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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.

Objections Raised to Narrowing Corridor Trail

The Pleasanton City Council voted to support the staff recommendation for the design of parking within the former railroad corridor between Abbie Street and Bernal Avenue.

The design includes a concrete pedestrian walkway that varies in width, with a minimum width of 8-feet in several locations. The design also includes lighting in both the parking lot and path area, as well as trees and other landscaping. As designed, the parking lot would increase parking by 81 spaces.

The council motion included directions to widen the proposed trail from 8 feet wide wherever possible. To do so, the landscaping could be removed, according to the council. In addition, up to 10% of the 81 parking stalls could be removed if necessary to add width.

The vote was 4 to 1 at the June 18 meeting, with Councilman Jerry Pentin opposed.

He addressed staff during the council discussion, "You should have looked at the area as a transportation corridor first and as a parking lot second. I believe there are other options in the downtown to provide more parking." He mentioned other documents including the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan update just approved by the council as designating up to a 12 foot wide trail in the corridor.

Councilmember Julie Testa voted for the motion. However, she wasn't happy about the potential loss of parking spaces. She said that in a recent survey, residents

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Report Says Valley Link Feasible; Public Comment Ends July 31

Valley Link, the new rail line being planned to run between cities in San Joaquin County and locations in the Valley that will link to the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, is definitely feasible, according to a report posted on the website of the Tri-Valley/ San Joaquin County Regional Rail Authority.

AB 758, a bill co-sponsored by Assemblymembers Susan Egg-

Ordinance Aims to Protect Youth from Nicotine Addiction

By Bruce Gach

At the June 24 Livermore City Council meeting, councilmembers unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance to establish a city-wide ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including electronic devices and any fluids that can be used to deliver nicotine in an aerosolized or vaporized form. Adults as well as youth will be affected.

According to a Flavors Hook Kids in Livermore press release, Livermore will be only one of two cities in the country along with San Francisco to ban electronic delivery devices. Livermore will be the first to enact a ban, since San Francisco's ban will not be fully implemented for seven months.

All new tobacco sales within 1,000 feet of youth populated areas, such as schools, parks, playgrounds and commercial day care facilities, would

be prohibited. In addition, any existing or future businesses in the city that sold tobacco products would require a tobacco retail license, which would need to be renewed annually. Businesses would have to submit to an annual Livermore Police Department inspection. City attorney Jason Alcala explained that there will be a second reading, including information about license fees. If adopted at that point, the ordinance would become active in 30 days.

Susan Frost, Special Projects Coordinator, noted that there are 71 existing tobacco retailers in Livermore. Over half are located within 1,000 feet of youth populated areas. These retailers would be allowed to continue as is, but could not be expanded. All 71 of the tobacco retailers were notified of an informational

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On Saturday, June 22, Dublin commemorated LGBTQ Pride Month with a rainbow flag raising ceremony at its City Hall. Dublin City Council members were joined by Emeryville City Council member John Bauters, who presented the city with a rainbow flag for display. Dublin Mayor David Haubert explained that he decided to fly the flag after talking with Bauters, who is openly gay. On June 4, the council voted 5-0 to fly the pride flag through July 3, raising it immediately following the meeting. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

China's Block of Recycled Materials Will Impact Dublin Garbage Rates

China has changed its rules concerning what kind of recycled materials it will accept. The effect will be felt by Dublin residents.

Dubliners will pay higher garbage collection rates to offset the cost of the collapse of a market taking American plastic waste. The City Council voted unanimously at its June 18 meeting to raise the garbage collection rates by 10%, effective July 1.

Before China started banning 20 different types of material, and reduced the allowable amount of contamination of them from other

sources, the nation was America's biggest customer for disposing of plastics.

Recycling programs in America generated enough revenue in that market to offset the cost of their operations. However, after China raised its standards for plastic reclamation, the picture changed radically. In 2017, Dublin's garbage hauler, Amador Valley Industries (AVI), notified the city that the disposal site it uses no longer would pay for recycling.

Instead, AVI would have to pay a fee of \$150 a ton to dispose of

the materials. By late 2018, AVI invoked the "extraordinary adjustment" clause in its contract with the city, and requested the rate raise. The hauler said that the imposition of the fee met the unforeseen circumstances criteria that the extraordinary adjustment clause was meant to cover.

Single family home dwellers are charged rates on property tax bills twice annually. Non-residential customers are billed separately for the garbage collection service. Non-residential customers include

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Clean Power Non-profit to Use Altamont Wind As Source

By Ron McNicoll

With a few strokes of a pen at a media event, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty signed four contracts that will bring clean wind power from the Altamont and other carbon-free energy from various state locations to supply East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) customers.

Haggerty serves as president of the EBCE board, a non-profit public agency serving 550,000 customers in Alameda County. It was created by the votes of the Board of Supervisors and 11 City Councils, including Livermore and Dublin. Pleasanton decided to stay out of the agency, preferring to wait a year to see how things go.

Power customers are automatically transferred to EBCE from PG&E, which explains the high number of customers in the county.

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Tesla Measure Advances In Assembly

SB 767, a measure that would allow the state to sell the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area for conservation purposes, passed out of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife (WPW) Committee on a 9 - 4 vote.

Nancy Rodrigue of Friends of Tesla Park, commented, "This was a tough committee, but we got them to support 767."

The next hearing is scheduled for July 3 in front of the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee.

State Senator Steve Glazer introduced the measure. It was co-authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Current state plans would add 3,100 acres in the Tesla area to the 1,575-acre Carnegie Off-Road Vehicle Park. Both sites are owned

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Research Provides Ways to Mitigate the Impacts of Livestock on Climate Change

The impact of livestock on climate change is a topic of interest and concern for ranchers. Research over the past several years has developed ways to mitigate the impacts.

According to a paper released this year by UC Davis John Muir Institute of the Environment, there are opportunities for farmers to focus on mitigation of greenhouse gases. In particular, agricultural 'waste' products could be used to increase renewable energy. Specifically, the integration of methane digesters could play a significant role in renewable energy production from carbon-based agricultural 'waste' material.

Among the contributors to the paper is Frank Mitloehner, U.C. Davis Professor of Animal Science and Air Quality Extension Specialist. Livermore rancher Darrel Sweet

said of climate change, "Local cattlemen care about their impact on the environment, and there is reputable, scientific information to share with the public."

Sweet, the former president of the California Cattlemen's Association, stated, "We want our consumers and legislators to have accurate and trustworthy information on which to base their decisions."

Sheila Barry, the U.C. Cooperative Extension Natural Resources Advisor for Alameda County, has co-authored an article using comments by Mitloehner. She and co-author Theresa Becchetti, a Farm Adviser with the U.C. Cooperative Extension from San Joaquin County, wrote "Livestock's Impact on Greenhouse Gasses and California's Rangelands". The article uses data from, "Livestock's Long

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man of San Joaquin County and Catharine Baker, who last year was representing the Valley in the Assembly, set a deadline of July 1 for providing a project feasibility report.

The Regional Rail Authority board and staff beat the deadline

by more than three weeks, posting the report on June 7. It is available at <https://www.valleylinkrail.com/valleylink-project>.

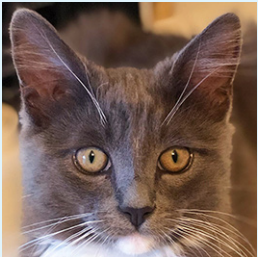
The comment period for the general public and public agencies is open until July 31. Commentary

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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Fly-In at the Livermore airport on June 21-22 included a short takeoff-and-landing challenge featuring Mike Patey's custom hot-rod "Draco." Patey is one of the Flying Cowboys, a group of eight fliers who banded together to promote flying. The AOPA represents pilots and owners of smaller general aviation aircraft. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

PET OF THE WEEK



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Visiting Child Detention Center, Swalwell Calls for Humane Treatment of Immigrants

On Monday, Congress- man Eric Swalwell, a co- sponsor of the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act (H.R. 3239), visited the Home- stead detention center in South Florida, where up to 3,200 children are currently being held in prison-like conditions.

The facility is the only shelter for immigrant chil- dren run by a for-profit corporation, Florida-based Comprehensive Health Ser- vices. The contract for the operation of the Homestead facility, renewed in April on an unusual no-bid basis by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Ser- vices, is worth \$341 million. Comprehensive's parent company, Caliburn Inter- national, stated in its initial public offering last fall that the Trump administration's immigration policy is "driving significant growth" for its business.

The Homestead facility is also the only shelter not to be overseen by state regulators. While it is located on federal property, since it is a tempo- rary overflow facility, it does not need to be licensed by

the State of Florida, and does not need to follow Florida child care standards.

"I cannot convey how horrifying it was to stand outside, after being denied any confirmation on how the children were doing or details of their treatment," said Swalwell.

Recent filings regard- ing the detention camp, called a "temporary influx facility," have documented people hearing children, 13-17 years of age, crying. A young girl said that some are cutting themselves.

A group of attorneys was allowed access to the facility by a federal judge in Febru- ary to assess the welfare of unaccompanied children in federal custody. Leecia Welch, Senior Director of Legal Advocacy and Child Welfare at the National Cen- ter for Youth Law, explained to NPR that children are not allowed to touch one another under any circum- stances. This includes a prohibition on touching their own siblings or hugging a friend goodbye. Welch reported seeing "extremely traumatized children, some of whom sit across from us and can't stop crying over

what they're experiencing."

Concerned with the treatment of the immigrant youth, most of whom are from Central America, Swal- well remarked, "We cannot let this continue. As a parent, as an American, as a human being, I will fight for de- cency and humane policies, not this Trumpian nightmare that ruins the lives of so many children. What I say goes against everything we stand for. It was evil.

"Sadly, this is not the only detention camp. This is not a standalone incident. Trump, the Department of Health and Human Services, and this administration are con- tinuously attacking Latinx communities. They've ripped apart families, caged thousands of children, wea- ponized the census, and dehumanized refugees and Latinx folks."

Organizations such as RAICES (the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Educa- tion and Legal Services) in Texas and Immigrant Fam- ilies Together are accepting donations to assist separated families and unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in the U.S.

Ochoa Leaves PUSD for San Mateo College Position

Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Business Ser- vices Micaela Ochoa has accepted a similar position in the San Mateo Community College District.

Ochoa's last day at PUSD will be June 28. She will be- gin her new duties at College of San Mateo on July 1.

Ochoa told The Inde- pendent that she is excited about the chance to serve San Mateo College, where about 60% of the students are from families who never before had anyone attending college.

"I am thrilled about the opportunity to work with that student demographic," said Ochoa.

Summing up her four years at PUSD, Ochoa said, "It has been my honor to serve the students, staff, families and community partners of the Pleasanton Unified School District. The past four years have been rewarding, as we worked collaboratively to transition about 40 full-time equivalent positions that were formerly funded with one-time dol- lars, and now have been placed into the multi-year budgets."

Another fiscal landmark that Ochoa helped to bring about involved the pas- sage of Measure 11, which

Corrections

In last week's edition, an article on LARPD in- correctly noted a poten- tial budget increase of \$60,000 due to director stipends being raised. The potential budget increase is \$6,000.

In a previous story about the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD), Tom Gray was called a district consultant. He is the district's Execu- tive Director of Fiscal Services.

The district in the past used a consultant to re- port on the state budget. His name is John Gray; he is President and CEO of School Services of California.

Paratransit Ride Fees to Increase

The City of Pleasanton has announced a fee increase for Pleasanton Paratransit Services (PPS) rides effec- tive July 1, 2019.

Seniors in Pleasanton and Sunol who are 70 years and older, or 18 years and older and ADA qualified are eligible to use PPS.

PPS fees will be adjusted to the following rates:

Resident in town \$3.50;

resident out of town \$4; non- resident out of town \$4.50; resident punch card \$35; non-resident punch card \$40.

Current punch cards will be honored through their expiration dates at the new rates.

The City will continue to offer a fee assistance program that provides quali- fying riders with a 75%

discount. Applications for the Fee Assistance program can be found at [www.cityof- pleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov) under Recreation/Seniors, RADD, Paratransit. Applications are also available at the Para- transit Office at the Pleas- anton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

The new rates are effec- tive July 1, 2019.

Primary Treatment Project to Increase Efficiency

Dublin San Ramon Ser- vices District has started a major capital improve- ment project at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facil- ity in Pleasanton that will in- crease efficiency to improve the wastewater treatment process and reduce energy costs.

The \$19 million project is the largest undertaken by the District since a treatment plant expansion in 2000.

Contractors began work in April on the Primary Sedimentation Expansion and Improvements Project, which will increase the pri- mary treatment capacity by 33 percent. Construction is estimated to continue through fall 2021.

Currently there are four primary sedimentation tanks at the facility. The project involves constructing a fifth tank and partially demolish- ing and replacing an existing one. These two new tanks will be 100 feet long, 20.5 feet wide, and 15 feet deep. The project will also replace the internal mechanisms of the three remaining tanks (100 feet long, 20.5 feet wide, and 10.5 feet deep) as well as the motor control center, and an additional grit tank will also be added.

The grit tanks remove small material, such as grav- el and sand, to protect equip- ment and prevent clogged pipes at the plant. Once the wastewater reaches the primary sedimentation step, scum is skimmed from the water's surface and solids

are scraped from the bottom of each tank. From here, the sewage is split into two sepa- rate streams of treatment for liquids and solids.

Currently the primary treatment capacity is un- dersized for the facility's average dry weather flow of more than 10 million gallons a day. Insufficient primary treatment capacity can add stress to the next steps in the wastewater treatment process.

Once the project is com- plete, having two deeper tanks as well as improv- ing the internal mechanism configuration will allow the

wastewater to spend more time in the primary tanks, which will improve separa- tion of solids and liquids. Removing solids earlier in the process will also help reduce energy use in second- ary treatment.

The improvements will also enable the plant to send more solids to digesters that create biogas, a renewable fuel used to generate elec- tricity to heat and power the plant. The expansion and im- provements will provide the needed primary treatment capacity for both current flows as well as anticipated community buildup.

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ORDINANCE

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meeting planned on June 19; only 4 people attended. The attendees stated that they were very diligent in checking identifications and did not sell to minors. They felt the city should focus on the businesses that sold to minors, and increase the penalties in those cases.

Lieutenant Jason Bobert of the Livermore Police Department discussed a decoy operation in April 2019 targeting sales of tobacco products to minors. "In 50% of the cases, tobacco products were sold to the minor decoys".

Christine Martin, Deputy City Manager, described a recommendation from the Intergovernmental Committee members to adopt a resolution "supporting a tobacco free and vaping free community, and ask the city to address tobacco retailing and vaping devices to protect the health of an entire generation from becoming exposed to nicotine".

Approximately 40 cards were submitted by the audience for public discussion. Many of the speakers made similar remarks. The majority supported passage of the ordinance.

Michael Rovebrand agreed that minors should not have the ability to access nicotine and tobacco. However, as an adult, he felt that the option of choosing conventional cigarettes or e-cigarettes should be his.

Cyrus Maliczoda switched to electronic cigarettes from tobacco. "As an adult, I can make these choices. Why are my choices being made for me? I am asking you to keep our freedoms of choice. Don't make me a casualty of the war on smoking."

Owners of businesses that sell tobacco products and their employees stated that they monitor all patrons, no matter what age they may appear. They believed that as owners they are now becoming collateral damage. They felt that the ordinance might cause them to go out of business. Mike Ali suggested getting all the retailers together to discuss solutions, rather than pass the ordinance and shut down businesses. Aseem Ali noted that there was no financial impact study done to assess the effect on businesses. It should be done, Ali stated. "A scalpel is a much better tool to use in this case than a hammer."

Amy Pack, representing the American Heart Association, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. The best way to prevent tobacco illness and death is to keep youths from starting to smoke in the first place

Members of the Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition support the ordinance. Brian Davis noted that Juul is an everyday part of the lives of 16- and 17-year-olds in the schools. Serena Chen related that she stood before the council 24 years ago when Livermore, along with the other Tri-Valley cities, was among the first to ban smoking in restaurants and work places. Smoking rates dropped over the years until 2 years ago, when Juul was introduced. "Tonight, this city has the opportunity to be at the cutting edge and show to the state and the rest of the country that we will take a stand for our children's health and lungs."

Evan Branning, an Alameda County Health Commissioner, stated that the Commission approved of the ordinance for tobacco retail licenses, as well as the ban on flavored products. "This ordinance that the council is considering is of vital importance. It will give other cities a chance to look at the leadership that you have provided, and will allow this to expand. When Livermore acts, other cities will follow. They are watching."

Janel Gladen, co-founder of Flavors Hook Kids in Livermore, submitted 541 cards from Livermore residents expressing concerns

about the vaping youth epidemic in the community. "We need to protect our children."

Kristie Wang showed a huge box of flavored tobacco products recovered from students at one high school in Livermore last year. 74% of these products were purchased at a retail location. "For every one adult who stops smoking regular cigarettes by smoking e-cigarettes, there are 80 additional youth who initiate daily tobacco use through e-cigarettes. These products do not belong in Livermore".

Gen Granahado from the American Cancer Society remarked, "The tobacco industry has the kid's menu. There are over 15,000 flavors, like sour worm and cotton candy, luring kids into this lifelong addiction to nicotine". "Tobacco is the only legally sold product that when used as intended, will kill you."

Roselyn Moya, Co-chair of the Tobacco Control Coalition, noted that one pod of Jule actually equals the nicotine in two packs of cigarettes, since absorption is increased by 50%.

Tracy Andrews reported the fact that nicotine can harm adolescent brain development. In Livermore, 66% of the stores surveyed sell flavored tobacco devices; 98% of the stores sell flavored tobacco and 90% sell flavored cigarettes.

Scott Vernoy, Director of

Services for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, revealed that in the last two years there has been over a 200% increase in the number of offenses at the high schools with tobacco and vaping products. "This is tobacco 2.0. Big tobacco has made smoking socially acceptable. Reverse this trend before it's too late. Vote with urgency tonight."

Councilmember Trish Munro questioned the selling of single use cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars and how that could affect legislation. Alcala replied that those also would fall under the ordinance because of the flavoring.

Vice Mayor Robert Carling asked about transferring a Tobacco Retail License. Alcala noted that the ordinance prohibits transfers.

Councilmember Bob Coomber declared that it is a "necessarily extreme ordinance" that is needed. "I've never been a supporter of tobacco in general."

Munro stated, "Big tobacco is the villain. It doesn't pay for the damage it wreaks; we all pay for that." She continued that she understands and feels for people whose businesses will be impacted. "One of the best ways to change behavior is not having the product present."

Carling estimated the loss of sales tax from the primary tobacco sellers would only be \$43,000, which amounted to less than a 10th of 1 % of the city's budget. City Manager Marc Roberts agreed.

Councilmember Bob Woerner added that this significant problem was getting dramatically worse. "We need to do something about it. We should make the strongest measure possible. I am very concerned about the impact on children. I am in favor of the ordinance as

it is."

Mayor John Marchand commented, "Tobacco kills one-half million people a year. It should not be available to set children on a

lifetime of addiction. We are supposed to be protecting our children."

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EDITORIAL

Worthy Foundation

It is exciting to watch the Livermore Lab Foundation move ahead as it fulfills its promise to provide opportunities to support research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Created nearly two years ago, the Foundation has supported a wide range of educational programs at the Laboratory, from coding training for local high school girls to work experience for students at Las Positas College and Cal State East Bay. It has joined with several other organizations in supporting veterans.

Earlier this month, the Foundation announced its first major project aimed at research, a \$100,000 grant to help LLNL advance progress against the devastating neurological

disease ALS — amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig’s disease. It is also working on a climate project, an initiative to support research on negative emissions technologies for the State of California.

We editorialized a year ago in praise of the early efforts of the Foundation and its leaders and staff, and the intervening months have only served to strengthen our highly favorable opinion. The Foundation is investing in the future of our community, state and nation, in fields ranging from medicine to climate to science education. It deserves our gratitude and our support. To learn more, look online at <https://livermorelabfoundation.org>.

DUSD Interim Superintendent Offers to Remain for Two Years

Dave Marken, Interim Superintendent of the Dublin Unified School District (DUSD), has offered to come out of retirement and remain in the post for the next two years.

This will give the school board the opportunity to conduct a thorough search for a permanent superintendent.

The previous superintendent, Leslie Boozer, left the district after submitting her resignation to the board March 26. She did not attend the board meeting that evening.

Boozer came to Dublin in 2016, after a high level position with the Chicago public schools. She worked as superintendent in Fontana, starting in 2013. She earned a law degree and a doctorate in education. Her starting salary in Dublin was

\$285,000 plus benefits.

The district’s announcement to the public and news media about Boozer’s resignation said, “We know that Dr. Boozer will continue to serve public education and student needs, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors.”

Marken made his offer of two years’ service to give trustees plenty of time to undertake the replacement search. The board consists of only three members now, but will add a fourth, Gabrielle Blackman, after the Alameda County Registrar of Voters certifies her election victory.

The board will still be short one trustee, because trustee Dan Cunningham resigned effective March 1. An election to fill that seat will be held in November. The district would like to have

full board membership when hiring the superintendent.

The board announced Marken’s willingness to come out of retirement at a meeting on June 20, and approved his offer, subject to settling contract details. The language was left to be worked out and announced at the board’s June 25 meeting, after The Independent’s deadline.

Marken worked for DUSD for 13 years, serving as an Assistant Principal and Principal at Dublin High School, as Senior Director of Secondary Education and Student Services, and then as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and Human Resources. Marken then became Superintendent at the Newark Unified School District, where he retired after five years.

MAILBOX

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Mayors' Conference

Ann Brown, Livermore

I am always pleased to read that the mayors of the Tri-Valley represent our interests at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors. This year, Mayors John Marchand (Livermore), Jerry Thorne (Pleasanton), and David Haubert (Dublin), will be attending the Conference in Salt Lake City, June

28 - July 1.

I urge all citizens who are concerned about the future of our region (and the planet) to contact their mayor and urge him to vote in favor of the resolution "In Support of a National Price on Carbon Emissions," sponsored by Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski.

This resolution will send a strong message to our members of Congress that we demand effective solutions to slow and stop Climate Disruption. Why should we care about this on the local level? If we do not take action, our region is predicted to endure worse air quality, especially affecting the health of the young and elderly. We will experience more frequent "high temperature days" (over 95°F), and increased risk of wildfires (remember all that smoke?). Our water supply, primarily dependent on the Sierra snowpack, will suffer from warmer winters.

Our communities are particularly well positioned to benefit from a transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. Our innovators and entrepreneurs are rising to the challenge. We have robust electric vehicle, solar, and wind-powered businesses here.

The mayors have a chance to express their support, through the Resolution, for the solutions posed by the bi-partisan "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act," H. R. 763, presently in the House.

By putting a price on carbon production, this bill is projected to create 2.1 million new jobs, improve spending power of low and middle income families, and reduce America's emissions by 40% in the first 12 years. (energyinnovationact.org)

Please join me in contacting your mayor, urging him to support the resolution "In Support of a National Price on Carbon Emissions." Find

out more about your local Tri-Valley Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby at our Facebook page and/or at our monthly meetings. Next up: Thursday, June 27, 6:00 - 8:30, 3227 Saratoga Court, Livermore.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request

Brendan Phillips, Dublin

The fiscal year 2020 budget request for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has been sent to Congress for approval this month, and comes with a price tag of 16.5 billion dollars. In it are significant expenditures for the development of new nuclear weapons, including low yield warheads deemed more usable by our current administration, and stealth bombs capable of avoiding radar detection, and landing on unsuspecting populations.

These new developments, in addition to their

cost, would lower the threshold for initiating nuclear exchange, and further incur an arms race with other hostile powers. Our current stockpile of more than 5,000 nuclear warheads is more than enough for deterrence, so it's unclear why the government is justified in using taxpayer money on redundant measures such as these.

This budget request is part of an ongoing plan to "modernize" our nuclear stockpile over the next 30 years, with an estimated cost of 1.7 trillion dollars that could be significantly reduced with a strategy of strict curatorship. The opportunity cost is simply too high to justify.

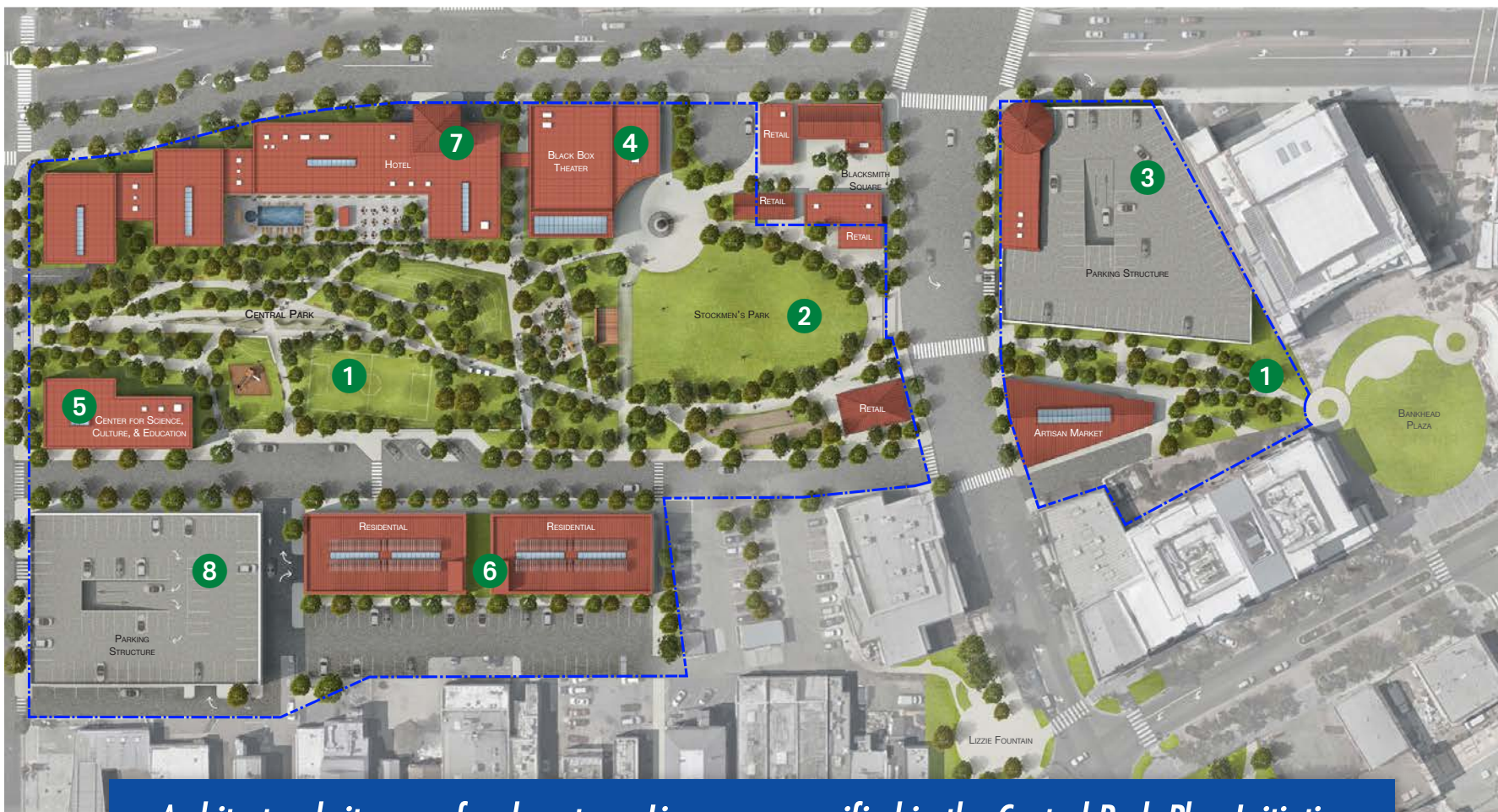
Moral Commitment to Affordable Housing

Andrew Barker, Livermore

I appreciate Jeff Kaskey's clarification in his recent letter that while the downtown

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THE LIVERMORE CENTRAL PARK PLAN



Architectural site map for downtown Livermore specified in the Central Park Plan Initiative

1 Signature Central Park to form a continuous expanse of greenery from the Bankhead Theater Park Plaza to L Street.

2 Retain Stockmen’s Park to honor our ranching history.

3 Convenient Parking with new garages to offer 316 more spaces than the city plan near Livermore Avenue.

4 Black Box Theater with flexible seating for performance, education and cultural events.

5 Center for Science, Culture & Education for education, classes, performances and displays of science, art and history.

6 Affordable housing, in an appropriate location not covering the Central Park, to meet City needs.

7 Wine Country Hotel with up to 160 rooms, a resort destination.

8 L Street Parking Garage. A new, 3-story parking garage will also offer convenient parking near L Street.

CLEAN POWER

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People can opt to remain with PG&E, if they choose.

The new sources are expected to be online by 2022 or '23, according to Annie Henderson, Vice President, Marketing and Account Services for EBCE. The projects will need a period of time to go through environmental review at their local sites, she said.

The Altamont's clean source will be provided by the Summit Wind Project, in a 20-year contract for 57.5 Megawatts from the Altamont Wind LLC. One Megawatt (MW) is equivalent to 1 million watts.

The project is located within the EBCE boundary line, and illustrates what the agency can do to invest its money in the local community. Wind projects need to find buyers for their power. Altamont Wind LCC has done that, thanks to EBCE.

Haggerty told The Independent, "What an exciting day for East Bay Community Energy. Solar and wind

energy generated right here in our own backyard will soon be powering Alameda County households and businesses. That's cheaper, greener, locally sourced energy, with proceeds that are invested right back into the community through energy improvement projects and jobs."

Altamont Wind LLC is working in partnership with San Diego-based Salka LLC. Salka CEO Jiddu Tapia wrote in an EBCE news release, "With no fuel costs, and low operating expenses, wind power helps to reduce electricity costs, giving consumers a better choice for their energy dollar."

"Clean energy projects like this create jobs and spur local investment, while providing an affordable, dependable way for EBCE to meet its expanding power needs for years to come," added Tapia.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff, who attended the signing at the ferry landing

in Jack London Square on June 24, talked about another of the four contracts, and how EBCE is benefiting the community with its project.

The Oakland Clean Energy Project No. 1 is a 10-year agreement for 20 MW of clean energy storage off the power grid at night, when power is attainable at its lowest cost. The battery storage will displace the current jet engine power producer, sparing the vicinity its fossil fuel pollution. Schaff said that it shows how non-profit EBCE has the community's best interest at heart.

The other two contracts that Haggerty signed were with the Luciana Project and Sonrisa Solar Park.

The Luciana Project commits to a 15-year contract to buy 56 MW from a project in Tulare County. The Sonrisa Solar Park commits EBCE to buy 100 MW of solar energy and 30 MW of energy storage in Fresno County.

TESLA

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by the State. The General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Carnegie SVRA were approved. Lawsuits have been filed challenging the authority of the Off-Road Vehicle Commission to certify an environmental impact report and approve a general plan, as well as the adequacy of the EIR.

Off-road vehicle advocates say the area expands recreation opportunities for the growing number of users of dirt-bikes. Unless the plans were changed, all Terrain Vehicles and other motorized vehicles would be allowed to use the trails on the Tesla site.

UC Pension Audits Are Underway

Randomly chosen University of California retirees, including some from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, are being asked to verify their eligibility for continued pension payments, according to a University website.

Verification packages are being sent out by Secova Inc., a company that specializes

in ensuring compliance with plan eligibility rules. The packages ask for basic personal information and require a signature and a notarized affidavit.

Retirees who fail to comply could lose eligibility for benefits, according to the UC website, <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2019/04/ucrp-eligibility-verification.html>

The audits were also described in an article in a UC retiree newspaper, New Dimensions. They drew added local attention following questions from a Livermore retiree who was concerned that the information request was an attempted identity theft.

Pleasanton Council Approves Budgets

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously adopted its two-year operating budget for fiscal years (FY) 2019/20 and 2020/21, and its four-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2019/20 through 2022/23. The action took place at the June 18 meeting.

"The new budget is balanced and focused on areas of importance to the City Council as identified in the 2019-2020 City Council Work Plan," said Nelson Fialho, city manager. "It also maintains existing service levels and addresses new programs and projects to meet Council, community and staff goals."

The City's two-year operating budget is based on estimates of current financial conditions for the upcoming two-year budget cycle. Total expenditures are budgeted at \$189.7 million for FY 2019/20 and \$194.3 million for FY 2020/21. Total revenues are budgeted at \$200 million for FY 2019/20 and \$205.8 million for FY 2020/21.

Director of Finance Tina Olson reported that prop-

erty and sales tax comprise 74% of the General Fund. While property tax revenue is projected to continue to increase, sales tax revenues are flattening.

The CIP four-year budget funds identified projects for the first two years, while planning for projects for the latter two years. Over the four-year budget time frame, expenditures total \$100.6 million for 80 projects; \$53.8 million is funded for FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21. Projects include \$4 million to design and construct Fire Station #3; \$1 million to expand parking on the Downtown transportation corridor; \$0.5 million for the remaining phases of the Old Vineyard Avenue trail; \$1.2 million to implement the Pioneer Cemetery Master

Plan; and \$13.6 million for improvements to the Sunol Boulevard interchange.

VALLEY LINK

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is invited on such things as station design and location. Valley Link tracks have been placed down the middle of Interstate 580 without losing any of the lanes that were added to 580 to relieve congestion.

After the July 31 deadline, the Regional Rail Authority must submit the report to MTC, BART, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, the Legislature's policy committees that have jurisdiction over transportation policy matters, and the state Transportation Agency. All of these reviews are required by AB 758.

Findings of the feasibility report include that the project will provide cost-effective transportation for more than 25,000 trips per day by 2040. It supports State Rail Project goals of providing mega-regional travel, and filling the gap

between ACE and BART.

\$1.3 million was budgeted to research and write the report. Most of the funding came from MTC and CalTrans.

Regional Rail Authority Executive Director Michael Tree stated that Board Chairperson Scott Haggerty "was instrumental in the MTC award of \$660,000 in bridge toll funds." Tree credited Baker and Eggman for lining up the CalTrans award of \$750,000.

The board consists of 15 members, including Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Livermore Councilmember Bob Woerner, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, and Dublin Vice-Mayor Melissa Hernandez. BART board member John McPartland, who lives in Castro Valley and represents the Valley at BART, also serves on the Rail Authority Board.

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One of the most exciting elements of the Central Park plan is the open space!

The citizens' plan showcases a beautiful, activated Central Park, which will join with the lawn and other features in Stockmen's Park, to provide 3 acres of parkland stretching from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street.

In contrast, the only parkland in the City's plan is Stockmen's Park¹ – which is 1.5 acres in size² – just half of what the citizens' plan offers.

SIGN THE INITIATIVE. LET VOTERS DECIDE!

Call (925) 243-7098 or visit betterlivermore.com to volunteer!

1. Council Meeting May 13, 2019 Agenda, Public Hearing Item 5.01, page 505, A Resolution approving Specific Plan Amendment 18-003;
2. Council Meeting September 24, 2018 Agenda, Public Hearing Item 5.05, page 557, Stockmen's Park

Workshop Gives UC Merced Students A Window into LLNL Computer Science

University of California Merced student Asmaa Mohamed, who immigrated to the U.S. from Egypt in 2013, recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in developmental biology. She plans on pursuing her Ph.D. through Dartmouth College and is studying immunology in hopes of someday creating novel cancer immunotherapies.

When Mohamed found out Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) would be holding its first-ever Data Science Challenge Workshop, a two-week crash course in what it's like to work in data science at LLNL, she jumped at the opportunity to learn more about how biology and computation can intersect, and find out about the Lab, of which she was only vaguely aware.

"What I'd heard was that it was in the middle of nowhere, that it was an isolated place, so I didn't know what to expect," Mohamed said. "They say a lot of secret stuff happens here, but we get here and everyone's so nice, and there's so much research going on. It's like academia, but much more focused. You have all the resources here that anyone would need, so that's very fascinating."

From May 20-31, Mohamed joined 20 of her undergraduate and graduate classmates, many of them first-generation college students, at the Lab to take part in the workshop. While they were on site, the students, along with their Lab mentors, were tasked with using machine learning and other computational methods to tackle real-world problems in computational immunology. Over the course of the workshop, the students — majors in a broad range of subjects including computer science, applied math, cognitive and information science, biology and even psychology — attended lectures and seminars, worked on exercises and toured the Livermore Computing Facility, the Additive Manufacturing Lab and the National Ignition Facility. In their daily working groups, the students explored machine learning-based methods for precision medicine based on existing datasets.

One challenge looked at identifying novel therapeutic strategies for cancer treatment and another on automated hypothesis testing, both problems using different methods of reinforcement learning. A third challenge involved predicting the interactions between antibodies and antigens using mathematical descriptions of real antibodies to train and measure the performance of machine learning models, which could in turn impact vaccine design and help develop countermeasures. Two distinct groups worked on the latter project, each group taking unique approaches to design and select "features" numerical descriptions of the antibody/antigen interactions — that could be useful in predicting changes resulting from mutations. The results were then tested on actual data from scientific literature.

Event organizer and LLNL computer scientist Marisol Gamboa said the challenges were preliminary research problems and that students weren't expected to solve them completely. More importantly, she said, the workshop was intended to provide students with exposure to work that could be done with higher-level degrees, encourage students to pursue master's and Ph.D.

programs and create a workforce pipeline between the Laboratory and UC Merced.

"The goal was to create multidisciplinary teams to give the students a real-world experience of working here at the Lab and put them to work on actual problems," Gamboa said. "I was amazed at the amount of knowledge gained, the progress that was made and the solutions that were presented in just two weeks. We know that diverse teams with different backgrounds and disciplines build better solutions, but we witnessed that at its best with this group. They came together from different degree programs to prove yet again that diversity in skills and backgrounds does really build better teams and better solutions."

LLNL Computing Scholar Program Administrator Jamie Lewis, who co-organized the workshop, said: "The exposure to this level of science is not something [the students] can get anywhere else. We wanted them to get the feel for what it's really like to work here, to have this goal and work toward it every single day. When we hear the students say, 'Oh I would love to come work here,' then we know this is working."

By the end of the workshop, many of the students did express their desires to work at LLNL. UC Merced graduate student Christine Hoffman, who is nearing the end of her Ph.D. in applied mathematics, said she is starting to look at jobs post-college, but isn't sold on either academia or the private sector. After her experience, a career at a government lab is now on her radar.

"I thought getting a sense of what it's like at a national lab, and also to hear from other people about how they got here, would be very valuable. I also wanted to get a taste of machine learning, because I know that's a hot new field," Hoffman said. "What attracted me about LLNL is it's an in-between [of academia and industry]. I found out you can come here and start working on a different project initially and grow into a different role as you go. That's been really meaningful and interesting because that's what I want — a job where I can grow and learn new things."

The workshop was sponsored by LLNL's University Relations Program and co-organized by the Computing Directorate, the Center for Applied Scientific Computing and the Data Science Institute (DSI). DSI Director Mike Goldman said the event was a "novel activity that we're trying to champion," and if successful, could be used as a prototype for similar programs involving other UC campuses.

Open to all UC Merced students, the workshop drew intense interest when it was announced, receiving nearly 60 applicants, according to UC Merced applied mathematics associate professor Suzanne Sindi. Established in 2005, UC Merced has a high population of first-generation and minority students, a state-of-the-art campus, and bills itself as "the first American research university built in the 21st century." As such the university takes interdisciplinary data science and research projects seriously, Sindi explained. The workshop, she said, helped lift the veil for

students on the work being done at national laboratories and allowed them to imagine themselves on a career path in government-funded science and computation.

"It's especially meaningful for the students because these are areas that Lawrence Livermore is actually working on — these aren't toy problems they made up just for this workshop," Sindi explained. "It's a learning opportunity for the students, but it also gives them the chance to really see what kinds of things people do at Livermore. It's a totally different experience to come and see what the Lab is about, and that's a really important part of the program. In Silicon Valley, you hear all these big, splashy things about what happens in the startup world, so I think it's important to get that same kind of exposure to the kinds of things that happen in the Lab."

Jonathan Anzules, a third-year grad student at UC Merced, said he was in the process of finishing up a project involving understanding the dynamics of autoimmune disease and was in search of a new challenge. He found it during his visit.

"When I heard that one of the projects here would be something about the immune system, I got really excited," Anzules said. "When I came here, I got exposed to the whole field, the combination of biology, the immune system and computation, all at the same time. Because of that, I already have an idea of what I should be doing for my second project. To find out that there are datasets out there that I could use for something I'm interested in is really exciting."

On May 31, the students presented their results and discussed the skills they gained over the course of the workshop. An "Immuno-A" group led by Anzules, who is studying the immune system through computational methods, was able to predict how mutations would affect antigen-antibody interactions with about 79 percent accuracy using machine learning. Working on the same problem, the "Immuno-B" group led by UC Merced postgraduate student Sabah Ul-Hasan, who recently finished her Ph.D. in quantitative systems biology, identified optimal antigen-antibody binding features using a different machine learning strategy, improving on the accuracy rates they were provided with at the start of the challenge.

Hoffman's group successfully used reinforcement learning to learn physically interpretable mathematical expressions that best describe a dataset, while "Team Botakz," led by third-year cognitive science Ph.D. student Ayme Tomson, applied reinforcement learning to a mobile app developed by Moffitt Cancer Center that uses a predictive mathematical model allowing players to adjust treatment strategies and see the impact on tumor growth. Tomson's group found that a simple decision tree could replace a complex neural network policy and still maintain efficacy, making it easier for clinicians to interpret.

The challenge problems were led by LLNL computer scientists Tom Desautels and Brenden Petersen, who

served as mentors for the students, presenting daily lectures, interacting with students and helping them overcome any obstacles they encountered. Desautels said the antibody/antigen interaction problem was particularly challenging because data are limited, and the interactions aren't easy to describe numerically.

"I've been very impressed by the students and what they've accomplished," Desautels said. "They've come together and used their diverse skill sets to do some really impressive work in a quite limited time. My hat is off to them."

Petersen, who mentored the precision medicine and hypothesis testing teams, said, "these are not simple problems — just understanding the problem itself requires a good deal of background information to get up to speed. But even by the end of the first week, the students were making real progress, and by the end of two weeks, demonstrated some impressive results."

UC Merced graduate Mohamed, who worked on the antibody/antigen interaction problem, said she learned a lot about herself from the workshop and gained a sense of the power of an interdisciplinary team. Her career options also have expanded.

"I don't know what the future holds but I'm definitely excited that I had this opportunity to see I can do other things with a Ph.D. I wanted to become a professor, but I didn't know that this other field existed. Now, my eyes are open to consider other things," Mohamed said. "I'm really appreciative and hopefully many more UC Merced students get to experience such an amazing opportunity like this."

Swalwell Reintroduces Bill to Prevent Presidents Enriching Themselves While They're in Office

Following a new report which found representatives of at least 22 foreign governments have spent money at Trump Organization properties, Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) reintroduced the Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act on Tuesday. The bill would make it a criminal offense for the President, Vice President, their families, or companies in which they have at least half-ownership to accept or receive anything of value from a foreign power or from any company that is more than 50 percent controlled by a foreign power.

"This new report shows more evidence of a significant foreign cash flow to President Trump that violates the United States Constitution," Swalwell said. "Two and a half years into his presidency, Donald Trump continues to make money in nearly two dozen countries around the world. This kind of behavior is unprecedented and unacceptable. The American people deserve to know their president is working for them, and them only."

Donald Trump is the only

president in modern history to retain ownership of his businesses. According to a report which analyzed the president's most recent annual personal financial disclosure released by the Office of Government Ethics in May, Donald Trump continued to hold more than \$130 million in foreign assets in a revocable trust. The analysis also found Trump's business entanglements continue to leave him with positions, assets, trademarks and other business interests in more than 30 countries. Former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush all used blind trusts to isolate their business interests while in office. President Barack Obama did not hold any interests or assets that could present a conflict of interests.

The Constitution prohibits its government employees — including elected officials, but not their relatives — from receiving "emoluments" or gifts from foreign states except as allowed by Congress. The Prevent Corrupting (See SWALWELL, page 12)

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OBJECTIONS

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named the need for parking as one of the top desires.

Mayor Jerry Thorne made the motion in an attempt to reach a compromise between the need for parking and a wider trail.

Councilmembers Karla Brown and Kathy Narum wanted a wider trail, but also felt there was a need for more parking in the downtown. Both said they felt an 8 foot wide trail was unsafe.

Fourteen speakers during the public hearing offered comments; eleven wanted a wider trail.

They raised the same point regarding safety. Strollers, kids riding bikes and pedestrians will be using the trail traveling in two directions, leaving little room for passing, particular for bicycles which travel at a greater speed.

One speaker said he would not let his grandkids ride their bikes on a narrow trail.

Residents pointed out that the trail has been identified as a key part of a connected trail system in the Tri-Valley. As a regional connector, it would bring people into the downtown. The council should support alternatives to using cars to access the downtown.

The other three speakers represented the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Downtown Association. They stressed the need for more parking to support the businesses there.

MAILBOX

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initiative proposal removes city requirements for affordable housing from our Downtown Specific Plan, the property would still be subject to state law and land covenants.

Nevertheless, the proposal does remove the city's own commitment to affordable housing. In particular, it replaces a reference to housing "affordable to a variety of incomes" with housing for "residents who enjoy the dynamic downtown lifestyle" on page 8 of the initiative.

Mr. Kaskey and company propose to build units so small (around 440 sq ft each) that the units' market-rate price fits within the state's limits for affordable housing. What they are unwilling to do is stand by our moral commitment to use land purchased with affordable housing funds for its intended purpose.

To be "Stuck Inside of Mobile with the Memphis Blues Again..."
Daryl R. Carlson, Livermore

It is an indication of desperation that the "Revolving Brand of the Week 'Citizens' Group" needs two weekly four-color ads to "woman-splain" their rejected proposal for the Downtown Development—the rejection a unanimous decision made with sober deliberation by our duly-elected representatives, the City Fathers.

In the interests of fairness, I am offering ad copy

for a hotel located properly on the East side of Livermore Ave., "The Good Hotel of the East" as opposed to the "Wicked Hotel of the West."

"In the heart of Livermore's vibrant pulsing downtown, a luxurious new quiet hotel—and just paces away, the Crown Jewel, the Bankhead Theater for the Performing Arts—closer yet, breakfast and lunch at an authentic French bakery where they do parlez français, down the block, a 13-screen digital movie palace with larger screens and Dolby Atmos Sound.

A brief stroll brings you to distinctive locally-owned shops, coffee houses, and everything from Western outfitting to the best donut shop west of the Mississippi. Bars in the area offer

welcoming environments to the neophyte drinker as well as "One-for-the-Road" regular. Spend a day touring our open countryside with 50 wineries and come back to a vital downtown.

Central Park Plan and Black Box Theater
Tamara Reus, Livermore

There are some misconceptions in the community about the effect of the Central Park Plan on the Black Box Theater that was part of the City's downtown plan. The Central Park Plan includes a Black Box Theater of up to 30,000 square feet with flexible seating for indoor performance, education, and cultural events. A space is also set aside for an outdoor stage in the Central Park. The Plan permits the City Council to decide between three possible loca-

tions within the plan area for the theater. The Council is to determine what will work best.

According to the City's website, there is no scheduled start date for construction of the Black Box Theater. A design has not been approved, nor a financial plan reviewed.

The same is true of the Science Center that was included in the City's Plan. The Central Park Plan provides for a Center for Science, Culture and Education.

The Central Park Plan recognizes the value of these cultural amenities that, along with the Bankhead Theater, will cement Livermore's reputation as an arts and cultural destination for the region. It also creates a beautiful Central Park, running from the Bankhead

Park Plaza to L Street, where people can gather in the heart of our downtown. It provides for additional parking in the arts district, on either side of Livermore Ave., where it is most needed.

It is a visionary plan for Livermore that will create a downtown that residents can enjoy for generations to come. I urge people to sign the initiative and help make this vision become a reality. To get all the facts, visit www.betterlivermore.com.

Citizen of the Year:
Joan Seppala
Charlotte Severin, Pleasanton

I want to commend the Lions Club for their vision in awarding Joan Seppala the "Citizen of the Year" award!

I can think of no one who

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has done more for the quality of life in the Livermore Valley than Joan! Her dedication and leadership of The Independent newspaper has been a voice in the wilderness speaking for the arts, saving our environment, beautification of downtown, maintaining quality schools and a healthy economy while supporting quality-controlled growth and supporting our growing wine maker's valley vineyard business.

The Bankhead Theater has given Livermore an elegant central core, and none of this would have happened without Joan's hard work and brilliant vision!

Thank you Lions Club for recognizing Joan's gift to all of us!

Downtown

Cal Wood, Livermore

I am pleased to see a plan for the new downtown that is like the ones preferred by the citizens who got together in response to the calls for their input, but were later ignored by the city council. Let's build something that we can be proud to leave to our children and grandchildren.

State College Budget Surplus

Frank Cannella, Livermore

Recently the media reported a 1.5 billion dollar surplus was found during an audit of California State University finances, and the surplus was from excess tuition charges. I found this

interesting for a number of reasons. Many students fund their education through the use of federally-insured student loans. That is to say the lending entities' risk of default is nonexistent since the loans are guaranteed by American taxpayers. This leads me to believe the colleges themselves are more than happy to help students secure these loans, even though many of these borrowers have little credit knowledge or experience. Once the line of credit is secured, the colleges can charge whatever they want. It makes me nervous to think that one university system in one state can run up a 1.5 billion dollar surplus; how many other college systems in the other 49 states could do the same thing?

I understand the current balance of federally-insured student loans is now in the neighborhood of 1.6 trillion dollars! This crushing debt amount will make it very difficult for our newly-educated population to save for their own retirement, buy a home, finance an auto, etc.

Now several candidates for president are recommending we forgive this debt. Of course the taxpayer will be on the hook for the loans since they were, after all, federally insured. And some candidates would take it a step further and offer a college education for free to everyone, and while it likely will be some sort of government program I would fear the colleges would continue

to overcharge the American taxpayer.

One more thing. A proposal was made suggesting we use a GI bill approach to funding this effort as in the later part of World War II. In that instance, recipients had been in service to their country for years and that service warranted a government subsidy. I would suggest a similar program today would be politically feasible, say service in the peace corps, military, red cross or similar. And perhaps I am naive, but it would be really nice if those receiving a free education would actually get to see more than one political position during their time in academia.

Central Park Plan

Tom Ramos, Livermore

I would like to express my support of the Central Park Plan being put to the voters. It represents a much better plan for our citizens than the one approved by the council last year.

Downtown Plan

Patricia Mann, Livermore

Some people ask those of us collecting signatures on a petition, "Why don't you just accept what has been decided by our City Council?"

Reason: Many of us believe that the City Council did not accept what the residents indicated they had wanted in the downtown development process.

How do we know that?

Many of us spent hours to learn from the downtown plan's consultants what features would be considered and how we could participate in designing the area. We then spent hours to discuss and prioritize the features with other neighbors at workshops. Finally, we voted on our priorities.

The results of the vote are not in sync with the Council's selected plan. Their plan results in: poor access to the proposed hotel and limited space for it while ending up with a less "boutique" and less desirable hotel, greater negative traffic impact, less parking for the disabled near the Bankhead Theater, less usable open space, and housing where businesses might better be featured for resident and visitor uses.

We circulate petitions because we value our City and we want residents to have a choice in the development plan.

Valley Link Rail Needs Public Comment

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

The proposed rail system to connect the Central Valley with Dublin BART on 580 has drafted its feasibility report. Citizens may find it online at valleylinkrail.com/draft-feasibility-report. Public comments about any aspect of the project will be accepted until July 31, 2019.

On this side of an Altamont tunnel, Valley Link will be a two way, yet single track rail, down the middle

of 580 from Dublin BART to stations at Isabel and Greenville. A single track limits the amount of widening needed for 580.

It repeats the heavy "BARToid" development at Isabel (4,000 housing units in the flight path for the Livermore airport). No such development is planned for Greenville where it connects riders to Ace trains.

The feasibility report includes: project goals, alignment options, system integration, station area planning, vehicle technology, and capital and operating costs, etc.

Questions? The next board meeting for Valley Link is Wednesday, July 10, at Martinelli Event Center, Greenville Rd., Livermore, from 2-4 p.m. Pay attention.

Animal Rights National Conference Donation Request

Lex Manwill, Livermore

Whatever happened to the good old days when the worst things we had to fear on the 4th of July were traffic jams and wayward fireworks?

According to USDA's Meat & Poultry Hotline, this year's top threat is food poisoning by nasty E. coli and Salmonella bugs lurking in hamburgers and hot dogs at backyard barbecues.

The Hotline's advice is to grill them longer and hotter. They don't bother to mention that high-temperature grilling of meat products also forms lots of cancer

causing compounds. And who knows what they really put into those hot dog casings in the first place?

Luckily, a bunch of enterprising U.S. food manufacturers and processors have met this challenge head on by developing a great variety of healthful, delicious and convenient veggie burgers and soy dogs. These plant-based foods don't harbor nasty pathogens or cancer-causing compounds. They don't even carry cholesterol, saturated fats, drugs or pesticides. And they are waiting for us in the frozen food section of our supermarket.

This 4th of July offers a great opportunity to declare our independence from the meat industry and to share wholesome veggie burgers and soy dogs with our family and friends.

We Trust

Livermore Voters

Richard and Gayla Langlois, Livermore

The City Council continues to push the same old Downtown Plan in spite of the fact that over 5,000 residents signed a referendum to choose a better way.

We have signed the Central Park Plan Initiative to give the voters a chance to vote for a beautiful, open City Center/Park that we can all be proud of and enjoy with our families.

We trust our voters to choose the best path forward for our city.

OBITUARIES

Mary Giori O'Neal Apr. 8, 1928 - June 17, 2019

Mary Giori O'Neal was a resident of Livermore, Calif., for 58 years. She passed away on June 17, 2019.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, William Clark O'Neal; two daughters Kathleen Cothern and Victoria Beatty, and their husbands Jeff Cothern and Sean Beatty; and two grandsons Christopher and Eric Beatty.



Mary was born on April 8, 1928, in Boston, Mass., to Alfred and Anna Giori. She attended Hyde Park High School and graduated in 1945. She continued her studies at Simmons University in Boston, earning a degree from the School of Publications in 1949. She went on to earn a teaching credential at California State University, Hayward, in 1964, focusing on Science and Education.

Mary worked in the MIT Humanities Library from 1951 to 1956. Her husband's jobs took them around the country as she worked in public libraries in Indiana, New York, and California from 1957 to 1962. Her husband Bill became a Mechanical Engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1962. There, they bought a home and lived until the present day. In Livermore, Mary worked at Sandia Lab Library in 1962, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Electronics Information Center in 1963, and as a substitute teacher and tutor from 1979 to 1981.

In her younger years, Mary enjoyed all different types of dancing – from square dancing and folk to ballroom. Mary also loved music. She played banjo and electric bass in Bill's Valley Banjo Band, and electric bass in his rock band "The Eclectics."

Mary truly loved being in the outdoors. With her husband Bill, she enjoyed camping and hiking in the desert, mountains and ocean side – everywhere from California to Mexico to Canada. She also crewed for her husband in sailboat races in the San Francisco Bay. Her love for the outdoors was a passion she shared with her

family. Family vacations included many lake-side camping trips with Bill and their daughters, Kathy and Vickie. Other vacations included trips to New York, Massachusetts and Hawaii.

Mary always said her greatest joy in life has been as wife, mother and grandmother. After the arrival of their first child, Kathleen (Kathy), and then three years later Victoria (Vickie), she was mainly a stay-at-home mom. She cherished the time watching her adorable babies become lovely, talented young women. Kathy married Jeff Cothern, and Vickie married Sean Beatty. Mary welcomed and loved her sons-in-law as well as her two grandsons, Christopher and Eric Beatty.

The love she shared with her family was ever present. Mary was a deeply devoted wife. She and her husband Bill shared 62 years of marriage. She spent every day of her life showing her daughters the meaning of love. Thank you, Mom.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, and brother Frank Giori.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

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

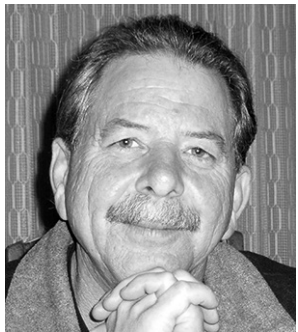
John Rex Cloak

Resident of Pleasanton

John Rex Cloak of Pleasanton, Calif., passed peacefully surrounded by his family on June 12, after a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by his son John (Ally), daughter Erin, grandsons Cole and Caden, sister Barbara (Jay), and uncle Ken Montelius in Denver, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife Mary-jo.



John made many friends along his path. He was retired from East Bay MUD, where he worked for many years. He was an amazing

father, brother and friend to many, but his greatest accomplishment was being "Papa," the Grandfather Extraordinaire.

We ask that those of you who knew him honor his memory by passing along a kind word or deed, and remember to tell those special people around you that their love makes a difference.

Kimberly C. Cupps

Resident of Livermore

Kim, 57, was born and raised in Livermore, and was the third child of Jane and Frank Cupps. After graduating from Granada High School in 1979, she earned a B.S. degree in Math and a M.S. degree in Computer Science from Chico State University, then returned to Livermore to join Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the Computing Directorate.



During her 29 year career Kim played a key role in bringing several of the world's fastest and most powerful supercomputers to LLNL. She held a number of senior management positions in the Computing Directorate where she was known for her leadership and her ability to form and motivate teams to take on challenging technical projects. Kim particularly enjoyed the opportunity to be a mentor to many talented individuals she worked with, especially to those early in their careers.

More than anything, Kim loved spending time with family and close friends – this was always the center of her world and it was what made her the happiest. Kim and her wife, Gina Bonanno, spent 24 years together. They had hoped for many more, but the 24 years they had were filled with fun, adventure and a deep love and respect for each other. Their son Alex was born in 1997. He was the light of Kim's life, and his graduation from college in June brought her immense joy and pride. Kim was an amazing parent and wife. She was a devoted daughter to her parents; a loving sister to her brother Pete and sisters, Sue and Sharon, and to her sister and brothers-in-law;

an inspiration to her nine nieces and nephews; and a beloved friend. She took a deep interest in the lives of the people she loved and forged indelible connections that will never be forgotten.

Kim enjoyed sports, movies, travel and being outdoors. She was an outstanding athlete and played four varsity sports in high school. She was an avid and accomplished cyclist and could be found riding all over the Tri-Valley and beyond. She also loved hiking and spent many hours in Sycamore Grove Park.

Kim battled ovarian cancer with extraordinary courage and grace. She never let her illness take away her love of life and her desire to live it as fully as possible every single day. Only a few weeks after completing the first of many rounds of chemotherapy she went on a two week cycling tour of New Zealand with her riding buddies. She continued to embrace moments of joy and happiness with her family and friends even during the most difficult times of her illness.

We want to thank our family and friends who provided so much love and support throughout the more than two years Kim fought her illness. We also want to thank the amazing nurses, doctors and medical support who – in the truest sense of the word – cared for her. A celebration of Kim's life will be held at a later date.

In Loving Memory of Paul G. Garcia

1948 - 2019

Mijo, you have been gone one year, but you are still here in my heart. We all miss you so much. Every morning I talk to you, and every night I say my prayers to you.



I know that you are taking care of me, just like you did when you were here. I see you every once in a while, especially at night when I fall asleep watching T.V. – like you used to wake me up and tell me to go to bed, and not to sleep on the side of the bed, you always told me. Well mijo, I do just that. Thank you for watching over me. R.I.P., my love.

I miss you so much. Love U, your mommy and family, Willie.

Kaarin Brown

Resident of Livermore

Born in San Jose, Calif., on June 16, 1944, Kaarin was the first of Roland Lawrence and Mary Harris Greene's two children.

Kaarin is survived by her husband of 16 years, Don Brown; her daughters: Sandi Wigger and Robyn Wigger; her step-children: Veronica Torres (Justo), Donnelle Brown, and Scott Brown (Samantha); ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her brother Alan Greene (Jeanie Hagen); her nephew: Nathan Greene (Sepideh); her niece: Allison Greene; and her step-mother Helen Greene; as well as numerous cousins.



Kaarin's love of travel developed when she was a child, and over the years she lived in the U.S., including California, Texas, and Utah, and in Italy, and traveled in eight additional countries, as well as throughout California and 44 other states.

She enjoyed nearly all forms of art, both as an audience member and as a performer. She loved to draw and sketch; she specialized in nature and horses. She enjoyed dance, especially ballet (to perform and to watch) and country-western. In high school, she performed on-stage starring in the spring musical and backstage as director and make-up artist. She put her comfort with public speaking to work competing in DAR competitions and Kiwanis competitions. It also gave her confidence in high school, where she was an active member of the International Order of Rainbow for girls, holding several local offices and eventually a state office.

Kaarin graduated from Fresno State College in 1967 with a degree in Home Economics. There she was active in dorm events and president of the Kappa Phi Kappa service club and a member of the campus Christian Science Organization. She also worked as a student peer tutor and a

library assistant. She then continued her education earning a California Life Teaching Credential.

Kaarin settled in Livermore, Calif., in 1977. Over the years she served the Livermore community in various ways. She was a charter member of the Friends of the Library, helping to write the charter and by-laws documents. She was a parent volunteer at both Smith Elementary and Mendenhall Middle Schools. She served on the school parent advisory committees. For 10 years Kaarin was especially involved with Camp Fire Girls and Boys, leading two clubs, serving as a trainer for other leaders, directing the summer day camp two years, and serving on the two-county executive board. She served her church as Reading Room Librarian, Reader during services, and as an usher.

Throughout her adult life Kaarin expressed gratitude that she was fortunate enough to have a career that made her want to get up every morning and go to work: teaching. Though she originally planned a career with high school students, her year teaching kindergarten in Texas revealed her knack for working with younger students. Over the years she also taught first grade and second grade in Fresno County, and 14 years at eighth grade in Livermore. She loved the eighth graders and the professional colleagues she worked with there.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2019, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Rios-Lovell Estate Winery, 6500 Tesla Road, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations of books may be made to a local elementary or middle school library, or donations of cash or time may be made to the Yosemite Conservancy, 101 Montgomery St. #1700, San Francisco, CA 94104.

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

Roselie (Roragen) Spivey

1939 - 2019

Roselie (Roragen) Spivey passed away on June 13, 2019, in Manteca, Calif., at the age of 80. She will be remembered for being a kind and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-

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grandmother, and friend.

Roselie was born in Fertile, Minn., in 1939. She came from a large Norwegian family of six brothers and four sisters. Her family moved from Fertile to Kalispell, Mont., in 1955, where she attended high school and met her husband, Noel. In 1964, the family moved to Hayward, and then settled in Livermore in 1969.



Roselie was a homemaker for most of her life. When Noel passed away suddenly in 1973, she enrolled at Heald Business College and was hired by Pacific Electric Motors in Oakland. She purchased a home in Livermore and added a swimming pool. She enjoyed inviting the neighborhood children to swim on hot days, and became a second mom to her children's friends. Roselie also attended and hosted Parents Without Partners gatherings and soon met her second husband Mac Spivey.

Roselie and Mac married in 1981, and she retired from PEM in 1982. They liked to travel, including visits to Hawaii, Norway, and the UK. When Mac passed away in 1996, Roselie moved to Manteca to be closer to her grandchildren.

Roselie was a devoted 49er football fan. She was a season ticket holder from 1966 to 2013. Roselie stayed active working on the family tree. She enjoyed doing research on her Norwegian heritage including making a trip to Norway where she met distant relatives and researched local libraries. She loved to read. She volunteered her time to the Friends of the Library and brought many books home. She also volunteered as a tutor for the literacy program.

Roselie was preceded in death by her husband Noel Coleman in 1973, and her second husband Mac Spivey in 1996.

She will be missed by her two sons Vance Coleman and Rod Coleman (Lisa); her daughter Rhonda Coleman; her grandchildren Brie, Keenan, Kendra, Jessica, Krystin, Jennifer, Melissa, and April; 10 great-

grandchildren; three stepchildren Richard Spivey (Gay), Raymond Spivey, and Leslie Spivey; three brothers and two sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to thank the Hospice House of San Joaquin for their loving and caring staff.

At Roselie's request, there will be no service.

Cheryl Armas Ruth
Dec. 17, 1958 – June 20, 2019

Cheryl Armas Ruth, 60, of Livermore, Calif., passed away peacefully on June 20, 2019, in her home and in the arms of her husband, and with family by her side. She was born to the late George Eugene Armas and Elaine Armas Dilling, on December 17, 1958, in Oakland, Calif. Cheryl graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, Calif., in 1977.



Cheryl was a loyal and loving wife, and a mother who was supportive, protective and nurturing for her children and grandchildren.

She was married to Charles David Ruth in 2005. They met at Associated Lighting Representatives in 1989, where they both worked, and they lived together in Livermore for over 24 years.

Cheryl is survived by her mother and her husband; brother Rocky Ortega of Las Vegas; sister Estelle Henry of Escalon; children: Veronica Lujan Ochoa, Trevor Ruth, and step-daughter Leah Ruth-Ferriera. She is also survived by five grandchildren.

For over 27 years, until her retirement in 2016, Cheryl was a respected manager of customer service at Associated Lighting Representatives in Oakland. During her tenure she led and developed a large team of people who continue to contribute to the company's financial success. As a leader, she endeavored to help others to grow and develop and to meet their own personal goals and, in turn, make the company more successful. She genuinely cared for her people and would aggressively defend each of them in any conflict. She worked hard to keep a

healthy work/home balance, and respected the personal needs of others, as well.

Cheryl had a great sense of humor and was fun to be with! It is no mystery that she loved shopping. She relished few things more than finding a deal, or a unique gift for herself AND for others. She called it her "retail therapy." She had a thoughtful way of finding gifts that had a personal touch throughout the year and holding onto them for birthdays, Christmas or the perfect occasion. She did this so frequently that some of the gifts would often end up lost in their hiding places and ungiven.

Cheryl loved celebrating holidays, birthdays, babies, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, house warmings, and any life milestone – you name it, she would create a reason to wrap a party around it. At work, at her house, at the church, or anywhere else, she would jump in to organize, set up, decorate, cook, serve, clean up, and just have fun. She was in costume every Halloween, and for the holiday season it looked like Christmas had exploded in her house. A particularly ridiculous Christmas was when she had three fully-decorated Christmas trees in the house, one of which was an upside-down tree, just because it was "whimsical." Most evident, though, was her joy. At her very core was warmth and hospitality, and she made any stranger feel invited and welcome at all celebrations and events.

Over the last few years, the Welcoming Ministry at St. Michael Parish allowed her to use her gift of hospitality to serve and touch more people for Jesus. She did her best every day to live her motto, "Be not inhospitable to strangers lest they be angels in disguise."

Cheryl was a student of the world. She was passionate about reading. She particularly enjoyed long historical novels. Long ones. Really long ones. James Michener, Edward Rutherford, and Margaret George were among her favorite authors. The end of most of her days found her asleep with the night-stand light still on and a book collapsed in her hands.

Traveling and taking photos was also a lifelong passion for her. Europe, the Holy Land, Greek Isles, South America, Morocco, Thailand, China, Japan, and many cruises were just a small portion of her travel

log. Some trips were to experience and learn about the peoples, the cultures, and the art. Other travel was for leisure: to swim, soak up the sun, or lay by the pool and work on her tan. But no matter the purpose of the trip, she had her camera in her hand. Cheryl never failed to capture her memories in photographs, and she had an exceptional talent for assembling them into beautiful photo albums, for herself and fellow travelers, so that the adventure could later be shared or relived.

Ultimately though, Cheryl was a person that others were proud to call their friend. She was a person of intelligence, humor, love, and generosity. A person who enjoyed entertaining, culture, and the arts. And she made herself available when friends needed her, and showed love, respect, patience and compassion to others.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 1, 2019, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 6 p.m. at St. Michael Parish in Livermore. A funeral mass will be on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Parish, with a reception to follow in the church hall.

The family asks that people make donations to support Cheryl's favorite charitable organizations: Children's Hospital in Oakland, St. Michael Parish, Cal State University East Bay CBE, or to a charitable organization of their own choosing, in lieu of sending flowers.

Hazel Amelia Miller Baker
May 21, 1932 - June 17, 2019

Hazel Amelia Miller Baker born on May 21, 1932, – Eternal peace on June 17, 2019.

She was born in Chinook Mont., to William and Hazel Miller. She traveled by train to Salem, Ore., at 14 years old to stay with family; she helped her aunts with cooking, canning, sewing and baking.

In 1949, she married Edward Dewar. They had nine children together: Rick (Becky), Greg (Susan), Pam (Tom), Marla, Jenae (Curtis), Rodney (Tracy), Anne Marie, Melody.

In 1968 she raised her children in Salem. Mom worked hard, and enjoyed family outings. Mom starred in a cooking show – Entertaining Folks with Flaming Flambés, "her specialty."

In 1971, she and four of her children moved to sunny Livermore, Calif., where she raised her family. She

always worked outside our home, but her children were always her first priority; as she might say, "You haven't worked a full-time job until you're a Mom."



1981 – With all her kids out of school and moved away, she worked in Spirit & Cuisine, and did some traveling to visit family. She enjoyed riding her bike, gardening, camping, bowling, and card and dice games. She loved reading, baking, cooking, and holidays. Mom, being extremely impeccable with her apparel and accessories, was a "true beauty" with style.

1991 – She married Charles "Chuck" Baker. Both retired, and they traveled by car, train and plane throughout the whole U.S., loving every adventure and the exciting people they would meet. They shared a cruise with daughter Pam (Tom) and felt the aloha spirit in Hawaii, and were active member of Eagles and Elks Organizations.

2001 - Took up a new hobby, "Storage Wars" (before Storage Wars was cool), working hard but having a blast. Being very active member in the Eagles FOE #609 Women's Auxiliary, Holding Post an honor and integrity of Madam President 1996-1997, she remained a past madam president of the women's auxiliary FOE #609 and an Eagle for 38 years and proud of her affiliation.

2011 – Celebrated her 20-year marriage vows. Mom lost her husband Charles "Chuck" Baker to

a car accident.

2012 – She traveled with her children, went on vacations to Oregon, Nevada and throughout Calif. Mom loved her dogs and hanging out with her grandchildren who came to visit, she loved all her grands.

2013 – Life became more challenging for her due to Alzheimer's.

2014 – Continued to live in her home with family caring for her. She loved the sunshine, and enjoyed baking and cooking with her daughters. Barbecue cheeseburger and fries were her favorite.

2015 – Mom moved into Memory Care to help her with her daily-living needs. She liked the activities, music, dances and parties, and always dressed to the nines – she looked beautiful.

2018 – Fearing the long Goodbye with her was prevalent Dec. 10, 2018 – was blessed with Sunrise Hospice.

2019 – Dr. DeLeon, Kendra, Michelle, Doris, Jackie, Nada and the entire team were incredible, caring and kind, and helped us through this difficult heartbreaking time.

June 17, 2019 – After a wonderful life and all of us who loved and cared for her till the end, she closed her eyes and found her peace from this horrible, evil, mind-robbing disease, Alzheimer's.

Thank you, Mom, for being loving, funny, smart and kind. Forever in our Hearts M.J.

Services Friday, June 28, 2019. Visitation at 12:30 p.m., and Funeral at 1:30 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore.

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

Honor Your Departed

As a non-profit agency serving the Tri-Valley for 40 years, Hope Hospice relies on donations to help provide end-of-life care and support to all who need it. If your family is designating charitable donations in memory of a departed loved one, please consider Hope Hospice. Your generosity will allow us to continue providing excellent care, grief support, and caregiver education to the local community.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 55906
The following person(s) doing business as: Senior care Authority, 1452 N. Vasco Rd., #123 Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): All Biz Franchise, LLC., 6413 Almaden Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Duangdao Piyantolalee, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 10, 2019. Expires May 10, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4555. Published May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559373
The following person(s) doing business as: Bateman Therapy Services, LLC, 3848 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bateman Therapy Services, LLC, 3848 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 20, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ James Bateman, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 20, 2019. Expires May 20, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4556. Published

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559697
The following person(s) doing business as: Preparedness Teams of America, 4435 First Street #133, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Keith Britto, 4435 First Street #133, 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: May 28, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Keith Britto, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2019. Expires May 28, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4557. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559705
The following person(s) doing business as: Moran's Auto Glass, 1037 E Airway Blvd Space 9, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose I. Moran, 1037 E Airway Blvd Space 9, 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 Registrants: /s/ Jose I. Moran, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2019. Expires May 29, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4558. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JOHN H. LORIO
Case No. RP19020566
To all heirs, beneficiaries,

creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOHN H. LORIO.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ANN GREENBERG in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ANN GREENBERG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: JULY 8, 2019 TIME: 9:31 AM DEPT 2019 at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Probate Court. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file

your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

(X) Attorney for Petitioner: JAY ROADARMEL, 1181 SANTA RITA ROAD. STE 207, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (925)-271-5646.
The Independent Legal No. 4459 Published June 6, 13, 20, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 558994
The following person(s) doing business as: Jdu's Bloomers, 1877 Spruce ST., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Julie K. Deane, 1877 Spruce ST., 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 Registrants: /s/ Julie K. Deane, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 10, 2019.

Expires May 10, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4560. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 558908
The following person(s) doing business as: Elegant Hair & Nails, 2606 Old First ST., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carolyn Chau-Tran, 22714 Wildwood ST., Hayward, CA 94541. 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: November 25, 2002. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Carolyn Chau-Tran, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 8, 2019. Expires May 8, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4561. Published June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559215
The following person(s) doing business as: Frame and Design by Anna, 1345 Spring Valley Common, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anna Gordon Pope, 1345 Spring Valley Common, 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 Registrants: /s/ Anna Gordon Pope, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2019. Expires May 16, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4562. Published June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 559905
The following person(s) doing business as: The Last Factory, 2011 Research Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Red Vinyl Unlimited, LLC, 585 S. K. ST, 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: June 4, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Jeffrey Kaskey, Chief Executive Office. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 4, 2019. Expires June 4, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4563. Published June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559973
The following person(s) doing business as: Go To Your New Home, 5711 Signal Hill Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Alexander James Company, Inc., 5711 Signal Hill Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Alexander James Moir, Chief Executive Office. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2019. Expires June 6, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4564. Published June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 559699
The following person(s) doing business as: Bold Collective Salon, 4202 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton, CA 94566,

is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brittany Maldonado, 2833 Alnwick Ave, Unit 2, 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 Registrants: /s/ Brittany Maldonado, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 29, 2019. Expires May 29, 2024.
The Independent Legal No. 4565. Published June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019.

SUMMONS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Nationalstar Mortgage, LLC dba Mr. Cooper; Bank of America, N.A.; DENEICE HUTCHERSON; Does 1 through 24, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF Kevin Hutcherson.

Case Number: RG17861258.

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Hayward Hall of Justice, 24405 Amador ST. Hayward, CA 94544

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney:

**Dean Lloyd
Law Offices of Dean Lloyd
425 Sherman Ave, Suite 330
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Telephone: 650-328-1660**

Date: 04/17/2018 Clerk, by: Chad Finke, Deputy.

The Independent Legal No. 4566 Published June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 560016
The following person(s) doing business as: PM Versed, 502 Cedar Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paloma Mejia, 502 Cedar Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first com-

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menced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 6, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Paloma Y. Mejia, Founder and CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2019. Expires June 7, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4567. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 559794-7

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Tri-Valley Mobile Veterinary Service, 2. Tri-Valley Veterinary Service 3. Tri-Valley Veterinary Hospital, 4. Tri Valley Mobile Veterinary Service, 1235 Aaron Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marianna Juergens, 1235 Aaron Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 7, 2009, 2, 3 & 4 N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Marianna Juergens, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 31, 2019. Expires May 31, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4568. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560095

The following person(s) doing business as: Salazar Transport, 5835 South Front Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Diego Salazar, 565 Agadoni Court, Patterson, CA 95363. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: June 9, 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Diego Salazar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2019. Expires June 10, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4569. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 536715
The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s): Rosy's Cafe, 22616 Vernom St, Hayward, CA 94541. Registered Owner(s): Alejandro Hernandez, Rosalba Perez, 3337 Bridge Road, Hayward, CA 94545. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 10/17/17 in the County of Alameda. This business was

conducted by a married couple. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Alejandro Fernandez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2019. Expires June 10, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4570. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560122

The following person(s) doing business as: Rosy's Cafe, 22616 Vermont ST., Hayward, CA 94541, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rosy & Alex Inc., 22616 Vermont ST, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Alejandro Hernandez, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 11, 2019. Expires June 11, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4571. Published June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ISOBEL R. CAYWOOD Case No. RP19021870

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ISOBEL R. CAYWOOD. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: SARA G. CAYWOOD in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petitioner for Probate requests that: SARA G. CAYWOOD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court

as follows: Date: JULY 17, 2019 TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 202. at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Probate Court. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. (X) Attorney for Petitioner: Robert A. Gordon Redkey Gordon Law Corp, 40 Hanford Street, Suite B Sutter Creek, CA 95685, (209)267-1685 The Independent Legal No. 4572 Published June 20, July 4, 11, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560410

The following person(s) doing business as: Azure Electrolgy and Aesthetics, 60 Fenton, Suite II, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Keri Schaeffer, 895 Camelia Dr, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Keri Schaeffer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19 2019. Expires June 19, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4574. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560187

The following person(s) doing business as: Thinker Travels, 517 Ruby Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jared Heymann, 517 Ruby Road, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Jared Heymann, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 12 2019. Expires June 12, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4576. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

CITATION FOR PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS CASE # FL-2019-2115

Attorney of Party without attorney: Christopher Haverkamp, 389 Violet Place, Tracy, CA 95344. Telephone: (209)740-8066 Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin 180 E. Weber Avenue Stockton, CA 95202 Petitioner: Adoption Pet of Christopher Haverkamp Respondent: Monty Barham, Jr. In the matter of the petition of Christopher Haverkamp. To: Monty Barham Jr. Please take notice that you are ordered to appear on 8/2/19 at 9:00 AM in Department 4B of the above entitled court for the hearing of the petition to free the following minor(s) for adoption: Mason Bradley Briggs (DOB 11/12/07)

If granted this petition will terminate forever your parental rights and duties regarding the child. If you have been served at least ten (10) days before the date listed above, this matter will proceed whether you are present or not. You are ordered to show cause, if any you have, why the Petition to Freedom from Parental Custody and Control (Family Code 7800, et seq), should not be granted pursuant to the allegations of the Petition. You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford representation, the court will, on the above date, appoint an attorney to represent you. If the court determines that the best interest of the child requires representation, the court will appoint an independent attorney for the child. The court may continue the proceeding, on a showing of good cause, to appoint counsel to allow counsel time to prepare. Date: June 14, 2019 Rosa Junquero, Clerk of the Superior Court. The Independent Legal No. 4577 Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 560549

The following person(s) doing business as: Mediterranean Culinary Consultant, 761 Old Oak Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Hassan Reza, 761 Old Oak Rd 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: May 2019. Signature of Registrants: /s/: Hassan Reza, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24 2019. Expires June 24, 2024. The Independent Legal No. 4578. Published June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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Democratic Debate Watch Party to Be Held in Dublin

Swalwell for America and the Tri-Valley Democratic Club will host a debate watch party in support of 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Congressman Eric Swalwell. Supporters will gather to watch Swalwell participate in the Democratic National Committee's first 2020 presiden-

tial debate on June 27. The event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at IBEW Local 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

The debate, broadcast live from the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami-Dade County, will see Swalwell joined by candidates including former

Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senators Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Michael Bennet; Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper; South Bend, IN, Mayor Pete Buttigieg; tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang; and author/activist Marianne Williamson.

Old Stanley Boulevard at First Street to Close for Improvements

Old Stanley Boulevard at First Street/Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton will be closed on Monday, July 1 for street intersection improvements. Planned completion is August 1.

The housing development currently under construction along First Street, Meritage Homes - The Homestead at Irby Ranch, includes the extension of Nevada Street to First Street to create the fourth leg of the intersection at First Street/Old Stanley Boulevard/Stanley Boulevard. This part of the development project involves the realignment of the south end of Old Stanley Boulevard –

between First Street/Stanley Boulevard and Promenade Way – so that it aligns with the new Nevada Street.

Throughout July, all Old Stanley Boulevard local traffic will gain access from Main Street, and all through traffic will be detoured around the closure, using either Ray Street or Valley Avenue depending on direction of travel. For example, motorists southbound on Main Street will be advised by signage that Old Stanley Boulevard is closed to through traffic, and will be detoured to Ray Street and on to First Street; motorists traveling north-

bound on Main Street will be detoured to Valley Avenue to Stanley Boulevard. On Monday, June 24, message boards were placed on Stanley Boulevard and Main Street alerting motorists to the upcoming closure.

The closure allows the work to be completed in four weeks, while school is not in session, to minimize traffic impacts. The schedule has been carefully organized to open Old Stanley Boulevard before school starts on August 12, so as not to overlap with the solar project PUSD has planned for the AVHS parking lot.

Density Bonus Ordinance Update

By Bruce Gach

Susan Frost, Special Projects Coordinator, related that under state law, density bonuses are intended to provide affordable housing units while offsetting the costs within the residential development. In 2019, new state law changes adopted became active. In Livermore, only three projects utilized density bonuses in the last 15 years. Two of those projects involved the city as a partner.

Residential projects providing 5% of the units for "very low" income families and projects providing 10% units for "low income" families would qualify for a 20% bonus. Projects providing 10% of the units for "moderate income" families would receive a 5 % bonus.

The update also allowed transitional foster youth, disabled veterans and homeless persons in the "very low income" category to qualify for up to a 20% density bonus, and "low income" students up to a 35% bonus. Land donations could qualify for a density bonus by contributing at least one acre of land that could accommodate 40 living units located within the project boundary inside the development or within ¼ mile. The square footage of child care facilities, if located within the residential project, could also determine the size of the bonus. Conversions of apartments to condominiums for moderate or low income families provided within existing buildings could also qualify for density bonuses. Modified parking standards similar to the current city standard were added.

Vice Mayor Robert Carling wondered why the city has only had 3 projects over the last 15 years applying for the density bonuses and will the changes encourage others? Frost believed that these changes will not encourage more projects in Livermore since they are more applicable to urbanized areas.

Councilmember Trish Munro was struck by what very low income, low income and moderate income meant in the Bay area. Frost

replied that the levels were determined for the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Numbers for a family of 4 with very low income status would be \$58,000, for low income \$89,000, and moderate income would be \$104,000.

Councilmember Bob Woerner asked if there were more that the city could do to encourage projects at the low end of the spectrum? Paul Spence, Community Development Director, replied that the density bonuses are intended to try to encourage just that. Most of the low income projects are heavily subsidized by cities or other organizations. The City of Livermore is involved in a number of projects presently that will bring units on line for a variety of income categories. "We are working hard to maximize our resources".

Woerner wondered if any grants at the state level were

available that could be used?

Spence responded that the governor's budget should have additional resources available. City Manager Marc Roberts added that Mayor John Marchand initiated an item to determine whether there were adequate staff in the city's Housing and Human Services division when the state takes action on the new regulations. He added, "We are working on this at all levels to maximize our outcomes."

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Foreign Influence Act would improve upon current law by expanding the prohibition's application for sources to include companies controlled by foreign countries, and for recipients to include the President's and Vice President's immediate family members and companies they control. Additionally, it expands the prohibition's scope from gifts, to include "anything of value" and would make violations subject to criminal penalties.

Donald Trump reassigned oversight of the Trump Or-

ganization to his adult children and stated he would pursue "no new deals" during his time in the Oval Office. Although the Trump Organization ended some proposed deals around the world, it has opened several new properties since 2017, with several providing direct income to Trump. The Trump Organization has yet to publicly release the trust agreement, or any portions of the document showing that transactions with foreign governments are prohibited. Though the new bill

would not criminalize past financial arrangements, it would ensure no such relationships continue.

"It's long past time that Congress takes a meaningful stand against any effort to buy and sell our White House," Swalwell said. "America's Presidents and Vice Presidents must not enrich themselves from foreign sources – they should hold themselves to a higher standard, and if they won't, it's our job to do it for them."

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Music and More at Pleasanton's 4th of July Celebration



Photos of last year's festivities taken by Michele Suski.

Community members are invited to join in what has become a tradition for celebrating the birth of our nation at a free family-friendly concert and (optional) picnic in Lions Wayside Park from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4. About 100 volunteers are involved in producing the celebration.

"Celebrating Freedom

and its Evolution since the Revolution" is the permanent title of the event. This year's theme is "Memorable American Moments," celebrating eight historic anniversaries with musical tributes performed by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of conductor Bob Williams.

"Visiting these points on

the 243-year timeline of our history gives opportunity to notice the changes in technology, business, transportation, entertainment, and social activity still ongoing in our evolution," noted Williams.

"Memorable moments" to be recognized:

- The transcontinental railroad was completed

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Library to Screen Sneak Preview of Documentary

The Livermore Public Library will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with a free sneak peek screening of the upcoming American Experience film, *Chasing the Moon*, a new six-hour documentary series about the space race, from its

earliest beginnings to the monumental achievement of the first lunar landing in 1969 and beyond. *Chasing the Moon* will premiere on KQED on July 8, 9 and 10. The Library will show a 32-minute excerpt from Part One: *A Place Beyond the Sky*, which explores the

early days of the space race. Synopsis of the excerpt: It's 1961, and the space race is gaining momentum. While the rivalry with the Soviet Union intensifies, President Kennedy publicly champions America's space

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Creatures of Impulse Presents Tri-Valley High: The Series 2019

Creatures of Impulse hits the Firehouse Arts Center stage in Pleasanton on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. this July. The City of Pleasanton's award-winning teen improv troupe will present four lively episodes of angst, heartbreak, teen drama, and total improvised hilarity: "Tri-Valley High: The series 2019." COI founder and facilitator Mark Duncanson, Recreation Coordinator with the City of Pleasanton, notes with a smile, "Our tag line for this series of shows is that 'school may be out, but the high school drama isn't over!'"



Audience suggestions help create the characters, location, and plot for the interactive and unscripted adventures. Note: This show is best suited for ages 12 and up.

Is it really improvised? "During brush-up rehearsals, the cast is not allowed to discuss what can happen, only what has happened," says Mark, himself a professional Bay Area actor and improviser, who developed his love for long-form, story-based improv in the 90's when he was cast in "Liquid Soap," an improvised episodic soap-opera based out of San Francisco. "Plus the cast vows not to discuss show outside of rehearsal so the stories are truly improvised."

Creatures of Impulse has been lauded state-wide, not only for its high caliber training and performances, but also for the community and local business out-reach, offering theatrical improvisation classes, workshops, camps, and performances that bring youth together in the supportive culture of teen improv.

Tri-Valley High: The series 2019 presents shows at 7:30 p.m. July 3, 10, 17, and 24. Fans are welcome to see single performances as a satisfying "stand alone," or come to all four for a full-effect experience.

General admission tickets: \$5 students, \$10 adults. Tickets online at www.firehousearts.org, or by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and at the door. Free parking in the center's lot on Spring Street. Calendar Item



Opera in the Vineyard Nikola Printz

Aria a la Carte One of Highlights at Opera in the Vineyard at Retzlaff

Livermore Valley Opera will host its second Opera in the Vineyard event this summer when it returns to Retzlaff Vineyards the site which has hosted the event for over 20 years. It is an evening of classic opera. The first event in June at Nella Terra Winery sold out.

Opera in the Vineyard will be held July 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Retzlaff will continue its support of "Opera in the Vineyard" as it has since 2009, on a raised stage under hundred years old pepper trees surrounded by vineyards. It offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas in an informal setting. It is a "bring-your-own-picnic dinner" event where guests can purchase the wines of Retzlaff Vineyards while listening to performances by professional opera singers.

"Opera in the Vineyard has become a popular LVO summer event that has created a wonderful community of music lovers," says Raquel Holt, event co-chair and LVO founder and board member. "The program will include unique performances of opera arias, show tunes and maybe even a little cabaret. You will not want to miss it."

The July event will offer a different program from that of June's Opera in the Vineyard at Nella Terra Winery. Returning performers include mezzo soprano Nikola Printz and bass Kirk Eichleberger (Don Basilio in March's

Barber of Seville). Debuting for LVO is soprano Victoria Markaryan. Accompanying the performers will be pianist and LVO Music Director Alexander Katsman.

"It is always wonderful to see our guests enjoying themselves in an informal, casual event as they listen to beautiful arias being performed by LVO's talented principal singers," adds Holt. "Our guests take out a spread of delectable culinary delights to share, and to hear the clinking of wine glasses as they happily make a toast to each other is a delight to see."

Once again, LVO will offer the "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area.

Regular admission tickets are \$55 each in advance, \$65 each at the door.

Tickets can be purchased online on the Livermore Valley Opera website at www.livermorevalleyopera.com. All ticket levels will have table seating. Regular priced tables of eight are available for purchase in advance for \$440.

Retzlaff Vineyards wines will be available for purchase. No outside wine is permitted. Guests are encouraged to carpool.

Visit LVO's website www.livermorevalleyopera.com for more event information.

Sacred Fire - Santana Tribute Band To Perform at Tuesday Tunes

Tuesday Tunes (TT), organized by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC), brings back the popular Sacred Fire, in its 14th year of performing as a Santana Tribute band. They will take the stage on July 2nd.

TT is a free family-friendly series each week at 6:45 pm on the Shea Homes Stage in the Bankhead Theater Plaza. The award winning Band (Northern California Entertainers Music Awards winner for best Latin band) is comprised of seasoned touring Bay Area musicians, a blistering seven-piece Tribute band that knows how to bring out the energy in a crowd. They pull out all the stops with songs by SF Bay star Carlos Santana: Smooth, Oye como Va, Black Magic Woman, Suavecito, Cumbia del sol, Cumbia Raza, Suavemente, Groove tonight, September, This is How We Do It, Uptown Funk, Rappers Delight, etc. Their program features Latin Rock, Contemporary R&B, Old School, & Latin Dance. Sacred Fire brings a sound full of guitar, organ,



Sacred Fire

percussion and vocals. www.sacredfireband.com

Sacred Fire has burned up stages in northern California. Al Bruggman, a respected Santana style player at the helm, has brought professionalism by asking each player to reach higher levels. The performers, a list of who's who in the Bay Area Latin Rock scene, are ex-members of Malo,

Sapo, El Chicano, Jorge Santana and more. All have been marinated in Santana and Latin rock music their whole lives.

When performing, The Sacred Fire Band is family oriented.

Shea Homes is a major Tuesday Tunes sponsor. Funding also comes from Alameda County Arts Commission, Fremont Bank,

The Independent, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Uncle Credit Union, and Uncle Yu's at the Vineyards. Next on July 9th is "LunaFish", with Psychedelic Rock of the 60's and 70's.

A full schedule and band details can be found at www.lcac.org. Concertgoers should heed city Municipal Codes restricting alcohol in public areas.

Food Drive Planned in Area Cities

Hunger affects more than 700 households in the Tri-Valley. In a single month, local food providers will supply 25,000 meals for food-insecure families and individuals. This summer, take part in the movement to end local hunger by supporting Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore food providers and pantries during the annual Feed Tri-Valley food drive.

All are invited to donate food and grocery store gift cards at designated drop-off locations in the Tri-Valley between July 7th and July 21st. Gift cards are encouraged.

All donations will be distributed to food-insecure residents of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore through neighborhood organizations like Open Heart Kitchen, Interfaith Sharing, Valley Bible Church and Tri-Valley Haven.

Feed Tri-Valley is a collaborative between city leaders, residents and food providers of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. For a complete list of drop-off locations, please visit: www.ptownlife.org

For more information about Feed Tri-Valley, contact Nicole Thomas at pytsupervisor@cityofpleasantonca.gov

CHASING THE MOON

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program and challenges the nation to land a man on the moon – even though he privately has concerns about the astronomical costs. And as the space program expands, the press come to play a significant role in promoting NASA to the American public.

The special screening will take place on Wednes-

day, July 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. This is a free event open to everyone ages eight and up.

For more information about this and other library events, visit www.livermorelibrary.net, or call (925) 373-5500.

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Downtown Livermore will present the Red, White & Boom 4th of July Fireworks celebration on Thurs., July 4. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Streets will close at 4 p.m.: First St. Maple St. to L St., Railroad Ave. Maple St. to L St., Maple St. from First St. to Third St. & Livermore Ave. from Chestnut St. to Second St. Lawn chair viewing will be available Livermore Ave. to L St. on Railroad Ave. & First St. from Maple St. to Flag Pole Plaza. For information, go to at www.livermoredowntown.com

PLEASANTON'S 4th

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150 years ago, and a part of that original line still exists in nearby Niles Canyon.

- Celebrating 100 years this year is the American Legion, and also Pleasanton's own Meadowlark Dairy, adjacent to where the Independence Day event will be held.

- Two memorable movies were produced 80 years ago: "Gone with the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz."

- It was 60 years ago that American audiences first enjoyed "The Sound of Music."

- Half a century has passed since the moon landing.

- That was also the year of the infamous Woodstock concert.

Each of these milestones will be honored with appropriate music.

Mayor Jerry Thorne will provide the welcome as the program begins. Pat Bosma, as Lady Liberty, will lead a sing-along of the national anthem.

Also included will be a tribute to those who have served in the military,

past and present, and their families, as the band plays the anthems of each branch of the service.

American Legion Post 238 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will provide the color guard. Boy Scout Troop 908 will assist with set-up for the program, which attracts hundreds of people of all ages.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by a naturalized citizen.

Audience members provide their own chairs or blankets, and they are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. The audience can sing along to "Happy Birthday" to the United States of America.

A popular feature is "A Dog & a Drink for 2 Dollars" – the hot-dog lunch sold by the Lions Club. Lions also provide hand-held American flags free to the first three hundred members of the audience to arrive. Children will be given wooden tokens to trade for soft ice-cream cones at Meadowlark Dairy, adjacent to the park. Several shade

canopies will be in place, in addition to the shade provided by trees in the park.

Event sponsor is Heritage Bank of Commerce. Music sponsor is AC-CUSPLIT, makers of certified accurate pedometers and stopwatches. Food sponsor is Lions Club.

This year's masters of ceremonies will be Ken McDonald and Les Duman. The 2019 recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award, Sarah Banholzer and Jorge Victoria, will be honored. The award is named in memory of the first master of ceremonies for the event, former mayor Ed Kinney.

Founder W. Ron Sutton says, "The all-volunteer event is a fun way to make sure that we remember Fourth of July for more than fireworks and barbecues. We celebrate our shared heritage – and still have time for other activities in the evening.

"Two decades ago, the Alameda County Fair officials canceled their Fourth of July fireworks after a

shooting had occurred the previous year. We realized that Pleasanton had no other celebration planned for our Independence Day. That's why we started 'Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution.' Since then, county fair officials decided that Fourth of July fireworks have been permanently eliminated. We continue to offer a fun, family-friendly way to honor our special national holiday"

Returning audience members is looking for their photos from last year in the mosaic of pictures on the printed program.

This Independence Day event is produced by Pleasanton Community Concert Band, for Celebrating July 4. org, which is part of Make A Difference, Today and Always. Both are local non-profit organizations. If interested in learning about (or donating) to either, visit their websites: www.pleasantonband.org or www.MakeADifferenceTodayAndAlways.org (www.MADTAA.org).

Nature Programs Scheduled by LARPD in July

Sign up for LARPD Ranger-Led Nature Programs for July on the LARPD website or call (925) 373-5700 to register. Visitors can also drop-in to a program and pay there, but by registering in advance, it would help ensure that the program will be held. Programs are subject to cancellation if there are not enough people pre-registered.

Pre-registration is requested for all July Ranger Programs with the exception of "Nature Storytime"

4th of July Hike at Sycamore Grove: Thursday, 7/4 8 PM Sycamore Grove, 1051 Wetmore Road; Join Ranger Glen on a hike to one of the highest hills in the park to get a different perspective on the fireworks show in the Tri-Valley and maybe see nocturnal wildlife. Hike will be four miles round-trip, including a moderate hill climb. Bring a blanket or camp chair to sit on. Meet at 1051 Wetmore Road. Registration required.

Class #7123 \$5/\$6

Creek Crawl: Sunday, 7/14 2 PM Sycamore Grove, 1051 Wetmore Road; Join ranger Amy for fun exploration for all ages. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Meet Ranger Amy at the Wetmore Entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Class #7005 Age 18+ \$5/\$6

Class #7006 Age 2-17 \$1/\$2

The Way of the Ohlone: Saturday, 7/20 10 AM Sycamore Grove, 5049 Arroyo Road; What was it like to live in the Livermore Valley before the Europeans arrived? How did the native people feed themselves, get married, or cure themselves when they were sick? Join Ranger Darren to catch a glimpse into the daily life of the original inhabitants of the area and unlock the secrets of how they survived and thrived for thousands of years. We will start with a slow-paced walk to look at some of the plants and animals that were important to them, and then look at some replicas of their tools and baskets.

Class #7014 Age 18+ \$5/\$6

Turtles: Sunday, 7/21 2 PM Sycamore Grove, 5049 Arroyo Road. They come in different shapes and sizes. They live in different environments, from the ocean to the desert and everywhere in between. Some are small and some are the size of a small car. Join us today to learn about that charming group of reptiles – the turtles. There will be live specimens for us to look at.

Class #7007 Age 18+ \$5/\$6

Class #7008 Age 2-17 \$1/\$2

Nature Storytime: Saturday, 7/27 10:30 AM; Sycamore Grove Park, Reservable Picnic Area (up the road towards the Veterans Hospital) Learn about local aquatic wildlife at a special Storytime in the park with a Livermore librarian. After Storytime, explore the pond with a LARPD Naturalist! Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet. Please call the library at (925) 373-5504 for directions to our tricky-to-find meeting location.

All Ages - free library program

As You Like It

A Sci-fi Shakespeare Musical Love Story

By John C. Sulak

Beginning this Saturday night Pleasanton's Amador Valley Park will be transformed into the Forest of Arden as the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival begins previews of their new summer show, "As You Like It." It will be a fully staged musical, SF Shake's first such endeavor, with a live band onstage, dancing, and 11 original songs.

The initial inspiration to do the Bard's work is such a way, according to director Rebecca J. Ennals, was that "this play already has the most songs of any Shakespeare play in it. We said, 'How about if we fully musicalize it?'"

Kate Kilbane and Dan Moses, the musical composing team of the rock band The Kilbanes, were brought in to write tunes for 9 of the songs. SF Shakes resident artist Phil Wong wrote the other two. Some of the lyrics are over 400 years old and some will be heard here for the first time.

"Even in Shakespeare's time he didn't always write the words to the songs, says Ennals. "I think in this play, 'A Lover and his Lass,' was written by a guy named Thomas Morley. It was a known, popular song."

Writing modern lyrics also meant there was an opportunity to update certain things. Ennals jokes that "this is 'As You like it' with no sheep and no deer, but lots of music. I wanted to talk more about what the differences are between the court and the forest in kind of an imaginary future. If we live in a world where the court is where wealth is hoarded, and where there's a lot of manipulation, and dirty politics and dirty corporate activity, then the forest becomes a place where people can escape, and have freedom,"

She continues, "I say this with great respect for all those for whom 'As You Like It' is an absolutely favorite play, but I found that some of the humor is so topical to 1599, that it felt like there were a lot of things that could be trimmed, or cut, in order to make space for songs."

"There were whole passages and scenes where the jokes were pretty obscure. And then there were some things that are just so perfect as they are that I didn't want to touch them, like 'All the world is a stage...' Nobody wants to hear a song of that. They just want to hear the speech. There were quite a few passages like that, that felt just perfect the way they are."

The setting of this version of the play will be a kind of dystopia that might be familiar to fans of "The Hunger Games." But some parts of the story, including being homeless or being a refugee, are as relevant today as they were originally (or might be in the future.) To keep it real SF Shakes, during the development of the play, did a workshop with Simply the Basics, an organization that works with homeless people to "help



Pictured (from left) are Anne Yumi Kabori as Celia, Michael Barrett Austin* as Orlando, and Regina Morones as Rosalind in San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of As You Like It.

(*member Actors' Equity Association) photo: John Western

them meet their most basic needs with dignity so they can focus on greater goals."

Rennals said that in the workshop they "talked about, explored and told stories around the themes of the play with folks who experienced homelessness in our community. One of them has become a community consultant on the show. We ask her, 'How does it feel? What is the story of people who are being exiled?' We don't want to glamorize it. And we don't want to overlook something that would be a truthful way to tell that story."

"As You Like It," which Ennals considers to be "Shakespeare's queerest play," also happens, most auspiciously, to be opening on Gay Pride Weekend. "Shakespeare really messed with the expectations of the Elizabethan audience. It was like, 'The boy is playing a girl, but then the girl plays a boy, who then turns around and plays a girl again.'" Ennals is very proud

to have directed "this really wonderfully genderqueer play; and our casting is always very inclusive of genders."

The previews will be followed by two more weekends of performances in Pleasanton before SF Shakes takes the show on the road around the Bay Area. As in past years, it will be a family-friendly event. Everyone is welcome. The play starts at 7PM but getting there early and bringing food and drink is encouraged. There will be a "Green Show" before the main event that sets things up and will help kids understand what they are about to see. It's all free.

Performances will take place at Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue, on June 29, 30 (previews), and July 6, 7, 13 and 14. For more info visit www.sfshakes.org

Time to get into the summer whites Start with exotic and aromatic Viognier

By Harry Stoll

Viognier is an aromatic delight, typically with floral notes singing of white peaches, apricots, tropical fruits, sometimes grapefruit, jasmine, and, almost always, honeysuckle. The taste provides more of the same and has an undeniable sweetness but not an icky sweetness. You get a full roundness and a soft finish. As rumor often does, rumor has it that viognier originated in Dalmatia (now Croatia) and was brought to the Rhône Valley by the Emperor Probus in 281AD. DNA maven Carole Meredith, a UC Davis professor emerita, says that notion has long been disproved. Spoilsport.

It pairs well with many things that swim or fly, or tries to fly. It's good to get something in a creamy recipe.

Dan Baldwin, Rios Lovell winemaker and San Francisco Bay Winery owner/winemaker, had this to say about growing and harvesting viognier grapes:

"The season begins early for viognier and these vines wake up and push their buds before all of the regular red varieties grown here in the Livermore Valley. Being an early riser comes with some danger as frost can damage the new tender shoots and clusters even before the flowers shed their calyptra covers when the average daily temperature hits 70-degrees Fahrenheit. By Mayday the frost chances are almost nil and we can leave these worries behind us and let this fine variety develop throughout Summer until the harvest. We like to ferment this grape with yeasts other than those used for Chardonnay in order to express some of the more exotic fruit characteristics of this variety." The Rios Lovell Viognier is estate grown, so Dan has first hand knowledge of the vineyards.

Let's hit the wine trail:

2016 Nella Terra Viognier Livermore Valley (\$22). The grapes were harvested from the Nella Terra estate vineyard. This Livermore Valley Viognier was made with the intention of being light and crisp with fruity floral aromas, and they succeeded. Go to the tasting room located high on a hill above the Sunol Grade for a natural high. The pleasant grounds has a brook and a waterfall. I brought this aromatic delight to my dinner with Judy at a two-person dining suite. Her penetrating blue eyes looked at me over the rim of her glass as she tasted this viognier that matched her special sweetness. Then their eyes really lit up when she tasted the fresh wild caught salmon boiled with a bouquet garni. "Yes,



Photo - Barry Zupan

yes, yes," she said, about the viognier and salmon. "It's salmon season. I'm buying some even if it's a bit pricey."

2017 Omega Road Viognier Alta Mesa (\$23). Stick your sniffer over the rim of the glass for fresh pear and apricot aromas with hints of Meyer lemon. On the palate, honeysuckle and Argentine Tangierine dance and balance each other, and the bright acid blends beautifully with fresh fruits

and hints of savory rubbed rosemary.

Omega Road released this beauty in late May. Omega Road's Alexandra emailed, "We paired it with a grilled chicken salad (chicken, celery, Greek yogurt, apple, dried apricot, and strawberry)." With little difficulty I duplicated the recipe and was transported to my salad days. The salad wed to the viognier was a match made in the vineyards of heaven.

2014 Rios Lovell Viognier Livermore Valley (\$20). From the tasting room you can look out at the vineyards whence came the grapes for this floral wonder with the subtle scent of a man who knows how to go easy with the aftershave lotion. The finish whispers with hints of a just-opened can of Dole pineapple, and a light breakfast of white grapefruit and a slice of Beckman's 4-seed Sourdough toast.

For food pairing I thought I was with Tom in an informal Indiana cafe. The jukebox sang, "Oh my my, oh my my, oh hell yes, Honey put on that party dress." The waitress wearing Mary Janes poured the Rios Lovell Viognier with its shadowy color of cantaloupe. The waitress returned with the Persian chicken. I alternated between it and the viognier with some umm umm umm sounds. I looked at Tom but he was gone. Too soon.

Cedar Mountain Cedar Mountain Viognier Port Livermore Valley Toy Vineyard (\$25). What can one (or more) say about this superb Viognier Port that displays intense peach, apricot, and citrus flavors punctuated with a rich nutty finish. It opens with crispness and has a long soft finish and an aftertaste of bananas. It brought home a silver medal from the San Francisco Wine Competition.

Tasters close their eyes and sigh when it is paired with pecan pie with no top crust and the pecans visible and seeming to ooze juice.

Kathy Young Leads Tri-Valley Nonprofit Association

Kathy Young's journey with the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Association (TVNPA) began with a chance encounter in an elevator. Five years later, she has reached the top floor by being named TVNPA's first ever President & CEO.

In 2014, Kathy and fellow community leader Mony Nop, independently of each other, identified a need to unite the Tri-Valley's nonprofits. The idea that Kathy and Mony shared was that by working together, nonprofits could increase their impact, strengthen each other and expand the reach of their services.

The two met on an elevator in February 2014, exchanged ideas and business cards, and fast-tracked a process that would culminate only a month later with the formation of TVNPA.

Thirty-five attendees convened in a cramped conference room for TVNPA's inaugural meeting in March 2014. The group soon outgrew that venue and moved to much more spacious digs at the Bankhead Theater. TVNPA's free monthly programs now attract about 80 attendees, representing over 300 nonprofits from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Santa Clara counties. TVNPA also hosts an annual Grantmakers Panel, Speakers' Forum and "Stronger Together" nonprofit festival.

"I'm incredibly proud of the nonprofit community that's grown up through TVNPA," says Kathy. "TVNPA has created a network of connections that brings nonprofits together to share best practices, collaborate and learn from industry experts. Because our monthly programs are free, TVNPA's benefits are accessible to all nonprofits regardless of budget constraints."

As President & CEO, Kathy says she looks forward to expanding TVNPA's footprint and helping its member organizations thrive. "My main priorities are to raise awareness of nonprofits and of the services they provide, connect nonprofits to prospective donors and volunteers, expand TVNPA's membership base, and increase participation in TVNPA from businesses and consultants who can help nonprofits grow."

For the past 12 years, Kathy served as an executive for the Fannie & John Hertz Foundation. She will continue to serve as Hertz Foundation's Executive Director of Programs as she transitions to her new role with TVNPA. She also served on the steering committee of the Tri-Valley Anti-Poverty Collaborative. In 2018, in recognition of her work with TVNPA, she received the Pleasanton Community of Character Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award. Kathy earned a BS in Organizational Behavior and Leadership from the University of San Francisco.

"Kathy Young's vision helped make TVNPA into what it is today," says Susan Houghton, founder of Sunflower Hill and a member of TVNPA's first Board of Directors. "Moving her into a President / CEO role will help TVNPA transition from a working, all volunteer Board into a staff driven, mature organization. Under Kathy's continued leadership, I have no doubt great things are ahead for TVNPA."

For more information about TVNPA visit tvnpa.org.

Derik Nelson and Family Return to the Bankhead With Jazz and Folk-Infused Three-Part Harmonies

Derik Nelson and Family return to the Bankhead Theater in July with their jazz- and folk-infused interpretations of original and cover songs, showcasing the perfectly-blended harmonies only siblings can deliver. Their fresh arrangements bridge genres, from popular jazz standards of the 40s and 50s, and pop/rock hits of the 60s and 70s, to the chart-topping hits of today. Combined with stunning video displays, their concert is an immersive musical journey for all ages.

Last year, Derik Nelson and Family were one of just 15 groups named US Cultural Ambassadors and traveled to share their music with audiences in Moldova and Albania. They have just been reselected for 2019 rising to the top again among the 300 bands who applied for the honor this year. Tickets for the concert at the Bankhead on Friday, July 12, 2019 are just \$10 each. The week prior to the concert, the three siblings will offer a multi-faceted songwriting workshop for students in grades 6-12, as they have for the past two years.

Raised in the Pacific Northwest, Derik, Riana and Dalten grew up singing. Derik, the oldest, began performing at the age of seven and, by the age of 18, had appeared in over 60 productions. In addition to acting and singing, he learned to play the saxophone at age 10, guitar at age 12 and the piano at 14, and began composing songs as a teen. He was awarded the Brian Wilson Music Scholarship for songwriting and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Music Industry from University of Southern California, where he worked closely with faculty in shaping the curriculum for what has become their Popular Music program, the first of its kind in the country. In addition to a recurring role as lead guitarist on the television show "Glee," Derik has written songs and sung for such television shows as "Raising Hope," "How I Met Your Mother," and "The Voice." His song "The Way It's Gonna Go" won first place in the Indie International Songwriting Competition.

Riana co-directed the popular co-ed a cappella group "Amazin' Blue" while a student at University of Michigan. She has appeared on screen in "Cinnamon Girl" and "Glee," and has been a lead vocalist for Princess Cruises. Dalten has been performing in musical theater productions since he was four years old. In addition to performing, he



Siblings Derik, Riana, and Dalten Nelson return to the Bankhead Theater for the week of July 8-12 with their three-part harmonies and folk-pop style. During the week they will lead a songwriting workshop for teens then, at the close of the week, will offer an evening performance combining their vocal talents with visuals for an immersive musical experience.

has extensive experience in video concept, design, filming and editing and his videos, synchronized with music, help create the visually-immersive experience at Derik Nelson and Family concert performances.

Their one-week intensive songwriting workshop at the Bankhead will run from July 8 – 12th. Tailored for students in grades 6 through college, the program includes demonstration, small group work, and one-on-one

coaching in songwriting and vocal techniques, stage performance, harmonizing, collaboration, composition and more. A student showcase for family and friends will be held on the final day. Cost for the week-long program is \$500 and space is still available.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, online at www.lvpac.org or by calling 373-6800.

Alameda County Youth Leadership Academy Accepting Applications

Applications are being accepted for Alameda County's 2019 Youth Leadership Academy (YLA), a free educational program for local 11th and 12th grade students interested in learning about local government, developing leadership skills and networking with peers from throughout the County.

Youth from high schools across Alameda County will participate in five Saturday morning sessions this fall from

September – October 2019. Sessions will allow young leaders to learn about County programs, engage with County staff and elected officials, and build leadership skills to help solve community problems.

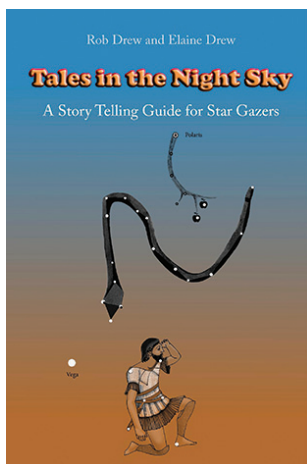
To apply for the 2019 Youth Leadership Academy, or to learn more, go to <https://www.acgov.org/youthleadership/>.

The application process is from July 15, 2019 to

August 16, 2019. To be eligible, applicants must live in Alameda County and be a junior or senior at a school within the County.

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with consideration given to geographic location to ensure representation of students from throughout Alameda County.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



One of Elaine Drew's cover illustrations.

Gallery Shows Drew's Book Illustrations

The Orinda Library Art Gallery will show Pleasanton artist and author Elaine Drew's book illustrations from July 7 through July 31. The opening is from 2:30 to 4:30 on July 7. It is open to the public. The gallery is located in Orinda at 26 Orinda Way.

On exhibit will be paintings from four books featuring techniques ranging from watercolor, gouache, brushpens, and egg tempera to digital media.

She will show the illustration process with sketchbooks and paintings for a future illustrated version of her recently published romantic comedy *Courting Trouble*.

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 449-9927.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are

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

"Bay Area Parks: Outdoor Treasures." California Art Club fine art exhibit, including oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics: June 14 through July 20 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

"Art & Wine Intertwined" at the Bankhead Theater to Mark the end of June; Saturday, June 29, 2019; 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Free admission, wine tastings \$2 each or 3 tastes for \$5. www.lvpac.org

Man on the Moon: 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing Exhibit, July 10-Sept. 9. The Commemoration Reception July 20 from 1-4 pm. Bankhead Theater Gallery, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org

33rd Annual Art Under the Oaks celebration the weekend of July 20 and 21. Event combines art, wine, food, live music and family fun for all ages. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free admission.

Play Date exhibit focused on play and playfulness, including toys, imaginary creatures, and art games. August 2-September 14. Opening Reception: Thursday, August 1, 7:00-9:00pm. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton www.firehousearts.org

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45-10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

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

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

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

meeting costs.

WINERIES

Fun Fridays at Wood Family Vineyards. Live Music 5 to 8 pm, tasting room opens at noon. 6/28 - Blue Spoonfuls. Acoustic Wednesdays 4-7 pm 6/19 - Mark Clarin; 6/26 - Caitlin Jemma. 2407 Research Dr., Livermore.

Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore. www.charlesvineyards.com 925-454-3040. Ukulele Jam & Open Mic with Steve Kritzer Saturday, June 29, July 27, August 24 and September 28. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Music sheets will be provided, or email Steve at steveonstrings@gmail.com for a PDF of the songs in advance. Bring a picnic, kids are welcome, and wine is available for purchase by the glass or bottle. An Open Mic session will give those with more expertise a chance to strut their stuff.

Charles R Vineyards 4th Friday Free Summer Concert Series July 26 - Chris Ahlman - Singer Songwriter, playing acoustic pop, folk and rock; August 23 - Rick Spitaleri - Danceable rock and roll from the 60s through today; September 27 - The Spencer James Band - A remix and a mashup of great blues and rock 'n' roll. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore. www.CharlesRVineyards.com 925-454-3040.

Taste Our Terroir in Livermore Valley Wine Country, July 25 - July 28, Livermore Valley Wine Country. Food and wine affair at Casa Real. Friday through Sunday, wineries across the region host ten food and wine events including Port tastings, a hike in the vineyard, honey tasting and more. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, www.lvpac.org

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Derik Nelson & Family, 8 p.m. July 12. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Jessica Fichot Sun., July 14 at 7:00

p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Enchantingly Original Chanteuse Chanteuse and songwriter. www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

New Christy Minstrels, 8 p.m. July 26. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

How Lucky Can You Get? The Songs of Kander & Ebb performed by Tielle Baker, 2 p.m. July 28. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

David Victor formerly of BOSTON 8 p.m. August 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

GEORGE! The Concert starring Nick Bold, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7. Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. It can also be downloaded

NorCal Vocal Jazz Academy (5:00pm Free Public Concert), Aug. 10. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. www.laspositas-college.edu/theater/events.php

The Family Stone, 8 p.m. August 10. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Mitch Polzak & The Royal Deuces with Special Guest Mads Tolling. 8 p.m. August 10. Rockabilly, Honky Tonk and Bluegrass. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Keiko Matsui, 8 p.m. August 16. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

Lunafish "Woodstock Revisited", 8 p.m. August 17. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; www.lvpac.org or call 925-373-6800.

H.M.S. Pinafore, Lamplighters Musical Theatre August 24 and 25. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

Queen Nation, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28. Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

ON THE STAGE

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. Bay Area Children's Theatre presents Based on the original Broadway production. June 27 and 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

As You Like It, free Shakespeare in

the Park presented by San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:00pm June 29-July 14 Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita & Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

Tri-Valley High: The series 2019.

Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton, Wednesdays in July. The Bay Area's one-and-only live improvised teen sitcom, presented by Creatures of Impulse, the award-winning teen improv troupe. Four unique shows! Improvised hilarity. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: July 3, 10, 17, and 24. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets: students \$5; adults \$10. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. NOTE: Best suited for ages 12 and up.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, July 3 to August 4, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, The Tragedie of Othello and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridges) (Revised). www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 20, 27 and Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. and July 21, 28 and Aug. 3 and 4, 2019 at 2 p.m. his family. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Golden Follies: Trip the Light Fantastic, 2 p.m. August 17 and 18. Firehouse Art Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

COMEDY

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

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

Sklar Brothers, Sat., July 13, 8:00 p.m. post-modern take on a stand-up comedy duo. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

DANCE

Xtreme's Favorite Things, Dance Company performing in their end of year showcase. 11 a.m. June 22. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, Pleasanton

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

Livermore Civic Center Library:

Chasing the Moon sneak-peek screening, 7 p.m. July 3. 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Apollo 13 (1995 movie) July 10, 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead

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

Wall-E (2008 movie) August 7, 7:30 p.m. all tickets \$5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org, 373-6800.

OPERA

Ao Li — "An Evening of Favorite Arias."

National and International award-winning bass-baritone Ao Li in recital at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Saturday, June 29, 8:00 p.m. As San Francisco Opera Merola Program Scholar and Adler Fellow, Li has performed a wide variety of important roles, including Don Basilio in The Barber of Seville, Masetto in Don Giovanni, and Papageno in The Magic Flute. International acclaim includes 1st prizes at Plácido Domingo's Operalia Competition (2013) and the World Opera Competition in Verona (Italy, 2013). Reserved seating tickets \$25 - \$35. Purchase online

at www.firehousearts.org; by phone at 931-4848; or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Livermore Valley Opera, Opera In The Vineyard #2 at Retzlaff Vineyard, Livermore, July 14th, includes "Arias a la Carte". Tickets and information at www.livermorevalleyopera.com

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 47th Competition for Young Musicians. Application deadline is Sunday, September 8, 2019. (Applications will be accepted starting September 5, 2019.) Competition open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Tracy, or the community of Mountain House. The selection, one movement of a concerto, should have the minimum length of about 10 minutes. All instruments will be considered. Students are eligible

through the age of 19 (being 19 at the time of concert performance February 22, 2020). Two young musicians will be chosen to perform as soloists with the symphony on February 22, 2020 in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$500. Applicants must submit a completed application form, a non-refundable fee of \$20 and a recording of their playing (submitted link to YouTube via email). Additional information at www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at (925)525-6070.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hagemann Ranch Open House.

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

A Writers Meetup for adults 18 and

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

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions. **2019 Alameda County Fair** -- June

14 -July 7. live Action Sports shows, big name concerts and Live Horse Racing. For more information and schedules, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

Museum on Main, An Evening with... Prime Minister Winston Churchill: Tuesday, July 9th, 7pm; AMADOR THEATER. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

amie Metzl, Hacking Darwin, Rae Dorough Speakers Series, 7:30 p.m. July 15. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 373-6800.

Little League® Intermediate Baseball World Series, July 28 – August 4, 2019. Livermore, Max Baer Park. <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/5070/>

Museum on Main, An Afternoon or Evening with... Pablo Picasso: Tuesday, August 13th, 2pm; Tuesday, August 13th, 7pm; Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets at www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Program on Louis Armstrong

Dr. Keith Hatschek, Program Director for Music Management and Music Industry Studies at University of the Pacific will present "Louis Armstrong: American Genius," a musical and cultural appreciation for America's greatest jazz ambassador.

The program will be presented 2 p.m. on June 30 at the Livermore civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Hatschek will talk about Armstrong's early rise to success in the Roaring 20s and his staunch support of human rights during the height of the Civil Rights movement. Musical examples will demonstrate how he fundamentally changed American popular music.

This program is part of the library's Authors and Arts Series, supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library.

For information about events go to www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/lib/ or call (925) 373-5500.

Ranchero Days to Be Celebrated at Hagemann Ranch

The Livermore Heritage Guild will present Ranchero Days as the theme for June 30 "Sunday at Hagemann" from 1-4 p.m. This year the Guild is featuring the Cavallo Cowgirls featuring the artistry of the 2017 California State Champion

drill team every 30 minutes in the horse arena.

Cynthia Patton, Livermore's Poet Laureate, will share Cowboy Poetry every hour. The Guild will provide grilled hot dogs and sausages celebrating the kick-off of the Fourth Of

July Week.

Activities include experiencing different aspects of Californio Ranchero life. Explore the art and craft of making adobe bricks used in constructing buildings. There will be cornhusk dolls for entertaining chil-

dren.

The mastery of the lasso will be performed by an expert in the horse arena. Learn some tricks yourself. The Arroyo del Valle 4-H Club will demonstrate their horsemanship skills in the horse arena.

Historical Ranch tours, art demonstrations and sharing ranch animal experiences are part of any visit to Hagemann Ranch.

The ranch is located at 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

Las Positas College Holds Student Scholarship Presentations

Las Positas College (LPC) held its 42nd Annual Student Scholarship Awards ceremony on May 16, honoring dozens of students for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

"Each year, the LPC Foundation Board works very hard to identify and attract resources in support of the college and its mission," said Las Positas Foundation Executive Director Kenneth Cooper. "The success of Las Positas College

students is at the core of what we do.

Among the awards presented were Mertes scholarships, consisting of four award categories. Two basketball players, one male and one female, each received a \$5,000 scholarship. Transfer scholarships were provided of up to \$30,000 per student who completed two years at LPC and are transferring to complete a four-year degree, performing arts

transfer scholarships of up to \$30,000 per student per year and awards of up to \$10,000 per year for students at LPC or Chabot who are in the process of obtaining a degree in allied health fields.

The first Mertes Scholarship awards were provided for the 2018-2019 school year to 13 students totaling \$375,000, including two basketball players. Each of those students successfully completed their Mertes

scholarship year with full-time status and a minimum 3.0 GPA. This year, the 11 non-basketball students received second year scholarships, and three additional transfer students and three allied health students received new scholarships. No new Mertes Scholarship for performing arts were provided. The remaining scholarship funds were divided among students continuing their education at LPC.

Award recipients have continued their education at the University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, California State University East Bay, California State University Long Beach, San Francisco State University, Sacramento State University, Samuel Merritt University, Northwestern University and American Music and Dramatic Academy in Los Angeles, among others.

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.)

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Ann Reichert will present "The Five Stans of Central Asia." Ann will share photos and stories of her travels in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, a "Silver Award Club", meeting July 11, 2019. Guest Speaker: Adrian Rafizadeh will speak on the recent rise of the radical, socialist "New Left." Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill Banquet Room (At the Las Positas Golf Course), 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore, ; (925) 455-7070. Social time 6 p.m., meeting 6:45 p.m. Reservations due by July 9, 2019. Call: Jo Molz: Cell / Text: 925-367-6155 include all names and a phone number. or email: rjm911@sbcglobal.net TVRWF Members: \$ 30.00; Guests: \$ 35.00; www.trivalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting July 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Guest speaker will be Gena Philibert-Ortega will talk on Her Name was Not Unknown: Finding Female Ancestors. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. No Charge - Visitors welcome. For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, Program chairperson, email: Program@L-AGS.org

"Dark Money," a 1 hr, 39 minute film about unknown sources funding political campaigns, will be shown on Sat., June 29 at the IBEW Hall: 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, at 7 PM. At 6:30 PM optional potluck for those who wish to participate as well as a discussion following the film. This event is free; off-street parking and A/C at the event. Wheelchair accessible. This event is unaffiliated and open to the public. For further information, call 925-462-3459.

Climate Change Lobby, Tri-Valley Chapter, meetings 6 p.m. June 27. Vineyard View, 3227 Saratoga Ct., Livermore. Find out how to take effective action on local and national actions to slow and stop Climate Change. citizensclimate.org 6:00 - 7:00, Potluck dinner, network, watch the Presidential Candidate debates, 7:00 - Speakers: Evan Branning, running for the CA State Senate, and Maodon Touhour of Students for Social Change. Q & A and discussion to follow. Summary & discussion message of CCL Monthly Speaker, Dr. Shi-Ling Hsu <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/> 7:20 - Project Groups Breakout - Outreach, Media, Film Festival, Youth Summit, Speakers. 8:20 - Reports from project groups and wrap-up.

The Fifth Annual Hope 100 Golf Marathon accepting player registrations. Join Hope Hospice for a fun and challenging day where you will be among an exclusive group of passionate golfers completing 100 holes in one day, all for a great cause! The event takes place September 30 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Each golfer commits to raising \$2,500, with net proceeds benefiting Hope's patient care and grief support programs in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. You can pay your own \$2,500 entry fee directly, or encourage friends and family to collectively support you and cover the fee. Register at hope100golfmarathon.com. For registration questions or sponsorship inquiries, contact the Hope Hospice Development Department at (925) 829-8770.

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

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Meetings are once a month. The next meeting is July 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, Corner of 3rd and Maple St., Livermore. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

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 am- 11 on the second Saturday of the Month Mar-Nov. July 13 Irrigation How much water do I really need to apply; Aug. 10 Soil- why does it matter so much; Sept. 14 Firescaping in a Suburban environment; Oct. 12 Propagation: Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites- Winter interest

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley's Connections Support Group, meets every Wednesday, from 7:15pm - 8:45pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This group provides support and education for anyone experiencing a mental illness. For further information, visit www.nami-trivalley.org or contact Kendall @ 925-872-0170.

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Parkinson's Support Group - those with Parkinson's or a variant diagnosis plus their care partners meet at the Pleasanton Sr. Center on the 2nd Sat of every month from 10am-12Noon. Hear speakers on a variety of related topics and to share challenges, solutions, and triumphs! Contact mary.behrendt@comcast.net or 925-462-5081 for more information. No cost.

Pleasanton Amer. Leg. Post 237 located at 301 Main St. is looking for few good veterans to join us. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1900 hr. or consider joining us for coffee/donuts every Saturday 0700-0830. All veterans all welcome to join us at coffee. You qualify to attend if you served. Come and meet other veterans and you will hear and see nothing has changed since you were discharged. We enjoy new faces and guarantee you will enjoy being around veterans. Please consider coming and joining your comrades, because there still fun to be around. Lock and Load. Ready on the right ready on the left. Visit our post at americanlegionpost237@comcast.net

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

Scottish country dancing in Livermore. Enjoy the lively reels and jigs and graceful strathspeys that are the traditional social

dance of Scotland. Make new friends and have fun while you exercise. Join us Mondays 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. No prior dance experience or partner required. We welcome new dancers at any time. Call Margaret Ward at (925) 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen at (925) 784-3662 for more information.

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

The City of Pleasanton Library's Literacy Program is searching for patient, caring volunteer tutors to help adults practice and improve their English reading, writing, and conversation skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with students, lead small group conversation practice, conduct citizenship test preparation, or lead book clubs. No advance preparation is needed. Find more information contact the Adult Literacy team literacy@cityofpleasantonca.gov / 925-931-3405.

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

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

Docents for the Livermore HistoryMobile. Volunteers interested in Livermore history and/or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders) are needed. Mission is to teach children the history of Livermore and instill in them a sense of pride in the city. There will be training. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. There are usually have 3 docents at each school. If interested, call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net

Sing for fun, Music Sing-a-Long, 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) free faith based, Christ centered (AI Anon based) program designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Elementary School (345 Church Street, Livermore). For further information, contact Rachel at (510-501-1411).

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

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

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

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

Recovery International (RI) is a weekly self-help group, led by a trained, peer volunteer leader, for people who want to reduce their stress. There is no charge Anyone 18 or older is welcome; just drop in. Meetings every Sunday 2:00 to 3:30 PM at Arbor Vista library room, 1300 South Livermore Avenue.. Call Barbara, 916-335-8836 or Dave, 415-948-9462.

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

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

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

Del Valle Folk Dancers: beginning and experienced dancers are welcome. Balkan,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a social

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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 American Legion is the largest federally chartered veterans organization that is the veterans lobby and voice to congress. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or (925) 443-2330 or Roy Warner at 925-449-6048.

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

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)(3) non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.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.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward,

Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide 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 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contact is Lee Parlett 292-9280.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-621-8946 for additional information.

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

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collects supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

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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.fpcil.us or 925-447-2078.

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

p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925-447-8747.

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBay-SecularJews.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal Street. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 10:35 a.m., Nursery, Children's Church (ages 3-12) at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study will be taking a break, Senior Adult Ministry every other month. Call for date and time and other church programs at 846-8650.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925-447-1848.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas

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

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

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

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick

up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Summer worship schedule one service at 9:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Contact the church office 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnewood.org or visit our website at www.lynnewood.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Barger.

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

Asbury United Methodist Church 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Children welcome at all services, and childcare in the nursery. Ladies Night Out this month will be at The First Street Alehouse Restaurant on Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30. Please call the church office if you would like to join us. Caregivers Support Group will meet July 13, 10:30 to noon in the Fireside Room. This group meets the Second Saturday of each Month. This group is open to people in the community. Contact the church office at 447-1950. For more information about other opportunities visit our website at www.asburylive.org or call 447-1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore." To Mars and Beyond' Vacation Bible School program is Wednesday, July 17th to Friday, July 19th from 9am to 12pm. Our VBS Performing Arts Showcase will be a part of our 10am Sunday Service, followed with a community lunch & waterslide fun Sunday, July 21st for families to attend together. Deadline to register is July 1. Registration forms for children & volunteers are available online at www.asburylive.org & in the church office. Questions? Contact Jackie through the church office.

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 449.1444.

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

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

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

Tagalog Mass: 3rd Sunday of the month (remaining dates for the year: July 21, Aug. 18, Oct. 20, Nov. 17); Time: 3:30 pm St. Michael Catholic Parish, 458 Maple St.; Potluck reception to follow in the parish hall. Check <https://stmichaellivermore.com/Filipino> for details

Milestones

New Officer Joins Pleasanton Police

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police Department welcomed Taft Bradley as Pleasanton's newest police officer. Taft was sworn in on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 in a ceremony that included his 4-year-old son, Taft Jr., pinning his badge.

Taft Bradley was born and raised in Pittsburg, California. He graduated from Deer Valley High School and attended college in Sacramento. Taft became intrigued in a career in law enforcement in his junior year of high school after attending a career fair. He eventually became a police officer for the Los Rios (Community College) Police Department, and later joined the Richmond Police Department before lateraling to Pleasanton.

Among the experience Taft brings to the City of Pleasanton is a background in the mental health field working with juveniles and adults. During his time at the Los Rios Police Department, Taft utilized his experiences in the mental health field to develop a crisis intervention team that provided resources to students with mental health challenges.



Pictured are Taft Bradley and son, Taft Bradley Jr.

While working patrol in the City of Richmond, Taft was assigned to areas that were impacted by gangs, prostitution and crimes that were extremely violent in nature. Taft enjoys traveling, sports and volunteering at his local boxing gym.

Toll Brothers Raise Funds for Hope Hospice

The Toll Brothers Northern California Division raised \$123,000 for Hope Hospice during the luxury home builder organization's golf benefit in May, held at Pleasanton's Castlewood Country Club. For the third annual event, Toll Brothers invited many of its subcontractors to participate, and nearly 190 players attended this year—the highest count to date. Teams of landscape designers, window manufacturers, electricians, and others from various industries covered Castlewood's Hill and Valley courses.

Jennifer Hansen, Hope Hospice CEO, said, "As a non-profit agency, we are so appreciative of these much-needed funds, which help us provide high-quality care to our patients, and to continue to offer our grief support and caregiver education programs to the community at no cost."

Cresting the \$120,000 mark was a surprise to all involved. For the tournament's inaugural year in 2017, the planning committee set a goal to raise \$30,000. When 180 players registered, it was clear that the event had the potential to do more good than anticipated. That first year, the event allowed Toll Brothers to donate \$93,000 to Hope Hospice. In 2018, the event raised \$102,000.

The 2019 planning committee included: Todd Callahan, Andrew Gunson, Celeste Johnson, Dan Masterson, Joel McMillan, and Brian Thierrin.

Glazer Names Vericool Small Business of the Year

Vericool of Livermore, was named as the 7th District's Small Business of the Year by Senator Steve Glazer, D-Contra Costa.

Vericool's founder, Darrell Jobe, has one of the most unique stories among California's entrepreneurs.

Started in 2015, the company delivers sustainable coolers that protect products, people and the planet. Made from renewable and post-consumer materials and compostable insulation

that meets high standards, Vericoolers are the safest replacements for traditional Styrofoam.

Raised in Richmond, CA, Jobe dropped out of school in the 8th grade, joined a gang and was incarcerated at age 14 for stealing cars and later for possession of a stolen handgun. He promised to turn his life around. Though he found challenges in finding the right job, he found one in the packaging industry, and eventually cre-

ated Vericool.

In building the company, he has given second chances to other former convicts, stating that a quarter of the company's 45 employees have served time.

"This is really a great product that does its part in protecting California's environment," Glazer said. "And Darrell Jobe has shown that people who have had a tough upbringing can succeed with innovative ideas, perseverance and a buy-in to the American Dream."

New Homes Built for Owls



Cadette Girl Scout, Kali Spelts, has earned her Silver Award. Kali worked with Rangers Travis Vincent and Alex Collins from Del Valle Regional Preserve. Kali loves the parks and backpacking and wanted to do something to help out the park system. After researching about barn owls and their habitats she learned how much benefit the barn owls provide with rodent control to the park ecosystem. She built three owl boxes and had her troop build one so they would learn more about her project and earn their Woodworking badges. Kali did all the building using several power tools with her Dad's supervision. She brought her four owl boxes for installation to Lake Del Valle. Her owl boxes will serve many owl families over the coming years!