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Pleasanton Measure Would Finance New School and Upgrade Others

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) will be asking for authorization to sell up to \$323 million worth of bonds for a long list of improvements to its facilities when voters cast ballots in the March 3 presidential primary election.

PUSD wants to accomplish projects in a wide variety of categories, selling bonds over 31 years to make sure they are financed as they come on line.

The biggest single project would address the north side growth pre-

dicted for higher density projects in transit-oriented neighborhoods not far from BART.

The district's 10th elementary school would be created on the site currently housing Donlon School, on Dorman Road. Donlon would be converted to 4th and 5th grades. The new K-3 school would be built next to it. The two campuses would be separated by the space for parking and vehicular drop-offs and pick-ups. Estimated costs amount to \$48.3 million, with an opening contemplated for fall 2022.

Other big, highly visible projects

would include classroom and labs that support science, technology, engineering, math and the arts.

Some \$17 million would finance a new classroom building at Amador Valley High School. \$12.4 million would cover new classrooms at Foothill High School.

New fencing at school sites and a new phone system would safeguard security better. Heating and cooling systems would be upgraded.

PUSD estimates that the bond would cost property owners \$43 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The assessed valuation is set

by the county assessor's office. It is not the same as a market price that a developer or a homeowner might get for the property. People should check their tax bills to determine their property's assessed valuation.

The \$43 per \$100,000 assessed valuation would work out to \$430 per year for an assessed valuation of \$1 million.

The bond taxes would conclude in 2051/52. The debt service to pay off the bonds, including principal and interest, would \$661 million.

The bond money may not be (See PUSD, page 8)

Sunol Glen Sends Bond Onto Ballot

By Ron McNicoll

Sunol Glen Unified School District's Measure O, a ballot measure to raise \$9.5 million for needed improvements to the single-school district, will be on the March 3 ballot.

The new bond would cost a property owner \$59 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, which is based on the official assessment placed by the county on a property. It should not be confused with the market value, which often is much higher than assessed valuation. Property owners need to examine their tax bill to learn the assessed value.

There is no organized opposition or ballot argument against it.

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Margaret Zhao leads people in tai chi at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton in celebration of the lunar new year. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Debate Held By Alameda Supervisor Candidates

By Bruce Gach

A lively debate took place between the challengers for Alameda county supervisors at Granada High School on Jan 23, with over 80 citizens attending.

Vying for District 1, which includes Livermore, Dublin, Sunol and Fremont, were Dublin Vice Mayor Melissa Hernandez, Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon, and State Senator Bob Wieckowski also from Fremont. Dublin Mayor David Haubert did not attend due to attendance at the mayor's conference in Washington, D.C.

Each candidate present discussed their merits in opening and closing statements, and answered questions submitted by audience members. Haubert's representatives read his opening and closing statements, explaining why he was the most qualified person for the position.

Hernandez noted that she wanted to help all residents of Alameda County and would be a leader working on transportation problems and homelessness.

Bacon presented his credentials, Master degrees in transportation engineering and city planning, stating that he pushed for City Council members not to accept developers' offers of funds to the city in return for authorizing projects in Fremont.

Wieckowski stated that he has been the spokesman for energy conservation during his 16 years in the state senate. "My whole life has been helping people at their time of need," he said.

Haubert's statement described the work he had performed in the Dublin Unified School District and the work as mayor to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Dublin, that he has the endorsement and support of all the other Tri-Valley mayors.

Audience questions posed to the candidates were varied and specific to current topics. All the candidates recognized traffic problems as a major concern, voicing support for Valley Link and developing other transportation solutions for the Tri-Valley and also the entire Bay Area.

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Driver Accused Of Attempting To Murder Two Police Officers

By Larry Altman

A Livermore man who allegedly drove off a road and tried to run down two of the city's police officers has been charged with multiple counts of attempted murder that could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

Matthew David Kelly, 38, who was shot during the alleged attack on Jan. 22, is scheduled to appear Jan. 31 at the East County Hall of Justice for arraignment, jail records show.

According to police, Kelly allegedly drove a 2011 Kia Soul toward the officers as they conducted a field sobriety test with a suspected drunken driver about 3:25 a.m.

An Alameda County District Attorney's Office complaint identified the officers as Kurt Cofer and Eric Santin. Both fired their guns at the car, and then jumped out of the way, as did the motorist. Cofer, Santin and the motorist were unhurt, police said.

The officers had pulled the mo-

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Council Makes Its Case for Staying The Course On Downtown Project

By David Chircop

The Livermore City Council on Monday campaigned strongly for their vision of downtown redevelopment, arguing that anything else will unravel a carefully-laid plan which includes signed development deals, development process steps, and ensuring there is adequate parking during construction.

They also raised the specter of new state housing laws they say could halt construction and jeopardize either of the competing visions for downtown from ever being realized.

"This isn't going to be resolved easily," Councilman Bob Woerner said.

By David Chircop

A City Councilman is warning against what he says is a potential avalanche of litigation that threatens to bury long-planned efforts to revitalize 8 acres of city-owned land in the heart of downtown Livermore.

Councilman Bob Woerner said he fears that a defeat of Measure P by Livermore voters on March 3, and approval of a local ballot initiative to reconfigure the city's downtown redevelopment plan in November, could trigger lawsuits from the state and affordable housing advocates

The issues were raised as part of a discussion of factual information related to an upcoming referendum and initiative that would allow voters to change the course of Livermore's downtown redevelopment.

Supporters of the residents' Central Park Plan said the city's

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Downtown Plans' Opponents Square Off

Editor's note: This story first appeared online on Jan. 24.

and drag on for years, eventually forcing towering low-income apartments to be built next to the Bankhead Theater where a hotel is now planned.

"It's a lot of 'ifs' but the trend is moving in the wrong direction for us," Woerner said, referring to a host of recently enacted housing laws from Sacramento that aim to remedy California's affordable housing crisis.

It's all those "ifs" that supporters of the west side downtown plan say are being used as a scare tactic to frighten away voters who support their vision for the area. They say Woerner's concerns omit important context about the new laws.

The city and residents' group are locked in a long, contentious battle

over different hotel and park proposals for the downtown core.

The city has signed an agreement with a developer to put a hotel on the east side of Livermore Avenue; the residents group wants the hotel built on the west side. They differ in what kind of hotel each wants, where parking and housing should go, and how much park each plan includes.

Livermore voters on March 3 will decide whether to uphold or reject the city's hotel development agreement with Presidio Companies. Then, on Nov. 3, voters will choose which downtown plan they want.

The residents' group argues that Livermore will be bound to the city's plan if the development

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Quilt of Valor Received by Las Positas Student

By Bruce Gach

A look of surprise and disbelief spread across Ronald Payne's face when his name was announced as the recipient of the Quilt of Valor during the Veterans Recognition event at Las Positas College on Jan. 23.

The quilt recognizes and honors service members for their sacrifices while defending the U.S. After describing Payne's eight deployments into war zones as a combat medic over 26 years, Sharon Bowers, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke of her contacts with Payne on community college campus.

"Ron is kind, generous and caring in everything he does. It was truly an honor and tremendous privilege to recommend him for the quilt," Bowers said. Evelyn Andrews, LPC veteran specialist agreed, stating "Ron is an anchor and a voice for the student veterans and a leader on campus."

Michelle McCumber presented the quilt and wrapped it around Payne. McCumber and others in the Amador Valley Quilting Guild had designed and sewn the quilt.

Payne thanked the DAR, the Veterans First Program, and everyone else involved for the recognition and honor. "I realized I needed a degree to pursue any goal or achieve

the maximum level of success to continue to serve my country," he said. "I am currently majoring in politics and criminal justice at LPC and then will transfer to a four-year college. I want to find work in the government in a field representing the veteran community."

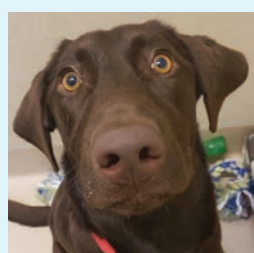
The LPC Veterans First Program's goal is to provide services and resources that will help veterans achieve their educational goals.

"This program allows student veterans insight on multiple career choices and provides higher rates of success for life after college," said Kristi DeLashmutter, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and LPC student.



The Quilt of Valor was presented to Ronald Payne (seated) at a Veterans Recognition event at Las Positas College on Jan. 23.

PET OF THE WEEK TOOTSIE



Tootsie is an exuberant one-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. She could retrieve balls all day long! She loves a good game of fetch and enjoys getting out for a long walk. Did we mention she is passionate about tennis balls? If you have a good throwing arm, come meet Tootsie at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-4pm. Visit valleyhumane.org or call (925) 426-8656 for more information.

Photo credit: Valley Humane Society / E. Scholz

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A Lunar New Year celebration was hosted by LVPAC on Jan. 25, with dancing, arts and other entertainment. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

CANDIDATES

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When asked to describe the duties of a county supervisor, Hernandez said “a supervisor must make sure they are working for their entire district. Public safety, housing and homelessness are important issues.”

Wieckowski stated, “We have to figure ways how we can best use available money to help those in need.”

Bacon stated, “We have to think about regional development and planning including transit projects. We also have to think wisely on how to spend the available money.”

On the hot topic of homelessness Hernandez stated, “This is not a one size fits all problem. Approaches are needed to evaluate how the homeless can be cared for and their needs fulfilled.”

Wieckowski mentioned the probable undercounting of the county homeless population, stating that “as a county supervisor I will fast track what needs to be done to allow accessory dwelling units.”

One of the problems with housing has to do with state environmental rules and impact fees, Bacon said, adding, “The county has to expand what it is doing. This is a moral issue.”

Candidates who do not live in the Tri-Valley were asked how they would advocate for the area. Bacon stated, “The issues in the Tri-Valley and Fremont are the same. They have to be solved on a regional level and looked at holistically. I will work to get more jobs and more centers of innova-

tion in the Tri-Valley, as well as in Fremont. Innovation Tri-Valley is there already, but it will require continued funding to meet everyone’s needs.”

Wieckowski agreed that Innovation Tri-Valley was very important. “Strategically, the Tri-Valley is set up already as a market, like Silicon Valley. I currently represent 1 million people in the state senate. I don’t need to live in a community to represent it,” he stated.

Hernandez said that she is a Tri-Valley resident. She commented, “I want to make sure we all work together. The real point is to be fair to all the cities.”

In closing comments Wieckowski stated, “I think I have a unique skill set going from the state to county

supervisor. When people come to me, I’ll make things happen.”

Naming her endorsements Hernandez said, “I am the most diverse leader for this position.”

Bacon stated, “I am an independent thinker. I look at issues and not developer’s money. I will make sure in the future that developers are paying their share.”

Haubert’s closing comment described him as a proven and respected leader who “will be making decisions which will reflect the wishes of all the people in the district.”

The debate was sponsored by Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Indivisible and The Pleasanton Weekly.

Former School District Superintendent Croce Dies

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District this week reported the passing of former superintendent Leo R. Croce.

“It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that Leo R. Croce, longtime beloved superintendent of LVJUSD, passed away (on Tuesday, Jan. 27,” current superintendent Dr. Kelly Bowers said in a statement. “He was 96 years young and still so full of life and love for children and the

promise of their future.”

Croce was LVJUSD superintendent from 1973 to 1989. Leo R. Croce Elementary in Livermore was named for the former superintendent.

“Leo was one of a kind in so many ways,” Bowers said. “He was a World War II veteran, an educator, a family man, a Rotarian, a leader and role model for leaders, and so much more. He embodied grace, compassion, and valor.”



Former LVJUSD Superintendent Leo R. Croce attending an annual Croce Elementary Hoedown. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

DRIVER

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Suspect David Kelly

torist over in the southbound lanes of Airway Boulevard, south of Kitty Hawk Road. During the stop, the officers walked him from the road and onto a paved private access road about 50 feet away to avoid the dangers of traf-

fic, police said.

A few minutes into the stop, the officers noticed the southbound black Kia turn off Airway Boulevard and onto the access road. The car immediately accelerated toward them and the driver, police said.

The officers pulled their guns and opened fire, with several rounds hitting the Kia. The Kia’s driver, identified later as Kelly, continued to drive past the officers. He reached the dead end of the road and made a U-turn, but his car stalled. After he was able to restart it, he drove past the officers and tried to flee. His car stalled at the en-

trance to Airway Boulevard, police said.

Additional officers arrived and arrested Kelly, who had been wounded once in the right leg. He was treated and booked into the county jail.

Police believe Kelly intentionally tried to run the officers down. The motive was unknown.

Jail records show Kelly was held in jail on \$130,000 bail, but that could rise when he appears in court. Prosecutors have charged him with two counts of attempted murder of a peace officer, two counts of assault on a peace officer, and single counts of attempted murder

and assault with a deadly weapon. Kelly also faces multiple allegations of using a deadly weapon, the car.

Kelly also is facing a hearing to revoke his probation from a conviction in May. Records show Kelly was sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years on probation after he pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of resisting police. Other charges, including battery on a police officer and vandalism, were dismissed in the plea deal.

The motorist who was pulled over by the officers was not charged with anything.



Eric Swalwell greeted protesters at a contentious town hall meeting on Jan. 23 at the Dublin High School student union. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

Las Positas College to Host Lecture on Mental Health in School Settings

Dr. Shashank V. Joshi, associate professor of Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Education at Stanford University, will talk about promoting mental health in school settings at Las Positas College on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Joshi’s research focuses on wellbeing promotion and suicide prevention in school settings, cultural aspects of pediatric health, and inter-professional collaboration in schools. The lecture, followed by a Q&A, is free and begins at 7 p.m. RSVP at www.alanhufoundation.org.



Dr. Shashank V. Joshi, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Education

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The Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead is an upscale, three-story hotel that will fill a niche long missing from our downtown. It will provide a beautiful place to stay for guests visiting our wineries, restaurants, shops and theaters. And new state laws involving redevelopment and affordable housing mean the site on Livermore Avenue across from Stockmen's Park is the **only** place the hotel can be built.

RIGHT SIZE:

- 135 beautiful rooms with scenic rooftop lounge for all to enjoy
- No unnecessary conference center congesting traffic and parking
- No corporate restaurant competing with locally owned eateries

RIGHT PLACE:

- No other plan has more parking
- Where the experts, planners and voters agreed
- The only legally feasible downtown site
- New state law means affordable housing – not the hotel – will be built at L Street and Railroad Avenue

RIGHT NOW:

- No more delays – construction will start in 2020
- A third (unnecessary) Bankhead parking garage on Livermore Avenue would require voters to pass a \$23 million parcel tax in November
- If Measure P fails and then voters don't pass a parcel tax for a Central Park garage in November, the state can force an 8-story apartment complex be built next to the Bankhead due to its proximity to the transit station



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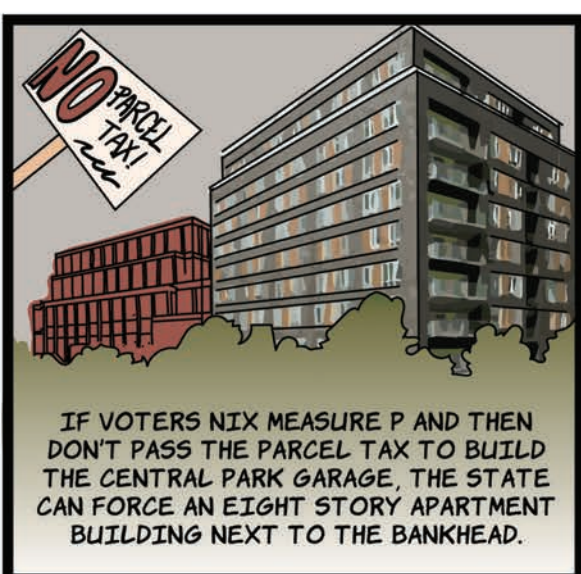
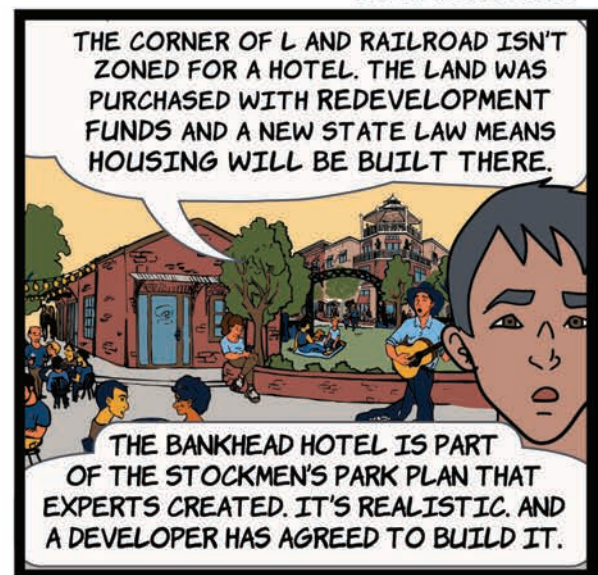
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On March 3rd, vote "yes" on Measure P

HOTEL, HIGH RISE OR PARCEL TAX?

BY KAILYN KENT



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EDITORIAL

Dublin Bans Vaping Sales

Congratulations to Dublin for its decision to ban the sale of flavored tobacco and electronic smoking devices. An ordinance adopted unanimously by Dublin's City Council will take effect in July. The Council voted following testimony by a parade of speakers, some of whom offered painful personal stories of friends and relatives injured by e-smoking. A generation after California showed the nation how to choose better public health by banning smoking in public places, the rise of e-cigarettes has been alarming and sad to see, especially when sold along with flavored tobaccos that lure susceptible children and young adults. Dublin's ban is a fine step in the right direction following similar moves last year by Livermore and San Francisco.

MAILBOX

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"No" on Measure P David Hysom, Livermore

I am voting "No" on Measure P because: The majority of citizens want the hotel on the westside (<http://www.cityoflivermore.net/civica/feedback/documents/17005/>); the City Council has not adequately explained why it ignored what citizens preferred; and Livermore has been inundated by political yard/street signs, paid by the out-of-city developer, urging a "Yes" vote. The proliferation of these signs is particularly odious.

Bankhead Hotel Now More Than Ever Mary M. Davis, Livermore

The Bankhead hotel would occupy a prime location on North Livermore Avenue, next to the Bankhead Theatre where it fits nicely. It turns out that it would deserve to be noticed because it would be a 4-Star Hotel!

It would have a restaurant offering breakfast and lunch, "small plates" from the bar, and of course room service. Since the hotel would be surrounded by many fine downtown restaurants, the hotelier plans to allow them the privilege of serving dinner to the hotel guests.

The Bankhead hotel has had more than its share of controversy. The time is now to end costly construction delays. The time is now to stop the endless squabbling between Livermore citizens over downtown issues. The Bankhead hotel is as close to perfect as we can hope for, and it is ready to build!

Please vote "Yes" on Measure P in March.

Make the Right Call Lori Martin, Tracy

Californians are looking forward to Super Bowl LIV on Feb. 2. The San Francisco 49ers, of our Golden State, will face the Kansas City Chiefs.

Football fans are ready for the big game. Food, drinks and watching funny commercials are some pleasures of Super Bowl Sunday. Drinkers cannot forget the most important part of their game plan: a safe ride home.

When I was 16 in 1992, a drunken driver hit me. My gait, hearing and speech were damaged. Not the Super Bowl anyone wants.

Drinkers can make the right call no matter the outcome of the game. Before celebrations begin, choose a sober driver to take you home: friend, taxi, public transportation, etc. This avoids an arrest, fines, a meaningless injury or death.

Don't risk it! Having a designated, sober driver is

a key role on Super Bowl Sunday.

Don't Worry about SB330 Jean King, Livermore

There has been some discussion about whether SB330, which went into effect this month, precludes the implementation of the Central Park Plan if it passes in November.

The provisions of SB330 do not allow downzoning. However, the Central Park Plan actually increases the density of housing beyond the city's current requirements for the area. The Central Park Plan does lower the number of units from 130 to 84, but it would be possible to add units elsewhere in the city. This could be accomplished under SB330 which allows the city to take action so that there is no net loss in residential capacity.

It is true that SB330 limits the power of local citizens to bring an initiative to change the law's requirements. This is not an issue, because the Central Park Plan does not involve downzoning. Above and beyond this consideration, it is not clear that SB330 even applies in this case, because the citizen-led Central Park Plan initiative qualified for the ballot before the law went into effect. It is also not clear that the limitation on citizen-initiative rights is legal. The initiative power is an important right protected by the California Constitution. The validity of this provision is questionable.

Another state bill has been cited as creating a problem for the Central Park Plan. However, concerns that eight-story housing will be placed near the Bankhead because it is within half a mile of a transit station are not well-founded. Those raising this issue appear to be referring to SB50, which is currently pending legislative approval. This legislation has failed to pass during several legislative sessions. It is highly controversial, opposed by many local jurisdictions, and is still subject to further amendment before it goes to a floor vote. As currently amended, housing would be limited to four or five stories, not eight. Importantly, the current version provides exemptions for cities that move the required housing out of a transit zone to another area in the city. In any event, it is not yet law.

There are many questions remaining about these bills. With what we know now about both pieces of legislation, exemptions are provided that would protect the Central Park Plan if passed in November. We believe that voters should not be concerned about either of them.

Think About "Yes" On Measure P Marc Ross, Jillian Simon, Livermore

A "Yes" on Measure P needs strong consideration by all Livermore voters, allowing the current development agreement for a hotel to move forward. If we vote Measure P down, the unintended consequences of our choice could spiral any plan completely out of the city's control, potentially not ending in any of our plans for that parcel of land.

First, if we vote Measure P down, the city will lose a partner and future business leader in the Presidio Hotel Group, which has a develop-

ment agreement to build our "full-service destination hotel." Our actions would also say to future business leaders that any formal agreements made by the city are not to be trusted. This is not good for smart, future growth of this city, which is going to continue to grow one way or another. And if we vote this down, who is the new hotelier planning to develop the westside hotel? There is no real answer, just obfuscation. Are we, as a city, really willing to risk turning down this opportunity on the promise that there is some unnamed developer?

Finally, and most importantly, this vote is now butting up against a political movement gaining support in Sacramento to give the state government more control over how cities use publicly owned land. We strongly encourage you to read Steven Spedowski's analysis of AB 1486 in the Jan. 16 Independent.

This would allow for the state to influence how undeveloped public land is used in Livermore. Imagine high-density housing right next to the Bankhead. This new political development may make the approved City Plan our only chance to develop this parcel of land the way the city really wants and not by the lowest bidder.

The Central Park plan has many, many issues. Read the 100-plus page proposal, suggesting such things as annexing the Ale House patio for a parking lot. The new drawing proves it. To our neighbors Bill and Sally Dunlop and friends, we do not believe the information outlined in your mailer and what you are selling to our community. We will be voting "Yes" on Measure P, and urge all Livermore residents to do the same.

City Park Plan is Fiscally Responsible Choice Richard Ryon, Livermore

Beside better serving the people of Livermore, an important benefit of the Central Park Plan is that it would return more money to the city. It is estimated that the Central Park Alternate Plan revenues would be \$506,000 more annually (\$15 million more over 30 years) than the current City Plan!

These estimates are those of Willdan Financial Services in Oakland. Willdan is a highly-respected firm that advises governments and businesses with 17 offices in California and 56 offices nationwide.

The Willdan study looks at property taxes, transient occupancy taxes (TOT), paid parking income, and sales taxes. The Central Park Plan provides for a hotel with 25 more rooms and more amenities, including a restaurant. The resulting taxes are therefore significantly higher.

In addition:

- The westside hotel developer with whom Willdan spoke would pay the city for 75 parking spaces at \$7.50 each per night, to be used late in the evening when parking use would otherwise be low.
- Because the Central Park Plan offers retail on the east side of Livermore Avenue within and alongside the multi-use parking facility, it would provide more sales-tax revenue than does the City Plan.
- The important question is whether the extra income would cover the additional costs incurred by the Central Park Plan. The three major costs are these:

- Parking. Because the total number parking spaces for both plans is the about the same, the extra expense in the Central Park Plan of providing the same number of stalls in three garages – I Street, L Street and Livermore Avenue garages – versus the same number of stalls in two garages in the City's Plan – I Street and L Street – adds up

Retirees Take Note

Retirees from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory are receiving information packets related to settlement of their lawsuit against the University of California over the loss of UC health care programs. The retirees, who number about 9,000 including heirs of the deceased, did not get everything they originally asked for in the lawsuit, but they did get a good settlement that should reimburse some past costs and help defray others in the future. Now they have one task left: read the information packets and respond promptly and carefully to a detailed questionnaire which will help them get their benefits in another few months.

A relative handful of retirees fought the legal battle for more than nine years as named plaintiffs, fundraisers or donors. The thousands who will benefit can be thankful for the persistence of their determined colleagues in the pursuit of justice for deserving and now aging workers.

to \$2.5 million.

- Park area. Since the Central Park Plan has a larger park than the City Plan, it would cost about \$1.5 million more than the city's plan.

- Veterans Way. It would cost \$1 million to move Veterans Way 10 feet north. However, this expense may not be unnecessary.

In conclusion, a possible \$5 million increase in expenses would be more than covered by the additional \$15 million that the Central Park Plan would contribute to the city's general fund, compared to the City Plan, yielding a net increase of about \$10 million over 30 years. Therefore, the Central Park Plan is the fiscally responsible choice.

Wine Country Hotel At the Bankhead Beth McCormick, Livermore

I'm a proud resident of this beautiful town and have had the pleasure of getting to know many of the business owners and residents over the past 12 years of living here. I work in Livermore and because of my job, I'm often recruiting new employees, which are potential Livermore residents. In addition, I entertain visiting faculty from around the country. I'm proud of our downtown and often take my visitors to dinner at one of the many restaurants after highlighting our wine country and schools. I've been asked many times why Livermore does not offer a downtown hotel. Our visitors would much rather walk to their hotel after dinner than drive up to Pleasanton or Constitution Avenue after a long day of meetings.

I was disappointed to hear that the proposed hotel won't have a restaurant, but understand there is a history of restaurant failures in small hotels, especially when placed near a downtown that offers so many choice cuisines.

We need to move forward with the decision already made by our city council. Vote "Yes" for the Wine Country Hotel at the Bankhead on the March ballot. Let get the building started.

Take Back Livermore Dennis O'Brien, Livermore

The Livermore City Council is taking the side of the business community against its residents. We can stop this.

In recent years, I've had reason to attend Livermore City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Each time I've seen the business community—the Chamber of Commerce and the Wine Growers Association—sitting on the right side and Livermore residents sitting on the left. We all say it's unfortunate and apologize to each other for the circumstance. But there we are. Them and us.

Livermore, today and in the future, belongs to the voting residents of Livermore. If other interests supersede that view, it is the residents' fault – our own fault. We control city government, and city government determines what the business community can and cannot do. If you don't like your city government, vote them out. Or, convince them of the merit of taking resident-centric positions.

I've been told by a member of the Chamber of Commerce that downtown belongs to them. It doesn't. Or, that is, it doesn't unless we relinquish our prerogative to determine the future of downtown Livermore.

I've been told by city council members that they balance the needs of the residents and the business community. They don't. The resident-voters choose the city council to implement the balance we want. We vote. And, Livermore is out of balance.

The businesses in Livermore are here to meet the needs of Livermore resi-

dents—goods, services and the tax base to support them. And the residents of Livermore are here to meet the needs of the business community with our patronage, or not. If a Livermore business thrives, it's because it provides valued goods and services. If one struggles, and goes out of business, it's because it wasn't valued by Livermore patrons. My wife and I deliberately frequent Livermore stores, wineries, and restaurants that we value so they can stay in business. It is not the function of the residents to ensure a business thrives by enabling tourism when we pay the costs with degraded quality of life—e.g., traffic, congestion, parking and safety.

Businesses exist to make a livelihood and wealth for their owners. By their nature, businesses are self-serving, and providing goods and services to patrons is their means of generating wealth. And, by bringing in non-resident patrons—i.e., tourists—they can better achieve their goals. That is the business-centric view of things.

The dilemma is that the tail is now wagging the dog; that the business community is holding sway over the voting residents. But Livermore belongs to its residents.

So, how did this imbalance come about? Was it the business community? Well, by their nature businesses are self-serving. But no, it's not their fault. The residents then? It's our city that's at fault and that makes it our fault. The current city council has enabled the business community to set Livermore's future, to throw Livermore out of balance. Our current city council, the one we voted in, has not been representing the voters' needs and interests. And, city management, the Planning Commission and city engineering and planners follow their lead.

So, residents of Livermore, take back your city. Let your council members know you want them to represent your needs and take resident-centric positions. Meet with council members; email and write to them, often; write letters to The Independent; and vote council members out when they don't meet the needs of Livermore residents. Change the balance to be resident-centric again. Livermore businesses and wine makers will do just fine.

Who Represents Best Interests of Livermore? John Lawrence, Livermore

There are two groups squaring off over the future of Livermore's downtown development. Each group has yard signs, large weekly ads in the paper, and letters to the editor supporting their different views.

One group includes all five citizen-elected city council members and is endorsed by local organizations including the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Downtown Inc., Innovation Tri Valley, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, Interfaith Housing, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Livermore Shakespeare Festival, Livermore Police Officers Association, and importantly, the Livermore Stockman's Rodeo Association (the people credited for the inclusion of a park within the development area). These people and organizations support the city's detailed development plan that was created through an open public process that included public review, public input, and professional review for local code and regulations compliance.

In the other corner is a group now calling themselves "Protect the Central Park Vote." This group lists no elected officials supporting their plan and no local organizations backing their efforts.

Select but unlisted individuals created their special interest group's plan with no public review process, no public input, and no compliance review. Maybe this is why they are the "no" voters.

So, using basic logic and math, it's easy to see who actually represents the best interests of the citizens of Livermore and who doesn't.

Vote "Yes" on Measure P. Vote "Yes" for People, Parks, Parking and Progress.

"No" Now Means a Vote in November Barbara Hickman, Livermore

As I've read the many letters for "No" on Measure P and "Yes" on Measure P, I realize that most of the letter writers are confused about what each of those votes mean.

A "No" on Measure P vote doesn't mean a "Yes" for the other plan. It simply means "No" on Measure P. It also means that the public will get to vote on the issue in November.

The city says that it's following the results of the workshops it held on the issue, but many people who attended those workshops say that isn't what the people wanted. I didn't go to the workshops, but based on my past workshop experience, I believe it when I hear that the city's plan is not what the people wanted. And now some of those people are standing up to the city and saying the issue should go to a vote of the public, not be settled by whatever the city says.

So, "No" on Measure P means that the public will get to vote on the issue in a few months, rather than accept what the city has decided the public wants, based on its view of the workshops. The "No" on Measure P promoters have offered a suggestion as to what their group would like to see, but that isn't a firm plan. Perhaps they will have a firm plan before the election in the fall.

"No on Measure P does mean that development of the area will probably be delayed a few years, but it's been undeveloped for a long time anyway, and a few years won't make that much difference.

A Call for Unity Joanne Abey, Livermore

When we had the opportunity to remake the downtown several years ago, we worked together as a community to share a vision for our town. We attended meetings, ranked our priorities, and gave guidance to our city council members and city planners. The results were spectacular, with a beautiful theater, restaurants, outdoor cafes, and specialty shops.

Now we are in the final phase of revamping our downtown and we seem to be stuck and divided. Instead of trusting our elected officials and city planners, we have individual groups proposing expensive changes. All of the plans have the same elements, but disagreements as to size and location. We don't seem to see that the city's plan still fulfills the shared vision stated so many years ago.

I am confident that the plan settled on by the city will result in an equally spectacular outcome as what we have experienced in the past. The council members deserve the support of this community.

An Exciting Opportunity Veronica Stewart, Livermore

Livermore is poised to put itself in a class apart from every other town in the region. We are incredibly lucky to still have a space to develop in the heart of our downtown. It is an opportunity to do something amazing there. To fill the space with high-rise cookie-cutter buildings that are copies of the other high rises going in

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ON MARCH 3RD **VOTE NO** ON THE PRESIDIO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

COMPARE & DECIDE

Compare the two plans for downtown before you vote. Both include housing, Stockmen's Park, open space, retail, a science center, a black box theater, a hotel, and new parking garages on I Street (near the railroad tracks) and on L Street. Both can be constructed in a similar time frame. **UNLESS MEASURE P IS VOTED DOWN, IT WILL BLOCK THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN, THE BETTER PLAN FOR LIVERMORE.**

CENTRAL PARK PLAN



BETTER PARK

▲ **THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN** has a 3-acre active, continuous central park.
 ▼ **THE CITY'S MEASURE P PLAN** real park is 1.1 acre. Housing area doesn't count.

MORE APPROPRIATE HOUSING

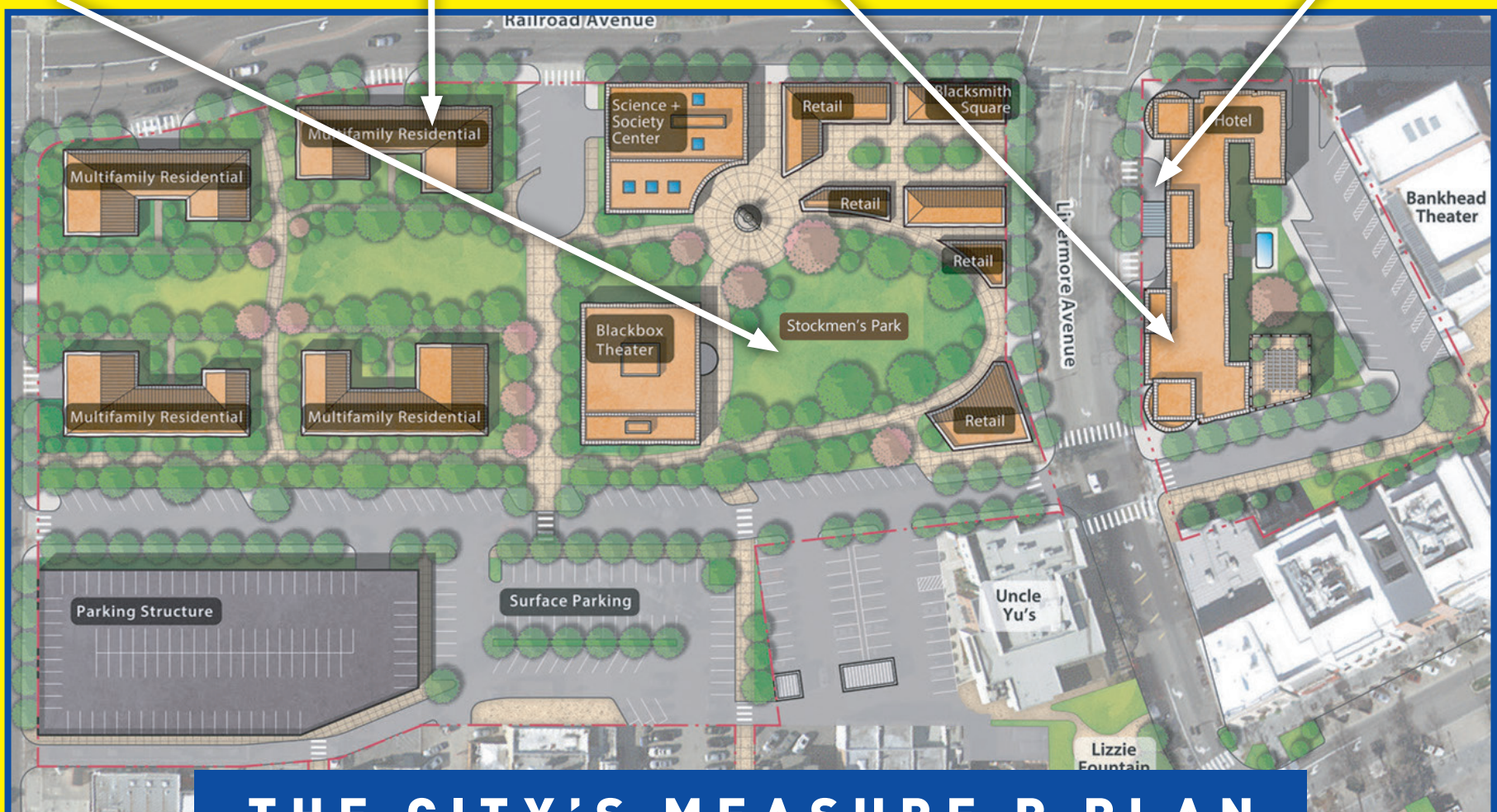
▲ **THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN** has 84 units of housing in 3.5 story buildings on the edge of the site.
 ▼ **THE CITY'S MEASURE P PLAN** has 130 units of housing in 3.5 to 4.5 story buildings at the center of the development.

HIGHER QUALITY HOTEL

▲ **THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN** has a 160-room, full-service destination hotel with restaurant and nearby hotel parking.
 ▼ **THE CITY'S MEASURE P PLAN** mid-level hotel has just 135 rooms, no restaurant and no nearby hotel parking.

BETTER PARKING

▲ **THE CENTRAL PARK PLAN** has 244 space parking garage with restaurant.
 ▼ **THE CITY'S MEASURE P PLAN** has 316 fewer spaces than needed near Livermore Avenue.



THE CITY'S MEASURE P PLAN

ON MARCH 3RD, **VOTE NO** ON P

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SPORTS NOTES



TV30 Sports hosts Dr. B & Ian Bartholomew. Tri-Valley Community Television provides commercial and industrial production at their studio located in Pleasanton. The facility also broadcasts programming over channels TV 28, TV29, TV30 on Comcast Cable and on AT&T U-Verse via channel 99. Live streaming is available on their website www.tv30.org.



State Dual Meet Championship winners. Granada has been dominant in EBAL dual meet competition this year, posting 50+ points in all three of their dual meet victories.

State Dual Meet Championship

The first annual State Dual Meet Championships were held in Clovis, CA this past weekend, 1/25-26. The tournament format was broken down into 4 divisions. Division-1 was comprised of the top teams in the state, most notably Buchanan HS (#3 in the Nation) who dominated the event. Granada HS was placed in the Division-4 bracket, based on strength of team, and was the #3 seeded team in that division. GHS dominated Corning HS in the first round, setting the stage for a match-up with the #2 seed: Los Gatos HS. In a hard-fought dual meet, the Matadors were able to pull off the victory, winning 38-34! With that win GHS moved into the Finals to face North HS of Bakersfield. Granada wrestlers competed well in the finals, amassing 8 pins during that contest! The final score was: GHS 52 / NHS 28. And with that win Granada captured the first ever Division-4 State Dual Meet Championship! Granada HS has had an amazing season so far, considering the fact that they are competing in one of their toughest schedules ever. Locally, Granada has been dominant in EBAL dual meet

competition this year, posting 50+ points in all three of their dual meet victories. GHS takes on Livermore HS this coming Wednesday in our final regular season dual meet. GHS is aiming to capture their second straight EBAL Dual Meet title this year. GHS currently has 4 wrestlers ranked in State: Carter Bailey #6, Jackson Morgan #38, Rylan Matheson #32 & Ian Richardson #27. GHS has 7 ranked wrestlers in NCS: Jayden Namayan #9 (113), Carter Bailey #1 (120), Jackson Morgan #2 (138), Rylan Matheson #3 (152), Edward Vilchis #6 (170), Ian Richardson #1 (182), Robert Porter #10 (285). Go Matadors.

TV30 High School Basketball Coverage

TV30 will bring you the excitement of local high school basketball. TV30 will broadcast four varsity basketball games this season including two boys games and two girls match-ups. Starting on Saturday, February 1st at 7 p.m., catch the Dublin boys varsity team facing off against Amador Valley High School. The games will be tape delayed and debut every Saturday through February 15th. Watch on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

Livermore Fusion SC is accepting registrations for spring 5 versus 5 soccer. The program is open to Recreational and Select players born 2008 through 2013. The season runs from mid-March through through the first week of May. Each team will participate in 6 practice sessions and play 6 matches, and will be coached by Fusion's Premier coaching staff. Early bird rates are available through February 16. Register at fusionsc.org.



The Race to the Flagpole event took place on Jan. 25. For the full story, see page 6 of Section A. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

MAILBOX

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around the Tri-Valley area would be a tragic loss.

We could craft a place the likes of something never seen before using state-of-the-art methods in city planning, building design, and technology. A place that reflects our local culture, history, and ecosystem, where residents and visitors spend time enjoying it and each other. An iconic place that would shape the identity of Livermore and provide stimulating experiences where youth groups take field trips, senior citizens enjoy outings, young families meet up, community groups gather, and businesspeople enjoy a breath of fresh air. Creating this unique and special place is the best thing the city could do for the future of Livermore.

Everyone wants the project to move forward, but the city has a plan that ignores the amazing opportunity we have to do something spectacular. The current plan does not have the larger open space, and has an apartment complex 3-4 stories high on half of the large space - right across the street from the 3-story apartment buildings under construction on the former Groth Brothers lot. The term "condo canyon" comes to mind. The current plan has the hotel basically the same as it was in the Lennar development (which was stopped by citizens), and lacks an innovative design or feature that could set us apart from any other place.

Our amazing town needs an amazing plan. In March, please vote NOPE - "No" on P.

"Yes" on Measure P is "Yes" for COMMUNITY

Tania Panarello, Livermore

I recently watched Mayor John Marchand's "Yes on Measure P" interview, a YouTube video that my friend, Phil Pierpont (of Sunrise Mountain Sports), had shared on Facebook.

I haven't always been the mayor's biggest fan, but I was impressed with how well he expressed his points in the interview, especially the part about how Bernadette Peters stayed in Pleasanton when the Bankhead Theater opened "because there wasn't a place for her to stay" in Livermore. I had previously been a proponent of a westside hotel, but accepting of an eastside hotel, if it was built with character.

Tara Tramayne made a great point in her Jan. 23 letter about not wanting a parking garage to be the first thing she sees when she drives into

Livermore's downtown area, and I certainly don't want any eight-story behemoths overshadowing it, either. It makes sense, as Tara also said, to support Measure P because the downtown businesses we love and frequent support Measure P. There never will be a perfect plan that satisfies every single person, but Measure P is the one true plan that exists, supports local restaurants, and is backed not just by Livermore's downtown businesses, but the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association, as well.

Yes, there are other hotels in Livermore, but for Bankhead performers and visitors in town for the Livermore Half Marathon, rodeo, festivals, weddings, graduations and such, it is more convenient and desirable to stay close to the hub of activity. Our family's recent trip to Monterey confirmed that desire: We stayed at the Portola Hotel and Spa in [Old] Monterey, so we could walk the Christmas in the Adobes tour and not have to worry about parking, as in past visits when we lodged further away. My husband and I also didn't have to worry about driving anywhere after having a few drinks. Besides, walking around town took us past other businesses where we - YES! - spent extra money.

A lot of downtown activities take place at the Bankhead and on the green, so it would be easier for hotel guests to just walk downstairs and outside to Bankhead's common area, instead of walking a block and crossing streets. To address off-site parking and traffic concerns, could we build any pedestrian bridges?

Some people fear change, some are set in their ways, and others just aren't seeing the big picture. Livermore residents, I encourage you to think about what you like to do on vacation and apply that to what type of businesses you'd like to see downtown. A candy shop, cheese shop, and something for teens would be desirable for me. Let's bring back a crepe place, like we used to have! I also encourage you to vote "Yes" on Measure P. Let's see the big picture, move forward and leave dissonance behind. A "Yes" vote for Measure P is a "Yes" vote for our commUNITY.

P is for Pretend

Elizabeth Judge, Livermore

Let's do an outreach process at public expense to let Livermore citizens think we are interested in their opinions. Let's surprise them by

adopting a downtown plan inconsistent with the public outreach results and pretend the plan is in agreement. P is for Pretend.

Let's allow more housing than is required, housing that takes up almost half of the downtown parcel. Let's ignore the fact that so much housing is going up all over Livermore and that housing was dead last in outreach preferences. Then let's put a strip of grass between the four three-story affordable-housing projects and pretend it is a park for public use. P is for Pretend.

Let's report the open space of our plan (where the public can go that does not include buildings, including sidewalks, green space, etc.), and pretend it is all park space. Let's add playground equipment to a corner of the grass around the old Carnegie Library and pretend it can be a main park for a city of 90,000. P is for Pretend.

Let's reduce the green space of the Stockmen's Park property by surrounding it with buildings and hardscape to keep a westside hotel from being near Blacksmith Square. Let's separate Stockmen's Park from the residential housing projects with a wide walkway, but let's pretend it is a continuous park from Livermore Avenue to L. P is for Pretend.

Let's have downtown merchants and wineries whine about needing a boutique hotel without a restaurant, room service, on-site parking, or easy access for wine-country buses. Let's pretend they are the ones paying for all the development, especially if it is unsuccessful. P is for Pretend.

Let's pretend each visitor will drive downtown from Interstate 580 via Livermore Avenue in a vehicle with no GPS. Let's pretend it is vital that they see their iconic hotel from the north side of a railroad trestle and ignore the fact that they will have no place to park when they get there. P is for Pretend.

Let's pretend Measure P is just about a hotel. Let's ignore the over 7,000 voters who signed the referendum knowing that if the eastside hotel (Measure P) wins, the Central Park Plan will not be possible. Let's pretend all those voters are stupid and misled because the word "park" is not included in the document. P is for Pretend.

Let's claim there is just a small group against us trying to delay things. Let's forget that we could have listened to

citizens during the outreach, created a plan that respected them (minimal housing, lots of parking, a westside hotel, and a central park from the Bankhead to L) and moved ahead a whole lot sooner. Let's pretend we just want progress. P is for Pretend. Vote "No" on Measure P.

Freedom of Speech Equals Respect

Linda Knapp, Dublin

Last night, I attended the town hall that Congressman Eric Swalwell held at Dublin High School. Town halls are normally a chance for elected officials to update their constituents on what they've been working on, and for constituents to interface with their representatives and ask questions. What happened last night was disgraceful.

A dozen hecklers in the back rows did their utmost to prevent the congressman from being able to speak. They kept incoherently shouting all the latest Fox News propaganda on all the predictable topics. It was extremely difficult for the vast majority of the other 240 people to hear the congressman. Their large Trump and NRA banners weren't enough. They couldn't be bothered to sign in and get a ticket to ask a question like everyone else. Congressman Swalwell was very gracious in the face of this disruption and let the hecklers have their say without consequence. He respected their freedom of speech, even though they didn't respect his or anyone else's.

The hecklers included a local gun dealer, a guy who felt compelled to hide his face and head under a black scarf, and believe it or not, a candidate running against Congressman Swalwell. Needless to say, she will not get my vote, nor will I stoop so low as to follow the precedent she and her cohorts set. That isn't how democracy works! Freedom of speech equals respect.

Rodeo Legislation - Authors Needed

Eric Mills, Oakland

Feb. 21 is the deadline for introducing new bills in the California State Legislature. Here are four "unbacked" rodeo bills in need of authors:

(1) Amend state rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, to require on-site veterinarians at all rodeos. The "on call" option is not working;

(2) Ban tie-down calf roping, allowing "breakaway" roping only;

(3) Ban the brutal "steer tailing" event (banned in Alameda and Contra Costa counties in 1993;

(4) Ban the rodeo's non-sanctioned "wild cow milking contest" and children's "mutton busting" event, cruel & dangerous for all concerned.

All legislators may be written c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Email pattern for all: senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov or assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov

As Gandhi famously noted, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Words to live by.

Leave Political Signs Alone

Khati Pocha, Livermore

Last Monday, three friends and I (four grey-haired ladies) went up and down Concannon Boulevard putting up signs for the upcoming elections. By Friday, 70% of the signs had disappeared, gone!

Come on Livermore residents, we are better than that! We can disagree and still be friendly and cordial. Let's show a divided country how not to be divisive. Getting rid of signs is just cowardly. I am not going to tell you what my signs were for, I am better than that!

Future of News After Measure P

Chris Ostlund, Livermore

For more than a year now the majority of The Independent News has been about the downtown development. I don't know if most residents care one way or another. My concern is this: After the election, the Measure P issue will hopefully, finally be decided. Will there be enough news in the Tri-Valley for The Independent to continue putting out a paper?

No Need for Lengthy Delay

Loretta Kasky, Livermore

City Council requested staff to report on how quickly the city could move if the Central Park Plan were a priority. The requested staff report created a timeline of four or more years should the initiative pass. Indeed, if this council wishes, it could stretch the timeframe to four or more years. But that is not necessary.

The timeline allocates for many unneeded activities. In addition, various activities listed could occur concurrently, and none of those were noted. The staff report has eight months

for planning and conducting public outreach. In actuality, the city has already done the outreach. The existing completed outreach is no less relevant to a westside hotel versus an eastside hotel. Indeed, both were included in the original outreach, where the west side hotel was preferred.

Interesting to note, Stockmen's Park was not at all a part of the outreach process. Council felt confident moving forward with Stockmen's Park without further outreach.

Technical analyses can be conducted in parallel with other work. Items such as "enter into agreements for development" can indeed take months or an ENRA can be completed in weeks. Temporary parking solutions exist that can allow parking construction and hotel construction to have significant overlap.

While we appreciate that planning is difficult and complex, we are confident that the city is quite capable of doing it quickly, given the immense amount of work already done on this project. There should be no significant additional delay by proceeding with the Central Park Plan. Vote "No" on Measure P.

Developer Sponsored Measure P

Doug Mann, Livermore

Livermore has a long history of developers trying to buy our elections, and right on schedule, we have the Measure P campaign.

To the astonishment of approximately no one, those campaign signs popping up all over town are primarily funded by the company that stands to gain financially. You can read it for yourself in the fine print, at the bottom of every one. We've seen these developer-sponsored measures and propositions many times before, and we won't be fooled this time either.

Not many years ago, Weyerhaeuser tried a similar stunt. The company plastered our streets with thousands of signs to make it look like there was popular support for an unwanted development project. It was a manufactured mirage. Residents were outspit 10 to 1, but Weyerhaeuser lost in a landslide.

The same pattern is playing out today. We NoPers cannot match the resources of the proponents' well-funded machine, but we won't shrink from any special interest with a profit motive in our elections.

By voting "No" we can

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agreement is not set aside by voters on March 3. The residents' group says people should have the chance to evaluate both plans before they vote in November. If voters approve the city's development agreement in March, the November initiative will be meaningless, they say.

The residents' alternative proposal, called the Central Park Plan, envisions a larger, higher-end hotel west of Livermore Avenue looking out on a landscaped park. Tamara Reus, president of Support the Central Park, said that what Presidio is able to build in the city's plan, "will not serve Livermore and its wine country well." The quality hotel Presidio originally proposed in the city's plan has been downgraded; it is no longer full service, no longer includes a restaurant and there's no nearby parking, she said.

AB 1486 Now in Effect

Woerner raised his housing legislation concerns on Jan. 13, in a letter to the nonprofit LVPAC, which runs the city-owned Bankhead Theater, and again at that night's City Council meeting. He said he worries the state law will affect the Bankhead if residents vote against the city's agreement with Presidio for its downtown project. Woerner serves as a liaison between the Council and the LVPAC board.

The bill, AB 1486, was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Oct. 9, 2019. It strengthens the Surplus Land Act, the law that governs how cities and other public agencies must sell or lease public land.

"Non-compliance with the new legislation would subject the city to lawsuits to force compliance that would likely result in years of delay," wrote Woerner in his letter to LVPAC. In community meetings, he said the city will face lawsuits from Bay Area affordable housing advocates who have threatened to sue the city in the past. About \$14.5 million in funding restricted to affordable housing was used to acquire the bulk of the project site.

"The financial penalties would be significant for not complying with the new provisions, rendering a hotel economically infeasible without a significant taxpayer-funded subsidy," he said.

Not so, Reus said. Under AB 1486, parcels that are a half-acre or less are deemed not appropriate for housing, and most Central Park Plan sites fall within that exemption, she wrote in a statement to The Independent. In addition, an exception exists for former Redevelopment Agency land if there is "an exclusive negotiating rights agreement by Dec. 31, 2020, provided the disposition is completed by Dec. 31, 2022." If voters approve the Central Park Plan in November, agreements can be signed by the deadline, she wrote.

And penalties levied for non-compliance under AB 1486 are paid by the city into its own affordable housing fund, she said. The penalty is 30% of the purchase price for the first violation and 50% for the second. Livermore has offered to sell parcels to developers at prices that are below market rate, she wrote. So even if the city is fined, "moving a modest amount to the city's affordable housing fund may be a viable option in order to preserve the elements of the Central Park Plan once approved by the voters," she concluded.

City Attorney Jason Alcalá's analysis of AB 1486 concludes the city's plan can proceed without violating the new law under two exceptions. His analysis, posted to the City Attorney's website, is silent as to whether either of the carveouts would also apply to the initiative plan.

How SB50 and SB330 Figure In

Woerner said the city's plan is the only allowable option under the new laws. He said the only viable option for housing is west of Stockmen's Park and north of Veterans Way. The residents' plan could put the city at legal risk, he said. That could lead to the state seizing control and, conceivably, putting an 8-story housing project on a lot next to the Bankhead.

Reus said Woerner is taking liberties with pending

legislation, SB 50, which is highly controversial. It is still being shaped in Sacramento and no longer forces 8-story housing projects on public land close to busy transit hubs. It also provides flexibility for cities to find other areas in which to build affordable housing.

November's ballot initiative poses additional legal risks, Woerner said. The state's Housing Crisis Act of 2019 — SB 330 — would, he said, invalidate a portion of the residents plan that would decrease housing on the downtown site. The city's plan calls for 130 housing units. The residents' plan calls for 84 housing units.

Reus countered that SB 330 does not allow reductions in the intensity of redevelopment, which refers to the amount of development on a given space. Under the residents' downtown plan, the dwelling unit density "actually increases ... beyond the city's current requirements for the area." State law allows the city to add housing elsewhere in the city, if voters approve the residents' plan, Reus wrote.

Delay is another concern, Woerner said. Even before the new state housing laws passed, supporters of the City Council plan said adoption of an alternative plan would delay downtown's revitalization. "If we don't do Measure P, we will be in court for years," Woerner said.

But the citizen-led Central Park Plan initiative qualified for the ballot before the requirements of recent housing legislation went into effect.

According to Reus, "The initiative power is an important right reserved to the people under the California Constitution and is broadly construed in the law. Laws that restrict this power may be challenged by local residents and citizens' rights groups."

Bob Woerner's Letter to LVPAC

January 13, 2020
To: LVPAC Board Members
Re: AB 1486

In my role as designated liaison between the City Council and the LVPAC Board, I would like to call your attention to the recently enacted California State Assembly Bill 1486, especially Section 13, which revises the rules for the disposition of property acquired through a redevelopment agency. Given the acquisition history of the downtown catalyst site parcels, this new legislation has very significant ramifications for the revitalization of Livermore's core.

I believe it is incumbent upon you to understand the consequent potential implications for the Bankhead Theater and to deliberate on the best course of action to further the interests of the theater. I would like to help the LVPAC Board, in its role as the operating lessor of the City owned Bankhead Theater, to become accurately and fully informed as to the facts.

My understanding of the key consequences of AB 1486 for the downtown core are as follows:

1. On the portion of the site west of Stockmen's Park and north of Veterans Way, housing is the only realistically viable option. The financial penalties would be significant for not complying with the new provisions, rendering a hotel economically infeasible without a significant taxpayer funded subsidy.

2. Non-compliance with the new legislation would subject the city to lawsuits to force compliance that would likely result in years of delay. Further, breaching the existing contract with our current affordable housing partner would likely trigger the lawsuit already threatened by housing advocates to force housing on the entire site.

3. As to the lot next to the Bankhead, AB 1486 in conjunction with the trend in Transit Oriented Development housing legislation, increases the risk of letting the lot next to the theater remain fallow. The possibility that an up to 8 story housing complex could eventually be forced upon the city in that location should not be dismissed lightly. Failure to act can have consequences.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss AB 1486 at an LVPAC Board meeting to address questions or concerns. Time is of the es-

sence. I hope that we can all agree that it is best for the Bankhead Theater, and the residents and businesses of Livermore, that a destination hotel is built in the downtown without further delay.

Sincerely, Bob Woerner

Tammy Reus' Statement To The Independent

Legal Implications of AB1486, SB330, and SB50 on the Central Park Plan

Tamara Reus, President Statement of Protect the Central Park Vote, No on P

We are in the process of evaluating the implications of the Surplus Land Act, as amended by AB 1486, on the Central Park Plan and downtown development, as well as SB50. We need to learn whether they are even relevant to Livermore's downtown development area, and if so, in what way.

Reading the AB 1486 documents, our organization has learned that by its terms, parcels that are a half-acre or less are not deemed appropriate for housing. Most of the sites in the Central Park Plan fall within this exemption.

In addition, the Act provides a penalty of 30% of the purchase price of the land to be paid to the city's own affordable fund for the first non-compliance, 50% for the second.

So far, the City has not required its Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement partners to pay high prices for land. Moving a modest amount to the city's affordable housing fund may be a viable option in order to preserve the elements of the Central Park Plan once approved by the voters.

Also, the amendments provide an exception for former Redevelopment Agency land that is subject to an exclusive negotiating rights agreement by December 31, 2020, provided the disposition is completed by December 31, 2022. After approval of the Central Park Plan initiative on November 3 this year, such agreements can be executed for the various components of the Central Park Plan within the allotted timeframes.

The provisions of SB330 do not allow downzoning. However, the Central Park Plan actually increases the density of housing beyond the city's current requirements for the area. The Central Park Plan does lower the number of units from 130 to 84, but units could be added elsewhere in the City. The measure allows the City to take action so that there is no net loss in residential capacity.

Above and beyond these considerations, it is not clear that the Surplus Land Act or the provisions of SB 330 apply in this case, because the citizen-led Central Park Plan initiative qualified for the ballot before the requirements of AB1486 and SB330 went into effect. The initiative power is an important right reserved to the people under the California Constitution and is broadly construed in the law. Laws that restrict this power may be challenged by local residents and citizens' rights groups.

The claim that the city will face expensive lawsuits by housing proponents for non-compliance is highly speculative given these uncertainties. Furthermore, we don't think delay caused by litigation is an issue based on what we currently know about the new legislation.

In addition, concerns that 8-story housing will be placed near the Bankhead because it is within half a mile of a transit station are not well-founded. This appears to be a reference to SB50, which is currently pending legislative approval. This legislation has failed to pass during several legislative sessions. It is highly controversial, opposed by many local jurisdictions, and is still subject to further amendment before it goes to a floor vote. Housing is limited to 4 to 5 stories. Importantly, the current version provides exemptions for cities who move the required housing out of a transit zone to another area in the city.

Given the complexities in these laws, and the extent of uncertainty involved, it is premature to speculate on their ramifications. The incomplete information is having the unfortunate effect of scaring the public before all the facts are known.

SUNOL GLEN

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The pro-Measure O ballot argument in the voter pamphlet mailed out by the county lists the projects the district wants to finance.

Some of the money would go for a new roof on the school building, but because much of the rest of the structure is good, only things like worn wood, and old wiring and plumbing would be replaced.

Sunolians like the "Mayberry" look. It is what they have called it over the years, after the laid-back fictional portrayal of a small rural town in 1960s TV.

Sunol Glen, both an elementary school and a middle school, was built in 1925, and has served for decades as the town's community center for the local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other groups.

Sunol is protected from the kind of residential growth that impacts other districts like Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton, because of County Measure B, which is strict about preserving open space and agriculture in the Valley's unincorporated area. As a result, the need for school expansion for population is modest.

However, a few years ago, Sunol Glen decided to expand enrollment by recruiting students from other nearby areas, under the state's inter-district transfer rules. When Superintendent Molly Barnes succeeded

Diane Evert in 2007, the district served 205 students. Now attendance has reached 295 students, with a waiting list of 30.

The goal after Barnes became superintendent was to add money to the budget. With about 90 more student slots, the extra \$10,000 in state aid per student enabled the school to add a Spanish program and various arts classes.

The expansion also created an atmosphere in which teachers were excited about teaching in Sunol, said Barnes, and that has improved the school's results. Sunol Glen scores high on state testing with 84% of students proficient in English and 89% in Math.

About 22% of the Sunol Glen students live in Sunol. Others come from Livermore, Pleasanton, Castro Valley and Hayward. The biggest contingent hails from Fremont, which is connected by Interstate 680 and Niles Canyon Road.

Barnes acknowledged that in Sunol there is talk about Sunol people paying for capital improvements for kids from other towns, but she noted that Sunol children benefit from a similar situation when they attend Foothill High School in Pleasanton, where Pleasanton residents are paying on bonds for facility improvements.

Measure O would finance the construction of a multi-

purpose room, its major project. It would enable all 295 students to attend assemblies together, since it would be double the size of the room now used for them. It would be a place where students could attend PE classes on days of inclement weather.

The multi-purpose room would be a boon for community functions and could even be used as a refuge and staging area if a disaster occurs in town, Barnes said.

The building would also include a new cafeteria, twice as large as the current one.

That would be welcomed by the faculty, which now can't eat together at the same time, because their designated area is so small.

Upgrading the cafeteria would save money by increasing efficiency of lunch service, Barnes added.

If the bond were approved, the district would try to get most of the new construction completed during summertime, but portable buildings could be rented, if necessary, said Sunol Glen board president Michael Picard.

Endorsers include the whole three-member Sunol Glen school board, 1st district Supervisor Scott Haggerty, 2nd District Supervisor Richard Valle, Alameda County School Superintendent Karen Monroe, and Assemblyman Bill Quirk.

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move the hotel from a proposed location that's way too small, to a larger parcel where the residents already decided we wanted it. We can build it just as quickly, bigger and better, and it won't cause traffic jams and parking problems. Vote "No" on Measure P. Vote "No" on Presidio Corporation.

Nobel Prize for Pet of the Week

Kelly Williams, Livermore

I follow the "Pet of the Week" column, and though the author is unfortunately anonymous, I wanted to applaud the recent entry on the dog Einstein, with its memorable, "This one-year-old small breed mix is nominated for a Nobel Prize in Companionship." I'm sure Einstein has good chances in a town where many are ... expecting ... a Nobel Prize. Now, how do I vote for no hotel and no change in ample free downtown parking?

Haubert's Dedication Will Continue as Supervisor

Ron Renfro, Dublin

As a veteran and former police officer, I have an inherent distrust of politicians. Most make a lot of noise and promises that go by the wayside after they are elected.

My wife and I have known David Haubert and his family for almost 20 years. We saw his dedication to the community when entering the political arena, when he was elected to the Dublin Unified School District Board of Trustees, to the Dublin City Council, and later when he was elected mayor of Dublin. His dedication to the City of Dublin is beyond question, and I know that this type of dedication will continue as Alameda County District 1 supervisor.

He is the only candidate not tied to any party, and he is endorsed by both Democrats and Republicans. He is also endorsed by Tri-Valley may-

ors. These mayors know the kind of experience and skills needed to be a successful and locally focused supervisor.

Animal Pandemic Strikes Again

Lex Manwill, Livermore

Fifty million Chinese locked down! Fifteen countries affected! Three confirmed cases in the U.S.! These dramatic headlines announce one more pandemic caused by our abuse of animals.

Indeed, 61% of the 1,415 pathogens known to infect humans originate with animals. These so-called zoonotic diseases, claiming millions of human lives, include Asian flu, Hong Kong flu, West Nile flu, bird flu, swine flu, dengue fever, Ebola, HIV, SARS, and yellow fever. The pandemic "Spanish" flu of 1918 may have killed as many as 50 million people worldwide.

Western factory farms and Asian street markets are virtual breeding grounds for infectious diseases. Sick, crowded, highly stressed animals in close contact with raw flesh, feces, and urine provide ideal incubation media for viruses. As these microbes reach humans, they mutate to defeat the new host's immune system, then propagate on contact.

Each of us can help end these deadly pandemics by replacing animal products in our diet with vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. These foods don't carry flu viruses, or government warning labels, are touted by every major health advocacy organization, and were the recommended fare in the Garden of Eden. The internet offers ample recipes and transition hints.

Vote "No" on P to Keep Central Park Plan

Donna Cabanne, Livermore

What is your vision for downtown? Want a large, 3-acre continuous park from the Bankhead to L Street?

Want the restaurant that we were promised, not a snack bar? Want adequate parking downtown? If so, the choice is simple: Vote "No" on Measure P to keep the Central Park Plan intact. The Central Park Plan is the people's choice; this is what the majority of Livermore residents want. This is why more than 6,000 residents signed petitions – for the will of the people to be heard.

Don't be fooled by large ads and mailers sponsored by Presidio. Of course, Presidio supports the City Plan; they will profit enormously.

In the end, there is only one choice for residents. The Central Park Plan is the best and we can only achieve that with a "No" vote on Measure P.

Take a stand for our town. For the best plan for our downtown, Vote No on P....

Don't Divide and Delay – Vote "Yes" on P

Amy Aines, Livermore

Eight years ago, I moved to Livermore when I fell in love with a scientist and the town where he has lived for 35 years. This hidden gem of a community has everything you need in convenient reach. I especially appreciate the abundant hiking trails, short wait times at Valley Care, and the easy access to all kinds of arts and entertainment. What a gift to have the Bankhead Theater 10 minutes from home!

I've been surprised by the fight over the downtown redevelopment plan. This kind of divisive activity doesn't feel like the Livermore I've come to know. Having a boutique hotel next to the Bankhead makes sense, especially since a capable builder has already committed to the location. Delays will only make the cost of the project go higher than they already have.

Eight months ago, I joined the volunteer effort to bring Quest – an innovative science center – to the new Stockmen's Park. I'm excited by Quest's plans to ignite a love of learning for people of all ages, and change lives by connecting everyone to the science and technology that impacts the way we learn, work and live in today's world.

I'm concerned that the confusion caused by the referendum could slow the momentum for building Quest. A "Yes" vote will avoid delays and ensure Quest can become an integral part of the new Stockmen's Park – a community open space designed to reflect the heritage of Livermore, including ranching, winemaking, arts, and science.

Thank You, Calhoun Sisters

Sheran Clark, Livermore

I was moved by the editorial in The Independent on Jan.

16: Saving Butterflies.

The Calhoun sisters are to be commended for their major step in protecting monarch butterflies that come to our area, whose numbers continue to decline. Human-caused climate change and habitat loss are now threatening North American monarch butterflies with extinction. This is a very serious situation. Doing some research on these beautiful creatures may be very enlightening.

The ground the Calhouns have planted with milkweed will attract these beautiful butterflies to our area, where they can propagate in their favorite, necessary habitat for their survival.

I would also encourage the City of Livermore to consider providing this type of habitat, which would attract these butterflies, in existing and planned garden areas surrounding new buildings/businesses, such as the downtown City Plan and possibly at the new City Council Building on Pacific Avenue. Suggestion is to use less useless green lawn and more useful habitats for these, and other, major pollinators that provide needed purpose to the environment.

You can find an informative article on butterflies and milkweed if you go to the wildlife.org website and search on: "The return of monarch butterflies: Protection and restoration of milkweed habitat."

Yes on P Yard Signs, Vandalism, and Community Support

Evan Branning, Livermore

Thank you, citizens of Livermore. This week the Yes on P campaign has been struck by rampant vandalism of our signs with over 100 stolen, uprooted, or destroyed. It is a sad state of affairs that this is happening. However, I want to thank all of our neighbors, supporters or not, who came out and helped stand up signs that were thrown aside or damaged. I am touched to see the community standing together against these unfortunate acts. Thank you for the support, I really appreciate it.

I want to add that Yes on P stands publicly against the destruction or removal of political signs regardless of affiliation. We ask our supporters and everyone on both sides of this to not reciprocate or escalate.

What Does Referendum Really Do?

Jeff Kaskey, Livermore

The City Council asked staff for a report regarding "Factual information concerning the referendum against ordinance 2089." Instead, the report is mostly about the initiative. Nowhere in the staff report is there information about the effect of the referendum. Simply, the referendum affirms, or a "No" vote repeals, the Presidio Development Agreement. By repealing the development agreement, the initiative to be put to the voters in November becomes meaningful. The city's intent with Measure P is to allow the developer to ignore the voter initiative, and that's information which should be made clear to the voters.

A "No" vote on the referendum does not prevent the city's exact plan from going forward, if that's what the voters decide in November. A "Yes" vote makes the November initiative vote irrelevant. The staff report does not address council's request for information on the referendum.

If any information is going to be made public by the city regarding the referendum, it should be to clarify what the referendum is about, as I've noted above. With that information, it is clear why I support "No" on P.

Once More into the Breach

Owen Brovont, Livermore

As Shakespeare wrote in "Henry the Fifth," "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more..." In the Jan. 23 edition of The Independent, John Lawrence makes another sophomoric attempt to mislead the readers by proposing the ridiculous claim that my previous letter is in accord with his claim that opponents of the city's development plan use "... underhanded efforts with negative attacks..."

How could he unintentionally misread the letter that made the point that he, John Lawrence, was a clear example of the use of negative attacks and bullying against those with whom he disagrees, and implicitly suggest that if he desists, the dialogue regarding the development of the city will proceed far more civilly? Now, with his newest letter, we have a modestly ambiguous example of his attempt to confuse and obfuscate the issue with which I sought to identify and clarify his technique last time.

Mr. Lawrence is, by his own implicit confession, a minion, a minion of those groups seeking to plunge ahead with the city's plan despite numerous voices saying whoa there, city leadership, we want to have a voice in what happens in downtown Livermore. We live here too, and many of us are not in total agreement with the plan you are so adamantly and passionately pushing, and, in fact, we have some serious reservations that deserve honest consideration.

To make the point completely clear, I am not a member of any group. I am not a minion. I am simply an independent voice that supports the idea that the people have a right to be heard because it is their city! The city council members comprise about 5/100,000 of the population and were hired to conduct the administrative business of the city efficiently and honestly, not to set themselves up as the sole arbiters of how the city is to evolve. The depiction of the layout of Stockman's Park in the latest edition of the "Official Community Newsletter" is a conspicuous example of arrogance and betrayal of the trust that many residents of Livermore accorded to the city council.

Finally, the conclusion Lawrence reaches is completely astonishing in its total disingenuousness. My missive was in support of a "No" vote on P; that support has not waned in the slightest.

Issues with New Housing Legislation

Tamara Reus, Livermore

People are hearing that if they don't vote "Yes" on Measure P, there will be eight-story apartments next to the Bankhead. This is wrong. AB1486 and SB330, which are new housing laws, do not address height. This claim appears to be based on SB50, which is pending in the Legislature and has not become law. A previous version of SB50 had a provision for eight-story housing near transit, but that version failed to pass. The bill has since been modified a number of times in an effort to make it more acceptable to cities that have fiercely opposed it.

It remains to be seen whether the current version will become law. It still must pass the State Senate, and then go to the Assembly, where it would be subject to further amendments. It would then go to the governor, who still has the option to veto it. Even if it is passed and signed into law, it won't go into effect until January of next year, after the Central Park Plan initiative is voted on. Given how controversial it is, there is a high risk of it being litigated.

As far as the other housing laws go, it appears that there are exemptions and other provisions within them that would enable the city to implement the Central Park Plan. It is also unclear whether these laws would apply to an initiative measure that qualified for the ballot before they went into effect this month. These laws may also be subject to constitutional challenges for restricting the people's state constitutional right to enact laws by initiative. In short, there is much uncertainty at this time.

People are getting wrong and incomplete information. SB50 doesn't even exist as a law yet. It makes me wonder what else the "Yes" on P side is saying that is inaccurate.

People should be basing their votes on the downtown plan they think is better for Livermore. I believe the Central Park Plan is the superior plan. That is why I'm voting "No" on P in March.

Open Space Not Same Thing as a Park

Maryann Brent, Livermore

In a point-by-point criticism of a Central Park Plan flyer, the city is claiming that its own plan has .95 more acres of public open space than the Central Park Plan. Never mind that the city does not dispute the flyer's assertion that the city has a "1.1-acre park and residential yard counted as open space." Actually, the Central Park Plan has 3.08 acres of continuous park from the Bankhead Park Plaza to L Street. As the city uses the term "open space," it includes paths and landscaping around walkways, and residential yards around the four condo buildings. Open space is not the same as a park.

Everyone knows what a park is. People enjoy Livermore's parks with their children, human and non-human. A park is a place for play, walking, cycling, trail riding, relaxation, education, or entertainment. In Livermore, we probably have between 25 and 30 parks, depending on how you count, from Livermore Plaza at the flagpole to Sycamore Grove Park.

But why would we deliberately want to build yet another park right downtown? A large activated park downtown has unique potential as a regional attraction, as well as a local draw. An activated park could feature rotating art or science installations that Quest, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, or others might consider. Imagine laser shows, native and unusual plantings that attract butterflies or songbirds. Imagine a wandering garden like the re-purposed railway bridge in New York City - the famous High Line.

A large activated central park in Livermore could be a spectacular addition to our downtown space. Livermore voters can choose it in November. And to have the opportunity for that choice in November, vote "No" on Measure P this March.

Compare, Decide, and Vote

Rifka Seval, Livermore

Dear Livermore friends, please take the opportunity in March to COMPARE, DECIDE and VOTE. This is our democratic process in action. And, after the March vote, I truly hope we can move forward together to keep building for Livermore's future. There are two plans for this vision, each forwarded by highly respected people passionate about our city, its economic growth and the people who call Livermore home. After the election there will be one plan. I favor the "Central Park Plan," but want to continue my friendships and community activities in harmony with its opponents.

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used for any salaries, including teachers and administrators.

A citizens' oversight committee would be established to keep track of the money and ensure it is spent according to the announced plans.

The pro-M argument in the county's voter pamphlet is signed by school board president and former PUSD principal Steve Maher, Pleasanton Councilman Jerry Pentin, former councilman Arne Olson, former planning commissioner Gina Piper, and PTA Council President Maritess Simmons

Gomez.

At a November meeting where the board unanimously approved going for the bond, trustee Mark Miller said that, at \$323 million, the list of projects is realistic. The district can go from "scraping by" to "moving our schools into world class."

Trustee Joan Laursen said that the first sale of bonds under measure I-1, which was approved by voters in 2016 for \$270 million, showed that more money is needed to carry out the plan's projects.

Laursen said that she is confident that voters will approve the new bond, since they understand what it takes to bring facilities up to current standards. The list of projects was formed by a committee four or five years ago; the district and public have had many discussions about facility needs.

At least 55% of the votes cast must be in favor of the measure for it to pass. Polling in the district showed that 57% would approve a \$323 million bond.

OBITUARIES

Mary Lou Booher Livermore resident



Mary Lou Booher passed away Jan. 20 at the age of 89. She was a loving mother and grandmother who is survived by her five children, Billy, Deborah, Linda (Bart Johnson), Gene, and Susan, and her two grandchildren, Tamera and Anthony. She was also great grandma to Julian and Tyler. She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Mary, and her loving brothers and sisters.

Mary Lou was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh. Upon graduation she received a job at Pittsburgh with the Lake

Erie Railroad, where she met her husband, Jerry. She moved to Livermore in 1962 to be closer to her family. She worked at her sister Margret's income tax office in the early 1970s. She later started working in the nursery at Granada Bowl, where she loved baby-sitting all the children. Mary Lou will be greatly missed by everyone. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Marcia Bloomgarden Nov. 16, 1929 – Jan. 21, 2020



Marcia passed away peacefully at home at the age of 90. She is survived by her daughter Teresa (Joseph) Ayres, and son Russell (Michelle) Bloomgarden; grandchildren Matthew (Pamela) Ayres, Adam (Dr. Janelle) Ayres, and Sarah and Amy Bloomgarden, and one great grandchild, Aidan. She is also survived by the Radler nieces and nephews. Marcia

was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Richard Bloomgarden, in 2009. Marcia and Richard ran a successful business, U-CAN-DO Products, for 25 years. A native of Detroit, Michigan, Marcia lived in San Ramon, California, for the last 54 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a favorite charity are preferred.

Edith Perry Feb. 15, 1930 – Dec. 14, 2019



Edith and her immediate family escaped the horrors of the Holocaust in Germany and emigrated to the U.S. While living with her parents and sister in New York City, she met her future husband, Myron Perry, at a fraternity dance. They had two daughters, Barbara and Phyllis. They lived in Hartford, Connecticut, before moving to Livermore.

Edith loved to cook and bake and kept a spotless home. She sold Avon for many years. She loved being

with her children and her grandson, who lived nearby. Edith was survived by her husband, Myron, who died about a month later. She is

also survived by her daughters, Barbara Blankenship (Dean) of Enterprise, Alabama, and Phyllis Looney (Ed) of San Ramon, California; granddaughter Katie and grandson Matthew; and two great-grandchildren. Services were held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California.

Callaghan Mortuary handled arrangements. An online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Myron Perry Dec. 22, 1926 – Jan. 16, 2020



Myron graduated from Hillhouse High School in New Haven, Connecticut. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was later recalled during the Korean War. He served aboard the Wisconsin, Fanshaw Bay, PC587, and PCS1384 as a quartermaster. After an honorable discharge, he worked as a metallurgist at the Livermore National Laboratory, before beginning a career selling insurance.

He was predeceased by his wife of almost 69 years, Edith Perry, who passed away a month prior to his own passing. Myron is survived by daughters Bar-



bara Blankenship (Dean) of Enterprise, Alabama, and Phyllis Looney (Ed) of San Ramon, California. He also leaves behind a granddaughter, Katie, and a grandson, Matthew, along with two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A Military Funeral Honors service will be held at 2 p.m., Feb. 10, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Rd., in Dixon, California. A reception will follow at Cattlemen's in Dixon. Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements, and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Susan Ewing Haley Jan. 13, 1958 – Jan. 24, 2020

Susan Elizabeth Ewing Haley passed away peacefully in her home in Livermore, California, on Jan. 24, 2020, surrounded by family. She was 62.

Susan was born to Mary Lou (Haseloh) and Earl Ewing in Hastings, Nebraska, on January 13, 1958. She grew up in Harvard, Nebraska, with siblings Jane, Anne, and Carl. She graduated in 1976 from Harvard High School.

Susan graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a degree in music in 1980.

She continued her education at the University of Maryland, earning a dual Master's Degree in library science and colonial history.

Susan married Robert Haley on Aug. 22, 1992. She worked as a supervisory museum curator for the National Park Service Archives and Records Center at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco until her death.

She was an active member of the Little Brown Church of Sunol.

Susan is survived by her

husband, Robert; her two children, Laura and Sean; siblings Jane Boilesen (Eugene) of Lincoln, Nebraska; Anne Dunlap (Richard) of Geneva, Florida; and Carl Ewing (Joyce) of Lincoln; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made in her honor to local youth music programs.

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m., at the Little Brown Church of Sunol, 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. A memorial will be held in Harvard at a later date.

Norabelle Anna (Brinsky) Wilt Former Livermore Resident

Norabelle Anna (Brinsky) Wilt, 80, passed away Nov. 23, 2019. She grew up in South Sacramento, where she started teaching dance at the age of 12 at the city Park Department. She continued teaching dance at the Livermore Recreation Center after moving to Livermore in 1961. Nora attended night school at Chabot College while raising three children. After receiving her AA degree, she began working as a computer analyst at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. After retiring

in 1993, she formed "Wilt's Western Dance," where she taught line dancing to students across California. She also published three books on dance. Nora enjoyed traveling, especially exploring the Western U.S., and loved meeting new people and finding bargains along the way. She moved to Elk Grove, California, in 2012 to be closer to family as she began dealing with the effects of Parkinson's disease.

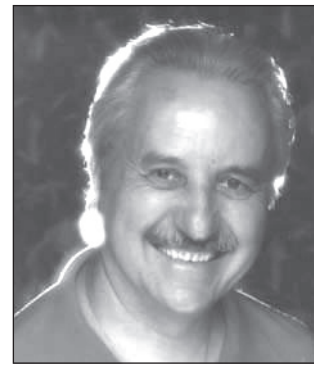
Nora was predeceased by her parents, Rudolph and Norabelle Brinsky; a brother

and sister-in-law, Ronald and Joyce Brinsky; and a nephew, David Brinsky.

She is survived by her children, Ricky (Janice) Wilt, Terryl Haubert, and Dane (Diana) Wilt; grandchildren Beverly and Benjamin Wilt, Darrin, Kyle (Jerra), and Mitchell Haubert, Grayson (Ariana) and Tiana Wilt; great grandchildren, Kaysen and Kruz Haubert; brothers Bud (Gail) Brinsky, John (Patty) Brinsky; nephews and nieces Robert, Joy, Kay, Linda, Jennifer and Wyatt; and good friend and ex-

Dael Walker

Jan. 21, 1935 – Jan. 15, 2020



Dael Walker died peacefully at home in Lincoln, California, on Jan. 15, 2020. He was born at home in Coy, Arkansas, on Jan. 21, 1935. He was a kind and gentle man.

His parents and his mother's large extended family moved from Arkansas to Livermore, California, when he was 8-years-old. The Cleek family was a close-knit clan and he attended school with many loving cousins. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1952.

Dael and his first wife, Tarry, raised two children in Livermore. He worked as a reactor operator at General Electric in the 1960s. He later moved to Sunol, Cali-

fornia, and lived many happy years in Kilkare Woods. He returned to building trades for a time before finding his way to his true calling.

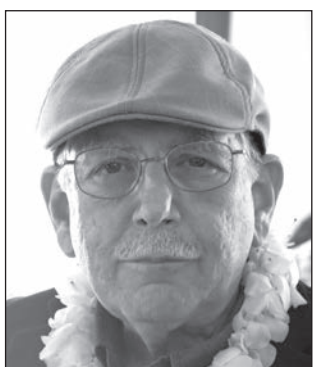
Dael had a spiritual awakening that led him to become a healer and a teacher of healing with quartz crystals. He taught seminars and trav-

eled all over the world to spread his message of healing energy to thousands of students. He was the author of two books, *The Crystal Book* (1983), and *The Crystal Healing Book* (1985). He will be remembered in the spiritual community for his later workshops on crystal skulls.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Walker; daughter Kelly Walker Sandlin; daughter-in law Terry Akins Walker; granddaughter Summer Sandlin; grandsons, Derek, Christopher and Colin Walker; and great granddaughters, Atley and Emerson Walker. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Tarry Walker, and a son, Douglas Walker.

Les Leibovitch

Feb 26, 1943 - Jan 13, 2020



Les Leibovitch, 76, died Jan. 13. He was born in Montreal, Canada, on Feb. 26, 1943, but lived most of his life in California. He attended high school in Hollywood and Los Angeles and went on to earn his teaching credentials at the University of Southern California. He and Rena Townsley, who he married in 1965, had two sons, JB and Allen.

During his long career in junior high school math education, Les held many leadership positions in local and state math teacher associations. He helped author

textbooks and teaching videos. After retiring to Livermore in 2006, his life became one volunteer activity after another, from the Red Cross

to Community Emergency Response Team, and the Livermore Volunteer Police Patrol. Les was known for always being helpful, friendly and funny.

He is survived by his wife Rena; son JB Leibovitch (Judy); son Allen Leibovitch (Deborah); grandchildren Madeleine, Natan, Paul and Shayna. Funeral services and shiva observance were held in Pleasanton. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Autism Speaks, Congregation Beth Emek, or Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Manuel "Mel" Luna

Dec. 2, 1932 – Jan. 17, 2020



Mel was born in Oakland, California, to Francisco and Mary Luna. He was one of six children. He attended Emeryville High School, Emeryville, California, where he was voted MVP in basketball and baseball. He had many lifelong friendships with his classmates. In 1953, he joined the U.S. Army and became an expert sharpshooter with his division's rifle team. He married Rita Sachse in 1957.

Mel's first career was in the trucking industry, where he was a manager as well as driving the big rigs himself. In 1968, he moved his family to Livermore and opened Mel's Antiques in a small shop on First Street. He was active in the busi-

ness community and served as planning commissioner, board member, and president of the Livermore Main Street Association. In 1981, he married Barbara Conrad. They lived in Dublin, California.

Mel had a zest for life and loved his family, friends and

customers. He loved sports, and especially loved taking his family to football, basketball and baseball games. However, his first love was the ponies. You could always find Mel at the Alameda County Fair placing bets on race days! He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children Debbie (Mike), Manuel (Christine), Michael (Pattie), DeDe (Roy), Diana, and Clint (Tina); as well as 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Cedar Grove Church in Livermore, with a reception following immediately at the Wine Garden (Building Q) at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds

Todd Arthur Chagnon

May 18, 1968 – Jan. 21, 2020



Todd Chagnon, 51, passed away on Jan. 21. Todd was born in Oakland, California, and grew up in Pleasanton. He moved to Livermore in 1998.

Todd spent most of his career in the family business, the Monarch Truck Center in San Jose, California. In 2014, he joined his sister, Nicole Guetersloh, in running the business after the passing of their father, Richard Chagnon. Monarch meant the world to Todd, and he took pride in looking after

the family business.

Todd is survived by his mother, Nanette (Bob) Do-

browski, of Byron, California, and his sister, Nicole (Tony) Guetersloh, of Pleasanton. He was a loving uncle to his niece, Haley Chagnon, and nephews, Aidan and Lathan Guetersloh.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Castle Air Museum, 5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater, California, or a favorite charity.

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husband Malcolm Wilt. At Nora's request, no services will be held. She preferred that everyone just turn on some music and dance!

OBITUARIES

Willa Lurleen Young

May 17, 1928 – Jan. 19, 2020



Willa Lurleen Young, a longtime resident of Pleasanton, died Jan. 19, after an extended battle with congestive heart failure. She had been married 72 years to the love of her life, Raymond, who died in October 2019.

A memorial service celebrating their lives will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton.

Willa was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1928, the youngest of three children. At a time when many women didn't even attend college, Willa graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's in education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. She also met Ray Young at OSU, and they were married on May 29, 1947.

Willa and Ray were always a team act. When Ray got a job as director and veterinarian at the Oakland Zoo, Willa transferred her teaching credentials to California

and went to work teaching deaf students in Oakland's middle and high schools. When Ray left the zoo and opened two veterinary hospitals in Pleasanton, Willa handled the bookkeeping. When they began to acquire rental homes, she got her real estate license in 1987 to handle the day-to-day property management. When they began investing in the stock market, Willa joined a local women's investment group to identify promising stocks to buy.

Willa was a woman born before her time in many ways. Raised during the Depression, she was used to growing her own fruit vegetables and fruit, making her own compost, so nothing went to waste. While teaching in Oakland in the 60s, she discovered The Food Mill, a communally-run organic bakery and bulk food store. She delighted in the freshly baked whole wheat bread, apricot bars and bulk grain and bran products, all

organic at a time when the organic message was considered frivolous. She loved the bean and alfalfa sprouts, but decided they were not fresh enough, so she made her own from organic seeds in a Mason jar sealed with cheese cloth. For years after moving to Pleasanton in the early 70s, she would return to Oakland weekly to buy fresh organic bread, cookies, bulk grains and maple syrup candy. She planted several varieties of plum, peach, apple and citrus trees at their home in Pleasanton, so there would always be fresh fruit.

Willa was an avid thrifter and reader. A perfect day for her started with a cup of coffee, visiting a few select local thrift shops, having lunch with a friend, going to the library to return books and check out some new ones, and then home in time for dinner with Ray. Their favorite restaurant was In-N-Out Burgers, where they met friends for dinner most Friday nights during the last several years of their lives.

Willa was a devoted wife and mother. Her greatest loves were her family and her dog Spoodles. She leaves behind her daughter, Patricia Young Toombs (Larry Toombs), of Gilroy, California, and grand-daughter, Erin Melissa Toombs, of Atlanta, Georgia.

The family prefers contributions in her memory be made to GraceWay Church, 1183 Quarry Lane, Pleasanton.

It is with a heavy heart that we lay to rest a most extraordinary man. Bob McKenzie went to Heaven following a short illness a few days after his 84th birthday.

Bob was a native Californian, born in Santa Monica. He attended the University of Southern California and was a fierce lover of USC football. He was knowledgeable about most sports, and was known in his earlier days as a "walking encyclopedia."

Robert (Bob) McKenzie

Jan. 8 1936 – Jan. 11 2020



Bob was an eternal optimist, a selfless and dedicated father and husband of 48

years to Donna. He will be remembered for his sharp intelligent, wit, humor, and demeanor. He is survived by five daughters, Lynnette, Lorraine, Louanne, Angela, and Gina, and several grandchildren.

He touched many lives. As Bob often ended his phone calls, "bye for now." Callaghan Mortuary is handling arrangements and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com

Kathleen (Kay) Sarah McGee Thomas

June 24, 1928 – Jan. 15, 2020



Kathleen (Kay) Sarah McGee Thomas, 91, died peacefully in her sleep at Tiffany Gardens in Livermore on Jan. 15. A native of Oakland, California, Kay was born on June 24, 1928, to Irish immigrants Hugh and Sophie McGee. She graduated from Presentation High School in Berkeley, California, in 1946. She met her future husband, Raymond (Ray) Thomas, in 1953 at her sister Marjorie's wedding. She was the maid of honor and Ray was best man. Kay and Ray were married in 1955.

Kay was a 51-year resident of Livermore. She was a woman of strong faith in Jesus and believed in the power of prayer. Kay enjoyed her membership with the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks and Sons in Retirement (SIRS) organizations. She and Ray loved traveling and were always interested

in meeting new people and experiencing new places.

Kay had the biggest heart and never met a stranger. She was known for her warm smile, friendly conversations, and for making everyone she met feel special.

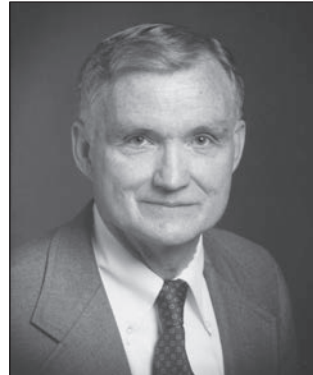
Family was most important to Kay. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, and will be deeply missed. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ray Thomas, and their children, Gerald

Thomas, Janet Thomas, Colleen (Kurt) Hornbacker, and Greg (Joanie) Thomas; as well as seven grandchildren, Kathleen, Taryn, Meghan, Lauren, Grant, Connor, and Riley. Kay is also survived by her brother-in-law, Tom Thomas, and her sister-in-law, Jean Thomas, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Sophie McGee; brothers Hugh and Jack McGee; and her sister, Marjorie Daly.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore, with a reception to follow at the Keeley Center. A private interment has been planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the piano fund for the residents at Tiffany Gardens.

James (Jim) Kane

Dec. 14, 1925 – Jan. 21, 2020



James (Jim) Kane, of Pleasanton, died on Jan. 21. He was 95. He was born in the Bitterroot Valley in rural Montana, near the town of Corvallis, on Dec. 14, 1925. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1943, and enlisted in the U.S. Army that year. Assigned to the infantry, he saw combat in Europe and was awarded battle stars for the Rhineland and Central Europe, campaigns, as well as a Silver Star and Combat Infantry Badge. His unit liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Flossenburg, Germany. After the war ended in Europe, he served during the occupation of Japan. He was discharged from the military in April 1946.

In the fall of 1946, Jim enrolled at what is now Montana State University, in Bozeman, majoring in chemistry. During the summers, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a lookout/smoke chaser in the Bitterroot Forest of Western Montana. After graduating, he went to work as a process chemist for General Electric, at the Hanford Site in Washington State, which produced plutonium.

In February 1952, Jim became a graduate student in chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his PhD in June 1955. While at Berkeley, he

met Marilyn Murphy and they were married in June 1954. The following year, they moved to Livermore, where Jim joined what was then UCRL, now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he would eventually become head of the Chemistry and Materials Science Department. In 1963, Jim and his family moved to Pleasanton, where all of their children attended public schools. In the early 1970s, Jim was a member of the Pleasanton Elementary School board.

In 1974, following the OPEC oil embargo, Jim moved to Washington, D.C., where he organized and directed the first federal government research and development organization dedicated to the conservation of energy. He was later appointed deputy director for energy research for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jim left government ser-

vice in February 1985, and went to work for the University of California as a special assistant to the university president, with responsibility for assisting with contractor relationships between three national laboratories – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – and the university. He retired in 1991. After his retirement, Jim was an active member of the Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club.

His wife died in 2006, and in her honor, Jim provided funding to the City of Pleasanton for the construction of the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail along the Arroyo de la Laguna west of town.

He is survived by sons, Tom (Diann Lewis), of Menlo Park; Bruce (Erica), of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and daughter, Lisa (Richard) Walsh, of Orinda, California. He is also survived by seven granddaughters, Lindsay, Dana and Cameron Walsh; Allison and Amy Lewis; and Laurel and Holly Kane. Two sisters and a brother predeceased him.

Jim was a congenial and friendly individual who will be missed. Interment is scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 31, at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Stephen M. Sullivan

May 23, 1958 – Jan. 21, 2020



Stephen "Sully" Michael Sullivan died Jan. 21. He was born May 23, 1958, in San Jose, California, to Stanley and Irene Sullivan. Growing up in Livermore,

California, he attended Granada High School, where he once held the school record for pole vaulting. While Steve enjoyed cycling and the outdoors, his true love

was rock 'n' roll. He worked at Orchard Supply Hardware for more than 30 years. His home was always filled with laughter, music, BBQ chicken wings, and the San Francisco Giants or 49ers.

He is survived by his wife, Melody Whicher Sullivan; his children, Daniel, Kathleen, John, and Shane Sullivan; his mother, Irene Sullivan; three step-daughters, Brittany, Jessica, and Ashley Whicher; older sister, Linda (Michael) Attebery; younger sister, Theresa (Jerry) Horton; and four nieces, Andrea and Beth Attebery, and Sara and Caitlyn Horton.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, Jan. 26, at The Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge in Livermore.

Robert See (Bob) Allen

March 26, 1926 – Jan. 17, 2020



Robert See (Bob) Allen was born March 26, 1926, in Chicago, and grew up in nearby Evanston, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in accounting from the University of Colorado in 1949, and studied accounting at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, as a graduate student.

In 1957, he met Ruth Louise (R Lou) Wright, and they were married soon after. In 1958, they moved to the Bay Area. Their first child, Robbie, was born in 1960, followed by Liz in 1962. Tragically, R Lou and Robbie were killed in a car accident in 1964; Liz miraculously survived the accident.

In 1965, Bob met Thelma Cooney, and they were married in 1966. Thelma had five children from a previous marriage, Paul, Karen, Patty, Michele, and Jennifer. In 1970, Thelma gave birth

to Bob's son Ron, bringing the "yours, mine, and ours" family to seven kids. From those children, Bob would be blessed with 18 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Bob's greatest passion (beside his family) was for trains. He spent most of his adult life working on the railroad throughout the Midwest, and then in California. In 1974, he was elected to the BART Board of Directors, where he served until

1988. In his retirement, Bob continued to be a tireless advocate for rail transit in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was also active in his church, local community, and the Boy Scouts throughout his adult life. After retiring, he worked as a substitute teacher and became known as "the singing sub."

He was a man of firm convictions, but also a gentle and patient spirit. His health gradually began to decline in his final years, but his mind and spirit stayed strong.

Two months short of his 94th birthday, on Jan. 17, he passed on, to be with the many loved ones who left before him. A memorial service was held on Jan. 25. Callaghan Mortuary handled the arrangements, and an online guestbook is available for condolences at www.callaghanmortuary.com.

Julia Wright

1940 – 2020



Julia Wright, known to family and friends as Judy or Julie, entered into eternal rest on Jan. 25. She was 79.

Born in 1940 in Sonora, California, she graduated from Sonora Union High School in 1958. After college, she relocated to the Bay Area, where she began a career at what is now the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. She worked in the Personnel and Salary and Wage departments, and the Physics Department, where she was an administrative executive.

She married Stephen Wright in 1973, and after welcoming her children, Stephen Jr. and Jennifer, into the world, she chose to be a stay-at-home mom. In 1983, she went to work for the Murray School District, before joining the Dublin

Unified School District as a classroom aide at Cronin Elementary School. She later became a school secretary and was secretary to the principal at Frederiksen Elementary School, retiring in 2006.

Julia is survived by her husband of 46 years, Stephen Wright Sr.; her children,

Stephen, Jr. and Jennifer; two grandchildren, Benjamin and Katherine; and her brother, John Kearney, Jr. of Jamestown, California. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alma and John (Jack) Kearney, Sr.

A visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 3, at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, with a rosary at 6 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at St. Raymond's Church, 11555 Shannon Ave, Dublin, with reception to follow in the hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in her name to Hope Hospice of Dublin, American Cancer Society, or other charity of choice.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 566436

The following person(s) doing business as: W and Z Towing, 23839 Connecticut St, Hayward, CA 94545, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wais Ansan 4070 Hemmingway Comm, Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Wais Ansan, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 13, 2019. Expires December 13, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4680. Published January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567393

The following person(s) doing business as: Just Jody, 460 Ontario Dr, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jody Kendrick & Chris Fragos, 460 Ontario Dr, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jody Kendrick & Chris Fragos, Owners. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2020. Expires January 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4681. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 566750

The following person(s) doing business as: Marcella Wine Collection, 1085 Murrieta Blvd, Apt 216, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jack Marcell Guinard, 1085 Murrieta Blvd, Apt 216, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Jack Guinard, Owners. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 20, 2019. Expires December 20, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4682. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567421

The following person(s) doing business as: Steele HR Solutions, 2135 Farmington, LLC, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Steele HR Solutions, 2135 Farmington, LLC, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Scott Steele, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 10, 2020. Expires January 10, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4683. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567402

The following person(s) doing business as: J & C Cate Home, 1049 Rincon Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): AJ's Guest Home Corporation, 1049 Rincon Ave, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Clarita Veloria, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2020. Expires January 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4684. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567378

The following person(s) doing business as: Dave Busky Training, 2244 Buena Vista Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Buscovich 1295 Dorothy Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 2017. Signature of Registrant/s: David Buscovich, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2020. Expires January 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4685. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567505

The following person(s) doing business as: The BA's Family Transport Inc, 1915 De Vaca Way, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The BA's Family Transport Inc, 1915 De Vaca Way, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: January 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Patsy Bibiano Arciniega, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 14, 2020. Expires January 14, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4686. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567454

The following person(s) doing business as: Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road, Ste J, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria del Carmen Fonseca, 1079 El Dorado Drive, 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: January 1, 2020. Signature of Registrant/s: Maria del Carmen Fonseca, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 13, 2020. Expires January 13, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4687. Published January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567376

The following person(s) doing business as: Passionate about Porcelain, 5783 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Catherine Ann Houf, 5783 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: July 5, 2005. Signature of Registrant/s: Catherine Ann Houf, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 9, 2020. Expires January 9, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4689. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567676

The following person(s) doing business as: Hela Crafty, 854 S I Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helena Bireley, 854 S I Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Helena Bireley, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 21, 2020. Expires January 21, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4692. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567761

The following person(s) doing business as: Cardenas House Cleaning, 340 Hummingbird LN, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Angelina Cardenas,

340 Hummingbird LN, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Angelina Cardenas, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 22, 2020. Expires January 22, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4693. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567761

The following person(s) doing business as: Mehran Restaurant, 5774 Mowry School Road, Newark, CA 94560 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mehran Catering Inc., 5774 Mowry School Road, Newark, CA 94560. 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: 2001. Signature of Registrant/s: Syen Fiaz, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 6, 2020. Expires January 6, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4694. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

WILLIAM KENNETH JESS

Case No. RP20050835

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **WILLIAM KENNETH JESS**, A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **JOHN K. JESS & SALLY M. JESS**, in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any 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: February 25, 2020, TIME: 9:31 AM Dept 201, at: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse.** 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:

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 567038

The following person(s) doing business as: Morales Landscaping, 759 Saddle Back Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eric Morales, 759 Saddle Back Circle, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Eric Morales, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 6, 2020. Expires January 6, 2025. The Independent, Legal No. 4695. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

ness name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s: Eric Morales, Owners. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on December 31, 2019. Expires December 30, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4696. Published January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020.

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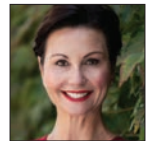
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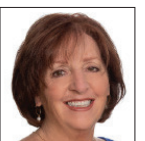
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DEVELOPMENT

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comparisons were one-sided and considered only potential delays their plan could cause, without noting any number of possible solutions that would allow it to proceed as quickly as the city's plan.

The city and residents' group are locked in a long, heated battle over different hotel, parking, housing and park proposals for an 8-acre site in the downtown core. The city plan includes a hotel on the east side of Livermore Avenue; the residents group wants a hotel built on the west side. They differ in what kind of hotel each wants, where parking and housing should go, and how much park each plan should include.

Livermore voters on March 3 will decide whether to uphold or reject the city's hotel development agreement it signed with Presidio Companies. Then, on Nov. 3, voters will choose which downtown plan they want.

On Monday, city planners compared timelines and the phasing of construction under the current plan and an alternative plan. They concluded physical construction under the initiative could not begin until spring 2025, because planned parking garages on L Street and I Street would have to be completed first in order to maintain enough parking for downtown businesses during the construction period.

Opponents disagree that either garage has to be completed before a west side hotel begins, because temporary surface parking space can be leased during the construction of the Westside Hotel from property owners north of Railroad Avenue, between L

and K Streets, and east of K Street along the railroad tracks.

Construction on the hotel next to the Bankhead Theater can begin this fall and can proceed without completion of the garages, according to the city.

Paul Spence, head of community development, said the current parking construction timeline and construction of various elements of the city plan are mapped out to maintain the current level of parking throughout the duration of project construction. He said development of anything on the northwest side before the L and I Street Garages were built would result in losing more than 300 required downtown parking spaces during construction.

Planning Manager Steve Stewart concluded that the Central Park Plan, if approved by voters, could not begin hotel construction until spring of 2025. His schedule assumed that some of the development partners would drop out and the city would need to find replacements.

According to Jean King, a key supporter of the residents' plan, in addition to the westside hotel being able to move forward before the completion of either the I Street or L Street Garages, the retail near Stockmen's Park can proceed in whatever time frame that the City has approved for its plan. The 95 spaces across Livermore Avenue would remain in place. Housing, Quest Science Center and the Black Box Theater are a number of years off in both plans.

Woerner again pointed to concerns he has about whether new state housing laws will snarl downtown

redevelopment in years of litigation if the city's plan for the area is rejected by voters in March and November. That could threaten \$14 million in affordable housing money the city received from a county bond measure, he said.

King objected to a decision by the Council late Monday night to consolidate two agenda items. She said the move was unfair because it limited the time she was allowed to speak about the referendum and initiative to a total of three minutes instead of six.

King also objected to a portion of the city's presentation she called misleading. The presentation, which drew some gasps from the audience, showed an altered conceptual drawing of her group's plan projected onto a large screen. The altered image showed a single-story cultural center, drawn to scale, spilling onto an area her group's plan designates as a park.

The initiative specifically prohibits intrusion of any uses crossing the boundaries of the Central Park and Stockmen's Park, King said after the meeting. The initiative does not allow the Quest Science Center to spread beyond its designated site, but allows it to be built as high as three stories.

Jeff Kaskey, another supporter of the Central Park Plan, said the city's presentation muddied the waters and failed to inform voters that a yes vote on Measure P will lock in the city's plan and prevent voters in November from weighing in. "A yes vote makes the November initiative vote irrelevant," he said in a written statement read to the City Council.

Rae Dorough Speaker Series at the Bankhead Theater

California and the Climate Crisis To Be Discussion Topic Next Week

A discussion of how California can meet a dangerous and fast-developing climate crisis will be presented next week at Livermore's Bankhead Theater by the head of an organization that is working to make the state carbon-neutral a decade from now.

The speaker will be Ellie Cohen, CEO of The Climate Center, based in Santa Rosa.

Her talk, part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6.

Cohen's presentation, titled "Marshaling Global and Local Forces to Address the Climate Crisis," will propose both reducing the output of carbon dioxide and removing it from the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is the principal greenhouse gas contributing to the Earth's warming.

While she acknowledges California's aggressive approach to combating climate change, she believes the state can move faster than it presently plans to do.

Speeding up our response is vital, she says, because it has become clear that "the effects of climate change are hitting harder and faster than anticipated, posing great risk to human health."

"The ferocity and scale of the recent bush fires in Australia show that we are approaching global tipping points which could quickly lead to irreversible consequences. To secure a vibrant, healthy, and equitable future for all, we must enact bold climate policies now, not decades from now."

In an article written last fall for the North Bay Business Journal, she and a co-author argued that state and local governments must undertake "much more aggressive action and accel-

ated timelines" to eliminate the sale of new fossil fuel vehicles by 2025 and "upgrade electricity production and storage to be 100% clean and safe by 2030."

These efforts are "within our reach" and can be accomplished not only through technical means, but also by offering incentives for "all Californians to make climate-friendly choices."

For example, they wrote, residents should be encouraged to transition to "100% renewable energy and replacing natural gas appliances with electric, leasing or buying electric vehicles, using more mass transit, e-bikes and e-scooters, and eating food produced and distributed with practices that do not contribute to the climate crisis."


Before moving to The Climate Center last August, Cohen was CEO of Point Blue Conservation Science, a Point Reyes-based conservation program that

works to protect wildlife and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Her Bankhead talk is sponsored by the Livermore Lab Foundation, among other organizations. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, February 6. Tickets are available online at raedoroughspeakerseries.org/tickets/ or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., or by calling (925) 373-6800.

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West Side Story Cast Answer Questions From the Audience After Performance

By Carol Graham

Following the first matinee of “West Side Story,” on Sunday, Jan. 26, actors gathered on stage to an-

swer questions from audience members.

From the rear of the 227-seat Firehouse Arts Center theater in Pleasanton, one woman stood and

asked, “How do you feel when you’re acting in this kind of a story, relating to issues of today in our schools and own neighborhoods? Are you trying to

tell us something?”

Although without make-up, costumes and hairstyles it was difficult to discern which actor was speaking, one replied, “I’d

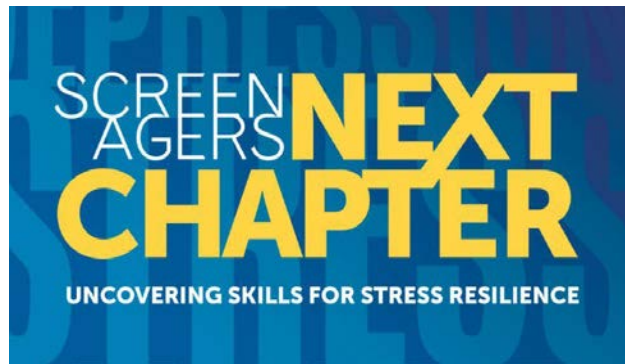
like people to take away that unreasonable violence is unnecessary. All the things that happened in the story, shouldn’t have

happened. And right now, in our time, there is a lot of gun violence around us that shouldn’t be happening. If I feel shocked — and we’re

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West Side Story is currently playing at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)



Axis Presents Free Screenings of Teen Stress Film

Axis Community Health is hosting three free showings of “Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience.”

The sequel to “Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age,” the film examines the science behind teens’ emotional challenges and the interplay of social media. It provides tips for school and home to help build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in the digital age. It includes insights from brain researchers, psychologists, and thought leaders to support youth mental wellness.

“The film emphasizes the importance of social-emotional learning for young

people, especially on topics such as stress management,” says Heather Mackey, Axis Community Health’s education specialist. Emma Gil, also a health education specialist with Axis adds, “The NEXT CHAPTER provides solutions and tools that can be useful for youth and adults alike. Skills for resilience can truly make a difference in people’s lives.”

Gil and Mackey currently work with several schools in the Tri-Valley providing health and wellness education to tweens and teens.

Registration is requested; RSVP at www.eventcombo.com by searching for “Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER”.

Axis showings are scheduled for:

- Pleasanton – Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.
- Dublin – Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Dublin Unified School District’s Center for Performing Arts and Education, 8151 Village Parkway
- Livermore – Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. Vine Cinemas, 1722 First St.

Valentine’s Day Concert to Celebrate Music of Ray Charles

A stellar cast of award-winning performers will come together at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, Feb. 14, for a special Valentine’s Day concert celebrating the music of Ray Charles.

A native son of Georgia and a true American treasure, Charles had a gift for blending the sounds of gospel, blues, jazz and country. His

renditions of such songs as “I Can’t Stop Loving You,” “Rainy Night in Georgia,” “Hallelujah I Love Her So,” and the iconic “Georgia on my Mind” set him apart as a master of his craft.

Inducted into the Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, Charles is a 17-time Grammy Award winner. He received the Grammy Lifetime

Achievement Award in 1987.

Appearing at the Bankhead for “Georgia on My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles” will be Emmy Award-winner Clint Holmes; the Gospel Hall of Fame vocal group Take 6, winner of multiple Grammy and Dove awards; Grammy-nominated vocalist Nnenna Freelon; and Kirk Whalum,

also with multiple Grammy, Dove and Stellar awards to his credit.

For tickets, call 925-373-6800 or go to www.lvpac.org. Tickets start at \$75, although \$20 tickets for students up to age 21 and active military are still available. The performance begins at 8 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.



Georgia on My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles, Feb. 14, Bankhead Theater

Director of Globe Education to Be Hosted by Livermore Shakes

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival will host a conversation with Patrick Spottiswoode, director of education at Shakespeare’s Globe in London, on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Spottiswoode will sit down with Shakespeare Festival Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch to discuss a new education program being developed at Shakespeare’s Globe, and cutting-edge

teaching methods using Shakespeare’s text.

Built on the south bank of the River Thames, Shakespeare’s Globe is a reconstruction of the original Globe Theatre. It was founded by American actor and director Sam Wanamaker and opened to the public in 1997.

As the founding director of Globe Education, Spottiswoode has brought

more than 120,000 people of all ages and nationalities to Shakespeare’s Globe to participate in educational workshops and courses. He has also curated a range of Shakespeare festivals, including “Shakespeare and Islam,” “Shakespeare and Shoes,” and “Shakespeare is German.” He was President of the Shakespeare Theatre Association in 2011 and 2012.

“Conversation with Patrick Spottiswoode” will be held from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Livermore Shakespeare Festival’s new studio space at 2172 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$35, and include a complimentary glass of wine and appetizers. Tickets are available at LivermoreShakes.org or by calling (925) 443-BARD.

Hively and Pleasanton Library Offer Laptime and Storytime



The child-care and family services agency Hively is partnering with the Pleasanton Library to introduce children to stories, music, finger-plays and the joy of books.

Hively, formed last year in a merger of Child Care

Links and the Family Service Counseling and Community Resource Center, will sponsor Family Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 8. Two other sessions, Toddler Laptime (16-36 months), 10:15 - 10:45 a.m., and Baby Lap-

time (0-15 months), 1-1:30 p.m., will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13.

Sessions will be held at Hively, 6601 Owens Drive, in Pleasanton. To register, call the Pleasanton Library (925) 931-3400.

Taylor Family Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary



The Taylor Family Foundation, which sponsors camp experiences for children with chronic medical, developmental, and emotional challenges, is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1990 by Barry and Elaine Taylor, the foundation was created to raise money and provide support for children in the Bay Area living with HIV/AIDS. Since its inception, foundation has grown from sponsoring one session of camp during the summer to 32 sessions of camp annually, as well as sponsoring a variety of wellness programs including an Urgent Need Fund, Equine Therapy,

Team KC, Sophie's Place Mobile Music Therapy Program, Sibshops, Barry Taylor Scholarship Fund, and Project Organic Produce.

The foundation now operates Camp Arroyo, a year-round residential camp in the hills surrounding the

138-acre Del Valle Regional Wilderness in Livermore. The camp was formally opened in 2000 in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District.

To learn more about the foundation, go to www.tfff.org.

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Garden Club to Learn About "Herbs in Your Garden"



Rose Loveall will give talk on herbs on Feb. 13.

Rose Loveall, owner of MorningSun Herb Farm, give a talk on "Herbs in Your Garden" for the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 13, at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, in Pleasanton.

Loveall was raised in Vacaville, California, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in forestry. She later earned a Master's Degree in environmental horticulture from the University of California, Davis. She spent two years

working for the California Department of Forestry and four years managing research greenhouses for the U.S. Forest Service. In 1995, she opened her own nursery in Vacaville, the MorningSun Herb Farm. The herb farm now grows more than 700 different herbs, vegetables, and drought tolerant perennials.

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets at Alisal Elementary the second Thursday of the month, except July and August. For more information, go to www.lavgc.org.

“America’s Favorite Cowboys” Riders in the Sky Return to Bankhead Theater for a Fourth Visit

Known as “America’s Favorite Cowboys,” the ever-popular band Riders in The Sky returns to the Bankhead Theater at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 16, in a show filled with fun for the whole family.

Holding true to the tradition of Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, Riders in The Sky serves up traditional western harmonies while adding their own down-home country charisma and comedic flair. The band has entertained audiences in all 50 states, and in venues from county fairs to Carnegie Hall. This will be the band’s fourth visit to the Bankhead since first appearing during the venue’s inaugural season in 2008.

More than 40 years after their first gig at a small bar in Nashville, Tennessee, the original members of Riders in the Sky are still together, revitalizing classic cowboy music while amusing audiences with their wacky sense of humor. They bring a timeless approach to entertainment, singing much-loved songs from “Tumbling Tumbleweeds” and “Home on the Range,” to “Rawhide.”

The quartet includes guitarist Ranger Doug; bass player Too Slim; accordionist Joey, “the CowPolka King;” and fiddle player Woody Paul, whose gift for yodeling helps bring them all together.

Riders in The Sky was

inducted into the Grand Ol’ Opry in 1982. The band has released over two dozen albums, appeared countless times on television specials, and created their own public radio show, “Riders Radio Theatre.” They have been named the Western Music Association’s “Entertainers of the Year” seven times and the Academy of Western Artists’ “Western Music Group of the Year” twice in five years. Billboard magazine called them one of “the most historically significant acts in the history of American music.”

Tickets are \$20-\$75, \$20 for students under 21 and active military. To purchase tickets, call (925) 373-6800, or go to lvpac.org.



Riders in the Sky will perform at the Bankhead Theater on Feb. 16.

Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me! NPR Personalities Added to Bankhead Season

Three regulars from National Public Radio’s



Alonzo Bodden

popular quiz show, “Wait, Wait ... Don’t Tell Me,” will bring their comedy to the Bankhead Theater this spring, sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Alonzo Bodden, who achieved star status when he won the third season of “Last Comic Standing” in 2008, will make his first appearance at the Bankhead at 8 a.m., on Friday, April 17. Bodden has also appeared in several movies and television shows, including the Showtime series, “Californication” in 2014. Tickets are \$20-\$75; \$20 for students under 21 and military personnel.

Humorist Peter Sagal, who has hosted “Wait, Wait” since 1998, will appear at the Bankhead at 8 p.m., on Saturday, May 16. His appearance is being co-sponsored by the Rae Dorough Speaker Series. Tickets are \$20-\$95; \$20 for students under 21 and military personnel.

Standup comedian, “Wait Wait” regular, and Livermore favorite Paula Poundstone will make a return to the Bankhead with her wooden stool, Diet Pepsi, and insights on life and living at 8 p.m., on Saturday, June 27. Tickets are \$20-\$65; \$20 for students under 21 and military personnel.



Paula Poundstone

Purchasing tickets for all three shows qualifies for a 15% discount as part of a special “Wait, Wait” offer. For more information and tickets, go to lvpac.org or call (925) 373-6800.

Lea Salonga Performance Added at Bankhead

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has added a second performance for Broadway star and Disney legend Lea Salonga at the Bankhead Theater this spring.

At age 18, Salonga originated the role of “Kim” in the musical “Miss Saigon,” winning the Oliver and Theatre World Award, and becoming the first Asian woman to win a Tony Award. Known for her powerful and emotive voice, her career also includes in “Les Misérables,” “Flower Drum Song,” and most recently, “Once on This Island.” She also provided the singing voices of both Princess Jasmine and Mulan in the original Disney animated films.

A second performance was added for 7:30 p.m., on

Wednesday, May 6. Her originally scheduled performance for May 8 is sold out. Tickets are \$20-\$95; \$20 for students under 21 and military personnel. For more information and tickets, go to lvpac.org or call (925) 373-6800.



Lea Salonga

WEST SIDE STORY

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only characters in the story — I can't imagine what it's like for people who have actually experienced gun violence."

Introduced 63 years ago, West Side Story remains a stirring, dynamic American musical: on the west side of New York City, the Jets — a gang made up primarily of white Eastern European immigrants, and the Sharks — a gang of Puerto Rican immigrants, battle each other to claim territory in the increasingly crowded city. One night, hostile emotions are amplified during a gymnasium dance when Tony, one of the Jets' founders who is now inactive, and Maria, the recently arrived sister of Bernardo, the Sharks' leader, spot each other across the crowded room and fall in love at first sight.

Heightened hatred and

jealousies lead the gangs to plan a rumble. Maria asks Tony to foster peace between the Jets and Sharks, which, unheeded, leads to a series of tragic events not only for the gangs, but more personally for Maria and Tony.

Produced by the West Coast Repertory Theatre, director Noel Anthony Escobar and choreographer Joy Sherratt chose to focus on "telling the authentic story." "That was our goal," Sherratt said.

Added Escobar, "As we celebrate PCRT's 10th anniversary, West Side Story joins a small list of the musicals worthy of the Firehouse stage. Since West Side Story's premiere on Broadway in 1957, it has become an international phenomenon, and a blockbuster film in 1961, with a forthcoming remake



Scenes from West Side Story, playing at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

in 2020 directed by Steven Spielberg.

"With its themes of love striving to rise above hatred, the fear of immigrants, and the toxicity of racism, West Side Story speaks to us today as urgently and as relevantly as ever," according to Escobar.

The score by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim is a beloved soundtrack that includes "Cool," "Tonight," "America," "Maria," "I Feel Pretty," and "Somewhere."

The superb PCRT performances accentuate the show's underlying battling themes of menace and desire with haunting hints of love, hope and forgiveness.

Upcoming performances are scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m.;

Saturday, Feb. 1, at 2 and 8 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$46. The Firehouse is located at 4444 Railroad Ave., in downtown Pleasanton.

Offering another perspective during Sunday's Q & A, an actor said, "I think the really powerful thing about this piece is the poignant juxtaposition dealing with a period piece — we're all dressed up as '50s and '60s kids — and subject matter that's a graphic portrayal of something we should have figured out by now, but haven't."

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit pcrt-productions.org or www.firehousearts.org.

Local Runners Perform Well at The Race to the Flagpole Event



1-Mile Winners: Catherine Lillie (Arroyo Seco), Noah Gorham (Junction K-8), Elijah Gorham (Junction K-8), Rebekah Lillie (East Ave), Ryan Pasket (Price Middle School)



5K Winners: Austin Louie (Rocklin High School), Susan Kuczynski (Open Div.), Alek Schade (Mendenhall), Evelyn Rockman-Barnes (Mendenhall), Dylan Walker (Altamont Creek), Avery Lockhart (Croce)

Nearly 500 runners competed in the 10th Race to the Flagpole, sponsored by the Livermore-Granada Boosters, on Jan. 25th. The annual event included 5K, 10K, and a one-mile fun-run through Independence and Sycamore Grove parks.

Bryan Krewson of Livermore won the 10K men's division for the second year in a row with a time of 36:13. Kassadi Holloway of Livermore won the 10K women's division in a time of 48:08. Austin Louie of Rocklin was a repeat winner in the men's 5K in a time of 17:36. Susan Kuczynski of Mountain View won the women's 5K division

in a time of 23:48.

Other 5K division winners:

Avery Lockhart, Leo Croce School, elementary school (female) – 25:24.

Dylan Walker, Altamont Creek, elementary school (male) – 21:57.

Evelyn Ruckmann-Barnes, Mendenhall, middle school (female) – 19:26.

Alek Schade, Junction K-8, middle school (male) – 18:29.

In the one-mile fun run, Kelly Galicia-Thomas was the overall winner with a time of 6:29.

Other fun-run winners:

Catherine Lillie, Arroyo Seco, elementary school (female) – 8:38.

Elijah and Noah Gorham, Junction K-8, elementary school (male) – 7:55 (tie).

Rebecka Lillie, East Avenue, middle school (female) – 8:34.

Ryan Paskett, Ida Price, middle school (male) – 9:12.

“We were so happy with the turnout and appreciate the tremendous community support.

The weather was beautiful and it was an absolutely a wonderful day”, said race director Mike Nagel.

The proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters scholarship program. For 70 years, the boosters club has honored varsity scholar-athletes from Livermore and Granada High Schools at their annual May awards banquets. Scholarships are awarded to young men and women who exemplify athletic excellence and high academic achievement. Since 1958, the boosters club has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships.



**10K Overall Winners
Bryan Krewson (Granada), Kassadi Holloway (Granada)**

Granada Cybersecurity Teams Finish Strong at Regional Competition



GHS Cyber Teams with Mr. Baez (from left to right): Jennie Ren, Daniel Thinfen, Clarissa Cheung, Daphne Yan, Mr. Baez, Chris Pearce, Tida Ngov, Hriday Sheth, Anusri Saraf, Kevin Cai, Molly McClaren, Elizabeth Paik (Photo - LVJUSD)

Two teams from Granada High School's Cybersecurity Club finished strong at the Bay Area Regional Cybersecurity Competition, Bug Bounty, at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. Code Red finished first, while the Cyber Ducks were third, out of 16 cybersecurity teams representing middle schools, high schools, and community colleges in the Bay Area. The invitation-only competition was held Jan. 11.

Bug Bounty challenged teams to think like hackers and find ways for a physical computer system to be exploited by malicious attackers, detecting bugs and reporting them. “We hacked ATMs, cracked passwords, and got to access files we shouldn't have had access to,” said club president Hriday Sheth.

In addition to their technical skills, co-president Molly McClaren said she believes that the teams' unity and presentation skills set the Granada High School teams apart from others at the competition. “Communi-

cation was just as important as finding vulnerabilities,” she said. “Our key to success was communicating what we found with our teammates and communicating with the judges in a simple, effective and professional way.”

Miguel Baez, Granada High School Information Technology teacher and club advisor, said he was most impressed by his students' supportive synergistic spirit. “This is truly a collaborative process built on our students' desire to learn from one another, to support each other and to strive for excellence,” Baez said. “Through these competitions, students are learning about collaboration, computational thinking, and public speaking – all invaluable skills needed for their futures, whether they pursue careers in cyber-related fields or elsewhere.”

Granada's cyber teams qualified for the regional competition by achieving high scores at several local cybersecurity competitions since the start of the school year.

6th Annual Tails at Twilight Gala Set for March 6

The Valley Humane Society's 6th annual Tails at Twilight gala will serve up a tropical tiki escape.

This year's tropical-themed gala will celebrate the bond between humans and their companion animals, while raising funds for animal rescue, education, and community service efforts, including the society's Canine Comfort pet therapy, which offers therapeutic pet visitation to children with cancer, Alzheimer's patients, and veterans. It will be held

at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., in Pleasanton, on March 6.

The evening will begin with a champagne reception, hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner will be followed by dancing and live and silent auctions. Guests are encouraged to dress in their tropical best.

Auction items include a case of Hall Winery wines and tasting passes; a five-night stay in Kauai, Hawaii; tickets to see the Golden

State Warriors; and a five-course seasonal harvest dinner with wine pairings and bocce. The City of Pleasanton is once again offering one lucky pet owner to have their dog named Ambassador for 2020.

Tickets are \$150 per person and are available at valleyhumane.org. Tails at Twilight will be hosted by Jeff and Doris Hank, with media sponsorship provided by the Pleasanton Weekly. For more information, call (925) 426-8656.



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PG&E Offering Scholarships Totaling \$500,000

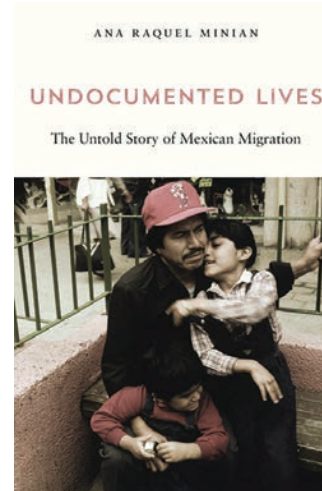
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is now accepting scholarship applications from college-bound high school students, as well as current college and continuing education students living in Northern and Central California.

More than 150 scholarships, totaling nearly \$500,000, are available.

In addition to the PG&E scholarships, the Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA), a non-profit mutual benefit organization serving PG&E employees and retirees, also provides scholarships for dependents of company employees.

PG&E scholarship information, including criteria and applications, is available on PG&E's website, www.pge.com. To be considered for a scholarship, all applications must be submitted by Feb. 7.

Author of Mexican Migrant History to Speak at Las Positas



Minian, professor of history at Sanford University, will discuss immigration policy, the border wall, and how immigration politics affects Central American and other nations south of the border. Her presentation, sponsored by the Las Positas Global Studies program, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., in Building 1600, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., in Livermore.

Her recent book is a look at Mexican migration in the 1970s and 1980s, when many Mexican laborers engaged in circular migration back and forth between the United States and Mexico. She relates how Mexican mi-

grants, primarily men, were in a situation where they felt caught between both governments' attitudes towards their labor and their very presence. Both countries pulled them close at times, and pushed them away at others. Nevertheless, they built community wherever they were, and started to build a tradition of activism.

She also looks at how gender affected migration. Men were the primary immigrants, while women and children stayed home. But once the border was hardened, more women, children, and other relatives began to come to the U.S. without papers, refusing to be cut off from their families indefinitely.

Dr. Ana Minian, the author of "Undocumented Lives: The Untold Story of Mexican Migration," will speak at Las Positas College on Thursday, Jan. 30.

"American Pickers" History Reality Show To Return to California in March

American Pickers, the History reality show that explores the world of "picking," will be returning to California in March, and is looking for leads to private collections of antiques to explore.

The hit show follows pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz as they search for relics of Americana. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, they meet characters with remarkable stories and exceptional collections – "rusty gold" -- to be rescued. The pickers' goal is to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past.

Anyone who may have, or knows someone who may

have, a large collection or accumulation of antiques the pickers could spend time searching through is being urged to send name,

phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: american-pickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.



Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz of "American Pickers"

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Cirque Mechanics: 42FT— A Menagerie of Mechanical Marvels, February 9

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association

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

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at five businesses in the area. Viewing locations are: The Stanford Health Care Dermatology Clinic, 1133 E. Stanley Blvd. Suite 111, Livermore; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite

183, Pleasanton; The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton; and The Bagel Street Café at 4101-A Dublin Blvd., Dublin. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at 510.877.8154.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Still Time to Sign Up for Art Workshop

Sign-ups are still available for the Livermore Adult Education's Art Workshop, a non-instructional class where artists work at their own pace with the medium of their choice in a relaxed and supportive environment with other artists. The class is facilitated by Lorraine Wells and meets Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon, now through March

17, at 1401 Almond Ave., in Livermore. For more information, call (925) 606-4722, or go to www.livermoreschools.org/domain/1060.

Photography Classes for amateur photographers looking to improve their skills, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Classes will be held 7-9 p.m., on Thursdays, from Jan. 16 through Feb. 27, with field trips on Feb. 2 and Feb. 22. Register for class #5000 at (925) 373-5700; online at larpd.org; by email at registration@larpd.org; or in person at the community center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Artists' Studio has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school, and adults. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, print making and sculpture. Contact Peggy at 925.443.8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

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

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

Art Classes for children, teens and adults, beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting,

printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. 925.216.7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and Keyboard

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

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

A Cappella Live! which brings together the vocal harmonies of four award-winning ensembles in the classic model of a Motown Revue — will be presented at Livermore's Bankhead Theater on Wednesday, Feb. 5, for one performance only.

The Parker Quartet will take the stage Saturday, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater



A Cappella Live! Feb 5.

in Livermore. Tickets available at lvpac.org; the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St.; or by calling (925) 373-6800.

Georgia on My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles, Friday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. A stellar cast of award-winning performers comes together to celebrate Ray's music. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Celebrating Tom Jones — A Special Valentine's Weekend Event featuring award-winning Broadway star David Burnham ("Wicked," "Light in The Piazza") and live six-piece band with music director Todd Schroeder. Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Performances

at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, and 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15. Reserved-seat tickets: \$28-\$38. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, (925) 931-4848, or at the box office, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

International Guitar Night (IGN), Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater. A cast of guitar luminaries from around the world will highlight the diversity of the acoustic guitar. IGN celebrates its 20th year of US tours with guest host Mike Dawes (England) and his incredible two-hand contemporary style. Tickets start at \$20.

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

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

ON THE STAGE

Mamma Mia! presented by Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father, Feb. 1 at 8:00 p.m.; Feb. 1, 2 at 2:00 p.m. Rated PG. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets, visit the



Mamma Mia!, Feb. 1 and 2

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Unitarian Church to Present “Birthright: A War Story”

The Social Justice Committee at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore will present the film, “Birthright: A War Story,” on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The 90-minute film is described as a documentary that exposes the truth of how American women are being jailed, physically violated, and even put at risk of dying as a radical movement tightens its grip across America and allows states, courts, and religious doctrine to govern whether, when, and how women will bear children.

The film will be shown at noon in the “Tot Green” room at the church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, in Livermore, with discussion and light refreshments to follow.

Bankhead Theater box office, call 925-373-6800, Tuesday thru Saturday, noon to 6pm, or visit online: www.lvpac.org. For more information, visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

West Side Story, performed by Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre will be at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in Pleasanton. The show will run for 11 performances from Jan 25 through Feb 9. There will be an Inside the Show opportunity to meet the actors following the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Jan. 26. Tickets range from \$25-\$46 and are available for purchase at the Firehouse Arts Center

Box Office, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or online at www.pcrproductions.org or www.firehousearts.org. The

DANCE

World of Imagination presented by Livermore School of Dance Jazz Company, a dance revue directed by Liz Roberts that combines jazz, tap, hip hop, modern, contemporary lyrical and musical theater, at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday, Feb. 15. Tickets are available at www.lvpac.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Spread Cheer with Beer, the Tri-Valley Beer Trail's annual charitable campaign, through Jan. 31. Pick up a passport at any stop on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail or download a passport at www.trivalleybeertrail.com.

Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Dublin High School Center for Performing Arts and Education on Saturday, Feb. 1, hosted by the City of Dublin and Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs. Tickets for the 2-hour celebration, which begins at 7 p.m., are \$10, and may be purchased at <https://bit.ly/2R7EsCm>. Search for event #6977. All proceeds benefit the Dublin Heritage and Cultural Arts Program.

LumiNight Lantern Festival, through Feb. 2, 2020. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday hours are 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and holiday hours are 5 to 11 p.m. LumiNight takes place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2100 Valley Ave., Gate 12, Pleasanton. Visit www.LumiNightLanterns.com.

Moulin Rouge 2020. Livermore Valley Opera will host Moulin Rouge 2020, its glamorous fundraising party of the year, at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton on Saturday, Feb. 1. Red attire is encouraged; black tie is optional. Beginning at 5 p.m., the evening will include a cabaret show, wine lottery, three-course dinner, and a chance to win a diamond bracelet created by Lance Cavalieri Jewelers and valued at \$11,300. Entertainment will feature soprano Sandra Rubalcava, tenor Christopher Bengochea, bass baritone Kirk Eichelberger, and cabaret dancers from Livermore School of Dance.

Museum on Main's 13th Annual Wines & Valentines Fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club on Friday, Feb. 7, beginning at



Spread Cheer with Beer, January 31

6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Celebrate Native Ways at Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton on Sat., Feb. 8. The free family event, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will provide a glimpse into the history of the first people to live in the East Bay area. In addition to the recently completed Tule River

Cirque Mechanics: 42FT—A Menagerie of Mechanical Marvels will premiere at the Bankhead Theater on Sunday, February 9 at 7 p.m., and features thrills, fun, and plenty of excitement. For tickets (\$20-\$95 for adults; \$20 for students under 21 and active military) go to www.lvpac.org or call (925) 373-6800.

All You Need is Love, Port and Chocolate at Cedar Mountain Winery in Livermore will host a special Port and Chocolate

Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15. \$5 from each flight will be donated to Wings of Rescue. Call 925-373-6636 for more information.

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

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

Hagemann Ranch Open House, Tours of the 140+ year old ranch and free, family friendly



Livermore School of Dance's World of Imagination, Feb. 15

Indian replica home, there will be native stories, cultural demonstrations, games and teas made from native plants.

Tasting on Valentine's Day weekend. The winery, 10843 Reuss Road, will pair a Library Port with chocolates from Gourmet Works. Tastings will be offered from noon to 4 p.m., on

seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Go to www.livermorehistory.com for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.



Moulin Rouge 2020, Feb. 1

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.)

Rotary Club of Livermore presents its 65th annual Crab Feed on Friday, Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m., at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$60 or \$55 for groups of 8-10. To order tickets, call Debbie Peck at (925) 447-4300. Rotary Club will use proceeds from the event for Livermore community service projects, scholarships, grants for schools and local groups.

Moulin Rouge 2020, Livermore Valley Opera's glamorous fundraising party of the year, will be held at The Club at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton on Saturday, Feb. 1. Red attire is encouraged, black tie is optional. Beginning at 5 p.m., the evening will include a cabaret show, wine lottery, three-course dinner, and a chance to win a diamond bracelet. Entertainment will feature soprano Sandra Rubalcava, tenor Christopher Bengochea, bass baritone Kirk Eichelberger, and cabaret dancers from Livermore School of Dance.

Help Dress A Girl Around the World, Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at St. Michael's Hall in Livermore. The group, which meets monthly, needs help with sewing, ironing, cutting. Home kits are available for those who like to sew but can't make the Sew-Fest. For more information, contact Suzanne Beck at 925-352-8447 or szubeck@yahoo.com.

Livermore Knights Annual Crab Feed, Charity Auction. The Livermore Knights of Columbus will hold its 47th Annual Crab Feed and Charity Auction on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The fundraiser will also be a celebration of the charitable works by the Livermore Knights to benefit of the Livermore and Tri-Valley communities. This year's event will feature a live band (Mixed Nuts), local wines and craft beers, and, of course, crab and pasta. This evening of fun and fund-raising is open to the public; hours are 4:30-11 p.m., with dance music until 11 p.m. Seating is limited to about 400 people. For tickets, call Dennis Lundborn at (775) 772-6369, or Mark and Claire Duguid at (925) 443-5873.

Lion's Club Crab Feed Fundraiser. A Crab Feed Fundraiser for the Livermore Lions Club will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5:45-8:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Doors open at 5:00. All you can eat crab will be accompanied by pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, dessert, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$55 each, \$400 for a table of 8, or \$500 for a table of 10. The night will include a silent auction, raffle prizes, and live music. For tickets, call (805) 405-8742.

Moms Who Meditate - A new meditation group will meet for the first time 8:15 - 9 a.m., on Sunday, Feb. 23, in the Fireside Room at Asbury United Methodist Church. The sessions, set to run for six weeks, will be an introduction to meditation using Christian Meditation. Moms with children of all ages are welcome. Sign up with Jackie at jackieb@asburylive.org, or call (925) 447-1950.

The Pedrozzi Foundation is accepting scholarship applications until March 2 at 5:00 p.m. Scholarships are available for undergraduate, graduate, community college, and technical/vocational students. High school seniors from Del Valle High School, Granada High School, Livermore High School, and Vineyard High School are eligible to apply. Graduates of all ages are encouraged to apply. For more about the Pedrozzi foundation, visit <https://bit.ly/2PHczkM>.

Assistance League of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7

p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.assistanceleague.org/amador-valley, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call 925.461.6401.

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

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

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

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

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

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs, both national and international. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at (925) 872.7923.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Master Gardeners Talks, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 -11 am on the second Saturday of the month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Native Daughters of the Golden West, (California born Women) is a fraternal and patriotic organization founded on the principles of: Love of Home, Devotion to the Flag; Veneration of the

Pioneers; Faith in the Existence of God., Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, meet first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, I.O.O.F Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore (easy entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925.698.4345, NDGW.org.

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

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

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

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 7265, seeking returning Veterans from foreign conflicts who are interested in staying engaged with other Veterans and their families. The VFW is one of the strongest Veterans organizations in America but is in serious decline because of lack of membership. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month with a light dinner social at 6:00pm followed by a business meeting at 7:00pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 So. L St. (corner of So. L & 5th Street-enter on 5th St.). For more information contact Commander Hank Jean: 480.585.8970 or Service Officer Ron Gillette: 925.443.4444.

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Geeks, group of adults who get

together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks. Text Melody Evenson at 925.209.1214 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Italian Catholic Federation, meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Anyone who loves all things Italian is invited to meet to celebrate the Italian heritage with monthly dinner meetings and

holding charitable events. The group supports Children's Hospital research, college scholarships and other charities. For information, contact Judy Wellbeloved, president, 925.462.2487.

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

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

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

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

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

American Legion Post 47 in Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the

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second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side. For more information go to www.calegion.org/ or contact Bill Bergmann at calegion.post47@gmail.com or 925.443.2330 or Roy Warner at 925.449.6048.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club (TVTC), Information on programs and memberships, training philosophies and schedules, and all things TVTC, an all inclusive triathlon/

marathon/endurance training program. www.trivalleytriclub.com.

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

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

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St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore will host a dinner for its Alpha Course fellowship program at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 10. The dinner is free, but the church asks that guests register at StMichaelLivermore.com/Alpha.

St. Michael Catholic Church Alpha dinners provide a free meal, an opportunity to meet new friends, and great conversation. Mondays at 6:30 p.m. starting February 10, St. Michael Parish Hall, 326 Maple St., Livermore. Register at www.stmichaellivermore.com/alpha. For more information, call (925) 447-1585

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10 a.m.

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

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

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes

during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 925.449.4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBible-Church.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit www.uucil.org or call 925.447.8747.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calvary Tri-Valley, Sunday Services at 243 Scott Street, Livermore, 10:00am. www.calvarylivermore.org or 925.447.4357.

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

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

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

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave.,

Livermore. New Sunday Worship Services & Children's Ministry times now at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Small Groups also meet on Sundays, and during the week at various times/locations. Trinity Student Ministries (7-12th Grade) meet on Sundays at 9 a.m. and on Weds. eve. from 7-9 p.m. Awana meets Sundays from 3:30-5:30PM trinitylivermore.org or 925.447.1848.

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

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

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

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org or 925.862.2580.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley - A LightHouse to the world. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Youth and teen programs offered as well. All are welcome. Parish Hall, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. For more information contact 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.graceway-life.org or 925.846.4436.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milestones

Avengineers Reach Quarter Finals

The Amador Valley High School Avengineers made it to the quarter finals of the Tracy Triangle Vex Robotics Competition at Merrill F. West High School in Tracy, California, on Jan. 25, placing

14th in a field of 38 teams.

In Vex Robotics Competitions, students design and build robots to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Competitions are sponsored by the Ro-

botics Education & Competition Foundation. The next competition for Amador Valley High School will be Feb. 8th in Ceres, California.

Granada Student Wins District American Legion Oratorical Contest

Granada High School student Regina Molitoris will move on to the third round of the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Pro gram after finishing first in the 10th District competition held Jan. 25 in San Leandro. Amador Valley High School student Nora Youn finished second.

The Tenth District of California Department of the American Legion covers Alameda County and the East Bay as far north as Albany. The Area 2 third-round competition will be held in Pacifica on Sunday, Feb. 23th.

The annual oratorical competition focuses on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution. The topic for the second round was the 12th Amendment, which changed the way members of the Electoral College cast their votes. Originally, members of the Electoral College cast two votes each. The candidate who received the most votes became president, while the second-place candidate became vice president. Under the 12th Amendment, the Electoral College members cast separate

votes for president and vice president.

Winners from the six American Legion areas in California will compete for the state American Legion championship at the Norton Air Force Base Museum in San Bernardino on Feb. 29. The state winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and will move on to the national com-

petition in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a chance to win a \$20,000 scholarship. Molitoris received \$250 for her first-place finish in the district competition, while Youn received \$150 for finishing second.

The American Legion has been sponsoring youth oratorical contests for more than 75 years.



Regina Molitoris and Nora Youn
(Photo - Bill Bergmann)

Higher Education News

Local Students Graduate Azusa Pacific

Three students from Livermore were among those who graduated during winter commencement ceremonies last month at Azusa Pacific University. Receiving their degrees were Casey Kim, Christopher Nannini, and Sarah Swanson. Azusa Pacific is a private Christian university in Azusa, California.

Keller Named to Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic

Livermore student Ryan Keller was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's for the Fall 2019 semester. Kelly, a member of the class of 2021, is majoring in mechanical engineering. Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester Polytechnic Institute is a private university in Worcester, Massachusetts, focusing on instruction and research in the technical arts and applied sciences.

Elisabeth Balicanta Named to Dean's List At Siena College

Elisabeth Balicanta, of Pleasanton, was named to the Dean's List at Siena College for the Fall 2019 semester. Siena is a private Franciscan liberal arts college in Loudonville, New York.

Local Students Named To President's List At Clemson

Two Pleasanton students were named to the Fall 2019 President's List at Clemson University in South Carolina. James V. Angst, majoring in Industrial Engineering, and Amanda Lynn McKenzie, majoring in Marketing, were among those who posted a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Fan Named to Hamilton College Dean's List

Bryce Fan, of Pleasanton, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the Fall 2019 semester. Fan, a senior majoring in Chinese and government, is a graduate of Foothill High School in Santa Ana, California. Hamilton is a private liberal arts college in Clinton, New York.

Anna Stoll Graduates Summa Cum Laude

Anna Stoll, of Dublin, graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Hampshire in December with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration/accounting. The University of New Hampshire is a state university in Durham, New Hampshire. To be recognized as summa cum laude, students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher.

Faulkner Named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List

Shannon Faulkner, of Dublin, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Iowa for the Fall 2019 semester. Faulkner is majoring in accounting at Iowa's Tippie College of Business.

Costello Earns Spot On Susquehanna Dean's List

Lena Costello, of Dublin, was named to the Susquehanna University Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Costello, a music performance (vocal) and theatre major, is a graduate of Holy Names High School in Oakland, California.

Susquehanna University is a private, liberal arts university in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester.

Kairan Gu Named to Dean's List at Lehigh University

Kairan Gu, of Pleasanton, was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University for the Fall 2019 semester. Lehigh is a private research university in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Livermore Student Helps Organize Lunar New Year Celebration

Monica Joglekar, of Livermore, was among the student leaders who organized the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine's first Lunar New Year's celebration, held on Jan. 22. The students who organized the celebration are members of the college's Asian Pacific American Medical

Student Association and South Asian Society.

The Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rat, began on Jan 25 and will end on Feb. 11, 2021, when the Year of the Ox begins. The celebration provided an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to sample traditional Chinese food, take

part in activities showcasing Lunar New Year customs and traditions, and view a digital presentation of celebratory performances from different cultures.

Geisinger is a private medical school associated with the Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania.