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Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Residents Sue to Stop Wine Country Inn

By David Chircop

A group of residents is suing the City of Livermore and a developer of the recently-approved Livermore Wine Country Inn, arguing the project violates state planning, zoning, and environmental laws.

The two-story 30-room boutique hotel and 77-seat restaurant, complete with a wine bar, terrace, meeting rooms and caretaker's unit with a private pool, is planned for the southwest corner of Hansen and Arroyo Roads.

After the Planning Commission approved a site plan and conditional use permit last fall, nearby homeowners, including Peter

Young, Ann Spies-Young, and Donna Cabanne, formed an association called Friends of South Livermore. The group appealed the Planning Commission's approval to the Livermore City Council, which unanimously upheld the Commission's decision at its Jan. 13 meeting.

Neither City Attorney Jason Alcalá nor Mayor John Marchand could be reached for comment by press time.

The lawsuit, filed by Friends of South Livermore in Alameda County Superior Court on Feb. 13, alleges the City Council abused its discretion by granting approval

and ignoring what it claims are conflicts between the project and the city's own General Plan, the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan, the Municipal Code, and state environmental laws.

The lawsuit names the developer Michelle Boss, LWCI, Inc., a business entity she started for the Livermore Wine Country Inn, the City of Livermore, and the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority, which remains title owner of the land pending a \$750,000 sale to LWCI.

"LWCI, LLC are in alignment with the City of Livermore and supports its position with regard

to the Petition for Writ of Mandate filed by the Friends of South Livermore," Boss wrote in an email. "However, until the matter is heard by the Court, we are unable to provide further comment on this issue."

The residents' lawsuit asks the court to reverse city approval for the project, and to require the city to enforce various rules it claims were ignored. It asks for an injunction halting any action on the development pending the court's decision.

The lawsuit further asserts the California Environmental Quality

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Initial Results Talled for Seats And Measures

Local elected offices at stake in the March 3 presidential primary election included two Alameda County Board of Supervisors seats; three seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency board; three school district bond measures; one state senate seat, one assembly seat, and one race for U.S. Congress. There were three school bond measures also on some voters' ballots.

Under California's top-two primary, the two highest vote-getters move on to the general election on Nov. 3. For Alameda County Supervisor a candidate who wins 50% plus one vote is the winner. Otherwise, the top two move onto the Nov. 3 ballot.

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Daffodils in bloom beautify the valley with their striking brilliant yellow. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Measure P Leading in Early Results

By David Chircop

Livermore voters Tuesday, in early results, were overwhelmingly in favor of a measure to uphold an agreement between the city and a private developer to build a hotel next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue.

As of press time, preliminary results of mail-in ballots from the Alameda County elections website indicated Yes on Measure P votes were leading No votes by about a two-to-one margin. It needs a simple majority to pass. The early numbers are based on a tally of nearly 10,000 ballots.

"The city listened to the community during our Outreach Process. When the voters voted in the

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PUSD Considers Electronics to Detect Vaping

By Ron McNicoll

The \$9 million upgrade to the Pleasanton schools communication and computer systems, due to begin soon, will include the ability to pinpoint the location of vaping high school students.

Amy Nichols, the district's senior director of procurement and technology, informed trustees about the change and other electronic improvements at the board's Feb. 27 regular meeting.

The system also detects smoke, carbon monoxide, and other harmful chemicals, and sends staff a location message.

In addition, the units monitor and detect abnormal sounds that can be a threat. Nichols cited fistfights and gunshots as examples, which tie in with the district's goal of improving school safety and security.

The \$275,000 monitoring system is covered by an "e-grant," a program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Its purpose is to make links to telecommunications more affordable for schools and libraries.

Trustee Jamie Yee said the district would be better off spending money elsewhere. She said there's

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Rae Dorrough Speaker Series

U.S. Military Capability Talk To Be Given

A nationally known defense expert from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey will discuss the U.S. military's capabilities and priorities next week in a talk at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The expert, John Arquilla, is a former analyst with the RAND Corporation, now a Distinguished Professor of Defense Analysis.

His talk, "National Defense for a Brave New World," is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, March 12. It is part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, and sponsored by the Quest Science Center.

In an interview prior to his talk,

he said he believes that the U.S. military is too reliant on a small number of very large and expensive programs and forces, leading to vulnerability in an age when adversaries can purchase or develop highly accurate weapon systems.

What is needed is organizational change, he said. The military should be restructured around "smaller things."

"Instead of just 11 (aircraft) carrier strike groups, we should probably have quite a few more, smaller naval platforms. Instead of a couple dozen brigade combat teams, we probably want hundreds of smaller units of action... (We

need to) go from the few and the large to the many and the small."

One of his current classes at the Naval Postgraduate School covers just this topic: "Military organizations and technological change."

"The story's pretty much not a happy one," he said. "Going from the first truly modern war, the American Civil War, it's hard to find examples of militaries who have understood the implications of new technologies quickly, readily and effectively."

He considers the "larger question" to be whether potential adversaries like China and Russia

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UC Merced, Lawrence Livermore Develop Bond

Just 90 miles from the University of California, Merced lies an epicenter of the future of technology, innovation and national security.

Regardless of the route you take, the journey from UC Merced to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will include twists and turns, ups and downs. But the university and lab have teamed up to lay the groundwork for a direct pipeline between the two, opening a door to research collaborations as well as job and internship opportu-

nities for students and alumni.

"Our students have a real hunger to learn, and to be part of solving complex scientific problems with major societal implications," said Vice Provost and Graduate Dean Marjorie Zatz. "On top of that, students tend to be comfortable working in interdisciplinary contexts, and this fits well with the culture at the national labs."

UC Merced and LLNL are compatible in many ways — an emphasis on interdisciplinary research, an eye always toward the future, and

an innate belief in pioneering the next wave of diverse thought leadership and research.

National labs partnering with universities is not new, but the opportunities being created through this UC Merced-to-LLNL pipeline are unique.

"UC Merced is a very new campus, which has allowed us to jump in and establish a presence early on," said Marisol Gamboa, a computer scientist at LLNL and Data Science Summer Institute program

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Conference to Open Dialogue On Teen Anxiety

The Z-Cares Foundation will host a two-day event, March 6-7, at CrossWinds Church in Livermore, focusing on youth anxiety.

The first day will include a screening of the documentary "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety," at 6:30 p.m. The film features an interview with Olympic swimmer and mental health advocate Michael Phelps, as well as teens and parents who share personal stories about the impact of anxiety on their own lives.

Day 2, starting at 9 a.m., will include a keynote address by psychologist Mark Reinecke, clinical director for Child Mind Institute in San Francisco, as well as breakout sessions for teens, young adults and adults. In addition, mental health providers will be available to answer questions and help families navigate difficult times.

Z-Cares Foundation was established in memory of Zachary Nimmo, a 14-year-old student at Amador Valley High School, who took his own life in 2018. Anxiety disorders are the most common mental health challenge in the U.S., but there is hope because the condition is highly treatable.

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African Americans Represented at Living Museum

By Bruce Gach

The quiet large multipurpose room at Fairlands Elementary School in Pleasanton was ringed with desks containing pictures and books. Suddenly the doors opened and 33 students from Kelly Lack's fifth grade class filed in to take their places, each representing the person they had chosen for Black History month.

The boys and girls at the Feb. 26 event each selected an African American who made a difference in how the U.S. has progressed. They could choose a figure in history, science, sports or a cultural icon, either alive or dead.

The students dressed as their subject, bringing photos and other relevant items representing their subject's lives. They'd already memorized information to give a first-person account of their subject's life.

Then they each struck a pose and froze, standing still as statues. Each had a sticker labeled "press me" on one of their hands.

Over the course of two hours, 400 students from other classes entered, picking the people they wanted to learn about. Touching the sticker would bring each figure to life, with the student actors telling all about their subject's history, using all their props to

let their listeners know why their choice was an important addition to Black America's history and culture.

Taking on the persona of civil rights champion Congressman John Lewis, Reyaansh Villamkandathil said, "If you see something that is not right, not fair, you have the moral obligation to do something no matter what your skin color. We all deserve to be heard."

Spearheading this project for the sixth year, Lack stated, "Anyone can be a hero. It is crucial that children have someone to look up to that doesn't look just like them.

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Isaae Ceitelis portrays Stevie Wonder at Fairlands Elementary School's Living Museum. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK KEVITA



Kevita is an outgoing young feline who bridges the gap purrfectly between kitten and adult; mature enough to mind her manners but young enough to happily chase a toy! Meet Kevita at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

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Planned for LLNL in 2023, World's Fastest Computer to Be Even Faster

By Jeff Garberson

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its industrial partners have upgraded the performance anticipated from the El Capitan computer, which was already being touted as the world's fastest when it becomes operational at the Laboratory in 2023.

When first announced last August, the \$600 million El Capitan was projected to operate at 1.5 billion billion operations per second—in computer terminology, 1.5 “exaflops.”

Now, the Laboratory and two of its partners say that the supercomputer should be able to operate one-third faster, at a speed of 2 exaflops — or even faster.

The partners are Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Advanced Micro Devices. Hewlett Packard Enterprise last year acquired Cray Inc., the long-time maker of supercomputers, becoming a leading player in high performance computing.

A speed of 2 exaflops will mean that El Capitan is faster than the 200 next-fastest computers in the world combined, according to an announcement made earlier this week.

It will be 16 times faster than LLNL's fastest computer today. That computer, called Sierra, is rated second-fastest in the world. (Oak Ridge National Laboratory holds the

honors for world's fastest — for now — with its Summit computer.)

Computer speed is much more than a matter of bragging rights, although plenty of bragging takes place in public announcements and press releases.

Faster and more powerful computers are required to meet the demands of the U.S. nuclear weapons program. Called Stockpile Stewardship, the program is carried out largely through the three weapons laboratories, Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories.

Its fundamental goal is to make sure U.S. nuclear weapons remain safe, secure and reliable. That's a very large technical challenge, since every nuclear weapon in today's arsenal has aged well beyond its anticipated lifetime, and full-scale testing is no longer permitted.

Instead the effort relies on extremely powerful models to simulate the aging process.

So-called multi-physics codes integrate efforts by teams from around the Laboratory, modeling nuclear weapons performance in such detail that programs can take hundreds of hours to run, even on the world's fastest computers.

As LLNL director Bill

Goldstein has said, the weapons were designed in two dimensions, but decay in three. Three dimensional modeling puts enormous demands on computer power to simulate aging with as much fidelity as possible.

According to Bronis de Supinsky, the chief technology officer for LLNL computing, speaking earlier this week, El Capitan's great speed will allow routine 3D simulations and lead to greater statistical confidence in model output.

Highly classified

The simulations are highly classified, so they can't be run on commercial computers or in the cloud.

As a result, the federal sponsor of the Stockpile Stewardship program, the National Nuclear Security Administration, supports the development and operation of ultra-powerful computers like El Capitan to be used in a secure environment and shared by the three weapons labs.

When plans for El Capitan were unveiled last August, LLNL director Goldstein said the new computer would bring a vital boost in capability to the program.

“Every component of both warheads and delivery systems must be redesigned and remanufactured to maintain the same capabilities that we

had in 1992,” he said. 1992 was the year of the last nuclear detonation, when questions about aging and maintenance could still be tested for real.

He referred to El Capitan's anticipated new exascale capability as “cognitive simulation,” meaning it would combine machine learning, a branch of artificial intelligence, with established methods of modeling and simulation to give El Capitan a greater than tenfold boost in capability.

Despite the claims for speed supremacy, El Capitan will have competition in the computer speed derby. The \$600 million Frontier computer, scheduled for delivery to Oak Ridge National Laboratory next year, should be able to operate at 1.5 exaflops after it is fully operational.

At Argonne National Laboratory, the \$500 million Aurora should be delivered next year and be capable of running at 1 exaflop.

As with all ultrafast computers, these speeds are likely to increase with better software and improved methods of utilizing and integrating components.

In 2018, for instance, using the benchmark speed test called the High Performance Linpack, LLNL's Sierra computer demonstrated that it could run one-third faster than

originally advertised.

Similar speed-ups can be anticipated at Oak Ridge and Argonne as well as at LLNL. Meantime, China and Japan

have extremely capable computer development programs, and both have declared their intention of dominating the field.

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Library Presentation to Honor Suffrage Warriors

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Wendy Rouse, associate professor of history at San Jose State University, will give a presentation on the women's suffrage movement at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Sunday, March 8.

Her presentation, “Suffrage Warriors: The (Extra) Ordinary Women Who Campaigned for the Vote,” will explore the work of suffragists such as Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell, and Carrie Chapman Rouse will also highlight the stories of Bay Area women who campaigned for the vote.

Rouse's research focuses on women's history and

the suffrage movement. Her most recent book, “Her Own Hero: The Origins of the Women's Self-Defense Movement,” explores how women in the early 20th century, including suffragists, studied boxing and jiu-jitsu to empower themselves physically and politically.

Her talk, sponsored by Livermore Indivisible and Friends of the Library, is free and open to the public. In honor of the suffragettes, women attending the presentation are being urged to dress in white. Since the suffragettes often met for tea for their planning, tea and refreshments will also be served in the library's Storeroom at 1:30 p.m., with Rouse's talk to follow at 2 p.m.

Pleasanton to Host Panel Discussion on Vaping

Pleasanton's Community Education Series will host a panel discussion about the truths and myths of vaping at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 5, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Panelists will include representatives from the Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Police Department, Teen Esteem, and the Coalition for

Health Against Tobacco. There is no cost to attend, and the public is invited to attend. Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their children, age 11 and up.

To register, go to pleasantonfun.com and enter course code #18655. For more information, call Andrea McGovern at (925) 931-5359.

SPEAKER SERIES

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“are understanding these lessons more quickly than we. I fear to some extent that's the case.”

Under the so-called Gerasimov Doctrine, for instance, Russia “did not send columns of tanks” into eastern Ukraine but infiltrated smaller, covert groups of soldiers.

At about the same time, they “annexed Crimea bloodlessly with small forces.”

Gen. Valery Gerasimov is the contemporary Russian strategist sometimes credited with developing a concept for achieving strategic goals using a very wide range of resources, from economic to diplomatic to military.

There is disagreement in some circles about whether the Russians practice a formal doctrine with that name, but in any case, Arquilla believes that the Russians “understand not only that it is economical to build a smaller, nimbler and more networked military, (but) it's also more effective.”

He says the same smaller-is-better trend is also seen in the Chinese and Iranian militaries.

Arquilla said his Bankhead talk would also touch on nuclear deterrence, the cornerstone of U.S. nuclear weapons policy for many

decades.

Personally, he said, he is “distressed that nuclear deterrence still relies on threats to innocent noncombatants. The whole notion of mutual assured destruction is ethically quite questionable, even if it is the only practical way to maintain some kind of deterrence.”

He says there is “strong bipartisan support” for eliminating nuclear weapons; he also favors trying to do so, but “getting there would be a very dangerous process.”

By that, he means that as nations reduced their arsenals to smaller and smaller numbers of weapons, the benefit to a successful cheater would rise.

Hiding 100 nuclear weapons might matter little if an adversary had 1,000, but it could convey an overwhelming advantage if the adversary had only 10.

“The payoff for being a cheater is quite high when the number of weapons is quite low,” he said.

Tickets for Arquilla's Bankhead talk are available online at <https://bit.ly/39nDvgX> and may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925) 373-6800.

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Roger Aines Aims for Zero CO2 Emissions by 2045

By Bruce Gach

The Tri-Valley Citizens Climate Lobby met with Roger Aines, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Energy Program Chief Scientist, on Feb. 27 to learn about California's efforts to reduce CO2 levels in the state by 2045.

"The way we do something about the climate is to talk about it. Carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere have risen from 280 parts per million (ppm) to over 410 ppm in the past 220 years. This has been linked with the rise of worldwide temperatures across the globe during that same period," Aines said.

Three major sets of climate legislation in California are already in place, he said. The first was to get down to

1990 CO2 emission levels by 2020, a target the state reached in 2018. The second was to get to 60% of 1990 levels by 2030. Although that is harder, the state is on track to reach that goal.

Aines said that the really hard one is to reach 80% reduction by 2045. That would require major changes in how transportation in the state is achieved and getting rid of almost all fossil fuels. Even using all the other tools the state now has available would still leave 20% of the emissions present today.

According to Aines, to reach the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere that needs to be removed by 2045 worldwide, four times the CO2 produced by today's oil industry would have to be withdrawn. LLNL is work-

ing on possible technologies to attain that level. Depositing CO2 underground has already been used, on a limited basis, as a way of extracting it from the atmosphere. This involves injecting CO2 into rocks 3,000 feet below the surface. At that depth, pressure turns CO2 into an oily liquid with viscosity similar to that of the oil that previously had been pumped out of the ground for industrial and other uses.

"California is leading the country in reducing CO2 with a cap and trade system on the carbon content of fuel for vehicles which requires staying below a specified limit of carbon content in order to sell fuel in the state," Aines said. The cap limit decreases 1.5% every year. If a company does bet-

ter than the standard, credits are earned that can be sold on the open market to somebody not meeting the standard. Today those credits sell for \$200 per ton of CO2 avoided, which is actually worth more than the cost of the fuel itself.

When a molecule of fuel is made, one molecule goes into usable carbon and one molecule goes up in the air as CO2. "The CO2 grabbed from the air could then be put into the ground, which also equals an additional credit," Aines said.

Other solutions, like growing plants and restoration of the wetlands, could eliminate 25 million tons of atmospheric carbon, he added. There still would be negative emissions from fertilizer, methane, and the remainder

of non-electric vehicles. Processing the biomass in trash and sewage, which presently is burned or allowed to rot in landfills each year and converting those into fuels would also reduce the carbon footprint by almost 100 million tons per year.

"That is the number which

must be reached to attain net zero. The state's present plan is only a reduction of 3 million tons a year. The state now has everything it needs to get a full climate plan in place and meet all our goals. We can start now. This is California's Nike moment. It's time to just do it!" Aines said.

Entrepreneurs to Celebrate Women's History Month with Conference Mar. 30

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton's chapter of Women Entrepreneurs Launch (WELA) will be part of the sponsorship of a March 30 conference honoring Women's History Month.

The one-year-old WELA Pleasanton chapter and its four-year-old sister chapter, WELA Los Altos, will host the event at Google's Grove Experience Center in Redwood City. Altogether, the group has attracted about 100 members to its two chapters, and plans to add two more chapters in 2020.

Monthly events rotate between social get-togethers and "lunch and learn" events, held at members' businesses. The lunch and learn events feature an educational presentation of interest to entrepreneurs. Past topics include talks about taxation, insur-

ance, digital marketing, and financing.

The Redwood City conference theme involves moving one's business forward. Guest speaker will be Laura Ching, a Stanford Business School graduate who founded her own company, Tiny Prints. Unhappy about the limited selection of invitations she could buy for her own wedding, and the hassle she went through, Ching started Tiny Prints, an on-line boutique selling wedding invitations, birth announcements, and greeting cards.

Ching started the firm in 2004, and sold it to Shutterstock, a Redwood City photo site, in 2011 for \$333 million.

Part of the day's program includes teaching entrepreneurs how to use Google tools for increasing customers' awareness about sell-

ers' goods and services, said WELA founder Upuia Ahkiong. Ahkiong was a lead massage therapist for Google employees before starting her own business, Kua Body in Los Gatos and Pleasanton, where she lives.

Ahkiong said WELA intends to connect, celebrate and contribute with other entrepreneurs, and give back to the community.

Booking the day at Google's year-old Grove/Google Experience Center was a major accomplishment for WELA, she said. The facility is state-of-the-art, and Google will be offering tours through the venue.

Lunch and a late afternoon reception with appetizers and cocktails will be catered by Google. Live music will be performed by Mama Haze, a favorite suggested by some of the WELA members.

The event is open to the

public; it runs from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the center, 1900 Seaport Blvd., Redwood City. For ticket information, visit www.TheWELA.com.

Livermore Celebrates Opening Of Senior Apartment Complex

Livermore celebrated the grand opening last month of Chestnut Square Senior Housing, the first phase in the city's vision of transforming an underutilized site along Chestnut Street into an inter-generational community with easy access to public transportation and community amenities, both onsite and nearby.

"This is an incredibly exciting day," said Mayor John Marchand. "We get to celebrate a site that is now home to more than 70 senior households, who can breathe easy knowing that they'll be able to stay in the community where they've raised their families and built their lives."

"And we get to see the progress being made on soon-to-be homes for many

of our city's working families," Marchand said. "Still, we know there is more to do to ensure that all of our residents have a quality home they can afford."

Chestnut Square Senior Apartments provides 71 rental apartment homes for low-income seniors, including five apartments set aside for formerly homeless households. As evidence of the need for affordable housing among the senior population, MidPen Housing Corporation, which developed and manages the complex, said it received more than 650 applications during a 2-week period, and more than 500 remain on a waiting list.

On an adjacent site, Chestnut Square Family Housing,

also being developed by MidPen, is under construction and will provide 42 apartment homes for working families. Shared open spaces, including a courtyard and BBQ area, will connect the two communities. The mixed-income 4.31-acre community will also include 44 for-sale market-rate townhomes currently being built by Taylor Morrison.

Financing for Chestnut Square Senior Housing was provided by the City of Livermore, the Housing Authority of the City of Livermore, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the California Community Reinvestment Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco AHP Program, and Wells Fargo.

VAPING

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little point in detecting vaping, since students would just move to another location.

Instead, the district could buy walkie-talkies so that when PG&E turns off power as part of its wildfire-prevention strategy, staff will still have a reliable way to communicate, because the devices have their own batteries. One caller can talk to an entire closed network of listeners on a dedicated radio channel.

As it is now, headquarters is the only building in the district that has a back-up generator capable of lasting a few days during a power blackout, Nichols said. During that time, none of the computers or phone equipment could be used.

The \$9 million electronic communications upgrade is part of the \$270 million Measure I-1 bonds, which were approved by district voters in 2016.

Nichols will return to the board later this month with more detailed costs and receive any new comments or concerns from trustees.

SPECIAL EDUCATION KIDS SAID BULLIED

Three mothers at the board meeting alleged that their children have been bullied in Pleasanton schools. Two of the mothers said their children attend Pleasanton Middle School, and are special education students. A third did not name her son's school.

One of the PMS mothers claimed that her son was called demeaning names and told he "should be dead." "I'm aware of two other incidents that students would not report, because they are too scared to do so," she said.

The mother continued, "I don't want to hear 'This happens everywhere,' and 'It has been happening for decades.' I live here. I should not (have to) feel sick to my stomach when my son is not in my car five minutes after the bell rings."

The woman said she realizes bullying can happen in any school, but "the fact is, you are not holding students and parents accountable."

Further, in volunteering at the Pleasanton Library a dozen times last year, the

woman claimed she heard racial and homophobic slurs from students. "What was most upsetting was the lack of supervision," she said.

Some in the audience applauded her remarks.

A second mother from PMS said children come up to her son twice a week asking him to fight, which he won't do, and they make fun of him for it.

The third mother said her son stayed home from school for two weeks because he did not feel safe there. He felt bad when his counselor, whom he trusted, transferred to another district job. Teachers reached out to him with e-mails, phone calls, and home visits, and the family felt connected to them. The experience changed the boy's mood, and he returned to school, she said. In her speech to the board, she thanked the teachers "for the connectedness. It helped us through a really difficult time."

At the meeting's end, board president Steve Maher asked staff to investigate the complaints, and return with a report.

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EDITORIAL

Awareness is the First Step to Address Mental Health in Vulnerable Young People

Few people can spot it, and even fewer can understand it.

It is a hidden, heartbreaking epidemic that youths know only too well, and too young, which has left parents, friends, faculty members and medical providers scrambling to comprehend and address. It knows no race, religion, class, or geographic location. If you know anyone aged 13 to 25, chances are that if they're not dealing with mental health issues themselves, they know someone who is – or more likely, many someones.

Mental health issues in the young have burgeoned in the last decade, leading parents and specialists to question the cause. It seems so many of today's

young people suffer anxiety and depression, two sides of the same coin, that it leads families and doctors to wonder what, in this age of increased quality of life, has become so troubling.

For many, anxiety and depression are the end products of a culture that has become overwhelming with 24/7 news cycles and social media dictating reality instead of the other way around. For youths with limited experience, it feels as if there is never a break and no way to keep up.

The Independent applauds the work of numerous local and national organizations and foundations striving to get ahead of the curve and by providing much-needed demystification of mental-health issues. Awareness is the first step – a hard step for parents and educators evaluating whether a youth is just going through a stage, or seriously struggling and in need of help. The Pleasanton Z-Cares Foundation event on March 6 and 7 for teens and adults is dedicated to navigating youth anxiety. It promises to provide a light for youth living in the darkness of anxiety.

MAILBOX

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Unify Our Community

Tania Panarello, Livermore

By the time this letter is printed, the primary election will have passed. Whichever way you voted on any measure or candidate, be sure to vote again in November!

Regardless of the outcome on March 3, let's not allow our community to be divided over Measure P, or any other issues. It's great to see people out on the trails and around town, supporting our local businesses and enjoying all that Livermore has to offer. I like talking to people in line at the grocery stores, stoplights, or Donut Wheel. I often find we have something in common (usually that we are at least human). Let us be unified in moving forward and doing what is best for Livermore: being kind, helpful, and respectful to others.

On that note, I'd like to take this opportunity to apologize and ask forgiveness from anyone whom I've snapped at or otherwise offended. I'd also like to say thank you for all you do, and for your patience with me as a fellow human.

Let's remember to support and address the needs of our homeless, and anyone else who needs a hand up – not a handout. Much as I wish there was no such thing as homelessness, these folks are human beings who still have feelings and deserve to have dignity and kindness. How can we best help them get back on their feet and break the cycle of homelessness?

Meanwhile, here's some recommended reading to encourage a greater sense of community: "Love Does" and "Everybody Always," both by Bob Goff; "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse," by Charlie Mackesy; the Bible, particularly Proverbs and the New Testament. In "Love Does," Goff says "I used to want to fix people, but now I just want to be with them." In "Everybody Always," he challenges people to "Love one another. What is simple often isn't easy; what is easy often doesn't last." Mackesy echoes those thoughts in his beautiful, thoughtful picture book, "Life is difficult, but you are loved."

Whether you believe in God or not, surely most of you are familiar with the Ten Commandments: "Honor your father and your mother," "You shall not murder," "You shall

not commit adultery," "You shall not steal," etc. (Deuteronomy 5). According to Matthew 22:37-38, the "first and greatest commandment" is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Verse 39 adds, "And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." What does that mean? Respect one another; agree to disagree. Forgive one another. Choose peace. Choose kindness. Choose love.

Choose community. And fill the streets of Livermore on Sunday, March 15, to cheer on the runners in the Livermore Valley Half Marathon. Trust me, they'll appreciate it. Thank you

Preventing a Disastrous Market Crash

Alex Sokolow, Santa Monica

If we don't do something about the federal deficit and the resulting, perhaps inflationary money printing, the stock market and so on might crash to 20% of its current value for a decade or more. If we double the tax rate on the wealthiest 20%, it will raise \$1.5 trillion a year. This would eliminate the yearly deficit, while providing enough revenue to eliminate the national debt within five years. The wealthiest 20% would still have 47% of their income left over after taxes, and this would be for only half a decade. We should contact our elected officials. If we get different elected officials before this is done, we should contact the new elected officials.

Bisbee Deportation

Gary Estee, Livermore

About 20 years ago, my son brought home a school project involving research into a historical incident known as the Bisbee Deportation. I happened to glance at his source material and was appalled by the description. It turned out to be another case of Big Business misconduct and the resultant coverup of blatantly illegal actions by the government. I am still appalled. There have been numerous travesties of this type in mankind's history.

Most people will readily recall the horrible disaster in the Welsh town of Aberfan that left scores of children dead on October 21, 1966. Netflix broadcast an excellent portrayal of that event in the fourth season of the series "The Crown," and the royal family's reactions to it. The responsibility for that terrible catastrophe belonged to the National Coal Board. The subsequent inquiry placed the blame for the disaster on the organization and nine named employees. However, the NCB as an organization was not prosecuted, and no NCB staff were demoted, sacked or prosecuted for the Aberfan disaster. The one positive result was the passage of the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act of 2007, making it possible for an organization to be found guilty of corporate manslaughter as a result of serious management failures resulting in a gross breach of a duty of care.

The Bisbee Deportation was the illegal kidnapping

and deportation of about 1,300 striking mine workers, their supporters, and citizen bystanders by 2,000 members of a deputized posse, who arrested these people beginning on July 12, 1917. The action was orchestrated by Phelps Dodge, the major mining company in the area, which provided lists of workers and others who were to be arrested in Bisbee, Arizona, to the Cochise County sheriff, Harry C. Wheeler. These workers were arrested and held at a local baseball park before being loaded into cattle cars and transported 200 miles to Tres Hermanas in New Mexico. The 16-hour journey was through desert without food and with little water. Once unloaded, the deportees, most without money or transportation, were warned against returning to Bisbee.

As Phelps Dodge, in collusion with the sheriff, had closed down access to outside communications, it was some time before the story was reported. The company presented their action as reducing threats to United States interests in World War I in Europe. The governor of New Mexico, in consultation with President Woodrow Wilson, provided temporary housing for the deportees. A presidential mediation commission investigated the actions in November 1917, and in its final report, described the deportation as "wholly illegal and without authority in law, either State or Federal." Nevertheless, no individual, company, or agency was ever convicted in connection with the deportations.

Other notable historic discriminatory actions include:

- Deportation of supposed foreign anarchists during the Red Scare of 1919–20.
- Mass deportations of up to 2 million Mexican and Mexican-American workers between 1929 - 1936 during the Great Depression.
- Relocation and internment of 120,000 Japanese nationals and Japanese-Americans to camps during World War II.

• Removal by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 1954 of approximately one million Mexican nationals living in the U.S., without the legal right to do so. Many of these Mexican workers had been recruited during the war years, but in the postwar period, the U.S. did not want them competing with American workers. This action was known as Operation Wetback.

All in all, you can usually expect any large-scale business to ignore the rights of the common people and should be held accountable.

A Poignant and Pressing Question

Rick Tavares, Campo

I have been hearing a great deal of talk of late about the elimination of student loan debt. And although I totally agree that many of those who were hobbled with student debt found themselves in this situation through no fault of their own, or were merely taking the word of those in power that far better times were in the offing, it is still obvious that these students were ambushed and lied to from the very start! As such, and not doubting your word of honor or your commitment to our nation's future, I wish to sincerely and respectfully ask how, when, and if this "student loan forgiveness" will be done?

I, too, have a son of great and proven potential who trusted in the integrity and honor of those with the power to eliminate these strangling and destructive student loan debts that have totally obliterated the bright hopes and promise of countless thousands of American students,

and maybe even the financial health of our great nation right along with them, destroying (in my opinion) their futures, and maybe even our entire country right along with them. Is this what these people had in mind, right from the very start?

Student loan debt forgiveness is not only wise, indeed it is imperative if our nation is to advance in the decades that are yet to come, as many of those with the potential to put our nation on top again are being held back in this notable pursuit, not by the lack of talent, ability, drive and even ideas, but merely because of finance, and our country cannot afford this waste of its most valuable asset. For money and wealth alone do precious damned little to create, to invent, to progress, and to enhance our nation's future!

Once again, I implore you all to forgive these mentally and future destructive student loans, as who knows just how many Einsteins, Teslas, Edisons and Whitneys may be lost to our nation's future, and merely because these creative minds have been literally stifled and destroyed by student loan debt. Can we really afford to thoughtlessly squander our nation's greatest assets like this?

Seppalas, Friends of Livermore Benefit City

Maryann Brent, Livermore

I am thoroughly exasperated by recent efforts to vilify the publisher of this newspaper, Joan Seppala, her family and supporters (the Friends of Livermore), who have supported the Central Park Plan as a more thoughtful alternative to the City Plan.

Those who oppose the Central Park Plan may not realize (or may have forgotten) that sprawl development on the hills west of Livermore was defeated because of the Livermore and Alameda County urban growth boundaries. The fight for urban growth boundaries was led by Joan Seppala, the Independent, and the Friends of Livermore.

Additionally, Stanford ValleyCare was certified as a Primary Stroke Care Center last year largely due to major contributions to the Valley-Care Charitable Foundation from Lynn and Joan Seppala. When someone close to you suffers a stroke, remember that excellent care is nearby because of the Seppalas' philanthropy.

Over the years, the Seppalas have launched numerous arts and music series, all for the enjoyment and benefit of Livermore. The Independent has been, and is, especially careful to present both sides of disputes, as it has done recently with the downtown development dispute.

Get the Facts on Valley Link

Scott Haggerty
Alameda County Board of Supervisors

In last week's Independent, mailbox contributor Vaughn Wolfe presented myths about Valley Link that are detrimental and, quite honestly, offensive to many of the Tri-Valley residents and employers I represent, as well as an estimated 98,500 Bay Area workers now living in northern San Joaquin County and commuting daily through the Altamont Corridor in their cars.

This includes those delivering our most vital services – firefighters, police, nurses and teachers – many of whom have been priced out of the communities they serve by rising housing costs; who face an average 78-minute commute each way.

This hurts our environ-

ment. It hurts our economy. But importantly, it translates to the loss of 28 days per year on average for each individual commuter, and this hurts our families. Valley Link provides a near-term solution.

Valley Link will provide fast and frequent rail service to BART, operating 25 daily roundtrips compared to only four daily ACE roundtrips. Unlike Valley Link, ACE operates on Union Pacific tracks and the expansion of passenger rail service is constrained. Both agencies are working in partnership towards a long-term Altamont Corridor Vision that, consistent with the California State Rail Plan, will evolve into a coordinated megaregional system, providing connectivity to the future California High Speed Rail Service.

As plans for this long-term vision are advanced, Valley Link will continue to plan on providing fast and frequent service to a BART connection in the Tri-Valley with focus on serving Oakland and San Francisco commuters, while the ACE will focus on longer-haul service with fewer stations and faster service to the Silicon Valley.

The Altamont Corridor Vision proposes "universal" shared track that can be used by both systems, so economies in travel time and capital investments can be realized.

The 42-mile, seven-station Valley Link project serves communities and hardworking households in both the Tri-Valley and the Northern San Joaquin Valley. An estimated 28,000 people are projected to ride the system in 2040. This will result in the reduction of over 99.4 million vehicle miles traveled and the reduction of over 33,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. In addition, through a board-adopted policy, Valley Link will support the advancement of transit-oriented development adjacent to its stations, which will further reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions within the station environs.

The estimated cost of the single station considered in the BART-to-Livermore project was \$1.6 billion, compared to the \$1.88 billion cost of the 42-mile, seven-station Valley Link project. To date, a total of \$628 million is identified as available for the project: \$400 million in Measure BB, \$188 million in Bridge Toll and \$40 million in impact fees from the City of Livermore.

In the Bay Area, it is uncommon for a large-scale transportation project like this to have a third of its funding in place at project inception. A detailed funding plan identifies a roadmap to fill the remaining gap. Potential funding measures are being considered in both the Bay Area and San Joaquin County for transportation projects, including Valley Link. The time to advance this affordable, cost-effective solution is now. Estimates show that each year of delay could escalate costs by approximately \$45 million.

Valley Link is responsive to the goals and objectives of the communities it will serve, and I urge everyone to engage in shaping its future. I also urge everyone to get the straight facts. For more facts and information please go to valleylinkrail.com.

Many Thanks

Tamara Reus, President,
Protect the Central Park Vote

On behalf of the Protect the Central Park Vote, No on P committee, I want to thank all those who supported our campaign. I especially want to thank our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Our democratic process

depends on people standing up for their values and beliefs. Those who were involved in our campaign demonstrated their commitment to our fundamental freedoms. I appreciate everyone who gave their time, donations, and energy to this effort.

No on P Sign Brigade

Loretta Kaskey, Livermore

Dear "No on P Sign Brigade,"

Thank you for your efforts both stupendous and small.

Thank you for your diligence keeping those signs standing tall.

Your value as a volunteer was really quite inestimable.

You were swift, and faithful and so very essentially capable.

Thank you for your goodness and gracious humility.

I so appreciate your donated time, hope, and sincerity.

This task may be accomplished, completed through and through.

Please know we could not have done as much, without every single one of you!

Central Park Plan

Jean King, Livermore

Thanks to all the Livermore residents who voted "No" on Measure P to protect the Central Park Plan with its larger park, from the Bankhead Plaza to Livermore Avenue, for all to enjoy, as well as more parking near Livermore Avenue and less housing.

About that Itty-Bitty Novel Coronavirus

Greg Scott, Livermore

The novel coronavirus and its disease (COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan, a municipality the size of New York City or London 600 miles up the Yangtze River and the People's Republic of China's largest inland water port. It is thought to have originated from bats and mutated to infect humans, however not much is known about this virus.

As of this writing, the virus has infected around 80,000 individuals and killed around 3,000 in China. This is actually a relatively low mortality rate, with already weakened immune systems being the most vulnerable. The number of new cases in China has thankfully dropped to its lowest daily amount since January. Unfortunately, this virus has spread to 60 or more countries and is rapidly spreading in South Korea, Italy and Iran.

COVID-19 is an epidemic. While its mortality rate is relatively low, its basic virus reproductive rate, called "R naught," or "R0" by virologists, is relatively high. This and other factors make this virus highly contagious. The World Health Organization has not labelled COVID-19 a pandemic, because the data does not support this moniker. So far, the spread has not been great enough in scope or numbers globally for this designation.

A coronavirus is so named because it appears like a crown with spike points on it in imagery. This particular coronavirus is called "novel" because it is thought to transmit from a symptomless human to another human. This is unusual and not understood. The official name for this virus is SARS-CoV-2, for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2. The genome, which is the "blueprint" for an organism to replicate, is 80% similar to the SARS coronavirus that spread in 2002-2003, killing nearly 800 persons.

The genome of SARS-CoV-2 is different than most organisms. Most organisms have double stranded DNA

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Z-CARES FOUNDATION

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Z-Cares was established in memory of Zachary Nimmo, a 14-year-old student at Amador Valley High School, who took his own life in 2018. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Z-Cares Foundation is committed to jumpstarting the conversation about anxiety.

A panel discussion with Karin Gornick, the producer of *Angst*, Nimmo family members, and local teens and mental health experts will follow the film on the first day.

The conference, "Step Forward - Navigating Youth Anxiety," is free, with more than 800 teens and tweens, parents, mental health professionals and community members expected to attend.

VA Medical Team at Pleasanton Library

The VA Palo Alto Health Care System's Rural Health Mobile Medical Team will provide veterans with examinations, consultations, and referrals at the Pleas-

anton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Thursday, March 26. Additional VA resource information will also be available.

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Chabot to Offer Students Free Immigration Legal Services

Chabot College in Hayward, California, is working with the East Bay Community Law Center to offer free immigration legal services to Chabot students.

Students can schedule an appointment with an at-

torney to discuss their immigration status and option during twice-a-month campus sessions: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month, and 2-6 p.m., the third Wednesday of every month.

Chabot is one of 65 host campuses for the Community College Immigration Legal Services Pilot Project created by the California Department of Social Services, California Community Colleges Chancellor's

Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

Chabot will offer immigration legal services to students through the end of 2021.

Pleasanton Hosts Annual Transit Fair for Seniors

Pleasanton will host its annual Transit Fair at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, March 17.

Representatives from Wheels, the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Pleasanton Library, Tri-Valley Senior Support Program, Pleasanton Po-

lice Department, California Highway Patrol, and Altamont Corridor Express Train will be on hand to provide information on the latest transit options.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, call Gloria Lewis, paratransit dispatcher, at (925) 931-5376 or email glewis@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Panel to Discuss Gun Safety

California Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan will host a community forum on gun safety from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at the Windermere Ranch Middle School in San Ramon, California.

Participating in the panel discussion will be Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), and

Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action. Gloria Duffy, president of The Commonwealth Club in San Francisco will moderate the discussion.

The forum is free and open to the public, however, reservations are encouraged. To RSVP or submit questions for the panel, go to Bauer-Kahan's website, <https://a16.asmdc.org/>.

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Livermore Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a Livermore community blood drive from noon to 6 p.m., on Friday, March 20, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue.

To sign up to give blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor

code ASBURY925, or call Tony Gnecco at (925) 895-7794. Donors with types O, B- or A- blood are urged to give a Power Red blood donation. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells during a single donation, allowing them to maximize their impact.

Drivers for Survivors to Host Annual Black and White Ball on April 18



Honoree Scott Haggerty

Drivers for Survivors, a nonprofit that provides free transportation and companionship for ambulatory cancer patients in Alameda County, will host its sixth annual Black & White Ball on Saturday, April 18, at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Dr. Laura Esserman, director of the Carol Buck Breast Care Center at the University of California, San Francisco will be the keynote speaker.



Keynote Laura Esserman

David Smith, mayor emeritus of Newark, California, will emcee the fundraiser, which will also honor Fremont surgeon Dr. Richard Godfrey and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty for their contributions to the community.

Entertainment will be provided by Marcie Dodd, Carol Weiss and Fay DeWitt.



Entertainer Marcie Dodd

Dodd is known for her role as Elphaba in the Broadway musical "Wicked." She also portrayed Elphaba in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and national tour productions.

Carol Weiss is a pianist and composer, who was also music director for the ABC TV series *General Hospital*.

Fay DeWitt is best known for creating the role of Kay Goodman in the off-Broadway musical, "Nite Club Confidential." By her 18th birthday, DeWitt had performed in three Broadway shows, "Pardon Our French," "Alive and Kicking," and "Flahooley!"

The Newark Saxophone Quartet will entertain during the evening's cocktail hour. There will also be a live and silent auction.

The Black & White Ball, including dinner, entertainment and dancing, will run from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person. For tickets, go to <https://driversforsurvivors.org/2020gala/>



Entertainer Fay DeWitt

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SPORTS NOTES



On Feb. 28, the Dublin Gaels met Bishop O'Dowd at Saint Marys Collage in Moraga to decide the NCS-CIF Open Division basketball title. Bishop O'Dowd won 75 to 72. Left: Dublin's Anthony Roy works past a Bishop O'Dowd defender. Right: Gaels Jaden Saunders tries to get through the defense. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



The Granada Matadors took on the De La Salle Spartans Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Dublin High School Gym for the NCS-CIF Division 1 Basketball title. De La Salle won 57 to 44. Left: Kevin Gad guards a De La Salle player. Right: The Matadors Mateo Wilde drives past a De La Salle defender. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Livermore Little League t-ball players get high fives on opening day. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Fallon Middle School Mustangs: (Top row - l to r) Nathan Kethireddy, Jacob Pachura, Cruz Sanchez, Ian McCorrison, Varun Venkatesh, Charlie Reyes, Coach. (Bottom row - l to r) Jaden Chan, Logan Chook, Sohan Kohli, and Alec Chiang.



Granada Wrestling Carter Bailey (120 lbs.) stepped-up, defeating the #4 ranked wrestler to make the semifinals. Bailey dropped his semifinals match and ultimately finished-up placing 5th at CIF State Championships.

West Coast Soccer Club Krossfire 2020 Copa Surf - Olders Qualifier U15 Super White Champions, Back Row: Gabby Carlton, Skyler Ingram, Macy Kreighbaum, Ava Coverdale, Payton Hoover, Jordan Oshana, Brittany Hahn, Jasleen Gasca; Front Row: Diana Guerrero, Madylin Harrell, Adriana Paneda, Mia Howard, Dakota Baird, Kayla

Granada Wrestling Program

What an amazing weekend for the Granada Wrestling program! GHS just wrapped-up their best performance at the NCS Championships, in school history. -GHS had 10 NCS Medalists: 9 boys & 1 girl, -GHS took 2nd Place in NCS as a team, -GHS scored a record number of points in the NCS tournament. Previous record: 168.5 (set in 2018), new record: 207! -9 NCS Medalists is a new school record, surpassing the old record of 7 (set in 2019)! -GHS will have 5 returning NCS Medalists next year, another school record! -We had 3 Finalists, 1 Champion, -GHS has 5 wrestlers going forward to CIF State next weekend: 4 boys & 1 girl. Medalists breakdown: 1 Champion: Carter Bailey, Two 2nd placers: Jackson Morgan & Ian Richardson, Two 3rd placers: Rylan Matheson & Jalen Bets, One 4th placer: Jaden Namyayan, Two 5th placers: Naeem

Salemi & Edward Vilchis, One 6th placer: Robert Porter, One 7th placer: Kai Nelson. Another great moment for this year's team as when they travelled down to Fresno, CA to compete in the first-ever California State Dual Meet Championships. GHS was placed into the Division-4 group, as the #3 seeded team. GHS ran the table and won the Div-4 State Championship! Really proud of this year's team, and looking forward to CIF State next weekend!

West Coast Soccer Club

West Coast Soccer Krossfire '06G NPL Win Big at the Copa Surf Qualifier As a late add to the 2020 Copa Surf - Olders Qualifier tournament, West Coast's Krossfire '06G NPL kicked off their spring season playing up in the U15 Super White division. Not sure what to expect having been off the pitch for three months, and playing against older teams, the girls went out and executed the game plan laid out for them.

Saturday afternoon 3/1, Krossfire kicked off the tournament with a match against PAC † San Jose Gilroy-Infinity 05 Black. Krossfire wouldn't allow the wind to affect them as Skyler Ingram knocked in the upwind goal off a Paige McLean pass in the 10th minute. Krossfire would battle with PAC the remainder of the half and hold on to the 1-0 lead. The second half saw Krossfire use the wind to their advantage, as Payton Hoover would notch the hat trick and Kayla Robinson would also add a goal to give Krossfire the 5-0 victory. Saturday evening saw Krossfire under the lights on the stadium field, providing the high school game experience for them as they matched up against Players North 05G SS White out of Reno. Clear communication, fast passing, and utilizing the full size of the field helped Krossfire dominate the entire match and gain the 7-0 victory. Hoover once again notched a hat trick while Robinson, Ingram, Gabby Carlton and Jasleen Gasca each added goals. Krossfire entered

Sunday's play at the top of their bracket with a six point lead. The first match of the day was against the second place team of MVLA 05G United Green. Krossfire continued to work on their ball movement with crisp passing and calculated shots. The 13th minute saw Hoover knock in the first goal of the game off a pass from Mia Howard to give Krossfire the 1-0 lead. The remainder of the half saw Krossfire and MVLA battle for control of the midfield. The second half looked just like the first as both teams battled for possession. Robinson would put the final nail in the coffin, knocking in a corner kick and sealing the 2-0 victory. The final match of the weekend pitted Krossfire against California Thorns 05G Black. Krossfire once again wasted no time getting on the board as Hoover knocked one past the keeper off a pass from Macy Kreighbaum the second minute for the match. The Thorns would not give up, though, as they drew a penalty kick in the 26th minute and knocked in the

equalizer. Krossfire would take the lead back in the final seconds of the first half as Hoover would net her second of the game. The second half started off just like the first did. Carlton hit a rocket that deflected off the Thorns keeper, but Gasca was right there to put it into the goal. Krossfire would hold on to take the 3-1 victory and the tournament championship. The Krossfire defensive line of Adriana Paneda, Brittany Hahn, and Madylin Harrell was impenetrable all weekend while keeper Jordan Oshana finished stopping 9 of 10 shots and only giving up the lone penalty kick goal. When asked about how he felt the team performed this weekend, coach Troy Dayak said "We entered this event to work on some things and the girls executed perfectly and had fun!" Next up for Krossfire is the 2020 Juventus Spring Showcase in San Francisco March 7th and 8th.

Fallon Middle School

The Fallon Mustangs 8th Grade Boys Volleyball team battled

it out against the Harvest Park Patriots for the 2020 TVAL championship title. Winning in two matches 25-19 and 25-23, the Mustangs happily brought the title back to Fallon after a 3-year absence.

Granada High School JV Lacrosse

The Granada HS Matadors ran into a buzz saw as they took on the Amador Valley Dons in Pleasanton. This first quarter had the Dons firing on all cylinders as they put up a quick 11 points. To add insult to injury, the Matadors got their first serious injury of the season, as Chase Parker (14) broke his collar bone on the field. As the Matadors tried to get things going, the Dons tacked on another 5 goals. The Matadors tried to regroup as Kaleb Disu (7) scored a goal and Alexander Operin (28) scored twice. But, the Dons' quick and relentless attack proved too much to overcome as they walked away with the victory 22-3.

LIVING MUSEUM

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The students started preparing for this event in January by writing an essay about the person they chose and developing their four-to-five minute presentation.”

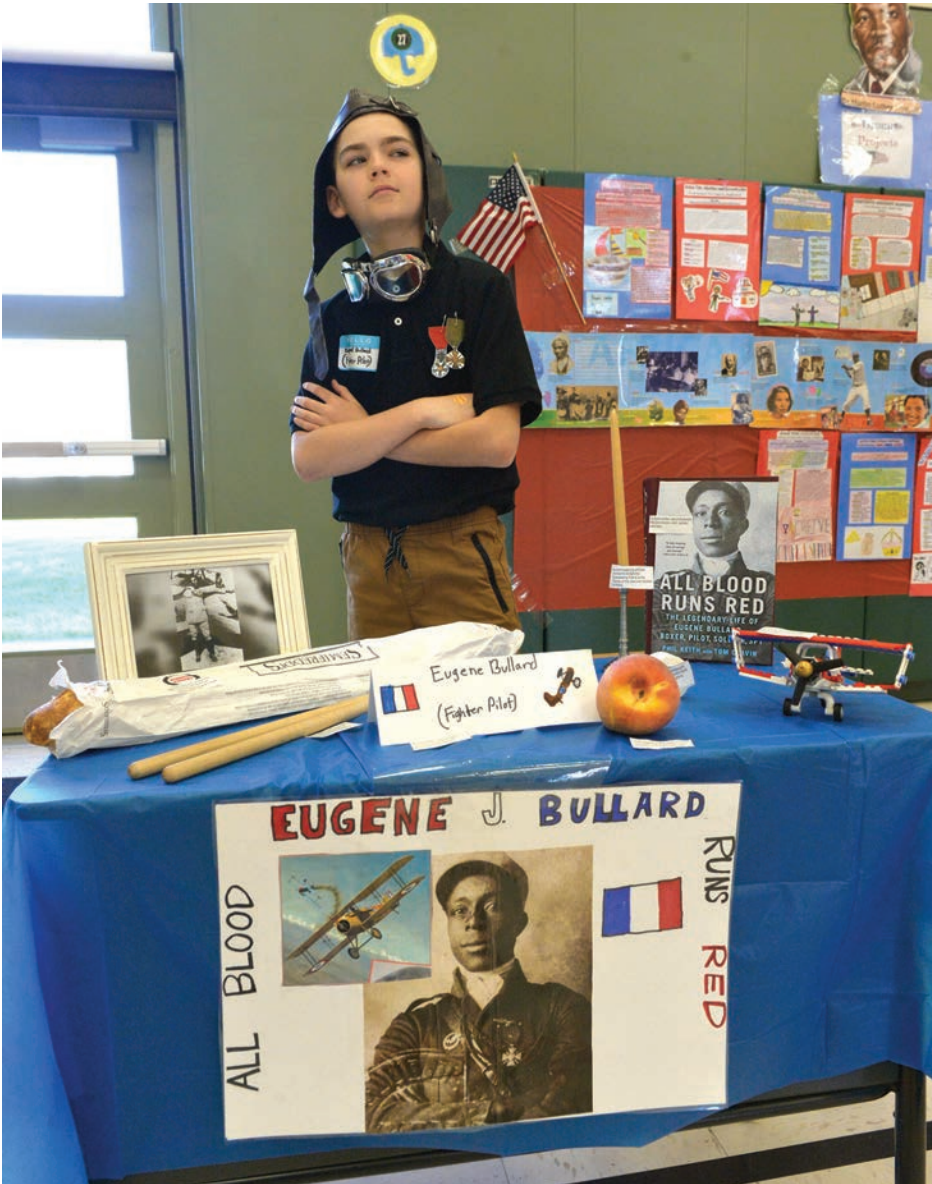
Brady Spradue, who is interested in flying and the history of planes, stated, “I am Eugene Bullard, the first certified African American aviator. In 1916, due to the fact that I was black, I was not allowed to fly in the U.S. military. I went to France where my skin color was not an obstacle and flew 20 missions in WWI. I was dubbed the ‘Black Swallow of Death’.”

The varied presentations ranged from Oprah Winfrey and both Obamas, to Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. Guidelines required that the person had to be born in the U.S. and the student could not change how they personally looked, except for costumes.

Two of the fifth-graders speak native languages other than English and skillfully presented their subject’s lives in English. Belinda Pablo-Jimenez’s native language is Mam (Mayan), with Spanish as her second language, and English as her third. As Gabby Doug-

las, she said, “I was told I would never succeed. Look what I have accomplished.” Jenifer Avila-Soliz, whose native language is Spanish, sparkled as ballerina Misty Copeland, even presenting a few balletic moves for onlookers.

“This is a powerful opportunity for our students to be socially and equity minded by recognizing the significant contributions and historical impact to this country by African Americans,” stated Dr. Janelle Woodward, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning in Pleasanton.



Students gave live presentations of African American role models, including Brady Spradue as aviator Eugene Bullard (top) and Sari Guyah as activist Ruby Bridges (above) at Fairlands Elementary’s Living Museum.

Green Engineering Students Visit Sandia Lab



Karen Fletcher, at right, and her students from Livermore High’s Green Engineering Academy watch Sandia engineer Charles Mueller describe how he uses the optical engine in the Combustion Research Facility.

A dozen sophomores from the Green Engineering Academy at Livermore High School visited Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore last month to get a look at applied science in action.

The students, along with science teacher Karen Fletcher, received a briefing about Sandia from engineer James Siacunco, who also explained his career path to the research laboratory.

They then toured two labs in the Combustion Research Facility, where research engineer Ethan Hecht explained how he uses lasers to perform tests for the safe storage of hydrogen, so companies can expand hydrogen fuel-cell filling stations throughout the state. Staff scientist Charles Mueller showed the students the optical engine lab that is used to test conditions inside cylinders during combustion.

“My students and I were pleasantly surprised to see the researchers working on clean

energy for cars and trucks,” Fletcher said. “In the Green Engineering Academy, students learn about clean and renewable energy and how

engineering can improve our world. Seeing real-life applications of the science in products that could shape our world is really important.”

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Youth Advisory Committee Applications Being Accepted

Dublin is now accepting applications for the city's Youth Advisory Committee.

Applicants must be Dublin residents and enrolled in middle school, junior high, or high school for the 2020-2021 school year. Those

selected will serve on the committee from June 2020 through May 31, 2021.

Members of the committee are charged with providing the city with input on youth services; assisting with the implementation and promotion of youth

activities; and addressing issues that affect youth in Dublin.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m., Friday, March 27. For more information, contact Henry Siu at (925) 556-4500. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/3agLJYb>

MEASURE P

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2018 election, supporting the candidates that supported the downtown, the city listened," said Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "With this vote, this reaffirms that the council has listened to the voters. It is time to move ahead as a community together and get this work done."

Opponents are waiting for the final results. "With what we know now, only 6.82% of Livermore votes have been counted, only a small percentage," said Tamara Reus, president of Protect the Central Park Vote. "At this time, we are looking forward to every vote being counted and every voter heard."

The measure asked voters to approve or reject "Ordinance No. 2089," a July 2019 agreement between the city and Davis-based Presi-

dio Companies to develop a hotel next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue.

The Livermore City Council placed the measure on the ballot following a referendum petition protesting the agreement. Enough Livermore voters signed the petition to force the City Council to either rescind the agreement with Presidio or to put it to a public vote.

If the measure passes once the election is certified, the agreement with Presidio will become a binding ordinance of the city. The agreement was suspended once the referendum was certified last fall.

Under the 30-year agreement with the city, Presidio is to design, build and operate a three-story, 125- to 135-room hotel with a rooftop deck, fitness center,

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Election results for state and national races are posted on the Secretary of State's website, electionresults.sos.ca.gov; local results are posted on Alameda County's election site, www.acvote.org.

bar and lounge, conference space and an outdoor pool on what is now a city-owned parking lot on the southeast corner of Railroad and S. Livermore avenues.

Construction of the project is projected to begin no later than May 2021, with an opening no later than November 2022.

A citizens' organization, Protect the Central Park Vote, supports an alternative downtown plan that provides for a 160-room hotel on the west side of S. Livermore Avenue. Voters on Nov. 3 are being asked to approve the Central Park Plan ballot initiative, which would lay the groundwork for their downtown proposal.

The citizens group sought to reverse the development agreement because it obligates the hotel's location to the east side of S. Livermore Avenue, as specified in the city's downtown plan. In addition to a hotel, both plans include a park, parking, a theater, science center, residential and retail development.

"We continue to believe that we have a better plan for downtown Livermore," Reus said. "It includes many elements besides a hotel — a larger park, better parking, and housing on the edge of the park, not on it. We are pleased that the public will be able to vote directly on the entire Central Park Plan in November."

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Artist's rendition of the Wine Country Inn

Act requires a new environmental impact report, to study the project's potential adverse effects on traffic, public safety, noise, aesthetics, and biological resources, before the project can proceed.

Long before the development of upscale residential subdivisions in the area, Livermore planners envisioned a hotel to be built on the project site set alongside scenic vineyards and olive groves to support viticulture and tourism for the Livermore Valley Wine Country.

In public hearings and in reports prepared by Liver-

more's planning staff, city officials said the existing EIR adopted by the City Council for the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan includes analysis of a hotel with up to 30 rooms and a 100-seat restaurant on the land where the hotel and restaurant project is planned.

The lawsuit specifically claims that the project is inconsistent with roadway setback requirements, commercial design standards, and land use restrictions spelled out in the South Livermore Valley Specific Plan, a planning and regu-

latory framework used to guide development along Livermore's southern boundary.

At the Jan. 13, City Council meeting, more than 30 people spoke in opposition to the project. Based on some of the concerns that were raised, council members added a few additional conditions for approval. The Council eliminated a gravel overflow parking area that would have required removing two rows of grapes in a conservation easement along Arroyo Road, and increased tree planting requirements.

Goodman Appointed to Park District Personnel Commission



Sheryl Goodman

Sheryl Goodman has been appointed to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Personnel Commission through 2024.

Goodman fills a vacancy that opened up when Personnel Commission chairman Paul Lynd decided not to seek re-appointment.

She was appointed by the LARPD board of directors at its Feb. 26 meeting.

Goodman retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 2017, and now serves on the boards of the Livermore Laboratory Employee Services Association and Laboratory Family Services.

ELECTION RESULTS

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And in the Zone 7 race, the top three vote-getters are the winners.

One run-off, one win in Alameda County Supervisor races

In early results the race for District 1 Supervisor was strongly contested, with all four candidates seeking to replace Scott Haggerty, each taking about a quarter of ballots cast. At press time, it appeared that two candidates would be moving on to a Nov. 3 run-off.

Dublin Mayor David Haubert held an edge over Fremont at-large Councilman Vinnie Bacon and Dublin Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez, with State Sen. Bob Wieckowski of Fremont trailing slightly behind.

In District 4, which includes Pleasanton, Castro Valley and East Oakland, incumbent Nate Miley was easily outdistancing East Oakland community organizer Esther Goolsby, who ran a low-budget campaign. Miley was first elected in 2000.

Zone 7 Water Agency

Five candidates were running for three seats. Incumbents Sandy Figuers and Angela Ramirez Holmes appeared headed to new terms, as was newcomer Laurene Green. In early results, Green was pulling in more votes than Ramirez Holmes.

Glazer Takes Early Lead in Runoff for State Senate

Incumbent Steve Glazer, D-Orinda, took an early lead in the race to determine which candidates will face-off for the 7th State Senate District in fall.

According to early returns, Glazer had the most votes, with Republican challenger Mobley of Danville

in second. In third place was Marisol Rubio of San Ramon, also a Democrat.

The 7th District stretches across most of Contra Costa County east of the Berkeley Hills, parts of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to the north. In Alameda County, it includes the Tri-Valley communities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore.

Bauer-Kahan, Rubay move on to November

Incumbent Democratic Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan was leading Republican challenger Joseph Rubay, with the Democrat ahead in the race for the 16th District. They will face each other again in November. The district includes the Tri-Valley and the Lafayette-Orinda-Moraga area.

Hayden, Swalwell move on to November

Congressman Eric Swalwell was cruising to the top spot against a field of challengers hoping to land in the second spot for the November election. Republican Alison Hayden had a solid lead over the other five challengers in the crowded race: Fellow Republican Peter Yuan Liu; Democrats Sam Campbell, Austin Intal, Tuan Phan; and Independent Don Grundmann.

Pleasanton USD Measure M

A \$323 million bond commitment to continue and extend Pleasanton Unified School District infrastructure improvements, started four years ago with Measure I-1, was failing in early returns. The district sought the new bond to support needed upgrades, including updating heating and cooling systems, modernizing or replacing

high school gyms, building a new theater at Foothill High School and modernizing one at Amador, and upgrading and placing play fields at some middle schools.

Dublin USD Measure J

The \$290 million bond to allow the school district to finish construction of Dublin's second high school, as well as enabling repairs and upgrades to existing schools, was leading in early returns. But it was not clear whether it would reach the 55% majority needed to pass. The district sought the bond to finish building a high school on the east side of town. It's needed to handle an enrollment boom. Over the past decade, Dublin's student population has nearly tripled, from 4,257 to 12,695.

If the bond passes, the district plans to open the new school in the fall of 2022 with 1,300 students, expanding to 2,500 over time.

Sunol Glen USD Measure O

At press time no results had been reported from the Sunol Glen Unified School District's attempt to pass a \$9.5 million bond issue to fund repairs and upgrades to Sunol Glen Unified School District's single school, a K-8 facility serving both elementary and middle school students. The bond would pay for a multipurpose room, a new cafeteria, a new roof and various plumbing and electrical upgrades, as well as fixing structural issues like rotting wood. Opponents urged voters to reject the bond, arguing that local residents should not be paying for capital improvements that benefit students recruited from nearby cities.

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OBITUARIES

Leo R. Croce

May 14, 1923 – Jan. 27, 2020



European Theater of Operations with two Bronze Stars, the American WWII Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, and the French Jubilee of Liberty Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

After the war, Leo graduated from the University of California, married his childhood sweetheart, Pina Ciarlo, and fulfilled his dream of becoming an educator. He began his 41-year career in education in Oakland, where he was a teacher, coach, counselor, vice-principal, junior and high school principal, and associate superintendent. Later, he was appointed superintendent of schools in Livermore.

He was affectionately called The Dean by his fellow Alameda County superintendents for his longevity and wise counsel. He was superintendent in Livermore for 16 years, the longest tenure of any superintendent in the district. Upon his retirement in 1991, the school board named a school after him, Leo R. Croce Elementary School. He and his family started the Leo Croce Scholarship, which has bestowed college scholarships annually to students who attended Croce Elementary. Leo personally presented the scholarships to at the school's annual Awards Night ceremonies. He attended events at the school throughout the year, visiting classrooms and interacting with staff, students and parents, which brought him immense joy until the last days of his life.

Leo and Pina were deeply religious, committed and generous to their church and to many educational causes. He was an active Rotarian for over 45 years. He received the Rotary Community Service Award and was named the Livermore Rodeo Parade Grand Marshall in recognition of his outstanding service to the community and volunteer efforts. He was a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and was founder of the Business and Education Committee. He served on numerous boards and committees for Las Positas College, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Cerebral Palsy Association of the East Bay.

Upon his retirement, Leo played 18 holes of golf at least once a week until the age of 94. He remained active, loved to read, did daily crossword puzzles, and kept a sharp mind. At 95, he co-wrote a memoir of his life and war years, "Mission Completed." He returned to Nuthampstead to revisit his WWII air base for a Memorial Day service, where he was a keynote speaker and laid a wreath for his 398th Bomb Group at the American Cemetery Memorial Day commemoration ceremony in Cambridge, England. A newly completed addition to the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum will be named after him.

Leo was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Pina; his sister, Elda; and his brother, Pinky. He is survived by his devoted daughter, Pamela (John) Goode; his grandchildren, Vanessa (Eric) Connett and Richard Goode; great grandchildren Cade, Claire, Jaxon, Finn and Griffin; his 98-year-old sister, Natalie; and many loving nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

His family wishes to thank Dr. Ronald Yang, Dr. Sharon Kang, our loyal Beatriz, and Excellent Care at Home caregivers Fatima, Reden and Annaleen.

A mass will be said at 1 p.m., Friday, March 6, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 1600 Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Grove, followed by a Celebration of Life and reception at 3 p.m., in the Fireside Room, 1001 Golden Rain Road., in the Rossmoor community in Walnut Grove. Donations may be made in Leo's memory to the Leo R. Croce Elementary School Scholarship Fund, c/o Croce School, 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore, CA 94551.

William "Bill" Wilcox

Jan. 28, 1942 – Feb. 5, 2020



William "Bill" Wilcox, 78, passed away on Feb. 5, 2020. He was born in Wisconsin on Jan. 28, 1942, to Roy and Leah Wilcox. He grew up in Livermore, California, and lived there until retiring to Kauai, Hawaii, with his wife, Donna, in 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; sons Rick and David, and their spouses; and grandchildren, Dalynn and Karra Wilcox. He is also survived by his sister, Judith, and brother, Michael.

After graduating from Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California, Bill worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore for 40 years, much of the time in the Laser Division. He was also well known for his guitar playing and singing. He entertained professionally in his early years and later on at weddings and events for friends.

Bill loved animals and could be seen walking his Maltipoo, Cash, every morning, greeting other dog walkers at Kukuioolono Park in Kalaheo, Hawaii.

He was an avid coin and stamp collector, and later in life, assembled a large record and guitar collection. He also enjoyed history. After moving to Kauai, he studied island history and became a tour guide at the Kauai Museum and the Grove Farm Homestead and Sugar Plan-

tation Museum. He joined the Kauai Historical Society and served two years as president. He loved the slow pace of island life and the many wonderful friends he made in Kauai.

Bill will be remembered for the joy he took in hosting dinner parties. He had a wonderful sense of humor, often torturing his guests with puns, delighting in the groans. He enjoyed good wines and good food and often ended the parties with guitar music and singalongs.

Bill's family is grateful to the many angels at Kauai Hospice for the warm caregiving they provided him. Any donations can be made to that organization. There will be a celebration at Salt Pond Beach Park in Hanapepe, Kauai, at 3 p.m., on March 28, where Bill often enjoyed the beach and the magnificent view.

Estes Albert Phillips III

March 9, 1964 - Feb. 21, 2020



Estes Albert Phillips III, 55, of Livermore, California, passed away unexpectedly at home from heart complications on Feb. 21, 2020.

Al was born March 9, 1964, in Delano, California. When he was 5, his family moved to the Hayward-San Lorenzo area. He graduated from San Lorenzo High School in 1982, and went on to study music at Chabot College in Hayward. He worked in retail, fast food, real estate, and property management before settling on a career in construction.

Al completed a Drywall/Lathers Union apprenticeship program and became a journeyman in 2003. He had worked his way up to general construction superintendent by 2006, and was working at Devcon Construction at the time of his passing. He was a member of the Drywall/Lather Union, Local 9144, and served as his union's delegate to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

A Republican, Al ran unsuccessfully for California Assembly Seat 16 in 2012,

but still received over 44 percent of the vote. He also served on the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board for three years.

In 2000, while commuting to his job in San Francisco, he met Jane Rucker on a BART train. He liked to say "I offered her a seat, she started talking to me, and hasn't stopped talking since." He and Jane were married on April 6, 2002, in Lake Almanor, California. They were married for almost 18 years.

Al was a devoted father to his daughter, Elizabeth, and was especially proud of her accomplishments in high school, including the honor

roll and Color Guard. He was especially proud when she joined the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets.

He is survived by his wife Jane and daughter Elizabeth, and his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Gary Bigelow, of Hayward. He is also survived by brothers Dave Phillips, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Robert Phillips, of Hayward; sister Michele Whidby, of Akron, Ohio; brother- and sister-in-law, John and Margie Rucker, of Chico, California; father-in-law Keith Rucker, of Chico, and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life at 4 p.m., March 7, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Naval Sea Cadet's Rear Admiral C.W. Parks Battalion, 2850 Pine Valley Rd, San Ramon, California. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Lorraine Margaret Ruzbarsky

July 17, 1935 – Feb. 5, 2020



Lorraine M. Ruzbarsky (née Farrelly), 84, of Livermore, died at home on Feb. 5, 2020. She worked in the classified advertising department of the Tri-Valley Herald in Pleasanton, California, for 24 years before retiring in 2003. She was a devout Roman Catholic who enjoyed socializing with family, friends, and neighbors and loved spending time with her two grandsons.

Born on July 17, 1935, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mrs. Ruzbarsky lived in Somerville, New Jersey,

for over 20 years, graduating from Somerville High School in 1952. She also lived in Park Ridge, Illinois, before moving to the West Coast. She was pre-deceased by her husband, George Ruzbarsky; sister, Dorothea M. Perone, of Bridgewater, New Jersey; and her parents, Richard J. and Margaret (née Lavelle) Farrelly, of Livermore, California.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Samantha) Ruzbarsky and grandsons Brenden and Tyler Ruzbarsky. She is also survived by a niece, Barbara Perone, of Neshanic Station, New Jersey; nephew, Joseph R. Perone, of Somerset, New Jersey; and great-nephew, Connor Perone, of Flemington, New Jersey.

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Terry Warren Kniss

Livermore Resident



The Kniss family later settled in Seahurst, a small community in the Puget Sound region of Washington, where his father took part in the development of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Terry and his wife, Jeanie, met at Highline High School, in Burien, Washington, and married soon after graduation. They were married for 62 years.

Terry loved racing. In the 1960s, he was a mechanic and test pilot for Bartell Oil Hydroplane Racing. He also raced flat-track motorcycles, midget racers, and sprint cars, and in the late 60s and early 70s, he drove a Top Fuel dragster at the Seattle International Raceway and other tracks throughout the Pacific Northwest. In the early 90s, he moved into jet-boat river racing.

He was a successful businessman and entrepreneur. In 1976, Terry patented a mobile battery charger, the Electra Start, and moved his family to Cupertino, California. Among his many business successes, he was proudest of being the owner/operator of Baylands Raceway Park in Fremont, California. The 170-acre motorsports complex staged over 275 events a year and brought hundreds of thousands of motorsports enthusiasts to the Bay Area.

Terry also loved fishing, hunting, skiing and dirt biking, which took him on adventures throughout the United States and beyond, including Canada, Australia, Europe and Mexico. He lived his life in motion, one adventure after another, while loving his family, sharing his life with friends, and

making meaningful contributions to racers, crewmen, and motorsports enthusiasts who shared the same enthusiasm for all types competitive racing.

Terry is survived by his wife Jeanie; daughter Darci and her husband Derek; son Jeffrey and his wife Kelly; grandsons Tyler, Travis, Warren, and Garret; and granddaughter Alicia. He was preceded in death by his brothers Ron and John.

There will be a Celebration of Life at noon, Saturday, March 14, at the Palm Pavilion, 40520 Paseo Padre Parkway, in Fremont. Callaghan Mortuary handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Judith Lynne Vardanega

Livermore Resident



born in Oakland on Oct. 24, 1936, to Mario and Lucille Botto. She grew up on 45th Street in Oakland's Temescal neighborhood, with many extended family members, and graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1955. She met her husband of 32 years, Henry Vardanega, at the Liguri Club, an Italian social club in Oakland. They were married Aug. 9, 1956.

They moved to Fremont, California, in 1959 to raise their family. Judy moved to Livermore, California, in 1999, to be closer to her grandchildren. Her passion was cooking and entertaining for her family. She also cooked for the priests at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Fremont and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. She was a kind and caring wife, mother, and

a friend to many. She will always be loved and never forgotten.

Judy is survived by four children, Vic, Ed, Mike, and Teresa; six grandchildren, Eddie, Paul, Gianni, Aimee, Isabella, and Giulia; two step-grandchildren, Bobby and Ryan; three great-grandchildren, Titan, Cece, and Waylynn; and three step-great-grandchildren, Paris, Robert, and Laila.

Judith Lynne Vardanega was a true Oakland, California, native. She was

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Patricia Rae Charbonneau

Dec. 11, 1951 – Dec. 31, 2019

Patricia Rae Charbonneau passed away on Dec. 31, 2019, at home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Patti was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Brad Thomas Charbonneau; her children Danny Bailey, Darren Bailey, Justin Charbonneau, and Kyle Charbonneau; daughters-in-laws Rosetta Bailey, Jackie Charbonneau, and Victoria Charbonneau; grandchildren Steven and Camryn Bailey, Paige and Mariah Bailey, Kate and Grant Charbonneau, and Vincent, Connor, Kruz and Charlie Charbonneau. She was preceded in death by her parents, Donna and Al Marshall; mother-in-law Shirley Crockett; and father-in-law Thomas



Charbonneau.

Patti was born in Sacramento, California, on Dec. 11, 1951, and moved to Livermore, California, as a young girl. She graduated from Livermore's Granada High School in 1969. She married the love of her life, Brad Charbonneau, on Feb. 6, 1988. After raising her children, Patti went back to college and earned an Associate's Degree in interior design from Las Positas

College in 1993. She then started her own staging company, Charbonneau Staging & Design, and worked with Realtors throughout the Tri-Valley.

In 2016, Patti sold Charbonneau Staging & Design, with dreams of traveling with her husband, Brad. They moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 2018.

Patti had an infectious smile and laugh, and nothing made her smile more than her grandchildren. She also loved golfing, RV-ing, shopping, traveling, a nice glass of wine, and throwing a party or family event.

There will be a Celebration of Life from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at Basso Arena Inderbitzen Ranch, 6030 Dagnino Road, Livermore.

Earl Edison Mason

March 6, 1927 - Dec 14, 2019



Earl Edison Mason, 92, passed away on Dec. 14, 2019, of natural causes. Born in Portland, Oregon, Earl was the son of Howell and Mildred Grebe Mason. He resided in Manteca, California, for nine years, and had previously lived in Livermore, California for over 40 years. Earl was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Shirley, in April 2012. He is survived by six children: Judith Ricks, Virginia Horgan, David Mason (Maria), James Mason (Stephanie Levy), Vicki Reed (Ken), and Jerry Mason (Theresa); eight grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. He was loved by his family and will be missed by many.

Earl proudly served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII, and

Rotarian for 47 years, serving as president of the Rotary Club of Livermore in 1974-1975, when he helped to procure lighting for the Rodeo Grounds at Robertson Park.

Earl was an avid bowler, and had a lifelong love of fishing. Family vacations were often camping, fishing, snow sports, and trips to Disneyland. Earl and Shirley loved dancing and traveling abroad, which included Hawaii, Alaska, and Russia.

Late in life, he resided at the Commons at Union Ranch in Manteca, where he grew to love the staff, caregivers, and fellow residents. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., in Livermore.

was honorably discharged in 1946. He graduated from Oregon State University and obtained his license in Civil and Structural Engineering.

In 1960, he settled in Livermore with his wife and children. Earl established Mason & Associates in 1961, which later became Associated Professions, before retiring in 2003.

Earl was also a dedicated

LLNL Dedicates Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory recently dedicated its Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory, a state-of-the-art collaborative facility in the recently expanded Livermore Valley Open Campus.

The \$10 million, 14,000-square-foot AML

is designed to combine the federal research facility's science and engineering expertise with academia and industry, creating public-private partnerships that address 21st century manufacturing challenges.

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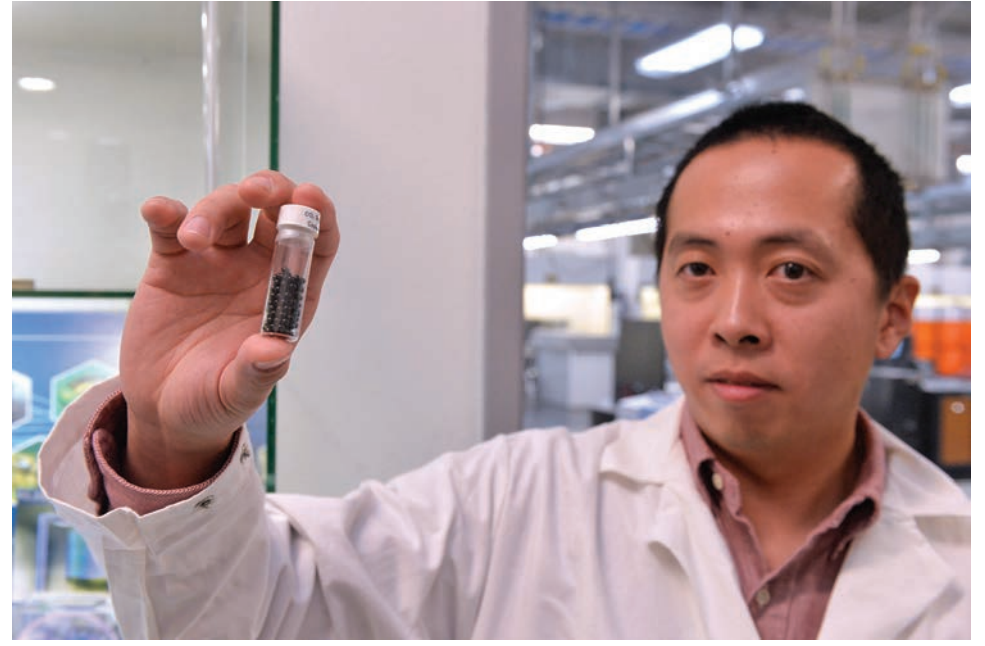
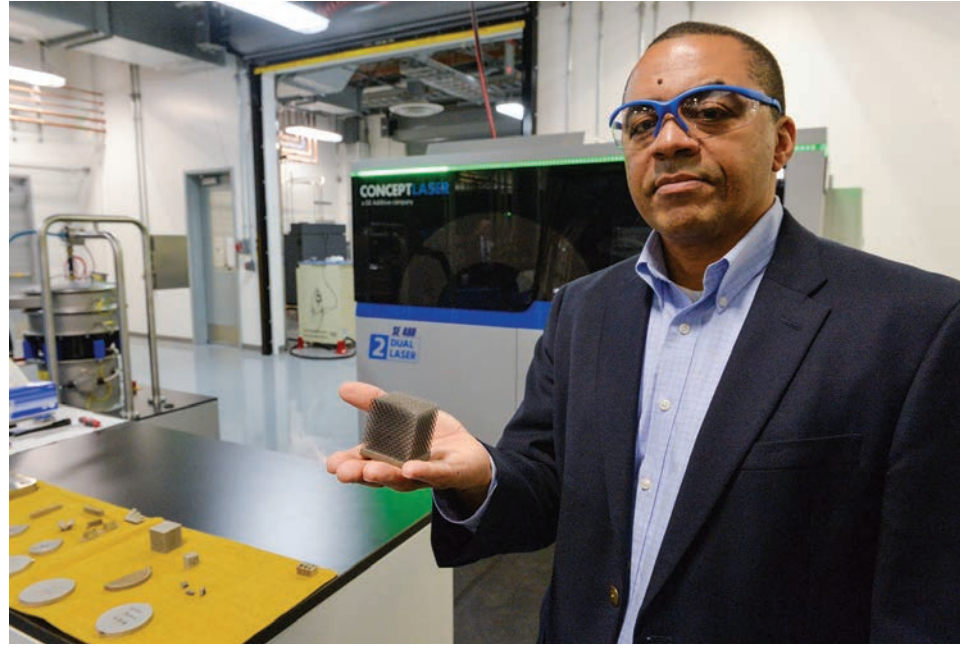
facturing (3D printing) equipment, along with the Lab's developments in laser optics materials, new manufacturing processes, and access to high-performance computing modeling and simulation capabilities, the AML will help private sector collaborators accelerate innova-

tion and reduce production costs and time, while at the same time having a positive impact on projects in the energy sector, national security, and other government applications.

The AML, which currently has eight industry partners, features a 5,000-square-foot wet lab

for new process development, 3D printing, materials research, chemical work, and other activities. A separate 5,000-square-foot instrument lab contains industrial-sized manufacturing machines, as well as leading edge metal 3D printing research systems and nanomanu-

facturing capabilities. Bisecting the two labs is a viewing corridor that visitors to observe ongoing research. The AML also houses a conference room and shared work areas to stimulate collaborative engagements.



Scientists at the Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory show off some of their latest developments. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

MAILBOX

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for a genome. Think of it as two shoelaces twisted together from Livermore to San Francisco. On a genome single-strand are four different molecular possibilities for a nucleobase. A nucleobase is connected to a five-carbon sugar, becoming a nucleoside, which is connected to a phosphate, which makes it a nucleotide. It is the phosphate that links nucleotides together on a strand. The human genome is a double-stranded DNA with three billion nucleobases per strand. If you think this is complicated, which it is, consider the wheat plant, which has 17 billion nucleobases per strand, the next time you take a bite of bread. SARS-CoV-2 genome has around 30,000 nucleobases. Its genome is a single-strand, "positive sense" RNA, not DNA. The central dogma of biology is that from DNA comes a form of RNA and RNA goes on to make proteins (being simple here). The genome of SARS-CoV-2 is able to make proteins directly, unlike the DNA or most RNA genomes of other organisms.

The structure of the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2

has been determined by an advanced technology. The SARS-CoV-2 is so small it can only be "seen" using beams of electrons, for it is smaller than a single wavelength of the shortest visible light we are able to see - violet. There now is a model structure to base a design of an antigen for a vaccine on, or to come up with a drug or cocktail of drugs to inhibit this virus.

In the meantime, please do this: Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. It is unlikely that this virus can survive such an action for long. It appears that China is getting some control on this virus. So can we!

Valley Link Forces Excess Housing at Isabel/580 Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

In order for BART to come to Livermore, BART required a huge development around the Isabel Avenue/I-580 interchange to guarantee ridership. The Livermore Planning Division created a plan, but BART failed to come. Now, Valley Link Rail, the planned commuter rail from Dublin BART

to Lathrop, wants the same amount of development in an effort to attract state funding.

At the Valley Link board meeting last month, Livermore gave a report describing a planned Isabel development plan with 4,095 housing units, including 1,000 affordable-housing units, plus more than 2 million square feet of business space. Referring to the development as a gateway to Livermore, the report claimed that it would satisfy enough community needs that the development's residents would have no need to go downtown.

Livermore's Mayor Marchand, a member of the Valley Link board, added that the six story buildings would not be noticed because they would be nestled among the highway ramps of the interchange.

When all this development across I-580 from the Livermore Municipal Airport was questioned, Marchand, responded that the concern was about sound rather than safety. Because of this, he indicated that flight paths may be routed farther south of I-580, rather than go directly over the Isabel interchange, so the noise

would not affect so many. The mayor added that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory would be expanding the number of employees greatly and would need the additional housing. (Lab workers would not be increasing ridership on Valley Link, since they would not use it to get to work. Therefore, the motive here seems to be to provide housing to please state funding sources.)

Phase I of Valley Link includes seven stations: Dublin, Isabel, Greenville, Mt. House, Tracy, River Islands, and Lathrop. An average of 2,200 housing units per station is being urged. Therefore, all the housing could be placed at several stations. Because each affordable housing unit counts as 1.5 units, Isabel would be handling 4,595 units by itself. There would be no added housing then at Greenville, which has an Ace connection, nor at Mt. House. The "station" for Mt. House is more of a platform than a full station and is located in Alameda County. San Joaquin County will handle housing requirements for its stations.

Livermore reportedly

conducted an outreach of 50 meetings with over 800 participants, and got over 3,000 survey responses. Alameda County Supervisor Scott Hagerty, chairman of the Valley Link board, complimented Livermore for such a thorough outreach.

The city plans to release supplemental environmental impact documents and hold advisory body public hearings this spring, and hold Planning Commission and City Council adoption hearings this summer. The Valley Link board will meet in Livermore on Wednesday, March 11. For more information, go to valleylinkrail.com.

Thanks Livermore Jeff Kaskey, Livermore

This is an interesting letter to write, since I'm sending it before we head to the polls, but you'll be reading it long after results are known. However the election turns out, I first want to thank each of you who voted regardless of your choices. Our ability to do so is only important if you each take advantage of it. Your

filled circle, next to all the others out there, is significant. To fill in the circle, you read, you listened, you talked with neighbors and maybe debated the options.

Voting isn't a single task of filling in a circle, it is a process of learning more about your community, city, and nation, and the values that you, and others, think are important. That's really why voting matters. For this election, I've been actively working on "No on P," so an extra thanks to all of the people who supported "No on P" and those who volunteered to help.

Volunteers, on this and in all the places where they pop up, are the life blood of a community. To those who disagreed on Measure P, I hope we all stay focused on keeping Livermore a wonderful place to live and visit, balancing the inevitable growth with the values of open space, cultural exploration, and a community that ranges from micro-startup companies to sprawling vineyards, from valued retirees to families just wiggling down roots. Thanks to each of you.

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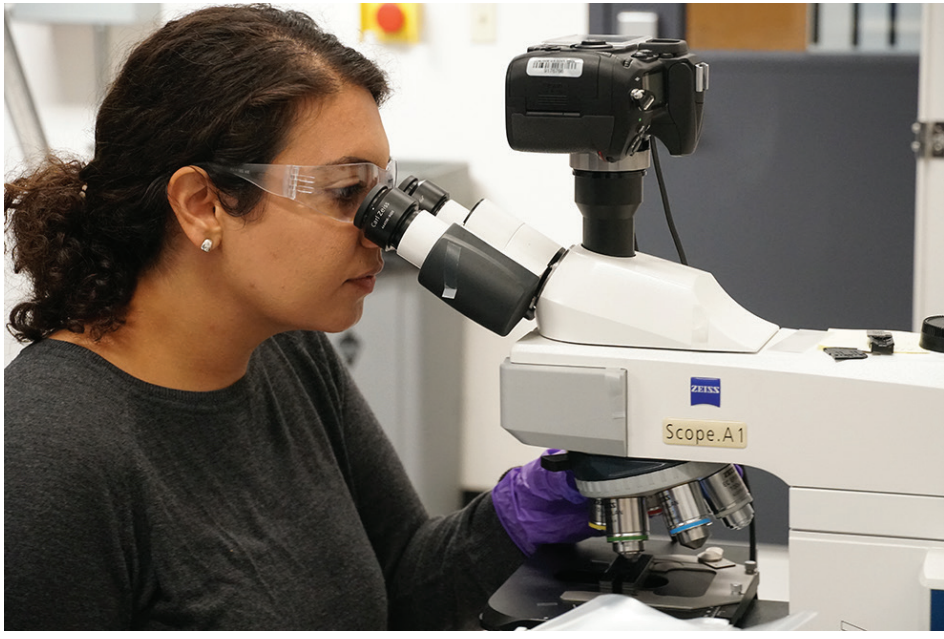
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UC MERCED

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Leily Kiani (class of 2016) is one of 21 former Bobcats who currently work at LLNL, strengthening the bond between the university and national lab. Kiani says that the research she conducted while at UC Merced mimicked what she now does at LLNL.

manager. “It also has a few traits the other UCs don’t have: a highly diverse population and a high percentage of U.S. citizens, which is critical to national security and a national lab.”

Over the past year, eight UC Merced alumni have been hired as full-time employees at the lab, along with 14 summer interns. In an effort to showcase the lab to potential future LLNL employees, Gamboa and others debuted a two-week crash course, the Data Science Challenge, last summer to provide UC Merced students a glimpse into what life at LLNL is like.

Seventeen undergraduates and four graduate students — who served as team leads — worked to solve challenge problems. Gamboa said those running the camp were impressed by the UC Merced teams, which worked to solve complex problems that didn’t yet have any answers.

“The students actually said, ‘I didn’t think I could be in a place like this.’ My response was ‘Yes, you can,’” Gamboa said. “We say it all the time, ‘Diversity brings better solutions.’ They were here for only two weeks and were so adamant that they were going to solve the problems, and they did.”

“Everyone who attended the students’ final presentations was blown away by the fact that these undergraduates, who had little preexist-

ing knowledge in biology, had come up with solutions that even the researchers actively working on these problems here at the lab hadn’t tried before.”

Gamboa also oversees the Data Science Summer Institute, a 12-week internship program for data science graduate and advanced undergraduate students. She said there were around 1,800 applicants for 32 spots, and four UC Merced students were selected.

Among the four UC Merced students was Majerle Reeves, a second-year Ph.D. student in applied math, who said working at a national lab wasn’t on her radar until she started partnering with LLNL on a time-series project.

“I think having a pipeline between UC Merced and LLNL is phenomenal, because I feel there are a lot of students, especially in the Valley, who are not exposed to things like Bay Area jobs and working in data science, and we are really building that up at UC Merced,” Reeves said. “There are a lot of relationships already being built, and strengthening them can only be a good thing.”

Reeves and the other UC Merced graduate students taking part in the summer institute said one of the biggest strengths of LLNL is how you can sit in on lectures by experts from a variety of dif-

ferent fields. The promotion of lifelong learning assured them that a national lab could quench their desire to work in both academia and industry — a career-path choice that most Ph.D. students find themselves making.

Third-year physics Ph.D. student William Delmas has spent his last two summers interning with NASA, mixing in a short session at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado this past summer. Though he hasn’t set foot at LLNL, he has already collaborated with the lab while working on research at UC Merced — marveling at how friendly and willing the people at the national labs are to lend a helping hand.

“We were having an issue with one of the projects in our lab and we couldn’t get the measurement to work, so I talked to the quantum dot expert at LLNL, and he solved our problem in under a minute,” Delmas said. “Now we know how to fix the problem we’ve been having for the past six months. To be able to talk to someone who has done this before and who can solve those little issues that you never would have thought of, and that they’ve previously run into and solved already, it’s those small things that advance science, and having those experts to talk to really helps.”

Physics professor Sayantani Ghosh, Delmas’ graduate advisor, said it’s important to make sure that outstanding students like Delmas know national labs are an option for their academic and professional careers.

“The labs have state-of-the-art facilities and brilliant scientists, and perhaps most importantly, they are at the forefront of identifying emerging research themes,” Ghosh said. “But when I was a grad student, I knew almost nothing about them, how to connect with them, or indeed, if one could. Now, as faculty, I want to do better.”

Leily Kiani was a graduate student who learned about LLNL early enough in her time on campus to build the foundation that would lead her to do her postdoctoral work at the lab. She graduated in 2016, and is now a laser physicist working on fiber technologies. She has access to one of the best pieces of equipment in the world — the National Ignition Facility at LLNL. The National Ignition Facility is the largest and most energetic laser facility ever built; three football fields could fit inside.

Kiani said research she conducted while at UC Merced mimicked what she now does at LLNL, especially when it came to collaborating with researchers from fields different than her own. But, most importantly, the strong culture of mentorship helped bridge the gap between UC Merced and LLNL.

“I find that I have a lot of support, and the work is very interesting,” Kiani said. “I feel the projects I do are making important contributions to the field. It’s like UC Merced in a lot of ways — there is investment in employees, and in UC Merced’s case, students.”

Applied math professor Suzanne Sindi, who helped run the Data Science Challenge program over the summer, said that investment is bolstered by the environment UC Merced offers students, which translates to how they would work at a place like LLNL.

“The favorable student-to-

faculty ratio we have means the typical student has had more exposure to what it means to do research in a professional setting,” Sindi said. “To our students, professors are not these larger-than-life figures they never directly talk with. Rather, we are guides, and hopefully mentors.”

Zatz, the graduate dean, with School of Engineering Dean Mark Matsumoto and School of Natural Sciences Dean Betsy Dumont, are among the many UC Merced faculty and staff who are continuously trying to strengthen the blossoming pipeline with LLNL.

Dumont has a personal tie to national labs — her father was a scientist at Oak Ridge National Lab in Tennessee — and she believes a strong bond between UC Merced and LLNL is mutually beneficial.

“All of the labs do cutting-edge research on the projects they select, and new projects are created as old ones wind down. That means lab employees get to work deeply on many projects and with many different people over their careers,” Dumont said. “The topics that the national labs work on are those that are deemed vital to our nation. By contributing to the labs, employees provide service to all Americans.”

The School of Natural Sciences has already begun partnering with LLNL on research. Professors Aurora Pribram-Jones and David Strubbe are part of a high-energy density U.S. Department of Energy grant that in-

cludes LLNL and two other universities.

Matsumoto said on-campus programs like Engineering Service Learning and the Innovation and Design Clinic help engineering students gather real-world experience that translates when they intern or start work at places like LLNL. More importantly, the type of student that comes to UC Merced has inherent values that make a move to national labs achievable.

“Because of the uniqueness of the work being done at national labs, students and alumni will be challenged to use their learning and talents in ways that they wouldn’t see in a regular industry job,” Matsumoto said. “In general, our students have a strong work ethic. They have overcome many obstacles in life to be admitted into the University of California and succeed in school.”

There are 21 UC Merced alumni currently working at LLNL, spanning a multitude of departments, with degrees ranging from bachelor’s to Ph.D. Kiani said she often sees fellow UC Merced graduates at LLNL, even collaborating with some of them from time to time, and hopes to see an increase as the pipeline strengthens.

“I look forward to being part of a collaboration between LLNL and UC Merced,” Kiani said. “I am always looking for ways to collaborate, and as a pioneering UC Merced Bobcat, you are always a Bobcat, so I think it would be a fruitful partnership.”

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Las Positas College to Launch Actors Conservatory in Fall 2020

Las Positas College is now offering a two-year certificate program, the Actors Conservatory, designed to provide actors with a deeper understanding of the craft of theater and the cultural importance of the art form. According to the college, those enrolled in the Actors Conservancy will leave the program with knowledge and experience necessary to continue in the performing arts.

"At the Actors Conservatory, we believe students should be able to explore their passion and dedication for theater in a meaningful, affordable, and inspiring way, said theater and performing arts coordinator Titian Lish. "We are proud to be a part of their artistic process and look forward to working with them, as students and future colleagues in the profession of acting."

Designed for both new and returning performers, the Actors Conservatory will provide preparation in areas such as scene study, Shakespeare, stage combat, vocal studies, dance, musical theater, dialect, acting for the camera, and more. Courses will be led by faculty and professionals with backgrounds in acting and directing on stage and for film.

Students will spend the first year learning the foun-

dational methodologies of acting as a craft through rigorous and concentrated immersion into the program, while being given the oppor-

tunity to perform in a theater production. During the second year, students will have the opportunity to perform in multiple productions to

showcase their readiness to continue in field.

Las Positas College is the only community college in the greater northern

California area to offer a dedicated vocational training program for actors. Actors Conservancy courses will begin with the Fall

2020 semester. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/2TuQV48>. The deadline to apply is August 1.



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Annual Livermore Valley Uncorked To Take Place on April 16



Livermore Valley Uncorked will be held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton on April 16.

The 11th annual Livermore Valley Uncorked on Thursday, April 16, will offer winetasting, hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to meet local winemakers and growers, all while helping the Tri-Valley Conservancy save more land.

Local wines will be judged a few weeks before the event, so those attend-

ing Livermore Valley Uncorked can taste the best of the best and compare their favorites to the judges' results when the awards are announced that evening.

Livermore Valley Uncorked will be held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, surrounded by vineyards preserved by the Tri-Valley Conservancy,

with catering by Beets Hospitality Group.

General admission tickets are \$75, with proceeds benefitting the Tri-Valley Conservancy's land programs. To purchase tickets, or for more information, go to TriValleyConservancy.org or call (925) 449-8706.

Podcast Comic Jackie Kashian to Perform at Bothwell Arts on March 21



Comic Jackie Kashian
(Photo - Carmen Lynch)

Stand-up comic Jackie Kashian will perform at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore at 8 p.m., on Saturday, March 21.

Kashian is now in the 13th year of her producing her podcast, "The Dork Forest," where she talks with people about what they love to do, think about and collect. She also has a podcast with Laurie

Kilmartin, "The Jackie and Laurie Show," where they complain and celebrate standup comedy. Her most recent album, "I Am Not the Hero of This Story," was the top comedy album on iTunes and Amazon.

Tickets are \$35 and are available by going to www.lvpac.org or calling 925-373-6800.

East Bay Children's Theatre to present "Cinderella - Gone to the Dogs!"

The East Bay Children's Theatre is going to the dogs with a fresh take on the classic tale of Cinderella.

Bay Area composer and playwright Ron Lytle has re-FURbished the popular fairy tale featuring an all-dog (with the exception of Cinderella's fairy god-mouser, who happens to be a cat). The play follows Cinderella

as she goes from life in the doghouse to "best in show" at the Bow Wow Ball, where she lands herself a prince with the proper pedigree.

"Cinderella - Gone to the Dogs!" will be presented at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 22, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre in Hayward; 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 29, at the Del Valle Theatre

in Walnut Creek; and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday, April 5, at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center in Pleasanton.

Theatergoers who come in costume will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken on stage with the cast after the performances. Tickets are \$12-22, and are available at www.ebctOnline.org.



Cinderella (Riley Hyde) dreams of life outside of the doghouse as her cruel stepmother (Mary Bishop) and stepsisters (Samantha Rasler and Hannah Conner) look on in the musical "Cinderella - Gone to the Dogs!" (Photo - EBCT)

Bankhead Gallery Exhibit Showcases How Earth and Nature Inspires Artists

A new exhibit focusing on how the earth has inspired three California artists opened at the Bankhead Theater Gallery this week

and will run through the end of April.

The exhibit, “eARTh,” features the work of Danielle Eubank, Tobias Tovera, and

Barbara Maricle. A separate exhibit in the Bankhead’s Founder’s Room, sponsored by GeoJango Maps, will feature maps and infographics on climate change.

Eubank’s art is the fulfillment of a 20-year quest to capture the world’s oceans. A Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant winner and a member of The Explorer’s Club, Eubank’s relationship with the oceans began as a young girl growing up near Bodega Bay, California. As a young artist, she focused on painting large bodies of water under a variety of conditions. Using oil on linen, she now renders the ephemeral quality of water in her own distinct style.

Tovera’s paintings evoke mother earth, the cosmos, and a world of dreams. A sculptor by training, he avoids brushes and traditional paints. Instead, he mixes earth-based pigments with mineral salts, the chemical interactions creating colors through oxidation. A single painting may take six months, becoming a topography of the passage of time.

Inspired by aerial photography, cartography, landscape and movement, Maricle’s work explores her interest in how people

perceive and navigate space. Through sequencing of individual monotype prints, her nature-based themes reflect the relationships of color, light and texture.

The maps in the GeoJango exhibit were created by a professional cartographer and reflect the melting polar ice caps and the increasing prevalence of wildfires, hurricanes and droughts.

“eARTh” will be on display through April 27, with two special events:

An opening reception from 1-3 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, will provide an opportunity to meet the artists. At the reception, Eubank will give a Gallery Talk on water conservation and her “One Artist, Five Oceans” program.

A closing reception, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 25, will be held in conjunction with Art & Wine Intertwined. Tovera will speak on his artistic process. “EarthRise,” a one-day pop-up exhibit on the Bankhead Plaza will feature art highlighting the need to address climate change.

“eARTh” is free and open to the public from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and for ticketed patrons during performances.



Static 1 by Barbara Maricle

Interfaith Chat to Focus on Treatment of Strangers

Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect, representing different faiths and cultures in Alameda County, will hold its next Religion Chat at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton on March 11.

The speakers will be Nan Osborn from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Lainie Pascall of the Quaker faith, on the topic, “Most faiths tell us to be kind to the stranger. How does your faith respond to the ‘other?’” The doors of the church will open at 4:30 p.m., with the chat beginning at 5 p.m.

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Writers Club to Learn about Making Time for Creativity



Sandra Tayler will discuss creativity on March 21.

Author and editor Sandra Tayler will talk about making time for creativity in a presentation to the Tri-Valley chapter of the California Writer’s Club on Saturday, March 21.

“The habits and patterns you build into your life can have a huge impact on your creativity,” Tayler said. “My presentation will share some specific things you can do to make more space for your creative work.”

Tayler will discuss how to discover what supports creativity, what might be blocking creativity, how to take baby steps to achieve lasting change, and how to roll with the punches when plans go wrong.

Tayler writes essays, picture books, speculative fiction, middle-grade fiction, newsletters, and a blog. Married to cartoonist Howard Tayler, she is the editor, publisher, and business

manager for the Schlock Mercenary comic strip

Her presentation will begin at 2 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd., in Pleasanton. The session is open to the public, but there is a cost of \$14 for members and \$18 for non-members. Reservations are required. To RSVP, email reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, March 18.

St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl on March 14



The Pleasanton Downtown Association will sponsor its annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl, with craft beer and snacks available at 25 locations, from 5-8 p.m., on Saturday, March 14.

Participating breweries include Das Brew, Drake's Brewing Co., Dust Bowl Brewing, East Brother Beer, Eight Bridges Brewing, Epidemic Ales, Federation Brewing, Fieldwork Brewing, Gilman Brewing, Hidden Star Orchards, High Water Brewing, Laughing Monk Brewing, Lost Coast Brewery, Oakland United Beerworks, Original Pattern Brewing, Pennyweight Craft Brewing, Seven Stills Brewery & Distillery, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Sonoma Springs

Brewing Company, Speak-easy Ales & Lagers, and Xaiko Beverages.

Tickets are \$45 through March 13 and are available online at <https://pleasantondowntownassociation.org>. Tickets the day of the event, if available, will be \$50, and must be purchased at check-in.

Ticket holders must be 21 or older and will check in at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., where IDs will be verified. They will receive wristbands, commemorative St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl Glasses, and a program listing of all participating businesses and breweries. From there, they will be able to explore at their own pace.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews to Celebrate Purim

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will celebrate Purim at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore on Sunday, March 15.

Purim is a Jewish festival that commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from a plot to kill all Jews in a single day.

The celebration will include food, crafts, a Purim play, and other activities. Those attending are asked to bring hamantaschen to share. Hamantaschen are filled, triangular shaped pastries associated with Purim.

They are also asked to bring shalach monos, gifts for the needy, in the form of canned food for the food bank, and they are encouraged wear costumes. Traditional Purim costumes include Queen Esther, King Ahasuerus, and Mordecai, but old Halloween costumes are also welcome. There will be a costume parade and contest for the kids.

The celebration, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is free to members of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, and \$10 for other adults. The Bothwell Arts Center is at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore.

Wine Fundraiser to Help Restore Sight

Single professionals are invited to meet new friends who appreciate fine wine and care about others at the Pat Paulsen Vineyards, 5143 Tesla Rd. in Livermore, from 4-6 p.m., on Sunday, March 15.

The gathering is a fundraiser for the Seva Foun-

ation, based in Berkeley, California, which helps pay for sight-restoring surgery and better eyecare programs in poor countries. Cost is \$10 at the door and includes three wine tastings. It is being sponsored by the Society of Single Professionals.



Valley Concert Chorale to Celebrate the Night

The Valley Concert Chorale will "Celebrate the Night" with a performance devoted to the dreams, the moon and the stars on Sunday, March 15.

From the serious to the lighter side, the chorale will perform songs from American composers Randall Thompson, Stephen Foster, and Daniel Elder, in-

cluding "Three Nocturnes" and his version of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

The concert will also include Morten Lauridsen's "Sure on this Shining Night," Eric Whitacre's "Sleep," the Walt Disney Co.'s "When You Wish Upon a Star," and Henry Mancini's "Moon River."

The chorale's own ac-

companied and internationally-known concert pianist Daniel Glover will perform Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," celebrating Beethoven's 250th birthday.

"Celebrate the Night: Dreams, the Moon and the Stars" will be presented at 3 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. High school and college students are just \$10 with valid student ID. Children are free. Advance tickets are available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling (925) 866-4003.

Time to Enter Livermore Spring Art Show

Want to show off your artistic talent? Then it's time to enter the 65th annual Spring Art Show sponsored by the Livermore Art Association.

While there may still be time to create a masterpiece, registrations are required by March 20. Applications are available at the art association gallery, 2155 Third St., or online at www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org.

The Spring Art Show accepts works in various mediums, and artists are not bound by any themes. Paintings, carvings, photographs, handmade jewelry, textiles, quilts and a lot more are all welcome. However, political works or anything inappropriate to a family show are not allowed.

The show, free and open to the public, will be at the Barn, 31331 Pacific Ave., on April 4-5. There will be a reception with awards, food, and live music from 7-9 p.m., on Saturday, April 4. For more information, contact christine@christinemccall.com.



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Garden Club Presentation To Focus on Pollinators

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's monthly meeting for March will feature Janet Sluis, horticulturist and program developer for the Sunset Western Garden Collection. Her presentation, "Bringing Back the Pollinators – One Yard at a Time," will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 12, at Alisal Elementary School in Pleasanton.

She will outline what individuals can do to address the declining insect and bird populations by selecting appropriate plants to support local pollinators. She

will identify easy landscape solutions, offer tips on tree selections, and discuss how to provide year-round habitat and food sources.

Sluis attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She has been in plant development for Sunset Western Garden Collection for nearly nine years. She was also direct ns for 14 years and product marketing manager for Color Spot Nurseries for 2 years.



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Sparkling Wines with Méthode Champenoise

By Harry Stoll

A champagne cork pops, launching our spirits into space. If we can't see the bottle, we may imagine the bubbly's bright path into our glasses and be drawn to the pour.

Champagne has been popped to launch ships, celebrate World Series victories, and seal troths.

Dozens of movies have featured champagne, from Alfred Hitchcock's 1928 "Champagne" with star Betty Balfour riding a giant bottle, showing a lot of leg, to Emem Isongs "Champagne" in 2014 with star Rosemary Zumi, as "Champagne," showing a lot of chutzpah and leg while stepping into a red Caddy ragtop while holding a bottle of champagne.

In "The Seven-Year Itch," Tom Ewell and Marilyn Monroe sit on the floor eating potato chips and raising glasses of champagne to each other's lips. The fluted glasses they used were to become a staple in movies, replacing the original coupé glass for champagne.

But now, flutes are passé. The proper glass for champagne is now shaped somewhat like a brandy glass.

Méthode Champenoise can be difficult to understand, but it's fun because it involves some French words. The most interesting explanation I've found is from Dante Stark, winemaker and owner of Page Mill Vineyards. His is the only winery in the valley using the entire méthode champenoise process for the winery's sparkling wines. I've messed with his words somewhat, but here is how Stark explains it.

Initial Fermentation: The grapes are gently pressed in a steel tank for settling. This creates a juice that is highly acidic and not very sweet; just right for sparkling wine. The juice is cold settled and put into a second tank for primary fermentation, which removes all the sugar and leaves a base wine with about 10.2% alcohol.

Secondary Yeast Fermentation: This base wine is then bottled and a cliquer de tirage is added, including 25.2 grams of sugar. Yeast is added, along with a special agent to help in the removal of the spent yeast after the

fermentation. The bottles are sealed with beer bottle caps. The wine then goes through a secondary yeast fermentation that captures the carbon dioxide, "adding the stars" to the wine as well as raising the percent alcohol. This is the Méthode Champenoise.

Aging "Sur Tirage": The bottles are aged on their side for three years before disgorgement, allowing the autolysis of the yeast to create a baked bread, burnt almond creaminess, which adds aroma and a complex mouthfeel.

Riddling: Riddling takes place at the end of the aging when the correct complexity has been achieved. The bottles are placed neck down and each one is lifted, turned and dropped to move the yeast lees and settling agent into the mouth of the bottle. It is jostled in this way, by hand, two to three times per day for six weeks.

Disgorging: The first inch of the bottle's neck is frozen solid on a bed of dry ice and the crown cap removed. The frozen plug of wine and yeast lees is forcefully ejected and a final dosing of sweetening is instilled. For the sauvage style of brut no sugar is added. The base wine is added to bring the level to 750 ml.

Here are the few valley wineries offering méthode champenoise sparkling wines:

2014 Page Mill California Sparkling Wine Blanc de Blanc Livermore Valley (\$75). This sauvage sparkling wine is one step drier than brut.

2016 Wente California Sparkling Wine Arroyo Seco (\$40) According to the winery, this is a classic brut, with aromas and flavors of Bosc pear and dried Turkish apricot and hints of crème brulee and Fuji apple.

3 Steves California Sparkling Wine (\$24). This brut sparkling wine was using the méthode champenoise from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. According to the winery, it offers an elegant white fruit taste, round mouth feel, and a silky finish with hints of candy and sweet spice.

Retzlaff Vineyards website lists a California sparkling wine from Alexander Valley for \$30.

Friends of Dublin Library to Hold Used Book Sale

Friends of Dublin Library, Inc., will hold its semi-annual used book sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29. New this year will be "Book and a Buddy" gift sets, children's picture books paired with stuffed animals.

Members will have first crack at books for sale, from 9-11 a.m., on Saturday, although memberships will be available at the library, 200 Civic Plaza. The sale will be open to the public from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, from 1-4 p.m., will be Bag Day, when booklovers will be able to fill a paper bag with books and audio-visual materials for just \$5.

Proceeds will help support the library.

Information is available on the Library's website at www.aclibrary.org, the Friends' website at www.dublinfriends.org, or you can call the Library at 925-803-7252. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

Livermore Then and Now Exhibit at the Library

Colorful artwork displaying iconic Livermore scenes painted by local artists are paired with historic black and white photos from the Livermore Heritage Guild archives in an exhibit now on display at the Livermore Library Civic Center Branch. Artist Michelle George worked with the Livermore Heritage Guild and the Livermore Art Association to create the exhibit.

"It has been so much fun to think about the scenes and buildings that make Livermore the exciting place that it is today, and pair them with scenes from our rich history," George said. "Many of Livermore's buildings and sites have been renovated from bygone eras, such as Blacksmith Square, the Schenone Building, Ravenswood, and Livermore High. It is fascinating to see them in their former glory from decades ago in the photos, and compare with what they look like today as represented in colorful artwork."

Local artists participating in the show include Karen Barry, Karen Fleschler, Michelle George, Sherri Kelcourse, Sharon Lanham, Ruth Li, Judy Rice, Nancy Roberts, Steve Rossi, and

Pat Wai. Media includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, and linocut. Loretta Kaskey of the Livermore Heritage Guild was instrumental in locating historic photos to pair with their artwork for the exhibit.

The idea for the exhibit came from George's individual paintings of the historic homes on the block-long Trevarno Road two years ago.

"I was attracted to the craftsman-style architecture and park-like setting," George said, "but once I began painting on site, I got to know many of the residents and heard stories of their history and the history of the neighborhood.

"I discovered it was one of only three remaining historic 'company town' neighborhoods in the whole state, and had an interesting history that spans more than a century," she added. "I began to realize that Livermore has a rich history that needs to be recognized and shared."

"Livermore Then and Now" will be on display throughout March. George will also give a talk, "Turning Back Time, the Story of Trevarno Road," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the library. The presentation is free.

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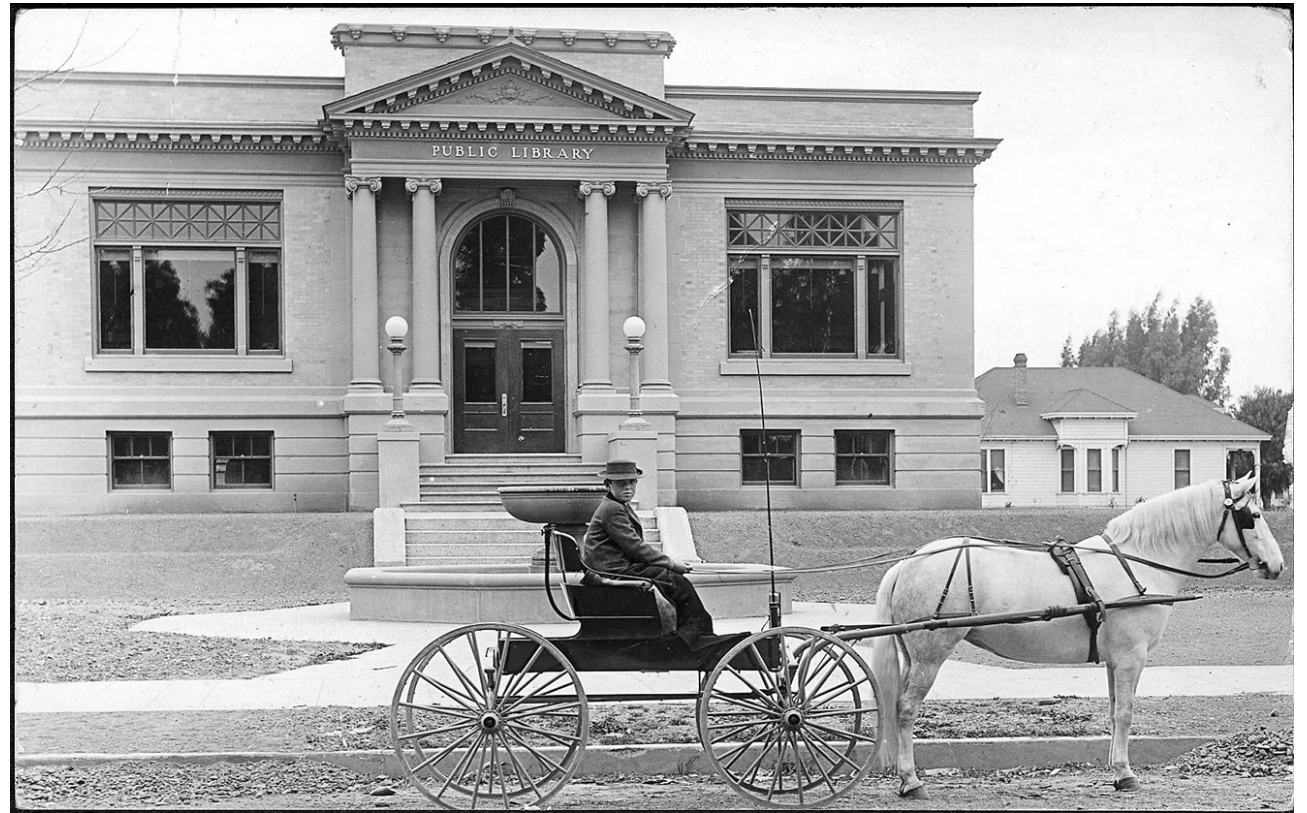
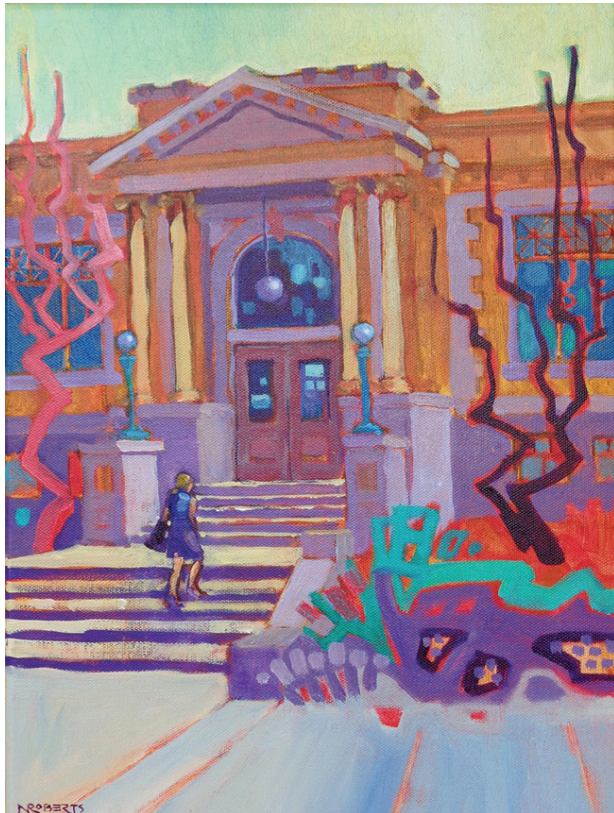
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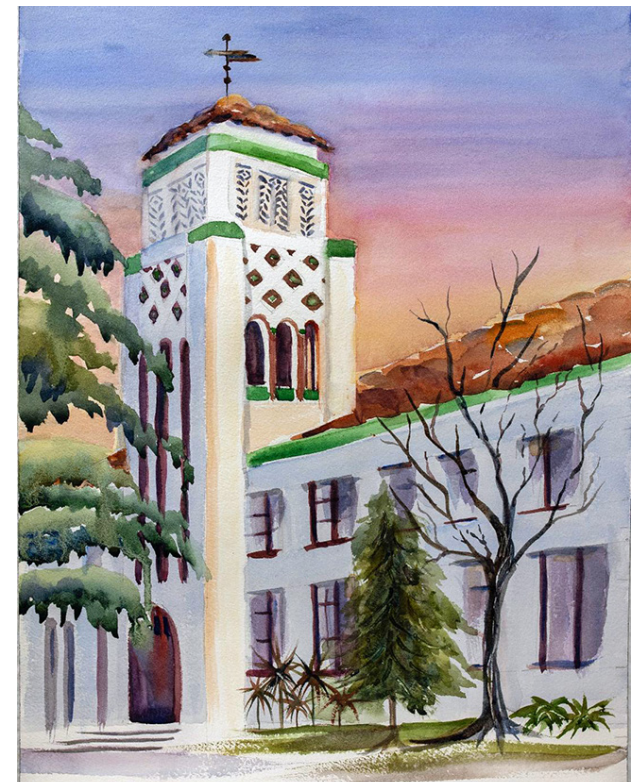
Top: Livermore motorcycle race; bottom: Bicycle Race, watercolor by Michelle George
(All Photos courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild)

LIVERMORE THEN AND NOW

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Left: Carnegie Library, Livermore, acrylic by Nancy Roberts; Right: Carnegie Building in the past



Left: Livermore High School before stucco; right: Livermore High, watercolor by Michelle George

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Livermore Art Association

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art

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

Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Tringham at 510.877.8154.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Sign Up for Art Workshops

Sign-ups are still available for the Livermore Adult Education's Art Workshop, a non-instructional class where artists work at their own pace with the medium of their choice in a relaxed and supportive environment with other artists. The class is facilitated by Lorraine Wells and meets Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, now through March 17, at 1401 Almond Ave., in Livermore. For more information, call (925) 606-4722, or go to www.livermoreschools.org/domain/1060.

Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school, and adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print

making and sculpture. Contact Peggy at 925.443.8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

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

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

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Sideline, will perform their bluegrass music at the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, March 6. The two-hour performance will begin at 8 p.m., at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleas-



The Real Irish Comedy Fest comes to the Firehouse Arts Center Stage on Saturday, March 14.

anton. Reserved seat tickets are \$15 - \$25. For more information, go to www.firehousearts.org, or call (925) 931-4848.

Life in the Fast Lane brilliantly re-creates the harmonic sounds of the legendary Eagles. This production is truly the most authentic, spot on Eagles tribute yet. Fri., March 13 at 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400

First St., Livermore. Contact www.livermorearts.org or 925.373.6800.

Livermore Valley Opera presents A Florentine Tragedy and Gianni Schicchi, two one-act operas, both set in Florence by Alexander Zemlinsky & Giacomo Puccini March 7 at 7:30pm, March 8 at 2:00pm, March 14 at 7:30pm, March 15 at 2:00pm. Pre-opera lecture one hour before the performance. Sung in German and Italian with English supertitles. See www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

"Celebrate the Night: Dreams, the Moon and the Stars" will be presented at by The Valley Concert Chorale on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., in Livermore. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. High school and college students are just \$10 with valid student ID. Children are free. Advance tickets are available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or by calling (925) 866-4003.

Jessica Fichot will perform on Friday, March 27 at the Bothwell Arts Center. Drawing from her multi-ethnic upbringing,



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her music fuses styles and languages, moving from the French chanson tradition, through gypsy jazz, retro Chinese swing, and international folk, into her own imagination. The performance at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, will begin at 8 p.m., with tickets priced at \$20 each. For tickets, call (925) 373-6800, or go to www.lvpac.org.

Vita Voci, an eight-person vocal ensemble, will perform a free concert accompanied by fiddler Anne Bingham Goess and clarinetist David Yaffe. Vita Voci will perform music from 13th century England and Ireland, and early 20th century Appalachia. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave, Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. For information, go to www.livermorelibrary.net or call (925) 373-5500.

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

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

ON THE STAGE

The Tap Pack will deliver cool classics with a fresh twist at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore on Friday, March 27. Inspired by the original "Rat Pack", the five-member The Tap Pack combine high-energy tap dancing, smooth vocals, a live jazz band, and on-stage banter. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$20-\$75 for adults, \$20 for military and students under 21. Call (925) 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org.

"Stage Door," will be presented by Las Positas College Department of Theater Arts. The play will run for two weekends, Friday to Sunday, March 6-8,

and Friday to Sunday, March 13-15. Friday and Saturday performances at the Mertes Center for the Arts, Main Stage Theater, at Las Positas College, will begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students/staff; \$15 for seniors and military veterans; and \$20 for the general public. For tickets, go to <http://sitetline2.vendini.com/site/laspositascollege.edu/>.

COMEDY

Real Irish Comedy Fest comes to the Firehouse Arts Center stage on Saturday, March 14, with a "blast of blarney." The two-hour PG performance will start at 7 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$20-\$30. For more information, go to www.firehousearts.org or call (925) 931-4848. The Firehouse Arts Center is at 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

"Laughing for All the Wrong Reasons" will be performed by the Second City group at the Bankhead Theater on March 20. Second City's legendary comic style combines sketches, songs and improvisation. The group will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 8 p.m., Friday, March 20. Tickets are \$20-\$65 for adults, \$20 for military and students under 21. To purchase tickets, call (925) 373-6800, or go to www.lvpac.org.

Stand-up comic Jackie Kashian will perform at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore at 8 p.m., on Saturday, March 21. Kashian is now in the 13th year of her producing her podcast, "The Dork Forest," where she talks with people about what they love to do, think about and collect. Tickets are \$35 and are available by going to www.lvpac.org or calling 925-373-6800.

MISCELLANEOUS

St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will sponsor its annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl, with craft beer and snacks available at 25 locations, from 5-8 p.m., on Saturday, March 14. Tickets are \$45 through March 13 and are available online at <https://pleasantondowntownassociation.instagram.com/pleasanton-downtown-st-patricks-day>. Tickets the day of the event, if available, will be \$50, and must be purchased at check-in.

The Valley Humane Society's Tails at Twilight Gala which will raise funds for animal rescue, education, and community service efforts, will be held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, March 6. A champagne reception, hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$150 per person and are available at valleyhumane.org. Call (925) 426-8656.

Celebration of Uyghur Culture at the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Events will include: Uyghur Nowruz MoM's Reading Time on March 11. Uyghur Nowruz Family Day on March 21. A discussion with Uyghur scholar Erkin Sidick on April 25. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.museumonmain.org.

Mummenschanz brings its newest show to Livermore on March 19. "You & Me" brings to life the large-scale masks for which Mummenschanz is known, as well as revives a historic tradition of acrobatics and some classic sketches that have stood the test of time. The family-friendly performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20-\$75 for adults; \$20 for



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military and students under 21. For tickets, call (925) 373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org.

"Frida: Viva la Vida" will be shown on March 24 as part of the Great Art on Screen series at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets for Classic Film Musicals and Family Films are \$5. Tickets for National Theater Live and Great Art on Screen are \$20, with \$10 tickets for students up to age 21. Popcorn, movie treats and beverages are available in concessions for all films.

The Goodguys 38th All American Get-Together, a two-day hot-rodding festival at the Alameda County Fairgrounds featuring more than 3,000 hot rods and custom cars on March 28-29. The festival will include vendors, auto parts swap meet, live music and stage shows, competitions, how-to seminars, and the American AutoCross Shootout. Advance general admission tickets can be purchased for \$20 at www.good-guys.com.

Livermore Valley Uncorked. The 11th annual Livermore

Valley Uncorked on Thursday, April 16, will offer winetasting, hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to meet local winemakers and growers, all while helping the Tri-Valley Conservancy save more land. Casa Real at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton. General admission tickets are \$75, with proceeds benefitting the Tri-Valley Conservancy's land programs. To purchase tickets, or for more information, go to TriValleyConservancy.org or call (925) 449-8706.

A Writers Meetup for Adults meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Learn more at LivermoreLibrary.net or call 925.373.5500.

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



The Valley Humane Society's 6th annual Tails at Twilight Gala will serve up a tropical tiki escape on March 6 at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Help with Grief - Anyone struggling with the death of a loved one is invited to begin their healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12 and 26. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ClutterLess (CL) Self-Help Group meets every Monday (excluding post office holidays) at 7 p.m. at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, in

Pleasanton.

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

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

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

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

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

Master Gardeners Talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10-11 am on the second Saturday of the month. Mar 14: Sheet Mulching; Apr 11: Native Plants and Bees; May 9: Succulents; Jun 13: Compost Basics; July 11: Weeds IPM; Aug 8: Low Allergy Gardening; Sept 12: Soil Biology; Oct 10: Evolution of a Garden; Nov 9: Beekeeping tips.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley's Connections Support Group, meets every Wednesday, from 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group provides support and education for anyone experiencing a mental illness. For further information, visit www.namitri-valley.org or contact Kendall @ 925.872.0170.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), DAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

DAR members are committed to volunteer service having served more than 12.5 million hours in communities throughout the world during the past three years. For more information, please visit josemaria.californiadar.org or contact Debbie James at jmadar.regent@gmail.com.

DAR Jose Maria Amador, Pleasanton Chapter. The local Jose Maria Amador chapter

meets on the second Saturday of the month from September to May, with a short business meeting and a program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month

with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L. St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480.585.8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925.443.4444.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meals on Wheels Volunteers are needed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors

open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 p.m. For more info visit us at www.trivalleystargazers.org.

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at www.trivalleysir.org and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org. For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

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

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

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

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the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925.215.8405 or visit www.Pleasanton-Newcomers.com.

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Military Families is a Tri-Valley support group for those who have loved ones in the military. PMF members are available to meet with military families or friends whenever support or comfort is needed. The group also sends care packages to deployed troops. For more information, contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925.784.5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

RELIGION

Tri-Valley Interfaith Interconnect, representing different faiths and cultures in Alameda County, will hold its next Religion Chat at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton on March 11. The speakers will be Nan Osborn from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Lainie Pascall of the Quaker faith, on the topic, "Most faiths tell us to be kind to the stranger. How does your faith respond to the "other?" The doors of the church will open at 4:30 p.m., with the chat beginning at 5 p.m.

Moms Who Meditate, a new meditation group, will meet for the first time from 8:15-9 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, in the Fireside Room at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore. Sessions will run for six weeks as an introduction to Christian Meditation. All mothers are welcome. To sign up, send an email to jackieb@asburylive.org or call (925) 447-1950.

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

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10 a.m. Children's and youth groups meet during worship services and Sunday evening Middle and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group meets the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Room. Men's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information about other events visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 925-447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore." All are welcome.

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

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

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

information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925.447.8747.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvalyivermore.org or 925.447.3457.

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

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org. All are welcome.

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

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

from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925.447.1848.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 925.447.9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1047 Serpentine Lane #300, Pleasanton. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or pateraugustine@gmail.com

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. www.saintbartsivermore.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 or 925.862.2580.

Pathway Community Church, 1055 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcome. www.pathway-communitychurch.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 925.447.2351.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, gives away clothing and other items every Monday 10-12. Donations are also ac-

cepted on Mondays between 10-12. 4481 E. Avenue, Livermore.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B'rit Anabah 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 Oneq, a fellowship meal.

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

Milestones

Academic Achievements

Ananth Kumar Earns Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech

Ananth Kumar, of Pleasanton, earned faculty honors for Fall 2019 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Faculty honors are awarded to undergraduate students who have a 4.0 academic grade point average for the semester.

Area Students Named to Dean's List at Stanislaus State

Six area students were named to the dean's list at California State University, Stanislaus for the Fall 2019 semester. Earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher were Joshua Allen, of Dublin, and Tiffany Fisher, Nicole Hamby-Freund, Kalyn Krummen-Ganz, Miguel Loza, and Gary Salazar, all from Livermore.

Dublin Student Named to Dean's List at Tufts University

Lauren Ling, of Dublin, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher. Tufts is a private university in Massachusetts.

Livermore Student Named to Dean's List at Caldwell University

Jessica Johnston, of Livermore, was named to the dean's list at Caldwell University for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Caldwell is a private Catholic university in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Livermore Students Named to Dean's List at Boston University

Two Livermore students, Samuel R. DeCosta and Valerie Garcia, were named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30% of their class. Boston University, in Boston, Massachusetts, is the fourth-largest private university in the country.

Fallon Receives Master's from Fort Hays University

Joseph Fallon, of Dublin, received a Master's degree in information analysis and communication from Fort Hays State University, in Hays, Kansas, during Fall 2019 graduation ceremonies.

Quarry Lane Students Share Passion for Robotics

Students from The Quarry Lane School recently shared their enthusiasm for robotics with children living at the McHenry House Family Shelter in Tracy, California.

Quarry Lane's middle school robotics team, The Interns, prepared a lesson plan that introduced robotics and computer programming

for the McHenry House students. The Interns also raised funds to buy a Robotics Kit for the shelter to use.

The Quarry Lane robotics program participates in the FIRST Robotics Competition circuit, which focuses on building game-playing robots. The Interns have also organized other outreach events for other students

that goes beyond a school's traditional exposure to "robotics."

"As educators, I think we always hope that we are able to make some small difference in our students' lives," said Richard Ong, engineering instructor and robotics mentor at The Quarry Lane School in Dublin. "But seeing our students share the

same level of passion and love with others means infinitely more. It reaffirms that good things can and do happen when people care."

The private Quarry Lane School also partners with the McHenry House every year for its annual holiday gift drive, providing gifts and gift cards for the families in the shelter.

Dublin's Student Helps Raise \$2.8 Million for Iowa Children's Hospital



Shannon Faulkner helped raise money through an annual dance marathon.

Shannon Faulkner, of Dublin, was one of more than 2,800 University of Iowa students who participated in the school's 26th annual student-led Dance Marathon, which raised more than \$2.8 million for the university's Stead Family Children's Hospital.

During the dance marathon, dancers stayed on their feet for 24 hours – from 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 – to show their support for the fight against pediatric cancer.

Over the years, Dance Marathon, the university's largest student organization, has raised more than \$30 million for the children's hospital. Dance Marathon funds projects to provide emotional and financial support to families treated at the children's hospital, with an emphasis on pediatric cancer and bone marrow transplant patients. In addition to raising money, the annual dance marathon celebrates the lives of cancer survivors and recognizes those lost to the disease.

Celebrate Women! Art that Honors Women

Celebrate Women! Art that Honors Women, is in its sixth year. The mission of this art show is to exhibit art that honors women. This is a two-track art show - both are open to all to participate. Track 1 is a photo competition with awards. Track 2 is a place for anyone to submit an image (any 2-D art including painting or drawing) of one woman/

many women whom they would like to honor. Sponsored by the Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League. Digital Image Deadline: April 12th. Hang Day at Civic Center Library, Livermore: May 1st.

Email: celebratwomen.20@gmail.com for guidelines. Questions, contact Barbara Reynolds 503-449-3861



Celebrate Women! Art that Honors Women is accepting submissions.

Encore Players to Remember the Ladies

In honor of Women's History Month and the 19th Amendment, Encore Players will perform a free show titled "Remember the Ladies," celebrating the suffragettes who fought for women's right to vote a hundred years ago.

In addition to highlighting heroes of the suffrage movement, "Remember the Ladies" will focus on several first ladies of the United States who championed women's rights, including Abigail Adams, Florence Harding, Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford, and Hilary Clinton.

The free, 2-hour program, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library, is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center. Readers from the Encore Players include Joan Boer, Marsha Howard, Kathy Streeter, Lesleyann Coker and Lea Blevins. For more information about the theatre group, visit www.encoreplayers.net.