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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.

Local Agencies Prep for Covid-19 With Cancellations and Closures

The Valley is bracing as Covid-19, the coronavirus, continues to spread across the country. Of particular concern, California is now seeing an increase in people diagnosed with the respiratory virus that first swept through southern China at the start of the year.

Over the past several days, a building was closed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory due to the virus, and a Pleasanton family was under self-quarantine. Up in Oakland, a cruise ship was

allowed to berth with known cases of coronavirus infections among the 3,000 people aboard, all of whom are expected to be sent to quarantine for two weeks.

Events across the Valley are being cancelled or postponed in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

Cities are keeping a close watch

Following Alameda County's declaration of emergency, Livermore's Emergency Operations Center has gone to a Level 3 monitoring

activation. Level 3 is the lowest of three levels of emergency operations, with Level 1 being reserved for large-scale disasters, said Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

The center is currently being run by the City's Emergency Manager Herbert Cole and the Deputy City Manager Christine Martin, he said.

At Level 3, Marchand said the center is being used as a central location for staying current on the rapidly evolving situation and coordinating efforts among city

departments and outside agencies, including the Alameda County Public Health Department, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories.

In addition, the city is posting on its website and social media updates and links to resources related to the spread of the virus and containment

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Livermore To Lift Ban On Tobaccos

By David Chircop

The Livermore City Council on Monday created a narrow exemption to the city's tough new tobacco control ordinance, lifting a ban on the retail sales of certain types of flavored tobacco that are considered premium tobacco products.

The carve out removes from prohibition the ability of licensed tobacco retailers in Livermore to sell premium flavored cigars and aromatic pipe tobaccos. In order to qualify for the exemption, retailers must follow a rigorous application and review process to obtain a special licensing tag that would only allow the sale of specific premium tobacco products identified on the tag.

The exemption was approved in a 4-0 vote. Councilwoman Trish Munro was not present.

Livermore became the second city in the country to ban the sale of e-cigarette devices and liquid last summer, and became the first to commence enforcement of a ban on Jan. 1. San Francisco's first-in-the-nation ban did not take effect until late January. Both ordinances experienced delays following challenges that were later withdrawn.

The ban was adopted to address a dramatic increase in underage vaping observed in the community, and was aimed at keeping vaping products with nicotine out of the hands of minors.

"The main focus of the council when we adopted this ordinance was protecting children and young adults from entering into a lifelong of nicotine addiction,"

(See TOBACCOS, page 2)



California poppies dot the hillside after a brief rain in Livermore last week. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

School Bond Measures Too Close to Call

By Ron McNicoll

The results of three Valley-area school bonds are not clear yet, as more election-night ballots remain to be counted.

That was the word from Alameda County Voter Registrar Tim Dupuis, whose department has been releasing updated vote counts every evening since last Friday.

Dupuis will decide on Saturday, March 14, whether to issue a daily count again next week.

All three Tri-Valley school bond issues remain too close to call. They need 55% approval of the total vote in order to pass.

Dublin Unified School District's Measure J, which seeks \$290 million, looked the most hopeful

for passage. It fell short of 55% on election night results, with 53.79% yes votes. By March 9, that increased to 56.99%, although county officials believe there are some votes yet to be counted.

A Sunol Glen district bond for \$9.5 million and Pleasanton Unified School District's \$323 million Measure M are the other two squeakers.

The yes vote in Sunol was 54.05%, down a little from 54.84% on election night. But Sunol is such a small district that the actual votes were 51 for and 42 against. If one more person had voted, and voted yes, it would have been 55.31%, with passage. But more ballots are likely in line to be counted.

Sunol Glen Board President Mike Picard says he is optimistic that it will pass. The bond faced some opposition from residents because most of Sunol's students live in nearby Fremont, who will not pay for the bond issue. They were recruited to increase enrollment, which drew state money that was used to help expand programs at the school, and improve the learning experience for all. District officials also noted that Sunol students attend Foothill High School in Pleasanton, and benefit from Pleasanton Unified's bond issues.

In Pleasanton's \$323 million Measure M, the no vote was leading on election night. That had changed

(See BOND MEASURES, page 3)

Information Updated on Coronavirus

By Bruce Gach

Infections from Covid-19 virus, also known as SARS-CoV2, have now overcome those of seasonal flu virus epidemics, though the actual number of infected individuals and death rates per 1,000 people infected has yet to be determined. The symptoms for mild cases of Covid-19 are very similar to Influenza cases still being identified during this normal flu season.

Covid-19 verification tests are just now being distributed, so the real base number of those with this virus, versus Influenza, and the consequences of the infections are still unknown, according to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Supervisor Race Close Among All Four on the Ballot

By Ron McNicoll

Four candidates seeking to become Alameda County's new 1st District Supervisor remained in a tight race as the county continued to count ballots Tuesday. County officials anticipate counting to last another week or two.

County Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis has promised to release a vote count at around 5 p.m. every day until at least Saturday. Then he'll decide how often to report results in the weeks ahead, until every vote is counted. The County has until April 2 to certify the election results.

What is certain in the 1st District is that no one will win the seat outright to succeed Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who will retire at the end of this year. There will be a run-off in the November election.

The only mystery is who will occupy those two November ballot slots. So far, it is Fremont City Councilman-at-large Vinnie Bacon, who led the field with 27.56% of the vote on the night of March 9, followed by Dublin Mayor David Haubert, with 25.80%.

Dublin Councilwoman Melissa Hernandez came in third with 24.8%. Sen. Bob Wieckowski of Fremont

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Pleasanton Has Hired Swing as New Police Chief



David L. Swing

David L. Swing, police chief at Morgan Hill, California, since 2011, has been named police chief for Pleasanton. The city announced Swing's appointment Monday, after a competitive selection and recruitment process. He will begin his new duties on April 13.

Swing has more than 25 years of law enforcement and leadership experience. City Manager Nelson Fialho cited his background in budget management, community engagement, and personnel devel-

(See POLICE CHIEF, page 12)

City-backed Measure P Wins Handily

By David Chircop

By a 2-to-1 ratio, voters approved a ballot initiative to uphold a deal between the city and a private developer to construct and operate a hotel in downtown Livermore.

Measure P asked voters to approve or reject "Ordinance No. 2089," a July 2019 agreement between the city and Davis-based Presidio Companies to develop a hotel next to the Bankhead Theater on the east side of Livermore Avenue. It required only a simple

majority to pass.

The development deal was suspended last fall and forced to a public vote through a referendum petition protesting the agreement. Enough Livermore voters signed a petition to force the City Council to either rescind the agreement or to put it on the ballot.

Disagreements over a redevelopment plan for 8.2 acres of public land the city has assembled for revitalization has been the subject of months of bitter political wrangling.

"What we have heard for the last few months is that we should listen to the voters and people should compare and decide," said Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "We have heard from the voters and what we have heard is that they overwhelmingly support the plans in the downtown and they want to move forward. It is time for all sides to unite, to come together and work together to make Livermore the best it can be."

Tamara Reus, president of (See MEASURE P, page 8)

The Wine Group to Sell Concannon Vineyard

By Aly Brown

One of the oldest wineries in the Livermore Valley region will soon undergo a change of hands, though the new owner remains to be seen.

Concannon Vineyard was listed for sale late last year by its current owner, The Wine Group - a large wine producer that owns such brands as Franzia and Cupcake. While the price was not disclosed, the property sale will include just over 230 total acres along with a visitor center, tasting room, ware-

houses and offices.

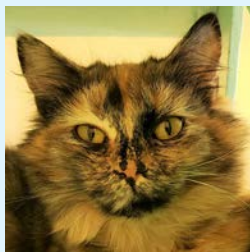
"Some of the functions (at Concannon) are redundant for The Wine Group, so they're looking to sell it," said Brooks Pedder, Cushman & Wakefield real estate agent representing The Wine Group. "The Wine Group owns Concannon and a lot of other brands, and a lot of the wine storage and bottling takes place in the Central Valley and a couple (of) different locations, so they just don't need this ... (The Wine Group) have bottling and crush capacity on-site that exceeds

(See CONCANNON, page 8)



John Concannon stands under the historic sign that welcomes visitors to Concannon Vineyard. (file photo)

PET OF THE WEEK PERKY



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Event Celebrates Women's Right to Vote

By Bruce Gach

California is currently thought to be the most progressive of all the states in the U.S. That certainly was not the case when it came to giving women the right to vote.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote. The long, hard process to finally give women that right was the theme of a presentation by Wendy Rouse, Associate Professor in History and Social Service at San Jose State University. She also highlighted the women most responsible for that victory in the Bay Area.

Over 50 people attended the March 8 presentation at Livermore's Civic Center Library.

"In the beginning, the

vast majority of Americans, including most women, were against suffrage, since it was felt giving women the right to vote would destroy the home," Rouse said.

"The move toward voting equality in the Bay Area really became evident when Sarah Knox Goodrich organized a Fourth of July parade in 1876 in San Jose, featuring suffragettes holding signs saying 'No taxation without representation' and 'We will not be governed without our consent,'" Rouse stated.

The response from those against equality was bold and threatening, she said. She showed posters from the time that read "DANGER: woman's suffrage will double the irresponsible vote" and "Suffrage is a menace to the home, men's employ-



ment and to all business."

"In 1896, the first attempt to allow women to vote did not pass," Rouse stated. "In 1911, California became the seventh state in the U.S. to allow women the right to vote within the state. The amendment had been voted down by a wide margin in

San Francisco. However, votes in Fresno and Los Angeles counties turned the tide."

"What is really interesting is the very first woman to register to vote in California was a Chinese-American, Clara Elizabeth Chan Lee, and that occurred right here in Alameda County," Rouse said.

Dublin resident Shirley Lewandoski asked Rouse's opinion about "today's times, which are frustrating since there have been intelligent women running for office and not being successful. What do you think is the reason?"

Rouse answered, "The suffragettes would be very disappointed if they were here today. After the amendment passed there was a backlash by conservatives to block women's equality across many activities which has continued even into today."

This meeting was sponsored by Livermore Indivisible and the Livermore Civic Center Library.



Over 50 people attended the March 8 presentation commemorating women's suffrage at Livermore's Civic Center Library. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

TOBACCO

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said Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

In passing the exemption, the City Council directed the city staff to explore limiting the number of special licensing tags Livermore allocates to tobacco retailers. Staff will look into imposing additional restrictions on the types of businesses that can sell premium tobacco products, using minimum pricing as a criteria for the exempted tobacco products, and explore extending its e-cigarette ban to include CBD vape oil and related devices.

Livermore's tobacco ordinance was adopted on July 8, 2019. In addition to the e-cigarette ban, it prohibited the sale of flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes. It also required all businesses that sell tobacco products to obtain a tobacco retail license, which needs to be renewed annually, and to submit to an annual Livermore Police Department inspection.

It also prohibits new tobacco retailers from opening within 1,000 feet of youth populated areas, such as schools, parks, playgrounds and commercial day care facilities.

In explaining the reason for the ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes, the ordinance cited studies that showed an increased use of menthol cigarettes and a decline in the use of non-menthol cigarettes among young adults in recent years. It also stated flavored tobacco has significant public health implications for young adults and people of

color as a result of targeted industry marketing.

When the ordinance was adopted, the City Council contemplated creating a future exemption for premium tobacco products which are not alluring to underage smokers.

California currently requires tobacco retailers to pay an annual \$265 retail license fee for each location where tobacco is sold. State law also authorizes cities to enact local tobacco laws and retail licensing ordinances, such as the one adopted by Livermore.

More than 130 cities and counties in California have adopted tobacco retail license ordinances. At \$1,005 for an initial license and \$969 for an annual renewal, Livermore's is among the most expensive.

During the public comment period, speakers from anti-tobacco groups shared some concerns about the exemption, and urged the City Council not to adopt it or to make additional revisions.

Liz Williams, with Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, urged the Council to reconsider the exemption. She said the proposal reminded her of other communities in the state that adopted smoke-free park laws, only to create an exemption to allow smoking cigars on golf courses.

"The message that both types of exemptions send to me is that premium tobacco is kind of an elite class of tobacco products, like a status symbol, and maybe that cigar smokers don't have to live by the same set

of rules that the rest of us do," she said.

Kristie Wang, with Flavors Addict Kids Livermore, thanked City Attorney Jason Alcalá for carefully crafting the exemption, and placing the burden of proving eligibility onto retailers.

But she urged the Council to impose additional safeguards to prevent the exemption from being "exploited" as a loophole by "creative retailers." She suggested setting a minimum price point for premium tobacco sales, and she asked the Council to consider limiting the number and types of business that could sell such products.

Mark Gordon, a representative of The Cave Downtown, a Livermore retail cigar store and private cigar lounge, said he supports the city's vaping ban and efforts to keep tobacco away from underage consumers. He estimates there are about a dozen retailers in Livermore who sell premium tobacco products, and emphasized the exemption was not specifically created for The Cave.

"It was designed not to have any loopholes," he said. "We worked with the City Attorney so it could not be exploitable."

The exception expresses the City Council's intent that the ordinance be interpreted and implemented narrowly to only exempt those tobacco products that are truly premium.

It sets strict definitions for premium cigars and aromatic pipe tobaccos. It requires cigars be at least

2.7 grams in weight, handmade, wrapped in whole leaf tobacco, and composed only of tobacco leaves, water and a small amount of vegetable-based adhesive, and only flavored through a natural process not through a chemical process or other means.

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For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 925-422-4599. Spanish language assistance can be provided for the tours upon request.

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Homeless Have Challenges With Affordable Housing

By Bruce Gach

Long term solutions to the homeless problem in the Tri-Valley were discussed by a panel at a meeting moderated by Livermore City Council member and sociologist Patricia Munro. The March 3 discussion was held at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton.

"When thinking about it, homelessness incorporates a lot of individuals with varying situations. It can be individuals of all ages reluctantly living in a relative's or friend's house since they cannot afford their own dwelling, all the way to those who live in their cars, in tents or in arroyos. We're here to discuss how best to address the problem," Munro said.

Many situations regarding homelessness revolve around affordable housing, said Fran Reiser, Livermore Housing and Human Services Program Manager. "Affordable housing allows people to gain stability, to be part of a community and plant roots," she said.

Affordability means a tenant should pay no more than 30% of their monthly income toward rent.

There are also programs which serve those that earn

80% of the area median income. "Those individuals are part of our work force, like teachers, EMTs, police, firefighters and includes others on fixed incomes or social security, who are being priced out of local housing," Reiser said.

To qualify for any of these programs, a one-person household would have to make \$26,000 or less a year. Rent for an average one bedroom apartment in Livermore is \$2,000 a month. That would leave a qualifying individual about \$2,000 a year for everything else, said Darin Lounds Executive Director of the Housing Consortium of the East Bay.

To bring Lound's point home, Lanning Thompson, President of Interfaith Housing said, "Presently, for the 207 apartments available in Livermore for low income individuals who are over age 62, there are 900 applications, with an estimated waiting period of six years."

Audience member Max Tabak said the affordable housing crisis will continue to get worse before it gets better. "This is all structural and politically driven," he said. "Until something is done about the cost to build,

enough housing for everyone won't happen."

When considering market rate, Munro replied, "Housing has to cost out, whether it's for profit or non-profit. Those building the housing need to make a fair market wage, and the people living in the dwelling have to be able to afford it."

Pleasanton resident Jocelyn Combs asked whether cities would allow "accessory dwelling units" to be built in people's backyards.

Many cities are just starting to explore the idea, Reiser said. There are many things to consider, including how comfortable the residents of the community will be with this occurring. "This concept is presently being tested in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. There definitely has been pushback from community members," she said. "How the Tri-Valley would react is unknown."

Susie Criscimagna from Eden Housing said, "There has to be public support to help alleviate the homeless situation. It takes a village to solve the problems concerning how to grow all types of housing. We're not there yet."

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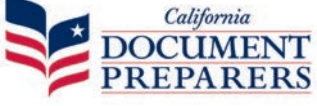
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Swalwell's Office to Host Emergency Preparedness Training for Residents

Congressman Eric Swalwell's local office will host emergency preparedness training in Dublin on Sat., March 21, and in San Lorenzo on Sat., March 28.

"California, particularly our 15th Congressional District, is a great place to live, but we're prone to certain risks," Swalwell said. "We have earthquakes, wildfires, and mudslides. Our beautiful Bay Area's international profile could make us a target for terrorism. And public health issues like the new coronavirus can impact our day-to-day lives. These

aren't things we should worry about constantly, but they are things for which we should be prepared."

The Dublin session will be 10 a.m. to noon, at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza; the San Lorenzo session will be 1-3 p.m., at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande. Sessions are free and open to all residents of the 15th District. However, the district office is urging that people register at eventbrite.com so staffers know how many to expect. The congressman will not be in attendance.

Pleasanton Attorney to Update Nonprofits on Employment Law

Pleasanton attorney Robert Nuddleman will be the guest speaker at the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance's April meeting, which will focus on updates to state labor laws affecting employers in California.

This presentation, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, will cover topics including state law AB5 and the difference between employees and independent contractors, arbitra-

tion clauses, new protected classifications, wage and hour pitfalls, and sexual harassment prevention training.

Nuddleman also spoke at the alliance's 2019 Summer Seminar. A focus of his practice relates to wage and hour claims, breach of contract, trade secret protection, claims of discrimination or harassment, and accommodating persons with disabilities. The program is free. To register, go to www.tvnpo.org.

Volunteers Needed to Build Trail at Sycamore Grove

Volunteers are being sought to help build a new trail along the southern boundary of Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore.

The two-mile trail, officially named the Patterson Ranch Trail by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District in January, is a collaboration of LARPD and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. LARPD is now partnering with Volunteers for Outdoors California to build the trail.

LARPD will host workdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on March 14 and 28, to prepare the trail, and a trail-building weekend to complete the project on May 1-3. The district needs 30-40 volunteers each day.

Volunteers must be at least 18, or 14 with an accompanying adult. Coffee, donuts, and lunch will be provided, and optional camping will be available at the ranger station. To volunteer or for more information, go to www.v-o-cal.org/projects/2020/larpd.html.

BOND MEASURES

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over the weekend, providing a yes vote of 51.72% — still 3.3% short.

Measure M was controversial. Although there was no ballot argument against it in the voter pamphlet, opponent Kay Ayala said people were slow in organizing, and missed the deadline for the voter guide.

Ayala said some residents believe the district is going too fast seeking bond money again. PUSD in 2016 won approval for Measure I-1, which brought in \$270 million to pay for several projects, including Lydiksen Elementary School refurbishing, and new construction.

School board President Steve Maher said that the Measure I-1 money fell short, because construction costs rose faster than projected. Traditionally, construction increases are always higher than the inflation in the consumer price index, but recently the costs have gone through the roof, and the board rejected the Lydiksen bids from construction companies because they were too high, said Maher.

The district sought the new bond to raise more money for other projects on the Measure I-1 list, including gyms at Amador and Foothill high schools, said Maher.

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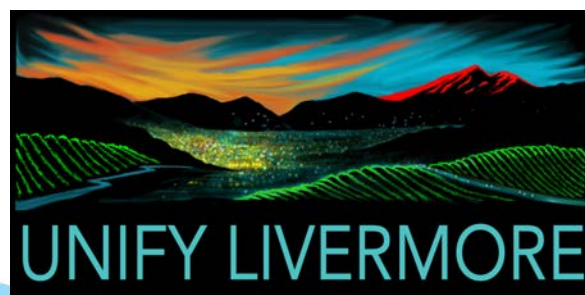
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EDITORIAL

Lawsuit Against Five Residents Was Wrong From the Start

Note: Joan Seppala, Founder and Publisher of The Independent, supported No on P.

We agree with the opinion of Alameda County Counsel Donna Ziegler expressed in the pleadings that she filed on Feb. 10 in Alameda County Superior Court.

She argued against Livermore's lawsuit targeting five residents who wrote a rebuttal to the City's ballot arguments opposing the Central Park Plan initiative. Alameda County Supervisors were also named as defendants.

In her answer, Ziegler wrote that the suit "fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action" against the county supervisors. The five citizens, we believe, are inferred as well. The state elections code requires the supervisors to be included in the lawsuit.

Clearly, something is amiss when the city uses taxpayer dollars to support a City Clerk's suit against five citizens for expressing their opinion.

In a Feb. 27 news story, The Independent noted, "Alameda County is asking the court to toss out the City of Livermore's lawsuit against proponents of the Nov. 3 ballot initiative, which also names the Board of Supervisors as defendants."

The County Counsel was responding to the Sept. 30 lawsuit filed by Livermore City Clerk Sarah Bunting against the five Livermore residents. Her complaint objects to the use of the word "Fact" before several of the points the group was making in their rebuttal to the city's opposition statement. Voter pamphlets prominently note that ballot measure arguments are opinions.

Subsequently, Bunting resigned as an employee of the City of Livermore.

In an email to The Independent's reporter, City Attorney Jason Alcalá stated that the County is not filing a motion with the court asking to dismiss the lawsuit. He also made a point of noting that The Independent has "failed to accurately report that the petition was filed by the Elections Official in her official capacity as a constitutional and a statutory officer, and that it was not filed (by) the City." According to Alcalá, the story should have recognized that "the petitioner is the Elections Official/City Clerk and not the City."

Alcalá neglected to mention that the City has engaged a San Francisco law firm to file the lawsuit. The City Clerk is hired and fired at the pleasure of city management and the council. The City Clerk is not an independent branch of government and we should not pretend otherwise.

At a March 4 Chamber of Commerce meeting, holding up a copy of the Feb. 27 Independent, Mayor John Marchand picked up Alcalá's narrative. He said that nowhere is there a request to dismiss the lawsuit. He added that The Independent is trying to discredit the City.

While the County Counsel's language did not request that the court dismiss the lawsuit, it struck at the heart of Livermore's case. The county is challenging the sufficiency of the clerk's complaint. We believe Livermore is harassing five citizens for expressing their opinions. We hope the court agrees.

In making a to-do about their objections to the Feb. 27 news story, Alcalá and Marchand are trying to divert attention away from Livermore's inappropriate lawsuit which should never have been filed. They are also trying to discredit The Independent's role here in the Tri-Valley – the role of watchdog, the responsibility of the free press.

MAILBOX

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UC Medical Settlement Excludes Some LLNL Retirees

Michael Sheaffer, Livermore

Some Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees who retired from the University of California are now learning that they are not entitled to the benefits of the pending settlement to a class action lawsuit.

The LLNL employees who retired from UC had their medical benefits transferred to the new contractor, Lawrence Livermore National Security, when the management contract transitioned on Oct. 1, 2007. Not only were the benefits reduced from those of UC, there was also no guarantee that they would not be reduced further or even canceled. Arguing that they had been promised UC medical benefits, they initiated a class action suit to be reinstated in the UC retiree medical program. They have tentatively agreed to a modified settlement, and a Fairness Hearing is scheduled for April 10.

A letter to the editor published by The Independent on Feb 27 identified an issue with this settlement. However, the overall issue is much broader and affects all LLNL employees who retired from UC at the end of its LLNL contract in 2007.

Specifically, the definition of class members in the lawsuit requires individuals to have retired prior to Oct. 1, 2007. Those LLNL employees who retired from UC at the end of its contract ended their employment with UC on Sept. 30, 2007, but have a retirement date of Oct. 1, or for various reasons slightly later. These individuals are UC retirees, receive UC retirement pay, and would have been eligible for UC medical benefits, if it were not for the wording in the contract transition. Ironically,

some of the excluded employees contributed funding to support the law suit.

I have no reason to believe that excluding these employees was intentional. I do not know whether UC realized this exclusion, or whether the wording influenced UC's decision to reach a settlement.

It would appear as if a simple wording change to require ending UC employment prior to Oct 1, 2007, rather than retiring prior to Oct. 1, would correct this issue. That will likely not be simple to do now, but it is the right thing to do.

Hello, Bobbleheads

Lori Martin, Tracy

Many drivers use a cellphone now. Eyes to road, then to phone, phone to road, road to phone. Voila, the Human Bobblehead!

A cellphone is one of many driving distractions. Drivers know it is wrong to handle a phone when driving, but they get away with it. One day they will not.

In the early 1990s, there were warnings about drunk driving. Unfortunately, a drunk driver hit me when I was 16. My gait, hearing, and speech are damaged.

Cellphones were far from reality then. Now, drivers use cellphones to call, text, and play games. This is a common practice today.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports texting while driving is six times more dangerous than drunken driving. Warnings about cellphones are needed now.

Prom and spring/summer festivities are coming. Cellphone usage while driving or driving drunk can ruin these days.

While driving, your phone rings. Your friend texts, "Are you on I-580?" Is a ticket, crash, or even death coming your way because of a pointless desire to answer your friend while driving?

Keep in mind, teenagers are not the only ones distracted by the phone; adults are too.

Never do anything you wouldn't want to explain to the first responders. Driving requires you to use your eyes and hands. So does texting. Use the phone when parked.

Let my words impact you before a screech and a thud does.

Petition Signers Didn't Vote

Mark Foster, Livermore CA

What a pleasure it was reading today's Independent to no longer see full-page political ads taking up a good third of the newspaper. This election hopefully put to rest the civil

war dividing our fine city for the past year or so.

I have only one question. What happened to the 9,000 Livermore citizens who allegedly signed those petitions supporting the Central Park Plan? They certainly didn't vote, at least not for the Central Park Plan. Just curious. Perhaps they were hoodwinked into signing by the paid petitioners? Nah, couldn't have been.

Zen and the Art of Commuting

Gary Estee, Livermore

For most of my adult life, I have enjoyed (?) a daily commute of 30-40 minutes from my home to my workplace. It has been a mixed blessing, and after more than 40 years of experience, I thought it a worthwhile topic to discuss and provide others with what I have learned.

My commutes have included both southern California (Santa Monica to El Segundo – 16 miles, Santa Monica to Inglewood – 12 miles, and Highland Park to Pico Rivera – 17 miles) and northern California (Livermore to Sunnyvale – 44 miles, and Livermore to Fremont – 19 miles). Happily, for the past decade, I have been blessed with a short drive, inside Livermore environs, that allows me to travel home within a 12- to 15-minute span, depending on traffic conditions. It is not my intention to complain or ask for sympathy, but only to validate my experience in the normal work travels.

Aside from using various techniques to maintain my focus during the drive, I have given a good deal of thought (and even research) on the subject. Californians have good reason to complain about their commutes; they're among the longest in the nation as documented by a recent report. Using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Overflow Data estimates that Californians spend an average of 28.9 minutes commuting to work each day. That gives the Golden State the fifth-worst commute times in the nation. In fact, according to the report, the longest commutes are in New York, with an average of 33.1 minutes. The shortest are in North Dakota, with an average of 16.6 minutes. Furthermore, more than 500,000 workers in our state have one-way commutes of more than 90 minutes, according to census data.

As defined by the Census Bureau, an extreme commute is a daily journey to work that takes more than 90 minutes each way. According to the bureau, about 3% of American adult workers are "extreme" commuters. The number of extreme commuters in the New York, Baltimore-Washington, San Francisco Bay Area, and Los Angeles metropolitan areas is much greater than the national average.

The Midas Corporation sponsored an "America's Longest Commute" award in 2006. The winner, from Mariposa, California, drove a 372-mile roundtrip (about 4½ hours) to and from work in San Jose each day.

The obvious answer to this

problem is telecommuting, also called telework, teleworking, working from home, mobile work, remote work, and flexible workplace. It is a work arrangement in which employees do not commute or travel (e.g. by bus or car) to a central place of work, such as an office building, warehouse, or store. Telecommuting came into prominence in the 1970s to describe work-related substitutions of telecommunication and related information technologies for travel.

Teleworkers in the 21st century often use mobile telecommunications technology such as Wi-Fi equipped laptop or tablet computers and smartphones to work from coffee shops; others may use a desktop computer and a landline phone at their home. According to a Reuters poll, approximately "one in five workers around the globe, particularly employees in the Middle East, Latin America and Asia, telecommute frequently and nearly 10% work from home every day."

In my opinion telecommuting is the way of the future (for those who can employ it.) My thanks to Google for the technical details.

Livermore Cyclery Jennifer Dayrell and Family, Livermore

We'd like to thank the Howards and all the employees of the former Livermore Cyclery for being the best bike shop around. For decades we have purchased bikes, bike equipment, supplies, and clothing from the shop on First Street, and had our bikes serviced there, as well. We will certainly miss the knowledge and expertise of the employees, and miss being treated like friends as much as customers. We wish Steve and Melinda the best in their well-deserved retirement and thank them for their commitment to Livermore and biking.

Student Loan Debt Mark Frise, Livermore

After reading last week's letter concerning relief of student loan debt, I felt compelled to respond.

Currently, our 2020 federal budget is \$4.8 trillion, of which only \$3.8 trillion is covered by revenue, leaving us with a \$1 trillion annual deficit to add to our already \$20-plus trillion debt. Are you aware that \$479 billion of the 2020 budget goes directly to pay interest on our debt? So, we are borrowing money to pay the interest on our debt; 10% of the federal budget is to pay for previous borrowing!

The first question that comes to mind is, where is the money going to come from to forgive this student debt? Higher taxes or higher federal debt?

Are people who chose not to go to college, but do have a trade, going to be responsible to pay for those who decided to attend college? Are people who did not have children, or those who made sacrifices to pay for their own children's tuition, also going to be responsible for paying someone else's debt?

Why are there never ques-

tions on skyrocketing college costs? There are always complaints about the cost of energy, medical, etc., but skyrocketing college costs always seem to be an untouchable subject, as if every dollar is wisely and prudently spent. Administrator salaries and compensation packages are extremely generous, and administrative programs have become so top heavy (in California) that the state created a law restricting the ratio of faculty to non-faculty.

Are there cheaper routes to a solid education? In my circumstance, 529 Plans were created when my children were born, and sacrifices were made along the way (simpler vacations, older cars, etc.), so there would not be a burdensome college debt when they graduated. I know this is not practical or financially possible for all, but community colleges are also available, or going to a local four-year college and living at home. If you are unable to afford student debt, maybe there are some adjustments that need to be made.

Taking the logic of the writer, what do we do with people who purchased a home and find the mortgage payments to be unaffordable? Rather than move to a different home, is the nanny state supposed to forgive their loan and let the taxpayer take on this burden?

Lastly, the writer states that student loan debt will destroy the college graduates' futures, as well as the country's future. I would consider our crushing national debt a much greater threat to our children's and grandchildren's future than student loan debt. Forgiving student loan debt will not solve the problem. Colleges are a big business and a serious and comprehensive look at where the college dollar goes would be a good start.

Time to Work Together Ruth Gasten, Livermore

I love living in Livermore! When our family moved here in 1963, it was a sleepy town of about 23,000 people. I've observed its growth to over 90,000, and have been impressed by the lively community spirit of my hometown.

There have been many controversies over the years about the best way forward for Livermore. I've participated in some of them. What I've seen are smart, caring people who have definite opinions about "the right way."

We've just finished an intense vote on Measure P, with strong feelings on both sides. The election is over. My fervent hope is that the intelligent, passionate activists who worked so hard for their point of view will now be willing to work together to make the future of our dynamic city all it can be.

An Antithesis to Novel Coronavirus Stupidity Greg Scott, Livermore

The World Health Organization has greatly underestimated the incompetence of advanced nations to deal with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the novel coronavirus disease – 2019 (COVID19) epidemic

that is on its way to being a global pandemic. Control is possible; however, we have been deficient in our efforts.

The most likely transmission of the disease is by respiratory droplets. The range of respiratory droplets by humans is around six feet. Respiratory droplets are huge and massive in the microbiological world. They do not float in air like aerosols, they drop to the ground or to surfaces. The Journal of Hospital Infection states that a coronavirus may be "live" on a surface for up to nine days. This is for coronaviruses other than SARS-CoV-2. I have not heard or read how long a SARS-CoV-2 virus can be "live" on a surface. We still do not know much about this particular virus, especially in this regard. It is probable that SARS-CoV-2 can be transmissible via surfaces to our hands, and then transmitted when we touch our mouths or noses, and perhaps even eyes.

What can we do? Effective and frequent handwashing would be a good start. I am not saying this is the end-all-be-all solution, however, what we could do is have public foot-operated handwashing stations where the only thing touched by hands is water and soap. These could be operated by a rubber bulb mounted on a plate on the ground for pumping, by foot, of potable water that is connected to a polyethylene tank and connected to an out-pump over a catch basin.

Waste water, or drainage water, would go to a separate polyethylene tank. The tanks could be sterilized and filled or drained daily via a portable 12-volt direct current pump on a truck. For the disabled, pressure switches could be mounted on a plate that activates small, battery-powered pumps for water and soap. A wheelchair wheel, cane, or walker could operate the pressure switches.

We have to break the transmission of this pathogen. Part of the stupidity has been in the lack of testing for this virus. At the U.S. epicenter of this virus, the Kirkland Life Center in Washington, the first resident died from COVID-19 on Feb. 19. Kirkland Life Center did not receive its first test kits until March 5. When fire personnel provided respiratory ventilation, they did so with positive-mask ventilation, thus unwittingly blowing the infectious virus particles (i.e. "virions") all over the place.

As of this writing, 13 of the 15 Kirkland Life Center residents who were sent to local hospitals and later died tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, and 11 residents died at the Kirkland Life Center itself. Residents are confined to their rooms until they show COVID-19 symptoms and then are sent to a local hospital. We need to get a lot smarter than this. Other measures certainly need to be taken, though if we go to oppressive draconian measures there are going to be, and already are, severe economic consequences. Our commercial enterprises are heavily leveraged with debt and the inability to have earnings in order to make debt payments is going to be trouble-

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efforts.

Pleasanton city management has been meeting to stay informed about the threat, but as of early this week, it has not recommended cancellation of any events or activity, said public information officer Cindy Chin.

Dublin cancelled its annual two-day St. Patrick's Day celebration set for March 14-15. The St. Patrick's Day Parade and related events such as contests and performances have drawn as many as 80,000 people. It is the biggest suburban St. Patrick's Day fair outside of San Francisco.

Schools plan for infections, remote teaching

Administrators at the Pleasanton Unified, Livermore Joint Valley Unified and Dublin Unified school districts were monitoring the local situation surrounding COVID-19. Through Tuesday, all schools remained open. Each district said it was consulting with the Alameda County Public Health Department, which would advise whether to close campuses or cancel large gatherings.

In a statement on the Dublin district's website, Superintendent Dave Marken said that if one student or staff member tests positive for the virus, officials would close that affected school for one to 14 days, depending on the risk. If that student or staff member has a sibling or child in another school in the district, that school also would be closed.

All Dublin teachers were asked to create two-week lesson plans for students to take home if schools were shut down.

In the Livermore district, Superintendent Kelly Bowers said officials were taking precautions, including "heightened custodial cleaning protocols, adjustments to cafeteria salad bars, and teacher-led handwashing and hand sanitizing instruction

throughout the school day."

"While we currently are not being advised to close or alter school schedules at this time, we are preparing for the potential impact that this virus may have in our district, and we are planning for steps to limit and slow the spread of virus in our schools," Bowers said in a statement.

In the Pleasanton district, a family member of a student at Valley View Elementary School was informed that they may have come into contact with a presumptive, but unconfirmed, case of coronavirus at work. The student and family decided to quarantine themselves at home for 14 days, which is the recommended period for self-quarantine.

District staff disinfected surfaces at the school. As a precaution, the other students in the classroom were moved to a different classroom for the remainder of the school day to allow cleaning and disinfecting their classroom.

Pleasanton school officials said some parents have asked about keeping their children home, despite the fact there were no local cases.

"While we believe that school is often the safest place for students during a crisis like this, we would not inhibit your ability to do what you feel is in your child's best interest," Superintendent David Haglund wrote in a statement. "Caregivers of children with underlying health conditions should consult with health-care providers about whether their children should stay home."

The three K-12 school districts will be closed for Spring Break from April 6-10. The Centers for Disease Control has advised that anyone traveling internationally during Spring Break should read its website for information. So far, the CDC has mandated that anyone traveling to a country

with a widespread problem to stay home for 14 days. Those countries so far include China, Iran, Italy and South Korea.

The Chabot-Los Positas Community College District, which operates two campuses with some 29,000 students and 2,000 faculty members, was operating normally.

Spokeswoman Gusselle Nunez said officials were constantly monitoring the situation, but so far there were no plans for closures. Spring Break begins March 23.

LLNL disinfects building

At LLNL, 25 employees were sent home March 5 after an employee who reported some symptoms consistent with the coronavirus was sent home.

The building where they worked was scrubbed down, and most of the employees sent home are able to telecommute to do their work, said lab spokeswoman Lynda Seaver.

Since then, the original employee was tested and found not to have the coronavirus. Seaver said the lab will continue to be vigilant. Its advice to employees is to stay home if they are not feeling well. Top lab management and a team of pandemic experts at the lab will meet March 13 to discuss the situation, she added.

Events cancelled or postponed as a pre-caution

Cancellations of other events in the Valley include a major annual fund-raiser for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies organization, which raises money for people to obtain grants for natural healing methods for cancer.

The group's website says a future date for the event will be determined. Their site is at <https://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org/>.

The Women Entrepreneurs Launch (WELA) conference for March 30 in Redwood City has been postponed. The decision



Previous year's events that are being cancelled this year include a St. Patrick's Day brew crawl in Pleasanton. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

was made by Google, which owns a conference center in Redwood City, after discussion between Google and WELA. Another date for the conference will be announced when that is feasible, said a WELA spokeswoman.

Museum on Main in Pleasanton has cancelled its Celebrate Community Family-Uyghur Nowruz Family Day, which was planned for March 21. The event will be rescheduled later this year. As of now, museum events in late March and April are still scheduled, but may be cancelled.

The museum will remain open, but all interactive exhibits have been removed from the galleries to limit the potential spread of the virus.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association has cancelled the St. Patrick's Day

Brew Crawl scheduled for this weekend, Saturday, March 14th.

Livermore Valley Wine Country's Barrel Tasting Weekend is currently scheduled for March 21-22 at more than 30 wineries across the region. The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association is monitoring the coronavirus situation, and if the event's status changes, media outlets will be notified, said spokeswoman Tami Kelly. The public can reference the association's web page at <https://www.lvwine.org/> for information that is up to date at that time.

Some wineries have events centers that host wedding receptions and other events. The public should contact them directly if there is a question about whether events will be cancelled, said Kelly.

COVID-19

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Those with Covid-19 infections or Influenza can be contagious before symptoms develop. The initial symptoms are almost identical: nasal congestion, sneezing, coughing and a low grade fever. Pneumonias are more common in Covid-19 virus patients and have progressed to organ failure and death in more instances than with Influenza.

Both viruses are more dangerous to the over 60 year old population, those who have chronic illnesses, weak immune systems and those who may have compromised lung function, which includes smokers and vapers of all ages. Influenza illnesses are definitely more dangerous for children, where Covid-19 virus induced problems have infrequently been reported in those under the age of 15.

Usually after viral infections, most people develop antibodies that will protect them from becoming ill if they are exposed to that particular viral strain again. How long that protection will last is variable. There are presently immunizations for many viral illnesses that have protected populations around the world from many epidemic situations. The CDC still recommends getting Influenza shots even though the flu season will soon be over and the shots this year are only 45% effective.

A fully developed Covid-19 vaccine is at least a year away, since there is need for verification of efficacy. The internet is now full of false information about the virus and ways to protect yourself from becoming ill. Do not be fooled by these untrue claims. Follow all the recommendations at www.cdc.gov for contact avoidance, and for advice on what to do if you believe you have been exposed or have symptoms of concern.

Bruce Gach, M.D., is a longtime Livermore pediatrician. He left office practice in 2018.

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SPORTS NOTES



On March 6, the Granada Matadors hosted the Foothill Falcons. Foothill's Eli Esparza checks Granada's Skylar Steele. The Falcon's Tyler Hays works around Granada's Wesley Short. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



On March 6, the Livermore Cowboys played The Dublin Gaels. Livermore won 16 to 3. Livermore's Austin Weinschelbaum sprints through Dublin's defenders Alex Chau. The Gael's Jaden Valino lines up a pass against the Cowboys Mason Bammer. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



This year's Irv Oliner Award went to Amador Valley High School Wrestling Coaches Dennis Golcher and Bennie LaFever.



Livermore Phantom 12U Purple Lacrosse's current standings this season are 2-2.



West Coast Soccer Wildkatz 05 Girls start off spring with Surf Copa Cup victory.



Braden Witherspoon throws the first pitch at the Granada Little League Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, March 7. It rained on opening day, but all games were able to be played.

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantom 12U Purple lacrosse team is a predominantly rookie team. Current standings this season are 2-2. Saturday's 3/7, game against the Menlo Grizzlies in Menlo Park ended in an overtime victory with a winning goal by #24 Riley Doko. Other goal makers were #39 Nathan Heintz, #17 Luca Annicchero and #21 Nolan McClung. One key player to watch this season is #43 Daniel Miller, who had been excellent at moving the ball and setting up the attack for success.

West Coast Soccer Club

West Coast Wildkatz 05 girls are back in action after a short high school season break. West Coast took three teams to Morgan Hill for the 2020 Surf Copa Cup Surf Cup Qualifiers. All three West Coast teams went undefeated in 12 straight games. Wildkatz competed in the top Super Group division of the U15 Girls age group. It did not take long for Wildkatz to get back into form. In the first game against Monterey Surf Kamiryn Grimes had two goals and the third was an own goal on a great cross from Zusette Zamora. Wildkatz won 3-0. In the second game

the play, Grimes would get the game winner as they defeated San Jose Surf 1-0. Game three Wildkatz controlled much of the play against SF United but it was a beautiful cross from Maddee Reid to Miette Sessoms for a stunning goal to give the Wildkatz a 1-0 win to put West Coast in the final. Wildkatz faced a strong opposition from San Luis Obispo; Central Coast United after a deadlock first half for both sides, Savannah Cordero orchestrated and scored the go ahead goal with an assist from Kamiryn Grimes. Wildkatz began to take over the game as United were barely able to get the ball over the halfway line due to the strong play of Wildkatz back line Niella Sessoms, Makena Ross, Sydney Goodwin, Nadia Sherman, Kamaria Hughes, Alexia Berlin, Hailey Rodaer and Maddee Reid. The midfield was dominated by Taryn Richey, Jadynn King, Giovanna Garcia. The second goal came from a nice pass from Zusette Zamora to Jadynn King who crossed the ball perfectly to a streaking Miette Sessoms for a spectacular header goal. Isabella Gelao registered her fourth straight shutout and helped close out the 2-0 victory sealing the championship and bringing home the Surf Copa Cup. West Coast Wildkatz will now resume NorCal Spring League Champions League play and prepare for the upcoming Players College Showcase in Las Vegas.

The Irv Oliner Award

This year's award goes to Bennie LaFever and Dennis Golcher of Amador Valley High School in the North Coast Section. An inseparable coaching tandem for over the last three decades, coaches LaFever and Golcher have contributed a great deal to the sport of wrestling in the greater Bay Area. Together, they have coached at Foothill and Amador High Schools, as well as several middle school programs in the area.

Livermore Varsity Lacrosse

Livermore varsity boys pummeled Dublin High 16-3 in last Friday night's match. Alden Dean netting 5 goals for the night. LHS goalie, Connor Wilson, had an amazing night with 12 saves. Holding down the Cowboy defense Mason Bammer, Ben O'Connor, Bennett Vanderveen, Gabe Timoco, and Brayden Nunes. Go Cowboys! Saturday night, the varsity boys traveled to Justin Siena playing a closely contested game. The team demonstrated great Cowboy spirit while battling their way into Q4 tied at 9-9 before the highly ranked Napa contesters slipped in a quick two goals, ending in a tough loss of 11-9 for Livermore.

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some, to say the least. It seems to me that we should take relatively simple steps that can break the back of this horrible disease's transmission and societal injury.

Livermore Can Go Sustainable
Ann Brown, Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education

We have world leaders in climate change research and solutions right here in Livermore, but the average citizen would know little about them and their work without the reporting in The Independent. Your article, "Roger Aines Aims for Zero CO2 Emissions by 2045," on March 5 was a great summary of one of the exciting solutions that California is poised to implement if we have the political will and funding.

Tri-Valley Citizens' Climate Education invites you to learn more about solutions to climate disruption that you can implement with your family, friends, and community at our next monthly meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., on March 24, at the Livermore Public Library. Tony Green and team will be presenting "Project Drawdown," detailing some of the 100 most effective solutions to safeguard our planet.

We are also collaborating with Bothwell Arts and Las Positas College to compile a menu of events to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. The activities will span 10 days, designated as "Earth-Week Livermore 2020." Visit our website, <https://trivalleycece.org>, to learn more and to get involved. We welcome schools, youth groups, clubs, faiths, and businesses to exhibit, host a tour, etc., to share ways that they are working towards a sustainable future.

We have so much expertise right here in the Tri-Valley. Let's connect and amplify our efforts.

Voting 2020
Carla Biermann, Livermore

We never received our "permanent absentee voting ballots" for the March 3 primary. As we were out of state at the time, we couldn't go to a local

polling place to vote. Our right to vote, after 49 years in California, was taken away.

The Registrar's office said absentee ballots were mailed on February 3. The Postal Service has no answer as to what happened to our ballots. No way to trace them. In a couple weeks, after all the absentee ballots are counted, the Registrar's office may find out where the unreceived ballots went.

It turns out, that in 2018, California changed the law for counties to transition to the Voter's Choice Act, affecting the way that voters receive vote-by-mail ballot (absentee ballots and booklet). We didn't receive a note to make us aware of this change from anyone. It makes me wonder how many other Californians were caught off guard and their rights violated.

How Climate Change is Connected to Coronavirus
Sarah Zhang, Livermore

It has been more than two months since the beginning of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, and it is nearly impossible to go five minutes without hearing about it on the news. At the same time, climate change has been an imminent problem for decades, but is rarely addressed by the mainstream media. Why is this occurring?

Humans are one of the best species at problem solving, exemplified by the politicians and scientists around the world working hard to tackle COVID-19. Because the disease poses an urgent and immediate danger, the mobilization to minimize the scale of the outbreak has been incredibly rapid.

And yet, little progress has been made to slow climate change. The consequences of our changing climate may seem very distant, both in location and in time, reducing its urgency. We can go about our everyday lives without noticing any major effects while polar glaciers continue to melt. However, once the countless problems imposed by climate change reach the current severity of COVID-19, it will be too late to mend them.

With Earth's average sur-

face temperature projected to continue its rapid rise, outbreaks of infectious disease, e.g., COVID-19, are also expected to increase. As animals lose their natural habitats, they travel closer to humans. Cities are already highly packed with people. The increased proximity between animals and between other humans makes it easier for diseases to spread. As a result, we will see even more infectious disease outbreaks in the future if the climate emergency is not addressed.

A major cause of climate change is the carbon dioxide from human activities, which traps heat in our atmosphere. With COVID-19 ravaging China, flights, refineries, and factories have been shut down. Therefore, China's carbon dioxide emissions have declined by 25% in the last three weeks. Since China is the world's greatest emitter of carbon dioxide, this statistic should be exciting, right? After all, this decrease in carbon dioxide is equal to the New York state's annual emissions.

However, the decline in emissions is only temporary. Environmental goals are often overlooked when economic matters are on the line, so the emissions are likely to resume, if not increase, once the outbreak subsides.

While the situation with COVID-19 continues to develop, we can introduce or continue to make environmentally conscious choices in our day-to-day lives. We can make purchases from local farmers' markets in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. We can consume fewer single-use items, such as plastic Ziploc bags, Saran Wrap, and paper towels. We can use reusable shopping bags, containers, coffee cups, and utensils. The list goes on, but all in all, consider choosing sustainable alternatives when living your everyday life. In the moment, it may seem slightly more difficult to select the environmentally friendly option, but you are making things easier in the long run.

Continue following disease-prevention protocols by frequently washing your hands, avoid touching your

face, and cover all sneezes and coughs, but also make sustainable choices and be aware of your environmental impact before it is too late to reverse climate change.

Twice Confirmed by Overwhelming Support
Steven Spedowski, Livermore

The primary issue in the 2018 Livermore City Council election was adoption of the city's downtown plan. Nearly \$500,000 was spent by Friends of Livermore to oust Bob Woerner, casting him as the central figure behind the plan. Vice Mayor Woerner won in a landslide victory.

Last week, Livermore voters supported the city's downtown plan by passing Measure P with a 2 to 1 margin. As of Sunday, nearly half of all registered voters in Livermore had weighed in on Measure P, a record turnout with nearly 17,000 residents voting "yes."

This is the second time Livermore residents have confirmed the city's downtown plan with overwhelming support. The residents of Livermore compared, now they have decided. Only one question remains: Will the Group of Many Names (Friends of Livermore, Community

Group, Vibrant Livermore, Better Livermore, Citizens for a Central Park) respect the will of the people?

It's time to drop the pointless November initiative and join the rest of the community in supporting our beautiful downtown.

Thanks for Voting No on M
Rajinder Ghatoaura, Pleasanton

Thank you, Pleasanton voters who decisively rejected another tax by voting "No" on Proposition M.

The Pleasanton Unified School District already had a bond measure about four years ago, and frankly, when it passed, the district had no idea what to do with the funds.

The district came again to take more money from the seniors and rest of the hard-working Pleasanton homeowners.

California has the highest taxes and sales tax in the nation. The state coffers have billions of dollars overflowing with our taxes.

We need to put an end to this tax lunacy, and instead, use the over taxed money wisely. There is no need for new taxes, sales tax increases, or bond measures. The state

already has all the money that it needs.

Keep voting "No" on all tax and bonds measures.

Time to End Pointless Bickering
Evan Branning, Livermore

Thank you to everyone who supported our downtown and voted "yes" on Measure P. This was a true grassroots campaign; neighbors talking to neighbors was how we won. It was awesome to see so many people and groups come together and support our city's future. I am honored to have had the opportunity to help organize this campaign. Thank you.

Now it's time to come together and move on. Livermore spoke and it is time we all listen. Instead of going through an unnecessary election in the fall, we should work together. After the overwhelming support shown for our downtown, I ask the backers of the November initiative to pull it from the ballot. Let's end this pointless bickering, come together, and move forward.

I look forward to seeing all of you in our beautiful downtown now and after the city plan is finished.

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MEASURE P

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Protect the Central Park Vote, a group opposing Measure P, said she is proud of how her group handled its campaign, despite the outcome.

"We're just considering the options that we have looking forward," she said.

Those who sought to reverse the agreement with Presidio support the Central Park Plan ballot initiative

on the Nov. 3 ballot, which would lay the groundwork for an alternative downtown redevelopment proposal. They say that the intent of the hotel agreement that Measure P affirmed is to undermine their proposal, which calls for a larger hotel to be built west of S. Livermore Avenue.

Evan Branning, a Livermore public school teacher

who chaired the Yes on Measure P campaign, appeared to extend an olive branch to backers of the Central Park ballot initiative during the public comment period at Monday evening's City Council meeting.

He pleaded with the Central Plan initiative sponsors to withdraw the ballot measure, saying continuing the fight will only add uncer-

tainty and result in a waste of time and taxpayer money.

"It is an honest plea, simply pull the initiative. There's no reason for us to continue this fight. There's no reason for us to continue to argue," he said. "We all love our city."

Reus said no one has approached her group after the election. "We'd certainly be willing to talk," she said.

CONCANNON

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the Concannon volume, so we're looking for somebody who needs more capacity."

Pedder noted everything from the winery and equipment to the brand name are for sale, while confirming the vineyard's crops are solely used to produce Concannon wines. With regard to finding a new owner, The Wine Group is not seeking any particular type of buyer.

"The buyer can be anybody from any sector," Pedder said. "It's an opportunity for somebody to get into the business."

The Wine Group originally purchased Concannon in 2002 from Tesla Vineyard, an LLC including mem-

bers of the Wente Vineyards family. The sales price was undisclosed.

The vineyard's history took root long before, in 1883, when Irish immigrant James Concannon founded the winery the same year his neighbor, Carl H. Wente, established Wente Vineyards. Since its inception, Concannon has seen four generations of vintners run the family business – including third-generation Jim Concannon, who is touted as the 'father of petite sirah' – and a cultivation of wines that put Livermore on the map.

"We have worked through the years with the various owners of Concan-

non Vineyard to enhance the Livermore Valley wine country and its vineyards and beautiful wines," said Carolyn Wente, Wente Vineyards CEO, as reported by Wine Business. "Whoever may purchase the winery and vineyards, we look forward to their involvement and contributions to the wine community."

As the search for the new owner remains underway, Dawn Argula, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) CEO, also weighed in on the future of the iconic establishment.

"I welcome the opportunity to meet the new owner(s) and learn what they have in

mind for the property and its operation," Argula said. "LVCC looks forward to continuing its long-standing (Concannon Vineyard) partnership and supporting the new company in its efforts to achieve economic prosperity and sustainability in the 21st century while building on the legacy of its founders."

For more information on Concannon Vineyard, visit www.concannonvineyard.com. To view the listing, visit <https://bit.ly/39G79hB>.

SUPERVISOR

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showed 21.91% in fourth place.

Since no one, including Dupuis, could determine where the uncouned ballots will be coming from — Fremont, Dublin or Livermore, the three District 1 cities — it's anyone's guess who the final top two finishers will be.

Incumbent Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose 4th District includes Pleasanton, Castro Valley and East Oakland, easily won reelection with 68% of the vote. Opponent Esther Goolsby, an East Oakland community organizer ran a low-key campaign.

Green Replaces Quigley on Zone 7

In the field of five, with three to be elected to the

Zone 7 Water Agency board, Laurene Green, with a second-place finish, will replace Dick Quigley who came in fourth.

Incumbent Sandy Figuers led the field with 28.96% of the vote, followed by Green at 27.92%, and incumbent Angela Ramirez Holmes with 22.76%.

Quigley had 14.64%, and new challenger Hugh Bussell finished fifth with 5.70%.

Democratic Incumbents Finish First for State Seats

In partisan balloting, 16th Assembly District Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan secured about double the votes of Republican Joseph Rubay in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties' segments of the district. They


will face off again in November.

In the 7th Senate District, incumbent Democrat Steve Glazer led a total field of three in both counties with 48.9% of the vote. Republican Julie Mobley, with 28% of the vote, will face Glazer in November. Democrat Marisol Rubio finished third, with 23.1%.

U.S. Rep. Swallow to face Hayden in November

In the 15th Congressional District, Democratic incumbent Eric Swalwell earned about 60% of the vote in each of the two counties. He will face Republican Alison Hayden, who had 16% in Alameda County and 22% in Contra Costa. Five other candidates trailed badly.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia "Pat" L. Potts April 29, 1946 – February 25, 2020



Patricia "Pat" Potts, 73, died in her home in Livermore, California, on Feb. 25, 2020, after a long illness.

Pat was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Bill and Mary Hoyt. She grew up in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and Milling-

ton, Tennessee, before settling in Bartlett, Tennessee, where she raised her two sons, Chris and Mark.

Pat received a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater education in 1975, and a Master's Degree in special education in 1977, both from the University of Memphis. Pat taught special education in Memphis City Schools.

In 1991, she married Jim Potts and settled in Livermore. After moving to California, Pat taught special education at North Valley School in Santa Rosa and Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo. She retired from teaching in 2008.

Pat's love of teaching was exceeded only by her Catholic faith, which brought her great relief in the final years of her life. She is survived by her husband, Jim Potts; her sons, Chris Condon and Mark Hamer; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, and a grandson, Jared Hamer.

Services were held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore on March 10. She was interred at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California. In lieu of flowers, her wish was for donations to the National Kidney Foundation.

Vivian Darnitia (Stevenson) Cosgriff

Feb. 27, 1956 – Feb. 22, 2020



Vivian Darnitia (née Stevenson) Cosgriff was born Feb. 27, 1956, and died Feb. 22, 2020. She was born at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, the first of seven children born to Edd and Bernice Stevenson. She was named after her paternal grandmother and a maternal aunt.

After graduating from Lancaster High School, Lancaster South Carolina, in 1974, Vivian joined her family in California

where she attended classes at the University of California, Berkeley, and California State University, Hayward.

Vivian worked from the age of 16, first in retail, then in customer service at Kirsch, PSE, Praxair and Matheson Trigas. She excelled at customer service, doing her best to make sure everyone got what they needed, in business and in life. She had a warm smile for everyone she encountered.

In 1981, she married Edward "Jay" Cosgriff, and they welcomed their son, Julian, the following year. Vivian doted on her son and supported him in all his academic and sporting endeavors. She also became a de facto mother to Julian's friends, often offering advice or just a friendly ear or shoulder. The same pride she felt for

Julian, she felt for his friends, as if they were her own.

Years later, the addition of daughter-in-law, Monique, and the arrival of two granddaughters, Jae and Devin, made Vivian's life complete. "Bama," as her granddaughters called her, took pride in watching them grow and even moved to be closer to them. The same enthusiasm she shared with Julian, she relived with her granddaughters when they began to play sports. Sometimes she cheered too loudly, as she had for Julian, but her energy was infectious, and it endeared her to the other parents and coaches. She would often phone her family to recount a particularly amazing play, catch, throw, or shot.

Vivian loved to dance and was often the life of the party. If



Nanee "Nan" Claire Cook, a longtime resident of Livermore, California, died February 8, 2020, at home.

Born in 1936 in Citrus Park, Arizona, Nan moved to the Bay Area as a young child, eventually moving to Livermore in 1947, where she attended

Nanee Claire Cook Longtime Livermore Resident

Livermore High School.

She worked at the Veterans Affairs hospital and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a young woman. She was also an active volunteer for many years, first as a 4-H leader for the Crane Ridge 4-H Club and later at Valley Memorial Hospital, where she ran the gift shop.

She met and married her husband of 47 years, Richard Cook, in Livermore. They loved good food and socializing, along with a drink or two. They enjoyed trips to Cabo San Lucas. Nan also enjoyed shopping with her grandkids and had a wonderful smile that

could light up a room.

She is survived by her brother Gene Inslee; son Brian Cook; daughter Sheryl Clarke; grandchildren Wesley, Sarah, Haley and Garren; and great grandson Alex. She was preceded in death by her son Kent and husband Richard.

A Celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 3, at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Valley Vista 4-H, 148 Anna Maria St., Livermore.

Rose June Branchini

Jan. 25, 1926 – Jan. 28, 2020



Rose June (Antone) Branchini passed away Jan. 28, 2020, in Pleasanton, California, at the age of 94.

Rose was born Jan. 25, 1926, in San Francisco to Sebastiano Antongiovanni and Mary Pierucci. She was raised there and attended Balboa High. She and her husband, Gino Branchini, were married 59 years before he died July 12, 2003. They moved to San Leandro, California, in 1949, working together in tax and insurance businesses, and went on to live in Castro Valley, Danville, Pleasanton and Livermore.

Rose was very involved in Soroptimist International, HEART in San Leandro and Avon. She enjoyed playing cribbage and blackjack, and was always game for water-skiing and snow-skiing trips with the family. Rose fought a courageous battle with Alzheimer's in recent years, and

her family thanks the caregivers at Valle Verde Care Home.

Rose is survived by a daughter, Janet (Joe) Cristiano; a son, Rick (Pamela) Branchini; a sister, Jane Bianchetti of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren, Vance (Mary) Branchini, Jennifer Branchini (Cam Inman), Scott (Sophie) Piper, Gina Piper (Shawn Farrell), Lisa (Alan) Coursey, John (Sally) Cristiano, Joe (Debbie) Cristiano, Dawn Cristiano, Denise Cristiano, Chelsea (Marc) Souza and Ashley (Mike) Stevens; and 16 great-grandchildren, Anthony, Krystal, Joseph, Alexis, Jessica, Makena, Samantha, Michael, Kate, Brooke, Grant, Jocelyn, Luca, Paloma, Blake, and Gianna.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Gino Branchini; a sister, Elma Crawford; and her brothers, Carlo and Frank Pierucci.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, March 22, at the home of Joe and Janet Cristiano. A private burial will take place at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Hope Hospice in Dublin or the Alzheimer's Association.

Sandra Frances Alderson

Nov. 19, 1932 – Feb. 21, 2020



Sandra "Sandy" Alderson passed away peacefully in Pleasanton, California, on Feb. 21, 2020. During the last few weeks of her life, family and friends visited her constantly, bringing her great joy. Her children were with her during her final hours and she died surrounded by love.

She was born in Los Angeles on Nov. 19, 1932, to Horace "Hal" and Catherine Fair Singleton. She spent her childhood in San Gabriel and Monterey Park, California. From an early age, Sandy demonstrated three qualities that would define her throughout her life: great intelligence, an eagerness to embrace people from all walks of life, and a tremendous capacity to love.

She excelled academically,

eventually skipping two years of school. In an era when society often viewed people with disabilities and ethnic minorities with disdain, Sandy treated all her classmates with compassion and respect. She also developed a great love of nature and animals and spent much of her formative years outdoors.

Sandy enrolled at the University of California, Davis, at 16. At a dance during her first semester, she met Thomas Edward Alderson, a senior, who hailed from a farming family in Artesia, California. They fell in love and married on Aug. 6, 1950. Their marriage lasted almost 65 years until his death in 2015.

Sandy chose not to finish college in favor of joining Tom on his family farm, first in Anaheim, California, and then in Vernalis, California, where they spent the next 50 years and raised their children. She shared in managing the farm, performing tasks ranging from sorting onions to cooking meals to feed all of the workers who tended to the land. She also became a leader and cherished member of the community.

Over the years, she volunteered at the Federated Church of Patterson, in Patterson, California, and California Women for Agriculture, tutoring in the organization's "Each One Teach One" literacy program. She was led a women's group at the Presbyterian Church in Tracy, and was in three book clubs at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. She was also active in 4H as a cooking teacher and a parent. Her children fondly remember her loving guidance as they cared for a horse and a sheep, assembled an entomology collection, and trained a guide dog for the blind.

Religion was a topic that fascinated Sandy. She became well versed in the teachings of numerous faiths and sought opportunities to engage in discourse with the people who practiced them. She also championed the inclusion of LGBT ministers and constituents in the Methodist church, giving talks in support of the reconciliation process. She maintained close friendships, and many individuals considered her an honorary sister, mother, and grandmother. Sandy considered her fam-

ily her treasure and greatest legacy. She is survived by her daughters Susan (Jim) Alderson of Livermore and Jeanne Alderson (Barbara Cooke) of Santa Rosa, California; son Bill (Toni) Alderson of Aptos, California; grandsons Tom Alderson of Pleasant Hill, California, James (Tatiana) Alderson of Lviv, Ukraine, Christopher Alderson of Sunnyvale, California, and Danny Robinson (Amber) of Patterson; great-grandchildren Alan Robinson, Elizabeth "Elle" Alderson, Hannah Alderson, and Rachel Sandra Alderson; and a nephew, Michael Singleton. She was predeceased by her husband Tom Alderson, brother Bill Singleton, and daughter Cathy Alderson.

The family would like to thank Phyllis Mesquita, Hope Hospice, and Creekview for their loving care. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Hope Hospice in Dublin or Fertile Groundworks in Livermore.

Karen Lynn Kelly Adams

Oct. 27, 1942 – March 3, 2020



Karen Lynn Kelly Adams went to Heaven the morning of Tuesday March 3, 2020, 21 years to the day after her husband, Len Adams, also entered Heaven. Now they are together again with their son, Billy Adams, who passed away six months ago, and so many other

loved ones, including her best friend of over 50 years, Anita "Ellie" March.

Karen was born in Oakland, California, on Oct. 27, 1942, to William and Ruth Kelly. She grew up in Alameda, California, with her beloved sister Patti. She graduated from Alameda High School in 1960. She attended the Samuel Merritt School of Nursing (now Samuel Merritt University), where she was president of her class, and became a registered nurse.

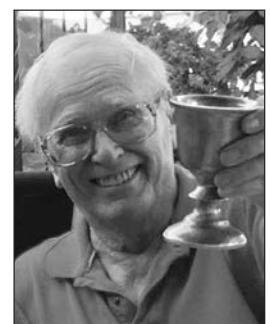
Karen met the love of her life, Len Adams, in 1963, and they were married in 1964. Karen and Len raised three children – Tina, Kim and Billy – in

Livermore. Karen worked as a nurse for over forty years, retiring from Valley Care Hospital in Pleasanton. After a short illness, Karen died in the loving care of fellow nurses and medical professionals at Valley Care.

Karen enjoyed gardening, day trips, Bible study, volunteering at church, and most recently, feeding the hungry in the community. She loved connecting with people and formed many strong friendships with her neighbors who became like family. She cared deeply for her family, her friends, her patients, her sweet cat Rosie, and dozens of people who called her "grandma."

George C. Mayo

Oct. 23, 1931 – Feb. 20, 2020



George C. Mayo, known as a kind and devoted Christian, went home to his savior on Feb. 20, 2020. He was 88.

George and his wife of 64 years, Dorothy, moved to Pleasanton, California, in 1969, and lived in the same Pleasanton Valley home the rest of his life. They raised their family of five children

there, while George ran Mayo Radiator in Oakland, a business he purchased from his father. At its height, he was distributing radiators and accessories to more than 2,700 customers, prompting him to purchase the first computer installed at an automotive business in Oakland in 1983, according to a trade magazine.

He enjoyed more than 30 years of retirement, traveling the country with his wife. The family also enjoyed outings to their second home in Arnold, California, where George could pursue his passion for fishing and spending time with the family. He also enjoyed fishing in Alaska.

He and Dorothy sang in the choir at GraceWay Church in Pleasanton for many years. He

also marched in the church's Balloon Platoon and participated in weekly Bible studies. In retirement, he spent nine years as a volunteer at Stanford ValleyCare Hospital in Pleasanton. He also enjoyed golf and scored two holes-in-one. He was known for his sense of humor, often expressed in puns.

He was born in Oakland, California, the only child of Clyde and Helen Mayo. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers, and later attended the University of California, Berkeley, before venturing into business.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and three children, Lou Ann Perry of Redlands, California, Edward Mayo (Tina) of Tracy, California, and Christina Anderson of Red-

ding, California.

He also is survived by 12 grandchildren, Benjamin Wigley (Maricris), Sadie Conoty Vargas (Christie), Kevin Mayo, Hallie Mayo, Kayla Ferreira (John), Hannah Mayo, Elizabeth Perry, Emily Perry, and Emma, Jacob, Sarah and Daniel Anderson; and five great-grandchildren, Mark Gulfan, Kaitlynn Wigley, Annalise Jordan, Everly Jordan and newborn Johnny Fowler. He was predeceased by two children, James and Laura Mayo.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at GraceWay Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in his honor to the Salvation Army or a favorite charity.

Crisanta Oro Gallardo

July 26, 1921 – March 7, 2020



Crisanta Oro Gallardo passed away peacefully in her home in Livermore, California, on March 7, 2020, surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was 98.

Crisanta was born at Fort Mills, on the island of Corregidor, the Philippines, on July 26, 1921, to Amando Oro, then a first sergeant with the U.S. Army's 92nd Coast Artillery Regiment, and Leonora Tante.

She leaves behind six children, Eva (Mark) Kraft, Anastacio (Brenda) Gallardo Jr., Jeannette Gallardo, Eleanor Lani (Tom) Meyer, Tina (Sam) Webster, and Tony (Melody Dijos) Gallardo. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly, and numerous nieces and nephews.

With six children, Crisanta was a busy homemaker, but also stayed active in her community, volunteering at her children's schools, in the

classroom, library, nurse's office, or wherever she was needed. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Corregidorians USA, and the Guadalupe Club. She was a founding member of the Livermore Fil-Am Organization in 1967, and became the group's first woman president in 1977. She was also active in the Legion of Mary and one of the original organizers of the Filipino Block Rosary Crusade in 1978, a ministry that continues today.

She loved to reading, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, traveling, singing, dancing and playing the piano and guitar.

She was pre-deceased by her loving husband, Anastacio Edralin Gallardo, in June 2013.

Eternal rest granted unto her o' Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in Peace, Amen.

There will be a visitation 5-6 p.m., Thursday, March 12, followed by a Rosary, at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore. A mass will be said at 10 a.m., Friday, March 13, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livermore, with burial to follow at 1 p.m. at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Leslie (Les) Mahler

Leslie (Les) Mahler passed away on Feb. 27, 2020, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 69.

Les leaves behind his partner of over 25 years, a daughter, four sons, three grandchildren, his sister, and five brothers. He will be missed by all.

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OBITUARIES

Jo Ann Compton

Sept. 3, 1935 – Feb. 28, 2020



Jo Ann Compton passed away the morning of Feb. 28, 2020, surrounded by care givers from Quail Gardens, Hope Hospice, and her family. She was 84.

Jo Ann was born Sept. 3, 1935, in Springfield, Missouri. Her father was a carpenter and they moved frequently during World War II, ending up in San Leandro, California, in the early 1940s. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Lorenzo High School, Lorenzo, California, in 1953, part of the first senior class to graduate from the school.

Soon after graduating high school, she met her future husband, Robert, who was in the Navy and returning from Korea. They were married at her parents' house in San Leandro in July 1954. They moved to Pleasanton, California, in

1965, where she raised two children, Michael and Steven. She belonged to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Dublin, California, where she played the organ and taught Sunday school for 30 years. In 1978, after her children were grown, she went to work for Bradshaw Inc. as an administrative assistant. She was a long-time member of the Oakland Motorcycle Club's women's auxiliary.

Jo Ann is survived by her son Steve (Nanci), and two grandchildren, Sophia and Ethan. She was preceded in death by her son Michael in 1975 and her husband Robert in February 2019.

A visitation will be held at 10 a.m., followed by services at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 20, at Callaghan's Mortuary in Livermore. Graveside services will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Shepard's Gate Women's shelter in Livermore, Resurrection Lutheran Church in Dublin, or a local church. Callaghan Mortuary is handling the arrangements, and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.



Laura Jean Thournir passed away suddenly and peacefully the evening of Sunday, March 1, 2020. She had spent a sunny afternoon at Lake Del Valle with her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Emily Thournir, and her two grand-daughters, Emma and Mia, four of her favorite people in the world.

Laura was born on Jan. 28,

Laura Jean Thournir

Jan. 8, 1953 – March 1, 2020

1953, in Virginia, Minnesota, to Hartley and Lois Halunen, before the family headed west to California, ultimately in Livermore. She graduated from Livermore High School in 1971, going on to earn a Bachelor's degree in fine arts at California State University, Hayward (now California State University, East Bay).

She had a passion for art, teaching, travel, preparing and enjoying food, dancing, yoga, and goats. Laura had careers in interior design and speech and reading therapy. She also taught art at Granada High School in Livermore for 23 years, retiring in 2019.

She loved encouraging young artists, and often said

that she had the job of her dreams. She guided her Advanced Placement art class in painting the murals that can be seen on Livermore bus shelters. It pleased her greatly when former students would give a shout out to "Ms. T." She also painted the signal box at the corner of Railroad and Livermore avenues that features her favorite teaching prompt, a pair of red, white and blue cowgirl boots.

She is survived by her partner, Jeff Jewett; her mother, Lois Halunen; her brother, Roger Halunen; her former husband, Jim Thournir; her sons, Tyler and Thomas (Emily) Thournir; and her granddaughters, Mia Wilson and Emma Thournir.

Janet Kerr Bishop

Jan. 26, 1952 – Feb. 28, 2020



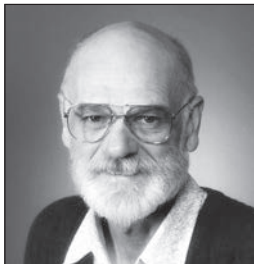
Janet Kerr Bishop, a mother, grandmother, sister and friend with a heart of gold, passed away on Feb. 28, 2020. She was 68.

She loved spending time with her family, cats and watching the San Francisco 49ers.

We love you Mom, and know you will be watching over us.

Gene Angvick

Longtime Livermore Resident



Gene Angvick passed away suddenly on March 8, 2020, in Valley Care Hospital, with his wife Joanne and daughter Ellen at his side. He will be forever in their hearts.

Gene was born in Montana, and his farm-boy roots remained with him throughout his life. He spent three years in the Navy as an electronics technician, serving on a destroyer off the coast of the Korean Peninsula. After leaving the service, he became an electrical engineer, ultimately earning a Master's degree at the University of California, Berkeley.

It was while attending community college in Visalia, California, that he met and married his wife of more than 61 years,

Joanne. They had one daughter, Ellen.

Gene spent almost 30 years at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore in work areas ranging from data reduction and flight dynamics to nuclear safety. After retirement, he volunteered in disaster relief work for the Red Cross from Maine to San Francisco. Gene was also a First Aid/CPR instructor for the Red Cross in the Bay Area.

Gene was president of his tennis and square dance clubs, and was a Ham radio examiner. He bicycled his way to

work and around Livermore and Pleasanton, until a bad hip interfered with his riding and he turned his bikes over to his daughter Ellen. In his final days, he enjoyed reading, offering friendly greetings to neighbors and passersby and dozing on his front-porch swing.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 16, at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Livermore. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

REAL ESTATE

NEWS & NOTICES

Tips to Make Your Offer Stand Out

By Cher Wollard

At the beginning of the week, there were 65 Livermore homes on the Multiple Listing Service. That includes detached homes, condos, townhouses, mobile homes, and homes with lots of land. In addition, there is one duplex for sale. It does not include most newly constructed homes.

For perspective, that's about half the number of properties available this time last year, and about a quarter the number considered necessary for a "balanced" market in a community this size.

If you are trying to purchase a home in this market, how can you position yourself to make the best possible offer?

Get your finances in order.

If you can purchase a home outright, make sure your agent has documentation showing that you have the funds readily available so that you can close quickly.

If you are not an all-cash buyer, talk to a mortgage specialist before you start your home search. Financed offers that are not accompanied by a strong pre-approval letter from a bank, credit union or reputable mortgage broker likely will not even be considered.

If you don't know a good mortgage specialist, ask your Realtor to refer you.

Understand how multiple offers work.

A multiple-offer scenario means the seller has received two or more offers to buy. The seller can accept one of those offers, reject all of them, or respond with counter offers to one or more buyers.

While the seller is awaiting responses to counter-offers,

other bids may be presented and the seller could choose to accept one of those.

Successful offers are complete and professionally presented. They are strong in terms of the price and terms offered, and do not ask for a lot of extras.

They include a pre-approval letter from a reputable bank or mortgage brokerage as well as evidence that you have enough funds to cover the downpayment and closing costs.

Often they include a cover letter providing a synopsis of price and terms, and perhaps a little information about you as a buyer. They do not include personal information or photographs that could be used in an illegal or discriminatory way.

Move fast.

That home you toured at an open house on Sunday will likely be gone by Thursday. Many listing agents set deadlines for offers. Make sure you and your agent know when that is and meet it.

A Realtor who is a strong networker – perhaps he or she is active in the local board or real estate marketing group – may hear about properties that are being prepared to go on the market. In some cases, sellers may be persuaded to forego the hassles of listing their home if your offer is strong enough.

Open strong.

You may not get a second chance.

If the property is listed for \$950,000, don't offer \$920,000. You'll lose.

As for really low offers, forget it. Even in sluggish markets, lowball offers are rarely accepted. In a competi-

tive market like this one, they have no chance.

We are not seeing the crazy \$100,000-over-list bidding of a few years ago. That's mostly because buyers, sellers and their agents are clear about where the market is, so most homes are priced appropriately.

Since the beginning of the year, homes in Livermore have sold for an average of 102% of the list price. Hot properties are selling for more like 105% or 110% of the list price. One particularly attractive Livermore property went for 107% of the price asked.

Is your dream house listed at \$850,000? If it gets more than one offer – and with inventory so low, chances are good that it will – it could easily sell for \$865,000 or more. When it does, \$865,000 will be the new fair-market value for similar properties.

If you are involved in a multiple counter-offer situation, consider sweetening the pot even more.

Let's say the counter offer raises the price by \$10,000. Merely accepting the counter keeps you in the game. But if you were to increase the price by an extra \$1,000, you could win the day.

If you have enough cash, but the appraisal is a concern, consider adding value for the seller in other ways.

You might agree to pay for items the seller usually covers, such as HOA documents and the county transfer fee.

Some buyers go so far as to pay part or all of the broker commissions. This increases the bottom line for sellers without raising the price.

Price is not the only consideration.

Shorten the time you take for inspections and other contingencies. This is almost expected these days.

Sellers also look at how strong the financing is. An offer in which the buyer has a down payment of 20% or more is far more attractive

than an offer with the buyer financing 95% of the cost.

If you only have enough funds for a minimum down payment, look for other ways to strengthen your offer.

Consider accepting the property in "as is" condition. This does not mean you forego inspections. It just means you will not ask the seller to make or pay for repairs.

Sometimes sellers have other specific concerns. Perhaps they want more time to move. You could offer to let them remain in the home at

low or no rent for a certain amount of time after the sale is finalized.

Be patient and don't fall in love.

With so little inventory, it's possible you will not get the first home you make an offer on. Or the second, or the third. Keep at it. Refine your position. Maybe you need to broaden the types of properties you consider or the neighborhoods in which you look.

Ask to be put in a backup position. Then, if the first

buyer does not complete the sale, you can step in to purchase the property.

Meanwhile, keep looking. Another wonderful property could be right around the corner.

Contact your trusted Realtor today. He or she can help you find – and win – a great home, even in a seller's market.

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

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The following person(s) doing business as: Sunshine Family Dental, 173 Spring St #110, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shrutee Dogra DDS Inc., 2135 Arlington Way, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: RShrutee Dogra, Presidents. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 3, 2020. Expires February 3, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4711. Published February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: PNA, 1448 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul W. Niemuth, 1448 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Paul W. Niemuth, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2020. Expires February 18, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4712. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Dave Busky Training, 2153 Vintage Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Burscovich, 1295 Dorothy Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 1, 2017. Signature of Registrant/s: David Burscovich, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 14, 2020. Expires February 14, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4713. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 568363
The following person(s) doing business as: The Crafty Owl Studio Co., 4407 Carol Ave, Fremont, CA 94538, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Angeleigh Brieno, 4407 Carol Ave, Fremont, CA 94538. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Angeleigh Brieno, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 6, 2020. Expires February 6, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4714. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 1. EZ 4 U Computers, 2. EZ 4 U Technology, 4706 Bel Roma Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Teresa Donat, 4706 Bel Roma Rd. Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: September 1, 1983. Signature of Registrant/s: Teresa Donat, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 20, 2020. Expires February 20, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4715. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Rapid Output, 1220 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Donald Ball, III, 1220 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 1990. Signature of Registrant/s: John Donald Ball, III, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2020. Expires February 25, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4719. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Landscape Service, 5781 Preston Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Plants Direct, Inc., 2174 Lawson Circle, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: August 9, 1996. Signature of Registrant/s: Darrell Lae Amaral, President/Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 11, 2020. Expires February 11, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4720. Published March 5, 12, 19, 26 2020.

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FILE NO. 568413
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The following person(s) doing business as: Salazar Trucking LLC, 9782 South Flynn Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): alazar Trucking LLC, 9782 South Flynn Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Victor Salazar Pena, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2020. Expires February 19, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4722. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: TK Solution, 5020 Haven Pl., # 114, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ted Kim, 5020 Haven Pl., # 114, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 3, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Ted Kim, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 3, 2020. Expires March 3, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4723. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Perfecting Papers, 5567 Susan Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Celeste Brennecke, 5567 Susan Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: February 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Celeste Brennecke, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2020. Expires February 26, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4724. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 569446
The following person(s) doing business as: Royal Construction, 874 Caliente Ave, Livermore,

CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sam Daniel Ymasaki, 874 Caliente Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: March 9, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Sam Daniel Ymasaki, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2020. Expires March 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4725. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020.

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Last week, Foothill High School hosted the Every 15 Minutes anti-DUI program, which derives its name from the frequency at which a person is killed in an alcohol or drug related collision in the United States. Every 15 Minutes consists of student participants re-enacting the catastrophic consequences that can arise when making the choice to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This year's program, which was presented by the Pleasanton Police Department and the PUSD for the seventh year, featured junior and senior students from both Foothill and Village High schools acting out a mock traffic accident, which simulated a fatal DUI collision. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

POLICE CHIEF

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opment as key factors in the decision to hire Swing, adding that he has been a pioneer in deploying new law enforcement technology to meet the challenges of a progressive community like Pleasanton.

"Chief Swing's public administration background and his experience in implementing innovative technology solutions, continued with his strong aptitude in building lasting relationships, will advance our police department and position our community well into the future," Fialho said. "I'm confident that he will assimilate well into our community and the police department organization."

While serving as police chief in Morgan Hill, Swing also served as president of the California Police Chiefs Association, where he worked with state legislators to influence legislation impacting law enforcement.

He began his career in law enforcement as a reserve police officer with the Morgan Hill in 1995, rising through the ranks to be named chief in 2011.

Swing received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's Degree in public administration from San Jose State University, and is a graduate of the California POST Command College. He is an instructor at the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, teaching a management course focusing on budget, strategic planning, and succession planning.

"I am honored and thrilled to be entrusted with this amazing opportunity," Swing said. "I look forward to getting to know the community and the dedicated women and men of the Pleasanton Police Department, working together to continue and enhance the culture of proactive com-

munity policing and exceptional service provided to our residents and guests."

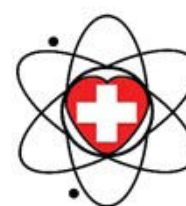
Nuclear Care Partners to Explain Federal Benefits for Former Atomic Workers

Former atomic workers with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Lab, and Sandia National Laboratories will have three opportunities this month to learn about possible financial compensation medical benefits through the federal Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program Act.

Workers who developed cancer or other illnesses potentially because of workplace exposure to radiation or certain toxic chemicals may qualify for up to \$400,000 in financial compensation and no-cost medical benefits, through the EEOICPA. Medical benefits can cover a variety of services such as doctor's visits, copays, prescriptions and medical treatment, and in-home care.

Nuclear Care Partners will hold two breakfasts and a pizza social this month for former employees to learn about those benefits from an EEOICPA expert.

The first breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March



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24, at FatApple's Restaurant and Bakery, 7525 Fairmount Ave., in El Cerrito. The second breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, at Buttercup Grill & Bar, 660 Ygnacio Valley Rd, in Walnut Creek. The pizza social will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, at Melo's Pizza, 6580 Lone Tree Way, in Brentwood.

All events are free and open to all former atomic workers at one of the national laboratories. To RSVP, call (925) 344-6467.

"Many former workers have moved to the suburbs since retiring, so we feel it's important to reach out to those communities," said Laura Welsh, benefits specialist with Nuclear Care Partners. "I hope people will come to learn about their potential eligibility for the

EEOICPA and enjoy the free breakfast!"

Founded in 2011, Nuclear Care Partners provides EEOICPA benefits guidance, advocacy, and no-cost in-home care to former atomic workers who have developed serious illnesses due to their workplace exposure to radiation and toxic chemicals.

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Livermore Valley Opera Offers Two One-Act Presentations in One Ticket



Livermore Valley Opera is offering two one-hour operas in back-to-back presentations at the Bankhead Theater,

... beginning with the West Coast stage premiere of Zemlinsky's psychological thriller "A Florentine Tragedy," followed by Puccini's comedy Gianni Schicchi. The two one-act operas – one a tragedy, one a comedy – are both set in Florence, Italy. (See more on page 7)

Alameda County Fair Announces Lineup For 2020 Concert Series

The Big O Tires Concert Series returns to the Alameda County Fair, June 19 – July 12, with a little bit of country, some rock ‘n’ roll, alternative music, and more knock-out

performances.

New this year will be The Commodores, Puddle of Mudd, Randy Houser, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, RATT, Fat Joe, Ken-

ny Neal, and Neon Trees. The legendary Charlie Daniels Band returns for the first time since 2009. Tribute bands celebrating legendary artists will include Stealin’ Chica-

(Chicago), Bonfire (AC/DC), and L.A.vation (U2).

Reserved-seat concert tickets go on sale online on March 16, and include fair admission. Free general ad-

mission seating for the amphitheater will be available beginning at 7 p.m. for each concert. Free seating will also be available on the Michelob Ultra Concert Lawn, with

concerts streaming live on the jumbotron.

For the concert schedules or more information about the Alameda County Fair, go to www.alamedacountyfair.com.



Artists to play at the Alameda County Fair this year include (from left to right) Fat Joe, Neon Trees, and Randy Houser.

Tutors Sought for Adult Literacy Program

The Pleasanton Library is seeking volunteer tutors for its adult literacy program, Pleasanton Reads.

Tutors will help those learning English gain fundamental reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers lead a variety of activities, including one-on-one lessons with students, small group conversation practice, citizenship test preparation, and book clubs.

The library will conduct training and orientation for new English tutors from 1-4 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Volunteers must be at least 18, attend a training session, and be able to devote 1-2 hours a week for at least six months.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to register with the Pleasanton Reads Team at literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call (925) 931-3405. No advance preparation is needed, and no prior teaching experience is required. Pleasanton Reads provides all books and materials, as well as training and ongoing support.

Pleasanton Reads volunteers provide English as a Second Language and literacy services to more than 200 adult students throughout the Tri-Valley communities. However, there is still a waiting list of more than 100 students who would like to work with a tutor.

Amador Valley, Foothill Spring Musical to Feature Elvis Classics

Students at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will present “All Shook Up,” a musical inspired by the music of Elvis Presley, March 13-22, at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton.

Loosely based on Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night,” the musical tells the story of Chad, a motorcycle-riding, guitar-playing young man in 1955 who turns a small, conservative town upside down. The hip-swiveling, lip-curling fantasy will include such Elvis classics as “Heartbreak Hotel,” “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” and “Don’t Be Cruel.”

“This musical is a blast of energy from the first note of ‘Jailhouse Rock’ to the final bows,” said Mark

Aubel, the show’s producer. “The cast is having so much fun, and it is going to come out in their performance.”

This is the 26th year the two Pleasanton United School District high schools have joined to produce a spring musical. “Bringing these two rival schools together to work on this project every spring is always the highlight of our year,” Aubel said. “When everything comes together, the singing, acting, dancing, sets, props, lighting ... it is magic.”

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, and are available at firehousearts.org. Showtime for March 13-14 and 20-21 is 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances on March 15 and 22 begin at 2 p.m.



Abby Unpingco (Natalie) and Michael Lampson (Chad)
(Photo - Mark Aubel)

Firehouse Arts to Offer Improv for Grownups

Based on the premise that adults should play too, Pleasanton recreation coordinator Mark Duncanson will teach an improvisation class at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Improv for Grownups sessions will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, and Thursday, April 23. Cost is \$18 for residents of Pleasanton; \$20 for nonresidents. For more information, go to www.firehousearts.org/programs/adult-programs/.



Donations Sought for Military Care Packages

Pleasanton Military Families will be filling care packages for deployed troops at its Spring Pack Out, beginning at 8:45 a.m., on Saturday March 14, at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street in Pleasanton.

Donations may be dropped

off at 3111 Half Dome Dr., in Pleasanton, before March 12, or they may be dropped off at the Veterans Memorial Building from 3:30-6 p.m., on Friday, March 13. For a list of needed items, go to www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.



Heyday for Cabernet at Concannon

By Laura Ness

Many may associate Concannon with petite sirah, and well they should since third-generation vintner Jim Concannon was the first to varietally bottle one in 1961. However, the more enduring claim to fame for the brand comes from its role in helping propagate the next generation of cabernet sauvignon in the New World.

When Napa Valley needed a disease-free source of cabernet vines back in 1965, Concannon just happened to have the answer. The Mother Vine, descended from the original plantings imported to Livermore from Chateau Margaux in 1893, became the source for the bud wood that would go on to create three clones of cabernet that are now the most widely planted in the U.S. It's estimated that four out of every five bottles of California cabernet sauvignon come from the so-called Concannon Cabernet Clones 7, 8 and 11.

When it came time to replant what is known as Block 7 of the Concannon estate vineyard, John Concannon tells us that the vines were given a head start at the nursery (Duarte), gaining strength for an entire year, while the land was cleared and laid fallow.

It was an exciting time in the spring of 2016, when those 18,500 Concannon Cabernet Clone 7 vines were planted in the 15-acre Block 7 vineyard, just to the north of the beloved Mother Vine. As it happens, this is where the original cabernet sauvignon vineyard was planted by Jim Concannon back in 1970, when Clone 7 was released by the Uni-

versity of California, Davis. It was a natural to replace the old Clone 7 vines with new ones, explains another fourth-generation vintner, John Concannon.

Because the vines had a head start, they were able to produce a crop the second year, and the 2017 cabernet sauvignon from Block 7 will be released in May to the vineyard's new Cabernet Club.

This new wine club is dedicated to an Estate Collection of cabernet and cabernet-based blends from the Block 7 Vineyard. Membership in the 1883 Club is not required to join the Cabernet Club.

The new Cabernet Club wines were all made by Concannon winemaker Alyssa Barber, and are meant to express the flavors of various estate vineyards in Livermore, with the core coming from the cabernet sauvignon in the Block 7 vineyard. The 2017 cabernet sauvignon is 100% cabernet, and made with 100% new oak, both French and American, the first time the company has used 100% new oak on a bottling.

The other three blends will be released in the Fall, including a 2017 cabernet blend that includes merlot, malbec and petit verdot, a 2017 cabernet, and a 2017 cabernet-petite sirah blend, which just feels right coming from this petite powerhouse producer. Each of the bottles will sell for \$65.

There's more exciting news from Concannon as well. They've reopened the space formerly occupied by the long-shuttered Underdog Wine Bar as a members-only Estate Room.

Decorated with mementos documenting the history of the property, including a photo of a 5-year-old Jim Concannon sitting on a tractor while Captain Joe sits astride his white horse, taken in the heart of the Concannon vineyard. John Concannon calls it "Changing of the

Guard," depicting the shift from farming with horses to farming with tractors. The walls are also covered with murals of the incomparable views from the storied property.

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Artist to Teach Painting from Photographs



San Francisco Bay Area artist Gary Bergren will teach a class in painting landscapes intermediate students from noon to 3 p.m., the first and portraits from photographs for beginners

and three Saturdays of the month, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore.

The classes will focus on composition, color mixing, values, and representation

through demonstrations and individual instruction. The instructor's work can be seen at www.westernpainter.com. For more information, contact Bergren at garybergren@yahoo.com.

Two Pleasanton Public Art Walks Scheduled

Art enthusiasts Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead two Pleasanton Public Art Walks, one in March and one in April. This is the 10th year the Harringtons will be leading the local art walks. These walks feature frequent stops at sculptures and murals around the city, allowing walkers to view the art pieces and hear their stories.

The first art walk will be Saturday, March 14, and will include Peters Avenue, N. Neal Street, Main Street, and the Firehouse Art Center. The second walk will be Saturday, April 11, and will include S. Neal Street, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Main Street, Civic Park, First Street, Centennial Community Park (Senior Center), and the library.

Walkers should meet at the parking lot near the Pleasanton City Offices, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, for both walks. The walks will begin at 9 a.m. For more information, call (925) 846-9757.



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Pacific Chamber Orchestra to Delve into Nuevo Tango



The Pacific Chamber Orchestra will be performing "The Passionate – Piazzolla's Four Seasons" on March 21 and 22.

The Pacific Chamber Orchestra will venture into the tango, as interpreted by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla, with two performances of his "Nuevo tango."

Performances of "The Passionate – Piazzolla's Four Seasons" are scheduled

for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at Campolindo High School's Performance Arts Center in Moraga, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 22, at the Bankhead Theatre in Livermore.

Piazzolla was a composer, bandoneon player, and arranger. His works

revolutionized traditional tango, incorporating elements of jazz and classical music. A virtuoso on the bandoneon, an essential instrument in most tangos, he regularly performed his own compositions with a variety of ensembles.

Inspired by Vivaldi's

"The Four Seasons," Piazzolla wrote his "Four Seasons of Buenos Aires" to honor his beloved city. Although the work took 10 years to complete, "Summer," the first movement he composed, was written in a single night as music for a film.

Conductor Lawrence Kohl said four of the orchestra's virtuoso violinists each takes on a "season" as soloist for the performance. The four then join in Vivaldi's "Concerto for Four Violins" and Shostakovich's "Two pieces for String Octet."

Tickets for "The Passion-

ate – Piazzolla's Four Seasons" are available at www.pacificchamberorchestra.org. Tickets for the Livermore performance are also available at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., or by calling (925) 373-6800.

Pleasanton Library Introduces Online Registration

The Pleasanton Library is now offering online registration to obtain a library card. Known as “eCard,” a new webpage streamlines the registration process for new members and provides immediate access to the library’s digital content providers.

In the past, prospective

library members were required to fill out a paper registration, which was then processed by library staff. With eCard, registrations take place entirely online, and once registered, members receive instant, 30-day access to the all of the library’s eBooks and streaming content.

eCard registrants can then visit the library to pick up their library cards with full borrowing privileges to all the library’s materials.

“eCard is a technology we’ve wanted for a long time,” said Tim Johnston, senior librarian for the Technical Services division. “Our

dream is for every resident of Pleasanton who doesn’t yet have a library card to be able to get one with the help of eCard.”

The online registration form is available at: www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/lib/account/library_card_registration.asp.

Climate Group to Learn About Project Drawdown

Tony Green, a motivational speaker focusing on environmental issues, will discuss Project Drawdown at a meeting of Tri-Valley Citizens’ Climate Education, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.

Project Drawdown is a nonprofit organization formed by California environmentalist Paul Hawken in 2014 to research and promote a path to “drawdown,” the point at which greenhouse gases begin to decline. Hawken’s 2017 book, “Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming,” was based on the project’s work. Copies of “Drawdown” will be available for review at the meeting.

Pleasanton Native Mark Anderson To Perform in Concert

Pianist and Pleasanton native Mark Anderson will perform on the Bankhead Theater’s new Steinway grand piano on Saturday, March 21.

As a youngster, Anderson twice won the Livermore-Amador Symphony Competition for Young Musicians, and performed in solo recitals, piano duos, and chamber ensembles throughout the Tri-Valley. Since then, he has won many top piano competitions and performed worldwide.

Anderson says his musical education began in Pleasanton and Livermore at age four with a recorder class taught by Renee Smith, followed by piano lessons with Eugene Masluk. However, he attributes his most formative training to Aiko Onishi during his undergraduate years at San Jose State University. His musical career began as a graduate student on a Fulbright scholarship at the Royal Northern College of Music in the United King-

dom and while studying privately in London.

Currently, Anderson is assistant professor of piano and chamber music at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He is also the founder and summer instructor at New World Music Academy in Pleasanton.

At the Bankhead, Anderson will play sonatas by Mozart, Schubert, and Brahms, as well as a previously unpublished sonata by the German-Dutch composer Julius Röntgen.

Anderson, who has released four CDs of Röntgen’s work, said he believes the composer has been unfairly neglected. He has researched Röntgen’s scores at the Nederlands Muziek Instituut in The Hague, the Netherlands, where he discovered the unpublished sonata that he will perform at the Bankhead. “It is exciting and gratifying to be a catalyst of unknown but quality music that has fallen into obscurity,” he said.

Regular ticket prices start at \$32. Free youth tickets and reduced college rush tickets are also available. Tickets are available at livermorearts.org or the Bankhead box office, 2400 First St., Livermore, or by calling (925)373-6800.



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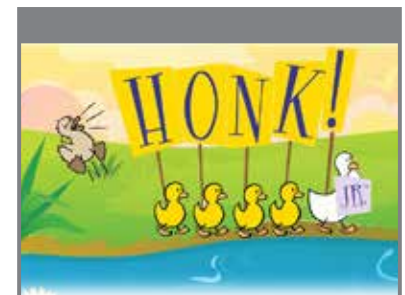


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Community Life On Display at Museum on Main

Pleasanton's Museum on Main will display the work of local street photographer Tao Guan in an exhibit opening Wednesday, March 18. "The Pleasanton Ones," named after Guan's 2018 self-published photography collection, will feature more than 40 images of Pleasanton and its people, as well as other examples of Guan's photographic work.

A self-taught photographer, Guan has been capturing moments in the life of the Pleasanton community since he moved to town in 2014. He shoots with both color and black-and-white film in

35mm and medium formats. Many of the images featured in the exhibit were taken at Pleasanton's weekly farmer's market, where Guan makes the human connections that give his work warmth and intimacy.

Guan said he sees Pleasanton as "a family that keeps on loving and keeps on growing."

The museum will host an opening reception for the public from 5-7 p.m., on March 18. The exhibit will run through Sunday, May 3. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.



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Annual Livermore Valley Barrel Tasting Set for March 21-22



More than 30 Livermore Valley wineries will be participating in the 12th annual Barrel Tasting Weekend, March 21-22. (Photo - Ron Essex Photography)

More than 30 Livermore Valley wineries will be participating in the 12th annual Barrel Tasting Weekend, March 21-22.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet the winemakers, sample wines still in development, right out of the barrel, and purchase future bottles of finished wine. Along the way, they will be able to view wine barrels transformed into works of art at various wineries for the annual Painted Barrel Trail, with an opportunity to purchase

raffle tickets to win a hand-painted barrel and a case of wine.

Garré Café will offer brunch at the Martinelli Center, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$45, and include entrance into participating wineries, breweries, and distilleries; at least two tastings of a barrel wine, spirit, or brew at each winery; a Livermore Valley Wine Country commemorative glass; discounts and a program. Tickets purchased

the day of the event are \$55. Tickets are available at www.lvwine.org, or from a participating Livermore Valley winery.

Participating wineries include 3 Steves Winery, Arroyo Cellars, Bent Creek Winery, Big White House Winery, Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Caddis Winery, Cedar Mountain Winery & Port Works, Charles R Vineyards, Crooked Vine Winery, Cuda Ridge Wine, Dante Robere Vineyards, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Ehrenberg Cellars, el Sol

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Singer-Songwriter Joan Osborne Returns To the Bankhead

Grammy-nominated Joan Osborne returns to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore for one performance on Sunday, March 29. The singer/songwriter will be joined by the American indie band "The Weepies."

Known for her gritty, blues-based sound and evocative songwriting, Osborne first attracted attention in the early 1990s among the vibrant new acts in New York City. Her breakthrough album, "Relish," in 1995 included the chart-topping single, "One of Us."

A sought-after collaborator and versatile performer, she has shared the stage with such legendary artists as Bob Dylan, Stevie

Wonder, Emmylou Harris, Luciano Pavarotti, and The Chieftains. In 2003 she toured with the surviving members of The Grateful Dead.

In 2017, Osborne filled the Bankhead Theater with her take on the songs of Bob Dylan.

Performing along with Osborne will be "The Weepies," whose original songs have been featured in movies, TV shows, commercials, and original education programming for PBS Kids.

Remaining tickets for the 7 p.m. performance start at \$35, \$20 for military and students under 21. For tickets, go to www.lvpac.org, or call (925) 373-6800.



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LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA

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"In approximately two hours you will experience much of what great opera is capable: tragedy and comedy, beautiful music, incredible theater, and a vivid display of human emotions right before your eyes and ears," said LVO artistic director Eric Mills in explaining the pairing. "Both operas are guaranteed to captivate in utterly different ways."

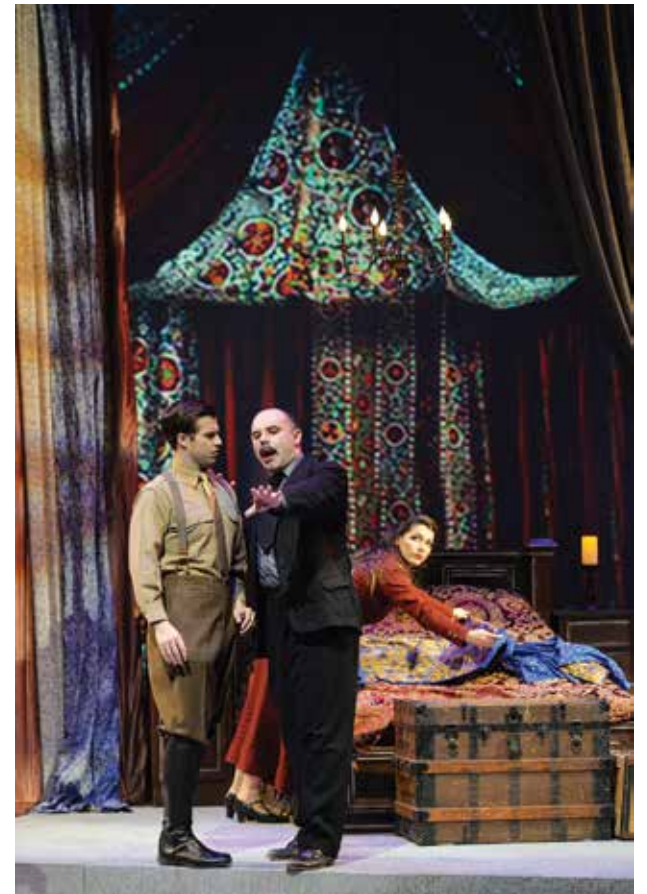
"A Florentine Tragedy" is a story of "the power of marriage and redemption which is, as we take into consideration our modern sensibilities, perhaps, naïve," said stage director Layna Chianakas. "The dark, psychodrama nature of the piece lends itself to an interpretation that leans toward female objectification and the egomaniacal nature of both male leads."

Meanwhile, "Gianni Schicchi," which Chianakas said is arguably

"the greatest comic opera ever written," displays "the inner workings of a Mediterranean family as they fight over a dead relative's will, ultimately bonding over their love of money and hatred of Schicchi, who proves far smarter than all of them."

Evening performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 14. Matinee performances will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15. There will be a pre-opera lecture one hour before each performance.

Regular adult tickets are \$42-\$90; tickets for age 20 and under are \$20; 40 and under \$40. Tickets can be purchased through the Bankhead box office, 2400 First St., Livermore or (925) 373-6800, or through the LVO website at www.LVOpera.com. Opening Night Dinner tickets are \$95 per person.

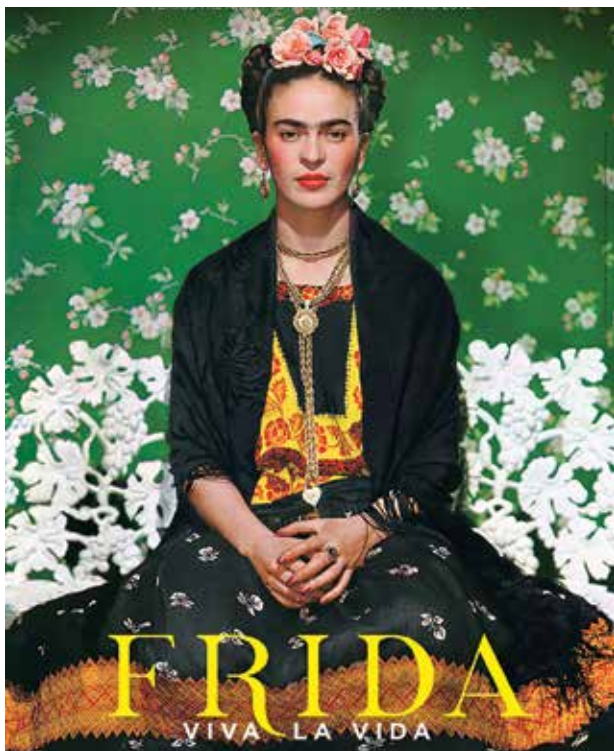


ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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



"Frida: Viva la Vida", March 24 as part of the Great Art on Screen series at the Bankhead Theater

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.

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

Piano and Keyboard

Lessons, for children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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



Jessica Fichot will play at the Bothwell Arts Center on March 27.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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.

"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, 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



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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.



Cinderella – Gone to the Dogs! will play March 22, 29 and April 5. (Photo - EBCT)

“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.,

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://pleasanton-downtownassociation.instagramift.com/pleasanton-downtown-st-patricks-day>. Tickets the day of the event, if available, will be \$50, and must be purchased at

check-in.

Wine Fundraiser for the Seva Foundation, which helps pay for sight-restoring surgery and better eyecare programs in poor countries. Single professionals are invited to the Pat Paulsen Vineyards, 5143 Tesla Rd. in Livermore, from 4-6 p.m., on Sunday, March 15. Cost is \$10 at the door and includes three wine tastings, sponsored by the Society of Single Professionals.

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 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 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 Ameri-

can 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. Leran 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.

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, 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/>.

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, available at www.ebctOnline.org.

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



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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.)

Quilter to Display Artistic Work. Art quilter Fern Royce will be the guest speaker at the Saturday, March 14, meeting of the Amador Valley Quilters. Her lecture and trunk show will feature quilts based on free-form construction with simple shapes that showcase fabric colors. The group will meet at 1:30 p.m., at Phoebe Hearst Elementary School, 5301 Case Ave., Pleasanton.

The Livermore Knights of Columbus will host Fish Taco Fridays in the Parish Hall at St. Michael Catholic Church, from 5-7 p.m., on March 20 and 27. The Knights, a Catholic fraternal organization, kicked off the Lenten season Feb. 26, serving potato soup to more than 150 people who were abstaining from meat. They also collected canned goods for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Two days later, the Knights hosted the first of three Fish Taco Fridays, which also included grilled cheese, side dishes and desserts. Cost for Fish Taco Friday is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Proceeds will go to St. Michael and religious vocations.

Tri-Valley PFLAG. The Tri-Valley Chapter of PFLAG, serving Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, meets from 7-8:30 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month in the Amador Valley High School library. PFLAG provides support for people who identify as LGBTQ and their families. The next meeting will be April 8.

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@LAGS.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.mtdiabolrosesociety.org or email secretary@mtdiabolrosesociety.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, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins. Join us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Multi Service Center, 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Visit www.foodaddicts.org.

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

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

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

Livermore Valley Coin Club. Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy collecting coins or other 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) 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 Janes at jmadar.regent@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday Night Run with Sunrise Mountain Sports, every Wednesday night (rain or shine) at 6:30PM. Start/End Location: Sunrise Mountain Sports 2184 First Street Livermore. The run/walk will start at 6:30PM, but come hang with us around 6PM to socialize/warm-

up/change. There are a variety of distances starting at 2 miles and they go up to 9 miles. The most popular is the 3.5 mile course (that does have two water fountains along its route). Dogs, kids, and people of all paces are welcome. More information located on Sunrises 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 Nor 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 (AI-Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the St. Michael Convent building, first floor (375 Maple Street, Livermore). For further information contact Rachel at 510.501.1411.

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks. 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.

AI-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 miller1435@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

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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.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net.

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

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

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.calvalrylivermore.org or 925.447.4357.

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.livermoersda.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.saintbartsilvermore.com. Sunday service with Rev. Andrew Lobban, pastor and priest, 10:00 am Eucharist with music, childcare and Godly Play children education.

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. 925.667.1610. www.gracembc.com. Sunday 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.

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

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

Garden Club to Hold 34th Annual Plant Sale

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will hold its 34th annual plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 4, in the parking lot at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

The sale includes member-grown plants appropriate

for local soils and climate. Shoppers can expect to find eatables, perennials, annuals, succulents, native and miscellaneous plants.

The annual plant sale supports the club's community service projects, such as the 90-year-old Hansen Park Rose Garden in Livermore,

the organic garden at Camp Arroyo, and Seed Share, one of the club's newest projects, which provides free packets of seeds to patrons of the Livermore and Pleasanton libraries. The plant sale also assures that the club has the resources it needs to host speakers for the group's monthly meetings.



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Stoneridge Shopping Center Offering Prom Dresses for Teens in Need

The Stoneridge Shopping Center and Prom Dress Pop Up, a local nonprofit organization, are offering teens in need an opportunity to choose a dress for an upcoming prom or dance, along with shoes and other accessories, all for free.

"For many teens, shopping for a school dance is a rite of passage. We're excited to help give teens that may not get to go to the mall a real shopping experience," said Michele Osgood, the shopping center's director of marketing.

Stoneridge Shopping Center and Prom Dress Pop Up have collected more than 200 dresses. Dresses, shoes and accessories are still being collected and can be dropped off at Simon Guest Services at the shopping center.

Teens who sign up will be able to try on and choose a dress for free at the shopping center from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on March 14, 15, 21 or 22. Teens interested in scheduling an appointment should send an email to promdresspopup@gmail.com or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4baaab229-prom2.

The local Prom Dress Pop Up nonprofit was started by Carly Glasson, a graduate of San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, California, and the 2019 recipient of the Simon Youth Foundation scholarship, awarded to students within 50 miles of a Simon property. Her commitment to the community inspired the Simon-owned Stoneridge Shopping Center to get involved.

Local Dancers Impress Judges At Regional Competition



Xtreme Force Dance is a Livermore-based dance school.

Dancers from the Xtreme Force Dance Co. competed in the Imagine National Dance Challenge regional competition in San Jose Feb. 28 – March 1, and received the highest cumulative score among all groups for the

weekend.

Xtreme Force Dance is a Livermore-based dance school. The dancers are ages 14-18 and reside in Livermore and Pleasanton.

One Xtreme team – Ally Weisbrod, Capri Carpenter,

Jorden Kruzner, Reese Lundin, Avery Hatfield, Alexa Firestone, Anthea Blais, Sarah Bodan and Ariana McFarlane – was also judged best group dance technique. The dancers train in ballet, contemporary dance, and acrobatics.