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

## Now Comes the Hard Part — Lining Up Money for Valley Link

By Ron McNicoll

The \$1.8 billion Valley Link project faces a tough road ahead to get enough financing.

As envisioned, Valley Link would connect the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to a future Isabel Avenue station in Livermore, to an Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) station off Greenville Road, and, eventually, to stations in San Joaquin County. Part of the Alameda County

portion is located in the Tri-Valley. It's the costliest segment because so much work has to be done on Interstate 580 to accommodate the tracks. That portion will cost \$1.2 billion. Adding in more than \$300 million to take the tracks over to Greenville Road in the Alameda County portion of the project, the total swells to \$1.53 to \$1.58 billion.

That figure is expected to grow annually by 3.2%, according to Valley Link documents. The San

Joaquin County portion is priced at about \$300 million to \$350 million.

In lining up the dollars that will pay for the Alameda County portion of Valley Link, Executive Director Michael Tree counts the \$400 million that BART was going to use as in the "highly likely" category to go to Valley Link as part of the \$1.58 billion. Valley Link already has applied to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), for the \$400 million,

and will explain details soon to ACTC so the regional agency can make its decision.

Money earmarked for BART from Alameda County Measure BB is no longer available to BART, since its board in 2017 voted against building the extension. Since it won't do the project, it won't get the money.

A couple of other pots of money are in the "highly likely" category, Tree said. There is a request to the (See TRANSLINK, page 2)

## Some Top Livermore Officials to Get Raises

By David Chircop

The highest paid city employee in Livermore will see his annual cash compensation increase by more than \$16,000 and the second highest paid employee will bring home nearly \$15,000 more in pay during the next 12 months.

Raises for City Manager Marc Roberts and City Attorney Jason Alcala were unanimously approved by the City Council during its regular meeting Monday night with little discussion. Roberts' received a 5.65% raise, bringing his base salary to \$282,547. Alcala's base pay increased by 5.6% to \$263,000. In addition to pay increases, the two officials will also get more generous employer contributions to their retirement accounts.

The decision followed contract negotiations and employee performance reviews of the two officials during two closed-door executive sessions in October.

"It was a brutal wrist-wrestling competition, but eventually we came to an agreement," said Mayor John Marchand, who negotiated the labor contract on behalf of the city. He added that the council agreed during the performance reviews that the city manager and city attorney have done a remarkable job.

Seven other top managers at the city, including Livermore Police Chief Michael Harris,

(See RAISES, page 3)



Hundreds of Amador Valley High School staff and parents gathered on the morning of Nov. 21 to "sprinkle happiness" on students before the Thanksgiving Break. See full story on page 7. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

## Amazon to Open Livermore Distribution Center

By David Chircop

The world's largest online retailer has big plans for a massive warehouse in Livermore — but has little to report right now.

Amazon last week announced plans for a new distribution center to open somewhere in Livermore next year. The announcement followed news reports that Amazon signed a lease for the 600,000 square-foot former Circuit City distribution center at 400 Longfellow Court, south of Interstate 580 near the Vasco Road interchange.

The sprawling warehouse,

known as the Longfellow Logistics Center, sits on more than 34 acres. It was constructed in 1998 by IDI Logistics as a built-to-suit distribution center for Circuit City. The electronics retail chain operated the center there until collapsing into bankruptcy and liquidation in 2009. For the last decade, it has been leased periodically to tenants. It is currently empty.

"We're always happy about putting existing vacant warehouses to productive use and to provide hundreds of jobs for our residents," said Adam Van de Water, director of Livermore's

Office of Innovation and Economic Development.

Van de Water said Amazon has not yet come to the city for business permits. Based on an assumed industry average of one worker for every 1,000 square feet, Van de Water said the operation could support up to 600 jobs.

The Longfellow center was purchased for \$66 million by Bay Area-based developer Orchard Partners in September 2017.

An Amazon spokeswoman declined to share any details about the distribution center, including the number of employees (See AMAZON, page 3)

## Tobacco Ban Considered By Dublin

By Bruce Gach

State legislation banning specific tobacco products has stalled. The federal ban is now in limbo. However, local actions to restrict cigarette sales and vaping products have passed in Livermore, Fremont, San Leandro, Alameda, Richmond, and the city and county of San Francisco.

With all members agreeing "waiting is not the answer," the Dublin City Council on Nov. 19 unanimously voted to have staff return with an ordinance containing language that bans all flavored tobacco products, vaping products and electronic smoking devices. The council also asked for a report listing what further anti-tobacco policies the city should consider acting upon in the future.

Currently, anyone with a tobacco retail license can sell any and all tobacco-containing products regardless of flavor, so long as all existing Dublin regulations are followed. Present law in Dublin only prohibits smoking or vaping in restaurants, businesses, city parks, and other common use areas, and at any city sponsored event.

During public comment, all speakers encouraged the council to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products and vaping devices. Jannell Gladen, of Livermore, showed council members an array of vaping products, stating they were small, disposable and designed to attract kids. "Some of these devices are flavored and can be purchased for as little as 99 cents," she said.

(See TOBACCO BAN, page 12)

## Zone 7's Sarah Palmer Seeks Seat On State Water Agency Coalition

By David Chircop

Veteran Zone 7 Water Agency Director Sarah Palmer is running to be the next Vice President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

The statewide water coalition is based in Sacramento and also keeps an office in Washington, D.C. Its members are public

water agencies that together provide about 90 percent of water distributed to homes, farms and businesses in California. It is the largest organization of its type in the country, and plays an influential role in shaping state and federal water policy.

"I care what happens with water," said Palmer, a retired teacher

and former cancer researcher who holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. "Water is so crucial to our lives and it is something that really matters."

The election for the next president and vice president of ACWA will be held at the organization's fall conference and exhibition, to be held Dec. 4 in San Diego.

(See PALMER, page 7)



Ben Santer, senior climate scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, spoke earlier this month in Madison, Wisc. to the annual meeting of Sigma Xi, the national scientific society. Santer gave the talk after winning the society's annual William Proctor Award, joining such past science luminaries as Ernest Lawrence, Margaret Mead and Vannevar Bush as award recipients. The award recognizes contributions to science communications, as well as to research. (Photo - Sam Waldron for Ruthie Hauge Photography)

## 'Lightning Trout' Stocked at Local Lakes

Fishing enthusiasts take note! East Bay Regional Park District is planting some 500 pounds of lightning trout this week in each of four nearby lakes: Del Valle and Shadow Cliffs in the Livermore-Pleasanton area, as well as Quarry Lakes in Fremont and Lake Chabot in Castro Valley.

Lightning trout are golden in color with a bright red stripe along their sides. "They often

look like neon lights shooting through the water," according to a Park District statement.

Lightning trout do not reproduce in nature, but are bred in hatcheries. The District has been trying for years to get a supply to stock its lakes, but they have been hard to come by.

These come from Mount Lassen Trout Farm where, according to an online source, they were

first hybridized by crossing a gold-colored rainbow male with a standard hatchery rainbow.

They are known as a great fighting fish, with meat resembling that of a salmon, according to the Park District. At this time of year, they typically bite in the mornings and evenings.

"Lightning trout are a beautiful, unique fish that you don't get

(See TROUT, page 10)

**PET OF THE WEEK**

**IRVINE**



Have you heard the big news on campus? Irvine, San Diego and all the felines at Valley Humane Society will be celebrating Black Cat Friday November 29th & 30th! During this special event, all cats with black fur will be available to adopt fee-free. (Standard adoption criteria applies.) All other coat colors will be available for 50% off the standard adoption fee. Irvine and his brother San Diego are five-month-old domestic shorthairs. Meet Irvine and more black cats 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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## TRANSLINK

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for \$188 million of bridge toll revenue from Regional Measures 1, 2, and 3. And Livermore promised \$40 million for the Isabel station under the old BART extension plan, which could be reallocated to Valley Link.

"I'm sure Livermore would like to spend money on station improvements for Valley Link," said Tree.

If Valley Link gets approval on all of the "highly likely" amounts, it then will have seed money — \$628 million — to work with federal and state agencies to try to get more, Tree said. But it will still be hard to close the funding gap.

One proposal, called Faster Bay Area, is trying to raise \$100 billion through a new 40-year sales tax to fund transportation corridor projects throughout the Bay Area. The Faster Bay Area coalition is made up of the Silicon Valley Leadership Council, the Bay Area Council, and SPUR, a longtime San Francisco planning agency.

Faster Bay Area's goal is to put the sales tax on the November 2020 ballot in as many of the nine Bay Area counties as possible.

Tree said he is supportive of the sales tax, but it still has a long way to go.

There might have to be special legislation connected to it, because some local taxing jurisdictions have already maxed out their legally-permitted ceilings on taxation. Any special legislation would have to pass both houses by a two-thirds vote, before it could

go to the ballot. There are 45 days left for it to get the Legislature's approval in time to put it on next November's ballot, Tree said.

Faster Bay Area got the idea of a big ticket sales tax from Los Angeles, which is planning 28 projects by 2028, in time for hosting the summer Olympics. Seattle has also had several regional taxes, which have been well-supported.

Tax control organizations are aware of the regional tax proposal. Although there no longer is an Alameda County Taxpayers Association, Jack Weir, who heads the Contra Costa County Taxpayers Association, says the organization keeps an eye out for all Alameda County taxpayers.

The Contra Costa group opposes the 1% tax raise "because there is no real cogent transportation plan. They seem to want to fund kitchen sink projects," Weir said.

It's a problem especially for Contra Costa and the North Bay, because most of the commuters come from those areas, he added.

"MTC was created by the Legislature, and they do a good job of raising money, but they don't do a good job supporting effective transportation," Weir said. "They have raised billions in taxes, and the traffic congestion is worse."

"Transit use is less than 10%. You have to look at where people live and work. People look for affordable housing, and have to lengthen their commutes."

Silicon Valley and San Francisco expect the East

Bay to bear the brunt of their housing needs. They get the property tax advantages from building highly-assessed office buildings, while the East Bay has to make do with low assessments from residential units that consume tax dollars instead of generating more money to pay for services, Weir said.

John Goodwin, public information officer at MTC, said that "the push now is from the West Bay to the East Bay, because there is less room (in the West Bay). But other areas of the state are also going through this. Taxation is part of it. Cities want high revenue development, and residential doesn't bring that."

About the job MTC is doing in promoting better corridors, Goodwin said that the money is not so abundant, if one takes into account MTC obligations to maintain what already is here. Some of the historical corridors are 150 years old, such as El Camino Real (Highway 101) and the Cal Train corridor from San Francisco to San Jose.

Another objection to Valley Link is that it is encouraging more sprawl by perpetuating the pattern of creating longer commutes from the Bay Area, which environmentalist opponents say will contribute to creation of more, not less, greenhouse gasses. Valley Link would extend commuting as a stimulus for more urban development in San Joaquin County, according to a letter to Valley Link from two Sierra Club officials.

Instead, more housing should be built closer to where people work, said the letter writers, Eric Parfrey, a retired planner who lives in Stockton, which is in San Joaquin County, and Matt Williams, who was a member of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.

To strike a better balance between jobs and housing, corporations should move to areas with affordable housing, they said.

Parfrey and Williams contend that extending Valley Link to San Joaquin County could violate a 2006 state law preserving open space, both in communities and in agriculture.

Tree said that the congestion problem is already here and needs to be remedied. He noted that if nothing is done, by 2040, there will be 75% more traffic, including 58% more trucks on Interstate 580. "The comment I hear most is that we should have done this years ago," he said.

Tree praised Supervisor Scott Haggerty, President of the Valley Link board, for his energetic leadership helping to create the agency as a way of linking to BART. "Scott has been extremely active with MTC to fill the funding gap. He wants to make sure MTC includes it in the Faster Bay Area (sales tax proposal)" said Tree.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that Faster Bay Area will move, and be successful, but Scott is taking nothing for granted. I've witnessed him being engaged on this," Tree said.

## Transit Honor Given To Michael Tree

By Ron McNicoll

Michael Tree has been recognized as the state's top transit executive for 2019 by the California Transit Association. Tree is Executive Director of both the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) and Valley Link, which was formed in 2018.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that either Tree or LAVTA has won a top award.

In 2015, Tree was recognized by the Association of Coordinated Transportation. In 2016 and 2017, LAVTA was honored as

agency of the year by each of the two organizations.

Tree received the award this year for his leadership of many projects. Among them were improved access to BART and ACE via Wheels buses, funding for unlimited access passes for Las Positas College students, and partnering with Livermore to upgrade and preserve the old Southern Pacific train station, which Wheels uses for its ticket sales and operations building.

Tree has led transit services in Missoula, Mont., and Porterville, Calif. He was city manager in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

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## Innovation Leadership Group Stakeholders Work to Create a Better Future for the Tri-Valley

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV) held the first Tri-Valley 2040 Visioning Summit in partnership with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

Hosted in Dublin, the half-day event brought together 80 stakeholders from across five cities to envision the future of the Tri-Valley. The event featured three expert speakers: Deborah McKoy and Molly Turner, both of UC Berkeley, and Paul Saffo, a forecaster and professor at

Stanford University. Discussion topics included how to better integrate the youth perspective into conversations about the future, how to prepare the region's workforce for new jobs in 2040, and how to address land use and transportation challenges to serve a growing population. Youth, science and space were on the minds of the attendees and sparked spirited conversations.

"With the continued economic growth in the Tri-Valley, it is critical that

we protect the social and economic environment we are part of," said Steve Lanza, Chair of Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, and an executive at Lam Research. "Key to this is the development of a holistic strategy and plan to support the amazing quality of life we have, the immense educational advantage our workforce has and the economic engine that exists, all while supporting those who struggle with the lack of adequate infrastructure."

ITV welcomes everyone to share their own vision about how the region should look in the year 2040. Responses from the community will be used to inform the next steps in the planning process. The Visioning Summit was the first step in a 12-month project led by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute that will result in a 2040 vision plan for the Tri-Valley.

For more information, email [info@innovationtri-valley.org](mailto:info@innovationtri-valley.org)

## EBCE to Provide Aid for Medically Dependent Customers Facing Power Outage Threats

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) has approved spending \$500,000 for a program to support customers with medical need for reliable electricity.

The EBCE board approved the expenditure at its Nov. 21 meeting.

The board's action is intended to help people whose lives and health depend on electrically-powered devices. The money will be spent on identifying Alameda County customers with such medical

needs to come up with a solution, so they are not left at risk in power blackouts.

The action came as a response to the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that can impact EBCE customers. PG&E turned off power several times in October, leaving almost 1 million accounts and 3 million people bereft of electricity.

More than 1,000 of those customers were on PG&E's Medical Baseline program, which serves

people with special energy needs because of a medical condition. EBCE has 10,000 Medical Baseline customers, which means they require special notification when power shutoffs may occur, and provides them special privileges if they are at risk for being disconnected for lack of payment.

EBCE is a not-for-profit public agency energy program for Alameda County and eleven incorporated cities, serving more than 550,000 residential and

commercial customers throughout the county. EBCE began service in June 2018 and is one of 19 community choice aggregation (CCA) programs operating in California. CCAs are expediting the climate action goals of their communities and those of California. EBCE is committed to providing clean power at competitive rates. For more information about East Bay Community Energy, visit <https://ebce.org/>

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## CORRECTIONS

Art Dao is the executive director of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC). His name was misspelled in a story about a request for funds for Valley Link which appeared on the front page on Nov. 21.

Catherine Breed swam the English Channel in 2018 and the North Sea, from Ireland to Scotland, in 2019. The years of her swims were incorrect in a story and headline which appeared on Page 6 on Nov. 21.



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# Redevelopment Plans Move Forward For Livermore Center

By David Chircop

One recent afternoon, two businesses that booked a strip mall at the Southwest corner of Rincon Avenue and Pine Street brought steady buzz of customers in and out. In between them sat a sea of asphalt, stucco and eerie quiet.

The strip mall, which first opened in the 1950s, is called the Livermore Center. It is located just north of May Nissen Community Park — not in the center of town as the name might suggest. The activity that day, as with most days in recent years, was concentrated at Ben's Burgers off Rincon Avenue and at Contreras Market, a specialty grocery, carniceria and taqueria, along Pine Street.

Under a redevelopment proposal, two of the four buildings that make up the complex will be razed to make way for 91 townhomes, with six of them being live-work units, according to plans filed with the city. While various redevelopment plans for the site have proceeded in fits and starts over the years, the latest proposal appears to be gaining traction, and word is

spreading.

"Is Ben's Burger's Closing?" Reddit user The Homestarmy asked in a new thread to a Reddit subgroup dedicated to Livermore. "I just caught wind that the Livermore Center (I think that's what the shopping center is called) on Pine is getting torn down for housing. Anyone know for a fact if Ben's and the Contreras Market are closing?"

According to documents filed with the city by The True Life Companies, a firm that focuses on developing in-fill housing, the owner wishes to preserve and remodel the Contreras and Pine Street Bar Buildings fronting Pine Street, and to demolish the rest of the complex, the building surrounded by windows that houses Ben's. A gas station on the corner of Pine Street and Rincon Avenue is not part of the project. A call and an email to the development company and calls to the owner of the property were not returned.

In addition to the three-story townhomes, development plans call for an outdoor plaza between the commercial buildings, a

public walkway through the site to May Nissen Park, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements with protected bike lanes, a crossing island and a mid-block flashing pedestrian crosswalk on Pine Street.

Earlier this month, the Historic Preservation Commission gave the developer a go-ahead to proceed with obtaining demolition permits. Demolition and remodeling of buildings older than 50 years first require a "Certificate of Appropriateness" from the commission.

An in-depth review of the site's history was conducted, which included reviewing property, and building permit records from the 1920s to the present, old city directories, historic aerial photographs and other available sources.

The analysis concluded the site lacked historical significance, although it did reveal some interesting aspects about its history.

From the 1920s to the 1950s, the property was mostly used for orchard plantings. The strip mall was built in the early 1950s with a grocery store. It was later expanded. At various times,

it included a bowling alley, a doughnut shop, bingo, hobby shop and drug store.

One notable tenant from the past, was professional boxer, two-time heavy-weight champ and Olympic gold medalist George Foreman, according to the current owner. It is said Foreman had a house on Mines Road in the 1970s, and leased part of the Livermore Center for a practice facility, which included a ring with bleachers on both sides for the press to watch.

Sam Noh, owner of Ben's Burgers for the past 13 years, worked the grill last week, while his wife waited tables and ran the cash register. Noh declined to comment for the story and did not wish to speculate about the fate of his business. The business has been operated as Ben's for 37 years. It was originally opened in the 1970s as a Dairy Belle Freeze.

There are many who consider Ben's a neighborhood mainstay. It gets high marks from customers who review it on Yelp! And, according to The Homestarmy, "I'd be pretty heartbroken. Place has easily the best milkshakes in the city."

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## Air District and Partners Launch Program To Lower Costs of Clean Air Vehicles

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is partnering with MCE and the Transportation Authority of Marin to launch Drive Clean Bay Area, a consumer education program that offers a group purchase plan to lower the cost of electric vehicles for Bay Area customers.

The incentive program is offered through December 31, 2019, and the group discount takes \$500 to \$2,500 off the manufacturer's suggested retail price, depending on the chosen model.

Programs like Drive

Clean Bay Area narrow the cost gap between traditional gas and clean air vehicles, putting them within reach for many Bay Area residents," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "Making clean air vehicle ownership more affordable is a common-sense strategy to improve our air quality and reduce climate impacts."

Seven models of electric vehicles and five models of plug-in hybrid vehicles are eligible for a discount through the program. Additionally, incentives up

to \$9,500 may be available for income-qualified households through the Air District's Clean Cars for All Program.

To sign up or to learn more about the vehicles available for group purchase lease discounts, please visit [www.drivecleanbayarea.org](http://www.drivecleanbayarea.org).

Drive Clean Bay Area is a collaborative campaign led by the Marin non-profit Cool the Earth to advance the adoption of electric vehicles in the Bay Area, as well as advocating for e-bike transportation, walking, biking, carpooling and

taking public transit. The campaign works to educate residents about the benefits of driving electric and to inspire the switch from gasoline-powered vehicles to cars powered by renewable energy.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

## AMAZON

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it expects to hire or salary ranges, or when it hopes to open.

"Amazon's Delivery Stations have a starting pay of at least \$15 per hour," said Shone Jemmott, a company spokeswoman, "... [W]e don't have any additional details to share at this time, but I can certainly let you know if that changes."

California's minimum wage is scheduled to increase to \$15 for all employers by Jan. 1, 2023. In the Bay Area, several cities have already increased their minimum wages at or above the \$15 mark. Belmont and Redwood City will be the latest to do so in January 2020.

Livermore's location

provides a convenient link between the Central Valley and the inner-Bay Area, which makes it an ideal place to locate distribution centers. Electric carmaker Tesla currently leases 1.3 million square feet of warehouse space across three buildings at the Oaks Logistics Center on Discovery Drive near the Livermore Municipal Airport.

City Councilwoman Trish Munro, speaking at Monday night's council meeting, expressed concern about the news. She said distribution centers tend to pay low taxes to local governments, they increase traffic and air pollution and provide low quality jobs.

With the council's ap-

proval, she asked city staff to review the city's long-range development plans and regulations for industrial zones, to see whether changes can help prevent Livermore from becoming a magnet for more distribution centers.

"Is that really the kind of business we want to encourage? Is this really what our heart and soul is?" she asked. "Amazon is here, but that doesn't mean I really want to encourage other distribution centers," she said. "I would rather make sure that Livermore is taking charge of our own future than having it imposed upon us."

## RAISES

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will receive 2.5 percent raises and see an increase to the city's contribution to their deferred compensation plans. These changes exactly mirror improved perks received by middle managers over the summer. In a report to the council recommending the changes, Roberts said the increased pay and benefits reflect market conditions and will help avoid salary compression — little difference in pay — between the executive managers and those they supervise.

Roberts and Alcalá are both contractual employees and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. As such, they can be terminated without cause. However each have severance clauses in their contracts that would entitle them to continued

pay and benefits for a full year.

Last year, Roberts' total compensation, including salary and benefits, reached \$333,364, according to public records. The council extended his employment contract this

week by an additional year, to 2024. Alcalá's total 2018 compensation was \$314,079, according to public records with the California State Controller's office. His contract is open-ended and does not include an expiration date.

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# EDITORIAL

## A New President for Las Positas College

We are pleased to see that a new president has been chosen for Las Positas College. Dyrell Foster, an experienced Southern California community college administrator whose roots are in Northern California, will begin work in February. He was chosen after a highly competitive nationwide search, according to a statement from the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

Foster will take over from interim president Roanna Bennie, who since 2017 has done an excellent job of leading the institution. Las Positas today is an essential part of our community, serving nearly 8,500 students, while offering cultural and economic enrichment to the region.

LasPo, as it is known, began modestly more than half a century ago as a Livermore extension of Chabot College in Hayward. None other

than Tom Hanks, Chabot's most famous alumnus and one of the most admired male actors of our times, argues for the role of community colleges in advancing the lives and careers of students of all adult ages. Education can help them reach their full potential. We wish Dyrell Foster the best of success as he leads LasPo into the future and helps our community reach its full potential.

## MAILBOX

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### Loss of On-Site Downtown Hotel Parking

Carol Garberson, Livermore

I was surprised a couple of months ago to learn from City Council members that the plans for our new downtown hotel have changed so that there will now be no on-site parking, except for a few handicap parking spaces. This is because the planned underground parking of about 100 spaces for patrons and employees is now deemed "too expensive" for a for-profit hotel. The hotel parking is now going to be near the corner of Railroad and L Street where the old pool and spa store was. That is across two very busy streets, Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave., and down a long block. I am curious to know how many people in town are aware of this change. No one that I have talked to has known of it.

This gives hotel patrons three choices that I can see: "Free" valet parking which really means that when you want to go somewhere you have to wait, possibly with others leaving at the same time, while a hotel employee runs across those two busy streets, down the long block and then drives clear around back to the hotel. Then you will need to tip the valet. If you need anything from your car, you won't have access to it without running that gauntlet.

Park your car there yourself and walk back and forth across those two busy streets and down that long block, again without easy access to anything in your car. That is a very limited option for many people who have physical issues, as well as being very unpleasant in hot summer or cold wet winter conditions.

Park in one of the public parking lots or garages close to the hotel. This

means that as many as 80 or so cars belonging to patrons and employees of the hotel might be taking up much needed new parking spaces around Livermore Ave. The only way to avoid that is to have either metered parking that limits time parked or to put up signs limiting parking time. Either of those options would require the city to hire more police or traffic officers to enforce the parking limits by marking all those cars regularly and ticketing those that stay too long. I am wondering if the city budget has that additional cost factored in. It is an additional cost that would be solely due to permitting a hotel to be built without on-site parking.

This doesn't make sense to me.

### Excellent Service And Integrity

Stan Tynan, Livermore

I enjoy an eat-out, always have. When a friend tells me of a dining experience, I'm apt to at least give it a try. And, that's how I became aware of Americano Grill and Italian Cuisine. From the first, I was struck by the crew's friendly, upbeat, positive way of dealing with their customers and I came to look forward to a next meal there, simply because of that. After several meals there, I called-in a take-out meal, lasagna, was given a pick-up time, was there at their predicted hour, and the bag of goodies was ready and waiting for me. So far, all's right, as it should be. Well, here's where that is taken to another level. You see, what I picked up was not what I ordered. No, as I was to discover after first bites - the meal in front of me was gnocchi, not lasagna. But, the food tasted good and I accepted that their boo-boo wasn't so important. Then, I'm now maybe five minutes into eating - my phone rings. The waitress is calling to tell me they gave me the wrong order, and that they insist upon giving me the proper one. I told that young lady that they needn't do so, that I was quite content with what I was already eating. "No, no," she quickly replied, "you don't understand. The replacement lasagna is being brought to you, right now! Look outside: the owner is hunting for your house". I went to the front door, opened it and there she was - the owner holding out a large, handled bag and, clearly embarrassed, apologizing

for the mistake. Now that's what I call service, that and integrity.

### Thankful for Our Veterans

Anthony Pangelinan, Livermore

As I continue to learn more about what's going on with our downtown, I was happy to see that the current construction on Livermore Avenue for the new Stockmen's Park. It took a little bit of digging on the internet to find out the history of the park, and why it was named after the Stockmen.

The research was well worth the effort. It's a win-win for everyone involved. The Stockmen finally get a long-promised park, housing for veterans and seniors will be built, and we will have a nice gathering place to honor our veterans and the contributions of the Stockmen's Association.

Hopefully it will be complete for Thanksgiving next year!

### Hearts and Prayers to The Coyne Family

Tania Panarello, Livermore

Our family was saddened enough when Thomas Coyne died several years ago; the winemaking world lost a good man and a vinicultural genius. But when I read in The Independent last week that Emilie Coyne had passed away, my husband and I were absolutely heartbroken. The earth lost a beautiful, kind soul, though heaven gained a sweet, hospitable angel.

Thomas Coyne Winery was a favorite of ours to visit. We enjoyed all of Tom's wines, and though Sweet Emilie was good, Tom made a fabulous Cabernet Franc. We smile as we remember him always wearing his Penn State hat.

From a patron's perspective, Tom was always kind and passionate about wine in his own quiet way, but Emilie was the social butterfly. She was always so welcoming in her bright, effervescent way. We discovered in one of many conversations that my husband and Emilie had a unique New York connection (my husband grew up in Middletown, where Emilie was a nurse for a time), and that I had graduated with their son, Steve, from Livermore High. Emilie laughed when we told her that their winery was our first outing after having our firstborn, and she always lavished attention on our two boys whenever we visited. It was so peaceful up there at Chateau Bellevue; we could've lingered for hours, with Emilie holding court.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Coyne family at this difficult time, especially losing such a lovely lady right before the holidays. It is always hardest for those left behind, but rest assured that Tom and Emilie are reunited in heaven now, smiling down on their loved ones, seeing that everyone is taken

care of and that their wine glasses are never empty.

### Surrender Dorothy

Daryl Carlson, Livermore

A recent letter to this venerable newspaper by Tamara Reus neglects to mention her affiliation with the "Park Group," and her groveling to obscenely wealthy non-residential donors is both understandable and deplorable. She makes a laughable distinction between good obscenely wealthy interlopers and bad interlopers like Pardee. We all know that Pardee is the Wicked Witch of the West but are not convinced that "the Gang of Five" are really Glinda the Good Witch of the South.

### In Search of Justice - Part 2

Gary Estee, Livermore

"Every normal man must be tempted, at times, to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin slitting throats." - H.L. Mencken

A second thought broached my brain after I submitted my previous thoughts on Federal Judges to the degree that I am again forced (due to my own inner demons) to fulfill my right to free speech again in the same general area. I, again, checked the INTERNET and discovered to my dismay (but not surprise) that there is no mechanism that provides oversight of either the behavior or fulfillment of responsibilities on the part of the 1803 Federal Judges.

Article III federal judges are appointed to life terms while serving "during good Behavior," as stated in Section I of Article III of the United States Constitution. Though it does not expressly state in the Constitution that judges may be impeached and removed from office, they fall under the label of "Civil Officers" in Article II, Section 4. This article says:

"The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

As soon as someone with a backbone replaces the orange gremlin in the office of the President, I would recommend that the first action taken after selecting a new head of the Department of Justice would be the establishment of a government task force assigned to research (in depth) all current holders of federal judgeships. Their past records and current financial status would be evaluated based on their action being legal or not. Any negative findings would be used to eliminate them from office and revealed publicly via the media and INTERNET.

Article II of the Constitution gives the United

States House of Representatives sole power of impeachment and assigns the power to try impeachments to the United States Senate. In fact, the United States Senate has removed judges from office for substantial questionable conduct, even if no crime was committed. For example, Judge Robert Woodrow Archibald was impeached and removed from office for improper business relationships with litigants.

Fifteen federal judges have been impeached. Of those fifteen, eight were convicted by the Senate, four were acquitted by the Senate, and three resigned before an outcome at trial.

This group includes the following:

1803 John Pickering of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire Nominated: By President George Washington in 1795. Charges: Mental instability and intoxication on the bench. Convicted: By the United States Senate and removed from office on March 12, 1804.

1804 Samuel Chase of the Supreme Court of the United States. Nominated: By President George Washington in 1796. Charges: Arbitrary and oppressive conduct of trials. Acquitted: By the United States Senate on March 1, 1805.

1830 James Hawkins Peck of the United States District Court for the District of Missouri. Nominated: By President James Monroe in 1822. Charges: Abuse of the contempt of power. Acquitted: By the Senate on January 1, 1831.

1862 West Hughes Humphreys of the United States District Courts for the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Tennessee. Nominated: By President Franklin Pierce in 1853. Charges: Refusing to hold court and waging war against the United States government. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on June 26, 1862.

1873 Mark W. Delahay for the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. Nominated: By President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Charges: Intoxication on the bench. Resigned: From office December 12, 1873, before a trial in the Senate.

1904 Charles Swayne for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. Nominated: By President Benjamin Harrison in 1889. Charges: Abuse of contempt power and other misuses of office. Acquitted: By the Senate on February 27, 1905.

1912 Robert Woodrow Archibald of the United States Commerce Court. Nominated: By President William Howard Taft in 1910. Charges: Improper business relationship with litigants. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on January 13, 1913.

1926 George Washing-

ton English of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Illinois. Nominated: By President Woodrow Wilson in 1918. Charges: Abuse of power. Resigned: From office November 4, 1926, at which time impeachment proceedings were dismissed.

1933 Harold Louderback of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Nominated: By President Calvin Coolidge in 1928. Charges: Favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers. Acquitted: By the Senate on May 24, 1933.

1936 Halsted Lockwood Ritter of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Nominated: By President Calvin Coolidge in 1929. Charges: Favoritism in the appointment of bankruptcy receivers and practicing law while sitting as a judge. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on April 17, 1936.

1986 Harry Claiborne of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Nominated: By President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Charges: Income tax evasion and remaining on the bench following a criminal conviction. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on October 9, 1986.

1988 Alcee Hastings of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Nominated: By President Jimmy Carter in 1979. Charges: Perjury and conspiring to solicit a bribe. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on October 20, 1989.

1989 Walter Nixon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Nominated: By President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Charges: Perjury before a federal grand jury. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on November 3, 1989.

2009 Samuel Kent of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Nominated: By President George H.W. Bush in 1990. Charges: Sexual assault, obstructing and impeding an official proceeding, and making false and misleading statements. Resigned: From office on July 30, 2009, and articles of impeachment were dismissed.

2010 Thomas Porteous of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Nominated: By President Bill Clinton in 1994. Charges: Accepting bribes and making false statements under penalty of perjury. Convicted: By the Senate and removed from office on December 8, 2010

Hopefully, the next resident of the White House will begin the actions necessary to clean up the federal court system.

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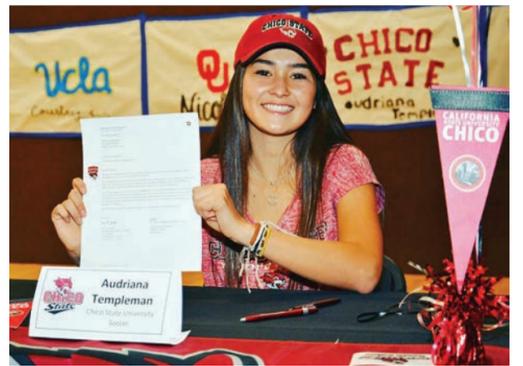
Friday, Nov. 22, The Foothill Falcons fell to Clayton Valley Charter High School, 49 to 7 in the second round CIF NCS Division 2 playoffs. Top left: Bryce Lombardi; top right: Jayden Payne; bottom left: Josh Anderson; bottom right: Peter Montini. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Carli D of Fusion's 2007 (U13) Girls Maroon scored the game's only goal as Fusion defeated Spurs FC 1-0.



Fusion's 2011 (U9) Girls Maroon finished first in Premier fall league play.



Fusion Soccer Club 2002 National Premier League player Audriana "Turbo" Templeman has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Chico State University.



Amador Valley's Boys and Girl's Cross Country Teams.



Katz continued to show their dominance and their perseverance this past weekend.



Fusion 2002 National Premier League soccer player Kayla Remund has signed a Letter of Intent to attend Cal State East Bay.

## Livermore Fusion Soccer Club

During the last month, Fusion's 2007 (U13) Girls Maroon displayed tremendous growth and development as they trained diligently under Coach Ben Graham. On Saturday, November 16, the girls' hard work paid off with a season-ending 1-0 road victory over Spurs FC of El Cerrito. Carli D scored the game's only goal towards the end of the first half, set up by masterful ball movement on Fusion's right. "I am extremely happy for the girls," said Coach Ben. "This was a nice way for them to finish off their fall league."

Fusion's 2011 (U9) Girls Maroon had a stunning debut at the Premier level, finishing as undefeated Fall Silver League Champions. "The girls had a fantastic season, both in terms of the standings and their progression in all facets of the game," said Coach Marc Beard. "They became extremely close over the course of the season and their success on the field reflected their togetherness. It has been a great pleasure coaching the girls and watching them grow." The team finished the season with a record of 7-1-0. "Our players and parents did not know what to expect in our first

season at Premier," said team parent Laura DeBenning. "By challenging and working the girls, Coach Marc transformed a good team into a great team. The girls bonded because they understood that they were part of something special. Coach Marc, the players and our team 'Momager' put tremendous energy into making this team into a close-knit soccer family."

Fusion's 2010 (U10) Girls Maroon concluded an excellent State Cup campaign by finishing #10 out of about 125 NorCal teams. The highlight of the team's play was defeating eventual State Cup champion Mountain View Los Altos SC 2-1 in Round 2. "This fantastic group of players constantly push each other to get better," said Coach Marc Beard. "They fully deserve the success they have achieved. The Club, the girls' families and I are extremely proud."

## West Coast Soccer Club

Katz continued to show their dominance and their perseverance this weekend. In league play against San Ramon, Katz managed to find themselves behind 3-1 at the start of the second half. However, they never gave up and continued to fight back to a 4-4 tie. We saw great passing from

Taylor Conover, Cailey Sasaki, and Natalie Miller, who managed to keep the ball in San Ramon territory through most of the first half with numerous attempted shots from the Katz. Fortunately, the Katz were finally able to sink a goal from Sydney Stephens, assisted by Addison McNeil, within the last two minutes of the first half. Second half we saw the Katz come out ready to fire, with Stephens managing to fire it in with a great pass from Karly Martins. The Katz defense, consisting of Bella Hansen, Addison McNeil, and Taylen Dayak refused to allow any shots from San Ramon, stopping them at their 3 goal lead. Amazingly, Stephens was able to head a shot right into the goal from a beautiful corner kick by Martins, helping the Katz tie the game. Unfortunately, San Ramon was able to sink another goal, but that still did not stop the Katz who continued their push towards victory. This time Martins had another corner kick opportunity that San Ramon was able to assist into their own goal. Katz tied San Ramon 4-4, but they would get their chance to face them again in the State Cup the next day. First game of the State Cup, Second Round, Katz faced San Ramon again. This time, Katz came out with full throttle. Katz unbreakable defense

from Bella Hansen, Addison McNeil, and Taylen Dayak refused to allow any opportunity for San Ramon to take a shot in the box. Katz forwards Cailey Sasaki, Taylor Conover, Sophia Rodriguez, Natalie Miller, Sydney Stephens, and Alexis Zamora continued their driving dominance with shot after shot attempts. Katz midfielders Karly Martins and Delaeni Grajeda were set up every time San Ramon tried to cross the half. First half ended with no score from either team. Soon after the start of the second half, Martins was able to sink a shot made from a hand ball penalty just between the top of the box and the half field line, giving Katz a 1-0 lead. Katz defense continued their dominance and the Katz forward Karly Martins was able to score again with the assistance of Sophia Rodriguez. Katz beat San Ramon 2-0. Second game of the State Cup, Second Round, Katz faced San Carlos. We saw forward Taylor Conover try for pass after pass, with forwards Alexis Zamora, Cailey Sasaki, Sophia Rodriguez, Natalie Miller, and Sydney Stephens trying for shot after shot. Katz dominance kept the ball in San Carlos territory for most of the game. Midfielder Karly Martins was able to score again from a corner kick, this time with the assistance

of San Carlos deflecting it in their own goal. Unfortunately, Katz shortly after allowed for a wide open shot from San Carlos, giving them their one and only goal of the game. Karly Martins was unstoppable though and managed to sink a goal with the assistance of Taylor Conover, and then again with the assistance from Alexis Zamora, giving the Katz a 3-1 lead. Katz defense refused to let the ball end up in home territory for even a second, thanks to Bella Hansen, Addison McNeil, and Taylen Dayak, who all managed to acquire shots on goals themselves. Delaeni Grajeda swapped places with Karly Martins at midfield and kept the defense on fire. Alexis Zamora was able to sink a goal with the assistance from Sydney Stephens and then Natalie Miller was able to end the game with a great goal from the box. Katz beat San Carlos 5-1.

## Amador Valley's Boys and Girl's Cross Country Teams

For the first time in eight years, both Amador Valley's Boys and Girl's cross country teams qualified for the CIF State Championships at the NCS races on Saturday, Nov. 23. The girl's team took first place for the second year in a row. The girls on the varsity team are Derica Su, Hope Bergmark, Ella McCarthy, Taya Small, Lois Hong, Erica Haley, and Dahlia Versteeg. The boy's team took second place and came within four points of upsetting Dublin, one of the fastest teams in the state. The boys on Amador's varsity team are Aidan McCarthy, Jack Gray, John Lester, Euan Houston, Jacob Lawrence, Mason Romant and Ryken Mak.

## Amador High Students Sprinkled with Happiness

Hundreds of Amador Valley High School staff and parents gathered on the morning of Nov. 21 to “sprinkle happiness” on students before the Thanksgiving Break. The Amador community lined Santa Rita Rd. and Black Ave. in Pleasanton, holding signs of positivity and wearing bright colors to greet students as they arrived.

The Amador Valley High School community has a strong focus on and commitment to the social and emotional wellness of students and staff. While for many the Thanksgiving holiday is a positive time to spend with family, some may struggle with anxiety and depression. The event was a reminder that all are welcome and cared for in the Amador Valley community. The event was coordinated in part by the Amador Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Committee, Amador Associated Student Body, LINK and Journalism Programs.



## Hone Your Writing Skills At Workshop a La Carte

Tri-Valley Writers invites the public to “Workshop à La Carte” on Saturday, Dec. 21 to trade tips, tricks and techniques with fellow writers.

Attendees will choose three topics from seven offered. Violet Carr Moore explores “Research Resources: Going Beyond Wikipedia”; Eloise Hamann explains “World Building”; Paula Chinick outlines “Self-Publishing Preparation”; Connie Hanstedt teaches “Poetry and the Power of Natural Syntax”; Patricia Boyle demonstrates “Sentence Creation”; Ed Miracle demystifies “Self-Editing”; and Lani Longshore shares tips for “Writing Short Stories.”

Don’t fret if you can’t attend all the topics that interest you. The presenters will provide handout copies for everyone at the

event. The presentations begin at 2 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, with check-in at 1:30 p.m. The talk is hosted by the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC).

Reservations can be made by sending a message via e-mail to reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Dec. 18. Cost for CWC members is \$14; for nonmembers, \$18. Student members pay \$6; student non-members, \$10.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. For more information about the CWC Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.

## PALMER

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Palmer has earned the endorsement of ACWA’s nominating committee, which is encouraging the organization’s board members to cast votes for her.

A Zone 7 director since 2006, Palmer has also served on the California water association’s board of directors for the past two years. She represents public water agencies Region 5, which includes Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey,

San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties.

During her two-year term, which ends Dec. 31, Palmer has served on ACWA’s steering, water management, agriculture and Water Quality Committee. She also served on a subcommittee focused on Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), man-made chemicals linked to cancer and emerging state and federal standards related to their presence in drinking water.

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# Community of Character Collaborative Announces Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Four high school seniors have been selected by the Community of Character Collaborative as recipients of the 2019 Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Applicants were required to explain how their actions have reflected any or all of the six characteristics adopted by the Pleasanton Unified School District, City of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and other faith and organizations: compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity, and self-discipline. These values are often represented through their service and community involvement.

The scholarship was created to honor the memory of Juanita Haugen, founder of the collaborative, who died in 2007 due to cancer. Mrs. Haugen was a former president, not only of the local school board, but also of the California School Boards Association. Students from each of the Pleasanton high schools' graduating classes are eligible to apply for one of the annual awards.

**Olivia Ferrari** is a senior at Amador Valley High School. Her parents are Jason and Diane Ferrari. Olivia is who she is today because of her family, faith, and hard work. Her family taught and passed on a legacy of strong values, morals, and character traits. Working at Meadowlark Dairy, she learned responsibility and the value of working hard. Regarding Compassion, she stated in her application, "A group I felt compelled to show love to are those with special needs. Dylan, a non-verbal

quadruplegic, has been my friend since I was five years old. I interact with him, celebrate him on his birthday, and remember his needs. Recently, we helped surprise him with a ramp to his home with the help of a local company. The look in his eyes just from reaching out has been life changing." Her experiences with her special needs friends inspired her to join "Night to Shine", a prom-like event for those with special needs. At school, her lunch table once had six friends. Now, they invite new friends and even strangers to sit with them, and their table has become a safe haven where all are accepted. She began passing out sunflowers to anyone at school who looked like they could use some sunshine.

Her volunteer activities include: Hively, Open Heart Kitchen, Night to Shine, Kids Against Hunger, Wreaths Across America, Blankets for Kids, knitting hats for premature babies, participating in "Adopt a Family", raising donations for a local neonatal intensive care unit, and others. She has participated in the French Honors Society, Ukelele Club, Girl Up Club, Botany Club and held leadership positions since Elementary and Middle School, including leadership positions in youth programs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Jessica Luan** is a senior at Amador Valley High School. Her parents are Shaofeng Luan and Jing Wu. Jessica was born in the small town of Rolla, Missouri, which was "small and slow as molasses", but fostered a thriving multicultural community. Rolla helps Jessica to remember that with such enormous diversity in this country, you never know what you might learn from a seemingly simple community. As the oldest sister, she felt a sense of responsibility to be a good role model for her younger siblings, Ari and Max, and along the way she gained clarity on what being a big sister is really about.

When she started high school, she noticed that food scraps, paper, plastic bottles and all trash were thrown in the same gray bin. She wanted to make changes and joined the Environment Club, Local Leaders of the 21st Century, and the school's Green Team. She learned firsthand that students could shape school policy and enact change. She overcame her fear of public speaking and began to participate in as many speaking opportunities as possible to promote environmental issues. She spoke at the Go Green Initiative's Earth Day event, at Child Care Links, and other organizations and gained confidence as an environmental steward. Through her journey, she learned about taking responsibility for change and also taking responsibility over herself to become the person she wants to be.

Other activities include Taekwondo which teaches self-discipline, courtesy, perseverance, and self-control. She holds a black belt and has competed in national and international taekwondo tournaments. She conducted pharmaceutical science research at the University of Iowa, where her project was on optimizing gene delivery for bone cell growth. She was elected President of the Local Leaders of the 21st Century club, where she organizes and participates in service- and advocacy-oriented activi-

ties. She is a junior volunteer at Stanford ValleyCare hospital. She is also a four-year member of the Girls Golf team.

She is grateful to her parents who left their parents, their childhood friends, homes and native tongue to provide for their children a life better than the one they lived. She wishes to acknowledge that the sacrifices they have made have given her the chance to realize her dreams.

**Trinity Chang** is a senior at Foothill High School. Her parents are Sophie Liu and Eric Chang, who are both first generation immigrants from Taiwan. Since she was young, they have instilled the values of "work hard, be grateful, and give back", words which have become her core beliefs. Her greatest passion is meeting new people and getting to know them and their diverse perspectives.

In her sophomore year, she struggled to find a healthy balance between school and life. However with the support of others, she was able to rediscover this balance and become an even better version of herself in the process. After this experience, she founded and currently serves as the President of the club "Safe Haven", a place where everyone can feel comfortable and discuss issues important to them. She has since continued to be an advocate for mental health, and has spoken at the PUSD summer leadership symposium and PPIE's Fall Gala, advocating for more resources on campuses for mental awareness/education.

This past summer, she served as an intern for the Go Green Initiative, working with the school district and city to help the community become more sustainable and eco-conscious. At school, she is also Co-president of Foothill DECA, Co-President of the Foothill National Honor Society Chapter, a commissioner on the City of Pleasanton's Youth Commission, and principal cellist of Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra. Trinity is not scared of challenges, but excited for them to teach her new things about the world and herself.

**Alexander Chen** is a senior at Foothill High School. A first-generation American, his parents are Ke Chen and Yuan Liu. Alexander has long been a proud community activist and scientist.

Becoming a devout believer in the power of determination and self-discipline after developing a sudden-onset stutter in childhood, Alexander is the founder and president of A Free Voice, a regional stuttering support and advocacy organization. He is also one of the vice presidents of the Foothill Model United Nations team, having pursued the activity since middle school to improve his own public speaking skills.

Through his work in building self-confidence through public speaking, Alexander has realized that having compassion for others and helping those in need is something he wants to cultivate in his life. In response to the 2018 Parkland shooting, Alexander also became of the main student leaders of the Foothill school walk-out as well as the Tri-Valley March for Our Lives. Learning the meaning of responsibility while helping organize thousands of others participating in the movement, Alexander

transformed into a dedicated gun reform activist.

Alexander is also editor-in-chief of the Foothill newspaper, The Talon Times, an Emergency Room volunteer at Stanford ValleyCare Hospital, a varsity water polo player, and an avid scientist. Seeking research opportunities after becoming intrigued with the biological origins of his stutter, Alexander has interned at several laboratories as part of the UC San Diego Research Scholars Program, the UC Davis Young Scholars Program, and the Stan-

ford Summer Institutes of Medical Research. In the future, Alexander hopes to combine his passion for biology with his extensive background in community engagement.

The scholarship recipients will be honored at the Annual Luncheon / Fund Raiser, which also honors other community members for their character and service. Nominations may be made by anyone who would like to honor someone who gives tirelessly of themselves for the benefit of others, nomination forms will be on the

Community of Character website ([www.CommunityOfCharacter.org](http://www.CommunityOfCharacter.org)). The Annual Spring luncheon is open to the community. The 2020 luncheon will be held in May at the Veterans' Memorial Building.

For more information about how individuals, organizations, and businesses can become involved in the Community of Character Collaborative, visit their website. Donations made to the scholarship account are used to increase the number of awards as well as the amount of the scholarship.



At the 4th Annual Mony Nop Turkey Drop on Nov. 24, volunteers helped collect turkeys, gift cards and cash for families in need. All proceeds went to benefit the Tri-Valley Haven, a local shelter serving the Tri-Valley. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Olivia Ferrari



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# OBITUARIES

## Jack Roland Matthews

Nov. 1, 1928 – Nov. 15, 2019



Jack Matthews was born in Fort Cobb, Okla., on November 1, 1928, during the Dust Bowl and Depression. His family moved to California in 1942 when his parents both got jobs on the shipyards preparing ships for World War II. Jack left high school early to join the Air Force in 1946. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in 1949. He was always grateful to the G.I. Bill for providing him the opportunity to go to San Francisco State University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in math in 1953. He taught math briefly and then became one of the first Computer Programmers at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he met his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Kotowski. He would continue working at the lab for 30 years until retiring in 1985.

Jack was an avid Warriors, 49ers, and A's fan. He followed politics, sports, and took art classes. He enjoyed ping-pong in the service and both dancing

and bowling with his wife. He had six daughters, 11 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

He lost his wife, Peggy, of 44 years in 2000, but started a new chapter with his fiancé, Ruth Vince. Together Ruth and Jack took art classes, and traveled to China, Japan and Alaska until Ruth's death in 2015.

Jack's daughters and their spouses are Lorraine Matthews (deceased), Cheryl Murdaugh of Lake Station, Ind., Megan Laquidara of Middletown, N.Y., Beth and Troy Trenchard of Santa Cruz, Calif., Nancy Matthews and Craig Culpepper of Tracy, Calif., and Cindy and Glenn

Sherman, of Livermore, Calif. His grandchildren are Richard Rightmire II, Kim Peck, Amanda and Miles Culpepper, Andrea, Anthony, and Allison Laquidara, Matthew, Cassidy, Daniel Sherman and Nicole Trenchard. His great grandchildren are Rebecca Vose, Richard Rightmire III, Amanda Blum, Samantha Barbee, Charlotte, Ethan, and Reid Peck. His great-great-grandchildren are Makenzie and Alexandria Vose, Cristian and Chanelle Weaver. Jack is survived by his brother-in-law Roy Cox of Martinez, Calif. His sister, Glenna Cox, preceded him in death.

Services are being held on Friday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m., at Roselawn Cemetery, with Celebration of Life following at his daughter's home. Please call Callaghan Mortuary for further information.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Matthews family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Peterson

December 24, 1934



Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Peterson was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 24, 1934 to Ferne Johnson Pearce Larson and James S. Pearce. During her first year at college, Liz joined the Phi Mu sorority. In the spring of 1954, Liz had a blind date with a fraternity man who "needed to meet a nice girl"! The couple met at the Illini Union Restaurant and Liz and Ron were married September 1st, 1956 in Chicago.

Liz graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in 1957 with a BS in Chemistry. In January of 1957, Liz and Ron left the University and started off life in Chicago as a mother and a new working man, respectively. Four more children were born. Liz was busy raising their kids, supportive of her husband, and active in church and in the children's schools. In 1967, they moved to Pennsylvania where their

newed her passion for chemistry and worked for Shasta Beverages in Hayward. She retired from the chemistry lab in the Dublin-San Ramon Services District at the Sewage Treatment Plant in Pleasanton. Travelling, cruises, and their purchase of a condo on the island of Kauai filled their days of retirement.

Liz passed away at the Creekview Health Facility on Stoneridge Drive on October 25, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ronald Peterson; her children David Peterson, Karen Peterson (spouse John Silva), Robert Peterson, Paul Peterson (spouse Tina Peterson), Ken Peterson (spouse Stacy Peterson), Christine Sayre; and grandchildren Michael Peterson, Erica Lewis (spouse Nick), Dereck Peterson, Ashley Sayre, Cooper Sayre; and step-grandchild Jordan Dotson.

sixth child was born. Liz served as a den leader in Cub Scouts, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and continued volunteering in the church and school.

In 1979, Liz, Ron and their younger three children moved to Pleasanton, California while the three oldest remained to work or attend college in Pennsylvania. Lynnwood became their church home. Up until the last few years, Liz was an avid member of Prayers and Squares.

When her youngest child was in high school, Liz re-

## Henry A. Porter

Feb. 20, 1926 - Oct. 26, 2019

Henry was born in Los Angeles, California. During World War II, he joined the Navy at age 17. When he came home, he went to college for a couple of years. He eventually ending up working in the tool and die trade for almost 40 years in Los Angeles. In 2000, he moved to Livermore with his wife.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years. Henry has one remaining son Scott Porter, one stepdaughter Cynthia Hahn, one stepson Paul Fera, 13 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Henry was preceded in death by his daughter, Theresa, and two sons, William Porter and John Porter.

Service will be at 11 am on December 7th at St Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas, Livermore.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Porter family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).



Alice Veronica Plechaty slipped away peacefully during her sleep at home, on September 21, 2019, at 90 years old. Our dedicated matriarch joined her husband Ernest F. Plechaty, who was received into Heaven less than two years before her.

The youngest of four children, Alice was born to Martin and Victoria Troelsen in Chicago, Illinois, on August 27th, 1929. She graduated from the Saint Anne's School of Nursing in 1950 and embarked on a career as a Courier Nurse for the Santa Fe Railroad.

The cross-country train traveled from Chicago to Los Angeles, and it has been said that she perhaps chose this in order to see the love of her life, Ernest who was in college in LA at the time.

Alice was employed with the Chicago Public Health Department and worked in the field as a pediatric nurse. She loved assisting

young, new mothers in the understanding and care of their new roles.

Alice had met Ernest at a dance in Chicago, and they married on February 27, 1954. They moved to Washington DC and remained happily in love for the following 63 years, until his death.

Alice was a proud mother of five, and was abundant in her joy and facilitated the creation of happy childhood memories in her home that was indeed filled with love and laughter.

Passionate about the arts and collecting of antiques, Alice utilized an assortment of methods to create images of the Victorian Era, portraits, pastels, and oils. She was fascinated by the ocean and captured it beautifully in her work.

In addition to being so creative, Alice fostered an entrepreneurial spirit. She became an antique dealer and regularly enjoyed

"junking". Children's collectibles from the Victorian Era became a focus for her, and she passed such intricacies down through three more generations of girls.

Alice's love of the ocean as well as sunshine prompted the family's move to California in 1956. Her life was perfect. Her life was full. She was fulfilled in every way. She boasted the honor of becoming a great-grandmother. Because the tender caring of her children had been the highlight of her life, it was only appropriate that she would be so blessed.

Animals were also an object of Alice's love, and her philanthropy extended to generous SPCA contributions. This affection is seen in her children's skilled animal husbandry, as well as in her daughter's own advocacy of animal rights.

Alice Plechaty is survived by her four sons Ronald, Michael, Kenneth, and Brian; her only daughter



Linda; their respective spouses and partners Karen, Joyce, Patti, Amy, and Ken Pillard; grandsons Danny (with wife Lindsay), Jake, David, Justin, and Christopher (with wife Anna); granddaughters Danielle (wife to Ryan), Tami (wife to Drake), Alisha, and Jessie; and great-grandchildren Brinn, Brooke, Kalaia, and Eryc.

She imparted her wealth of knowledge, wisdom, experience, and love upon all the members of our great family. Forever in our hearts.

## Donald Ray Petrilli



Donald Ray Petrilli, 72, passed away on November 20, 2019 following a two year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born in Long Beach, California on January 2, 1947, to Betty Jean and Alfred Patsy Petrilli. At age 17, he joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served a full time mission from 1967 to 1969 in Southern Germany.

In 1970, he married his sweetheart, Jean. Shortly after the birth of his second child, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Long Beach. In 1972, he moved his family to Livermore where he taught graphic arts and photog-

raphy at Livermore High School. In Livermore, they would add three more children to the family.

In 1980, he opened a printing business in Livermore and ran it until 2000, when he returned to his passion of teaching graphic arts, this time as an instructor at Laney College in Oakland. For a period of time, he was the chair of the graphic arts department. He retired in December of 2015.

He was a talented athlete and dedicated a large portion of his life to playing and coaching volleyball. He coached at many different levels including high school, club, community college, collegiate club and professional volleyball. His passion for teaching and coaching allowed him to

be an influence for good in countless young lives, including his own children.

His opportunities to serve and teach others extended into his church service as well. Don served faithfully throughout his life in several capacities including as Sunday school teacher, young men's advisor, adult men's leader, missionary,

family history consultant, and Boy Scout leader. His most recent service prior to his passing was to serve in the Oakland CA Temple. This brought him great joy.

Don was known for his wit and humor, always adding a timely joke. He was a friend to people from all walks of life and was constantly running into people he knew! He enjoyed getting together with his family, playing games, and socializing. He was a loving father and grandfather, generous with his time, frequently attending his children's and grandchildren's events. He loved to travel, and took a particular interest in Italy due to his Italian heritage, visiting there eight times throughout his life, and twice in his last year.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Jean; five children (and their spouses) Jeanette, Daryl (Claudia), Monica (Darren), Andrea (Ryan), and Vince (Ashlee); 11 grandchildren and his sister Patsy.

All who loved Don are invited to gather for his memorial service on Tuesday, Dec 3 at 11 am, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 950 Mocho St. in Livermore. All are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please visit Don's St. Jude memorial fund page (link below) to support St. Jude's life-saving mission to continue the fight against cancer by making a donation. He will be missed.

<http://giftfunds.stjude.org/DonaldRPetrilli>

## Robert Lee McGee

Feb. 19, 1928 – Nov. 9, 2019

Robert Lee McGee, 92, died November 9th in his home in Livermore. He will have a celebration of life on November 30th at Eagles Hall, 527 N Livermore Ave at 1 pm.

Mr. McGee was born February 19, 1928 in Willow Hill, Illinois to Ronald and Juanita McGee. After graduating from high school, he proudly served in the Navy for two years. When he returned, he had his first son, Randy McGee. Robert then ventured into a new opportunity by becoming a successful salesman for Goodyear Tires where he had the opportunity to

travel. Shortly after, he met the love of his life Marlene Nevel in Belvidere, Illinois. They soon married on August 20th, 1958 and together had three sons, Ronald, Ricky, and Robert. During their 61 years of marriage, they were able to travel and lived in five states. His love for business inspired him to start his own company, which he named after him and his wife, R & M Heavy Equipment. With the help of his dear friend, Ralph Willis, R & M became the successful company that it is today. Robert and Marlene spent the remaining years of their marriage ex-

ploring new destinations together and visited at least 12 countries.

Robert was an inspiration as a father and a hardworking provider. He adored his wife and during his progression of Alzheimer's, she was his only constant memory. His grandkids will miss his silly jokes and his tenderheartedness. Robert McGee was the pillar of the McGee family and will be eternally missed.

He is survived by his wife Marlene McGee, their three sons, his sister Gracie Dickie, his 11 grandkids, and seven great grandkids.

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honored to be serving the McGee family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

## John Yesnosky

John Arno Yesnosky, 93, of Dublin, California, formerly of New Douglas, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri, died on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

To honor his wishes, funeral services will be private. Graham-Hitch Mortuary, in Pleasanton, California, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Yesnosky was born on June 15, 1926 in Edwardsville, Illinois to John Yesnosky and Paula Schlechte. He worked as a meat cutter and farmer throughout his working life.

He is survived by his children, Paul (Karen) and Barbara of Dublin, California. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lola Margaret Roman Yesnosky, his parents, and his sister, Elvera Ruth Yesnosky.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

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# Earlier Than the Bird



On Nov. 23, Livermore launched the holiday season with a pajama party in the shopping district at the "Earlier Than the Bird" event. (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)

## TROUT

(Continued from first page)

to see every day," said Park District Fisheries Program Manager Joe Sullivan. "We've been trying to get

lightning trout for quite some time, but it's been difficult the last couple of years due to the drought."

East Bay Regional Park District plants 130,000 pounds of hatchery-raised fish in its lakes every year.

Daily fishing permits and a state fishing license are required to fish in regional lakes. For avid an-

glers, the Regional Parks Foundation sells an annual angler membership, which covers the cost of parking

and fishing permits. Visit [www.regional-parksfoundation.org](http://www.regional-parksfoundation.org) for more information.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS & NOTICES

### Selling Your Home Over the Holidays

By Cher Wollard

After an especially long, dry summer, the rainy season is starting. Cold, rainy weather and end-of-the-year holidays can keep buyers away.

With Bay Area's milder winters, we fare a little better than other regions. But even here, the market tends to slow down in November and December.

Planning parties, decorating, shopping, and entertaining — who has time to keep the house "show ready" this time of year?

Selling a home in late fall and winter can be a challenge — especially if you are still living in it.

This year, housing inventory was extremely low in the spring, usually the prime real estate season. Since June we've seen more residential properties come on the market and stay there longer, but inventory remains fairly low.

That means many qualified buyers are still out there, looking for homes.

Many sellers choose to take their homes off the market over the holidays, but for others, this may be the perfect season to sell.

Marketing a house or condo this time of year offers: advantages — low inventory, low interest rates and serious buyers; and concerns — holiday decorations, weather and accessibility issues; and opportunities in the form of new marketing strategies.

#### Advantages

Fewer homes are put up for sale at the end of the year, resulting in less competition. This year is less extreme than

last year, but still follows this general rule.

A balanced Livermore market has more than 200 residential properties on the Multiple Listing Service at any one time. A typical December market can plunge to fewer than half that number.

As of the beginning of this week, we had a mere 100 Livermore properties on the MLS, ranging in price from \$369,900 for a one-bedroom, one-bath condo to \$7.9 million for a 21-acre vineyard estate with a 5287-sq.-ft. home. Most of the listings, however, fall somewhere in between, with an average list price of \$998,011 and a median price of \$791,000.

Buyers are still shopping. So well-priced homes that do come on the market here are selling fairly quickly. Other Tri-Valley communities are seeing similar results.

Additionally, recent news from the Fed suggests interest rates — currently hovering just under 4 percent for 30-year conventional loans — are likely to remain stable next year, so savvy buyers may want to buy while monthly payments are low.

The folks touring properties and visiting open houses over the holidays are the folks who intend to buy now. Otherwise they would be at the outlet stores or Stoneridge Mall, or spending time with their families.

#### Concerns

If you are living in the home, go ahead and add a little holiday spirit. You don't have to deprive your family of the joy of the season just because your home is on the market.

Adding festive lights or other bright touches is nice, but don't overdo it. You don't want to overwhelm a potential buyer, and remember that your buyer may be of a different religious tradition.

If you're not certain you have hit the right balance, consult with your Realtor. He or she may recommend you meet with a stager, who can suggest ways to make your property appealing to potential buyers.

When you know buyers are coming by, either by appointment or during an open house, turn on the holiday lights along with the rest of the illumination. A bright home is more appealing.

You may want to light a fire in the fireplace to provide a sense of warmth, especially on a chilly day. Those without fireplaces can use mildly-scented candles in a woody or cinnamon fragrance to provide that inviting air.

One problem for many sellers over the holidays is keeping the property accessible for viewing without disrupting family events. Make sure your agent knows your plans. He or she can put a note on the MLS if a particular day or time is inconvenient for you, but try to be flexible. More showings mean more opportunities for the right buyer to find your property.

Perhaps scheduled open houses will work well. Successful open houses can be held even on the weekends around Thanksgiving and Christmas. You may not get a huge number of visitors, but those who show up are likely to be serious buyers.

#### Opportunities

If your property is just now going on the market, your agent will consider time of year when calculating the right price point and marketing strategies for your property.

If the home has been on the market for several months, it's probably time to change your sales approach.

Those marketing materials your agent created — flyers, websites, etc. — showing the yard in full summer bloom may need to be updated to include a few more recent shots.

Your agent may provide special booties or a sign asking folks to remove their shoes when touring the interior, especially on rainy days. Most buyers are used to this by now and understand the need to keep floors beautiful in the home they may buy.

Take yourself on a tour of the entire property. Are gutters and walkways clear of leaves and debris? Is the house or condo warm, inviting and uncluttered? Have all repairs been completed? Buyers will see what you see, through even more critical eyes. Make sure the furnace is set it at a comfortable temperature; stepping from the blustery winds outside into a cozy home makes a good first impression for potential buyers.

If you do decide to put your property on the market now, consult with your local Realtor. He or she can help you determine the best sales plan for your individual house or condo. A property that is comfortable, attractive and priced appropriately can sell even in the holiday season.

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

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney:  
**William D. Kopper**  
417 E Street,  
Davis, CA 95616  
Telephone: (530) 758-0757  
Date: 07/03/2019  
Clerk, by: J. Harris, Deputy, The Independent, Legal No. 4651, Published October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**FILE NO. 564784**  
The following person(s) doing business as: General Wholesale Electric Supply, 11 Rickenbacker Cir, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): General Plumbing Supply Co., Inc., 1530 San Luis Rd, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. 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: 2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Mark Amaro, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on October 24, 2019. Expires October 24, 2024. The Independent, Legal No. 4658. Published November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**Case No. HG19043936 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**Petitioner:**  
Han Suk Cho  
3991 Milton Terrace  
Fremont, CA 94555  
(510) 396-1447,  
sj\_72@yahoo.com  
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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Stephen Jo  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING**  
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Dept: 17  
The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612  
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/s/: Wynne S. Carvill, Judge of the Superior Court.

The Independent Legal No. 4664 Published November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2019.

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# Climate Change Is a Cultural Issue

By Bruce Gach

Climate change is a cultural issue and necessitates changing our values and beliefs. That was the message from Andrew Hoffman, a professor of sustainable enterprise at the University of Michigan. Hoffman spoke via video at the Tri-Valley Citizen's Climate Lobby during their November meeting.

"We are altering the global systems of the earth. This is challenging how people think and how they behave," Hoffman said. "People don't like change, so they resist. Climate change messages are filtered through values and issues laid on top of it. The challenge in com-

munication is to overcome distrust."

Yale's yearly study determining the public's view of climate change revealed that "the group labeled 'alarmed, concerned and cautious' has steadily grown," Hoffman said. "This year, there was an increase of over 11% worrying that climate change would harm them personally. The group labeled 'disengaged, doubtful and dismissive' has decreased yearly over the past six years."

"Up to the last few years, Yale found that only 25% of friends and families would talk about climate change together. Last year, the number jumped up to 40%. People are not shying away

anymore. They are more impressed by the arguments used due to the change in weather issues. The messengers have become just as important as the message. That is what has the power to convince," he explained.

Yale also noted the partisan divide is narrowing, with figures showing 68% of liberal and moderate Republicans now agree climate change is happening. That is a 14 point jump between 2017 and 2018. In a University of Chicago survey, 76% of Republican voters, 96% of Democratic voters and 81% of independent voters want the government to do something about climate change, he said.

Climate change is af-

fecting the public and businesses in another way. It is being looked at as a risk and, therefore, is being monetized through increases in premiums and reductions in coverage. Previously, cybersecurity risk was at the top of underwriters' risk lists.

In addition to discussing the cost of capital, safety issues and efficiencies, many corporations' business plans now include environmental issues and climate change, and how to become carbon neutral. A number of stock funds are divesting from oil and gas, realizing reputation drives stock assets. "If you want to make something salient, just put a dollar sign on it," Hoffman said.

## TOBACCO BAN

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Dublin resident Margaret Liang, described vaping as a big problem in Dublin schools, with students even vaping in school bathrooms. "A survey of students under 14 years old revealed 45% think that vaping is a big problem in middle school," she said.

"E-cigarettes contain 10 chemicals listed on Prop 65 known to cause birth and other reproductive harm. We have to look out for our kids," added Paula Campbell, from Livermore.

The City Council blamed tobacco companies for targeting young people, and said they cannot wait any longer for the state or federal government to take regulatory action.

"What tobacco companies have done in this instance is simply unconscio-

nable," Councilman Shawn Kumagai said. "They have made these products specifically designed to hook kids."

And educating youth to the lifelong hazards of tobacco use and vaping is key, Mayor David Haubert said. "Dovetailing messaging about the (dangers) through the schools, outdoor events and the youth advisory council is needed," he said.

Nationally, as of Nov. 21, there have been 2,290 cases of lung injuries caused by vaping, and a death toll of 47. The numbers rise weekly, and many of the deaths are suspected to be connected to vitamin E acetate, often found in vaping capsules containing THC.

# Statement from Scott Kenison as He Says Goodbye

Scott Kenison, Executive Director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), gave his final annual report to the Livermore City Council at the Nov. 25 meeting. Kenison will be leaving the organization in February. Kenison arrived in late 2014 as the organization was coming out of a difficult period, which was resolved with the buyout of its debt. Under Kenison's leadership, LVPAC entered into a major period of growth and development.

### Here is Kenison's statement to the Council:

Mayor Marchand, Council members, city staff,

The joy and beauty of art can bridge individual differences, fostering a greater understanding of each other and the world at large. Whether sharing unique traditions passed down for generations, or discovering the same patterns in diverse musical styles, art serves as a common platform, one that builds on our similarities, rather than our differences.

Julie Andrews said "The Arts bridge cultures; They're good for the economy and they're good for fostering empathy and decency."

I couldn't agree more. One of my greatest joys is to see someone new – young or old – experience a live performance for the first time. These are the kind of bridges we love to build at Livermore Arts – those that connect folks from different backgrounds and perspectives. Even when they see the same performance, everyone experiences the magic in their own way.

The joy of art in all its forms has the power to bring communities together. Throughout the year at the Bankhead and Bothwell, talented musicians, dancers, actors and comedians bring the world closer, local

groups share time-honored traditions, and artists pass on their ideas, creativity and passion. Our donors and sponsors have increased their commitment to sharing the arts and supporting the talent and future of the next generation.

From July 2018 through June 2019 Livermore Arts welcomed 67,578 patrons to 330 events and programs. We subsidized 7,826 student tickets and reached 43,254 people through our educational programs, including 30 school assemblies connecting students to the arts. I would like to thank all our resident companies for their partnership to help make all this happen. We also began offering \$20 tickets to all performances and provided affordable access to the arts for over 1,000 patrons.

This has been an amazing year of "firsts" for us. Watching our first stage-on-stage play, John Logan's "Red" was one of my proudest moments. Another favorite project was helping start CenterStage East Bay, a theater company founded and run by teens. We expanded children's programming with DLUX Puppet's innovative "Peter Pan," and launched partnerships with Bay Area Children's Theatre and with Oakland Ballet. Jangala, their retelling of Kipling's "The Jungle Book", combined ballet with classical Indian dance, enchanting audiences and helping us build a bridge to the future.

And if those were not milestones enough, Branford Marsalis and Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo arrived at the Bankhead for the first time — to sold out houses. Early in the year we began presenting incredible small groups in intimate concerts at the Bothwell, such as French/Chinese/American



Top: Center Stage East Bay; below: Valley Dance Theatre's production of The Nutcracker (Photos - Doug Jorgensen)



Tri-Valley Reperatory Theater's production of The Little Mermaid (Photo - Doug Jorgensen)

chanteuse Jessica Fichot and gypsy jazz masters Quarteto Nuevo. Local talent filled the stage with our resident companies, Nomad Hustle on New Year's Eve and, in a tribute to the psychedelic '60s, LunaFish.

The intangible connection between artists and audiences helps take art to new levels. Interaction inspires new ideas and strengthens the creative process. We actively look for ways to offer the community opportunities to support the growth of artists at all levels and encourage audiences to try new things. Art builds bridges between the past and present and helps forge an exciting future.

We just completed our audit for 2018-19 fiscal year, and we ended the year with a \$34,000 surplus and have added to our existing capital reserve an operating reserve. None of this would be possible without the generous support and enthusiasm of our Board and donors. Our membership rose by 11% to a record 943 annual

members. When I arrived in 2014, our ratio of contributed income versus earned income was 60% contributed and 40% earned. I am happy to say that we are now at 47% contributed versus 53% earned and on the road to continuing that trend.

Sadly, this year marks the last bridge I will cross with you, as David and I, like a couple of migratory birds, will head south in the new year. To our donors, supporters, patrons and volunteers, I would like to say — you have no idea how grateful I am to have been able to travel this road with all of you. Thank you.

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# Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company Hosts “Reveries & Remembrances”

By Carol Graham

Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company will be performing “Reveries & Remembrances” at the Livermore High School Theater on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

The production is a representation of some of the Company’s past programs, and will include “Silent Movie,” “Illusions,” “Ode to Serenade,” “The Firebird,” “The Wicked Montage,” and excerpts from “The Little Mermaid.”

“Silent Movie” honors the days of silent film, complete with a damsel in distress, villains, a hero, flappers, and sad clowns. “Illusions” follows three unsuspecting travelers who find themselves seeking shelter in an abandoned old mansion on a dark and stormy night. “Ode to Serenade,” choreographed by David Fonnegra, pays homage to George Balanchine’s original piece Serenade. “The Firebird” uses Stravinsky’s enrapturing score to tell the tale of a princess, the firebird, and the evil Katschei. “The Wicked Montage” is about Glinda and her relationship with Elphaba, who one day will become the Wicked Witch of the West in the Land of Oz. Finally, “The Little Mermaid” gives an encore performance of the mermaid’s touching solo and the welcoming comfort of

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# Historical Legacy Inspires Art Exhibited at Livermore Library



Paintings and the stories that inspired them will be on display during the month of December at the Livermore Civic Center Library. Shown above: Chinese Taoist Temple by Simone Archer

Facing south across Mendocino Bay, the Temple of Kwan Tai is formally known as California Historical Landmark #927. For docent and board member Jeff Kan Lee, the vibrant red and green building at 45160 Albion Street and the artifacts it contains offer a unique window into history through the eyes of Mendocino's early Chinese immigrants.

This fall, Denise Lee welcomed the opportunity to share that history with the Tri-Valley Traveling Artists who chose the Temple as one of their subjects on their annual visit to Mendocino. The Temple gave them a docent tour inside then they set-up outside to create their artistry.

Their paintings and the stories that inspired them will be on display during

the month of December at the Livermore Civic Center Library.

Kwan Tai Temple is open with free docent tours held on weekends from May through October. The Temple's mission of educational outreach includes sponsoring an annual Chinese New Year's parade for regional schools and a community dinner in February each year.

Visit [kwantaitemple.org](http://kwantaitemple.org).



Tri-Valley Traveling Artists paint the Temple of Kwan Tai in Mendocino.

## "Chuck Life's a Trip"— New from Livermore Author



Livermore author Hans Joseph Fellmann last month published a book in both paperback and on Kindle titled "Chuck life's a Trip."

The plot features seven childhood buddies from L-town, Calif., who set off on a trip around the globe that could cinch or crush their friendship. Johann Felmanstien and his crew have a bond that Russian criminals would be jealous of. Besides just being homies from the same hood, they have their own dialect crafted to conceal talk of their rank activities, their own pseudo-culture packed with mad rites, and their

own way of life born of booze, drugs, sex and travel to some of the sickest places on earth. They're about to embark on their biggest journey to date; an 85-day trek across three continents, designed to cement their bond for good. Will it go down like that? Or was the trip meant to bust the blood-brothers apart?

Fellmann currently lives between Prague, Czech Republic, where he teaches English and writes, and Livermore, where he grew up. During the last 20 years, he has been traveling the world and writing about his experiences. To date, he has visited over 80 countries. His articles and short stories have appeared in the UCSD Guardian, the San Diego Union-Tribune and The Prague Revue. He is currently editing his second novel, which is based on his service in Turkmenistan as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2006 to 2008.

Available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Visit [www.hansfellmann.com](http://www.hansfellmann.com).

## Pleasanton's Nick Francken to Compete in Japan



Nick and personal coach, Igor Sheyman, at the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center, New York

Nick Francken, a 17-year-old junior at Amador Valley High School, has been selected by USA Gymnastics, to compete in Trampoline for Team U.S.A. at the World Age Group competition, Dec 2nd-9th in Tokyo, Japan.

Nick has been competing in Trampoline since the 3rd grade, working and training for hours each week at Tornado Sport Club in Pleasanton. He competes nationally and continues to win. Because of his top scores

## Auditions to Be Held for Damn Yankees

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is excited to announce auditions for *Damn Yankees*, the Broadway mega-hit that ushered in the Verdon-Fosse era and won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Audition dates are Dec. 9 and 10, at 7 p.m., and are by appointment through emailing [KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com](mailto:KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com). (Callbacks, by invitation only, will be Dec. 15.) The auditions take place at the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Rehearsal Space, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton.

In *Damn Yankees*, middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd trades his soul to the Devil, also known as Mr. Applegate, for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. As young baseball

sensation Joe Hardy, he transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life that he's left behind. Joe ultimately outsmarts Applegate, returns to his former self and shepherds the Senators to the World Series.

The cast includes eight male leads and five female leads, along with ensemble roles for both genders, aged 18 to 65. Rehearsals begin on Feb. 16, with performances running from Apr. 25 to May 10, at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

To learn more, visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org), or email producer Kathleen Breedveld at [KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com](mailto:KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com), or director John Maio at [JohnJMaio@gmail.com](mailto:JohnJMaio@gmail.com).

## Laughter Is the Best Medicine

Life Renewing Center is proud to present a Comedy Magic Showcase on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., at Inklings Coffee & Teas, 530 Main St., Pleasanton. This event is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Headliner YingYing Zhao from Reno, Nev., is a world-renowned magician. Leading her team, she visited 38 countries participating in international competitions. She is one of the very few trained to perform a rare American Indian Circle Dance. Her extraordinary innovations "Money Dating" and "Chinese Traditional Wedding"

have captivated audiences with jaw-dropping surprises and uncontrollable laughter.

The showcase is a joint force of YingYing Zhao and Margaret Zhao, an award-winning author, motivational speaker and talented standup comedian. The host of the showcase is comedian Hongming Liu.

Life Renewing Center is a nonprofit organization serving Tri-Valley communities with a mission to educate children, families and individuals with proven holistic tools to naturally address mind/body health concerns. Visit [www.LifeRenewing-Center.org](http://www.LifeRenewing-Center.org).

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# SHORT NOTES

## Pet Photos with Santa

This year's "Photo with Santa" takes place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Pet Supplies Plus, 4230 Rosewood Dr., Suite B, Pleasanton (in the Rosewood Shopping Center).

They provide the jolly, pet-friendly Santa and holiday setting, and you provide the pet and family. Participants may take a photo with their own camera or phone, or a photographer will be on hand to capture the special moment. A donation of \$10 per sitting is suggested. All proceeds benefit national nonprofit Canine Companions for Independence.

Contact coordinator Gay Maestas at 925-447-8903 for more information.

## Community Christmas Concert

All are invited to the 27th Annual Community Christmas Concert (a Musical Celebration of the Birth of Christ) on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., at 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints).

The concert is free and open to everyone.

This year, performing choirs are Livermore High School Chamber Choir, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Unitarian Universalist Church, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Holiday Book Sale

On Saturday, Dec. 7, from noon to 3 p.m., the Friends of the Dublin Library are hosting a Holiday Book Sale at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

"We have new featured items at this Holiday Sale that might entice people to come shop," says Jean Olds. "We have many donated/like new stuffed animals that have been paired with picture books with those animals as characters. Books and animals are wrapped together as a package. Residents of the Pleasanton senior residence Stoneridge Creek are sprucing up the animals by washing (as needed), adding bows, etc. There are some really nice Christmas gift items at our sale as a result! We're raising money for the library and involving the wider community."

Also available will be a great selection of beautiful books in excellent condition, children's books, holiday theme books, gourmet cookbooks, book sets, games, and puzzles.

Cash or checks only. Call (925) 803-7252, or visit [www.dublinfriends.org](http://www.dublinfriends.org).

## Towne Center Books' Small Business Saturday Just Around the Corner

Local support has kept Towne Center Books in business for over 20 years (and allowed for expansion into Livermore). Shop local on November 30th. Locations: Pleasanton, 555 Main Street, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Livermore, 2375 Railroad Ave., Suite 100, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Dublin Police "Stuff the Cruiser" Event

Dublin Police Services will host a "Stuff the Cruiser" charity event on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Dublin Target store in the Fallon Gateway shopping center (2800 Dublin Blvd.). All toys will be donated to the patients at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

## Sunday Funday at Las Positas Vineyard

Sunday, Dec. 1, at Las Positas Vineyards is Sunday Funday - with a new elevated Tasting & Tour Experience: a guided tour by the Wine Ambassador of the vineyards and winery that finishes in the Winemaker Cottage; ending with a private sit down food and wine pairing experience. The experience is offered at noon and 2:30. Email [andrew@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:andrew@laspositasvineyards.com).

## Boy Scouts Tree Lot

Boy Scouts of America Troop 900's annual Christmas Tree Lot will be located at the corner of Hillcrest and East Avenues. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, and 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Three types of 6'-8' trees are available ranging in price from \$62-\$83. Tree stands and mistletoe are available, too. Please help support Troop 900 by purchasing a tree at their Christmas Tree Lot this year.

## Las Positas Vineyards

On the weekend of Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, Las Positas Vineyards features its food pairing flight with their new Cheesecake Cupcake & Wine Pairing flight, and also be offering our Reserve Flight. Tasting Room hours are open 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact [curt@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositasvineyards.com).

## Holiday Grief Workshop

For people who have experienced the death of a loved one, the winter holiday season can be painful. Hope Hospice offers a free workshop to present specific ideas and healthy coping strategies. It takes place on Monday, Dec. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the Hope Hospice office, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 295, Dublin.

The workshop will: provide ways to manage grief at family gatherings and social events; help participants explore fear, anxiety, or strong emotions connected to the holiday season and the loss they may be feeling; explore exit strategies for unexpected grief bursts; provide practical ideas to help make holiday preparations less overwhelming; invite the exchange of ideas to memorialize lost loved ones at holiday gatherings; and present self-care techniques to help make the holidays more tolerable, even enjoyable.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required and seating is limited. Call (925) 829-8770.

## Holidays in the Vineyard at RM Winery

Find the perfect wine to gift or to enjoy at a holiday gathering at Rodrigue Molyneux (RM) Winery, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Listen to live country music performed by Virginia from 2 to 4 p.m., and see what the New Year has in store with a reading from a fortune teller. [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com)

## Tickets on Sale for "Breakfast with Santa"

Santa Claus is coming to Dublin! Enjoy a respite from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season by enjoying "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Shannon Community Center, with seatings at 8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m. Families are invited to enjoy a delicious hot pancake breakfast served with sausage, fruit, coffee, and juice, followed by the much-anticipated arrival of Santa Claus.

This event benefits the Dublin High School Irish Guard and Music Program. Ticket prices are \$14 for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Register early, as this event sells out.

Visit [dublin.ca.gov](http://dublin.ca.gov).

## Stones Rockumentary with Filmmaker Q & A

Ronnie Schneider was the Rolling Stones' 1969 U.S. concert tour manager and is the tour guide for the Stones' rockumentary "Gimme Shelter," on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater.

The movie features the Stones' cross-country tour from Madison Square Garden to their free concert just up the highway at Altamont Raceway. It shows the controlled chaos behind the scenes, along with Stones' rocking performances. Schneider was there, he's in the frame, and will talk about his experience with the band, the tour and some of the other names we love from rock 'n' roll.

Tickets, \$25, benefit the Livermore Heritage Guild's history programs throughout Livermore. Visit [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org).

## Toys for Tots Fly-In

The Livermore Flying Electronics Radio Control Club is having a "Fly-in" in support of Toys for Tots on Dec. 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The flying field is located at 4455 Raymond Rd., Livermore.

Model aircraft of all types will be flown, and instructors and LFE Club Trainers will be on hand for visitors to try RC flying. Food will be available during the event.

Please bring an unwrapped new toy or make a monetary donation, if you can. Toys will be distributed to less fortunate children in Alameda County, through the Toys For Tots Foundation.

## LE TABLEAU MAGNIFIQUE BALLET

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her friendly fish in the sea.

The production is appropriate for patrons ages 5 and older, and incorporates both classical and contemporary styles of ballet. Music includes scores by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Stephen Schwartz, and Igor Stravinsky, as well as pieces by Sarah McLachlan, Roisin Murphy, and Oingo Boingo.

Refreshments will be available for purchase before and after the performances.

Founded by Shelly Schoendienst, co-owner of Livermore School of

Dance, Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company is now in its 12th season, and has performed annual, storyline productions since its inaugural year.

Company dancers, aged 7 to 22, commit many hours to rehearsals above and beyond their regular weekly dance classes. Le Tableau Magnifique performs at local venues, such as The Taylor Family Foundation, Heritage Estates, and Ballet on the Green.

As a non-profit corporation, LTM has proudly served The VA Palo Alto

Health Care System, offering community support for our veterans by performing at their annual holiday luncheon and visiting and performing for the residents throughout the year.

Livermore School of Dance offers classes for dancers aged 2.5 to adult in ballet, pointe, Floor Barre, partnering, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, tap, creative movement, and creative combo.

Tickets, \$12 to \$20, can be purchased at [www.danceticketing.com/27723](http://www.danceticketing.com/27723).



## Dublin Seeking Nominations for 2019 Citizens of the Year

The City of Dublin will accept nominations for the 2019 Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Organization of the Year through Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at 5 p.m.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding individuals and groups who have contributed to the quality of life in Dublin in 2019. The Young Citizen of the Year recognizes the volunteer service of a Dublin youth currently in grade 1-12.

Nominations for the awards are based on five established criteria: the Dublin Integrity in Action's ten characteristics (i.e., Responsibility, Respectfulness, Caring, Giving, Positive Attitude, Trustworthiness, Cooperation, Doing One's Best, Honesty, and Self-Discipline); originality and uniqueness of the activity/project; overall relevance and importance to the Dublin community; time and effort spent; and challenge(s) in accomplishing the activity/project.

All nominees will be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition Event to be held at the Shannon Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, where the winners will be announced. The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize, and a \$300 donation will be given to each of the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year's favorite non-profit organization.

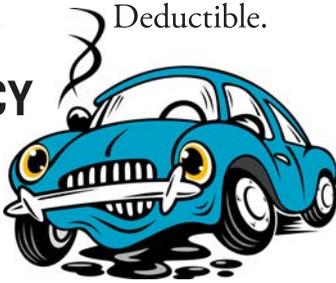
Nominations can be completed online at the City's website, [www.dublin.ca.gov/vre](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/vre), or by calling the City Manager's Office at (925) 833-6650.

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## Christmas Movies at The Vine Cinema & Alehouse

While the Jesus Christ Superstar Sing-a-Long on Dec. 3 has sold out, there is good news: The Vine Cinema & Alehouse is showing four classic Christmas movies on the big screen in early- to mid-December.

The movies start at 7 p.m., and tickets are \$8. Run times are included below so shoppers or gift wrappers will know how much time they have alone.

**Thursday, Dec. 12:** National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13) stars Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Juliette Lewis, and Johnny Galecki; 1 hr. 37 min.

**Sunday, Dec. 15:** It's a Wonderful Life (PG) stars James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore; 2 hr. 15 min.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18:** White Christmas (not rated, suitable for all ages) stars Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen; 2 hr.

**Thursday, Dec. 19:** Elf (PG) stars Will Ferrell, Zooey Deschanel, James Caan, and Bob Newhart; 1 hr. 35 min.

In addition, The Vine continues hosting major-release and independent films.

The Vine is located at 1722 First St., in downtown Livermore. Visit [www.vinecinema.com](http://www.vinecinema.com).



## Special Events to Be Held at the Dublin Library

### Teen Book Swap

**Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Free book for those who write a review or bring a book to swap. The Teen Librarian will offer several books (new and old titles.) In exchange, teens will either bring a book to swap or write a review of the book they chose by the end of the month. For grades 9-12. No registration necessary. Spots are limited to the first 12.

### Evening Yoga

**Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Learn easy yoga postures and mindfulness techniques to help you manage stress. No registration required. Please arrive with an empty stomach wearing comfortable loose clothing, and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Beginners welcome. Adults only. Madhavi Nadendla is a certified Ashtanga yoga instructor who has been teaching yoga for over two years.

### Gingerbread Friend Garlands

**December 5, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Families are invited to a very special craft program in honor of Jan Brett's birthday. Jen is a renowned picture book artist, turning 70. Come celebrate by making a gingerbread friend garland, sign a birthday card, and check out some of her beautiful books. Supplies are limited to the first 50 children in line.

### S.M.A.R.T

**Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a new early literacy program for non-walking babies. We will look at a few short books, practice a lot of rhymes and bounces, and learn some fun new songs. Stay and play will follow the 20-minute program, giving caregivers and babies a chance to socialize. This program is limited to the first 20 baby/caregiver pairs in line.

**Dublin Library is located at 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568. Contact: (925) 803-7252**

## Red Cross Makes It Easy and Rewarding to Save Lives

The holidays are a busy time of year, but the American Red Cross is making it easy and rewarding to give the most important gift on some patients' wish list – a lifesaving blood donation. In thanks for being the lifeline patients need this holiday season, the Red Cross is thanking those who come to give Nov. 18 to Dec. 18 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply; see [amazon.com/gc-legal](http://amazon.com/gc-legal)).

11/18-12/4 Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5880 Las Positas Boulevard, Suite 34  
12/6 - Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza  
12/6 - California Water Service, 195 South N Street  
12/6-12/18 Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5880 Las Positas Boulevard, Suite 34

## Venturing Crew 942 Marks Community Service

Venturing Crew 942, recently chartered in August 2019, marked their first community service effort in this year's Scouting for Community drive. Crew 942 is chartered by St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore.

Scouting for Community is an annual food- and clothing-collection drive run by the local BSA Council, and one of the many service projects they have conducted since 1910. This year, scouts in the San Francisco Bay Area Council (SFBAC) collected donated food and clothing. Scouting organizations (local Packs, Troops and Crews) helped by participating in this annual drive by soliciting donations via door hangers. Then by collecting donations and delivering them to collection points manned by local scout Districts and Councils. This annual effort is coordinated for November before Thanksgiving.

SFBAC Twin Valley

District Executive Matt Lindberg commented that although the foodbank has not provided a final number, it was safe to say that about 31,000 lbs of food was collected in his district and two 24 foot box trucks were filled to the top with clothing.

This annual Scouting for Community drive is the largest coordinated community service effort for area Scouts, often with their families helping and donating the use of pickup trucks and bottled water for the scouts. The drive provides meals for thousands of families in need during the holiday season.

Anyone interested in joining any level of Scouting should contact the SFBAC Twin Valley District Executive Mr. Matt Lindberg at [matt.lindberg@scouting.org](mailto:matt.lindberg@scouting.org). Those interested in Venturing Crew 942 should contact Dr. Lesia Machicao, Crew 942 Advisor at [molitorisfamily@gmail.com](mailto:molitorisfamily@gmail.com).



Venturing Crew 942 enjoys some respite after completing their Scouting for Community duties. Shown, right to left are: Advisor Lesia Machicao, President Regina Molitoris, Will Taggart, Anastasha Weasner, Adam Tufts and Maliyah Rivera.

# Deacon Dave's Holiday Display Lights Up on Nov. 30



Visitors of Deacon Dave's holiday display enjoy the festivities.

The 37th year of Deacon Dave's breathtaking holiday light display kicks off on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m., and will run until Jan. 1. Deacon Dave's Casa del Pomba is located at 352 Hillcrest Ave. in Livermore.

Opening night, the home and yard will be dark, as a candlelight procession makes its way down the blocked-off street. Members of the community are welcome to join the procession which will feature the St. Michael's choir leading Deacon Dave and Santa

and Mrs. Claus to the home. Special guests wait at the home to welcome the procession and join the festivities. The theme will be announced, and the lights will be turned on.

To get the behind-the-scenes story, check out Laura Ness's article in the December issue of The Independent magazine, mailed in today's newspaper and in kiosks around the Tri-Valley for the entire month of December, or visit [www.independentnews.com/magazine](http://www.independentnews.com/magazine).

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# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

### Livermore Art Association

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

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

**The Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its 2018-2019 school year art classes. Artist Peggy Frank offers small group, individualized instruction in art to students ages 7 through high school, 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



**Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Parade, Dec. 7**

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

**Roy Orbison Returns** at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Bankhead Theater on Sat., Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. Featuring Wiley Ray & The Big O Band, this concert will delve into the hit songs real-life moments and career achievement highlights of the legendary

country singer Roy Orbison. For tickets, \$58, or to learn more, visit lvpac.org.

**The Glorious - Handel Messiah**, presented by the Pacific Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl. At the end of the concert presentation, the audience is invited to join in with a sing-along reprise of the famed Hallelujah chorus. Sunday, Dec. 1, 3 p.m., at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. (An additional show takes place in Lafayette on Saturday.) Tickets may be purchased for online at www.pacificchamberorchestra.org or pvpac.org, or by calling 925.373.6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony's "Winter Dreams"** at the Bankhead Theater, Sat., Dec. 7, at 8:15 p.m., conducted by Lara Webber. At 3 p.m., immediately preceding the Livermore Holiday Parade, the symphony will present a free family concert complete with an instrument petting zoo where kids can hold and try various instruments. Visit www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org, or lvpac.org.

**Celtic Christmas Concert and Gathering**, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore.

**Christmas Concert, Pacific Masterworks Chorus**, Dec. 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 925.931.4848.

**Phil Vassar and Lonestar**, Mon., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., as part of their second annual "Holiday & Hits" Christmas tour. Tickets, range from \$20 to \$145, are available for purchase at LVPAC.org, PhilVassar.com and LonestarNow.com. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

**Mostly Kosher**, Mon., Dec. 23, 7 p.m., Acclaimed klezmer gypsy-rock band; amusical feast that explodes into a global blending of jazz, Latin, rock, and folk. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925.373-6800.

**New Year's Eve with Crowdad Republic**, Tue., Dec. 31, 8 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.lvpac.org or 925.373.6800.

**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. Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

## ON THE STAGE

**Holiday Shorts: A Long Winter's Tale, An Interactive Holiday Improv Show**. Dec. 3 - 6. Holiday-themed games, scenes, and improv fun, then Creatures of Impulse will make an improvised "play." Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or (925) 931-4848.

**The Long Christmas Dinner** performed by the Encore Players, Fri., Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 7 at 8 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Tickets are available at the Bankhead box office by calling 925-373-6800, or online at lvpac.org. \$25 for general admission or \$20 for seniors (62+). A wine and cookie reception follows each performance.

**Mark Ballas Dance Winter Holiday Gala**, Dec. 7, 6 - 11 p.m., 4877 Hopyard Rd., Suite B-1, Pleasanton. There will be food, classes, dancing, and jaw-dropping performances by students.

**Disney's Frozen JR**, presented by Pleasanton Youth Theater Company, Dec. 13 - 22. The enchanting modern classic from Disney. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

**The Nutcracker**, presented by Valley Dance Theatre, Sat., Dec. 14 to Sun. Dec. 22, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in Livermore. For more information, visit www.valleydancetheatre.com.



**The Glorious-Handel Messiah, Bankhead Theater, Dec. 1**



Dublin Tree Lighting, Civic Plaza, Dec. 5

## 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](http://www.trivalleybeertrail.com).

**LumiNight Lantern Festival**, Nov. 29, 2019 to 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.Lumi-NightLanterns.com](http://www.Lumi-NightLanterns.com).

**Holiday Tea and Sing-Along**, Thurs., Dec. 5, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3. To reserve a seat, call 925.931.5376.

**Dublin's 36th Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, Choir & Santa**, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, [Dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events](http://Dublin.ca.gov/289/Holiday-Events).

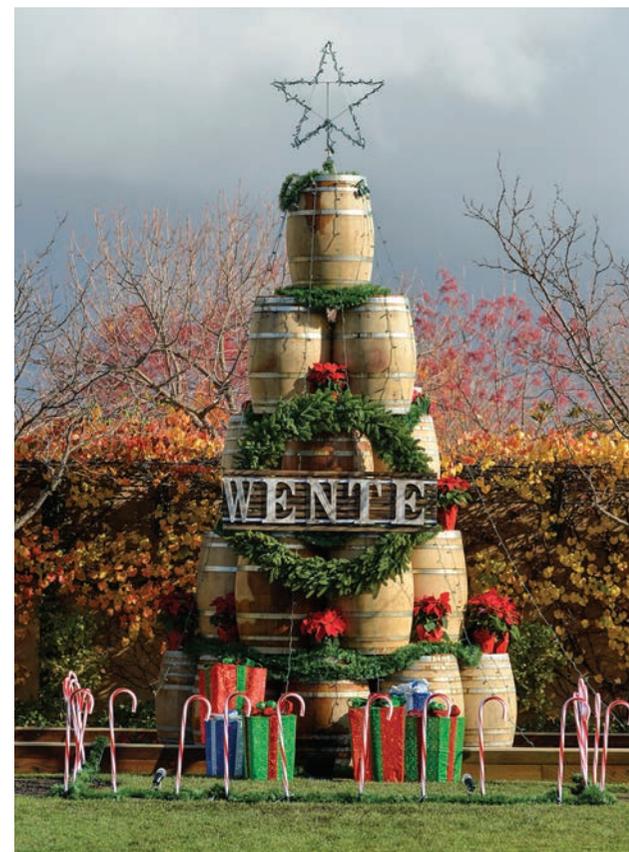
**Holiday Spirit & Sweater Stroll**, Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m., downtown Pleasanton. Bust out your ugliest sweaters and join the fun to kick off the holiday season. Event guests will enjoy spirits and craft cocktails at over 20 downtown locations along Main St.

**Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Sat., Dec. 7, 5-8 p.m. on Main Street, under the Pleasanton arch in downtown Pleasanton. The tree lighting ceremony is anticipated to occur around 6:45 p.m. enjoy musical entertainment and an appearance by Santa. The Hometown Holiday Hotline is 925.931.5352 in case of inclement weather. For more info, visit [hometownholiday.com](http://hometownholiday.com).

**Holidays in the Vineyards**, Sat. & Sun., Dec. 7-8, noon to 4:30 p.m. 40+ wineries showcase their decorated tasting rooms with special wines, arts, crafts, holiday music, activities and more. Admission is free; tasting fees may apply.

**Holiday DancEscape**, Fri., Dec. 13, 7-10 p.m., Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Celebrate the season at this annual event which will get you on your feet while listening to a live band. Refreshments and drawings for door prizes. \$10 residents, \$13 non-residents, \$15 at the door.

**A Writers Meetup for Adults**, 18 and older meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. There is no charge and no sign-up needed to attend this informal gathering. Hosted by local writer and NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) participant



Holiday in the Vineyards, Dec. 7-8

**Danu: An Emerald Isle Christmas**, Mon., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or 925.373-6800.

**A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage**, Sun., Dec. 29, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m., Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.lvpac.org](http://www.lvpac.org) or 925.373.6800.

## COMEDY

**Big Fat Year End Kiss Off! 2019**, Stand-up, improvisation and loosely written sketches guaranteed to mock, scoff and taunt with taste. PG-13. Fri., Dec. 27, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or (925) 931-4848.

**Free Comedy Show** every Thursday at Rebel Kitchen & Libations, 2369 First St., Livermore 7:30pm.



Livermore-Amador Symphony, Dec. 7

**Breakfast with Santa**, Sat., Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11 a.m., Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

**Race to the Flagpole**, Sat., Jan. 25. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's Sycamore Grove Park. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

Sydney Dent. Learn more at [Livermorelibrary.net](http://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 seasonal activities. The last Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Go to [www.livermorehistory.com](http://www.livermorehistory.com) for the monthly program. 455 Olivina Ave., Livermore.

# 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.)

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet Tues., Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, in the Palo Verde Room. Holiday Cookie Exchange, Photo Share and Least Tern Recovery and Monitoring at Eden Landing. The evening will include a short presentation by Ben Pearl, Director for the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO). All are welcome, and cookies are not required. Visit ohloneaudubon.org.

**Caring for the Caregiver**, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), Life Transitions for Aging Adults, Tues., Dec. 3, 1:00-2:30, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore Borromeo Hall. All are welcome! For information contact: Molly Fisher, 925-449-8849, fisher.molly@comcast.net.

**Pet Photo With Santa**, Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Pet Supplies Plus, 4230 Rosewood Dr., Suite B, Pleasanton (in the Rosewood Shopping Center).

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

**The Del Arroyo 4-H Club** meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, at 6 p.m., at Arroyo Seco Elementary School, 5280 Irene Way, Livermore. 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](mailto:delarroyo4hclub@gmail.com).

**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](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**ClutterLess (CL) Self-Help Group** meets every Monday (excluding post office holidays) at 7 p.m. at The Parkway, 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 numismatics 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](mailto: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](http://livermorelionsclub.org)) for up-coming projects and events. All are welcome.

**Master Gardeners Talks**, Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Trained Master Gardeners are on site at to answer question and give tours of the garden 9:30am-11:30am on the second Saturday of the month; talks on seasonally appropriate topics. All Talks are 10 -11 am on the second Saturday of the month Mar-Nov.; Oct. 12 Propagation. Seed Saving; Nov. 9 MG Plant Favorites.

**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](http://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 <https://josemaria.californiadar.org/> or contact Debbie Janes at [jmadar.regent@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 (east entrance from back of building) Rec. Sec.: Shelley Buchberger, 925.698.4345, NDCW.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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:n.mulligan@comcast.net).

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

**Counter Point** (Addiction Family Support Group), a free faith based, Christ centered (AI Anon based) program

designed to help individuals with family members who suffer from alcoholism and drug addiction. Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the St. Michael Convent building, first floor (375 Maple Street, Livermore). For further information contact Rachel at 510.501.1411.

**Tri-Valley Geeks**, group of adults who get together for events like board games, movies and fan conventions. Meetings every Tuesday at 5:30 for dinner and board games A schedule of upcoming events can be found on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyGeeks). Text Melody Even-son 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](http://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](http://pleasantonlionsclub.org). All are welcome.

**Al-Anon and Alateen** offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. [www.AlanonTriValley.org](http://www.AlanonTriValley.org), 925.277.7661, [help@AlanonTriValley.org](mailto: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 home-bound 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](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org) or Jill Duerig at 510.378.7243 or [jillduerig@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Parkway, 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](http://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 [rffgiono@comcast.net](mailto:rffgiono@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](http://www.trivalleystargazers.org).

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

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

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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.trivalley.sir.org](http://www.trivalley.sir.org) and the Statewide SIR at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). For information or to attend a meeting, call Carl Churilo, 925.967.8177.

## American Legion Post 47 in

Livermore is looking for veterans in the Livermore area who are interested in performing community service for young people and promoting veterans affairs. Interested veterans will meet with other like-minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans' causes. The Livermore American Legion Post 47 meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Enter the building from the ramp on the 5th Street side.

For more information go to <http://www.calegion.org/> or contact Bill Bergmann at [calegion.post47@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://ericscorner.org).

## Assistance League of Amador Valley

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

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

**Community Resources for Independent Living (CRLI)** offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community. CRLI 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@crii-online.org](mailto:abril.tamayo@crii-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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com).

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information: [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us) or 925.447.2078.

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

**Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Sunday Service 10:30am. Church of the open

mind, loving heart and helping hands. All are welcome. Childcare, and religious education for children as well as adults are offered. For more information, visit [www.uucil.org](http://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](http://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 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 925.447.6282.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church** Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 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.calvalyrlivermore.org](http://www.calvalyrlivermore.org) or 925.447.4357.

**Granada Baptist Church**, 945 Concannon 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](http://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](http://trinitylivermore.org) or 925.447.1848.

**St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups follow-

ing 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](http://www.stinnocent.net) or contact Father Augustine Lewton at 925.400.8119 or [pateraugustine@gmail.com](mailto: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.saintbartsrivermore.com](http://www.saintbartsrivermore.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 Killcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. [www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.thecrossing.org).

**Cedar Grove Community Church**, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 925.447.2351.

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley**, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center Ministry** provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at 925.479.1414

to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

**Lynnewood 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. Lynnewood is located in Pleasanton at 4444 Black Ave. Visit [www.lynnwood.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.gracewaylive.org](http://www.gracewaylive.org) or 925.846.4436.

**Grace Missionary Baptist Church**, meets at 1759 Locust St., Livermore. 925.667.1610. [www.gracembc.com](http://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.

**Asbury United Methodist Church** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. A Reconciling Church, where all are welcomed. Sunday Worship time is at 10:00 a.m. Children's and youth groups Sunday School during worship services and Sunday evening Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Caregivers Support Group will meet the second Saturday of each month. For more information, contact the church office at 925.447.1950. Visit our website at [www.asburylive.org](http://www.asburylive.org) or call 925.447.1950. Asbury UMC can also be found on Facebook at "Asbury UMC Livermore."

**Gateway Church**, 811 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship. For more information visit [gatewaylivermore.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.celebrationcc.org). Welcome home.

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

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

**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](mailto:culturaljews@gmail.com), or call 510.384.8756 with any questions.

## GivingTuesday: Fertile GroundWorks

GivingTuesday is a global movement of generosity, encouraging people to do good. Consider saving the date and donating to Fertile GroundWorks on Dec. 3 through the Community Health & Education Foundation (CHEF) website. CHEF will generously match gifts with \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to \$10,000 in donations. Fertile GroundWorks is one of only three local non-profits selected, so please help us take advantage of this opportunity.

Fertile GroundWorks' mission is to teach and empower people and communities to increase their health, wellbeing, and self-reliance by growing food

for themselves and others, organically and sustainably. Produce from our Garden of Grace is given to Open Heart Kitchen and local food pantries to feed the needy in the most nutritious way. Fertile GroundWorks also champions locally-grown food and facilitates the creation and sustainable operation of community, school and employee gardens.

The Garden of Grace, our principle teaching garden, is located in Livermore on land owned and provided for our use by Asbury United Methodist Church.

In 2018, Fertile GroundWorks harvested over 19,000 pounds to share with our neighbors in need. Work-

ing with local community kitchens and food pantries, we operate year-round to provide a continuous stream of produce to help feed the hungry in the Tri-Valley region.

Also in 2018, Fertile GroundWorks educated over 1,200 volunteers in the valuable skill of organic gardening. Our volunteers learn sustainable food production techniques, such as such as bio-intensive gardening, small-scale organic orchardry, soil fertility, composting and water conservation.

To learn more visit [www.fertilegroundworks.org](http://www.fertilegroundworks.org), and to donate visit [www.chefgivingcommunity.org](http://www.chefgivingcommunity.org).

## Food Pantries Benefit from “Stuff-A-Bus” Donations

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels and Rapid bus services, hosted another “Stuff-A-Bus” holiday food drive on Nov. 16., at the Lucky Supermarket in Pleasanton. Several hundred Tri-Valley residents stopped by to help Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven stock their food pantries for the holiday season. Individual donations ranged from a single can to 50 pounds.

In addition, employees from the Livermore-based transit bus manufacturer Gillig held their own food drive in support of the Stuff-A-Bus event and donated 300 pounds of non-perishable food items.

The total weight of donated items exceeded 1,750 pounds. In addition, cash and gift card donations totaled over \$880.

LAVTA again used a “Stuff-A-Bus Bingo” theme for this year’s food drive. Game cards listed the items most needed by the two food banks. Bingo prizes ranged from small promotional items to several pairs of San Jose Sharks tickets, donated by radio station 101.7 KKIQ, which broadcast live from the event.

Visit [wheelsbus.com](http://wheelsbus.com).

## Remember Valley Humane on GivingTuesday



GivingTuesday is the perfect excuse to celebrate the bond people have with their pets and to acknowledge the impact that the love of a pet can have on a person.

Thanks to a deeply-held belief that animals and people are two equal parts of a reciprocal relationship, Valley Humane Society invites the community to help connect those halves wholeheartedly by making a compassionate contribution on GivingTuesday, Dec. 3.

Valley Humane Society's programs are specially designed to serve both sides of the equation. The organization has already adopted more than 600 animals this year into loving families, and is slated to dish out more than 120,000 pet meals to financially-struggling pet guardians. Thousands of

children and adults have experienced life-changing acceptance and healing by interacting with Valley Humane Society's Canine Comfort pet therapy teams.

Donations to Valley Humane Society support life-saving and life-enriching programs and services right here in the Tri-Valley area — meaning local dollars stay local. The organization does not receive funding from national humane groups or tax dollars. Gifts may also be made online, in person, or by mailing to 3670 Valley Humane Society, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

GivingTuesday ([givingtuesday.org](http://givingtuesday.org)) is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. GivingTuesday, held the first Tuesday after

Thanksgiving, was created in 2012 as a simple idea: A day that encourages people to do good.

Envisioning a world in which every animal is loved and every person knows the love of an animal, Valley Humane Society (VHS) creates a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets. VHS rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

Whether you'd like to adopt an animal, share your passion for pets, or meet like-minded people, VHS is Your Means to a Friend.

Visit [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org).