospice, Good News Bears, or your favorite charity.

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

Barrel Tasting Wrap, 2019

By Laura Ness

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association barrel tasting weekend took place March 23 and 24. Saturday's barrel tasting crowds were far larger than Sunday's.

The first tasting this year American oak. The different flavors imparted by the oak were vividly apparent, with the French being the most toasty and round, the Hungarian being the most spicy and inTrusive and the American oak barrel, being

a significant proportion of Merlot, even if Cabernet is the dominant part of their blend, as in Chateau Lafite. St. Emilion and Pomerol are typically 100% Merlot. Did you know that Merlot is the most widely planted grape

skins are softer and it tends to exhibit a more attractive and accessible fruit profile, Bordeaux style blends really benefit from ample doses of Merlot, especially in cooler vintages when Cabernet struggles to get out of its dark, green monster tannic funk. There's a reason Wente planted a lot of Merlot here in Livermore. And yet, Cabernet Sauvignon seems to be the preferred darling here, even if it's perhaps not the best suited to many of the sites that are trying to grow it.

Much can be said about Ghilmetti Vineyard, but one thing is certain: it can produce some stunning Cabernet in Livermore. At Steven Kent Winery, barrel samples of the 2017 Ghilmetti Cabernet was completely swoonworthy, even after falling in love with the already bottled and available 2018 Albarino and Grenache Rosé from RagBag WineWorks, Steven and Aidan Mirassou's new playground for grapes. They also offer a rocking Sangiovese under screwcap that's fresh and accessible. Not sure why they call it "Amphora," when it's done in a mix of new and used oak barrels, but the label sure is gorgeous.

Back to the SKW Cabs, though. So impressed were we all with that 2017 SKW Ghilmetti Cabernet, with its alluring scents of cedar, dark cherry and cassis, along with its silky, otherworldly texture, that it became the benchmark against which all others were subconsciously

or otherwise, measured. The 2018 barrel sample of Ghilmetti Cabernet showed the cool, slow hand of that forever lasting vintage, offering more savory and red notes than the much riper 2017. They were also pouring the newly released 2016 Ghilmetti Cabernet: again, a cooler year with plenty of depth that's just not ready to reveal itself quite yet. The 2014 Smith Ranch Cabernet, though, was showing beautifully. The 2011 Linage, another relatively cool and challenging vintage, is just now beginning to really mellow out.

At the 3 Steves, the crowd was energetic, with lots of families picnicking, enjoying the food truck and the unspoiled verdant views. We sampled a fantastic Cabernet Franc from barrel, as well as a 2017 estate Cabernet Sauvignon, that was more on the lean, red fruited side, most likely owing to the site. Steve Burman shared some amazing Grenache Blanc from a club member's vineyard in Danville, with a beautiful label and equally beautiful back story. The club member's vineyard also has some Pinot Gris, which the birds helped themselves to last year, but Steve thinks it's some of the best PG fruit he's ever tasted. Perhaps that story will have a new and improved chapter later this year.

We stopped at several other wineries, where we tasted wines that have spent too long a time in barrel.

We shopped and spent

money at Charles R, where the vendors were fun and engaging, and Dick and Bonnie always have a story you won't hear anywhere else. We talked with some of their friends about the sudden and surprising closure of the Wente restaurant on Arroyo, which is apparently being reimaged as a tapas place. Perhaps something more along the lines of the Murietta's Well model.

Along the way, we experienced the extreme generosity of folks who would not allow us to taste their wines from the GoVino plastic sippy cups that have become standard issue at wine events.

Upcoming: Terra Mia Wine Dinner at 3 Steves, April 11

If you've not yet seen the most recent transformation of the 3 Steves former barrel room, come out for Chef Antonio Inguscio's wine dinner on April 11. There are still seats available for a gourmet five-course food and wine party, to be served by the friendly staff of Terra Mia restaurant at 3 Steves Winery. Priced at \$95 per person, \$85 for wine club members. Seating is very limited, so make arrangements now if you want in. The most recent Terra Mia wine dinner featuring wines from Cuda Ridge, was amazing. Mangia, mangia!

Make a reservation at squareup.com/store/3-steves-winery, call 925-364-4889, or email 3Steves:info@3StevesWinery.com.



Monique Caires, owner of BoaVentura de Caires Winery on Tesla Road in Livermore uses a wine thief to fill glasses with samples from the barrel. (Photo-Doug Jorgensen)

began at Rodrigue Molyneux, where the welcoming garden seating was conducive to hanging out and enjoying some 2018 Pinot Blanc or perhaps some Cabernet Franc. This was the most educational on the Painted Barrel Trail. Three samples of vintage 2018 Merlot from Thatcher Bay Vineyard were served from new Medium+ toast French barrels, new Medium+ Hungarian barrels and neutral

neutral, let the fruit be itself. For such a young wine, it certainly has wonderful Merlot character.

There should be more good Merlot in Livermore. There's no reason wine-makers across the board can't make better Merlot: the climate is actually quite right for it here. There's a reason it's the dominant grape on the Right Bank of Bordeaux, and why so many Bordeaux vineyards contain

throughout France, with double the acreage of Cabernet Sauvignon? In fact, while we're on topic, what's the second most widely planted red in France? You'd be right if you said Grenache.

Merlot is much less a fan of heat than Cabernet Sauvignon. That means it doesn't need as much heat to mature and can generally get riper sooner during less than ideal conditions. Because its tan-

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The following person(s) doing business as: Halos Pressure Washing, 5880 East Ave Apt 254, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eduardo Morales, 5880 East Ave Apt 254, 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: 02/06/2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Eduardo Morales, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2019. Expires February 25, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4498. Published February 27, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555798

The following person(s) doing business as: Pro Diamond Window Cleaning Services, 1316 Rhododendron Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Osiris Chavez, 1822 Paseo Laguna Seco Apt#188, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Co-partners. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 02/27/2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Osiris Chavez, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2019. Expires February 27, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4490. Published February March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555394

The following person(s) doing business as: KL Bartlett Consulting, 1229 Lakehurst Rd Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karen Bartlett, 1229 Lakehurst Rd 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: 06/14/2014. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Karen Bartlett, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2019. Expires February 19, 2024. The Independent Legal No.

4491. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT Aviso Al Demandado: Name (Nombre)

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Petitioner's name is (El nombre del demandante): Dublin Unified School District

Case Number (Numero De Caso): RG18924850

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served to the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citation y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentation, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y direccion de la corte son:) Superior Court of California County of Alameda 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612

The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, la direccion y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son:) Harold M. Frieman, SBM 148099; LOZANO SMITH 2001 North Main St, Suite 500, Walnut Creek, CA 925-953-1620.

Dated (Fecha): November 26, 2018 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) Chad Finke, Deputy (Asistente) The Independent Legal No. 4492 Published (Publicado): March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555816

The following person(s) doing business as: Finster's Hauling and Equipment LLC, 3988 California Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Finsters Hauling and Equipment LLC, 3988 California Way, 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 Registrants: /s/: Matthew Fenster, Manager-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 27, 2019. Expires February 27, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4494. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555657

The following person(s) doing business as: Travel Fanatics, 1877 Warsaw Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carmen Ceremuga, 1877 Warsaw Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Carmen Ceremuga, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2019. Expires February 24, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4495. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 555874

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: PMI Alameda County, 111 Dana Circe, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tri Valley Ventures Inc, 111 Dana Circe, 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 Registrants: /s/: Phillip A Wiltz, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 1, 2019. Expires March 1, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4497. Published March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

LEGAL NOTICE CLARK CIRCUIT COURT NO. 1 Small Claims Division Hearing held in Magistrate Courtroom "A" Service by: Publication CASE NO: 1903-SC-297, Nolan Logistics, Inc.,

(PLAINTIFF) v. Truck Planet, (DEFENDANT) NOTICE OF CLAIM TO THE DEFENDANT: You have been sued by the Plaintiff whose name appears above. ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE; DEFENDANT PETER LACY COMMISSIONER BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER NORTH 100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE. ROOM 402 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 DEFENDANT ALSO SERVE: CURTIS T. HILL, JR ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 302 WEST WASHINGTON ST., IGCS 5th FLOOR INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

The Plaintiff is seeking an Indiana Title to the Vehicle Described as: Year: 2006 Make: Capacity of Texas, TJ 7000 Color: White Vehicle Identification No: 4LMCB21106L017364 If you have a legal interest in this vehicle, you must appear at the stated Trial Date. Otherwise, a Title will be issued. /s/ Nolan Logistics, Inc,

PLAINTIFF, A TRIAL HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 5/13/2019 at 9:00 A.M., IN MAGISTRATE COURTROOM "A" ROOM 111

The Plaintiff asks for judgment in this Court against you for the claim stated above. By filing this small claim, the Plaintiff has waived the right to a trial by jury. You have ten (10) days from receipt of this notice to file a Motion requesting a jury trial and to pay the costs for transferring the case. Your failure to do so waives your right to trial by jury. You may represent yourself in this Court. You do not need to employ an attorney. You may, however, have an attorney represent you if you wish. If you have questions concerning this matter,

Signature of Registrants: /s/: Gaston Oviedo, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 7, 2019. Expires March 7, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4501. Published March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556023

The following person(s) doing business as: BFFL Realty Partners, 276 Abalone Place, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sandra Duffy, 276 Abalone Place, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Sandra Duffy, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 5, 2019. Expires March 5, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4502. Published March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556165

The following person(s) doing business as: RE Cash Offer, 1129 Dana Cir, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): R3venue LLC, 1129 Dana Cir., 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556045

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name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Joseph Koppis, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 6, 2019. Expires March 6, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4505. Published March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019.

by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Son Tien Dinh, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2019. Expires March 12, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4508. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556254
The following person(s) doing business as: Salazar & Sons 5835 Southfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Francisco Salazar Lopez, 1137 Marsh Wren CT, Patterson, CA 95363. 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: 02/02/2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Francisco Salazar Lopez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2019. Expires March 8, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4504. Published March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556285
The following person(s) doing business as: Fearless Wheelmen, 3626 Dunsmuir Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Garrett, 3626 Dunsmuir Circle, 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 Registrants: /s/ Thomas Garrett, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 18, 2019. Expires March 18, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4506. Published March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556559
The following person(s) doing business as: Quality Magic Cleaning Services 911 Lambaren Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alberto Ruiz, 911 Lambaren Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 03/15/2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Alberto Ruiz Torres, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2019. Expires March 15, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4509. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556650
The following person(s) doing business as: Joe's Roofing Service, 1422 Tulip Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Koppis, 1422 Tulip Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556605
The following person(s) doing business as: DKL Consulting, 5200 Iron Horse Parkway, #550, Dublin, 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Szigeti 5200 Iron Horse Parkway, #550, Dublin, 94568. 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: 4/1/2018. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Daniel Szigeti, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 18, 2019. Expires March 18, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4506. Published March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 556368
The following person(s) doing business as: World's Most Intelligent Man, 1152 Stealth St. Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Son Tien Dinh, 3014 San Juan Blvd, Belmont, CA 94002. This business is conducted

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Time: 11:00 am

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San Ramon Regional Medical Center (SRRMC) continues to demonstrate its commitment to offering advanced treatment options to patients with breast cancer by utilizing the SCOUT Wire-Free Radar Breast Localization System to provide easier, more compassionate care to women undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

"Breast cancer surgery can be physically and emotionally distressing for women, and we strive to find ways to create a better experience – and better outcomes – for our patients," said Ann Lucena, CEO of San Ramon Regional Medical Center. "SCOUT resolves one of the most difficult aspects of breast conservation surgery by eliminating the need to place a wire inside breast tissue to locate a tumor."

This new technology has been shown to decrease patient discomfort and improve patient satisfaction. SCOUT uses non-radioactive, radar technology to provide real-time surgical guidance during breast surgery. Rather than placing a wire immediately before surgery, a reflector is placed in the target tissue prior to the day of surgery at the patient's convenience. During surgery, the SCOUT guide uses real-time distance measurement guidance to accurately detect the location of the reflector – and the tumor to within 1mm of accuracy.

The ability to precisely locate tumors increases the probability of complete

cancer removal and reduces the likelihood of needing follow-up surgeries – a huge advantage for early-stage breast cancer patients. In addition, the ability to strategically plan the incision may result in better cosmetic outcomes. SCOUT is also used to effectively localize lymph nodes prior to neoadjuvant therapy and can be used with any type of imaging over the course of a patient's care.

"We are proud to be among the first in the region to adopt wire-free localization as the standard of care, offering the new SCOUT radar localization system during breast conservation surgeries," Lucena said. "As research and technology advances, we're committed to adopting the safest and most progressive treatment options for women and men with breast cancer."

In addition to this new technology, San Ramon Regional Medical Center also offers 3D mammography (breast tomosynthesis) for breast cancer screening. Breast cancer screening with tomosynthesis when combined with a conventional 2D mammography has a 40 percent higher invasive cancer detection rate than conventional 2D mammography alone.

San Ramon's 3D mammography system offers exceptionally sharp images, and an advanced design providing more patient comfort. The ground-breaking tomosynthesis platform is designed to deliver superior

screening and diagnostic performance for all breast types. It produces a three-dimensional view of the breast tissue that helps radiologists identify and characterize individual breast structures without the confusion of overlapping tissue.

Breast tomosynthesis has the potential to benefit all screening and diagnostic mammography patients and is especially valuable for women receiving a baseline screening, those who have dense breast tissue and women with a personal history of breast cancer.

The tomosynthesis screening experience is similar to a traditional mammogram. During the exam, multiple, low-dose images of the breast are acquired at different angles. These images are then used to produce a series of one-millimeter thick slices that can be viewed as a 3D reconstruction of the breast.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Statistics indicate that one in eight women will develop breast cancer sometime in her lifetime. If detected early, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is committed to the fight against breast cancer. To learn more about the services offered at the hospital's Breast Center, please call 925-275-6116 or visit www.SanRamonMed-Ctr.com.

Livermore Annual Science Odyssey Celebrates Innovation and Exploration

The gym at Junction Avenue K-8 was a hub of inquiry and innovation during the annual Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Science Odyssey, which saw participation from 386 students in grades 1-12 presenting projects in science, engineering, math/data analysis, or computer science. Students patiently but eagerly stood by their projects, waiting for the next available pair of vol-

unteer judges to examine their hypotheses and results. The topics for projects were widely varied, from robotics to psychology. Science Odyssey also included opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents through art, photography, and fashion design contests.

Arts Commission. Some pieces from the Science Odyssey will hang in the Bankhead Theater lobby in April, and will be included as part of the Innovation Fair on May 4th. The traditional "Trashion Show" – an event in which students display fashion crafted from garbage and recyclables – featured students' creativity. Inclusion of the arts in the Science Odyssey highlighted Livermore's diverse



Science Odyssey participants present their projects to judges. (Photo courtesy of LVJUSD and Livermore Granada Boosters)

unteer judges to examine their hypotheses and results. The topics for projects were widely varied, from robotics to psychology. Science Odyssey also included opportunities for students to showcase their artistic talents through art, photography, and fashion design contests.

This event provided community members a unique opportunity to connect with students passionate about science, to explore the context of students' projects in the community and world, and to meet the next generation of scientists and engineers. The level of community support this year was outstanding, with over 80 community volunteers and guest judges from various agencies and organizations, including Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Labs, Kaiser Permanente, LARPD, and Livermore's Water Resources Division. From within the LVJUSD community, 25 teachers and 70 high school students signed up to assist with judging, check-in, tallying scores, setup, cleanup, and crowd control. Advanced Placement (AP) students could participate as guest judges for the elementary level projects.

Retired lab scientists and engineers volunteered to judge projects and contribute their expertise in various fields, including some of LVJUSD's own Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) program volunteers. "It's good to work with the community and contribute to the sciences in schools," said Art Krakowski, a former electronics engineer who has volunteered through the TOPS program at Sunset Elementary for nine years.

This year's Science Odyssey saw a large turnout in volunteers from Kaiser Permanente, thanks in part to another TOPS volunteer, Melissa Parker, who has a background in epidemiology and biostatistics. She had enjoyed attending the Sci-

ence Odyssey and viewing projects with her children when they were younger, and found the opportunity a win-win, being able to support the District and students through something she loved. Parker shared the Science Odyssey through an internal volunteer portal at Kaiser, which resulted in a large influx of Kaiser volunteers contributing to the judging. "I was really impressed by the level of

critical thinking, and the fact that many students were able to articulate how their results offered practical or creative solutions to some tough problems," Parker said. "All the volunteers I have spoken with had a fantastic experience and felt welcomed by staff and students alike."

There were several projects devoted to the environmental issues of water quality and conservation. The City of Livermore's Water Resource Division (WRD) has been a long-time supporter of LVJUSD's Science Odyssey, partnering to establish its "One Water" water quality award program to inspire interest in projects dedicated to the role of water in the environment and community. "Our goal is to make people more aware of our watersheds, water quality, our resources, and the responsibilities we have to the city," said Lynna Allen, WRD Source Control Coordinator, who was one of the judges of the One Water award. "We're working to help foster a connection to the city for these students, to illustrate that what you do at home and at school matters in conservation."

Students and families who attended Science Odyssey saw the depth of community support and interest in the sciences, as well as the arts. Special awards were given out for photography – with winners chosen by members of the Livermore

occupations and passions that contribute to the transformative ideas developed by the fertile minds within its schools and vocations.

"Thank you to those who supported our students and teachers with Science Odyssey," said Regina Brinker, LVJUSD STEM Coordinator. "LVJUSD is unique in the region, if not the state, for presenting such an encompassing science and engineering fair that includes arts and community enrichment activities."

Livermore is famously a city of scientists, engineers, artists, agriculturists, medical professionals, educators, and more – passionate about the environment of their community, with aspirations to innovate and apply their collective knowledge toward enlightening the future. The LVJUSD Science Odyssey celebrates the collaboration of its population and the influence between generations of continual learners, sharing ideas and discovering together the formula for a bright future.

New Golf Program Begins At Smith Elementary School

Everyone takes their shots fairly quickly, gently swinging plastic practice golf clubs on the Smith Elementary blacktop. The

perseverance, courtesy, and judgment.

"The structure of these lessons allows for healthy mental and physical activity,

to practice acting your best."

The First Tee program clearly promotes healthy physical choices and activities, but its attention to



First Tee program at Smith Elementary (photo courtesy of LVJUSD)

students have three soft tennis balls to putt toward a Velcro target standing in for a hole. They are nearly all finished in a matter of seconds, but one student has a single ball left, taking her time. She adjusts her stance, carefully lines up her shot, and makes a deliberate stroke for a perfect bulls-eye. With patience and perseverance, she applied what she learned from her first two attempts and set herself up for success.

Smith Elementary students have been participating in The First Tee of the Tri-Valley's school program, which introduces golf lessons to elementary students. This program, in its first year at Smith, serves to enhance student health with a standards-based curriculum that emphasizes First Tee's Nine Core Values: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility,

and ties in values students can bring with them back to the classroom," said Smith Principal Joe Meunier. "A major piece of the game is about respect and integrity. It develops healthy habits, and affects how students carry themselves as positive, supportive classmates."

First Tee provides the equipment and professional development to the teachers who facilitate the lesson time for their classes. The activity-based philosophy of the program gives teachers an opportunity to incorporate social-emotional, empowering values into the experience of learning a new sport. "Life is full of learning opportunities," said teacher William Murphy, as students practiced their putting skills. "Look around at what your neighbors are doing that you could also do, or that you would do differently. This is an opportunity

healthy habits in developing character make it stand out at Smith as an opportunity to educate the whole student. The development of social and emotional behavior as an aspect of overall health ties into the continued implementation of the Choose Love curriculum in Smith – a curriculum taught throughout all Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District schools – which seeks to ensure that students can employ positive behavior techniques in the face of challenges and adversity. The skills taught in the First Tee program promote a complementary philosophy – that practicing its core values and habits can lead to a healthy mind and body.

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It's Easy Being Green at Altamont Creek Elementary



Altamont Creek's Green Council leadership group

A single school is its own ecosystem – containing its own community, culture, and climate. Students and staff collectively decide what their school represents and what they are capable of when they work together to pursue a goal. At Altamont Creek Elementary in Livermore, the entire school has been trending greener through the concerted efforts of a population committed to cultivating the best possible environment in which to learn, play, and grow. Recently, in a validation of that commitment, Altamont Creek Elementary was named a 2019 California Green Ribbon School Silver Award Honoree.

This achievement represents a coordinated effort across three “pillars” – based on the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools criteria – to reduce environmental impact and costs; to improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and to provide effective environmental and sustainability education. With the commitment of its entire school community, and collaboration with District and community partners, Altamont Creek is the first school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) to earn this distinction.

“We are honored to be receiving this prestigious

award,” said Principal Tara Aderman. “Altamont Creek is a leader in reducing environmental impact, improving health and wellness, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education. We are focused on improving our recycling efforts to reduce waste, reducing energy consumption, and working on health and wellness initiatives for our students, families, and staff - ensuring that our Wildcats understand and can address the major environmental and sustainability challenges we all face.”

By incorporating a green mind set into nearly every

Photos courtesy of LVJUSD

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Sled Driver Man and Machine

Spy Pilot Chronicles Return to Bankhead



Brian Shul

Air Force Pilot Brian Shul returns with Navigator Walt Watson for More Tales from the “Spy Pilot Chronicles” on April 10 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore for a 7:30 p.m. show.

One of the elite few ever to fly the legendary SR-71 Blackbird spy plane, Air Force Pilot Brian Shul, joined by navigator Walt Watson, will share the experience of flying the world’s fastest aircraft. A dynamic and engaging storyteller, Shul returns to the Bankhead Theater on April 10th following his sold out presentation two years ago.

An Air Force fighter pilot, Shul was shot down in the Vietnam War and severely burned in the ensuing crash. Initially given up for dead, he was finally rescued and spent a year in hospitals, endured 15 surgeries, and was told his flying days were over. After months of physical therapy, he made a miraculous return to active duty flying and later served as a flight instructor. He became one of only 93 men in history to fly the top secret SR-71 and was the only Blackbird pilot to fly three missions on three consecutive days. Shul is a Spirit of Freedom Award winner and a recipient of the prestigious Crystal Eagle Award.

Today, Shul combines aviation slides and stories to deliver an inspiring message of hope, of overcoming obstacles, and daring to dream. He has published five books including “Sled Driver,” a personal account of flying the SR-71, as well as “The Untouchables” co-authored by Watson with whom Shul flew spy missions for four years. As unique as their flight careers were, the two are excelled only by their own incredible personal stories of perseverance and achievement. This is a unique opportunity to meet the pilot of “LA Speed Story” fame and the navigator who made the infamous radio call. A book signing will follow the presentation.

This special event was sponsored in part by a gift from Linda Tinney.

Tickets are \$20-\$30 for adults, \$20 for students and active military. They can be purchased at the Bankhead box office 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore, online at www.lvpac.org or by calling 373-6800.

Poetry in a Test Tube Contest Winners Revealed

Poet Laureate Cynthia Patton is pleased to announce the winners of Poetry in a Test Tube: Livermore's 3rd Annual Science Poetry Contest. A celebration of Livermore's scientific heritage, the 2019 contest had three divisions: Youth (K-8th grade), Teen (high school), and Adult. Winning poems in each division received \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively. Honorable mentions are listed in alphabetical order.

There were more than 80 submissions this year, making the contest quite competitive. Says Patton, “Congratulations to everyone who entered the contest. Anyone who writes a poem and shares it with the world is a winner in my book.”

ADULT

1st Place: Judy Pickett for “Patterns”; 2nd Place: Alexa Malloy for “The Science of Leaving Space”;

3rd Place: Jacki Ames for “Tiny Miracles”; Honorable Mention: Lauren de Vore for “Rosalind”, Gregory Alan Franz for “The Turkey”, Dave Hopkins for “A Packet’s Lament”, Mackenzie Peck for “Lamentation of Failed Stewardship”

TEEN

1st Place: Sfurti Gaudani, LHS, for “Hopeful, Young, and Free”; 2nd Place: Vishal Venkatesh, GHS, for “Scale (proportions unknown)”; 3rd Place: Jacqueline Fenner, GHS, for “Curiosity”; Honorable Mention: Jonathan Reyes, DVHS, for “Slime Time”, Delaney Richards, GHS, for “The Science of Us”, Lydia Vance, GHS, for “To Know”, Katie Wilson, GHS, for “Animal Kingdom”

YOUTH

1st Place: Ella Abey, Arroyo Seco, for “Our Earth”; 2nd Place: Avery Lockhart, Croce, for “Clouds”; 3rd Place: Alex Chong, Mendenhall MS, for “A Swirl of Wonder”; Honorable Mention: Olivia Abey, Arroyo Seco, for “Love That Microscope”, Cyrus AQUI, Mendenhall MS, for “Rocks”, Sugasri Ishwarya, Joe Michell, for “Clouds”, Lauren Melton, Mendenhall MS, for “Oh, How the Plants Will Grow”, Saanvi Kulkarni, Jackson Avenue, for “The Sun and Moon”

For more information, contact LivermorePoet-Laureate@gmail.com.

ALTAMONT CREEK

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day-to-day activity, from the classroom to the cafeteria, Altamont has developed a culture of collaboration and innovation revolving around reducing its environmental impact that feeds into its curriculum and health choices. As a Project Lead the Way school, Altamont has piloted some cutting-edge courses in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) that encourage thoughtful and creative engagement in the sciences. This – especially with the guidance of science teacher Fenna Gatty, who was instrumental in the Green Ribbon application process – gives students knowledge to apply toward meaningful real-world actions.

“Our students are interested in taking ownership of their school,” said Gatty, who leads Altamont’s Green Council leadership group. “I hope to help them feel sure they made an impact when they leave here.”

Gatty’s science lessons extend to the school’s gardens, which operate as outdoor classrooms for students to investigate the flora and fauna of their environment, and to discover how wildlife interacts with their everyday lives. In the gardens, students are encouraged to discover new vegetables – which are grown seasonally – as they care for and learn about the source of their food. Here, the relationship between the soil, composted materials, their water, and nutrition intersects into a network of comprehension and action that extends to students’ tables in the cafeteria.

Altamont has partnered with StopWaste and Livermore Sanitation to perform waste audits and, through these partnerships, has made huge strides in consciously reducing solid waste and developing an intentional attitude toward reusing, recycling, and sharing. The school is currently equipped with dispensers for utensils and napkins to eliminate waste from plastic packaging. In addition, the cafeteria now has a food share table where unopened and uneaten food from students’ lunches are shared with others



Examining plants in the Altamont Creek garden

– leading to more thoughtful consumption and discarding of food.

Along with fourteen other schools in LVJUSD, Altamont has also installed solar panels in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint. These panels provide clean energy to the campus and save money for the District to distribute

toward further development of academic programs. The school is also committed, along with the other LVJUSD schools, to curbing the exhaust from idling cars during pickup and dropoff, asking its community to honor an air quality pledge to turn off engines when parked or waiting near the school.

Countless more activities, programs, and commitments contributed to Altamont Creek’s Green Ribbon honor. Students in classes and clubs are continuously contributing new strategies to be better stewards to their environment and community.

Children's Day Planned at Hagemann Ranch

Hagemann Ranch will host Children's Day on March 31, from 1-4 pm.

This event features everything for kids. Hold a bunny



at the 4-H petting zoo and meet the members of the 4-H Bee Keepers Club who will display the ranch hives and explain their work. The HistoryMobile, where children and adults alike can learn something new about Livermore history, will be open for visitors.

The grand opening of Chicken Coop #1, the new home for the ranch birds, takes place in the afternoon. This outbuilding has just been restored by a group from the First Presbyterian Church. To put it in context, there will be an historical display featuring the history of the chicken industry in the Tri-Valley.

Paws in Need will be the guest organization.

Tours of the ranch, blacksmith demonstrations, artist displays and refreshments are just some of the ongoing activities.

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Livermore Earth Day 2019

Join in a community celebration to honor planet Earth on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Learn about environmental issues and solutions, volunteer, showcase an organization or green business, visit organic wineries and gardens, learn about California native plants, and more!

Livermore Civic Center Library Plaza - Meet local environmental organizations, do fun activities, make art, enjoy a Youth Poetry Slam. 11:00 - 4:30

Livermore Civic Center Library, Storytime Room - Free screening of the documentary, "Wilder Than Wild: Fire, Forests, and the Future", 2:00. Followed by a panel discussion with the filmmaker and local safety officers.

Self-paced Sustainable Garden and Winery tour - 9:00 - 5:00. Download or get a map at the library. Many of the 9 sites are easily accessible by bike path. Learn about organic food gardening, native plants, organic vineyards, and more.

Additional participants are welcome and can be included in the menu of activities. For example, showcase a Green Business, class/science project, 4-H/Scout projects, perform environmental music, lead an art project, host a service project, etc. All activities are self-funded. There can be events listed for Sunday, April 21, and Monday, April 22, (the 49th Earth Day) as well.

To join or get more information on Livermore Earth Day 2019, please contact Ann Brown, aewbrown@gmail.com.

Four Livermore Gardens Featured on Native Gardens Tour; Registration Underway

Registration for the Fifteenth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 10:00 to 5:00, is now open. This award-winning tour features thirty seven Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, water conserving, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants.

This year four Tour gardens are located in Livermore.

Carol Bruton attended the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour a few times, and liked the look of the native plant gardens she saw. Carol thought planting natives was the right thing to do, found designer Kat Weiss of Kat Weiss Landscape Design through the Tour, and the stage was set. The large front garden on this corner lot was designed by Kat and installed in 2012; Carol liked it so much she had the back done three years later.

A previously hot area in the back garden has been transformed into a shady, cool woodland area with the addition of native trees and shrubs. An inviting seating area in the front garden is enhanced by the burbling drilled rock fountain.

Carol loves the view from inside the house, which she reports is "as attractive as the view from outside".

In order to keep her cats safe, and also to protect the birds, Carol built a catio—a cat enclosure—in the back yard.

When John Kundert and Stephanie Jones stopped watering their large water-guzzling front lawn during the drought it looked "terrible," and it was clear that



The hardy Douglas iris blooms in Teri Henson's garden in May. Photo © Kathy Kramer



Evergreen native plants, such as California lilac, sages, and manzanitas, keep the garden green throughout the year. Water use in this garden has been reduced by 60-70% since the garden was transformed. Photo © Stephanie Jones

the lawn had to go.

In its place they wanted an attractive and sustainable garden that had a manicured look, and would be able to tolerate future droughts. Kat Weiss designed just that, and these hardworking homeowners sheet mulched, graded, laid the flagstone, built the sinuous dry stacked Utah Sunrise retaining walls, installed the drip irrigation, and planted.

The result—an elegant, spare, and modern garden



California native fuchsia attracts hummingbirds and brightens Stephanie Jones and John Kundert's Livermore garden in the summer. Photo © Stephanie Jones

for the project. Stephanie reports that water use has dropped 60 to 70% since the garden was transformed.

What Livermore homeowner Teri Henson had was lawn, bottlebrush and rosemary; what she had wanted—for decades—was a garden that would attract birds, bees, and butterflies. The transformed water-conserving garden, designed by Cindy Angers of Ecofolia Design, contains a cheerful array of plants that can tolerate Livermore's hot summers. These include purple sages and irises and red coral bells, which are accented by Nioyo cobble and a flagstone path. California lilacs 'Pt. Sierra' and 'Valley Violet', and manzanitas 'Howard McMinn' and 'Carmel Sur' provide structure and greenery throughout the year.

Teri's garden was designed to create habitat for local birds. Hummingbirds sip nectar from the manzanitas, evergreen currant, and fuchsia. Bumble, carpenter, and other native bees are drawn to the sages, bush anemone, and California lilac.

Right across the street from Teri Henson's home is Karen and Ted Crosley's garden. Karen and Ted "wanted something more interesting than turf"; in 2014 they sheet mulched (covered their small lawn with cardboard and wood chips), then, with guidance from Cindy Angers, transformed their front yard into a colorful, water-conserving garden that contains plants that attract bees, butterflies, and birds.

On Sunday, May 5, the day of the Tour, artwork will be available for sale at a dozen gardens. Music will be performed at seven gardens, and children's activities will be offered at two. Native plants will be available for sale at various locations, and forty talks will be offered on the week-end of the event. Pre-registration for the Tour is required. \$10 to purchase the garden guide; donations requested. Volunteers are needed.

Register at www.BringingBacktheNatives.net, (510) 236-9558

Events at Teri Henson's and Karen Crosley's gardens:

Garden Talks: 11:00 "How to create year round color and interest (for people, as well as wildlife—especially birds!) in your garden" by Cindy Angers

2:00 "Landscaping with native plants—how to bring nature back into the city" by Louann Tung

Art in the garden: Barb Johnson of Chrysalis Pottery will have her richly colored clay sunflowers and other garden art available for purchase. Cash or checks only.

Annual Garden Club Plant Sale Set for April 6

The annual plant sale of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club will be held at the parking lot of Amador Valley High School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. The school is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

“What is unique about our plant sale is that these are tried-and-true plants donated from our members’ gardens,” said Bill Tallon, co-chair of the event. “These are plants that do well in our climate. Besides bargain prices, you can get free advice from our members volunteering at the sale.”

Visitors will find sections marked with edible plants, ornamentals (for both shade and sun), roses, succulents, shrubs, and some trees. “Our members start several months in advance, planting or re-potting some of their favorite plants from their gardens to donate to the sale,” noted Daniel McCright, event co-chair. “Since the garden club has over 200 members, we get quite a variety of plants for buyers to choose from.”

“Another unusual feature of the plant sale is ‘Maudie’s Boutique,’” said Lois Barber, club co-president. “This is a booth that offers recycled ‘yard art and gar-



Edible and ornamental plants have been donated by garden club members for the April 6 sale.

den treasures.’ Look here for gardening implements, plant pots, and more.”

Club members volunteer for potting parties at homes that have dozens of plants to donate. Recently, a dozen volunteers who call themselves “Hearty Potters” went to the home of Don and Judy Person in Pleasanton to transplant nearly 100 plants for the sale. “We are always grateful to those with abundant gardens who donate plants,” said Dolores Bengtson, co-president of the club. Nancy Harrington has set aside 200 plants to donate from her garden. Michelle Tallon experimented with starting plants from seed, inside her home greenhouse on a heated surface.

“The Plant Sale is our major fund-raiser, which

helps us carry out several community service projects during the year. For example, in March, club volunteers provide programs about Arbor Day for every second-grade student in Pleasanton’s public schools,” said Bengtson.

Throughout the year, members care for the Rose Garden in Livermore and the Sensory Garden at Centennial Park in Pleasanton. In conjunction with Alden Lane Nursery, they replenish the planters along First Street in Livermore. Club members grow edible plants at Eden Garden in Livermore, most of harvest being donated to neighbors in need. They also have helped maintain a garden at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, which serves students for outdoor education and pro-



Preparing plants at pricing party.

vides camp experience for children with serious diseases. Free packets of seeds are available at both the Pleasanton and Livermore libraries, in order to encourage people to discover the joy of gardening. Proceeds from the plant sale help fund all of these projects.

Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursdays of September through May at Alisal Elementary School’s multi-purpose room, located at 1454 Santa Rita Road. Membership applications – at a reduced fee! – will be available at the plant sale.



Ornamental plants suitable for sun or shade will be featured at the sale, along with vegetables, roses, succulents, shrubs, and trees.

For further information, visit the garden club’s website at www.lavgc.org.

Annual SELF Board Meeting Open to the Public at the Livermore Library

Guests are welcome at the annual board meeting of the Student Education Loan Fund (SELF). The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the boardroom of the Civic Center Livermore Public Library, at 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

SELF was established 56 years ago to provide interest-free loans to graduates of Livermore high schools, as well as current Livermore residents, to help them continue their education after high school. Loans are available for trade schools, community colleges, state colleges, and universities. There is no restriction on loans for out-of-state educational institutions. Since its inception in 1963, 691

loans totaling \$979,300 have been made out to Livermore students toward their continuing education. Last year, SELF issued 23 loans, totaling \$57,500.

Funds for loans are obtained through donations by individuals as well as through grants by agencies and businesses. Donations are deductible as provided under Federal and California income tax codes. As loans are repaid, that money is added to the pool from which new loans are made; contribution funds are recycled to those who need them next.

The fund is managed by a volunteer board comprising 30 Livermore residents, including community business

leaders, teachers, parents, church leaders, and always a few Rotarians. These volunteers do all the necessary administrative and clerical work, and contribute enough funds to cover SELF’s yearly expenses, allowing 100% of the incoming donations to go to student loans.

“We are so grateful for our volunteer community members who strive to make continuing education for our Livermore students a priority,” says Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent, Kelly Bowers, Ed.D.

For information about the meeting or SELF, contact Janice Paquette, janicepaquette@gmail.com, 373-6894.

How Professionals Can Learn to Self-Publish Books About their Businesses

Talks on how to self-publish inexpensive books in physical and e-book formats may benefit businesspeople who want to provide detailed information to their customers, according to Paula Chinick, one of the organizers of an upcoming writers' conference. The event will include sessions that relate to both fiction and nonfiction writing.

Nine experts will speak about the art and business of writing during the all-day Tri-Valley Writers Conference. It will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton.

"Business people have a wealth of knowledge to share, not necessarily a memoir or a mystery. They have skills, experiences and a passion for their chosen careers they can write about," said Chinick, Conference Chair for the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC), which is hosting the conference. "Also, if you struggle with social media, a writers' conference can help you enhance blogging, tweeting, YouTube video and even presentations."

Registration is open until April 9, but attendance is limited, and reservations are filling quickly. Costs are \$165 for California Writing Club (CWC) members and \$190 for nonmembers. The fee for students aged 16-24 with student ID is \$80. Check-in and continental breakfast will be from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. A full, hot lunch will be provided.

During the conference experts will conduct workshops and presentations in three general areas: craft, marketing and self-publishing.

Presenters include Jim Azevedo of Smashwords (Smashwords.com), a distributor of e-books; Angela Bole, chief executive officer of the Independent Book Publishers Association; Stephanie Chandler, author of several books including "The Nonfiction Book Publishing Plan"; David Corbett, author of six novels and the writing guide, "The Art of Character"; Robin Cutler, leader of development for publisher IngramSpark (IngramSpark.com); Rachael Heron, author of more than twenty novels; Linda Lee, writer, educator, speaker and website designer, who will speak about websites; and Penny Warner, who has published more than seventy books with more than a half million in print, including a middle-grade mystery series.

Fees may be paid online with PayPal or by check in the mail. For more details and to register, visit <https://www.trivalleywriters.org/conferences/tri-valley-writers-conference-2019/>.

For information about the CWC Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.

Asbury Hosts Gay Men's Choir

Everyone is invited to attend the 10 a.m. service at Asbury United Methodist Church at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore on Sunday, March 31.

Asbury will be hosting a wonderful gay men's chorus - The Keynote Vocal Group - who regularly sing at Good Samaritan UMC in San Jose. These singers will sing several anthems in the service.

Brunch will be provided for all attending the service, afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: TerriG@asburylive.org

Girl Scout Making a Difference, One Small Gesture at a Time.

One cozy Friday night, girls gathered at their leaders home to discuss community service projects and to talk about the importance of giving back. This group of young ladies are always willing to pitch in, get dirty and help their fellow man. From blanket drives to One Warm Coat to book drives and food drives they are always willing to help others. Troop 33632 has done some amazing things thus far and have many more tasks on the horizon. Each girl and her adult (mom or leader) made a handmade no sew blanket with the goal of creating them for kids in need. It was decided that they would donate these blankets to Tri-Valley CityServe Blankets for Kids. These blankets go to kids in crisis and the



Organization tries to keep the blankets local although some have been known to go afar. "It really doesn't matter whose hands these

blankets land in, said Troop Leader BaBette Munoz, As long as they make a difference in a child's situation or circumstance."

These girls have shown such compassion for others. Pictured are Addie, Kiley, Katherine, Sydney and Taliyah.

Read It and Eat With Author

Read It and Eat with author Steven Rowley at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton on April 5.

Steven Rowley is the bestselling author of Lily and the Octopus. He has worked as a freelance writer, newspaper columnist and screenwriter.

The Editor is a funny poignant novel about an author whose relationship with his very famous book editor (Jacqueline Kennedy) will change him forever both as a writer and a son.

Social time begins at 11:30 followed by the lunch and program at noon. Tickets for the lunch and program are \$15; for the book, lunch and program \$35.

Reservations are required 925-846-8826.



Fallon Middle School's chess team was runner-up in the Middle School Championship section of the State Tournament in Santa Clara on March 9-10. Pictured are Fallon's runner-up team, from left: Thaneesh Bedadham, Rushil Yadavalli, Krish Matai, Naman Garg, Andrew Hamel, Katherine Pask, Samyak Jain, and Aadith Muthukumar. Fallon sent 40+ players and was led by 8th grader Evan Ai who played up and won the individual High School championship. Fallon, which was middle school team co-champion in 2018, also won four other team sections this year. The school is located in Dublin.



Barbara Johnson is being featured as guest artist at the Livermore Art Association Gallery for the next several months. She has been a potter for over 40 years, creating sunflowers, leaves, hearts, and ocean themes on platters, mini ponds, and vases to make a wonderful world. Barb works with three different clays: earthenware, and two high fire porcelains. Barb has also expanded into mosaics and stained glass. She incorporates the use of leaves from her garden, creating individual, one-of-a-kind and never duplicated pieces of pottery. Her imitation of the sea anemones in clay is mind-boggling. The Gallery will welcome Barb on Thursday, April 11, between 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for a local Meet and Greet. She will bring some of her precious Easter Gnomes, a new facet of her pottery at the Livermore Art Association Gallery, 2155 3rd St., Livermore; 925-449-9927.



More than two dozen participants in this year's Leadership Livermore program took part in a tour of Sandia/California on March 19. The group, part of a nine-month program hosted by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Livermore, strengthens ties between local institutions and business executives. Participants learned about Sandia's history and current national security missions, explored the Livermore Valley Open Campus area, and toured laboratories in the Combustion Research Facility. An overview of CRISPR and SpindX was also provided during the visit.

Pleasanton's 2019 Saturday Public Art Walks Conclude with the Southern Tour

Saturday, April 13th, will conclude the 8th year that Nancy and Gary Harrington have led art enthusiasts on Pleasanton's Public Art Walks. The walks feature frequent stops at sculptures and murals to view the art and share

fascinating stories regarding the artists. This free Southern art walk leaves from the Pleasanton City Council Chambers parking lot at 9am. Address is 200 Old Bernal Avenue. Allow about 2 hours for this walk.

This Southern Pleasanton 2nd Saturday Art Walk includes public and private art at the Library, Civic Park, Centennial Park, Veterans Hall and two business locations.

Walkers will learn about this art partnership and how businesses, clubs, organizations, and individuals can assist in bringing more Public Art to Pleasanton. Free Pleasanton Art Walk brochures, with maps, will be distributed.

View the "Pleasanton's Public Art" book by Nancy and Gary. Available at cost, \$10.95, at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Questions about the Art Walks or how to become a Partner, or would like the Harringtons to speak at a club or an organization meeting, contact Nancy or Gary at 925-846-9757.

The next Pleasanton's 2nd Saturday Art Walk series will begin on March 14, 2020.

Bay East Realtors List 2018 Award Winners at J. Rockcliff

The J. Rockcliff Realtors Pleasanton office announced the recipients of the Bay East Association of Realtors 2018 award winners at a recent sales meeting. The awards and receiving agents are:

Grand Master Award (Sales greater than \$11M): Adam Golden, Andrea Rozran, Katie Moe, Kristy Peixoto, and Tom Schieber.

Master Award (Sales from \$6M+ to \$11M): Claudia Colwell, Debra Allen, Heather Kelly, Nanette Cartago, Natalie Bianco, and Sue Fredrickson.

President Award (Sales from \$3M to \$6M): Anne Athenour-Martin, Colleen Bliss, Nancy Renton, Steve Lee, and Suzanna Chew.

Earl Rozran, Vice President for the Pleasanton, Livermore & Brentwood offices of J. Rockcliff Realtors said "I am extremely proud of these agents for the hard work they put in to serving all of their clients at the highest level. Most of these agents receive these awards every year for their consistent performance helping Buyers and Sellers achieve their goals."



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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

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

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

Fragments, Edges, & Ambiguities. March 1 through April 6 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. 5 Bay Area Artists: Taryn Curiel (watercolor), Dan Lythcott-Haims (photography), Jane Peterman (ceramic sculpture), Yucahi Seki (mixed media), and Cindy Stokes (photography). Regular

gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

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

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

Livermore At Association Spring Art Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 and 7 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Reception, April 6, 7 to 9 p.m. open to the public. www.livermoreartassociation.org

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

"Walk of the Wearables" Runway Show/Art & Wine Intertwined, Saturday, April 27, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Gallery at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Free

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

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission

to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. 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 http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the last Saturday of each month from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.Galina'sMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$10 fee to cover meeting costs.

WINERIES

Fun Friday's at Wood Family Vineyards. Live Music 4 - 7 pm in March and April switching to Summer hours in May 5 - 8 pm. March 29th Meredith McHenry Duo; April 5th Dustin Heer Music; April 12th Frankie Bones Project; April 19th The Foam Riders; April 26th The Breedloves. . 2407 Research Dr., Livermore.

Las Positas Vineyards, Weekend of March 30th & 31st our featured food pairing flight will be a Chocolate Truffle & Wine pairing flight. Tasting Room is open 11:30-4:30pm. For more information, email curt@laspositasvineyards.com Saturday, March 30th "Evening in the Vineyards" Winter Concert Series featuring rock/jazz & country

due Double Shot in the event room with wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages along with dinner option available for purchase (sorry no outside food & beverage permitted) to purchase tickets, go to www.laspositasvineyards.com Space is limited.

Las Positas Vineyard Bridal Fair, Sunday April 7, 2019. Glass of sparkling wine, vendors, tour venue, sample desserts and take photos in a photo booth. No cost to attend. 11 am - 4 pm. Please RSVP and schedule a tour to marissa@laspositasvineyards.com.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Will Ackerman: The Gathering 4 Guitars, 7:30 p.m. March 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Asbury Hosts Gay Men's Choir, 10 AM service at Asbury United Methodist Church at 4743 East Ave. in Livermore on Sunday, March 31. Asbury will be hosting a gay men's chorus - The Keynote Vocal Group - who regularly sing at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in San Jose. They will sing several anthems in the service. Brunch will be provided for all attending the service, afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. For more information call Jean Braun at 449-4168, the church office at 447-1950 or e-mail: TerriG@asburylive.org or go to our website: www.Asburylive.org

Mayumana "Currents" April 8, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Mista Cookie Jar, April 13, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, April 13, prelude talk 7 p.m. concert begins, 8 p.m. Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio espagnol, G. Kahn: Cello Concerto, Dvořák: Rondo for Cello and Orchestra. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Spring Concert April 14, 2:00 pm — 3:15 pm. Firehouse

Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

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

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

The Oshima Brothers, April 19, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G.I. Blues: The Elvis Presley Songbook, May 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse

Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

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

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

ON THE STAGE

Sunol Repertory Theatre, Caught in The Act written by Pat Cook and directed by Sandi Bohner & Ray Spooner. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m. March 8-30. Tickets are on sale at Sunol.net. The 38th Sunol Repertory Production Caught in the Act will take the stage filled family experience. Tickets are \$15.00 Production dates are March 29,30. facebook.com/SunolRepertoryTheatre and sunol.net/srt_sunolrep@gmail.com

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

Junie B. Jones the Musical Jr. Opens March 22 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Family theater performed by local youth, presented by Civic Arts Stage Company and Bay Area Children's Theatre. Delightful adaptation of Barbara Park's best-selling books, brought to life in a fun new musical. Featuring lovable characters, silly adventures and unforgettable songs. Appropriate for all audiences. Shows run March 22 through 31. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18; Child or Senior: \$7, \$10, \$13. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

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

Tri-Valley Haven bringing back Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues to the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore on Friday, April 5, 2019

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at 8 pm and Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2 pm and 8 pm. Local talent Eleisa Cambra is directing a whole new show with several fresh monologues. Proceeds will benefit Tri-Valley Haven's domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Tickets are available online at www.lvpac.org.

Brian Shul "Spy Pilot Chronicles" 7:30 p.m. April 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

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

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

Smoky Joe's Cafe, April 27-May 12, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Theater for Young Audiences,

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

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

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

COMEDY

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

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

Late Nite Catechism, April 12, 8

p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

The Capitol Steps, May 5, 5 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

DANCE

Valley Dance Theatre Spring REP 2019. May 25 at 7 p.m., May 26 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

MOVIES

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

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

CHORAL

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

AUDITIONS

Auditions for HONK! Ghostlight Theatre Ensemble is seeking actors of all ages to audition for their largest show of the season - their summer main stage production directed by Chris Finetti. All roles are available, except for the Bullfrog, who will be played by Bart Schneider. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th, as well as Saturday April 6th. To audition, actors will sign up for an audition

appointment on just one of those days. Callbacks will be held on April 7th. The show will be performed in mid-July at The Theatre at Edna Hill in Brentwood. For full details, and to sign up for an audition appointment, visit www.ghostlightte.org/main-stage-honk.html. For further information, contact Helen Dixon at helen@ghostlightte.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hagemann Ranch Open House. Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 PM. Go to www.livermorehistory.com 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. To learn more about this program check the library's website at livermorelibrary.net or call the library at 925-373-5500.

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

Goodguys 37th All American Get-Together, March 30, 31. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton. Over 2,500 American made or powered vehicles on display, plus com-

mercial and vendor exhibits, swap meet, cars for sale, entertainment, Goodguys Autocross racing, food booths, Saturday specialty parking areas, Nitro Thunderfest, model car show, kids zone and more.

Livermore Valley Uncorked

Celebration, Thurs. April 4 at the Palm Event Center; unlimited wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, meet and winemakers and growers, preserve land. \$50. <https://trivalleyconservancy.ejoinme.org/Uncorked2019>

Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... Harry S. Truman: Tuesday, April 9th, 2pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

59th annual Mt. Diablo Iris Society spring show and plant sale, Saturday, April 13, 2019 between 1:00 and 5:00, and Sunday April 14, 2019 from 9:00 to 4:00 at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. This is a judged show of many colorful and different varieties of iris cultivars. It will also feature flower arrangements, demonstrations, and a photo contest open to public contributors sponsored by Mike's Camera of Dublin. Admission is free. For additional information, call Mary Sindicic at 925 606-0355 or email MtDiabloIris@gmail.com.

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

Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m. to noon April 20, Downtown Pleasanton, Children 10 years and younger are invited to participate. Children will receive a goody bag

and adults will receive a list of clues and locations to lead them to goodies throughout downtown at over a dozen participating businesses. www.pleasantondowntown.net

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

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

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

28th Annual Livermore Downtown Street Fest, May 18- May 19, Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Along First Street from the Livermore Cinema down to N Street. The side Streets have unique experiences and activities. The best of the Livermore Valley's wineries and breweries will be creating Pop Up Tasting Room experiences. Livermore Downtown Inc. www.livermoredowntown.com/events

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



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Dublin Chamber Names President/CEO

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce has named Inge Houston as the new President/CEO who is expected to help grow membership in the business association.

Houston is currently Project Development for the local restaurateur, Strizzi's Restaurants, Inc. Steve Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Directors, announced the hiring this week and anticipates Houston will be a quick study in the position.

"She's got great leadership skills and qualities," Lehman said Tuesday. "Inge's close ties to the community and high energy will be a huge asset to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Inge and the Board are committed to growing and diversifying our membership."

Dublin Mayor David Haubert added, "The City of Dublin appreciates our partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Inge's business background, intimate knowledge of Dublin and network of community leaders will be a great



asset to make that even stronger."

Houston has a BA degree in Social Science, emphasis in Tourism and History, and a Business Minor from California State University, Chico. At Strizzi's, she launched new product lines for marketing and served as corporate liaison to grocery and hotel chains. She said that she applied

for the job because of the wealth of business opportunity in front of Dublin.

"Dublin is experiencing a tremendous amount of growth and businesses want to be part of the excitement. I believe that the Chamber has an important role in making this a successful community," said Houston. "Large corporations like Patelco, IKEA, Carl Zeiss and De Silva Gates Construction want to be in Dublin along with countless medium and small businesses. There's a lot going on, new industries, businesses. I'm very excited by that." As our Mayor has stated, "Dublin is a great place to live, work and raise a family."

Houston's community involvement in Dublin dates back to the 1990's. "Dublin has been my home, social center, source of community involvement, place of worship and my favorite place to shop and relax for over 35 years", said Houston. "I know Dublin inside and out."

Houston lives in San Ramon with her husband, Guy. Eldest son, Bartlett, graduate University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he was a Division I scholarship athlete. Younger son, Sumner, graduate Oregon State University, Corvallis, where he was a Division I scholarship athlete. Both sons are Eagle Scouts. Daughter, Glynnis Rose attends University of Hawaii at Manoa where she is studying Business/Marketing. Interests include travel, history, cooking, sewing, photography, bowling and yoga.

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Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. on April 8. Mark McClaren will discuss Scotland and Northern Ireland Research. This presentation will provide information to assist in Scottish genealogy research. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. No charge. Visitors welcome. For additional information Tom Mathews, Program Chairperson, email: program@L-AGS.org

Tri-Valley Republican Women dinner meeting on April 11, 2019. Special Guest Speaker: Paul Taylor with the topic Are we going to be doer mats or are we going to stand tall like Sequoia Redwoods? He strongly opposes sanctuary cities. He ran his 2018 campaign for U.S. Senate against Diane Feinstein on defying sanctuary cities. Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room (At the Las Positas Golf Course), 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore, (925) 455-7070. Social Time: 6:00 pm. Meeting Begins: 6:45 pm. Call: Jo Molz: Cell / Text: 925-367-6155 Include All Names and a Phone # Or email: rjm911@sbcglobal.net TVRWF Members: \$ 30.00; Guests: \$ 35.00 All are invited.

"It's Not Just Pot" - Marijuana & Its Impact on the Teen Brain. Monday 4/01/19, 7:00pm to 8:30pm Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Community Room B, Livermore. NAMI Tri-Valley's General Meeting will feature Lynn Gardner, Program Manager of Horizons Family Counseling. Participants will learn about current research on marijuana and the impact on the teen brain and body; brain development from child through adulthood; the impact of acceptance and legalization on teen usage; Vaping and E-cigarettes; as well as Alameda County's new Prop 64 Juvenile Marijuana Citation Program. NAMI Tri-Valley is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For further information, contact: Rosemarie at 925-487-8766, or www.nami-trivalley.org

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:30pm at Castro Valley Adult School - 4430 Alma Ave, Castro Valley. Avian Olfaction: The road less traveled presented by Gabrielle Nevitt. Learn more on the olfactory world of the procellariiform (Tubenosed) seabirds with Gabrielle Nevitt, a professor of animal behavior at the University of California at Davis. She is known for her pioneering work on the olfactory ability of birds. No admission charge and refreshments served. For more information go to the website www.ohloneaudubon.org

Live music singles mixer, Single adults of all ages invited to meet new friends on Sunday, March 31, 2019, 4-6pm, at Faz at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. \$10 at the door includes a Mixer Game, light food. The Darlyn Pearl Duo will perform live, featuring a wide variety of music, including jazz, blues, country, and requests. This party is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; and by many singles meetups. Anyone wishing more information

about this and many more singles parties may visit www.ThePartyHotline.com.

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

Grief support meetings, 7:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, on March 28, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25 and August 8. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

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

Sunol 4-H Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 14, 11601 Main Street, Sunol. Adults: \$10.00; Child: \$5.00.

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

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

Writing Club for Young Adults led by young adult author J.L. Powers will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month: April 18, and May 16, 2019. The meetings will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The club is free. No registration is required. Aspiring writers may attend each meeting or as many or few as wanted. Teen Space page on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Mosel at 925-373-5576.

The 2019 Livermore Fil-Am Scholarship applications are now open! Three scholars will be selected for the \$1000, \$750, and \$500 awards. Those who will be graduating this June 2019 from either Livermore High School or Granada High School, please have them see their school counselor for the application. They can also contact an officer or board member.

They must be a member of Livermore Fil-Am to qualify. If not, membership applications are available. Scholarship applications are due by Apr. 30. Winners announced on May 13 and presented on May 18.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is March 30, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Michael's Hall, 325 Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to see, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group - those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Sr. Center on the 2nd Sat of every month from 10am-12Noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact 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 changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Please consider coming and joining your comrades, because there still fun to be around. Lock and Load. Ready on the right ready on the left. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net

25th Annual Livermore High School Stampede Softball Tournament Celebrating the 25th year of their Annual Softball Tournament. Games will be held Thurs., April 4 - Sat. April 6. Last year approximately 47 girls had signed with colleges prior to the tournament. Opening Ceremonies are on Thursday, April 4th at 9:00am. Games will begin after the ceremonies with three full days of Softball. Approximate games hours on Thursday & Friday are from 9:00am - 9:00pm and Saturday from 8:00am - 10:30pm. Toff Garcia and Jeremy Luke are leading the committee and they are seeking assistance with the tournament itself (scoring, field prep, snack shack) but also donations to support raffles, silent auctions, etc. For additional information go to: www.lhs-stampede.com & email: gococbooysssoftball@gmail.com.

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

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/>

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. 530 Inklings Coffee Shop in the Wardrobe Room, Pleasanton. Check website for meeting updates pleasantonlionsclub.org. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysesir.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 American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org. 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

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 Castletown Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvarylivermore.org or 925-447-4357.

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

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ 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 following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scala at 447-9800.

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

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hayward Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services. Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children are welcome at all services, childcare in the nursery. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore," where you can find most updated information and worship sermons.

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

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

The Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley is now holding Sunday services at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milestones

John Molitoris Awarded BSA Eagle Rank

An Eagle Court of Honor was recently held for John Mario Molitoris to formally confer the Rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. Less than 4% of those in Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. John Mario is the son Dr. John D. Molitoris and Dr. Lesia K. Machicao. He is presently a senior at Granada High School where he is on the varsity Track & Field Team. John's events are shot put and discus.

He is a member of BSA Troop 942, sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. He earned a total of 26 merit badges and achieved the Eagle Rank with Bronze Palm Award. John Mario served his Troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. He was Chaplain Aide on their 2015 Philmont High Adventure Expedition. He is the Youth Leader for the Scout Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo and is presently working to establish a BSA Venture Crew. In addition to Philmont, John Mario attended the San Francisco Bay Area Council (SFBAC) Wente Scout Camp for five summers, earned the SFBAC 25 and 50 night Camper Awards, and the BSA World Conservation Award. John also earned the BSA Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem that was presented to him at a special ceremony by the Bishop of Oakland at the Diocesan Cathedral.

For his Eagle Project John Mario built and permanently installed a set of fine red oak cabinets for the reconciliation room at St. Charles. The cabinets were much needed to store special event ban-



Mayor John Marchand with John Molitoris.

ners and decorations for the church. His project took over 400 man-hours to complete and cost over \$2500. For these projects the Eagle Scout has to plan, design, fund raise and manage a team of scouts/adults to complete them. The project must be thoroughly documented and approved by the Council.

At his Eagle Court of Honor, John Mario was presented with a Certificate of Achievement from Livermore Mayor John Marchand. He also received letters of recognition from President Trump and California Senators Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris. Members of St. Charles lauded his years of service and his scoutmasters noted his dedication/service to Troop 942. The Rank of Eagle was conferred by Mr. Jay Johnson, District Eagle Scout Coordinator. Fellow scout Chris Gonzalez was Master of Ceremony.

John Mario will be attending Cornell University in fall 2019 where he will study business and applied economics / management at their Dyson School.

Anyone interested in joining any level of Scouting should contact the SFBAC Twin Valley District Executive Mr. Matt Lindberg at matt.lindberg@scouting.org. Those interested in BSA Troop 942 or BSA Venture Crew 942 can contact Dr. John Molitoris at molitoris1@gmail.com.

NEW FACES

The following babies were born at Stanford Health Care-Valley-Care Medical Center in Pleasanton:

A son to Deepthy and Shenoy Thazhuthkudi of San Ramon, Feb. 16, 2019.

A son to Kavya Racharla and Siva Narendrula of Pleasanton, Feb. 16, 2019.

A daughter to Rishika Veerapalli and Kodandaram Anupati of Livermore, March 1, 2019.

Tom Chance Receives Manager of The Year Leadership Award

Tom E. Chance, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Drysdale Properties (BHHS) Livermore Manager, received the prestigious Leadership Award during the annual company awards celebration on February 27, 2019. Gretchen Pearson, President/CEO of Drysdale Properties, presented the award.

The annual Leadership Award recognizes real estate professionals and industry leaders who represent the company's core values as well as demonstrate operational success in the organization.

"This leadership award is the highest honor bestowed upon a leader in the organization and it brings me great pride to award Tom E. Chance," said Pearson. "His



Tom Chance

continued devotion to lead, inspire and educate sales professionals, members of the community and others around him make Tom the perfect candidate for the 2018 Manager of the Year Award."

Chance began his real

estate career in 1981, as vice president of Argent Mortgage in Lafayette, working closely with investors by handling their portfolios. It was during this time that Chance realized the challenges and excitement associated with real estate sales. Since that time, he has been actively involved with real estate as a Realtor, Manager, Mentor and Coach. In addition to Manager of the Year, Chance has earned Tri-Valley Realtor of the Year, Grand Master's Club, Master's Club, Chairman's Circle, President's Club and Leading Edge Society honors.

Tom E. Chance can be reached at (925) 487-6360, tom.chance@bhhsdrysdale.com, or by visiting his office located at 1983 Second Street, Livermore.

Livermore Resident Chosen to Participate In Almond Leadership Program

The Almond Board of California (ABC) chose Livermore-area resident Rocky Dhaliwal to participate in the 2019 Almond Leadership Program. He joins a class of 19 leaders representing diverse backgrounds across multiple industries, from almond growers, processors and food safety specialists to marketing experts and sales

representatives.

Dhaliwal has a long history of farming experience that has allowed him to successfully provide strategic and operational leadership for nut farming. He is particularly skilled at motivating farm teams and strengthening external business relationships. When he's not on the farm, he works as a dentist.

Almond Leadership Program participants will spend the next year growing in their roles as the future generation of California almond industry leaders. They will learn from volunteer mentors who will help equip program participants with the knowledge and experience necessary to improve their leadership skills, the industry and their communities.

The class completes specialized training in a wide variety of topic areas, many

of which are tied to ABC activities in marketing, trade stewardship, scientific research, food safety and more.

"After completing the Almond Leadership Program, I plan on leveraging my newfound knowledge and networking contacts to take a fresh look at farming operations as a whole and determine areas for continued innovation," Dhaliwal said. "In addition, I look to become more active in the California almond community and become a resource for others new to the almond industry looking to learn more about the business."

For more information on the Almond Board of California or almonds, visit Almonds.com or check out California Almonds on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and the California Almonds blog.